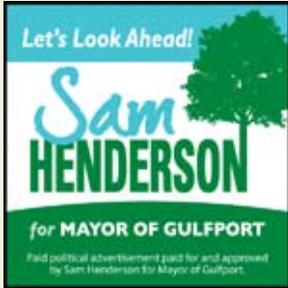


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## Former Vice Mayor and Current Vice Mayor Vie For Mayorship

*On March 12 Gulfport voters will decide who will serve as mayor. Both candidates have experience with the city, one having served as the Ward Three representative and the other as the Ward Four representative.*



By Cathy Salustri

Both men have served as the city's vice mayor. We asked them to complete a basic set of questions about their life experiences and situation and

we've presented their answers verbatim. We present these answers based on the order in which we received responses (Mr. Worthington responded four and half hours before Mr.

Henderson).

In a future issue the *Gabber* will sit down with both candidates for more in-depth interviews.

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## You Can't Buy the Beach Theatre



By Cathy Salustri

"I want people to know the Beach Theatre isn't for sale," the voice on the phone said.

That voice was Mike France, the Hollywood screenwriter who grew up in the area, moved back, bought the Beach Theatre, and then went mysteriously quiet as the Theatre closed, opened, and then, in what seemed a death knell, closed for

good a few months ago with the sign "Thanks for the memories" on the marquee. He asked for a chance to tell the community what to expect from the currently-shuttered theatre on Corey Avenue.

We met as Mr. France worked in the as-of-yet-without power Beach Theatre. He had the doors open and the breeze from Corey wafted in as he explained, as best he could without upsetting his lawyers, what happened.

"I love it," he said of the theatre. "I want to get it going again." His chief reason, he said, for closing lay with the projector: he couldn't get the movies he wanted to show on the theatre's old 35 mm film projector. Many new films, the Hollywood screenwriter explained,

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## Get Help with Tax Exemptions

Representatives from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's office will visit the Gulfport Senior Center on Monday, February 25 from 9 a.m. until noon to assist seniors in filing applications for a 2013 Property Tax Exemption.

Permanent residents of Pinellas County may qualify for one or more property tax exemptions, which may result in hundreds of dollars in property tax savings. But, they must apply before the March 1st deadline.

Florida offers several types of property tax benefits for qualified residents:

- Homestead Exemption for a primary residence
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## Tax, from front page

- An additional property tax exemption for certain deployed members of the United States military.

Some important facts to remember:

- The homestead exemption automatically renews each year, but not all of the exemptions do.
- If you purchased a property that had a homestead exemption at the time of purchase, that exemption will be removed on December 31, and you will need to apply for your own.
- The deadline to file for a personal exemption for 2013 is Friday, March 1, 2013.

Each exemption has its own set of qualifications. To find out if you qualify, or for additional information, call the Personal Exemptions Division at 727-464-3294, or visit the Pinellas County Property Appraiser website at <http://pcpao.org>.

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## Valentine's Movie Night

St. Petersburg Community Church invites you to a Valentine's Movie Night at 7 p.m. on February 16th. Join them in their Fellowship Hall for a free showing of the movie "Courageous". Children, ages 5-10, are welcome to join them for a program specifically designed for them during the movie. Nursery will also be provided for children infant - age 4. Popcorn will be served during the movie. The event is free and will take place at the church located at 4501 30th Avenue N., St. Petersburg. To R.S.V.P. Call 727-525-0012 or visit [www.gracetograce.org](http://www.gracetograce.org).

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## Come hear Finding Florida Lecture

As part of the Speaking of History lecture series, writer Cathy Salustri will present Finding Florida: Revisiting the Guide to the Southernmost State on Sunday, February 17. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village.

During the Great Depression, the Federal Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration hired writers throughout the United States to develop tour books for each state. The authors of Florida's book included a white man, Stetson Gabber February 14 - February 20, 2013

Kennedy, and an African-American woman, Zora Neale Hurston, who were prohibited by segregation laws from traveling together. Despite such obstacles, the book that resulted from their efforts, "Florida: A Guide to the Southernmost State", captured a slice of life along Florida's roadways just before America's entry into the Second World War would forever transform the peninsula. More than seventy years later, Salustri and her dachshund, Calypso, traveled nearly 5,000 miles throughout Florida in a camper van to witness how the landscape had changed since the original journey.

Salustri's love of Florida spans the entire state. Her travels have taken her to places highways bypassed long ago, as well as those spots where natural beauty has survived the onslaught of overpopulation. She attended the University of Central Florida, and earned degrees at St. Petersburg College and the University of Tampa before embarking on an

academic journey through the Florida Studies Program at University of South Florida St. Petersburg. This presentation relives her experience of taking "the ultimate Florida road trip" to retrace the paths followed by Hurston and Kennedy more than seven decades ago. This month-long journey formed the basis of her master's thesis that she completed in March 2012.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/heritage](http://www.pinellascounty.org/heritage), or call 727-582-2123.

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## Questions on Medicaid

What Medicaid programs are available to seniors? Am you eligible? How do you apply? Come and find the answers to your questions on Wednesday, February 20 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center at 5501 27th Avenue S.

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## Marina Master Planning Charrette

The Marina Master Planning charrette, to gather public input, in regards to future Marina improvements is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 21st at Gulfport City Hall, 2401 53rd Street S., Gulfport. For more information please call Gulfport Municipal Marina Harbormaster Denis Frain at 727-893- 1104.

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## Free Family Movie Day

Enjoy free movies with the kids on Saturday, February 16, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Francis Purdy Friends Room at the Gulfport Public Library at 5501 28th Avenue S. Free popcorn is provided by the Library! For more information, please call 893-1074.

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## Getting to Know Your iPad

Did you receive an iPad over the holidays and are having trouble

getting started? Come in Tuesday, February 19th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. to learn some helpful tips and tricks to get you on your way!

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

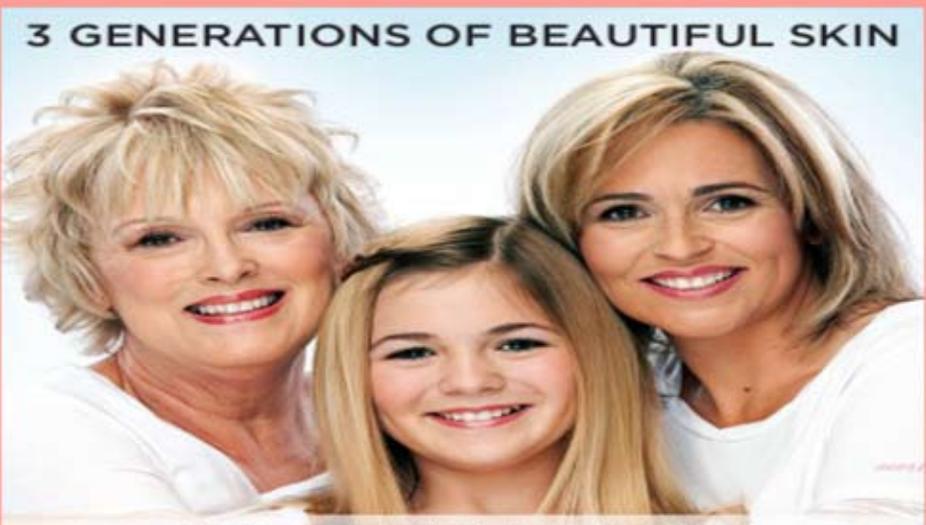
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## Valentine's Eve at Boyd Hill

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## Circle of Friends to Meet

The Circle of Friends is now beginning its third year. They had a very good 2012 and have wonderful programs and projects upcoming in 2013.

This is an invitation for you to join them at their 2nd Annual Meeting on February 19th at 7 p.m. at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. They are delighted that Peter Kageyama, the internationally recognized expert on community development and grassroots engagement, will be our featured speaker. Peter is the locally-based award-winning author of "For the Love of Cities". He has spoken around the world about bottom up community development and the way ordinary yet amazing people are making change. They think Peter will provide an exciting evening filled with ideas about what makes for lovable cities and how even a small group of individuals can make a major impact in the cities they love.

At the annual meeting they will officially launch their newest project, the Gulfport Library Reading Garden. They will have sketches of the proposed garden at the meeting and landscape architect, Christopher Ross, will be present to walk them through the garden space. They will also announce opportunities for members and others to help in making the Reading Garden a reality.

They thank you for your support and very much hope to see you on Tuesday, February 19. Please let them know if you can attend by sending an email to David Mather, library administrator, at dmather@mygulfport.us or by phoning the library at 727-893-1074.

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## “Folk” and “Tropical Funk” Artists to Be Featured

Domain Home Accessories & Gallery will host a “Meet the Artists” event with a show of new art work by two artists that have become widely popular among local collectors: Kimberly Dawn Clayton and John Shevlin, Jr. The event will take place at “& Gallery” (3129 Beach Blvd. South in Gulfport) on Saturday, February 16th, 6–10 p.m. Both artists will be on hand to discuss their work and interact with visitors. Complimentary beverages and hors d’oeuvres will be offered.

“& Gallery” is the recent incarnation of the additional space acquired by Domain Home Accessories in September. Domain has been one of Gulfport’s most popular retail locations for over 12 years, offering “functional art for the home” in its small, colorful quarters. The new

space is a dedicated gallery now showcasing the work of local and regional artists. The work of over 40 artists is currently displayed and offered for sale at the Gallery.

During this February “Meet the Artists” event, a large body of new work by Clayton and Shevlin will be shown. Chattanooga native Kimberly Dawn Clayton has been showing work at Domain for nearly three years, but has been a full-time artist for many years. She is fond of creating paintings and three-dimensional works using discarded items, including old lumber and plywood, doors, windows, clothing, musical instruments, automobiles, and even the occasional human. Her “folk art” has become among the best-selling work at “& Gallery.” Clayton will be displaying new paintings, including several in her new “animals” series, as well as painted lamps and lighting at the “Meet the Artists” event. Though her pieces have been collected by many locals, as well as

celebrities and an ex-president, she believes in continuing to make her work accessible to as many people as possible by keeping it affordable.

Gulfport local artist John Shevlin, Jr. has dubbed his signature style “Tropical Funk,” with its bold colors, strong graphics and a simplistic or tribal style with subject matter inspired by Florida and South Beach scenes. A sense of humor is a strong element in much of his work, including “funky” fish, flamingos, crustaceans and penguin “snowbirds” complete with sunglasses. Palms and hibiscus blossoms are frequent subjects of his “pop art” stylings. His fondness for martinis shows up in many humorous small paintings. He uses acrylics, often mixed with metallics, creating a unique texture and feel. In addition to his traditional paintings, Shevlin will be offering several new works that are treated and suitable for display in outdoor settings. His work has been collected internationally, and has recently been adopted by a Caribbean resort for décor in guest rooms, as well as the offices and public areas of a corporate headquarters. Shevlin paintings have become a ubiquitous feature in hundreds of local homes.

Additional “Meet the Artists” events and openings are planned for “& Gallery” on the third Saturday of each month, during Gulfport’s popular Art Walk. Artists and craftspersons will also be lining the sidewalks of scenic Beach Blvd. during the evening. Independent shops, boutiques, live glassblowing at the Industrial Arts Center, live music venues, and Gulfport’s popular restaurants are all part of the Art Walk scene. Parking in the Waterfront village is free and convenient. For more information, contact Mike McCue, 727-667-7531 or email [mmcucue@igc.org](mailto:mmcucue@igc.org).

## Have some Pasta, Send Kids to Camp

YNOT Ministries is having a spaghetti dinner Sunday Feb 17 from 5-7:30 p.m. to raise funds to send our youth to camp this summer. It will be held at Trinity Church of the Nazarene located at 1000 55th Street S. in Gulfport. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth 12 and under.



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## West Coast Orchid Society to Meet

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold their monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month, February 14th, at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension (Botanical Gardens), 12175 125th Street N. in Largo. An educational class will be held at 7 p.m. with Corinne Arnold on Mounting Orchids. At 7:30 p.m. Jim Roberts will speak on "Dynamic Dendrobium anosmum and its Hybrids". An orchid sale, raffle, and refreshments follow. Visitors are welcome. Free admission and parking. For more information, please call 727 550-7993.

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## Fundraising Event at The Science Center

The Innovators' Ball, a fundraiser for The Science Center, will be held on Saturday, February 16th at 6 p.m. Event features a catered dinner by Carrabas, music by "The Black Honkeys" (Motown, funk, soul, rock 'n roll), prize drawings, silent auction, *Gabber February 14 - February 20, 2013*

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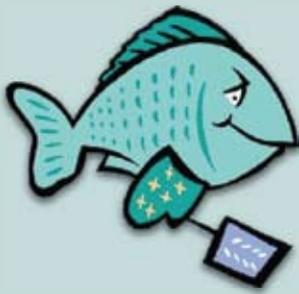
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## Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is presented by the City of Gulfport Recreation Division. The event is Saturday, February 16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tomlinson Lake Park (corner of Tangerine Ave. S. and 54th St. S.). The free event will

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The Circle of Friends is pleased to announce that Norman Bridwell, author of "Clifford the Big Red Dog", will be sending a personalized letter or card to the winning bidder of the Big Red Dog Basket being auctioned off at the Gulfport Public Library. This silent auction, being held until Tuesday February 19, will benefit the programs of the Gulfport Public Library. These gift baskets are on display inside the library and the bidding is currently open. For more information, or to see the contents of each basket, please visit the Gulfport Public Library located at 5501 28th Avenue S., Gulfport.

