

Fun Day In the Rain



Bob Newcomb draws a raffle ticket for one of the day's many door prizes at the Boca Ciega Yacht Club's Funday.

Although a smaller-than-usual crowd filled the Boca Ciega Yacht Club for the annual Funday celebration Saturday, the club still says they count the day as a success.

Sailors offered sailboat rides to over 100 people and members served over 500 hot dogs, according to one of the event organizers, Jean Proach.

Don Rogers and his wife Jennifer sailed across the bay through the rain to donate his boat and services for the annual event. Every spring, the Yacht Club opens its doors to the community and hosts a Funday. Members offer free sails of Boca Ciega Bay and the club has door prizes, hot dogs, and information about sailing

lessons, Sea Scouting and joining the club.

This year, the club also offered space to groups like the Gulfport Neighbors, the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and the Gulfport Police.

Although the event took place on a rainy afternoon Proach says that didn't stop people from coming to the annual party.

"Most of the ones who wanted to come, did come," Proach says. "We had a lot less attendance than normal, but we did have 200 people."

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Packed House Protests; New Mayor Struggles With Public Comment

By Cathy Salustri

In a public meeting Wednesday night, April 30, St. Pete Beach's new mayor, Maria Lowe, attempted to maintain decorum despite protestors and a call for her to resign.

The commission met and heard public comment in relation to the severance package jointly agreed upon by the outgoing city manager, Mike Bonfield, and the city's attorney, Mike Davis.

Lowe attempted to limit public comment to only items relating to the terms of Bonfield's termination agreement, with limited success (please see "Overheard at the St. Pete Beach Special Commission Meeting").

Mayor Lowe's attempt at decorum did not last through her initial comments.

"The gentleman in the rear who thought it

See **Bonfield**, page 31

Seen About Town



Janet Deaton works behind the counter at the Beach Bazaar. Deaton tells the *Gabber* the Bazaar, a shop combining a post office with assorted collectibles, treasures and trinkets, does the most business on Tuesday. Tuesdays mark the busiest day of the week for many downtown Gulfport businesses, in no small part, business owners say, to the Tuesday market.

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Gulfport Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions will be presenting their final pancake breakfast of the season from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10. Please note these serving hours.

Breakfast will be served at the Gulfport Lions Center, 4630 Tifton Dr. S. in the Gulfport Marina Area. Ask anybody! Pancakes with syrup, scrambled eggs and sausage with coffee or tea to drink, and all you care to eat at the donation price of \$5 per person. Bring your entire family and friends and spend an enjoyable morning overlooking beautiful Boca Ciega Bay. You might even see some manatees. Children really love these breakfasts.

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Chamber of Commerce Networking Mixer

By Lynda Shehan

The Gulfport Area Chamber invites our business members to attend our Networking Mixer hosted by our local Pasadena's Walmart on Thursday, May 15. The location for the mixer will be the Gulfport Community Players Backdoor Theater, 1619 49th St. S. from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

We encourage our members to come together at this beautiful

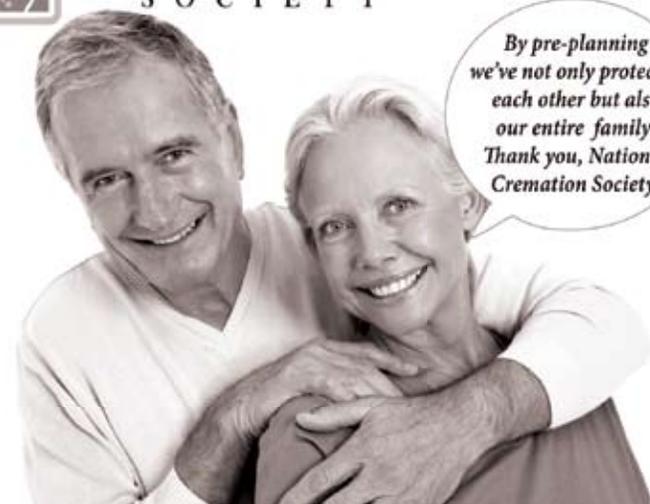
facility and meet fellow business owners supporting our Chamber. If your business would like to sponsor a networking mixer, please call Bob Newcomb at 727-344-3711. Haven't joined the Chamber? Visit our website at GulfportAreaChamberOfCommerce.org and join online.

