

Gulfport Lions Seek New Members



Lion Maria Salley dishes up scrambled eggs at Saturday's Pancake Breakfast. The Gulfport Lions offer a myriad of fundraising activities throughout the year, including last Saturday's pancake breakfast and the March 8 shrimp boil. This past weekend's breakfast raised about \$400, according to President Art Padula.

The Lions Club, a service club that works with an assortment of vision-related charities, seeks not only pancake fans but also new members.

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Final Call: Lieutenant Frank Vento



Today Gulfport mourns the loss of Gulfport Fire Inspector Investigator and Seminole Fire Lieutenant Frank Vento. Thursday morning, as Gulfportians pick up this week's Gabber and read it over coffee, Gulfport and Seminole firefighters and an honor guard will continue sharing the privilege of standing vigil over their fallen comrade.

Until the Friday morning funeral begins, firefighters are keeping a 24-hour watch over the man they trusted with their lives and Gulfport trusted with its safety. Lieutenant Vento, 48, died suddenly after going into cardiac arrest at his home

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Gulfport Gets New City Logo



After sorting through 17 logos, a committee consisting of representatives from So49, the Gulfport Area

Chamber of Commerce, and the Gulfport Merchant's Association selected a nautical-themed logo for the city of Gulfport.

Graphic artist Chris Leyva designed the logo, for which the city budgeted \$1,000.

"It really gets to the maritime part of us," Ms. Rosso said. "It's all encompassing."

Gulfport Police Fitness Standards Relaxed

By Chief Rob Vincent

The physical fitness standards for police officers are being relaxed following labor contract negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police. Previously, all sworn officers were required to take and pass a fitness test once a year; however, the city agreed to an amendment that would make the standards applicable only to those hired after the policy was implemented in 2011.

The change was requested by Sergeant Robert Burkhart, who represented the first line supervisors during the contract negotiations. The city at first objected but eventually conceded when the union offered to accept a reduced salary increase in exchange for the relaxed fitness standards.

In an effort to address growing concerns of health, safety,

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Urban Gypsies will call the dances and play in between the reels, and the event will be preceded by a "boys against the girls" scavenger hunt through town.

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If you have any questions about my campaign or suggestions to help our city, please feel free to contact me at apenny@tampabay.rr.com. Listed below are some of my accomplishments as your current Commissioner, my future goals and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Arthur Penny

Accomplishments

- Voted against reducing the lanes on Pasadena Avenue. Responsible for removing all references pertaining to lane reductions from the Pasadena Avenue Redevelopment Plan
- Responsible for a Senior Tax Exemption in 2012 and the increase of the Exemption from \$10,000 to \$50,000 in 2013
- Consistently voted NO to property tax increases, we have the third lowest tax rate in Pinellas County
- Responsible for contacting FDOT to increase the length of the Yellow Light Times. Intervals were changed in December 2013 to the highest allowed by law.
- Responsible for an Environmental Grant enabling the purchase of 33 Solar street lights and two propane operated lawnmowers
- Debt Free City – Initiated and supported paying off all city debt as Finance Commissioner and my department received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Future Goals

- Locate funding/grants to avoid tax increases for the beautification of South Pasadena, Pasadena Avenue and pedestrian and bicycling safety
- Promote local businesses, new business development, and citizen involvement in City Government
- Continue to keep taxes low while still providing the services that citizens want
- Fight against legislative changes that affect our Condominium Associations/Residents

Qualifications

- Experienced - South Pasadena City Commission since June 2009 serving as Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Public Works
- Completed all four Advanced Elected City Official Certification classes
- Credentials - Community Association Manager (CAM), Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA) and Association Management Specialist (AMS)
- Member of the Suncoast League of Cities, Florida League of Cities and Florida Business Watch.
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Gulfport Little League Renews Lease

Gulfport Little League will enjoy another five years of city subsidies in the form of one dollar annual rent. The city will also pay the electric bill for six months out of every year. To help the team meet the needs of players from lower-income families, the city agreed to renew the league's lease at these terms.

"It's a tradition," Ward Three Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon said. "We're going to support it."

"How is that affecting our taxes? Are they going to pay for the maintenance and upkeep," resident and Little League neighbor Tim Spencer asked "Or are they basically not going to pay for anything?"

"Ten years ago this little league program was on the verge of folding...at that time the city stepped forward," City Manager Jim O'Reilly said, saying yes, the subsidy did affect taxes indirectly.

"I think there's a value you put on Little League baseball or youth programs and the city can well

afford to absorb this program," City Manager Jim O'Reilly said.

Brown has Office Hours this Friday

City of Gulfport Councilmember, Ward 2 Representative, Christine Brown is holding weekly office hours, this Friday, February 7 at 3 p.m. to answer City of Gulfport community related questions, inside City Hall, 2401 53rd Street S., Gulfport.

"I am open and accessible to my neighbors for concerns, questions, input or ideas. Gulfport embodies the definition of community and personal conversation. This gives our residents the opportunity to meet face to face rather than electronic communication. Please bring me your ideas and thoughts, so we can make the City of Gulfport better!" Said Christine Brown, Ward 2 Councilmember.

For more information on these weekly office hours, please email Councilmember Christine Brown at CBrown@mygulfport.us, call 727-893-1012, or visit this week on Friday at 3 p.m. inside Gulfport City Hall.



HEY KIDS!

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Hi! My name is Paul Ray and I am running for Ward 3 City Council.

I have been asked the same question many times, "What made you want to run for City Council", so I thought this a great venue to address that question. I have been watching Council on 615, and grabbing *The Gabber* every Thursday ever since I moved here over four years ago. This has kept me familiar with the issues, the people and the varying sides of each debate. Upon finding out Ward III Council Member Jennifer Salmon was not seeking reelection, I was concerned as to who would run in her place that would apply analytical and critical thinking skills to the issues at hand. So,

after some thought and discussion I decided to offer my candidacy to the voters of Gulfport. As the former President of a Corporation, owner of a restaurant, and a Software Engineer by trade, I have obtained and utilize the skill set needed to address the issues facing us all in Gulfport. I also believe that my unique perspective would be a great addition to continue the well rounded City Council we have.

On the City Council I will be an ardent supporter of the needs of the city and the people of Gulfport. I will be vigilant on budget and tax issues, keeping our city services fully funded allowing us the safety, enjoyment and wellbeing that are due to all in Gulfport.

I will be the Council Member that is known to be available and listening to the concerns of the people of Gulfport, working to resolve these issues and concerns. I will stand and work to maintain the diversity, artistic character and the acceptance of Gulfport that is an important part of this great town.

As we see Gulfport move into the future, it is important that we hold onto our unique character, never forgetting where we came from. As a Council Member I will work in tandem with my fellow Council Members as we implement the necessary sewer repairs, storm drains and Clam Bayou. I will foster a partnership with the city of St. Petersburg in looking at the 49th Street corridor. I will address the parking issues in the downtown area, as well as bringing new merchants and visitors to Gulfport. My passion for Gulfport is apparent to many that people that I have met or that have seen me in the candidate forums; I will use this passion in working with City Council on various hurdles that we might encounter.

I would like to ask for your vote and your support for Gulfport City Council; your vote can be by mail (ballots Mailed Feb 7th) or in person at the polls (March 11th). Each vote represents a positive step for the City the and together we can maintain and foster our love for the city of Gulfport. Please feel free to contact me directly at 727 827-2798 or visit my website at PaulRayForGulfportCityCouncil.com

I look forward to serving all the people of Gulfport, working with you to keep Gulfport's character and fixing what needs fixing.

Political advertisement paid and approved by Paul Ray for Gulfport City Council, Ward III.

Police Fitness,

from front page and public image, Chief Robert Vincent implemented the physical abilities test following his appointment as chief of police in 2010. The test—which consists of a 440-yard run, an obstacle course, and a 150 lb. dummy drag—was initially developed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and was selected for incorporation in the Gulfport program by a committee of officers and sergeants.

There are several local police departments throughout the state which have similar programs,

although in Pinellas County, only the sheriff's office currently conducts annual fitness tests. Since the Gulfport program was implemented, all officers and sergeants successfully passed the test.

The agency will still conduct fitness testing, but only those hired since 2011 will be required to participate. Others may elect to take the test, and they will be rewarded with a paid day off if they achieve a passing score.

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Murder on Blueberry Hill

A murder has occurred! Guests will be questioned as possible suspects in

this interactive show that features live music from the 1950's, trivia, re-enactments of bygone days, and dance lessons with contests and prizes at the end, plus a 4-course meal provided by local restaurants.

Grab your Valentine and enjoy this Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner Show at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S., Gulfport on Friday, February 14th at 6 p.m. for only \$10 per ticket.

You must purchase your ticket prior to the event, no tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds from this event are donated to the Gulfport Senior Center Foundation.

Call Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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Gulfport on the Rocks Reunion Party

Gulfport on the Rocks will hold their first annual reunion party on Saturday, February 8th at the Gulfport Lions Club from 4-8 p.m. Live music including Guitar Daddy with the No Name Storm boys. BYOB, ice and a dish.

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Sivas Sonoma Pinot Noir

This Pinot Noir has bold aromas of red currant, strawberries and cherry pie that lift out of the glass. The spicy complexity of the nose can be attributed to tobacco leaf and clove. Lush fruit flavors of grilled plum and black raspberry are prominent on the palate while toasty vanilla notes play a supporting role. This wine draws you in with its exotic bouquet and finishes with hints of earthy morel mushrooms. It pairs well with a wide array of foods, including fresh rigatoni and roasted vegetables, Duck Confit or even lobster risotto. This is one of my favorite Pinots for the money!



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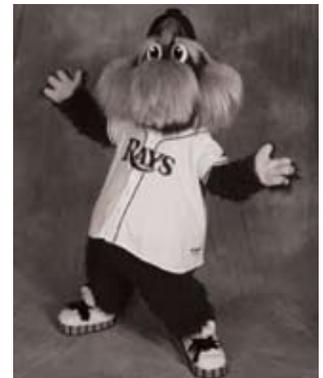
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Vento, from front page

and being transported to Largo Medical Center Monday morning.

Lieutenant Vento ran the B shift in Seminole and investigated fires and performed fire inspections in Gulfport. Most local business owners knew him by name; he had, quite recently, spent time at this local paper, sharing stories about hiking the Appalachian Trail and talking about the mountains with publisher Ken Reichart, who praised Vento's energy and spirit.

"He loved to be in Tennessee and the mountains," Gulfport Fire Chief Jim Marenkovic said Tuesday morning.

Doctors were "aggressively" treating Lieutenant Vento with chemotherapy and radiation for cancer of the lymph nodes, Chief Marenkovic said. Nevertheless, his sudden passing shocked both cities the Lieutenant served.

When Lieutenant Vento went into cardiac arrest Monday morning, his own Seminole station answered the call and tried to save his life en route to the hospital.

"It was a shock to us all," Chief Marenkovic, who met him when Gulfport's former fire chief hired Inspector Vento in February 2007, said. "We worked well together; I admired him."

Along with his men, Chief Marenkovic will stand vigil over his friend, colleague, and brother.

Lieutenant Vento leaves behind his wife of 23 years, Lisa, a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Megan. He is also survived by his mother, Mary, his sister, Betsy Athey, and his nieces and nephews. The family has arranged a public viewing from 10 a.m. until noon at the Seminole Recreation Center (9100 113th Street North, Seminole) on Friday, February 7; the service will follow at noon.

Until that time, the same men who served alongside him will stand for him to honor the Lieutenant Vento one last time.

Then, a bell will toll three times, signifying the end of shift. Dispatch tones will play over the firefighter's radio and they will issue Lieutenant Vento one last command:

"Final call for Frank Vento."

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Massachusetts Society

The Massachusetts Society will meet Wednesday, February 12th, 1p.m. at the Beachway Mobile Park Clubhouse in Gulfport on 54th St. S. Their February event is an ice cream social. Cost is \$3. The officers and members invite our friends from the other New England States to join them.