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## MOAA to Meet

The Military Officers Association meets for lunch on the third Friday of each month. The next luncheon will be on February 15th at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. 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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## State of Maine Day

On Saturday, March 2 there will be a State of Maine Day held at Fort Desoto Park, Tierra Verde at Shelter #5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your own lunch and chairs. No reservations are required. Call Brenda Wiley at 813-634-4766 or Sue Bemis at 813-634-1010 with questions.

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## Environmental Film Festival at Eckerd

The Visions of Nature/Voices of Nature Environmental Film Festival at Eckerd College (4200 54th Avenue S., St. Petersburg) announces its lineup of films for February 15 - 23rd. This year's festival opens with Daniel Nettheim's *The Hunter*, starring Willem Dafoe. The program is offered in collaboration with the International Cinema Series.

Notable presenters at this year's festival include Jeff Orlowski, director and cinematographer of *Chasing Ice*; Mark Kitchell, director of *A Fierce Green Fire - The Battle for a Living Planet*; and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Hedrick Smith, the narrator and co-writer of *Poisoned Waters*.

For fifteen years, the Visions of Nature/Voices of Nature Environmental Film Festival has brought compelling and important films to the Tampa Bay area and the Eckerd College community in order to raise awareness and promote discussion of questions relating to nature, place, and the environment. Film scholars and filmmakers from around the world engage the audience in lively discussions of the environmental perspectives contained in documentary, animated, experimental and feature films.

Screenings will be held in The Dan and Mary Miller Auditorium and are free and open to the public. All programs begin at 7 p.m. (except Sunday, February 17, which begins at 2 p.m.) Each program will feature an opportunity for audience questions immediately after the program. Complete details about each film can be found at <http://www.eckerd.edu/eff/13/>.

## 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 the 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. Our featured agency for February will be the Pinellas Point Nursing and Rehab Center which requests body lotion, body wash, yarns and looms for making potholders. The meeting generally ends by 1 p.m. The February 14th meeting will take place at the Stavros Center, 12090 Starkey Road in Largo. Ralph Heath, Founder of the Seabird Sanctuary (Indian Rocks) will present the wonderful endeavor to save and promote the

beauty of our West Coast seabird life. They will discover how and why this effort impacts us all. Come join them for this exciting presentation. For more information contact Joyce Walters at 727-526-5065 or email her at [jellen1943@yahoo.com](mailto:jellen1943@yahoo.com).

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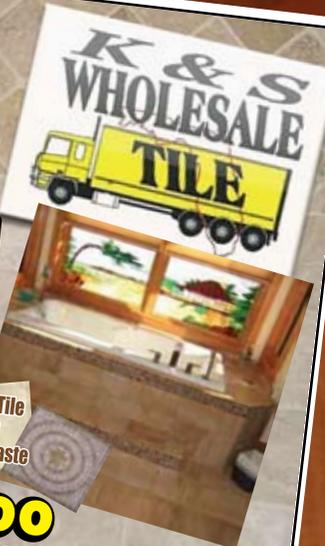
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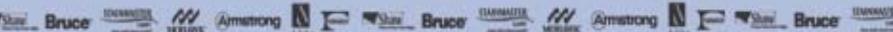
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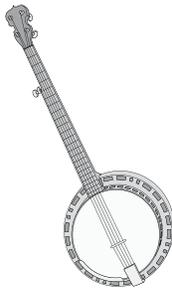
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Annual Flea Market & Plant Sale, "Hidden Treasurers – Something for Everyone" will be held on Friday, February 22nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, February 23rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sale features jewelry, antiques, collectables, clothing, household items and plants. Lunch is available. On Thursday, February 21, they will host a "Wine & Cheese Preview Night" from 5-7 p.m., \$5 (preview night only).

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## Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

The February 14th program will be a tour of the Florida Botanical Gardens at 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Plan to meet at 10 a.m. at the Visitor Center.

After touring the gardens, you may also want to visit Heritage Village which is right nearby.

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## Website Revision Survey for Gulfport

With the increase in the use of the internet in the daily lives of Americans, the importance of the City of Gulfport website has increased as a way for city government to communicate with citizens, businesses, and visitors. In their continuing effort to give the citizens of Gulfport the service they expect and deserve; they would like to revise and enhance their website based upon citizen feedback and best practices. Please visit the City of Gulfport homepage, <http://mygulfport.us/>, and click WEBSITE SURVEY next to latest news to participate. Please note that this survey is optional. Thank you for your time and responses.

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# The Gabs

At the suggestion of Jon Ziegler, we asked non-Gulfport artists at the PAVA 2Cool Art Show to tell us their impressions of Gulfport.



**Barbara Hubbard, Dunedin,** hand-colored linoleum prints, etchings, and print collages: "I think Gulfport's a great artsy community. Driving down Beach Boulevard, oh my gosh, it's fabulous with all of the restaurants and community folks. I think it's perfect for an art show."

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**Candace Richey Ripoli, Clearwater,** drawing: "It's always had the reputation of an artist colony kind of thing. Eclectic people live here. Both shows have been very well attended."

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**Melissa Miller Nece, Palm Harbor,** painting and drawing: "It's a neat little community. It's funky, it looks nice when you step outside. It's been a good, enthusiastic response."

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**Joan Duff Bohrer, Dunedin,** mixed media: "I have often thought Gulfport was a very appealing place because of the variety of housing and the - let's call it 'personal' - personal approach to landscaping. I like the big trees. It doesn't have a lot of chain stores - we're so overwhelmed by chain stores. I like looking at the sailboats. People say hello to you. It's a small town. Truthfully, I like the proximity to St. Pete, culturally."

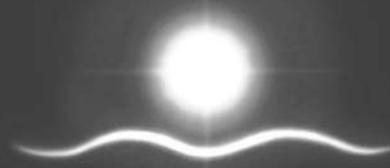
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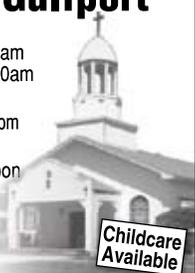
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## 43rd Street Senior's Club to Meet

The 43rd Street Senior Citizen's Club meets the third Friday of each

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Solution on Page 18

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- 5 Ricochet
- 10 Rattle
- 14 Operatic tune
- 15 Domicile
- 16 Nobelist Wiesel
- 17 1986's *Friday the 13th, Part VI*: \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 Sign gas
- 20 Blonde shade
- 21 Antiquated, in adspeak
- 22 New York borough
- 24 Grimace
- 25 Vidal best seller
- 26 Consecrate
- 28 Word inventions
- 32 Unaccompanied
- 33 Scintilla
- 34 Ankle bones
- 35 Petty, of *Tank Girl*
- 36 Tenant's protection
- 37 Court star Lendl
- 38 Daybreak
- 39 Yorkshire river
- 40 Pulitzer Prize playwright Horton
- 41 February birthstone
- 43 \_\_\_\_\_ Carlo

## DOWN

- 44 Upsets
  - 45 Islets
  - 46 Lose one's train
  - 49 Donkey
  - 50 Evian attraction
  - 53 Senator Hatch's state
  - 54 1977's *Exorcist II*: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 57 First word in many signs
  - 58 Ameliorated
  - 59 Three squared
  - 60 Multiple Emmy winner Justin
  - 61 Vincent, of *Alive*
  - 62 Stowe novel
- DOWN**
- 1 Mexican peninsula
  - 2 Historic blocks
  - 3 Entree
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - 5 Thick skin place
  - 6 Tolerate
  - 7 Wander
  - 8 Praiseful poem
  - 9 Screwbean
  - 10 1994's *Star Trek*: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 11 Away from the wind

## Subtitles

- 12 Jungle monarch
- 13 Eye part
- 18 Posse's gear
- 23 Samovar
- 24 1993's *Robin Hood*: \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 Western capital
- 26 Flower
- 27 M star
- 28 Corporate illustration
- 29 Old French dance
- 30 Gratify
- 31 Mathematics ratio
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ mater
- 33 *Marat/Sade* author Peter
- 36 Baby wardrobes
- 40 Entry hall
- 42 Otto's realm: abbr.
- 43 Manage
- 45 '60s bard Leonard
- 46 Bugs' nemesis Elmer
- 47 Oklahoma Indian
- 48 \_\_\_\_\_ close second
- 49 Tableland
- 50 Uproar
- 51 Ache
- 52 Scored the highest grade
- 55 Chance
- 56 Termination

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# Letters

## Gulfport, BSA and Scout Hall

**Dear Editor:** Lately there has been a lot of attention paid to the BSA and their choice to practice discrimination. To me, this attention is on the topic of discrimination/prejudice/hatred and poor education. I am reminded that not too many years ago, it was seen as okay to discriminate against individuals based solely upon their race, sex, religion or ethnicity.

Yes, the BSA is a private organization, and they are entitled to the practice of discrimination and/or prejudice. In my opinion, this group should have to obey and adhere to the HRO in Gulfport. Many people worked selflessly and tirelessly for this so that it would be obeyed and followed, not to be ignored.

This topic has been on the tongues of many a person in Gulfport, both pro and con, yet the "powers that be" do not seem to be desirous of acting in a pro-active manner. I hope that it will not take a lawsuit or an act of discrimination for them to act. I understand that there are many issues to be looked at, of course there

is the legality of the 1st Amendment to be considered. We all have the Freedom of Speech as is laid out in the 1st Amendment; we do not have the right of hatred and ignorance.

I see it as, if the BSA is to be allowed to use Scout Hall as a meeting place, they should be required to follow and obey the HRO that is in place in Gulfport. The BSA teaches many wonderful and vital lessons to young men and these young men should in no way be punished for the misdeeds of the BSA. Of the many important lessons these young men will learn, hatred and prejudice is not to be one of these lessons.

The world is made up of a diverse and interesting population, for this I am truly thankful. The Boy Scout motto is Be Prepared. I wonder how can a young man Be Prepared if he is shrouded in hatred and ignorance. Lately, many of us have seen or read accounts where young men are returning their Eagle Scout awards, dropping out of the BSA or helping to start up troops that are not affiliated with the Boy Scouts. In many cases, these young men are doing this out of the compassion that dwells in their

hearts. In some cases, they are doing this because of blatant discrimination and hatred.

I have no problem with the local BSA troop meeting at Scout Hall. I have a problem with them ignoring there is diversity in our population. I have a problem with this seemingly to be allowed by the city of Gulfport. I do tip my theoretical hat to the Girl Scouts, for they have acknowledged and accepted that there is diversity in our population. They have made it more than okay to be "different", they have said that it is part of being a Girl Scout.

The Boy Scouts have as much of a right to meet on city property as other groups. They do have an obligation, both legal and moral, to abide by the beliefs of the City of Gulfport.

Mark Grantham

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For your Gulfport address to be added to the Yard Sale Brochure: You can fill out a form at City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. or the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., or easily email your Gulfport address to Justin Shea at [jshea@mygulfport.us](mailto:jshea@mygulfport.us). So dig into the garage, closet or shed and get rid of all that stuff you haven't used for a year or more! Most likely, someone's looking for what you don't want anymore. The deadline to get on the brochure is Friday, March 8 at 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact Justin Shea, City of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist, at 727-893-1118 or email [jshea@mygulfport.us](mailto:jshea@mygulfport.us).

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## Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members enjoyed the Sunshine City Council's Sweetheart Luncheon at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country club on Saturday, February 9. The meal was delicious and the entertainment by Tom Guthrie was most enjoyable. Our own Kay Brown represented Laureate Epsilon Theta as our Sweetheart. She wore her crown proudly with 48 years of being a member of Beta Sigma Phi. Congratulations to the other chapter sweethearts who were honored as well. All most deserving of the honor.

Laureate Epsilon Theta is collecting canned goods to help Preceptor Zeta Zeta with their food drive for local food pantries in our area. They are also collecting items to be sent to the military men and women over seas.

They are looking forward to the Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Sunshine City Council on Saturday, February 23. The date was changed due to a conflict, thus hoping more will be able to attend.

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# Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The solar journey into the fishy stream of Pisces represents a changing of the guard and a shift in our moods and priorities. As the final sign of the zodiac, Pisces is considered the most mature and an amalgamation of every sign that comes before it. As the sun travels this part of the sky, our powers of empathy will be heightened, and we'll seek to understand one another through art, religion and other vehicles to spiritual communion.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be careful with your entertainment choices. The movies, filled with examples of dramatic love, heavy, tragic and intense, have it wrong. Real love isn't about heartache and complication. Real love is light and joyful. It feels like sunshine and sounds like laughter. What is the point in fantasizing about anything else?