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Gulfport Reorganizes, Renames Departments

Gulfport has changed the name of Leisure Services to Recreation. Parks now falls under the purview of the city's Public Works department. The city now has a finance department instead of Administrative Services.

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Boat Lifts at Gulfport Marina

Construction will begin May 8 on eight boat lifts at the Gulfport Municipal Marina. The slips, two of which already have contracts, will lease annually. The city will charge nonresidents \$481 per month; residents will pay \$397 monthly. These prices are before tax.

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Junk in the Trunk or on a Truck

Gulfport residents, are you looking to get rid of your old stuff and don't know where to start? Join the Gulfport Neighbors and the City of Gulfport at the community "Junk in the Trunk

or on a Truck" event on Saturday, May 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S. in Gulfport. Bring proof of Gulfport residency (driver's license or utility bill) and your items to the Neighborhood Center and either swap it, give it away or junk it for free.

Gulfport residents may bring furniture, appliances, tires and other bulk items for free disposal, however, please no firearms, drugs, liquor, plants, paints, chemicals, or batteries. Enjoy a cup of coffee during "Java with Josh and Zack" (Lieutenant Josh Stone, and Community Resource Officer Zack Mills). Parents can register your child's bike with the Gulfport Police Department and receive a free children's bike helmet.

Share your civic spirit by bringing non-perishable items for the less fortunate seniors in the community. The donations will be distributed locally through the Gulfport Senior Center Pantry. The Gulfport Neighbors will have a collection bin available for your kind donations.

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The Gulfport Neighbors will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Senior Center food pantry during their Junk in the Trunk (JITT) event on May 17 at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center. Some of the most popular items needed are peanut butter, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce and pasta. The food pantry relies solely on the generosity of the Gulfport community and is grateful for any and all donations made. The Senior Center will also have a

display of information regarding the services and activities offered to the community. Residents may drop off food items and obtain information regardless if they participate in JITT.

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Intermediate Digital Camera Class

Looking to improve your digital photography skills? If you've already taken the beginners digital camera class at Gulfport Library or St. Pete Beach Library sign up for the Intermediate Digital Camera Class

on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gulfport Public Library. Local photography teacher Cathy Salustri will show you the ropes answer all your digital camera questions. The class is always free but registration is required. Call 727-893-1073 to sign up today.

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Climb Your Family Tree

Ever wondered if your family has any black sheep or skeletons in its collective closet? Get those sheep and skeletons out of the closet and start climbing your family tree on May 16 at the Gulfport Historical Society's porch party. Anyone who wants to learn more about tracing their ancestry is invited to the porch party at the Gulfport Historical Museum. Pinellas genealogist Bob Bryan will hold a workshop on how to start tracing your lineage, where to look for information, record keeping and organization, and how to navigate the Internet when climbing a family tree.

This porch party is the Society's last until September; doors open at 6:30 p.m., a half-hour before the workshop begins. This workshop is free and attendees are welcome to bring a dish to share (although that is not a requirement of attendance). The Society will have water and coffee available; visitors may bring beverages of their choosing if they so wish. All porch parties take place at 5301 28th Avenue South in Gulfport; please email dreamsfloat@me.com or call Miki Vaughan at 321-5705 for more information.

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On May 8 they will meet at the Teppanyaki Grill and Supreme Buffet at 391 34th St. N. in St. Petersburg. The meeting begins at noon and the topic is Military Art with Greg Crumbly. They will be collecting for our armed services.

Email Joyce Walters at jellen1943@yahoo.com for more information.

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Daddy Daughter Date Night

The pleasure of your and your daughter's company is requested at the first annual Daddy Daughter Date Night! Come enjoy a candy-coated evening of dancing, photos, sweets and giveaways. Join them at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. on Saturday, May 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is only \$25 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Preregistration

is required by Wednesday, May 7th. For more information call 727-363-9245 or visit spbrec.com.

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Be a Part of Little League History

As of September 2014 Gulfport Little League (GPLL) will merge with Southwest Little League. GPLL is doing their last commemorative program. If you would like to advertise your business in their last program as GPLL, please contact Sharon at 727-557-6349.

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GN Beach and Area Cleanup

Gulfport Neighbors (GN) invites Gulfportians and their friends and family to participate in its next popular monthly beach cleanup at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 10. 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 is for you. Please bring what you need for sun and bug protection. Wear good foot protection and support. Please bring your own gloves, trash bags, and a grabber or rake if you have one. Water will be provided.