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Lions, from front page

Dues cost \$50 per quarter, plus a one-time \$50 fee to Lions International. The club meets at 7 p.m. at 4630 Tifton Drive South in Gulfport the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

"We need members," President Padula said. "We love new members."

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Fun for your Brain!

Join in the fun at the Puzzle Party on Friday, February 14th at 11 a.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S. Learn how to play

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Classical Music at Library

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library is sponsoring a concert of music for string quartet on Thursday, March 6th at 7 p.m.

at the Gulfport Library. Titled "The String Quartet – from Roots to Ragtime," the members of the quartet, Frances Pisacane and Julie Tollen, violins, Myron Rosenblum, viola, and Ruth Kern, cello, will offer some comments and play music by Corelli, Telemann, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Borodin, Dvorák and Joplin.

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Letters

Hard Candy: Way Out of Line

Dear Editor: For those of you who wonder why qualified individuals don't want to become public figures, this week's 'Hard Candy' is your answer. There is nothing about policy in this piece. It is sanctioned bullying. A leader will willingly open themselves up for criticism for their decisions but to publicly malign them for being "inherently distasteful and morally repugnant" amongst other things is beyond the pale. I am appalled!

What makes someone's opinion on Facebook or in *the Gabber* more important than mine?

Who made you the arbiters of what is acceptable or not?

What makes you the expert when I'm the one that stepped up to the plate to serve you and you did not? Think about it people. This discussion and many other posts should be held one-on-one about your concerns

and not open season for personal humiliation.

Here's to more open seats on Councils and Boards that will be filled by default by whoever is brave enough to subject themselves to this type of journalism and the malcontent citizenry.

This is no 'joking' matter to me.

Lori Rosso

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Dear Editor: After reading the most recent Hard Candy column concerning City Councilman Michael Fridovich, I would like to comment on the somewhat harsh view that Ms. Salustri took. I have no doubt Mr. Fridovich is 'guilty as charged' concerning some of what was asserted - especially the issues that have already been addressed in previous *Gabber* issues.

However, my family has gotten to know Mr. Fridovich on a personal level this past year, and we have never been offended in his presence. Nor have we noticed any fascination,

on his part, with lesbians. What we have noticed is a council member who is more than gracious in answering questions concerning city issues, and who intelligently questions the status quo. Mr. Fridovich obviously cares about his ward and city, and "in the grand scheme of things" we feel that our city is being better represented by "...a shorter, older, and better-fed version of..Barney Stinson" than by most who have come before him.

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With their motto "We Dance our Pants Off for Charity," St. Pete's own Forever Young Dancers will perform two shows at the Back Door Theater in Gulfport on February 8th and 9th.

"Love is Forever" is the Valentine themed Saturday show at 8 p.m. and Sunday's at 2 p.m. also featuring the Starfire Dancers. Starfire holds a National Title for dancers both by age and size of group.

Fred Clausen of St. Pete Beach who organized "Forever Young" 17 years ago with the goals of "fun for the audience and dancers and helping those not as fortunate" said the shows in February will benefit the Human Outreach Team of St. Petersburg. The group has raised thousands over the years for this and other local charities Clausen added while entertaining audiences in the Tampa Bay area.

Tickets which are \$15, are available in advance by phone at these numbers: 727-455-0743, or at the door. Back Door Theater is located at 1619 49th Street S. in Gulfport. Clausen stressed that all proceeds from ticket sales go directly to charity.

"Helping those in need of help has been our goal since our first

performance, and with the supportive community which comes to our shows, we will continue this good work," Clausen said.

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Help Send the Band to New Orleans

Lakewood High School's Jazz Band has been invited to perform at the Crescent City Jazz Festival in New Orleans later this year. They will be performing a benefit concert on Friday, February 14th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium, 1400 54th Avenue S. in St. Petersburg. Concert features the school's Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo, Gumbi Ortiz, "New Groove City" with special guests JB Scott and Lisa Kelley. Tickets are \$10 and all proceeds benefit the New Orleans trip and the LHS Jazz Program. They've earned it, let's send them!

If anyone would like advance tickets they can email spartanband@yahoo.com, call the band director, Mr. Kernodle's office number at 727-893-2916, ext. 2186, or use his contact email kernodlem@pcs.org.

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Chamber Hosts Networking Mixer

The Chamber invites our business members to attend our Networking Mixer hosted by C1 Bank and Sail Away Realty on Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The location will be C1 Bank, 6180 Central Ave. We encourage our members to come together at this beautiful facility and meet fellow business owners supporting our Chamber.

If your business would like to sponsor a networking mixer, please call Bob Newcomb at 727-344-3711. Haven't joined the Chamber, visit our website at www.gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org and join online.

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Beach Bazaar Seeks Ticket Vendor Status

Gulfport Beach Bazaar is offering theaters, events and other entertainment venues an outlet to provide tickets to the general public at no service charge to the venue for selling their tickets.

"I just want my customers to be happy" said owner Angela Lagan. "We have The Bazaar Box Office and we're currently selling tickets to Hickman Theater. Now customers are dropping in to see if we have tickets to about everything within 10 miles of Gulfport! It makes sense to provide this service for our residents and a perfect compliment to the store and the post office. People are in and out all day!"

If you have tickets to sell, please call Angela for details at 727-381-8548.

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Take a Safe Boating Class

There will be an About Boating Safety (ABS) class on Saturday, February 8th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. (approx.) at the USCG Auxiliary Training Center Building, 3120 Miriam Street S. in Gulfport (use the side entrance). Cost is \$40 per student and includes all books and materials. Upon completion of the course the student will receive a "bobber card" from the State of Florida. For reservations or questions call 727-399-7986.

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Come to Uncelebrate Valentine's Party

Hey Teens and Tweens! You are cordially invited to come to the Gulfport Library on Wednesday, February 12th from 3-5 p.m. to un-celebrate with them at their anti-valentine's day party! Come hang out, make a cool craft, eat some food, and help un-celebrate this completely stupid and made up holiday! Contact Cailey Klasson, Youth Services Librarian at cklasson@mgulfport.us or 893-1074.

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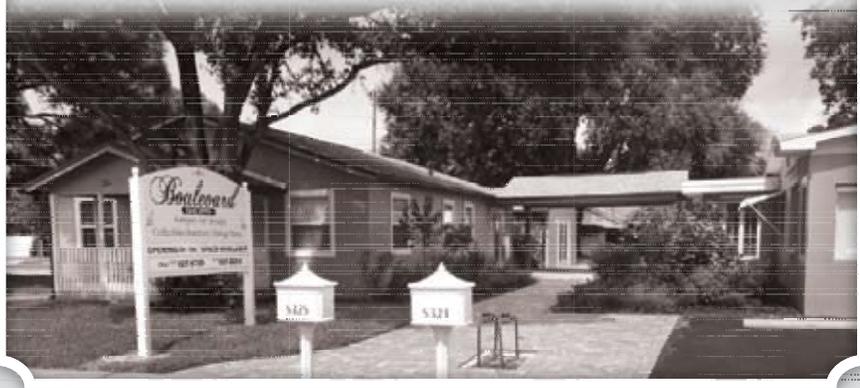
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Arts Center Offers Couples Night

The Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport (IACG) has recently introduced new learning opportunities and events in its new location at 5437 29th Avenue South, just off Beach Boulevard.

The new outpost of the non-profit IACG in what has been christened as Gulfport's "Alley of the Arts" harbors artists who demonstrate and teach glass blowing, hot glass casting and fusing, glass bead making, metal forging, metal sculpture, mosaics

and other art forms. The alley has historically been a location for working artists' studios in Gulfport, and also houses the quarters of local glass/metal artist Owen Pach, and metal/mixed media artist Jonathan Schork, both of which are IACG instructors and Board members. Several other artists round out the roster of instructors offering to participants from children to seniors the chance to experience the industrial arts firsthand.

New events and classes are now being formed. The IACG's recent "Hot Date Night" proved to be a unique and successful event in which couples were invited to share the creative experience of hot glass blowing together. For Valentine's

Day on February 14th, the first annual "Valentine's Fete" will offer similar experiences for couples, including glass blowing and bead making with the addition of a catered dinner and entertainment. Space is limited and For more information and registration, please call 727-623-4920. Future "Hot Date Nights" are also planned.

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Toddler Story Time

Come join them at Gulfport Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and meet other caregivers in the community! For more information contact Cailey at 893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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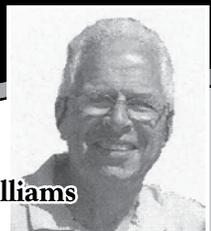
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Ester, cruise specialist from Four Seasons Travel and Cruise will be here to give you great tips and insider information. Don't miss out!

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information,

please contact Rachel at 727-893-1231.

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International Cinema Series at Eckerd

Fruitvale Station this Friday, February 7 at 7 p.m., Miller Auditorium at Ruth Eckerd College.

Based on the true story of Oscar Grant, a young man killed at a transit office at Fruitvale Station in Oakland, California, on New Year's Day 2009, Fruitvale Station follows Grant on the last day of his life, as the spectator shares his highs and lows in this engrossing look inside racial violence as an everyday occurrence. This film won the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the 2013

Sundance Film Festival and Best First Film at Cannes.

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Library to Host Literacy Program

The St. Petersburg Public Library has received a grant from the Florida Humanities Council to host a free family literacy program at the South Community Library, 2300 Roy Hanna Dr. S., for six Tuesdays beginning February 11 and continuing through March 18, starting at 6 p.m. Call 727-893-7244.

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St. Petersburg Doll Club

Join us for the 33rd Annual Doll & Bear Sale on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 9:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. at the Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Ave. N., Largo. Event features dolls, teddy bears, miniatures, door prizes, raffles and food. Doll appraisals and repairs done on premises. Donation of \$4 for adults is requested. Children are free. For information call 727-347-7556.

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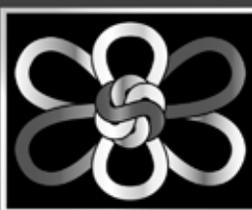
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Heritage Village presents Speaking of History lecture

As part of the Speaking of History lecture series, author Cathy Salustri will present "Finding More of Florida" on Sunday, Feb. 16. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. in the Pinellas Room at Heritage Village.

Cathy Salustri's program in February of last year traced her journey of nearly 5,000 miles within Florida in a camper van to witness how the landscape had changed since the publication of "Florida: A Guide to the Southernmost State in 1939." The book, published by the Federal Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression, sought to promote tourism in the remote peninsula.

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

She attended the University of Central Florida, and earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Tampa before embarking on the adventure that is the Florida Studies Master's program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Cathy has written travel pieces for USA Today, Visit Florida, regional magazines and local press.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N. in Largo. This living history museum brings more than 150 years of local history to life. Tour 29 authentic buildings and structures, and experience historical Pinellas County through hands-on exploration. Heritage Village has Wi-Fi availability.

Heritage Village is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed all Pinellas County holidays. For more information about Heritage Village visit www.pinellascounty.org/heritage, or call 727-582-2123.

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Shore Blvd. on the waterfront in Gulfport. Parking and admission is free for this weekend event. An invitation from the City of Gulfport encouraged this new show to emerge – an event that showcases the artistic work of PAVA’s statewide members.

Since 2012, the City of Gulfport and the city’s Merchant Association have been delighted with the response from the community and have asked them to come back for a third show. For the past 25 years art patrons have enjoyed PAVA’s July Cool Art Show in St. Petersburg. Susan Rollins Gehring, President of the Professional Association of Visual

Artists (PAVA) said she is proud to be co-sponsoring this event with the City of Gulfport in a historic building that has been referred to as the “heart and hub” of Gulfport.

2Cool Art Show’s proximity to Valentine’s Day provides an excellent opportunity to find that special fine art gift for your special person. This is also a chance for winter visitor/resident to see the quality of work that PAVA has been presenting for the past 25 years during the summer Cool Show. Make a day of it and visit the show along with the charming waterfront town of Gulfport.

Call Susan Gehring at 727-916-0105 or email to sgehring1@tampabay.rr.com.