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's possible for people to take too many risks and live foolishly, but most people don't take enough. That's why the risk takers always stand out. They spark something daring inside all who witness their feats. You'll be such a person this week. You'll put your emotions, pride and money on the line. You'll inspire.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). One improvement leads to another. Work isn't the only place where you implement new methods. Domestic life also benefits from a fresh approach. Even a task as mundane as washing dishes can be done better with different tools. You'll question everything and restructure your daily life based on the answers.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Others may be trying shortcuts and finding loopholes, but don't waste your time with these pursuits. There is little to be gained by ignoring the rules and regulations. It's simpler and more profitable to follow the instructions. If there's a book, go buy it. Then literally go by the book.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It seems to you a person shouldn't have to learn how to relax. Relaxation is,

after all, a lack of effort. Doing less is the only requirement. However easy that might seem, it is trickier than it sounds. But the more you are exposed to a situation the easier it will be to let down your guard and trust the flow.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You would rather your loved ones not go all soft with mushy sentimentality. What you really want to hear is true appreciation. You want to know that they see you for who you are and that they know how hard you work for a good outcome. You'll get just the evidence you need this week.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Misery is not the only emotion that loves company. So do joy, apathy and excitement. It is more comfortable to be around people whose feelings resonate at either the same tone or a tone complementary to your own. This is true of any emotion. This week you'll have no problem finding people you "vibe" with.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many different types of stress. You may feel that you are being squeezed in some way, but this is just the trigger you need to get started on that daunting task. Once you start, you'll realize that some stress is actually good for you. You'll accomplish quite a lot before the next Mercury retrograde.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Learning to love yourself is harder than loving another person. It's also the single most essential thing you can do to cultivate healthy relationships. This week brings opportunities to be your own supportive parent -- kind and positive, giving yourself all you need to feel happy. You are deserving of this attention.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Worry is useless. When you stop to consider what you're really afraid of, you'll discover that you're not afraid at all. Rather, you're falling into a pattern of worry because it's what you've done before. New ideas will interrupt the worry pattern, especially on Wednesday and Thursday, and you'll put your energy to better use.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Put yourself in circumstances that require you to come up with inventive answers. Socializing is a creative act. When you are being creative, you are being your true self. Make it a point to spend time with those you don't know. You never know how you're going to react around new people.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Research has proved that intermittent reward systems are a more compelling system of reinforcement than predictable ones. You crave something precisely *because* it's hard to come by. This week, you'll come back for another taste of what you want, but you'll have to do something new to get it.

**This Week's Birthdays:** You go into this new cycle with a stellar attitude, determined to succeed one way or the other. Because you're open minded, you'll notice several routes to your goal, but you can only take one. Decide this month, commit fully, and don't look back. In March, you'll be the example of friendliness and charity that your community needs. April brings a test of your business acumen. Get up-to-date training. In June, you'll forge deep connections with family and invite more love into your life, too.

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of St. Pete Beach: Coyotes

**Q:** How should residents handle coyote sightings? Should they call the Sheriff or Animal Control or do something else?

**A:** As of now, the city has no coyote management plan in place. "Many communities in Pinellas County are facing this issue," City Manager Mike Bonfield says. "To my knowledge nobody has had any luck trapping the animals. We will be developing a plan to educate the community on the issues and the recommended steps they should take if they see a coyote."

## Women's Club to Hold Annual Flea Market

The Pasadena Women's Club is holding its annual flea market at its clubhouse located on the corner of Central Avenue and Sunset Blvd., St. Petersburg on February 23rd from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Selections include furniture, clothing, jewelry, housewares and much more all prices reasonably.

The Pasadena Women's Club is a bridge and social club and welcomes new members and guests. There is regularly scheduled bridge on each Monday and once each month there is a tea and luncheon. On selected evenings, the members and guests enjoy a pot luck meal with entertainment when arranged. They donated to charitable organizations including "Sallie House". Call 727-345-4884 or 727-323-7356.

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For more information, Please contact Lesley Demuth, City of Gulfport City Clerk, at 727-893-1012 or email [ldemuth@mygulfport.us](mailto:ldemuth@mygulfport.us).

## Spring 100 Artist Show

Suntan Art Center is pleased to present The Spring 100 Artist Show, a fine art show created by artists for artists on February 23rd and 24th. Located in Horan Park at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive next to the new Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the two-day outdoor event will feature fine art, crafts, live music as well as tasty festival fare for your al fresco dining pleasure. Vendors and artists may contact the Suntan Art Center for more information at 727-367-3818 or [www.Suntanart.org](http://www.Suntanart.org).

## Daniel Alvarez, 4,000 Mile Kayak Adventurer

Beginning in June of 2012, Daniel Alvarez has paddled through the

maze of lakes in the Boundary of Waters, navigated through Lake Superior, paddled the mighty Mississippi River and, currently is paddling down the Gulf Coast in hopes of bringing awareness to the preservation of our rivers, lakes and oceans. The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, the Boca Ciega Yacht Club and the Gulfport Public Library are proud to support the fine work of Mr. Daniel Alvarez while he is making a short stop in Gulfport next Thursday and Friday.

Join Daniel for a reception at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club on Thursday, February 21 at 5:30 p.m., and a question and answer forum at the Gulfport Library on Friday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m. It is hoped that everyone who cares about preserving our waters will come out and support either or both of his Thursday and Friday appearances. Visit <http://predictablylost.com/> to track Mr. Alvarez's inspirational journey to Key West.

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## Attorney Keith Sanders, Handles Foreclosure Defense and Bankruptcies with Experience and Sensitivity

**Y**ou could say my motto is 'been there, done that,' says Keith Sanders, from Sanders Law, P.A.

He says that for two reasons. First, he says his more than 20 years of experience as an attorney specializing in handling "literally thousands" of bankruptcies means that he has dealt with virtually any kind of problem or issue that might arise with them. And, secondly, he had to file a Chapter 13 bankruptcy himself. He says that experience makes him very sensitive to the kinds of things people face when making the difficult decision to file.

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

"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive

health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

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

"Since the initial consultation is free, you really don't have anything to lose to meet with me and we can assess your situation and see how it might be best for you to proceed. **Bankruptcy can be one solution to getting back on your feet financially, but it may not be the best or only solution for you.**

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

The firm also handles Short Sale negotiations, defense against foreclosures, wills & trusts, civil litigation and personal injury.

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**Vie**, from front page

**Robert E. (Bob) Worthington** (indicated by an "RW") was born in St. Petersburg and has lived in Gulfport for 65 years. He has lived in no cities other than Gulfport.

**Sam Henderson** (indicated by an "SW") was born in Roanoke Rapids, NC, and will have lived in Gulfport for seven years as of March 6, 2013. He has lived in four states. Both men own their own homes in Gulfport.

**In how many cities – OTHER than Gulfport – have you lived?**

**RW:** Lifelong Gulfport resident.

**SH:** I was born and raised in Asheville, NC. My family moved to San Antonio, TX when I was in high school, and since then I have also lived in Rockport, TX, Wilmington, NC and Canton, OH. There has been something to love and to learn from each place I have lived, and I am thankful to have ended up in Gulfport.

**Where did you attend high school? What, if any, college degrees do you have and where did you receive them?**

**RW:** I did not attend high school but instead attended trade school. I have a Florida GED with no regrets. I have no degrees as I took my college courses needed for my specific work at Honeywell and with the Fire Service. Some of the colleges that I attended were St. Pete College, USF, Hillsborough Community College and Sarasota Community College. My job did not require a specific degree, but very specific knowledge for the projects at hand.

**SH:** I graduated from Tom C. Clark High School in San Antonio, TX in 1990. I received an A.S. degree in Environmental Technology from Stark State College in Canton, OH while working full time and learning the ropes of being a family man. Since moving to Florida, I earned a B.S. degree in Environmental Science and Policy from USF-St. Pete, and I am currently completing my masters degree through the acclaimed Florida Studies program at the same university. I have been attending USF steadily since 2008, through both my terms on city council, and I anticipate completing the degree in December of this year.

**Please tell our readers what jobs you have held over the past two decades. Please include length of employment, cities, and why you left each job.**

**RW:** Honeywell, Inc. Space and Military Avionics, Division of Clearwater, Florida – 36+ years. Gulfport Volunteer Fire Retired Captain (Recognized by the Federal Government and the City of Gulfport as employees) – 26 years. City of Gulfport Council Member (Recognized by the Federal Government and the City of Gulfport as employees) – 6 years.

**SH:** I have had many jobs in the last two decades, from bartender to site manager for a major demolition and remediation project. In my youth, I spent my fair share of time mowing lawns, flipping burgers and bagging groceries. I supported myself after high school working in restaurants as a waiter and later a bartender. I learned some of my most important lessons about relationships,

communication and the importance of treating people with respect while working in the service industry, and those lessons have proved relevant in every aspect of my life since that time. In pursuit of my professional career path, I have worked for Diebold Inc. (7 years, R & D technician), Aerotek and Black & Veatch as the lead Environmental Technician and interim site manager for an \$11 million Brownfield project, and later as an on-site environmental technician for restoration efforts at MacDill and Tyndall AFB's. I also worked for a local business called Air Quality Environmental out of Seminole before returning to college to continue my education. Since attending USF, I have worked for the university as an environmental science instructor to undergraduate students, and currently as a Graduate Assistant researcher in the library Special Collections Department. I also had the unique and eye opening experience of teaching earth science to Pinellas County middle school students this past summer as part of a new program aimed at providing additional STEM learning opportunities beyond the regular classroom setting. Finally, I have served two terms as the Ward 4 representative on Gulfport City Council since March 2009, and look forward to continuing my service to our city.

**Are you married or in a committed, long-term relationship where you share housing and financial burdens? How long have you been with your current partner? Have you been married before? How many times?**

**RW:** Married to my beautiful wife Fran for 32 years.

**SH:** I have only been married once, and it is to my wife Laura who has been with me for over 17 years. We met in Wilmington, NC, where we were both working in restaurants and enjoying life at the beach. It is because of her support and partnership that I have been able to accomplish so many of my endeavors in life.

**Do you have children? How many?**

**RW:** I have four grown married children.

**SH:** My wife Laura and I have one 16-year old daughter named Brenna.

**What ward do you live in? How long have you lived there?**

**RW:** I have lived in Ward 3 for 42 years.

**SH:** I live in Ward 4, and have lived at the same address since moving to Gulfport seven years ago.

**What political experience do you have? How many years at each post? Please list only elected positions or positions to which you must be appointed.**

**RW:** City of Gulfport Council Member, Ward 3 (6 Years). Florida League of Cities (6 Years). Suncoast League of Cities (6 Years). Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (6 Years). Agency on Bay Management (6 Years). Tampa Bay Nitrogen Consortium (2 Years). Vice Commander (Elected Position) of S.A.L. American Legion Post 125.

**SH:** I have been politically active for many years, but I began my political career here in Gulfport when I successfully ran for my council seat in 2009. I ran for that seat again in 2011, was unopposed, and am now serving my fourth year on council as the current Vice Mayor. Since winning the 2009 election, I have served on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council (2 years), the Agency on Bay Management (2 years), Pinellas Planning Council (2 years) and the Florida League of Cities Energy and Environmental Quality Committee (4 years). I plan to continue my representation of Gulfport on these regional boards and committees for as long as I am able to do so.

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## **Beach Theater,** from front page

get released digitally only. Because the Beach couldn't show newer films, it had to hold onto what films it could get for longer than most other theatres, which hurt attendance. A new digital projector costs \$80,000, a lot of money – even for Mr. France, who wrote the screenplay for the 2004 film *The Punisher* as well as *Golden Eye*, *Cliffhanger*, *Fantastic Four*, and *Hulk*.

"I know, I know," he joked. "I don't even bend over to pick up \$80,000, right?"

"I attempted to get a bank loan... to get digital equipment, but somebody interfered by illegally claiming theatre ownership," he said, hesitating to say who instigated the interference.

That's when things started to get ugly.

Mr. France has diabetes. That alone does not pose a problem, but, when in the middle of his divorce, he went into a diabetic coma, caused by food poisoning, his doctors later told him, it threw him out of commission for a month

He wasn't in the house he, his estranged wife, and three children used to share in Pass-a-Grille. He collapsed into the coma in his apartment and stayed that way – alone and on his left side – for an estimated eight to ten hours.

"The only reason I'm not dead is my sister was expecting to hear from me," he said. She showed up at his apartment with the cavalry; St. Pete Beach Police and St. Pete Beach Fire Department broke down his door and rushed him to Palms of Pasadena.

In the month it took for him to recover enough to leave the hospital, he says his estranged wife, without his knowledge or permission, changed the locks on the theatre. Locals watched as police showed up and supervised locks changed. What should have been a private divorce went public on Corey Avenue, and longtime theatre staff answered questions in as few words as possible. One day, Mr. France was their boss. The next day, he was in the hospital and his soon-to-be ex was running the show.

Mr. France heard about this as people texted him in the hospital.

By the time doctors released him – with significant yet temporary nerve damage in his left arm and leg – there wasn't much he could do. He had to wait to settle the lawsuit and finalize his divorce before he could try and get the Beach Theatre operational again.

The Beach Theatre closed last fall, and the marquee read "Thanks for the Memories." Mr. France said the sentiment wasn't meant to be a final goodbye.

"The last move we had was 'End of Watch,'" he explained. "I thought [leaving that on the marquee] was a little too grim. I thought it ["Thanks for the memories"] would be a little more appropriate."

If you go by the Beach Theatre today, you'll see a copy of a legal notice on the front doors of the Beach Theatre. The notice grants Mr. France exclusive use and possession of the Beach Theatre, pending the settlement of his upcoming divorce. Furthermore, the order also says that Mr. France's soon-to-be ex wife had to return anything she had taken from the theatre. Mr. France and his sister are the only two who can, in essence, do anything at the Beach Theatre.

Mr. France promises he will reopen, as soon as the lawsuit against the person who interfered with the digital projector loan is settled and he can finish making upgrades.