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2014 Gulfport Hurricane Seminar

Join Todd Barron, Emergency Response Meteorologist from the National Weather Service, hurricane related vendors and the City of Gulfport for the 2014 Hurricane Seminar, Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater (5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport). Todd will cover the local Tampa Bay area and how to prepare for the upcoming season.

Hurricane-related vendors scheduled for this conference at this time are The American Red Cross, Gulfport's Community Emergency Response Team, Gulfport Fire Department, Gulfport Police Department, Gulfport Community Development Department, Solar Energy Systems, Morgan Exteriors, Whitco Insurance, PSTA, and more to follow. If you are a business or organization with hurricane-related information, please email gbron@mygulfport.com to inquire about a free spot. Spots are limited.

So you won't miss dinner, the Theater lobby will open at 6 p.m. for

two slices of pizza and a drink for \$3 so you can come early to view the vendors before the seminar begins. Vendors open at 6 p.m. and the seminar starts at 7 p.m.

Admission to this event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Gail Biron, Technical Events Specialist for the City of Gulfport, at 727-893-1118.

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Get Your Free Vessel Safety Check

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be doing free vessel safety checks on May 23 and 24 starting at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Marina, 4630 29th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Owners of all types of boats are welcome. Trailed boats will be inspected before launching to allow others to launch their boats and not tie up the boat ramp. There will be a boating safety table set up

with free materials for recreational boaters. The Coast Guard Auxiliary always reminds boaters to wear a life jacket and take a safe boating course. They offer an eight-hour About Boating Safely (ABS) program which is taught by experienced and knowledgeable instructors. Call 727-399-7986 or 727-743-1652.

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Mangia Displays Walden School Art

Mangia Gourmet, 2930 Beach Blvd. in Gulfport, has just put on display 18 paintings by Gulfport's Walden School students based on the artist Joan Miro. Walden School is a small private middle school in Gulfport. They believe the arts should be included in every child's education, as the arts broaden the imagination and nurture creativity. The installation is on display from now until May 25.

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Letters

Another View of Short-Term Rentals

Dear Editor: We owned property in Pinellas Park for six years. For the last two, we have rented in Gulfport. We enjoy the small community feel, performances at the Catherine Hickman Theater, the friendly people at the Gulfport Senior Center, eating once or twice a day in local restaurants, as well as shopping and buying gas locally.

We do not smoke, drink, have wild parties or destroy our owner's property. Our philosophy is "leave it better than we found it." We purchase things we need that are not here and leave them when we return home. If something is accidentally broken, we replace it.

We are retired, so we can choose our length of stay, which would not be true for many. Mr. Stiles (May 1, 2014 edition) seems to think only landlords and government benefit from having vacation rentals. I think many benefit from our vacationing here.

In my home state, my neighbors' cars come and go from their driveways as do ours. If we are outside, we speak and wave. This does not bother any of us.

So far, the same thing happens when we meet local Gulfport residents. Our thanks to the citizens who are friendly and welcoming. We pick up a *Gabber* as soon as we arrive to see what's going on that might interest us. We enjoy St. Petersburg and the Gulfport communities. We hope we will be allowed to return in 2015.

Jean Belote
Missouri

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Dear Editor: Landlords and government (?) are *not* the only ones who benefit from vacation rentals, as

stated by Robert Stiles, Estate Agent, in the (May 1, 2014 edition).

I am a grandmother several times over, living in a one bedroom apartment here in Gulfport. I love living here and I love having my daughter, her husband and my two young grandsons come to visit me during spring school vacation week. Eddie, age 6, attended his first "real" baseball game here last year and Zack, age 2, loves our playground by the beach.

In the past, mom, dad and kids were able to share the bedroom while I slept on the living room sofa for the week of their visit. Now the boys need more space than my apartment can provide so we were very pleased to find a one-week rental that was close to me and affordable for a young family.

The cottage has two bedrooms, was spotless clean and well-cared for and was located in a quiet, family-oriented neighborhood and had a fully equipped kitchen so my daughter could prepare healthy and age-appropriate meals for the children. Go find a motel that offers all that! The landlady, who lives locally, required a damage/cleaning deposit, which was promptly returned when the cottage was left neat and clean. My daughter was looking forward to a return stay next spring.