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Gulfport Beach and Area Clean-Up

Gulfport Neighbors, invites Gulfportians, and their friends and family to participate in its next popular monthly beach cleanup on Saturday, February 8, at 9 a.m. Orientation is at the large Shelter 4 on Gulfport Beach, followed by a two-hour beach cleanup, and then a Dutch-treat brunch gathering at a local spot to be announced. If you are looking for an activity where you can get outdoor exercise and meet interesting people while reducing the pollution in our waterways and ridding our beach of debris, this event

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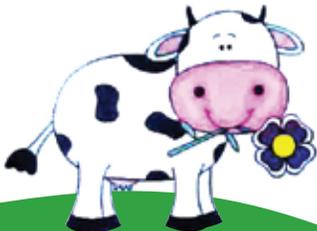
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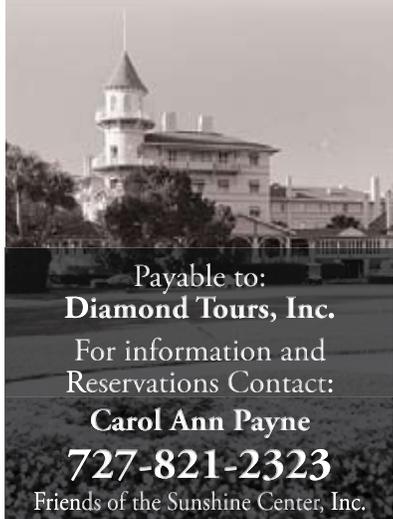
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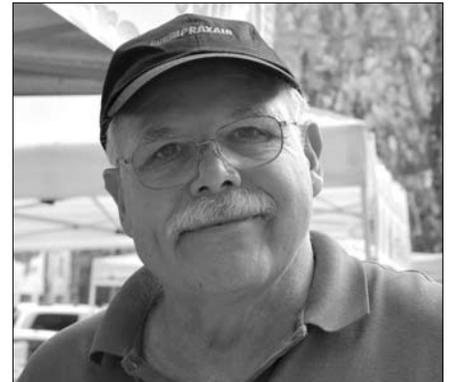
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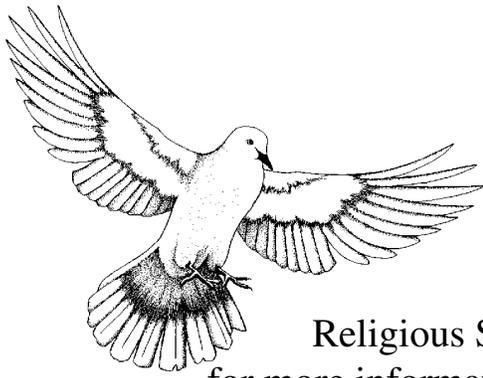
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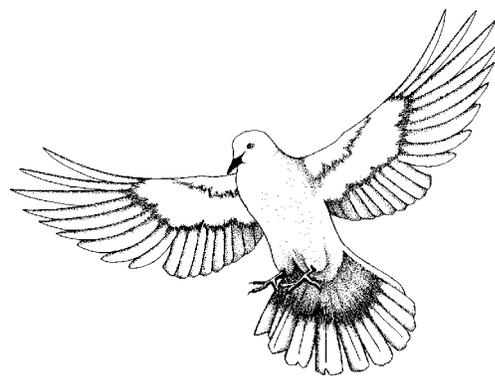
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: Am I in the wrong for having a 14' camper in my driveway? – Faun Weaver, via Facebook

A: If you registered it with the city before the exemption period ended on January 2 you can. The city opted to start enforcing existing setback rules, but to minimize tensions allowed for one-time exemptions for RV that didn't meet the current rules. The exemption applies only to the specific owner, property, and RV. The city also changed the rules to limit people to having one RV per property.

"I tried to make contact [with all the RVs I saw]," Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Earling said, noting that he contacted over 100 RV owners.

A camper is considered as an RV and with that must meet the regulations set forth in Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances. If an RV can meet the setback requirements and other requirements of Chapter 21 then a permit can be issued. If the RV cannot meet these regulations then it will be in violation and must be removed.

The city is no longer issuing exemption permits.

Treasure Island



Award Show Reception

Watercolor artist Tom Haverfield will be the guest demonstrator at the Guild's Reception showcasing the semi-annual February Award show. The reception and demonstration will be on Saturday February 8th at 1 p.m. in TI City Hall Auditorium, 108th Ave. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. The event is free and open to interested persons.

Art Guild Workshop Anything Goes

Rick Yearick, local watercolor artist, will be the guest demonstrator at the 'Anything Goes' workshop, Wednesday, February 19 from 9:30 to noon. The workshop meets at the Garden Room in TI Community Center, 106th Ave and Park Place. The fee for the workshop is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Mr. Yearick will be demonstrating how to paint pets, dogs and cats.

For more information about Treasure Island Art Guild visit the website at www.TreasureIslandArtGuild.org.

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Performances will be Sunday, February 16th, at 4 p.m. in Ferguson Hall at the Straz Center, Tampa; Tuesday, February 18th, at 8 p.m. at the Palladium Theater, 253 Fifth Avenue N. in downtown St. Petersburg; and Sunday, February 23rd, at 4 p.m. in the Arts Auditorium, St. Petersburg College Clearwater campus, 2465 Drew Street in Clearwater. Tickets at the door are \$20 for adults and free for students, who must show student ID if they are 18 or over. There is open seating—no reservations. Visit the website www.TampaBaySymphony.org.

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An informational fair will be held at Boca Ciega High School at their College, Career and Registration Fair on February 10 at 6 p.m. for current 10th grade students currently enrolled in AP courses or who have the potential to pass an AP exam. The fair will be held in the main auditorium. Current 10th grade students will register for classes for the 2014-15 school year during the week of Feb. 10.

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The meeting, which will be held at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park, will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a delicious buffet dinner (\$15.) at 6:30 and Nan's presentation. Reservations please to Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971.

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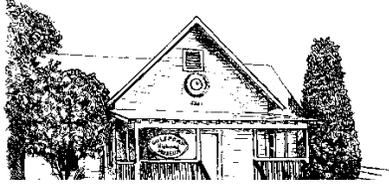
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Pinellas County Property Appraisers will assist Gulfport seniors in completing the application for the Low Income Senior Exemption on Wednesday, February 12th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on a first-come-first-served basis at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S.

To qualify, one household member must reside in Gulfport, be 65 years old or older as of January 1st, have or qualify for homestead exemption, and have a household income below an annually set threshold. The deadline to apply is March 1st.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

If your heart is full, so will be your expression of it this week, as Valentine's Day falls on the same day as the full moon in dramatic Leo. Those who happen to be in love will feel inclined to write it in the sky, broadcast it over the Jumbotron or post it widely on all of your social networks. Just remember, skywriting fades; the Internet is forever.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Progress will be followed by a mistake, an adjustment and more progress. This is the normal path. It's not realistic to think that progress will only be followed by more progress. If such a path did exist, it wouldn't be healthy, and it certainly wouldn't be as fun as this week will be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't be able to meet everyone's expectations. Their expectations are really about what they need, want and wish for and not about you at all. Also, everyone wants something different, and there's no way to satisfy them all. So decide what to expect from yourself, and don't even worry about them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The reason you are attracted to those you perceive as having great wells of creative and intellectual power is because you suspect that you, too, have such powers, and you're right about that. So be careful not to put so much time into idolizing others that you neglect working on your own gifts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's an intensely busy moment in your life, and there is much to be gained. Your buzzing mind will need to be emptied frequently to make room for the new challenges of the week. The best way is to keep a daily journal, and the best time for this is right before you go to sleep or right when you wake up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some people around you will be looking ahead and even starting to plan for summer. For you, this may trigger

feelings of being overwhelmed, and it's hard to be productive in that mindset. So take it one day at a time. If you have to worry, worry about the day you're living, not the distant future.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Pleasure and leisure just don't have the same pull for you this week. Maybe it's because you sense that being too comfortable is dangerous and can only land you in the center of mediocrity. In order to be at your best, you need challenges that push you into very uncomfortable places.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've been working hard for a little bit of attention lately. Restore the balance by avoiding people who need to be entertained because they can't entertain themselves. This type ultimately will be costly for your soul. Fellow creative people will be your best audience and will give back as much or more than they get.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a simple reason for why you'll need to be around people this week even though you may not want to. Social situations cause you to smile, which is just part of who you are and how you prefer to greet the world. This smiling actually makes you happy whether or not you were feeling that way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Success boils down to mental toughness. But don't worry, because when you're feeling fragile, there are ways to trick your mind into being stronger than you feel. Turn your focus away from problems. Give someone help or a compliment -- that will change your focus. Or think about lessons learned and write them down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't worry about how your next move is going to make you look. That is beside the point. Besides, you can't control people's perceptions; you can only influence them. Think instead about how you'll feel when all is said and done. Keep in mind that you're more likely to regret what you didn't do than what you did.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Whatever happens, you'll look at it as feedback from the universe as to how things currently work. "Currently" is a relative term. Circumstances change rapidly and often, so don't be surprised if the same action taken days or even moments later yields different results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You usually don't think about the vibes you give off. You're too busy doing what feels natural, right and for the highest good. This week people show you how your energy touches them and makes them feel more alive. Your impressive level of production has something to do with the way you energize others.

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The So Classic Car Show will be held on February 8th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Tangerine Greenway, 49th St. and 18th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Early registration costs \$15, or \$20 at the gate. Gates will open at 7 a.m. Over 60 awards will be given. Event also features food, games, live entertainment and a large kiddie area.

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Valentine's Weekend Wedding Gown Celebration!

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He will also provide information regarding the proper restoration and preservation of fine textiles.

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Special Performance at Gulfport Library

On February 27th at 7 p.m. (light refreshments at 6:30 p.m.) the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library will sponsor a performance by Chautauqua actor Betty Jean Steinsouer about Ernest Hemingway as seen through the eyes of three women in his life: Willa Cather, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Gertrude Stein. This performance, a part of the Circle of Friends annual meeting, is made possible by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council. The Grand Opening of the library's Reading Garden will take place that evening as well. It promises to be an exceptional evening. Reservations suggested by calling 893-1073.

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"Ducky" Event to Benefit All Children's

The All Children's Hospital Guild Beach Branch members will present their 9th annual fund-raising event starring Sir Duck. This year "Ducky Goes to the Oscars" will be presented at The Club at Treasure Island, 400 Island Causeway in Treasure Island.

This fun filled event will take place on Friday, February 21 from 6-9 p.m. The cost per person is \$100. Festivities include dinner, open bar, silent and live auction. Music will be provided by "First Take."

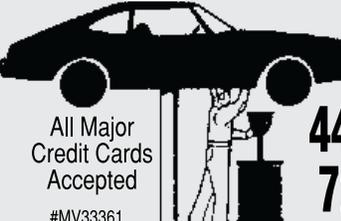
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The luncheon begins with cocktails at noon; lunch is served at 12:30 p.m., and is followed by a short meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a 45-minute

entertainment program beginning at 2 p.m. The festivities take place at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Boulevard in Pinellas Park.

Lunch costs \$14 per person for visitors and \$12 for members. It includes salad, rolls, entree, dessert and coffee or iced tea. There is a choice of two different entrees every month.

The club meets the first Friday of the month between October-May. Annual membership dues are \$10

per member. The club began in 1965 and will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee next year.

This month's entertainment will be pianist Richard Grimolizzi. There will also be the crowning of the King and Queen. Please make your reservations by calling Maren Anderson at 727-319-4232.

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Cell Phone Class

On Thursday, February 13th at 2 p.m., bring your cell phone to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. and ask your questions. Christine and Tony from The Cell Phone Solution will be here to answer all your questions about how to use your cell phone or smart phone, how to download apps, how to take a picture and send them, how to add contacts, and more

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RSVP's and inquires welcome at Inktank7777@yahoo.com or 727-345-6427.

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Bass season off to record-breaking start

Largemouth bass – Florida bucket-mouths – are showing up in abundance this winter, with an outstanding year projected by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists.