The Beach Theatre, he said again at the end of the interview, is not for sale. He assures everyone he remains the owner and, he says, he hopes to reopen in the near future. When his divorce clears the courts, he hopes to convert the business to a nonprofit, which will allow him to accept help, volunteers, and perhaps get a partner such as the City of St. Pete Beach.

"Most theatres like this are nonprofit," he said. Theatres such as the Enzian in Orlando operate as a nonprofit; Tampa Theatre gets substantial help from Hillsborough County and the Arts Council. Mr. France would like to see the Beach Theatre follow the same path.

"I have reason to hope, or believe, I'll be able to get those [lawsuits] wrapped up in the next couple weeks," he said.

# Gulfport Mayoral Candidates Debate Issues at City Hall

On Tuesday night Gulfport Mayoral Candidates Sam Henderson and Bob Worthington met in city council chambers to debate issues brought forth by those in attendance. Each candidate had up to one minute to respond to each question.

The League would not give *the Gabber* photocopies of the questions submitted or allow the Gabber to see the questions. When asked, League member Mary Berglund said they didn't have the questions as they were asked as the League reworded the questions for various reasons.

When asked, neither candidate knew the questions were not read as submitted by members of the audience.

Readers should not expect this summation of the debate

to serve as a transcript. For a full video of the debate, please read this story online and look for the link. The questions below and answers are not full representations of the one-hour debate. Direct quotes are indicated with quotation marks; things summarized – including parts of the questions – have brackets around them if they appear inline with the candidate's words. Things not in quotation marks are not direct quotations. *The Gabber* has made every effort to get the sentiment of the questions accurately represented as well as candidate comments. Please watch the full video and speak with the candidates to make a more fully informed decision about your vote.

## What makes you the right candidate for mayor?

**Bob Worthington (BW):** "I'm fully retired. I have all the time to do the things that are required as a mayor. I have experience and knowledge and I've made a lot of connections over the years.... I just feel like the timing is good, my experience is there, my knowledge is there, and I have the available time." Mr. Worthington mentioned several inter-city and -county agencies on which he served.

**Sam Henderson (SH):** "I feel like I'm ready to be mayor and eager to be mayor..... many of the agencies Mr. Worthington just mentioned I serve on as well.. I've really enjoyed the work I've gotten to do here and I feel like in four years we're moving in the right direction. I feel like the demographic of Gulfport has changed... I may have not had as much free time as Mr. Worthington... I've found time to make time for this job and I want to continue to do so."

## What is your feeling on using the city's cash reserves to balance the budget?

**Editor's Note:** Gulfport's charter currently requires the city to keep the

equivalent of 25% of its budget in reserves.

**SH:** "I feel like that money belongs to the people of Gulfport... We're sitting at well above 40%... I'd like to see us use some of that money wisely."

**BW:** "I believe that the money should stay in reserve... If you look back at Hurricane Sandy... if we were to have one of those type of storms here, we need those reserves... every bit of those reserves, just to sustain the city and keep it moving forward."

## How many abandoned or long vacant properties are there in Gulfport? Are these a concern [for the city]?

**BW:** "I couldn't tell you exactly how many there are, but it is a concern... I've had several residents voice that concern... they've shown me the properties.. I think the city needs to find out who the foreclosure is and make them responsible for those properties."

Mr. Worthington spoke about snakes and other vermin at vacant properties and resident concern.

**SH:** "I agree... We need to follow up and do our enforcement... Additionally one thing we did in recent

years is we changed our solicitation policies." Mr. Henderson talked about the city's law that businesses and people cannot leave unsolicited flyers or information at any Gulfport property, which accumulate on vacant properties.

## Can you tell me what steps should be taken in protecting the Clam Bayou area?

**SH:** "I was a big supporter all the way through and I made no secret of it... That's a body of water that's been slowly contaminated over a century and it's not something that's going to be [cleaned up] all at once... We still have untreated stormwater and runoff going into it. Yes, it's something that needs to be addressed. No. it's not done yet."

Mr. Henderson supported the state's "restoration" of the bayou, which involved redesigning the flow of water in the bayou among other efforts. He also suggested that the city use BP oil money to further improve Clam Bayou.

**BW:** "I think there's definitely improvements made. We have the documentation. The sediments that are in there have been running into the bayou for a long time. The \$17 million that Swiftmud and Swim [spent] .... went

into the St. Pete side. They actually did very little in Gulfport. I think they had other things going on there... I'd hate to see the money that Sam spoke of from the BP Oil thing be used for that purpose." SWIM refers to Surface Water Improvement and Management, a program that is part of "Swiftmud", or the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

## Are there any plans to increase the library budget and by how much?

**BW:** "I don't know the answer to that question, I know that we are adding an outdoor area."

**SH:** "Yeah, the Circle of Friends actually made the" [outdoor garden possible].

## Do you believe that our local Boy Scout troop must abide by the Human Rights Ordinance?

**SH:** "Absolutely. What I feel we have right now is an excellent opportunity"... [if the Scouts here agree to abide by the Human Rights Ordinance] "I say we keep Pack 300 and let them be a model for the national Boy Scouts who have yet to make the right decision on this."

**BW:** "I believe we have to wait until May to see what national Boy Scouts does..."

**What is your perception of crime within our city limits...?**

**BW:** "I think the perception of crime is that we do have crime. We need to restructure our policing in a certain way, I don't know exactly what it is... We need to work more with neighborhood watches... we have people that go to our citizen's college and the we don't utilize them:

**SH:** "I have great faith in our Police Department."

**If elected would you be a vocal opponent or proponent of a light rail system in Pinellas County?**

**SH:** "I would have to see the plan, but if there was certainly a way to do it, I think it's a nice alternative [to US19]... but certainly I don't think it's something Gulfport can fund on its own."

**BW:** "I have seen the maps of what they have laid out and I would oppose it because it's all north county...I don't think it would be a benefit."

**Would you vote yes or no for a mooring field and please explain why.**

**BW:** "I would vote yes. The plan right now, they're talking about strictly using sailboats. It would be almost impossible for a sailboat to come up to a mooring and make mooring."

**SH:** "I've been very clear about being against the mooring field... the reasons... are economic... now that we're talking about a reduced footprint, I think it's a more reasonable approach. I have had a hard time in the past

three years justifying that cost when other people are having a hard time getting by."

**Under what circumstances would you privatize any city service?**

**SH:** "Frankly, I am a big fan of us being a full service city. I think we should do more things with what we have. Once we privatize, then it's no longer ours."

**BW:** "I believe pretty much the same way. I believe that we are a full service city and we're very proud of that fact. By contracting something out to another company, we would lose if we did - our garbage department, we would lose our garbage trucks and all our facilities for doing that, and if it didn't work out we'd have to buy all new stuff."

**What are your thoughts and plans for activating public art in Gulfport?**

**BW:** "I think we activate public art and we work on it every day. I think it's great."

**SH:** "I think we've done a good job, not only as a city but as a community. We have a lot of artists who have been very active in the community."

**Be specific. What would you do within the Waterfront District to increase revenue?**

**SH:** "Kind of formalize some of our beach areas... now if we do something with our physical space... better parking... I'd like to bring in some non-vehicular traffic. We're really missing an opportunity to extend that trail spur in and bring some non-veh traffic into downtown."

The "trail spur" refers to the spur of the Pinellas Trail

that bisects Gulfport.

**BW:** "I know in my time of travel today I seen two bicycle groups come into town and they both ate here in Gulfport.... My easiest idea is that we lease the Casino to the Seminole Indians and you don't pay taxes then, but that's not the practical thing...[jokingly] we do as many events as we can do... how we're going to increase the money for down there I just don't know."

**How can the 49th Street corridor be improved?**

**BW:** "I can't answer where there there has been anything like that...The business areas, they've got the same problems as downtown Gulfport: they're smaller properties with little parking."

**SH:** "That's our industrial backbone of Gulfport... that's never going to be a Beach Boulevard ... We're starting to get community buy-in in that area."

**Would you support yearly reviews for all city management and staff?**

**SH:** "Every day that you speak with them is a review... I have no problem reviewing people if it's something they want... I feel that there's a need for accountability... I feel like that's something that can be dealt with without a formal process."

**BW:** "I don't know that I would. I do think it's very subjective."

**What would be your first priority (to be completed in two years time)?**

**BW:** "Work in the infrastructure... that's the water pipes, the sewer lines that are in the ground."

**SH:** "I've got some real

concerns with traffic safety for pedestrians and bicyclists coming across Gulfport Boulevard."

**Should local taxes and fees be increased to pay for improvements?**

**SH:** "I don't see the need right now for the city to take in any more ad valorem... user fees are something I do prefer altering. I think there's other ways to get revenue."

Mr. Henderson spoke of grant monies from BP and other agencies.

**BW:** "No I don't think we need to raise taxes. As far as the infrastructure, I think we can do a lot with grants."

**Would you support a PRIDE event in Gulfport?**

**BW:** "Absolutely I would."

**SH:** "That's easy. Yes."

**Is your political philosophy more conservative or more progressive?**

**SH:** "I'd have to say progressive."

**BW:** "I'm all over the place. I really am."

**This is a nonpartisan race. Have you accepted any donations from any political party?**

**BW:** "No I have not."

**SH:** "I have accepted money from the Democratic party."

**Do you favor term limits for mayor and for council? Explain your reasoning.**

**SH:** "I think the election is the term limit. I'm not a favor of term limits."

**BW:** "I don't necessarily

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what you're doing, you're making a lot of personal connections... To throw a four-year term limit on that, you're making somebody start over again."

**What are your feelings regarding the Senior Center and what are you willing to do to reassure [residents that it will remain]?**

**BW:** "I love our Senior Center. I think we need to do whatever it takes to not only work with the Senior Center but the Foundation down there to be the best it could be."

**SH:** "I'm a big fan of the Senior Center and willing to support the Senior Center in whatever way" [they deem best.]

**Why should I vote for you?**

**SH:** "It's a very important place to me... It's the kind of place I haven't gotten to live in since I was a child. This has been my effort at civic engagement...I care."

**BW:** "I've been here all my life. I've volunteered in this community most all my life... at a very early age I was volunteering for various things. The family has been involved in the city. When I finally got retired from my job I found that I had the time..."[to run for office.]

**What would voters be surprised to learn about your ideas or opinions about Gulfport moving forward?**

**BW:** "I don't keep anything a secret. We have a lot of feral cats in Gulfport... I think we need to start a program to capture feral cats, give them a wellness exam, and spay and neuter them and return them back to the neighborhood."

**SH:** "I'd be surprised if there's anything I could say that would be

surprising."

**If we are awarded funds from the BP claim, how would you use them?**

**SH:** "There's the two, there's the RESTORE act and the claim".

Mr. Henderson said he would beautify the beach, improve the marina, address wastewater lines, and address Clam Bayou.

**BW:** "I'd like to see us also address part of the infrastructure... Maybe invest some of that money ...we've got some roads in Gulfport that are just terrible...maybe to do the mooring field. I don't think the BP money is enough money to do Clam Bayou; I think we need federal help with that."

**Closing statement:**

**BW:** "Gulfport is very unique and wonderful town. I think we have new homes, old homes, condos... we have all these wonderful things here in town... and all the weird events and the fun events that we have throughout the year that keep us kind of quirky...One thing I'd like to see, last year the city council voted to have the ability to say that they could do away with the police department. I'd like that change where the city council could ask for a referendum of the people. I don't believe that five people setting up here should make the decision; it should be the people... I would like very much to do a very good job for you."

**SH:** "I will say this, your last comment, Bob, that's actually more protection given to the police department then was given when you were on council... I'm very glad that you came out tonight...I am very excited to be doing this race again... when I started doing this four years ago I certainly wasn't thinking about being mayor. I'm very much attached to this city..."

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## Who's Counting?

The women of First United Methodist Church-Gulfport (located on the corner of 28th Ave. S. and 53rd St.) want you and your friends to join them for this birthday luncheon at noon on March 12th. Cost is just \$5. They will celebrate all birthdays together at their Annual Birthday Party luncheon!

They must know how many are attending, so gather some friends, then call the church office at 321-3620 (M-F, 9-noon) to make your reservations. Let them know before March 5th.

## Amanda C. Swanson to Wed Jonathan R. Reeves

Mr. Timothy James Swanson (longtime Gulfport Realtor) and his partner Mr. Stephen A. LaMarche announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Cherrie Swanson to Jonathan Ross Reeves. Amanda (Mandy) Swanson is also a Gulfport Realtor and a graduate of Dixie N. Hollins High School, Red Cross C.N.A. Program, and Bob Houge School of Real Estate. Miss Swanson is currently working at R.W. Caldwell Realty. Jonathan Ross Reeves is the son of Mr. David Reeves, step-mother Peggy and Ms. Ursula Reeves. Jonathan is a St. Petersburg Police Officer and a graduate of Realschule Buehl Germany. The wedding will take place at the Signal Cove clubhouse in Hudson, FL near the beach home of Mr.'s Swanson and LaMarche on April 13, 2012.



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# From Siberia to South Pasadena: *Barbara Rygiel*

By Cathy Salustri

"Forgive me," I say to the lady sipping coffee across from me, "But I thought you were 98."

"I am," she replies.

"You look fantastic," I tell her. She smiles.

"That's because I froze when I was in my twenties," she says.

I laugh, then stop. Barbara Rygiel isn't joking; she was sent to Siberia as a young girl, during the war. "I've never used any makeup on my face. Maybe if they would stick their head in the freezer for one hour every day it would freeze the youth in them."