You can imagine how upset I am by the knowledge that this wonderful amenity will no longer be available to my family and others like them because some local residents equate weekly rentals with "tenants who come in every Friday to destroy your life."

I was a property manager for over 30 years and I know well that *any* tenant, long or short term, can create problems when a landlord fails to meet his/her responsibility

to adequately check out prospects and does not respond to legitimate complaints from neighbors. I am sure that any good "estate agent" knows it as well. But it is unfair to deny short-term rentals because of a few irresponsible types.

I hope that Gulfport officials will see their way clear to find a way to make weekly rentals a possibility for responsible landlords and their tenants.

Susan B. Parker

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St. Pete Beach Politics

Dear Editor: In 2000 the St. Pete Beach fire department told the city manager they wanted to hire three additional firemen. Carl Schwing, the city manager, told the fire department that a study had shown we did not need the additional firemen, as well as the city did not have the money to pay for them. The fire department backed two commissioners and the mayor in the election in March 2001. The fire department candidates won and at the first or second meeting after the election the fire chief requested \$10,000 from the commission to pay for "unanticipated" overtime.

Not long after the election, at a commission meeting in which Carl Schwing did not attend (he was on vacation), Pete Blank – who barely won the election and would have lost without the support of the firemen – brought up, not on the agenda, that there was a morale problem with the employees and Carl Schwing should be fired. Long story short, Carl had quite a surprise when he returned from vacation. The commission ended up giving him an additional six months of severance over and above what was called for in his contract.

Mike Bonfield plays hardball with the SPB firemen and does what is best for the residents of SPB financially. The firemen back the mayor and one of the new commissioners and when the fire department candidates win, Mike Bonfield is fired. The third candidate, who lost his election, Jim Anderson, made it clear in the election he wanted Bonfield fired. A disturbing pattern. Every election it seems, that the St. Pete Beach firemen can be found knocking on doors and waving signs for candidates who promise to give the firemen whatever they want in exchange for their support. These

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Letters (con't.)

firemen do not live or pay taxes on the beach and we, the tax-payers of SPB, get stuck for the bill. Mike Bonfield is gone; keep an eye on the commission and see how much they give the firemen in exchange for their help in getting elected.

Marty Michaels

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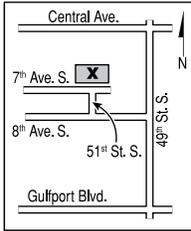
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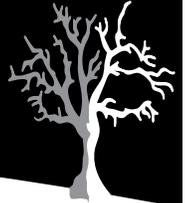


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Come Join in the Fun

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church will host their second Fun Auction Fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. Entrance fee is \$10 and includes desserts, coffee and chocolates. Auction includes service items and a silent auction. The church is located at 5441 9th Ave. N., St. Petersburg. For more information call Shirley at 727-827-2488 or the church office at 727-321-5086.

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Help PARC Rock Out

Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC) needs volunteers on Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 4 to 10 p.m. to help at various concessions at the #97XBBQ concert at Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg. As charity partner of the popular concert, PARC is looking to the community to help with beer and wine concessions, prize ticket sales and general event needs. Contact Lisa Blackburn at 727-341-6933 or volunteer@parc-fl.org to sign up today. Proceeds from the event help hundreds of children and adults with developmental disabilities served at PARC.

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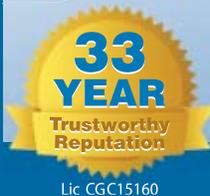
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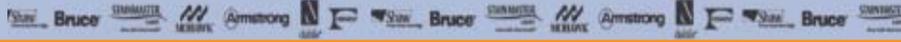
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The program runs from May 5 to May 22 with classes held Monday through Thursday of each week and those selected will have a choice of a 5 or 5:45 p.m. class time. Registration is limited and those interested can sign up on a first-come basis at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A parent or guardian must be present to complete paperwork and each child will be water tested at this time. Call 727-363-9264.

Meet the Author

Gulfport resident Ani Crane will be reading from her new memoir “How I Arrived Here” in May at local venues. On May 9 Ani will appear at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. at 3:30 and at the May 17 Saturday Art Walk she will be at Domain Art Gallery, 3129 Beach Blvd. at 6 p.m.