The first year of TrophyCatch ended, and the awards were all given out, but the challenge is on for year two. TrophyCatch rewards anglers for catching, documenting and releasing largemouth bass heavier than 8 pounds in Florida.

Bob Williams of Alloway, N.J., earned the TrophyCatch Championship ring for the first season. It was presented at Bass Pro Shops in Orlando last month by Keith Alan, from the American Outdoors Fund, and Tom Champeau, director of the FWC's Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. Williams' winning catch was a 13-pound,

14-ounce largemouth from Rodman Reservoir. He previously earned a free (\$500 value) fiberglass replica of his catch and other awards totaling approximately \$1,000.

A \$10,000 check was handed to Peter Perez at a special ceremony at West Lake Tohopekaliga by Experience Kissimmee representatives Debby Guertin and Terry Segraves, along with Champeau. Perez caught the largest TrophyCatch-verified bass from Osceola County to win the prize. He caught his winning 12-pound, 3-ounce bass last March in a neighborhood pond on a Rat-L-Trap.

The winner of the 2013 Phoenix 619 bass boat, powered by Mercury, was surprised angler Frank Ay. His prize was presented to him following a club tournament on Lake Okeechobee by professional bass angler Bobby Lane, Champeau and KP Clements, the TrophyCatch coordinator. Ay won the \$40,000 grand prize via a random drawing from among 4,000 anglers who registered for TrophyCatch the first season. See the TrophyCatch Florida YouTube channel (YouTube.com/TrophyCatchFlorida) for coverage of these awards.

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All couples welcome. They will host a reception with light refreshments following the service - still plenty of time to go out to dinner. If you can, please let them know you are coming so that they may plan properly by calling 360-8406. St. Alban's is located on Blind Pass Road at 85th Avenue in St. Pete Beach.

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Local Writers Speak at Boyd Hill

Come hear Gabber columnist and reporter Cathy Salustri will join Tampa Bay Times writer Jeff Klinkenberg, Hernando Today/Tampa Tribune staff writer Wendy Joan Biddlecombe, and USF St. Petersburg Associate Professor of English Dr. Thomas Hallock for the first of a three-part series, "How Do We Find Nature in the City?" on Friday, February 21.

As part of the Boyd Hill "Writers in the Preserve" series, the writers will read selections from their nonfiction work. Cathy Salustri's reading will focus on Clam Bayou.

On March 28, poets Gianmarc Manzione, Gloria Muñoz and Brian Duncan will lead a poetry night hike through the Preserve.

The series concludes on April 11 with "13 Ways of Looking at a City: Community Gathering," as writers, environmentalists and community advocates celebrate the natural and built environment of south St. Petersburg.

"This lecture series demonstrates the extraordinary talent at USF

St. Petersburg and our commitment to engaging the community with provocative programming," said Frank Biafora, Ph.D., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "I commend Dr. Hallock for his creative leadership."

The series is co-sponsored by the USFSP Florida Studies Program, the College of Arts and Sciences and Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. It is co-organized by Boyd Hill ranger Andrea Andersen.

Each event is free and open to the public and starts at 7 p.m. For more information contact Thomas Hallock

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Gulfport Candidates Q&A

Last week the Gulfport Candidates for Ward 3 participated in two debates. The following is excerpts from each.

Compiled by Cathy Salustri

Candidates for Ward Three Discuss Issues, Ideology at League of Women Voters Debate.

On March 11, Gulfport voters citywide will decide who has earned the right to represent ward three on city council over the next two years.

Last Tuesday night, Ward Three Council candidates met at Gulfport council chambers to answer questions at the League of Women Voters debate. Below we've showcased some snippets from some of the issues raised. As always, we encourage voters citywide to use this synopsis as a guide for asking each candidate more in-depth questions rather than the final word on how to cast their vote; please watch the full debate (read this article online at TheGabber.com for a link to the video) and speak with the candidates before making a voting decision.

Below find some of the highlights of what the candidates told voters at the debate:



Paul Ray
Candidate
Ward 3



Yolanda Roman
Candidate
Ward 3

About their top priorities:

Yolanda Roman (YR): Senior Services, senior programs; alleys.

Paul Ray (PR): 49th Street "cleaning it up, getting more businesses, cutting

down on crime", Clam Bayou cleanup, and sewer and stormwater issues.

About the 49th Street corridor:

PR: "Blight-looking...I know there's great businesses... some cleaning up of that street... woman at Neptune was mugged [on 49th]...we had a shooting at 15th and 49th." (Editor's note: the shooting took place on the St. Petersburg side of 49th Street and Gulfport Police have no record of a woman getting mugged in the past three months and only two robberies on 49th Street in that same period, one of which was a shoplifter resisting a shopkeeper.)

YR: "We do pay attention to 49th... instead of calling it a blight, let's work with So49, let's work with the community, let's work with the businesses... to make it better."

About Gulfport's environmental issues:

YR: Clam Bayou [is a] shared responsibility with State, St. Petersburg, citizens... She raised city council, said should the city should take existing data and send it to an independent source.

PR: 2009 was the "last real comprehensive study on Clam Bayou"... Said water sample is not an accurate reading of "how polluted" Clam Bayou is. Said the city needed to "demonstrate need for dredging."

Support sewer plan?

PR: Yes. Supports state revolving fund and that he believed "we're still looking into Con Edison as well". (Editor's note: public records and the city manager agree that council dismissed Con Edison as an option when it opted to pursue the state's revolving loan.)

YR: Yes.

Abandoned homes?

YR: Pointed to city analysis of 40-50 homes unoccupied "does not mean they're abandoned"; said city needs to see if they're abandoned.

PR: "I think the number was a little higher than 40 or 50" but said city cannot foreclose on a home, but "it would be the optimal avenue".

(Editor's note: City Manager Jim O'Reilly told the Gabber the city has an estimated 40 unoccupied home and stressed that all unoccupied homes are not abandoned.)

Race relations in Gulfport?

PR: "Not quite as nice as somebody would like... inclusive of straights, gays and lesbians... I see people on the beaches and it's very diverse... I've been in Ward Four and there were people who were stunned to see me and I was stunned that they were stunned."

YR: "How can we be more inclusive... to recognize cultures?" Said Gulfport could do a better job but did not "see that we have a race issue."

Marina development?

YR: Marina is one of Gulfport's "key priorities" ... "high-revenue generating for the city" but called lodging a "complicated, sensitive issue" and said the city had no plans for a hotel.

PR: "I have a lot of hope for the marina and I will eventually be putting a boat in there... [the city is] starting [to implement] master plan next year." Said city had plans for a hotel.

YR: "I have not seen plans for a hotel."

PR: "It was part of a proposal by Miss Brown... that had come up... and I think that is going to become part of the marina master plan that will be coming up next year."

(Editor's note: Councilwoman Brown did broach the subject of a hotel at a 2013 council meeting, council has not yet voted on whether or not to proceed with plans for a hotel. At this time, there is no recorded council action directing staff to build a hotel or to pursue finding a third party to build or operate any sort of lodging.)

Any possibility for citywide Internet access?

PR: Does not recommend citywide wi-fi.

YR: "If consumers are looking for it, the city should look into it."

Homeless shelter?

YR: Said she would want a study defining a homeless problem. "I Gabber February 6 - February 12, 2014

seen that, I don't know what that problem looks like." She advocated "due diligence" before exploring solutions. Called a homeless shelter "jumping the gun."

PR: Said, yes, there is a problem. "I watched two people walk by who were homeless... we also had Mr. [Lawrence] Burke... who submitted the plans for a homeless shelter on 49th Street."

YR: "I would not automatically look at a van and say 'they are homeless'."

PR: Said woman at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center told him homeless people would come to shelter and get cans of food.

Level of involvement in Gulfport over past few years?

PR: I have not been involved in a lot of the things in Gulfport itself. Said he had been involved with Lap of Love, the Children's Center, supports public radio, donates to Toys for Tots, and builds a lemonade stand every year to raise money for children's cancer [research].

YR: "Very functionally involved... home on tour of homes, trash cleanup events... advocated about domestic partnership registry."

Single Stream recycling?

YR: "Will require outsourcing... we have recycling programs... not in support of anything that will outsource our city services."

PR: "I am totally in support of single stream." Said the city could work with St. Petersburg Commissioner Darden Rice, who is implementing this in St. Petersburg.

YR: "We will impact our budget negatively."

PR: "It has no impact on us financially at all... it would be exactly the same thing."

(Editor's Note: Gulfport Public Works Director Don Sopak confirms that single stream recycling would represent a large loss of revenue for the city's recycling program; please see the January 30 City Whys for Mr. Sopak's figures)

Brownfields?

PR: "We have applied as a city... but we have not had anyone come forward

and apply to use these funds."

YR: "Do your research... we have been approved."

How can Gulfport attract new businesses?

PR: "49th Street has a lot of opportunity for businesses." Suggested chains such as "Dollar Stores."

YR: "We have a lot of good businesses coming into town... we don't like chain stores, I get it, but we do have those in our town."

How do you feel about getting our homes reclaimed water for the yards?

PR: "There are better alternatives... if you're reclaiming that water you're deducting it from the aquifer... it's not as useful as we think it would be." Said he uses rain barrels.

(Editor's Note: National, state, and local agencies, including Pinellas County the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, say the opposite.)

YR: "I'm not for anything that's going to take a lot of utilization and city services." Said she would look it up after learning more and potentially post her response on her site.

(Editor's note: According to City Manager O'Reilly and data from the county, Gulfport cannot get reclaimed water. It takes, according to Pinellas County, four households to produce enough reclaimable water for one home; only 25% of homes can ever receive reclaimed water.)

Solar panels on city property?

YR: "I need to understand where the benefits are, where it's done... we have to be careful how we utilize our budget." Said she would not commit without knowing "ultimate impact" and that the initiative should be, at a minimum, cost-neutral.

PR: "I designed my own system... need to look at cost versus revenue."

Parking problem downtown?

PR: "It is a big issue... would like to see golf carts."

YR: Suggested a "trolley that can loop."

(Editor's note: the city already has a trolley that loops at special events.)

Should we revisit PACE?

YR: Expressed support for the program.

PR: Said Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac don't support the program but they "will probably be bankrupt in a year or two, so we won't have to worry about it."

Face Off: Candidates Debate Gulfport Issues at Town Shores

Tuesday morning the candidates met for a debate at Town Shores. Below we have included the points made by each candidate at the Town Shores debate and, when necessary, noted when a candidate presented facts we either could not verify or could only prove false. Anything enclosed in quotation marks are the words of the Again, this article gives only the main points; for elaboration, please watch the videos and then contact the candidates. com.

In February we will sit down with each candidate for more in-depth interviews. Please contact individual candidates if you wish to clarify the statements below.

Paul Ray

- Introduced "his other half", Wesley Sloat

- Expressed disappointment no council members attended and expressed his respect for Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon

- Said he did not favor outsourcing services

- Said the city is "only recycling paper and cans" and needs to move to single source recycling.

(As per city management and department heads, Gulfport recycles paper, cans, bottles, paperboard, cardboard, glass and yard waste, although does not offer curbside glass recycling)

- Said Gulfport will have more money after the marina upgrade, lower water bills after sewer fixes, and thus should not have to raise rates. Added that if the city has money left over at the end of the year taxes are too high.

- Defined the role of government as "least is best", but also should

set policy, increase businesses, and increase safety and protection for the citizens

- Said city has a business closing because of zoning laws and can't rebuild because of a storm and the city may have to relax zoning laws (*the Gabber pulled the permit records of the one business known to be affected by a storm, Yummy's, and found 15 approved permits and none denied. In addition, additions and ADA enhancements continue on that building. Yummy's had an expedited permitting process with the city and required no variances. Currently all permits have city approval.*)

- Does not favor borrowing money but said city would to fix sewers

- Said city will work with ConEd to fix sewers (*As per the Gulfport City Manager and public records of council meetings, city council opted to use the state's revolving loan plan and will not use ConEd*)

- Said Gulfport had fish swimming on downtown streets because of bad sewers (*the Gabber could not locate such fish or find evidence of fish swimming downtown and, as such, could not attribute alleged swimming to sewage*)

- Said he could not address how to fix bocce ball courts on Gulfport's beach

- About golf carts, he said they would minimize parking issues. Said that compared to his experience to visiting relatives at The Villages, would approve in the city. Said they should have all safety features, drivers should have a license and register their vehicles with the city. Also said vehicles should have a minimum speed.