One of our readers sent me an e-mail about a sweet lady who cut in line at Pasadena Produce. She was trying to buy bananas. As everyone waited for her to complete her purchase, she talked to them about being a lumberjack in Siberia – as she took the head spot in line.

"You'd like her," he told me. "She's quite a character."

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Barbara Rygiel is quite the character, with quite a story to tell.

Along with her family, Barbara boarded a train from Austria to a Siberian work camp when she was in her mid-twenties. She'd just graduated from college in Austria and planned to teach.

Instead, her whole family boarded boxcars, which they rode for a month. When the boxcar stopped, her family was in Siberia. There, Barbara and her brothers worked as lumberjacks. They sustained themselves on snow and black bread.

"There was a well, but it was always frozen," she recalls. "We ate the snow. We ate lots of snow. That's why I'm so healthy."

"We had to work to make

logs, we had to cut the tree down, pull the core off... and if you made ten logs a day you would get one slice of bread – black bread," Barbara remembers. "My mother said, 'don't eat that bread, it's not made with rye flour, they don't have enough rye flour. It's made with sawdust. It's not baked.' She would make 'pinched noodle soup' – she would take the centers of the bread and melt snow, and she would knead the sawdust dough and pinch off pieces of it and drop it in the [boiling] water."

Her mother – and her father – died in that labor camp. After four years, Barbara, her two younger sisters, and her brother decided they had little left to lose.

"When the war was almost over, the Russians were so sure of themselves they didn't watch us, so one night we decided we would go and find civilized country," she says in a matter-of-fact tone, as if escaping a work camp in Siberia was a decision on par with whether to have chicken or fish for dinner. When I comment, she tells me,

"We had nothing to lose. We were in Siberia."

I'm getting a geography lesson in our 1940s world. Barbara and her brother and sisters "wandered," as she puts it. They walked through Turkestan, Kurdistan, and Persia.

"Iran and Iraq were one country before, it was called Persia," she explains. "The four of us kept together. We lived like nomads, we kept walking. We said we wanted to see a civilized country, that's why we went to Turkistan. Uzbekistan was an interesting place."

What does she remember? The first thing she says is, "There was no bread. I never saw bread the six months we stayed there."

They worked on a cotton plantation. They were told not to take the cotton seed, but, "it was something to eat. We were hungry, my brother and I, so we decided to taste them. They were juicy; they tasted like nuts, so we decided to put them in our pockets. For six months we lived on 'lepoyssha'."

Lepoyssha, I learn later on the Internet, is the forerunner of Naan bread, so familiar in Indian restaurants.

The foursome left Uzbekistan and made it to the Caspian Sea, where they traded her father's clothes for passage.

"The barge was just logs. You sat on them and if your feet went in the water, that was alright. If there were sharks they would eat your feet, but," she smiles, "there weren't sharks."

When they got off the barge, they were in Persia, and the British military had Barbara's brothers, who had also escaped.

From then on, Barbara says her life got easier.

"They shaved our heads, gave us a bath to sanitize us, and they gave us clothes because we had the same clothes for one year. They sent us all to school," and Barbara went to the Red Cross nursing school "because they needed help."

"But they separated us. The younger ones went to regular school to learn English. My brother went to Nazareth and Palestine, and I went to Teheran. I wanted to see my sisters."

She took a bus, but didn't have any Persian money. The conductor threatened to put her out at a leper colony.

"I was very upset, so I began crying. So the ladies on the bus, the Persian ladies, gave me money. They gave me more money than I needed," she says. The conductor told her since it wasn't her money, she had to help carry

packages to the leper colony.

"That's when I first saw lepers. The flesh was falling off their bodies, it was rotten. The smell was putrid. You couldn't stand it, because parts of their body, the flesh was rotten and falling [off]. You could see the bones."

Barbara stayed there all day, helping carry packages. She lied and said she didn't know how to bath them with potassium permanganate, even though she did. She did not want to bathe the lepers.

Finally, she saw her sisters. They were at an orphanage.

"They were in school, had food, and they were happy," she says.

She went back to Teheran.

From Teheran, a bus took Barbara to India, where she says Gandhi didn't want her.

"We don't want you in India," she remembers him saying to her military camp in Bombay. "India is for Hindu people."

Barbara left India, spending a week each in Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Yokohama before arriving in Honolulu.

"That's where I learned how to eat pineapple. I had never seen pineapple before," she says. She ate it sliced. She ate pineapple soup. She ate it crushed. She had it in ice cream. She developed hives from eating so much pineapple.

Next stop? San Francisco.

"I love San Francisco," she says. "It's built on seven hills."

But Barbara had one more place she wanted to see: Brooklyn. She and her sister boarded a train for Brooklyn, where they visited St. Stanislov church, where her parents married and two of her brothers were baptized.

"My mother was American and my father came to America to study English and business. One day my mother came to New York for

some fabric – she was a dress designer – so they met and they fell in love,” she says. Barbara’s mother was not yet 20, and her father wouldn’t give the couple permission to marry until she turned 21, so for 15 months he visited her every weekend in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. When she turned 21, they wed at St. Stanislov’s. It was 1906.

They had 11 children.

“A long time ago, there was no television. That’s why parents preoccupied themselves having children,” she quips. When she asked her father why they had so many children, he told her “I see heaven in the baby’s eyes.”

Her parents long-ago romance aside, Barbara did not like Brooklyn.

“I didn’t like the tall buildings. And the streets were too narrow,” she says with a frown. She and her sister returned to San Francisco.

Her sister became a nun,

saying that she didn’t want to be a part of the world that allowed such cruelty.

After 35 years of nursing in San Francisco, Barbara headed to Florida.

“I had a friend that moved to Florida. She told me ‘it’s better for weather.’ She never told me about hurricanes. I believed her and I came to visit her. And I liked it and I stayed. That was 1983,” Barbara said. She rented a one bedroom condo on St. Pete Beach, and then bought a condo in South Pasadena. She stayed there until doctors told her a decade ago she would die in six months if she didn’t have open heart surgery.

She didn’t want to die on the operating table, so she sold her condo, canceled her insurance, and rented a studio apartment. Then she left to tell her family goodbye. In England, Germany, Poland and Austria. She said goodbye to her son, her nieces, and her sisters. She gave her money

to her family.

She stayed six months. She did not die.

It grew cold, and she wanted to come home. She came back to the Lutheran residence, where she still lives. She tends the brilliant rosebushes outside the entrance. She walks to Pasadena Produce and gets her bananas every few days. She buys four, five if she can get them for under a dollar. She buys sugar free cookies and canned pineapple at the dollar store. She volunteers at the Fountains.

She never had the surgery.

“Evidently, God has a different plan for me. I ask him, what was the purpose of sending me to Siberia to learn how to cut trees down? What was the purpose of sending me around the world because the doctor told me I was going to die?” she asks.

“But God never answers my questions,” she says, but she doesn’t sound upset. “I’m still alive, and I’m pretty healthy, and I remember most of

the things, so I don’t have Alzheimer’s.”

On August 14, she will turn 99. Most likely, you’ll find her at Pasadena Produce, buying her bananas and telling everyone her story.

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Contact Cathy Salustri  
at [CathySalustri@theGabber.com](mailto:CathySalustri@theGabber.com).

**Barbara Rygiel’s thoughts on life:**

“I am happy but I marvel at Americans. They’re overfed, overpaid, and yet they’re overprotective with all kinds of guns and yet they’re not happy.”

On some strange blue berries she accidentally ate during the War: “After you ate them you were hallucinating. Americans would like them.”

On her brother, who was sent to a Russian island not too far from Alaska: “What is the part of the country that lady says she can see from her window? That was it.”

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## Whale of a Sale Returns

The Junior League of St. Petersburg (JLSP) announces today the Whale of a Sale is back by popular demand. This legendary one day rummage sale is returning on Saturday, February 23rd from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Harbor Hall (former Dali Museum) located at 1000 Third Street S.

Come and be the first to see what is for sale by purchasing a ticket to the Sip & Sea Preview Party and VIP Reception on Friday,

February 22nd. Enjoy signature cocktails, priority shopping and a VIP gift with VIP entry at 6:30 p.m. General admission starts at 7:30 p.m. with preview shopping, light hor d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The Sip & Sea Preview Party will also feature DJ Brian Oblivion while you shop for great bargains! Purchase a ticket to experience this treasure hunting party. VIP tickets are \$40 and general admission tickets are \$30 each for the Sip & Sea.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.jlstpete.org](http://www.jlstpete.org) or mail a check to the JLSP headquarters located at 500

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street N. Suite 201, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Proceeds from this event will support the Junior League of St. Petersburg's community projects and programs.

For information, call JLSP headquarters at 727.895.5018 or visit [www.jlstpete.org](http://www.jlstpete.org).

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## Meet the Candidates

The Kenneth City Homeowners' Social Club will sponsor a Meet the Candidates Night on Monday, February 25th at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall, 4600 58th Street N. The following candidates have been invited: Al Carrier, Troy Campbell, Joanne DeSimone and Wanda Dudley. Anyone wanting to submit a question for the candidates should email [dicklaneau05@gmail.com](mailto:dicklaneau05@gmail.com)

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## Fish Fry at Gulfport United Methodist

The annual United Methodist Men's Fish Fry has been set for Friday, March 1st from 5-7 p.m. by the United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at the church, 2728 53 Street S.

Featuring the always popular menu of fried fish, cole slaw, tartar sauce, baked beans, hushpuppies, grits, tea, coffee and dessert and all you care to eat at a donation of \$8.95, this annual event continues to be bigger and better each year. Take outs are available.

Advance tickets are strongly suggested in order to assure an adequate supply of fish. Tickets are available at the church office or by calling Les McEwen at 321-3672.

Remember, take outs are available.

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## Pedaling for Pink

Viva Las Chicas will host their Second Annual bike ride Pedaling for Pink on March 2nd. A one-day ride through Pinellas County, which will include a 5-mile, 32-mile, and a 64-mile route, will raise money to help Tampa Bay families affected by a cancer diagnosis. This bicycling event is designed for families and diehard riders alike, with something for everyone. Visit [www.p4pvlc.org](http://www.p4pvlc.org) to register.

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## Sunshine City Festival is Coming

The Grand Central District will be hosting the Sunshine City Festival on Saturday, February 23rd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will take place on the 2400-2500 blocks of Central Avenue in the heart of the Grand Central District and will celebrate the unique characteristics of Saint Petersburg with a nod to "Old Florida."

The Sunshine City Festival will include live music, arts/crafts vendors, food vendors, and the Grand Central District's 8th Annual Chili Cookoff. Entertainment will be provided by Tampa Bay's own American Idol contestant Melissa McGhee, as well as local artists Steve Arvey and "Scotty Lee and the Treblehooks".

The Chili competition will run from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., and prizes will be awarded in multiple categories. Chili Tasting Tickets will go on sale soon....they will be \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the event. Visit [gda@grandcentraldistrict.org](mailto:gda@grandcentraldistrict.org) or call 727-828-7006.

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## Hockey Comes to Corey Fresh Market

Along with over 40 local vendors, including organic produce, specialty foods, arts/crafts and live music, the Tampa Bay Lightning "Rolling Thunder" bus will be at the Corey Fresh Market with a fun day planned for family and friends on Sunday, February 24th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. .

The Rolling Thunder Tour is a mobile program dedicated to bringing the Lightning experience to the fans. This one of a kind attraction provides an interactive opportunity for all fans to enjoy. The tour gives fans a chance to get geared up for the hockey season by bringing friends and family to participate in interactive games. Events sometimes feature appearances by the Lightning Girls, Thunder Bug, Lightning personalities, giveaways and much more!

Corey Fresh Market is located in downtown St. Pete Beach just off Gulf Blvd. where there's always free parking. Visit [www.coreyave.com](http://www.coreyave.com) or call 727-498-8778.

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# City Whys?

Have you got a question for your city government?

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By Cathy Salustri

## City of Gulfport: Single Stream Recycling

**Q:** The County just went to single-stream recycling. Is this in the near future for Gulfport and, if so, when?

**A:** "Single stream" recycling refers to co-mingled recyclables. Simply put, when a city embraces single stream recycling, sanitation workers don't have to sort recyclables. The sorting will take place at a regional recycling center.

Gulfport would like to convert to single-stream recycling, but, according to Public Works Director Don Sopak, "having no single stream processing facility in Pinellas County makes it difficult and expensive to transport our curbside recycling products to be sold."

All is not lost, however – the city is working with a recycling company that wants to convert a St. Petersburg facility to single stream.

"If they are successful and pay enough for the product," Mr. Sopak explains, "we could convert from our existing dual stream to single stream." However, the company has yet to give the city a time frame for this conversion.

If you don't want to sort your recycling, you can bring it to a county dropoff site. In December of last year, Pinellas County approved a contract with Waste Management to collect "single stream" recycling at the county's dropoff sites.

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## Women's Club to Hold Card Party

You are invited to join the Women's Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Gulf Beaches, established in 1936, for their annual "Card Party" and luncheon on March 6th. The luncheon will be held at The Wine Cellar located at 17307 Gulf Blvd., No. Redington Beach. Cost is \$20. Cards will be played from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch at noon. For a reservation please call Ruth at

343-0223 by the Friday, March 1st. All money collected will go to their two charities, "Angels Against Abuse" and "Women in Transition". Please join them as they help others in need.