“How I Arrived Here” is the story of one woman’s transformational journey from codependence to empowerment and all the adventures along the way. Hop on for the ride from happiness to sorrow, struggle, recovery and finally victory and joy. An inspiring read for women of all ages and the men who want to know what makes women tick.

Crane was a writing teacher for 20 years in New York City and a daily journal writer.

Attend the Citizens Policy Academy

The Gulfport Police Department will conduct its 14th annual Citizens Police Academy June 19 through August 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. Participants are offered the opportunity to learn and witness firsthand what the Gulfport police officers do as they provide

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police services to the citizens of Gulfport. Classroom instruction and field demonstrations will show the various aspects of law enforcement to include: community policing, emergency vehicle operations, firearms safety and familiarization, traffic stops and building searches.

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is May 30. Online applications are available at gulfportpolice.com/citizens_academy_application.pdf.

Pigeons at the Library

The Gulfport Public Library’s K-5th grade science club will have a special guest speaker on Monday, May 19 at 3 p.m. They’ll be joined by Bill Burnside and his magnificent pigeon brigade! You will be able to touch and hold a variety of beautiful pigeons and learn all about these cooing creatures! Call 727-893-1133.

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Players to Hold Annual Membership Meeting

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding their annual meeting and elections on Friday, May 16 at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Players' Back Door Theater, located at 1619 49th St. S. in Gulfport.

The Players will bring up for a vote of the membership present a proposal to reduce their board by two members. Jim Cartwright, Jim Tobin, and Cathy Culler are all up for re-election. The Players will also take nominations from the floor from current active members for the position of Board Member at Large, to replace Charile Alaimo, who has declined to run for re-election.

If you are a current member of the Players, or possibly want to become one, this is the time to pay your annual dues of \$10 for your annual membership.

Tickets for their 17th Annual Cathy Award Ceremony and Dinner will also be sold at this meeting. This year's ceremony will take place on June 7 at their Back Door Theater. The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will start at 7 p.m. This dinner is the Players' way of honoring their casts and other people who made their past season possible.

Neptune Grill will be catering the dinner again this year and tickets will be just \$15 each. You must have a ticket in order to attend this dinner

and ceremony. If you don't get your ticket(s) at the annual meeting, but still want to attend the Cathy Awards Dinner, you'll need to send them a check before June 1 for your ticket(s) to: Gulfport Community Players, 1619 49th St. S., Gulfport, FL 33707.

The Players will have your pre-paid tickets available at the door on June 7 for you to pick up. No tickets will be sold at the door the night of the ceremony, so get your tickets ASAP!

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Free Clothing Swap on Tuesday

Gulfport's next free clothing swap will take place at the Gulfport Tuesday Fresh Market on Tuesday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The popular event is now regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month. The swap takes place in the courtyard adjacent to the historic Peninsula Inn at 2937 Beach Blvd. S. Participants are invited to bring up to five gently used garments to exchange for vouchers that may be used to select clothing brought in by other participants. Items may be for women, men or children. Gently used shoes and wardrobe accessories are also accepted. Please provide hangers for all garments to be used in the swap. For anyone interested, vouchers may also be purchased for \$3 each.

Donations of clothing above the five-garment limit are encouraged and accepted. All additional donations should be contained in bags or boxes. Cash donations are also accepted. All cash collected, donated clothing, and non-selected garments at the end of the swap will be donated to Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). CASA is a local non-profit organization providing services to survivors of abuse or violence. For more information on the clothing swap, contact Susan Blankenship at 727-453-9093 or email Freshmarket@GulfportMA.com. In case of rain, the next clothing swap is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10.

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Gulfport Garden & Bird Club

For the final meeting of the 2013-14 year, the Gulfport Garden & Bird Club will meet on May 15 at 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Library Meeting Room to hear Mr. James Stephenson (from UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension at Brooker Creek Preserve) discuss Orchids and Epiphytes as found at Brooker Creek Preserve in Tarpon Springs. This should be a very informative meeting! Plan to attend, enjoy some light refreshments, and participate in the short business meeting afterward. This will be their last gathering for the 2013-14 year.