- Called the mooring field a "very good idea" and "source of revenue for the city".

- Said he did not favor chain stores south of 22nd but does think they offer a "viable alternative" on 49th Street

- About 49th Street, said Gulfport must work with Saint Petersburg or

else it's "putting lipstick on a pig". He also said Gulfport "never applied" for brownfield funding (*the Gabber confirmed with Gulfport's city manager Jim O'Reilly that Gulfport city applied for and received \$400,000 in brownfield funds; Mr. Ray revised his statement at the evening debate; please see below*)

- Advocated collaboration and transparency with Town Shores

- When asked, said he has registered as a republican and democrat in the past (*Pinellas County records show him registered as Independent*)

- Advocated for national healthcare system, but said the Affordable Healthcare Act has flaws and that government implemented it too quickly

- When asked why voters should elect him, he said because of his analytical and critical thinking. Said he ran "only because" Councilwoman Jennifer Salmon chose to step down and he wanted to bring her type of analysis to city council.

"If a UFO landed in the backyard I would flip it over and find out where it's made," he said. He cited his experience as a consultant, president of a company. He also said that living as an openly gay man allowed him to accept people.

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Yolanda Roman

- Introduced herself as a mother of three with expertise in project planning, team development and experience working with government

- Discussed marina, sewers and seniors as priorities (*she also mentioned seniors as a priority as an earlier, non-Town Shores event*)

- Said she did not support outsourcing city services

- Said recent tax hike came from a desire to "make sure we can depend on our quality of life"

- Defined role of government as "operational obligations" and amenities

- Stressed her ability to be available to all groups

- Defined her top three priorities as downtown parking, alleys and streets, and sewers

- Does not advocate long-term loans

- Spoke at length about how best to address bocce ball courts; said city staff needed to be made aware of issues

- Golf carts? In favor of them, within safety confines

- Favors a mooring field. Advocated measuring "environmental impact" in Boca Ciega Bay as well as an environmental pre-check to determine "is this going to have an impact?", which she said the city did.

- "I am not going to say 'absolutely not'," she said, pointing to McDonald's and Walgreens, when asked about chains .

- Advocated communication and transparency to determine what Town Shores residents want

- Said she took offense at saying 49th street is "worse" or "most devalued" part of our city – "we have restaurants working there, we have businesses, we have a bank, So49". She said she favored asking businesses what they need, said she doesn't want to insult those businesses. Says Gulfport "can't control St. Petersburg"; advocated looking at what Gulfport has the power to do.

- When asked, said registered she was a registered Democrat but reminded people the election was non-partisan

- Supports the Affordable Care Act but admits it needs tweaking

- When asked why voters should elect her, she said serving was "community service at the utmost" and that she was not afraid to reach out, ask questions, hear tough things and can challenge and research issues.

- "My commitment is to work hard" said she defines herself as the "bridge candidate".

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Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

The following event will be held at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Drive S. in St. Petersburg. Call 727-381-8920 or visit www.gardenclubstpetersburg.org.

• Tuesday, February 11, 12:30 p.m.: "School and Community Gardens" with speaker Annette Hubbard, Chairman of the Community and School Gardens Committee

• Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m.: "Helpful Techniques to Prepare Potted Plants for the Green Thumb Festival" presented by members of the Night Bloomers Circle.

• Wednesday, February 12, 10 a.m.: "Leaf Manipulation" a workshop presented by the Flower Arranging Circle. A Mini Flower Show of Underwater Design will be included.

• Thursday, February 13, 10 a.m.: "Growing Tropical Clumping Bamboo in Your Yard" with guest Speaker Karlyn Bradshaw from Island Bamboo.

• Thursday-Saturday, February 20-22: "Annual Flea Market-Collectibles-Plant Sale". Thursday, February 20: Preview Night with wine and cheese, 5-7 p.m. Cost \$5. Friday, February 21: 9-3 p.m. Free. Saturday, February 22: 9-1 p.m. Free.

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Gulfport City Council Meeting Public Comment & Council Quotes

"We wanted something that would really encompass all of us, not just downtown." – Lori Rosso, about the city's new proposed logo

"I like the pirate-y kind of font, too." – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown, about the city's new proposed logo

"If it wasn't for Phyllis, I don't think any of this would have happened." – Phyllis Rosenblum, about Phyllis Plotnick and her efforts with the Gulfport Library's Circle of Friends

"That button ain't doing it. Somebody's going to get hit sooner or later." – Stan Kreuter, about drivers ignoring the cyclist-activated crosswalk at the Pinellas Trail between Lincoln and Woodlawn cemeteries on 58th Street.

"Besides Ireland I can't think of a better place to be on St. Patrick's Day." – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about the annual O'Maddy's celebration

"I believe this is a hootenanny." – City Manager Jim O'Reilly, about the Gulfport Historical Society's March 29 event at Scout Hall

"Am I bartending again?" Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke, about the upcoming hootenanny

"Oh! I was going to ask you." – Ward Two Councilwoman Christine Brown

"I guess I am." – Vice Mayor Dan Liedtke. Mayor Sam Henderson and Ward Four Councilman Michael Fridovich also volunteered.

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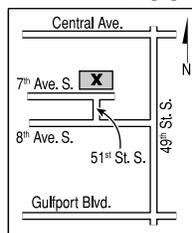
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PROGRAMS

2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD CARE PROGRAM- Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who are entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

2013-2014 TOT TIME PROGRAM – Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 Tot Time Program continue for children ages 3-5 years old. The Tot Time Program is a preschool, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. A non-refundable annual registration fee of \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents.

2013-2014 VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) PROGRAM- Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 VPK Program continue for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Parents must apply at the Early

Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. and the child must receive a Certificate of Eligibility. VPK is FREE. Contact the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, Inc. at 400-4411 for questions or call the Recreation Center at 893-1068 for more details.

2013-2014 TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM - Ongoing registrations for the 2013-2014 Teen Night Program continue for teens in middle school to age 17. The program is a great place to hang out and meet new friends. It provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. **FREE REGISTRATION IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY!**

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

• BeVolley Academy Clinics - Call 495-6696 for more information or visit the website www.bevolleyacademy.com

• Chair Yoga - Fri., 10-11am. Call Joyce at 727-345-0679

• NOVICE Conversational Spanish – Mon:4:15-5:15 p.m. Call Ivone 727-482-2125 for more info.

• Advanced Beginners Conversational Spanish – Mon 3 -4 p.m. Call Ivone 727-482-2125 for more info.

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

• German – Thur. 6-7:15 p.m.. Call Birgit at 755-3459.

• Gymnastics – Thur., 5:30-6:15p.m. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

• Hatha Flow Yoga AM – Mon., 9-10 a.m. Call Valerie at 557-4258.

• Hatha Flow Yoga PM - Wed., 5:00-6:15

p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.

• Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.

• Stretch-n-Tone- Tue. & Thurs., 9-10 a.m. Call Jean at 727-302-1016

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

• Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, & 6 p.m. for adults & Fri. 5pm for Juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276

• Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness – Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. & Thur. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please call Donnie Ali-McClendon @ 727-550-7185.

• Walking Club- Thurs., 9 a.m.- Noon. Call John at 893-1079

• Women's Self-Defense – Thur., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.

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

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

• Zumba - Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

TOMLINSON SKATE PARK

As of October 1st, ALL skaters/bicyclists MUST purchase a new City of Gulfport Skate Park sticker to use the City of Gulfport's Tomlinson Skate Park. Stickers MUST be visibly placed on the helmet. Annual fee for stickers is \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. Also, all skaters/bicyclists 17 years of age or younger MUST have a signed parental consent form filed at the Gulfport Recreation Center which is located at 5730 Shore Blvd. S. Availability to register: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Stickers valid from October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. Bicycles permitted on SUNDAYS only.



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TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

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

ADULT/ALL AGES PROGRAMS

Victors' Support Group for Victims of Sexual Abuse: Mondays, 6 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-637-4331.

Free Thinkers Open AA (Twelve Step) Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm. FMI: Call 727-360-9069.

Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers: Wednesdays at 10 am.

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. FMI, call 727-827-7875.

Women's AA Club: Fridays, 5:45 – 6:45 pm. FMI, call 893-1073.

Adventures in Ancestry: Tuesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Lynne Brown instructs you on how to research your family's history and genealogy. Call 893-1073 FMI.

AARP Income Tax Assistance: Mondays & Fridays, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. TAXPAYERS MUST BRING SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL PERSONS LISTED ON THEIR TAX RETURNS, A PICTURE ID, AND ALL PERTINENT RECORDS SUCH AS W2'S, 1099'S, other income & credits, & a copy of last year's return if available. Free Electronic filing is

available at all sites. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thurs., Feb. 20, 11:00 am. **Note new time. Discussion of Dharma Bums by Jack Kerouac, over coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. Please call 893-1073 FMI.

Gulfport Garden Club Program: Thurs., Feb. 20, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

SCORE Counseling: Tues., Feb. 25, FREE & helpful advice from experienced business professionals the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 893-1073 FMI & to schedule an appointment.

Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library Annual Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30 pm reception with refreshments served in the Frances Purdy Friends Room; Meeting at 7:00 pm. Features a performance by Chautauqua actor, Betty Jean Steinsouer about Ernest Hemingway as seen through the eyes of three women in his life. Performance made possible by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council. Event includes the Grand Opening of the Library's Reading Garden. Please pre-register for this very special occasion by calling 727-893-1073 or sign up at the Reference Desk.

CHILDREN/FAMILY PROGRAMS

Science Club: Mondays, 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Children in grades K-5 are invited to join us as we build our own creations with Legos and try a new experiment every week! Parents are welcome to join in on the the fun!

Storytime: Join Cailey every Thursday morning for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community. Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am.

Free Family Movie Day: Sat., Feb. 15, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 p.m. Join us as for this popular monthly program. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

Crafts Club for All Ages: Sat., Feb. 8, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Valentine's Day is coming up soon. Join Pat as she shares great ideas for recycling craft materials into personalized gifts and cards to share with loved ones for the holiday & more for the month of February. All necessary supplies provided – just bring yourself!

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. Come challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hangout. Free Refreshments. FMI, call 727-893-1073 & ask for Cailey.

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center

5501 27th Ave. S. 893-2237

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

The Gulfport Senior Center Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 - 3 p.m. You must be over 50 and a Gulfport resident. Pre-qualification is also needed before use of the pantry. Please bring your Gulfport Picture I.D., a utility bill and proof of income. See Rachel at the Center or call 893-1231.

Do you know someone who lives alone and could use a friendly check in call? Volunteers for the Reassurance Telephone Program call Gulfport seniors every Monday through Saturday between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. To sign up for this program, please visit the Gulfport Senior Center and bring valid I.D.

SPECIAL EVENTS

1st Friday Flea Market - Friday, February 7th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Monthly Memory Screening Clinic - 2nd Monday of every month, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Peggy Macaluso with Alzheimer's Association will be at the Senior Center offering FREE and confidential memory screenings as well as information to our members. MUST call and schedule your screening.

Movie Day at the Snack Bar - Tuesday, February 11th at 11:00 am. Watch a FREE, current movie and get a great deal on lunch for only \$3.00!

Pinellas County Property Appraiser - Pinellas County Property Appraisers will assist Gulfport seniors in completing the application for the Low Income Senior Exemption on Wednesday, February 12th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Law of Attraction "The Love Connection" - Join us on Wednesday, February 12th at 1:30 pm as Master Life Coach, Kathy

Lane returns to discuss understanding the essentials for attracting love.

Monthly Blood Sugar Checks - NEW! - It's important to know your numbers! The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay will be at the Senior Center on the 2nd Thursday of every month, 10:30 - 11:30 am to provide blood sugar checks.