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## Community Wellness Expo

Make a day of fun, fitness, and health at the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Community Wellness Expo Saturday, March 2nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willis S. John

Recreation Center located at 6635 M.L. King Jr. Street N. You'll be inspired by educational wellness presentations with live healthy cooking and fitness demos. Vendors focus on health and wellness with valuable health information for all ages. Enjoy a family fun area with a rock wall, inflatable games, raffles, prizes and much more. This is a free event sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation, Florida Central Credit Union, St. Petersburg College, United Healthcare, Walmart, and Northside Bikes. Contact Kim at 727-893-5994. For more information on exciting activities see [www.stpeteparksrec.org](http://www.stpeteparksrec.org).

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## Tour Barbara Gilberg Habitat

By Natalie Leggette

Join me for a tour of the park on February 21st at 10 a.m. and learn the reasons why you shouldn't feed wildlife and get a handout on the 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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## Gulfport Senior Art Reception

You are cordially invited to the Artist reception on Friday, March 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the Gulfport Public Library Friends Room at 5501 28th Ave. S. Betty Staebell's class will be highlighting their art work throughout the month of March.

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## Teen Volunteers at the Gulfport Library

Hey teens! Are you looking to fill community service hours for school or for a scholarship? The Gulfport Public Library is a great place to volunteer! It's a fun way to meet other teens and improve the library while fulfilling your community service requirement.

For more information please contact City of Gulfport Youth Services Librarian, Cailey Klasson, at [cklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:cklasson@mygulfport.us) or 727-893-1074.

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## Seniors Receive New Computers

The Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center Foundation purchased three new computers for the Senior Center lobby in January. The Foundation assists in supporting Senior Center programs as well as distributes funds that support and enhance the recreational, educational, social and health related programs and services of the Center.

If you are interested in getting involved or want to know more about the Gulfport Multi-Purpose Senior Center Foundation, please call 727-592-1933.

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## Shrimp Boil at Lions Club

Their seventh ever Shrimp Boil is being set up for you on Friday, March 8th served by the Lions of Gulfport, at their den at 4630 Tifton Drive S. in Gulfport (right behind the Marina off 49th St. S.). Dinner will be served from 4-8 p.m. and open to the public. BYOB. Rain or shine.

The menu features a great supply of fresh, peel and eat Gulf shrimp, homemade hushpuppies (check to see if they have any "Barbaric Hushpuppies" too) and cole slaw, baked beans, coffee and iced tea and desserts. A generous 1/2 lb. (weighed before cooking) serving for everyone and at a cost of \$9 per person, you can bring the entire family. Additional shrimp can be purchased at \$5 per 1/2 lb. Unfortunately, this is not an all you can eat dinner for a one time cost (as most of their events are) but well worth the price. Children under 10 years of age are half price.

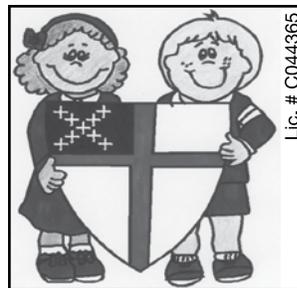
You are welcome to bring your favorite beverage - BYOB (as they cannot sell beer or wine), as long as

you share with the chefs.

Plenty of tickets will be available at the door, or contact any of your Lion friends. This is a Gulfport Lions Activities Project, with all of the net proceeds generated to be allocated to their community outreach programs, especially Sight First activities and community sponsorships, ie: Little League, Scouts, Christmas Toy Shop, etc., as are all of their fundraiser projects ( Spaghetti Suppers; Pancake Breakfasts; Fish Fry etc.).

Please make sure you are part of this popular annual social event. If you need directions call the Lions Den at 515-7509 the day of the event. Hope to see y'all there!

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## Local Obituaries

**CARROLL, DONALD C.**, 78, of Gulfport, died on Feb. 6, 2013 at Hospice Woodside. Visitation from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, with service at 6 p.m. at R. Lee Williams, 49th St. N., [www.rlwilliams.com](http://www.rlwilliams.com).

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**KETY, R. IRENE**, 90 of South Pasadena, passed away on Feb. 6, 2013. A private cremation is planned. Guestbook at [davidegross.com](http://davidegross.com). David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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**PALMER, JOHN W.**, 81, of St. Petersburg, died Jan. 25, 2013 leaving behind his wife of 44 years, Romaine, and daughters Diana Timmons (Tony), Patty Sweigart and sons Rick Palmer, Mike Sweigart (Meg), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a long time friend, George Bourrell. John was a Korean War veteran in the Navy. John had his own Heating and A/C business in Crown Point, IN. John met Romaine while she was working as the stock order manager

for Montgomery Ward in Harvey, IL through a mutual friend, Ray Myzyczynski and two months later, on Sept. 20, 1968, they were married at the Methodist Church in Tinley Park, IL. Romaine had been a widow at age 35 and raised her two children for 7 years before meeting John. It was love at first sight. They bought an A-frame cabin as a vacation home in Warsaw, IN and spent weekends fishing, boating in the summer and snow mobile-ing in the winter, enjoying every moment. Diana and Rick enjoyed all the sports too. Patty and Mike are children from John's first marriage which ended in a divorce in 1965. They lived with their mother. After retiring in 1977 John and Romaine moved to St. Petersburg, FL to be with their daughter, Diana. Rick moved down from Illinois in 2003. John worked at Lowe's Home Improvement store for a couple of years. Romaine, who was working at John's Pass in Madeira Beach, talked John into working down there. They both worked at Maggie's

Treasures and Fantasies Boutique owned by Michael and Anna Marie D'Amato, then John retired again! Romaine retired for a short time and went back to John's Pass and worked for Deanna Harris and Martha Davis at Island Attitudes until she retired 6 years ago. Romaine knows it's very hard to lose a loved one but she knows John is in heaven, free of pain. He will be missed by so many people who knew him. His long time friend George said John was like a dad to him and every time George came down from Indiana, he always stopped to say hello to John. Rick, Diana and Tony and friends Brian and Kelly are taking care of arrangements. A Life Tribute, Gulfport. Thank you Diana, Tony, Rick, Brian and Kelley - you all are so dear to me.

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**PICO, GERARD A. "JERRY"**, 86, a resident of Bay Island in South Pasadena for 18 years, went to heaven to be with his beloved Lord on Feb. 5, 2013, after losing his battle with lung cancer. Born in Brooklyn, he moved to Florida in 1994 and enjoyed his retirement to the fullest playing tennis, golf, walking his dog and talking to people. He is survived by his loving wife, Eva Ridzy-Pico of 40 years. His adopted adoring pets, Andre II and Susie. sons, Gerard M. Pico and wife, Desiree and Steven Pico, both of Switzerland; brothers, Salvatore (Nettie) of Clifton Park, NJ, Albert (Mary) of Staten Island, NY, Joseph of Port Charlotte; sister; Dolores of New York; also cousins and nephews in New York and Connecticut, including many, many good friends in Florida, New York, and Connecticut. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 at Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

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**RAYMOND, KENNETH C.**, 71 of South Pasadena, passed away Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013. For a full online obituary, services, and tribute go to [www.beachmemorial.com](http://www.beachmemorial.com).

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## Community Band to Perform Concert

"Broadway and Ireland" is the featured theme for the free concert presented by the South Pasadena Community Band on the evening of Wednesday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will take place in the Treasure Island Community Center, 1 Park Place and 106th Avenue. Director Max Millsbaugh will lead the band with selections which include Jersey Boys, The Toy Trombone, selections from "The Music Man", Flute Rag, Fantasia on an Irish Hymn and Ireland. Come join the band for this musical treat!

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## Island Festival 2013

This year's street fair Festival will serve as the kick off for Gulf Beaches Historical Museum's 20th anniversary! On March 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Museum plays host once again to a celebration of island culture that can only be found in our south beach communities.

Join County and City officials as they commemorate 20 years of all volunteer service to the community.

Music by the Eckerd College Lifelong Learning Institute's "New Horizons Band" and the "St. Pete Shanties" who sing the songs that sailors, fishermen, and dockworkers sang with a special Florida emphasis.

The Florida Suncoast MG Car Club will show collectors cars. The car club, organized in 1980, is the most active British car club in the Tampa Bay area.

Special character appearance by legendary hermit Silas Dent and walking tours led by costumed docents. See the new exhibit, a tribute to the now defunct St. Pete Beach Police Dept. and visit with the Museum's version of "officer friendly". Art, craft and treasure vendors, including the Museums own "Treasure Table" will be present.

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**Dear Kelly:** First, call your lender to find out your exact payoff and the procedure for transferring the title to a new buyer. Next, go to a site like Edmunds.com or KBB.com to

determine a realistic amount you can expect to get for the car. Check local listings to see if that number squares with what similar cars are going for in your area.

Now, determine about how much you will need to pay off the loan once you secure a buyer. Go to your credit union or bank, and tell them your plan to sell the car and why you need a short-term unsecured signature loan to make up the difference between what you owe and the sale price you expect to get. I know this represents new debt, but it will be required for you to finally get out of this.

Once you have a buyer, you will need the proceeds of that new loan together with the buyers' money to clear the title so it can be transferred.

Once the car is sold, you will not be free of the debt, but you will have a much smaller loan. Even though the new payment will be a lot less than your old car payment, continue to pay as much toward the new loan each month as you did on the old loan. Doing this will get it paid off quickly.

Don't let the fear of the unknown deter you. It may sound like a big, fat hassle to sell a car for which you do not have the title, but people do that every day. Just take it one step at a time, make sure everyone involved knows what you are doing, and you'll be just fine.

**Dear Mary:** I am in a sticky situation. My husband and I have been trying to get out of debt, using your debt-proof living plan. Here's the problem: My in-laws are horribly in debt, having lost their business and their home. They called my husband recently asking for a \$1,400 loan to buy a car. We don't have that built into our plan, so he put it on our credit card. He did this because he feels he needs to help his parents. I am so mad! I love my husband dearly. I just don't know how to deal with this. -- Nancy, South Carolina

**Dear Nancy:** I understand your angst, but I don't think this is the hill you want to die on. The deed is done, so it's time to back off and trust the decision your husband made. Worst case, this will add a few more months to your RDRP. Best case? They make full repayment.

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# American Legion Activities

## Post 125

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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

The Legion Riders meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

We invite Auxiliary members to attend our meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome your ideas.

Service Officer, Bob Cannon is at the Post on Thursday's from 9 a.m. till noon to offer assistance.

Dinners are now served 4-30-6:30 Friday and Saturday.

## Post 305

**6999 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach 367-1596**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bar Bingo 7pm  Food Served	Fish & Chicken 6-8pm  Music 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	<b>Post Membership Mtg.-6pm Please attend, your input is valuable</b>  Pizza available All Day	Accordion Club  Dinner 6-8pm

Check with the Post for any upcoming events

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**Friday 2/1**

- Civil Matter-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 1700 Blk 59th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 1800 Blk 59th St. S.
- Drug Call-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- DUI-** 57th St. & 26th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Neighbor Problem-** 5400 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Noise-** 5600 Blk 25th Ave. S.

**Saturday 2/2**

- Animal Call-** 2600 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Disturbance-** 56th St. & 16th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 6200 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 52nd St. & 18th Ave. S.

**Sunday 2/3**

- Assault-** 3000 Blk Clinton St. S.

- Burglary-** 1800 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Burglary-** 5300 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

- Juvenile Trouble-** 1700 Blk 52nd St. S.

- Noise-** 1800 Blk 53rd St. S.

**Monday 2/4**

- Disturbance-** 5100 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 5100 Blk 14th Ave. S.

- Neighbor Problem-** 1800 Blk 51st St. S.

- Noise-** 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.

- Person Under Influence-** 5900 Blk 19th Ave. S.

**Tuesday 2/5**

- Accident-** 53rd St. & Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 2200 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Burglary-** 26th Ave. & Miriam St. S.
- Civil Matter-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

- Disorderly Conduct-** 4500 Blk 26th Ave. S.

- Domestic-** 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Harassing Phone Calls-** Location Withheld.

- Person Under Influence-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5300 Blk 21st Ave. S.

- Shots Fired (Heard)-** 5000 Blk 17th Ave. S.

**Wednesday 2/6**

- Animal Call-** 1300 Blk 59th St. S.
- Burglary-** 4900 Blk 13th Ave. S.

- Domestic-** 4900 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 2800 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Brush Fire-** 5600 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

- Fraud/Forgery-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Juvenile Trouble-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Keep the Peace-** 2200 Blk 51st St. S.

- Neighbor Problem-** 5100 Blk Pine Grove Terr. S.

**Thursday 2/7**

- Accident-** 64th St. off Pelican Dr. S.
- Civil Matter-** 2300 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 5300 Blk 11th Ave. S.

- Domestic-** 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.

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## St Patty's Day Party at the Senior Center

How green can you go? It's the St. Patrick's Day Party on Wednesday, March 13 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Theater Lobby and Senior Center 5501 27th Avenue S. Tickets are \$5 worth of fun! Includes entertainment, snacks and a free ticket for a special drawing.