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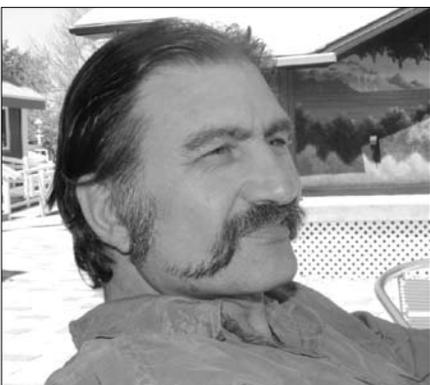
Laura Shepherd, Gulfport: "Lack of compassion."

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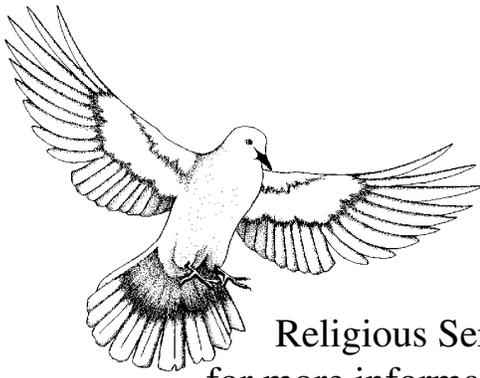
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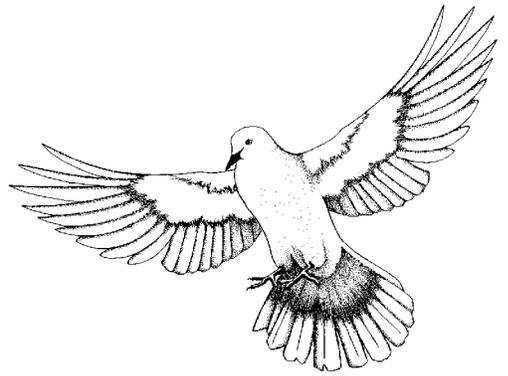
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 By Pat Van Leuvan

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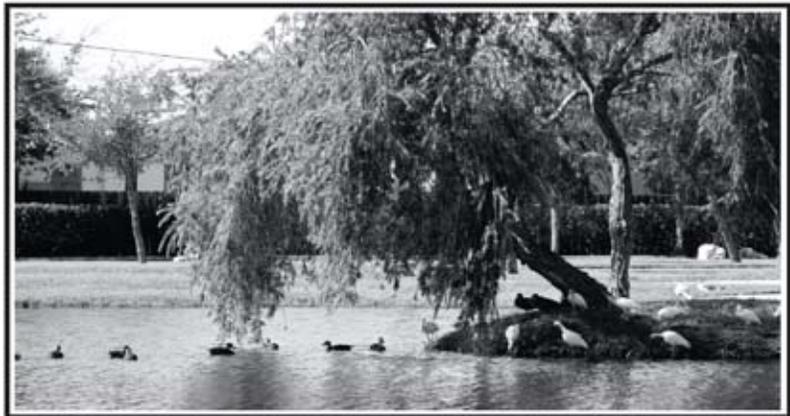
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport: Vacant Home Codes

Q: What is Gulfport's policy in regards to code enforcement at vacant homes? Please be specific about what the city will and will not do.

A: According to Gulfport City Manager Jim O'Reilly, the city first attempts to make contact with a responsible party. If those efforts prove unsuccessful, O'Reilly says "the action taken depends on the type of violation."

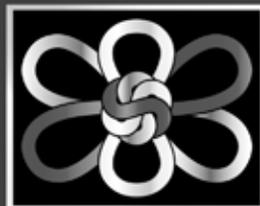
First, the city will secure a property to prevent injury.

"This can include boarding broken windows and openings or locking unsecured entrances to homes and 'attractive' nuisances, such as swimming pools," O'Reilly says. Next, the city removes trash and debris and ensures that "grass and vegetation are maintained to the city's minimum code standard of 12 inches."

Gulfport "will not repair broken items or perform structural improvements unless they represent a life/safety hazard," O'Reilly says.