Cell Phone Class - Bring your cell phone and ask your questions! On Thursday, February 13th at 2:00 pm Tony and Christine from the Cell Phone Solution will be here to answer questions about using your smart phone, taking and downloading pictures, adding contacts, and more.

The Puzzle Pages - Join us on Friday, February 14th at 11:00 am for a Puzzle Party. Learn how to play Sudoku, crosswords and more. Free fun and prizes for everyone!

Murder Mystery Dinner Show - A.C.E.S. presents "Murder on Blueberry Hill" on Friday, February 14th at 6:00 pm. A murder has occurred and guests will be questioned as possible suspects in this interactive show that features live music from the 1950's, trivia, re-enactments of bygone days, and dance lessons with contests and prizes at the end PLUS a 4 course meal.

Gulfport Health & Wellness Expo - Empower Your Mind, Body, & Soul. Come out to the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S., Gulfport on February 19th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm for a day of healthy fun, free for all ages! Health screenings, interactive demonstrations, eastern & western modalities, and fresh & healthy food.

Bon Voyage - Where have you been lately? Bahamas? Italy? Grand Canyon? Share your travel stories, pictures, and tips with other travelers as you hear about their experiences at the NEW discussion group, "Bon Voyage" that meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month starting February 20th at 1:00 pm. Cruise specialist, Ester, from Four Seasons Travel & Cruise will be here to provide great tips and

insider information.

Gulfport Getaway-To FL Holocaust Museum on Tues., Feb. 11th. You do not need to be a GEMS member. Call GEMS at 727-893-2242 to reserve your seat by Feb. 5th GEMS Member \$13, non-member \$15.

SPECIAL SERVICES

This is your Center! Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Senior Center registration is easy and free.

FREE Phones for persons with mild to severe hearing loss - Florida residents with certified hearing loss are eligible to receive a free amplified phone from the non-profit Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI). Cordless and corded phones are available through FTRI at the Gulfport Senior Center every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. You MUST call 727-399-9983 to qualify.

G.E.M.S. Gulfport Extended Mobility Service:

Affordable transportation for Gulfport residents 55 and over as well as disabled under 55. \$65 annual membership. \$2 per ride and your ride to the Senior Center is FREE! Go to the mall, grocery store, doctor's appointments and more. Call 727-893-2242.

NEW FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 p.m.

Snack Bar: Bring a friend to the Senior Center and enjoy a light breakfast for only \$2.50 or lunch for only \$3.

Support Groups

Diabetic: on Mondays at 9:30am

Caregivers: Every Wed. at 12:30pm

Hearing Loss: 1st & 3rd Mondays at 2:00 pm

Visual: 2nd & 4th Mondays at 2 pm

Grief/Loss Support Group, 2nd Monday at 5:30 pm

More Activities: www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org



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Local Obituaries

BELETZKY, PAULA, 88, of Gulfport, died Jan. 30, 2014. Survived by 2 sons; 2 daughters; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild. Royal Palm North Cemetery & Funeral Chapel.

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DRINKWATER, FRANK E., 83, of S. Pasadena died Jan. 28, 2014. A memorial service will held Friday, Jan. 31, 1 p.m. at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, St. Pete Beach. National Cremation Society .

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JONES, GARRY G., JR., 39, of Gulfport, died Jan. 24, 2014. A tile setter. Survived by loving family and friends. Memorial Saturday, Feb. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at Dobies FH-Holiday dobiesfuneralhome.com.

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KREML, ELMER, 97, of Gulfport, died Jan. 31, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Lucy J. Kreml. Abbey Affordable Cremation & Funeral Services 727-517-234.

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STAMBAUGH, ALTHEA FULLER, age 93, of St. Pete Beach, wife of the late Ted Stambaugh, passed away Jan. 24, 2014. She was born in Wheaton, IL, on Sept. 28, 1920, daughter of the late George and Patrice Butler Fuller. Following the market crash, George and Patty moved their four children to Mobile, AL, and later to Fair-hope where Althea attended the School of Organic Education whose headmaster was a protégé' of John Dewey's. Here Althea developed her lifelong loves of gardening and reading. While attending Louisiana State University, Althea met the

love of her life, and on March 7, 1943, she and the handsome Navy ensign John Edward "Ted" Stambaugh were married. Following Ted's discharge from the Navy, Althea moved with Ted and their young son, John, to Ted's home state of Florida first to Miami, and later to St. Pete Beach where they would settle and raise their five children. Their love of St. Pete Beach led Ted to elected positions as city commissioner and mayor, and Althea to participation in Gulf Beaches Elementary PTA, and later the St. Pete Beach Garden Club and Meals on Wheels. In total, Althea called her beloved adopted city home for nearly 70 years. She never tired of watching the sun set over Blind Pass nor basking in the warm sun and sighing, "Ah, Florida!" Althea is survived by her loving family that meant the world to her, including sons, John, Rob (Debbie); daughters, Patrice Boyer (Tom), Holly Atkins (Steve); six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and many others who felt her deep love of children and came to call her "Nana." Althea was a longtime member of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist in St. Petersburg. Althea was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Ted; son, Rusty; and grandson, John III. A celebration of Althea's long and wonderful life will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15th, 2-4 p.m., at Silas' Banquets, 5501 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. American Cremation Society.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Laureate Epsilon Theta members enjoyed cheering on their favorite team for the Super Bowl. The social was held on Sunday, February 2 at the home of Joyce and Clarence Keller for the "Souper Bowl" Party hosted by Lucy Brushaber, Kay and Jimmy Brown.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter members will meet on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kay Brown and Kay will present the program. At this meeting we will be honoring our Chapter Sweetheart Val Rankin.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. Most chapters meet from September to May twice a month. Each chapter has a variety of socials. There are career chapters which meet once a month and have an abbreviated format. Many chapters have service projects but our focus is on social and cultural programs. For more information, please contact, JoAnne Good at 423-7890 or Barbara Kilinger at 544-7280.

Sunshine City Council will host an "Ice Cream Social" on Saturday, February 22 at the Elmer O. Smith Masonic Lodge in Pinellas Park from 1-3 p.m. Vice Presidents JoAnne Good and Barbara Killinger will be inviting ladies who have expressed an interest in learning more about Beta Sigma Phi. Members from the local chapters will be attending as well to provide information about their chapter's activities."

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Back to the 80's Annual Live and Silent auction will be held at St. John Vianney Catholic School, 500 84th Avenue in St. Pete Beach on Saturday, March 1 from 6-10 p.m.

Tickets will be available for \$40/person at the church and school offices. For more information please call St. John Vianney Catholic School at 727-360-1113.

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Club to Hold Fashion Accessory Show

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Boulevard N.E will be holding their monthly meeting on Friday, February 14th at 1 p.m. Come join them for their Valentine's Day Free Fashion Accessory Show by Patchington's. Learn how to tie scarves and look your best! Come and bring a friend. New members are welcome! Refreshment served after business meeting.

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club which celebrated its 100 years of community activity in 2013, is affiliated with the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. It is a not-for-profit volunteer organization committed to serving the community through hands-on projects and fund raising as well as leadership development. To find out more information about the club regarding membership, monthly meetings, Saturday Group, weekly sewing group, card games or information on booking their Historical Clubhouse call 727-



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Canadian Legion Members

Royal Canadian Legion, Post 144, Pinellas County, FL (founded 1942) meets monthly over the snowbird season at American Legion Post 7, 1760 Turner Street, Clearwater, for a regular Legion meeting, pot-luck snacks, and comradeship. They have many social events scheduled over the season including parades

(Remembrance Day, Flag Disposal), Picnics, Christmas Dinner/Dance, Invasions, Blue Jays/Rays game, etc. Annual Regular, Associate, and Affiliate Memberships are only \$40 (includes Legion Magazine). Current RCL Members are welcome to become 'Winter Members' (\$10) and receive our Veterans Voice newsletter. Their next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 10th, (Pipes & Drums Night). Call Dann Oliver at 727-343-3843, or email dannoliver@galt.biz.

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

"You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt."

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

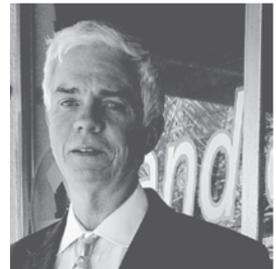
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Sanders has held a number of seminars and written professional papers concerning bankruptcy law in general, ECF requirements and new issues. He is a former director of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Georgia.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Something More Than Cursive

There is something telling that the big argument or concern in the halls of Florida State education is whether or not to include cursive writing as a part of the Common Core curriculum. It's odd, of course, that this national, let's-all-have-a-common-school-curriculum doesn't include cursive, sometimes called script. If knowledge seeks to link generations, build on solid bases, and so forth, it's hard to ignore cursive. If people 30 and under can not read script, that's a language barrier.

Be that as it may, my point is that cursive, while not irrelevant, is such a minor factor in the much, much larger issue of whether or not students are getting an adequate education. Let's start with the basics: do the students really care about learning at all? I know it's normal that kids don't want to "go" to school, study, take tests. I didn't like to do any of those things either.

The question today is whether students just don't give a hoot at all. Hey. School is free. It's just something we have to go through. All our parents want is for us to get a certificate that says we graduated. Maybe 75 per cent of us will make it through. But, don't push us. Don't give us too much homework. Don't interfere with our extracurricular activities and what we consider "our time off". The pressure is too much. Besides, it's aggravating our parents. THEY don't like all this pushing. It interferes with THEIR time. Besides, the teachers are supposed to make us learn. Teach us something. That's their responsibility. To pause here: it might be helpful to talk to students in countries where they don't have an opportunity to learn for free if they have an opportunity at all.

Of course, it's all the teachers' fault. That's where most of the focus has been. That, and not having the right facilities - buildings, equipment (the latest, of course), social support

programs and all that. After that it's the taxpayers' fault for not paying enough money for higher teachers' salaries, newer buildings, better sports facilities. On top of that, no one knows what to teach, much less how to teach. What's wrong with THEM? Here we are. Educate us. How did anyone ever learn before having all these elaborate facilities.

Oh, I forgot about the parents. Do they care? Are schools just free baby sitting facilities? Are schools the substitute parents expected to shelter, feed (now two meals, soon to be three meals), discipline AND teach. Is there no responsibility for the parents except to pay the taxes?

Too harsh. Maybe. Maybe not. Maybe the free bit is too free. What you don't have to pay for is hard to appreciate. Somebody is paying, but maybe it's not so obvious, just part of the landscape. So, maybe the blame game is like standing in a circle each pointing a finger inward. That's probably fair. Everyone has to share the blame. There is enough to go around.

Start with setting the standards. Yes, standards. There's a performance, as well as behavior, standard that is expected for all. That's it. It's set by the adults, not by the children or the children-like parents. These are standards that should reflect not only the contemporary times, but the links to the past and universal values and goals such as preparing students to take part in a participatory representative form of government. That may be priority number one. That in itself implies learning to read and write and calculate. Then there's the issue of making certain there are performance standards for the students as well as the teachers and, of course, the administrators.

That's called accountability and it implies measurements (in some cases tests) as well as post evaluations. Do schools measure progress from grade to grade, within grades, between classes and teachers of those classes, materials covered or not covered, evaluations from elementary to

middle to junior high or senior high? Is there a follow up to determine what results the schools achieved: what is needed in the work place, in higher education? Is there a process for feedback?

Are the students aware all these processes are going on or that they should be going on? Shouldn't they be a part of it? I'm always intrigued about how parents, teachers, students and the general public accept that activities such as band and drama and sports expect standards and enforce those standards, and have no problem rewarding or discarding those who don't perform - and that goes for the performers and the teacher/coaches. Of course, you cannot cast aside non-performing students, but you can determine the why and deal with that problem. By the way, there can't be solutions without identifying the problem (not an original thought, of course).

There seems to be a consensus that our system of mass education is not working for the masses. Yes, some self or parent motivated students have taken advantage of the free opportunities and exceeded exceptionally well. Perhaps that's one of the aspects of the so-called inequality of wages and achievements. People who see the opportunities take them and don't wait for the laggards. Others want to take opportunities but are blocked from doing so in an educational structure dominated by one model.