From 2-2:30 p.m., enjoy Irish music by seasoned tenor, Paul Fornatar at the dining area stage followed by musical entertainment by the Toonsters. Wear your St. Patrick's green for the "Luck of the Irish" costume contest with prizes for the most decorated! Enjoy an afternoon of fun at the Gulfport Senior Center. For more information call 893-2237 or 893-1231. This event supports the Senior Center and its programs through the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

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## Literacy Festival in its Third Year

The Third Annual James Weldon Johnson Literacy Festival will take place on Saturday, March 16th in the parkland behind the St. Petersburg James Weldon Johnson

Branch Library located at 1059 18th Avenue S. and the adjacent Enoch Davis Center. The festival, run by the Friends of the Johnson Branch Library and co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg, celebrates the joy of reading and the importance of literacy to the African-American community. Admission is free and free books will be given to children of all ages.

Beginning at 9 a.m., live entertainment will be featured as well as children's activities including a

puppet show, hula-hooper contest and bounce house inflatable. Drawings, presentations and demonstrations will take place and the festival will conclude at 4 p.m. with the annual Walk for Reading: a parade through the surrounding neighborhood.

Refreshments will be sold to benefit the library. For more information or to secure for vendors space at a cost of \$25, contact Kevin Johnson at 727-342-2235 or KevinJohnson5370@yahoo.com.

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Treasure Island



## Winter Show 2013



"End of Day" by Claire Paultre

By Luba Robinson

The Treasure Island Art Guild 2013 Winter Show is exhibiting the works of award winning artists Carolyn Beard, George Greenfield, Winnie McIntyre, Claire Paultre, Mary Ann Tucci, and Colleen Ward through February 27th at our Community Center.

A symphony of stunning color creates chasms of form in "Comanche Moon" and "House of the rising Sun", the art of illustrious acrylic painter, Beard. Realism lends itself to the abstract in "Night Blooms" and "The Reef", together spelling the lyrical touch of her brush.

Digital artist Greenfield, master of "visual impact", delivers the carnivorous "Pitcher Plant" whose striking design and intense color captures its' prey as well as the viewers'eye. While "Sleeper" suggests reality in a dream state, brilliant hues spill over into "Untitled" and "Green Peppers".

Accomplished oil painter, McIntyre, introduces a portrait of lovely "Leymah" posed in a reflective moment. With bold primary colors, she gives us strong character studies in "Cuban Lady" and "African Boy". "Life Together" stirs the emotions as it shows a viewer the essence of what it's all about.

Representational fine artist Claire Paultre brings to life acrylics "Pelican at Rest", "Bait House", and a watercolor "The Causeway". Her Haitian roots continue to speak of her sensitivity to the hues of the tropics in the dazzling acrylic "End of Day", a poem without words.

Gleaning from an extensive background in art education, Tuccis' acrylic abstracts successfully address drawing out emotions and interpretations as in "Volcano" and "Lattice Gone Wild". "Geometry", in its' simplicity, calms the spirit. "Broken Heart" speaks to an "inner landscape".

An acute sense of color harmony triumphs in the work of pastel artist and Guild President Colleen Ward. Layers of glowing hues perfume the air in "The Garden Path" and "Peaceful Reflections". "Cabbage Key circa 1970's" takes us to the vintage charm of a Florida of yesterday. The beauty of a limited palette and great composition gives us "Three Bags Full".

The Treasure Island Community Center is located on 106th Ave., just east of Gulf Blvd. Call 727-547-4575 for hours of operation.

## Hear some Gospel Music

Bruce Ayers and the Gospel Truth Quartet will be 635 64th Street S. in South Pasadena on Sunday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a neighbor or friend and join them. You can bring a snack to share, but it's not necessary.

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## Stetson to offer Information Sessions

Stetson University College of Law is hosting part-time law school information sessions in January, February and March for prospective law students who wish to learn more about the admissions process. Stetson enrolls new students annually in the fall. Prospective full-time law students are also welcome to attend.

Those interested in attending should RSVP for one of the sessions:

- 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](mailto:lawadmit@law.stetson.edu).

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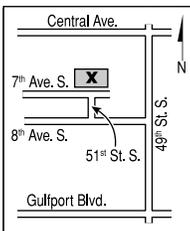
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Presentations take place once a month over the next five months. Students may attend one or more, or all five sessions. Sessions take place Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Program line-up:

• Feb. 27—Undercover Paws  
Enjoy a visit to Animal Services and learn about pet care and animal control.

• Mar. 20—9-1-1 101. Get a close-up look at the Pinellas County EMS system and participate in a first-responders exercise.

• April 24—Most Wanted. Take a tour of the Pinellas County Jail.

• May 22—Law and Order. Meet representatives from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office and a county/circuit court judge.

Teens can also share some TV time with the Pinellas County commissioners at an awards night ceremony in the fifth floor Assembly Room of the Pinellas County Courthouse.

Registration deadline for each session is one week before the program date. Class sizes are limited. To register, visit <http://2013teensbehindthescenes.eventbrite.com> For more information on Teens Behind the Scenes or the Pinellas County Youth Advisory Committee call 727-582-2656 or go to [www.pinellascounty.org/yac](http://www.pinellascounty.org/yac).

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## Care Givers Support Groups

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Community Church. Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Life Enrichment Center at 227 70 Street S.

Both groups are open to the public and provide a confidential setting for those attending to share with others who are in like situations their experiences, joys and concerns of "care giving". The person may be a relative or just a good friend. It is not necessary that the individual reside in the same house with you or even the same state.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

## The Perils of Probate

In an attempt to avoid probate when she dies, Mary decides to put her son's name on her two hundred thousand dollar home. Mary recently was involved in the probate of her husband's estate when he died and Mary wanted to make sure that her son, Al, did not have to experience the same expensive procedure on her death. After the deed was recorded on the home, Al became a joint owner with his mother.

Since Al is now legally recognized as a part owner of Mary's home, Mary no longer has total control of the real estate. In fact, Mary must get Al's consent and signature before she can list the home for sale, enter into a lease of the home or put a mortgage on the home. In addition, Mary runs

the risk of losing fifty percent of her homestead exemption which would then increase the amount of taxes on the home. Since Al is now a part owner of the home, his creditors could potentially make a claim against the home because it is now one of his assets.

By giving Al a half-interest in the home, Mary has made a gift of one hundred thousand dollars to Al. The Internal Revenue Service only allows individuals to make tax-free gifts of up to twelve thousand dollars per year. As a result, Mary is required to file a gift tax return and her estate may have to pay gift taxes upon her death. In addition, if there is a mortgage and note on the home, each time Mary makes a mortgage payment, she is considered to be making a gift to Al.

Mary could have avoided all of these potential problems. She could have retained the home only in her name and passed the home to Al under the State of Florida's Homestead Law which allows that one's solely owned homestead property goes directly to

If Al inherits the home upon Mary's death, Al would then own the home at its "stepped-up basis." What that means is that Al's cost is only the fair market value of the home on the date of Mary's death. If Al were to then sell the home he would have little or no income taxes to pay because of reduced profits resulting from the stepped-up basis in the home. On the other hand, if Mary deeds a one-half interest in her home to Al during her lifetime, Al's basis in the home would be what Mary paid for the home which could potentially be far less than today's market value. In this case, if Al sold the property, he would likely have a sizeable profit on which taxes would have to be paid.

All considered, Mary's desire to avoid probate expenses by deeding part of her home to Al during her lifetime could have some less than favorable consequences for both Mary and Al.

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*Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding his article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles and is not intended to give you legal advice. If you have a specific question about the law, please consult an attorney.*

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## Apply for Art Guild's 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](http://www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org).

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## Lithuanian-American Lunch this Thursday

The Lithuanian-American Club is serving lunch on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at 4880 46 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. The club is in regular winter mode so that the luncheons are one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai. The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. Today's menu is soup, koldunai (meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked Lithuanian bread to buy every Thursdays. Call Vida at 866-7936 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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## A Century of Memories at Woman's Club

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club celebrated their 100th Anniversary in grand style on Saturday, February 9th. The ballroom was packed to capacity, with the majority of attendees dressed to the nines in the theme colors of black and white to match the décor. Nancy Ruane was the chairman of the event. Upon entering the club, the guests



were greeted by a continuous rolling slide show of photos taken during events from the past century. The program was opened by a welcome from President Carole Groll. Master of Ceremonies was Councilman Bill Dudley. Visiting dignitaries from GFWC- Florida were District 14 Director Michelle Lowack and State Treasurer Sharon Oliphant. Eleven past presidents were recognized and were each presented with a long stem red rose: Bernice McCune, Mary Wheeler, Mona McKiernan, Mary Barton Skwarek, Lorraine Dana, Fern Clayton, Joanne Walker, Teresa Hartley, Rebecca Stewart, Joan Jaicks and Pat Bonanno. A wonderful dinner was catered by Parkshore Grill. Guest speaker was Paul Tash, CEO of the *Tampa Bay Times*. The highlight of the evening was a walk down Memory Lane with a Slide Show & Video History, narrated by Teresa Hartley with the technical assistance of Shannon Bailey. On special display was a Proclamation from the City of St. Petersburg and a letter of congratulations from Governor Rick Scott.

To find out more information about the club (membership, monthly meetings, Saturday Group, weekly sewing group, card games) or information on booking their Historical Clubhouse, call 727-822-4982 or visit [www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org](http://www.StPetersburgWomansClub.org).

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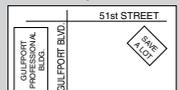


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The Gulfport Teen Council is looking for you! Teen members involvement includes working with the City Council concerning equipment recommendations; budgetary considerations for City's parks and recreation programs; and provide recommendations, suggestions and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals/programs. Teen Council members also gain valuable community experiences by attending local and state conferences, participating in community services projects and by representing the best of the City's youth. Get Involved Today! Currently, there are two vacant regular member positions and three alternate member positions available. Applicants must be Gulfport residents or be involved in a City of Gulfport program established for teenagers. Applications may be picked up at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or City Hall, 2401 - 53rd St. S. Positions are open until filled.

## SPCA Pet of the Week



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## One Act Play Submissions Soon!

It's getting to be time to write those one act plays again! The Gulfport Community Players will be taking submissions during February and March of 2013 for their 13th Annual Summer One Act Play Festival. These plays have to be short, somewhere between 5 and 20 minutes in length. They must use a very limited set and props. You must submit two hard copies of your play(s) to: Gulfport Community Players, Inc., 1619 49th St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

The plays can be comedies, drama, whatever, but must be suitable for all audiences (no R-rated language, etc.). The Players would prefer plays submitted from somewhat local playwrights, in keeping with the spirit of community theater. The deadline for submissions is March 30th.

The Players will have their Play Reading Committee read the submitted plays in April. That committee will pick out what they think are the best plays and submit them to the Players' Board for vote and approval in May. If your play is chosen, you will be contacted by the Players. You will not receive any money for your play however, as the Players are a true community theater.

The chosen plays will be presented in their 13th Annual Summer One Act Festival at the Hickman Theater in July. The Festival will run from July 11th through July 21st, 2013. Good luck!

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## Shop the Thrift Mall and Gift Store

Pasadena Community Church now has four stores at one location (Pasadena Ave. and Second Ave. S.). Hours are 9-1 Wednesday and Saturday. The mall features three rooms: one with clothes, shoes, accessories and jewelry; one with gifts, china, glasses, sporting goods, children's clothes, toys and games; and one with furniture, household items, electronics, books and tapes. The other store is in the LEC building and features gifts.

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## Flea Market to Benefit Animal Shelter

Antique Galleries of St. Petersburg at 450 34th Street N. will hold a Flea Market Benefit for Pet Pal Animal Shelter on Saturday, February 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in their large parking lot. Pet Pal Animal Shelter will have some of their adoptable dogs available to see. You will enjoy B & B Bar-B-Que and Betsi Burgess, "Florida Dream Painter" will demonstrate her painting. Preview the mall and parking facility at [AntiqueGalleriesofStPetersburg.com](http://AntiqueGalleriesofStPetersburg.com) Events. The public is welcome to come and shop both the Flea Market and the Mall.

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## Toddler Storytime at Gulfport Library

Come read stories, sing songs and meet other caregivers in the community at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Avenue S., every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.! Call Cailey at 893-1074 or [eklasson@mygulfport.us](mailto:eklasson@mygulfport.us).

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## 2 Cool for 2 Years

By Cathy Salustri



Margaret Hiller pays local artist Eric Folsom for two bracelets at this weekend's 2Cool Art Show. Mrs. Hiller and her husband, who live in Flushing, New York, came from St. Petersburg for the PAVA (Professional Association of Visual Artists) 2Cool Art Show at the Gulfport Casino. This marks the second year PAVA has held this show at the Gulfport Casino. To read some feedback about Gulfport from artists who live outside town, please read the Gabs on page 19.

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## Registration Open for 2013 Clown Alley

Registration is now open for the 2013 Clown Alley Clown School, produced by the Suncoasters of St. Petersburg and sponsored by All Children's Hospital. This popular community program, which is open to students of all ages, has been a tradition in St. Petersburg since 1972.

Christine Davison, a graduate of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Clown School, teaches character definition, make-up, costuming and performance techniques during the one day class. All participants will

be invited to show off their new skills in the Illuminated Night Parade on Thursday, March 21st and again in the Santa Parade in December.

The class will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the All Children's Hospital Education Conference Center, 701 Fourth Street S., St. Petersburg. The cost is \$20 per person, plus \$10 for each additional family member. The fee includes instruction, a Clown Alley t-shirt and a box lunch. Make up and supplies will also be available for sale.

Registration forms are available on the Clown Alley page at [suncoasters-stpete.com](http://suncoasters-stpete.com) or by calling

the Suncoasters office at 727-821-9888. Advanced registration is recommended. Same day registration begins at 9 a.m. until the class is full.