The city attempts to recover any costs associated with these efforts by placing a lien on the home. With the lien process, the city will receive its money when the property is sold.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

The centerpiece of the week is the full Scorpio moon of closure on Wednesday, May 14. Working through the final stages of projects, deals and personal arrangements will bring relief and peace. The Taurus sun won't be entirely supportive. Taurus energy is stubborn and likes to hold on to things or at least make sure that every last bit of value has been extracted from a situation before putting it to rest. May this keep us vigilant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What you think is lost is not lost at all; it's out of reach. You just need to extend yourself. This week will be about obtaining what is necessary to move forward. It probably has to do with picking up a skill or learning to use a new tool. But believe this: It was always meant to be yours, and you will reclaim it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your intensity is powerful and could hurt someone, but you don't like to use your emotions as weapons. You prefer to keep things as light as possible, and you'll succeed brilliantly in this regard. You'll also help others to realize that their emotions affect everyone around them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Why wait until you're truly angry or anxious to take deep breaths and count to 10? Preventive action helps you maintain your cool when you need it most. So breathe easy, take frequent breaks from your work, and get plenty of sleep and exercise. Make your own pleasure and well-being a higher priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You need an accurate understanding of your emotional state in order to be effective, though you won't be inclined toward introversion and soul searching this week. Clues can be found by looking outward instead. What you're attracted to in music and other media will say a lot about what you're going through inside.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first part of the week feels like constant anticipation. There's a cycle you need to break. Once you break it,

everything will get easier. You'll settle into a calm feeling. In your personal life, good will and warmth will build up between you and a fire sign (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When circumstances change, you see it as neutral. You refuse to let yourself recoil fearfully and instead stand strong, take a breath and try to get an overview of the scene. What is interesting about it? What unique opportunities are presented here? There's a way to turn it all in your favor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what you want, but what you don't know yet is whether your ideal scenario is doable. Think of several different options. It may help you to rank them in order of desirability. Getting clear about all that you desire, from your top-tier arrangement to your bottom-line necessities, will bring good fortune to your realm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All of the things that money can't buy -- love, respect, true glamour, real connection -- require complex kinds of work. That's what you'll involve yourself with over the next week. You'll imagine, plot and execute your plans, which mostly occur through play. Your life will become richer in the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Two objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time, but you'll notice this week how that fact of nature doesn't seem to keep the objects from trying. Competition for a certain spot will be stiff. You have what it takes, but you have to ask yourself first whether it's worth the trouble.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you don't like the picture that is a certain part of your life, consider that it might not be the picture's fault. Maybe it's the frame. The way we frame things can change everything about how those things make us feel. There is a perspective that could cause you much less stress. Mentally play around with options.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you feel like you live for

love. Other times love seems like an inconvenience that you'd be better off without. Currently, you're neutral on the subject. Love fits nicely into things without stealing the scene. It is a relatively stress-free period for your personal life, so enjoy it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What makes you lucky? You have many gifts that you don't think about until life provides a contrast: someone who doesn't have nearly what you do. This week's mixed bag of events will sharpen your sense of self. Seeing your blessings clearly, you will count yourself among the most fortunate people in the world.

This Week's Birthdays: This year it's as if life is playing you a song, and you are singing right along in full voice. The next four weeks will stand out as an exceptional time in your personal life, when relationships are particularly supportive, exciting and memorable. June marks the final payment of a debt. Your turn in the spotlight comes in July. Prepare beforehand with the help of a mentor. Family will borrow from you in September and pay you many times over next year.

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The Alumni Singers of St. Petersburg will present its annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 18 at 4 p.m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 5995 MLK St. S. in St. Petersburg.

The concert will be under the direction of Janice Hogan and will be accompanied by Dorothy Jenkins.

The concert features the group's African American spirituals, the music of several composers including various music forms such as hymns, anthems and gospel. Call 727-323-7004.

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A Fresh Taste of Pinellas

Taste of Pinellas brings an updated combination of local food, celebrity headliners, phenomenal music and family fun to an all-new venue this spring. Taste of Pinellas 2014 will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, in downtown St. Petersburg's beautiful Albert Whitted Park, 480 Bayshore Dr. SE. in St. Petersburg with proceeds benefitting All Children's Hospital.

In addition to some of Tampa Bay's top regional bands, the 2014 musical headliners will feature:

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Tickets are available at: Ticketmaster (via ticketmaster.com or by calling 800-745-3000), all local Rally stores, All Children's Hospital Main Lobby Gift Shop, in person at The Mahaffey Theater Box Office, 400 1st St. S. Box Office hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at least 90 minutes prior to any ticketed event at the theater.

VIP seating is \$75 per person, per day and includes premier seating in the VIP area, a VIP Hospitality area with complimentary beverages, snacks and samplings from

participating restaurants and access to VIP restrooms. Limited tickets, available for advance purchase only.