More is missing from the educational curriculum than cursive instruction. I think it is accountability and flexibility and alternatives. But, until a new way is determined and accepted, we're going to get the same results.

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- Trespass**- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Harassing Phone Calls**- Location Withheld.
- Fraud/Forgery**- 5500 Blk 28th Ave. S.
- Domestic**- 58th St. & Shore Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run**- 5400 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Burglary Residence**- 1000 Blk Hull St. S.
- Animal Call**- 800 Blk Hull St. S.

- Juvenile Trouble**- 5800 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Saturday 1/25**
- Shots Fired (Heard)**- 6100 Blk 13th Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)**- 6000 Blk 9th Ave. S.
- Domestic**- 5600 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Domestic**- 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Assault/Battery**- 5100 Blk Ave. S.
- Person Under Influence**- 5800 Blk 30th Ave. S.
- Domestic**- 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Noise**- 6300 Blk 10th Ave. S.
- Noise**- 5600 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Sunday 1/26**
- Noise**- 54th St. & Tangerine Ave. S.
- Domestic**- 5700 Blk 12th Ave. S.
- Animal Call**- Newton Ave. & 55th St. S.
- Person Under Influence**- 2600 Blk Miriam St. S.
- Noise**- 5400 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Hit & Run**- 5100 Blk Preston Ave. S.
- Shots Fired (Heard)**- 700 Blk Gray St. S.

Monday 1/27

- Theft**- 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Trespass**- 700 Blk 58th St. S.
- Animal Call**- 2800 Blk Upton St. S.
- Burglary Residence**- 5800 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic**- 1700 Blk 51st St. S.
- Keep the Peace**- 1100 Blk Hull St. S.

Tuesday 1/28

- Burglary Vehicle**- 2200 Blk 49th St. S.
- Noise**- 5400 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Burglary Residence**- 5900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Theft**- 6300 Blk Pasadena Pt. Blvd. S.
- Juvenile Trouble**- 1800 Blk 55th St. S.
- Burglary Residence**- 2800 Blk 46th St. S.
- Domestic**- 5400 Blk 15th Ave. S.
- Keep the Peace**- 2800 Blk 46th St. S.

Wednesday 1/29

- Assault/Battery**- 1300 Blk 56th St. S.
- Theft**- 5700 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Animal Call**- 5200 Blk 14th Ave. S.
- Theft**- 5500 Blk Shore Blvd S.
- Juvenile Trouble**- 1200 Blk Gray St. S.

Thursday 1/30

- Person Under Influence**- Shore Blvd. & 56th St. S.
- Theft**- 900 Blk 8th St. S.
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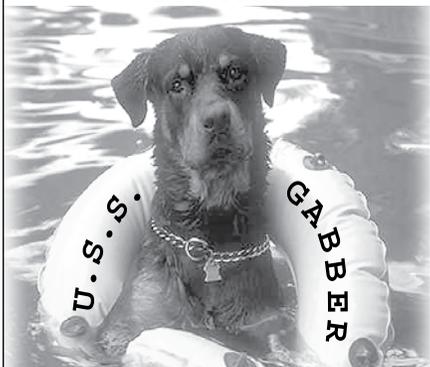
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By Scott Lafee

Fruit for Thought

You know the Welsh adage about an apple a day keeping the doctor away? Well, a recent report published in the British Medical Journal found that in people ages 50 and older, the positive effects of eating an apple a day on cardiovascular health are comparable to those of taking a cholesterol-lowering statin drug.

Researchers at the University of Oxford calculated the health benefits of 70 percent of Britons older than 50 eating one apple daily compared to the same group consuming a statin. They estimated that by eating apples, 8,500 deaths would be avoided annually versus 9,400 lives saved on statins -- based on a total population of 17.6 million people.

Apples are rich in antioxidants, flavonoids and dietary fiber, which is particularly useful in cardiovascular health. A Florida State University study, for example, found that older women who ate apples daily had 23 percent less bad cholesterol, or LDL, and 4 percent more good cholesterol, or HDL, after just six months.

The researchers wryly noted that on the negative side, apples cost more than statins and are not covered by health insurance. On the plus: Apple consumption has no known adverse side effects.

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authors of "Depression" (2009). The estimate does not include out-of-pocket family expenses, costs of minor and untreated depression, excessive hospitalization, general medical services, and diagnostic tests.

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18 -- Percentage of Americans polled who said there should be no minimum age requirement to purchase the morning after birth control pill

17 -- Percentage who said a prescription should be required, regardless of the buyer's age

61 -- Percentage who said the morning after pill should be covered by health insurance

Source: NPR Truven Health Analytics

DOC TALK

Anhidrosis -- the abnormal absence of sweat

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Chiroptophobia -- fear of bats

OBSERVATION

"He who laughs, lasts." -- American author Mary Pettibone Poole

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What Steps are Involved in the Probate Process?

(This Article is Part III in our review of the Florida probate process and follows our last feature on probate.)

5. Filing the Inventory

Next, a Personal Representative is required to develop an inventory and appraisal of an estate's assets and debts which must be filed with the Probate Court.

When developing an inventory, the Personal Representative should identify all of the estate's probate property, including both real estate and personal property. To conduct the inventory, the Personal Representative may need to visit a savings and loan or bank to determine the value of a savings account on the date of death. When doing so, it is best for the Personal Representative to take along letters of administration as proof of his/her authority.

While the inventory need not detail every last piece of clothing or all of the pots and pans, the Personal Representative must place a value on the deceased's personal articles, including keepsakes. A Personal Representative may estimate the value of estate property or hire a professional appraiser to determine the value of probate assets. A Personal Representative should be involved in the inventory and appraisal as much as possible.

When conducting the inventory, the Personal Representative should distinguish between property that the deceased owned individually (probate property) and jointly with right of survivorship (non-probate property).

6. Paying Creditors, Taxes and Fees

All debts and taxes owed by the estate are then required to be paid. A Personal Representative is responsible for determining the validity of creditor claims and paying the debts. A Personal Representative

is also responsible for preparing and filing the tax returns. The following types of taxes may arise in estate administration:

- A. Personal Income Tax
- B. Estate Income Tax
- C. Inheritance Tax
- D. Estate Tax

Compared with the substantial value of many estates, court costs and probate administration fees may seem relatively minor.

In addition to court fees, estates normally incur other administration costs. Perhaps most significant among these is attorney's fees and the cost of providing the required notice. Registered letters may need to be mailed to all interested parties and a Personal Representative must publish notice of the estate in local newspapers. Also, an estate will have to cover the cost of the Personal Representative's bond.

7. Preparing the Final Accounting

The Personal Representative prepares a final accounting of the estate's value and debts. The final accounting is complete once the inventory, appraisal, and payment of any outstanding taxes and debts is accomplished. The final accounting is a detailed balance sheet that shows the value of all the estate's assets, along with any income or interest earned, debts paid, money owed, and tax payments. The final accounting is sent to the Court and all interested parties for review and approval. The heirs have a right to challenge this accounting because a mistake could directly affect the size of their inheritances.

8. Distributing the Assets

The Personal Representative next oversees the distribution of the estate's assets to survivors, according to the instructions in the will. If a person dies without a will, then the intestacy laws of the State of Florida direct the distribution.

9. Closing the Estate

Following approval of the final accounting, a Personal Representative can close the estate. To do so, a Personal Representative submits a sworn statement to the Probate Court and interested parties which specifies all estate business is finished. This may require a formal Court hearing with all interested parties given the opportunity to attend.

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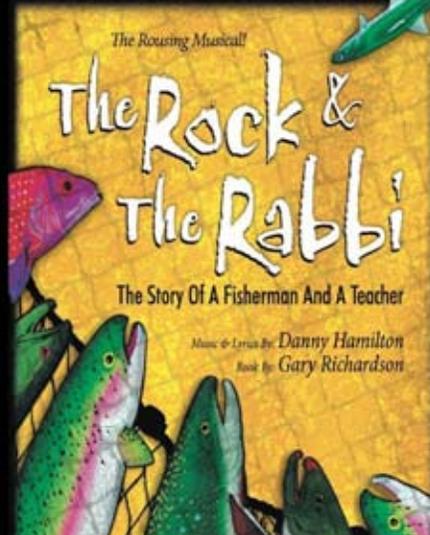
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1. Carry only the keys you use every day. Clean everything else off your key ring. If you don't recognize

what a key is for, toss it. If you have keys you use occasionally, keep them on separate rings in a safe place. I carry only three keys: house, car and office. They're not bulky, simple to select AND fit into a small pocket in my purse. Not only has this small trick simplified my life, but my car's ignition is happier too. Heavy keys pull the ignition out of alignment, causing it to eventually fail.

2. Get rid of all but one credit card. One statement, one bill. Having so

many credit cards can really stress your life and it is not necessary. In fact, many cards are hazardous to your wealth. Start today with the goal to strategically get rid of all but one on which you carry \$0 balance.

3. Downsize your purse or briefcase. Carry only the minimum essentials. If you're anything like me, no matter what size of bag you carry, it is completely filled and then some. Ditch the bag that's the size of Nebraska in favor of something small and compact. Now carry only the items you really need.

4. Cut back your jewelry to a couple of simple but elegant items. It takes a lot of energy to manage dozens of pairs of earrings, necklaces and bracelets. About 15 years ago, I decided I would own and wear only one pair of classic earrings. It was a bold move, but one I have never regretted. You cannot imagine how this has simplified my life.

5. Buy only white linens. Now everything matches, and that saves time and hassle. Fine hotels everywhere feature all-white linens. You should, too. When everything is white, you don't worry about fading, about matching up sets or if the linens match the room's decor. Every top sheet goes with every fitted sheet, so you don't have laundry-time hassles. Everything launders the same. White linens are classic, and they're cheaper too.

6. Keep a tasteful trash receptacle where you open mail. Handle the mail only once. Don't carry all the junk mail to the table to become more household clutter. Put a waste can right where you open the mail, and dump the junk the moment you identify it as such.

7. Change your attitude about voicemail. I cannot believe how my life has been simplified since I no longer feel obligated to return voicemails. If they want me badly enough, they'll call back. In the meantime, I use the delete feature with reckless abandon. Delete, delete, delete.

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The Pinellas County Extension offers Landscape BMP certification classes monthly. Classes are offered in English and in Spanish. The class cost is \$15.

To see a class schedule and register for a class session, visit www.LandscapeBMP.eventbrite.com. For more information about the countywide fertilizer & landscape maintenance ordinance, visit www.pinellascounty.org/fertilizer or call

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Where were you in the 1960s, and do you have an interesting St. Petersburg story to tell?

The St. Petersburg Main Library is making a film that will compile stories from the illustrious decade of peace, love and harmony. The stories will be filmed at the Main Library at 3745 Ninth Avenue N. on February 22nd. If you would like to tell your story, please call Kelly Malizia, Manager of Libraries for the City of St. Petersburg at 727-892-5003 to reserve your spot.

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Dates Set for Summer Bridge Programs

Pinellas County Schools will once again offer Summer Bridge programs for eligible children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Core programs for elementary, middle and high school students will run Monday through Thursday from June 17 to July 24. Summer Bridge extended learning programs are aimed at preventing learning losses and preparing students for the next grade level.

The programs, which include enrichment activities, are especially important for students who are performing below grade level. They are also beneficial for students who are performing at grade level but need extra support to stay on track. Program dates have been announced to give families plenty of time to plan their summer activities around Summer Bridge if needed. Elementary programs are planned for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Middle school programs are planned for 8 a.m. to noon. High school programs are planned for 8 to 11 a.m.

Site locations for elementary and middle school programs are being finalized. All high schools will offer Summer Bridge. Parents whose children are eligible for Summer Bridge will begin receiving invitations in mid-March, before the registration

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period begins. The Pinellas County Schools Summer Bridge website, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge, features the latest information.