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## Ostomy Support Group

Calling all Ostomates! Each month you have the opportunity to get needed information and education that will help you find the tools so that you can get back to an active life. It is also the place where you can share your triumphs and knowledge with those who are now facing the surgery that saved your life.

The meeting day and time has changed beginning this month. They will be meeting on Sunday, February 24th at St. Anthony's Hospital at 2 p.m. in the auditorium on the ground floor.

They will have a round table discussion which is very useful when it comes to learning to live with your specific type of ostomy or challenges you may be having. A whole new world will open up to you by discussing your problems with others who have experienced the same doubts and questions. Learn about new and better products and meet fellow ostomates.

The meetings of the United Ostomy Association local support group are the last Sunday of each month at St. Anthony's Hospital from 2-3 p.m. Refreshments are served. There is no cost for the meetings.

Call Leslee Hall at 727-418-0820.

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## Harnessing Tornadoes: Local Inventor James Beyor

By Cathy Salustri

Part-time Gulfport resident James Beyor believes water is the answer, and it looks like he knows how to prove himself right.

"It's a fascinating endeavor," he says of his invention, the Sea Drive. It's not quite ready for prime time – Mr. Beyor still must run sea trials and get more funding to make his invention a reality – but, he says, he hopes it will be soon.

What, exactly, did he invent? Simply put, the retired engineer created a

difference for boaters?

Three reasons: the environment, manatee, and sea bottom.

First, the Sea Drive has a smaller carbon footprint than conventional engines.

"It will use diesel," he says, "but it will use half the fuel of a conventional power boat motor. Our goal is to make a Sea Drive system that will get eight miles to the gallon."

Most power boaters consider fuel consumption in terms of gallons per hour.

Mr. Beyor's also shooting

have less potential to break.

Reasons two and three: his invention also has no propeller, meaning it won't cut manatees and it also won't damage coral or sea grass.

"It won't harm manatee, and it won't disturb the shoreline," he says.

Right now, he's preparing for sea trials in Islamorada next month, and when he gets enough funding, he hopes to start manufacturing the Sea Drive in Gulfport.

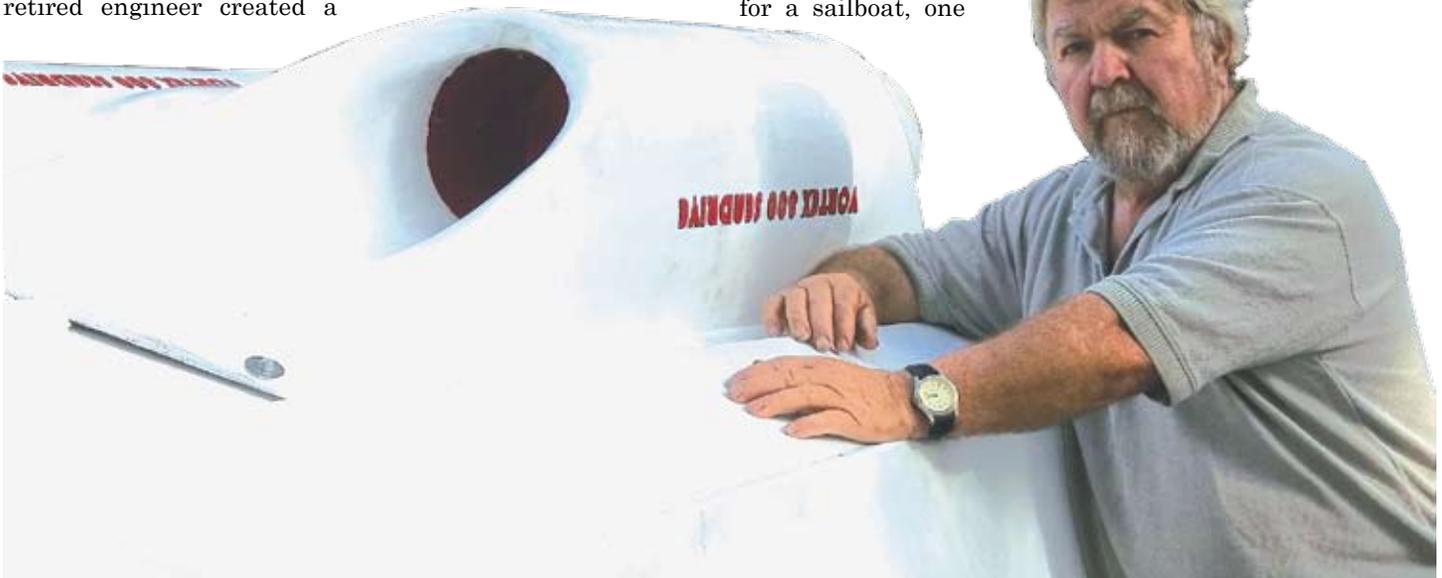
He's also working on creating a center keel for a sailboat, one

He says his background as a pilot helped him created the Sea Drive.

"I'm a pilot, and I understand the vortex coming off wings of a plane," he says.

"In theory I want to harness the power of a tornado," he says with a serious smile. "The power of a waterspout."

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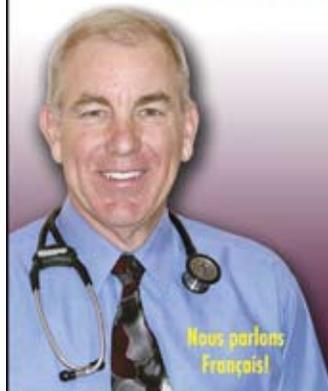
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Best produce in St. Pete Beach is at the Sunday Market held at the Suntan Art Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. Held every Sunday, all year around from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next to the famed Don CeSar Hotel. The market includes fresh farm produce, food, music, art, crafts, jewelry plants, flowers and "featured" artists in the Suntan Art Gallery. Vendors and artists may call 727-367-3818 or [www.suntanart.org](http://www.suntanart.org).

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Scholarship applications must be received by 5 p.m. March 18 in any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office: 315 Court St., Room 117, Clearwater; 13001 Starkey Rd., Largo; or 501 1st Ave. N., St. Petersburg. For a mailed application or additional information, please call the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office at 727-464-6108.

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## GriefShare Support Group

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# Could You Speak Up? I Can't Quite Hear You.

By Cathy Salustri



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If you find yourself saying, "Huh?" or "What?" -- turning up the television volume a little louder, or asking people to repeat themselves -- you may have hearing loss.

According to the National Institute, 36

million Americans report some degree of hearing loss. Hearing loss is an invisible condition that socially isolates people from their surroundings. While most of us only associate hearing loss as an age-related problem, hearing loss affects children through adults.

Hearing Loss can be caused by many factors: noise exposure, chronic ear infections, medications, genetics, and aging ears. If this loss goes untreated, it can cause depression, anxiety, aggression, behavioral problems, and strain relationships. Research shows that children with untreated hearing loss, academically perform one grade level lower than children who can hear at a normal level. Adults with untreated hearing loss, may appear inattentive, rude, or mentally slow.

If you recognized a little of yourself in the above paragraphs, it may be time to pay a visit to Pasadena Ear, Nose & Throat | Allergy | Audiology and speak with audiologist, Dr. Devon Weist. Audiologists offer much more than just hearing aids. Dr. Weist is a medical professional who specializes in finding the proper solution for all types of hearing loss.

Located in St. Petersburg, Pasadena Ear, Nose & Throat | Allergy | Audiology has two ENT physicians -- Dr. Timothy Dunlevy and Dr. Shelley Jaquish. Together, they work closely with Dr. Weist in diagnosing and treating hearing loss, since not all hearing loss is treated with hearing aids. Some hearing loss requires medical treatment and other types of hearing loss requires surgery. In addition, Pasadena Ear, Nose & Throat | Allergy | Audiology is

the only ENT practice in South Pinellas to offer all types of implantable hearing systems. These devices are designed for patients who are unable to wear standard hearing aids due to chronic ear infections, ear malformations and total hearing loss in one ear only.

Dr. Weist joined Pasadena ENT | Allergy | Audiology September 2012 from the faculty of the University of Florida, where she was a clinical assistant professor of Audiology. There, she specialized in treating patients with hearing loss and balance disorders. Dr. Weist worked on research projects involving the latest technology for increased speech understanding in noisy environments -- a challenge for all hearing aid wearers.

Dr. Weist will evaluate your hearing -- and if you do have some hearing loss -- she can diagnose, treat and manage it with you. She is an expert in her field, and well-respected in the area of hearing loss and related balance problems. Dr. Weist will not make you feel old -- she will sit with you and explain how hearing loss occurs. She will also make sure you understand the long-term impact hearing loss can have on your day-to-day life. Together, you and Dr. Weist will find a treatment for your hearing loss that works best for you.

Hearing loss affects all aspects of your life, as well as, your family, friends and coworkers. Hearing loss can isolate you from your surroundings and make you miss out on some of life's great moments. You don't have to struggle and feel alone.

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## A Local Mardi Gras



The Lithuanian American Club had its "Mardi Gras" this past Sunday. Members of its Lithuanian Class "Saulute", the children wore different costumes. Also "Ritmas", an adult dance group of the club, demonstrated dances for the members and guests in the celebration.

## Host a Clothing Drive

Last year Clothes To Kids (CTK) provided more than 12,000 wardrobes to low-income children attending Pinellas County schools. CTK is asking schools and places of worship to immediately help them by hosting a Clothing Drive for new or gently used clothing and shoes. Their inventory is low and they know the clothing is out there! They have urgent needs for boys and girls pants (sizes 6-16) and tennis shoes for kids in grades K-12.

Cash donations are always welcome and are used to purchase needed clothing items. Donations accepted M-F, 9-5, at 3251 Third Avenue N., Ste. 145, St. Petersburg. Clothes To Kids is 501c3, nonprofit organization that provides school clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. For more information, 727-441-5050 or visit [www.clothestokids.org](http://www.clothestokids.org).

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# Energy Express The latest trends for staying healthy

by Marilyn Preston

## Twist to Unwind: Reverse Logic Makes Yoga Sublime

OK, here's a bit of silliness to start your dendrites dancing: What do Chubby Checker and every yoga class have in common? Think now. Yes! The Twist.

Chubby Checker made twisting wildly popular in the '50s, but for thousands of years before him, yogis were doing twists as part of their daily bliss-building routine: deep, penetrating twists around the spinal column that are done standing up, or sitting down; upside-down or right-side-up; twisting as far as possible to the left, then twisting as far as possible the opposite way.

But what's the purpose of all this pretzelizing?

Humility? A trimmer torso? Just because we can?

Today's brief pitch for my primo form of exercise will help you understand why yoga is such a wondrous workout, one that is carefully designed to benefit your entire body.

Too many people focus only on the the outward appearance of a yoga asana -- i.e. Triangle, Cobra, Downward Dog. Just as important, *more* important in some ways, is what is going on inside your body as you relax into each pose, using your breath to create space, then filling that space with free-flowing prana (energy).

**WHY TWIST?** When you do a twist, you are giving your organs and glands a good wringing out. Followed by a good soaking. Think of a sponge. First you squeeze it dry, then you release it, and it soaks up all the fluid around it. Different postures work different vital areas -- your kidneys, adrenals, liver -- but the one thing that all twists have in common is that they flush out the stagnant fluids and toxins and bring in fresh, healing blood. This cleansing is especially important in winter, when our bodies tend to be more sluggish.

A few twists a day really can help keep the doctor away. Spinal twists lubricate, nourish and increase

the elasticity of the muscles and ligaments of your spine. Twists help balance your nervous system, prevent backache and massage your internal organs, toning your kidneys, spleen and liver. Twisting also helps with your digestion and your elimination. You can't say that about a game of tennis.

**LEARN HOW.** So now you understand why twists are so therapeutic. Next you need to learn how to do them correctly. For that, turn to a good yoga teacher. Mindless twisting can add too much pressure and strain on your body, while a wise teacher can help you understand and respect your limits.

With practice, you'll learn to use your breath to maximize your twists, increasing flexibility. Never twist through pain. When you learn to surrender to the resistance of a twist, you have learned something about surrendering to life, letting go of old stagnant energy to make room for life-giving, joy-making fluids to rush in.

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I love your letters, even when they sting a little. Like this one, from J.H.:

"Dear Marilynn, Love your column (and politics) and read it regularly. However, I do have a bone to pick with a recent column, 'Holiday food, stress lead to extra pounds.' Your recommendation to 'spit it out' after chewing food was a particularly bad one. That kind of response to overeating can set the stage for developing an eating disorder. Far too many people suffer with bulimia and/or anorexia, including my own daughter. It is not something to encourage nor take lightly."

A family physician wrote, too, also scolding me for my "spit it out" idea. It's something people with eating disorders do, she said with a wag of her finger, and shouldn't be encouraged.

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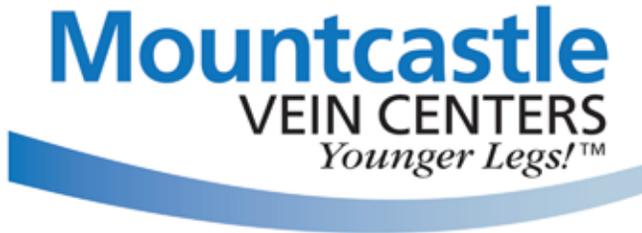
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