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Polish American Society News

The Polish American Society, 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to Coast Guard commissary) is open with live bands on Sundays through May 4th. Doors open at

1:30 p.m. with music from 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$7. Please RSVP for dinner to Bev at 727-526-6835.

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For more information call Bev at 727-526-6835 or visit www.polishamericansociety.org.

Join them for a Tea Dance on February 12th and 26th. Dance from 1-3:30 p.m. (lessons at 11:30 with Bobby Tess on trumpet). Cost is \$7.

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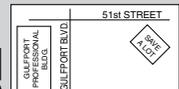
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Deadline Nears for Major Public Art Project

The Gulfport Merchants Association is seeking artists to submit proposals for a public art installation to be located adjacent to the City's iconic Gulfport Casino located on the Gulfport waterfront.

The Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA) is a non-profit civic organization dedicated to the advancement of business in the Gulfport Waterfront District. The GMA raises funds primarily through membership dues and sponsored events, including its twice-monthly Art Walk, weekly Tuesday Fresh Market and the annual Gecko Fest, Gecko Ball and Gecko Pub Crawl. Funds are used primarily to promote and advertise Gulfport as a destination for visitors. However, the GMA is also committed to supporting local charitable causes and has donated many thousands of

dollars to local organizations.

The GMA is also committed to supporting art in the Gulfport community and has previously funded two public art installations flanking the entrance to the Waterfront business district at Beach Boulevard and 29th Avenue South, by artists Frank Strunk III and Owen Pach. For 2014, the GMA is investing considerably more in its commission of a single public art installation. \$8,000 will be awarded for the project, to include all associated costs. This public art installation, next to Gulfport's most famous historic landmark on the City's waterfront, will be highly visible for generations.

All artists are welcome to submit proposals, which must be received no later than Friday, February 14th. More information, including a downloadable application, is available at www.GulfportMA.com.

Owen Pach, Vice-President of the

GMA and President of the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport, will act as liaison for the application process. For more information and questions, please contact Owen Pach 727-320-4051; 727-623-4920 or email OwenPachGlass@gmail.com.

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Midtown Market Creates 95 Jobs

Midtown's Tangerine Plaza, abandoned last year by Sweetbay, now offers Midtown residents a new place to buy milk, meat, and produce. At 7:00 a.m. last Wednesday morning, a 40,000 square foot Walmart Neighborhood Market opened in the plaza, located at 1794 22nd Street South.

According to the City of St. Petersburg's web site, "the new store provides the Midtown community with a new, convenient option for grocery needs, including fresh produce and pharmacy services."

Wal-Mart hosted a job fair this past October and told the city the majority of its 95 Midtown employees live within walking distance of the market.

After Sweetbay's 2013 exodus from Midtown, city officials, Larry Newsome of Urban Development Solutions (UDS), and what St. Petersburg officials call "members of the private development community" sought an acceptable replacement.

"I am pleased Walmart is a committed partner to the City of St. Petersburg, and I am grateful for their investment in our community," said St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman. "I welcome the Walmart Neighborhood Market to Midtown St. Petersburg."

Wal-Mart hosted a "Big Family Welcome Day" on February 1 and bestowed \$8,000 in grants to upon local community groups.

At the western edge of South Pinellas, work continues on the South Pasadena Wal-Mart of a similar size. Daily newspapers reported the market would open mid-January, however work on the South Pasadena Wal-Mart has yet to finish.

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Not Your Father's Golf Car: Electric Taxis Come to Gulfport

By Cathy Salustri

The gecko-green vehicle zipping around downtown lately isn't a golf cart at all: it's a low-speed vehicle (LSV), and the difference, if you ask its owner, Biff Lagan, of the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, is substantial.

"It's not an upgraded golf cart," Chamber Executive Director Bob Newcomb says. LSVs have safety features such as seatbelts and windshield wipers, have to register with the DMV, and they're legal on any road with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less. And they're coming to Gulfport.

With a little cooperation and some shared funding, this green LSV and at least one other LSV could help make parking in downtown Gulfport easier.

"We're changing how people think about transportation," Lagan says. Lagan, a retired officer who, with his wife Angela, bought the Beach Bazaar last year, is an active member of the Chamber and the Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA) who says he wants to find a way to improve downtown's parking situation. He, the Chamber and the GMA say that a LSV taxi program that offers free rides would help solve the parking issues plaguing downtown during festivals, weekend nights, and other special events.

The service – tentatively named GetGo, or "Gulfport Everyday Transportation, Get On!" – will not charge riders. Drivers will lease the cars from an as-of-yet-unformed nonprofit corporation and offer rides for free, although drivers will work for tips only. Drivers will sign a contract agreeing to operate the LSV during specific hours.

GetGo, the group says, will minimize the need for locals to drive downtown or to designate a driver. The group says their intention is to service only Gulfport and also to encourage drivers to minimize their use of Gulfport Boulevard and 49th Street; rather, they would expect drivers to use side streets instead.

Newcomb says the nonprofit running GetGo will have nine board of directors,

with three from each partnering agency: the Chamber, the GMA and, they hope, the city.

On Thursday, February 6, the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce will propose a partnership to the City of Gulfport: a three-way share of costs to bring LSV taxi rides to Gulfport. Under the proposal, the GMA, the Chamber, and the city would share the initial startup and ongoing maintenance costs of operating a free LSV taxi service in



Bill Lagan, of the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce anxiously awaits for the approval of LSV's, which are coming to Gulfport.

the downtown area. The nonprofit will ensure the LSVs have proper insurance and receive maintenance.

The group would like the city to make an initial investment of an estimated \$4,000; it also anticipates the city's annual contribution as – and Newcomb stresses this figure as a "high estimate" only – \$10,300.

Newcomb says it makes sense to ask the city to contribute on equal footing with the GMA and Chamber, as it operates two of the biggest businesses GetGo will serve: the Casino and the marina.

At Thursday's workshop, they will ask the council for its partnership, but the group does not need the city's permission to operate LSVs on city

roads.

"We would like their blessing," Lagan, who so believes in the program's promise he privately purchased the first LSV.

Although the state allows LSVs on any road with a posted speed limit of 45 or less, cities can pass laws prohibiting LSVs. Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent and City Manager Jim O'Reilly say they have no intention of prohibiting low speed vehicles on city streets.

"We have no problem with state registered, licensed and insured low-speed vehicles operated by licensed drivers on city streets," City Manager O'Reilly said.

The LSVs can travel 35 miles off one charge and can recharge in a half hour. The nonprofit will generate income from selling seven advertising spots on each vehicle. Lagan says in the short time he's driven the green LSV around Gulfport, he's had an overwhelming response from people wanting to buy advertising space.

Gulfport's business community, Newcomb says, "is amenable" to the new venture. Chamber officers describe the GetGo business as not only a solution to limited parking downtown, but as one more tool in Gulfport's toolbox that lures businesses and visitors to the city.

When they ask the city to partner Thursday afternoon, the Chamber hopes the city sees how it can benefit from partnering in GetGo.

"The potential tax revenue they could generate," Chamber President Barry Rubin says, is substantial, adding that the

system will help tie together businesses on both sides of Gulfport Boulevard, allowing people to travel freely to the shops and restaurants on 22nd, or to see a show at the Gulfport Players' BackDoor Theatre off 49th, all without having to get in a car.

Gulfport city council will consider whether or not to make a financial commitment to the GetGo program this Thursday (February 6) at 4 p.m. in council chambers (2401 53rd Street South). The council will not vote on this issue at the workshop but will discuss their intentions. It will also hear comment and opinion from the public.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



March Against Monsanto

We consumers really don't know what we're getting anymore when we buy food from a grocery store. Genetically Modified Organisms are so pervasive in our food system that it is very difficult to avoid purchasing or eating them. Foods containing GMOs are unlabeled in our grocery stores mainly because the big biotech giants who put them there fought to keep that a secret from you.

For example, the growth hormones from GE organisms known as rBGH, which is given to cows to make them produce more milk, were banned in Europe and Canada after the authorities found out about the health risks resulting from drinking milk from cows treated with rBGH hormones. Some American milk producers started labeling their milk "rBGH and rBST free." Monsanto, which sells the bovine growth hormones under the brand name Posilac, began suing dairy producers to force them to stop labeling their milk. Monsanto won many of these lawsuits making it expensive and dangerous for farmers to label their products.

In addition to most milk products, GMOs can be found in most commercially farmed meats and processed foods on store shelves. In our country, 89 percent of all soy, 61 percent of all corn and 75 percent of all canola are genetically altered. Other foods like commercially grown papaya, zucchini, tomatoes, several fish species, and food additives like enzymes, flavorings, and processing agents, including the sweetener aspartame (NutraSweet(r)) and rennet used to make hard cheeses, also contain GMOs. In fact, most processed foods and fast foods are likely to contain GMOs because of the multitude of processing chemicals and additives.

What's so bad about these GMOs is that they have never been truly tested for their impact on human or ecological health. Additionally,

negative side effects have been largely ignored; remember Starlink Corn and how it caused allergic reactions in some consumers? We also don't know what these Franken foods will do to the environment once they cross-pollinate with other species. Unfortunately, we may never know or see any restrictions placed on companies producing mutant foods because our president signed an unprecedented bill into law that gives Monsanto protection from being held accountable or liable. No corporation in American history has caused more harm or questionable research and managed to wrangle protection from the highest level of government.

Many people are fed up with Monsanto, and are getting organized across the country. "March Against Monsanto" is a grass-roots effort to draw attention to the pervasive threat of GMOs in our food system and demand labeling and accountability. On May 25, across the nation there were many small marches and events aiming for these goals:

--Vote with your dollar by buying organic and boycotting Monsanto-owned companies that use GMOs in their products.

--Labeling of GMOs so that consumers can make those informed decisions easier.

--Repealing relevant provisions of the United State's "Monsanto Protection Act."

--Calling for further scientific research on the health effects of GMOs.

--Hold Monsanto executives and Monsanto-supporting politicians accountable through direct communication, grassroots journalism, social media, etc.

--Continue to inform the public about Monsanto's secrets.

If you can't find a March Against Monsanto event near you, start telling your friends and family to avoid GMOs by:

--Knowing how your food is grown by buying directly from local farmers who grow it.

--Support organic agriculture,

and food producers who label their ingredients, particularly dairy farmers.

--Eat pastured meat raised on organic feed. The only way to ensure this is to buy from someone you know.

--Support farmers who are sued by biotech giants. Monsanto has set aside an annual budget of \$10 million dollars and a staff of 75 devoted solely to investigating and prosecuting more than 150 farmers for a total of more than \$15 million dollars.

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Following interviews by the city's International Relations Committee, a citizen group charged with cultivating relationships between St. Petersburg and cities around the world, one or two students will be selected to live with host families in Takamatsu and experience Japanese life and culture. During their three-week visit, Student Ambassadors will meet local government officials, including Takamatsu's Mayor; attend high school; and participate in daily activities with their host families.

Upon their return to St. Petersburg, the Student Ambassadors will share information about their overseas visit with City Council and IRC members, as well as with schools, civic groups and others interested in the cultural exchange program.

To apply, students must be a resident of St. Petersburg and have completed their junior year by summer 2014. Along with the official application, available at <http://www.stpete.org/irc/ambassadors.asp>.

Applications may be hand-delivered to the Marketing and Communications Department, City Hall, 175 Fifth Street N., or mailed with a postmark of 5 p.m., Friday, March 14. Applications submitted via e-mail will not be considered.

Host families are also needed for late July-early August when St. Petersburg welcomes students from Takamatsu for two weeks during the annual student exchange.

For more information on St. Petersburg's Sister City relationship with Takamatsu, Japan, and its Student Ambassador exchange program or to be a Host Family, visit www.stpete.org/irc.

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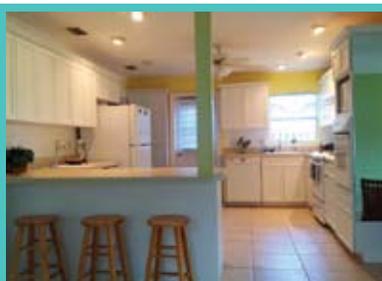


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