General admission tickets are \$22.50 per person in advance or \$25 at the gate. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Players to Hold Auditions

The Gulfport Community Players will be holding auditions for their "14th Annual Summer One Act Festival" soon. The auditions will be held on Monday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at their Back Door Theater, 1619 49th St. S. in Gulfport. Auditions will begin at 7 p.m., but you should plan on showing up earlier to fill out an audition form and get a name tag.

The Players welcome all people from 18 to 70 to try out for a part in their Festival. This year's Festival

will consist of 13 short plays, with a minimum of props and blocking. This makes the Festival a great way for people new to theater to get their feet wet in community theater. There will not be a lot of lines to memorize since the plays will only run from five to 20 minutes in length each.

The Festival will run at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport for a total of eight performances from July 10 through 20. There will be various directors of the plays, and some of the cast may be selected for more than just one of the plays.

So, liven up your summer a bit! Pull yourself away from the beach, try out

for a part, and become a real part of community theater!

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Democratic Club to Meet

The Greater Pinellas Democratic Club will meet on May 8 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. The meeting will start with cocktails (cash bar) and social time at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner (\$15) at 6:30, followed by the speakers' presentation.

Claire Conner, author of "Wrapped in the Flag" will speak along with Kim Black, who recently resigned as President of the Pinellas County Teacher's Union. For reservations call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971.

The club's upcoming picnic is scheduled for May 18 at pavilion 14 at Fort Desoto Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., St. Petersburg. Busy local candidates may drop by as well.

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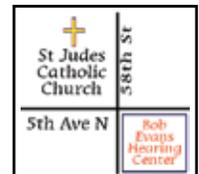
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Pancake, Pedal, Paddle Benefit

A Pancake, Pedal, Paddle Benefit for the newly formed Gulfport Women's Center will be held on May 17 at Pavilion #6 on Gulfport Beach. Pancakes are served from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bring your own toppings to share; plates and utensils are provided. There will be water, orange juice and coffee provided by Stella's. Bring your kayak and put in on Boca Ciega Bay and/or bring your bike for an after breakfast ride. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call Linda at 727-327-9119.

Band Gives Final Concert of the Season

A fun concert, "Light and Lively," will be the theme of the May 8 concert of the South Pasadena Community Band. This final free concert of the season will take place in the beautiful Galatea Garden at 7001 Sunset Dr. in South Pasadena at 7:30 p.m. in the evening. Come join them as they throw in a little Gershwin and a trombone feature to complement the light and lively music. Bring your friends and your lawn chairs and let them entertain you with selections you will enjoy!

Gulfport Laughter Yoga

Come join them for a fun mild aerobic session of rhythmic clapping, stretching, breathing, laughing and playful games. Release your inner child. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a towel, water and a friend. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. in Veterans Park (weather permitting) by O'Maddy's at 5350 31st Ave. S. in Gulfport. No yoga experience necessary, open to all ages and abilities and always free for everyone!

Republican Club to Meet

State Representative Kathleen Peters (R-69), will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Community

Church, 4501 30th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. Rep. Peters will discuss the accomplishments of the recently concluded legislative session and provide an insight into issues that are expected to be raised in the next session. Following her presentation, Rep. Peters will answer questions from the audience. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the question and answer session. There is no charge for this event.

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

Help for Alzheimer's Caregivers

USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute presents "Alzheimer's Disease: What Family Caregivers Need to Know" on May 22 from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Pete College Library Conference Room located at 9200 113th St. N. in Seminole. Lunch will be provided. The event is sponsored by Sean W. Scott, Esq., Elder Law Attorney and is free to the public, but pre-registration is required. Call 813-974-4357.



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St. Pete Beach City Commission Meeting

Public Comment & Council Quotes

The meeting was convened to discuss whether or not to approve the severance package and other items related to the recent termination of City Manager Mike Bonfield.

“Every person on the council praised his research. Now, just months after the election, this guy is gone. With the next city manager, I think the contract should... renew six months after a mayoral election.” – John Michael, who also said the city manager should not have any changes in his contract six months before elections

“Part of not discussing ‘why’ is because he did not want a public hearing... I will not discuss why because he opted not to have a public hearing... Anything said in public becomes part of his employment record. Although there is reason for why I brought forth that motion, I will not discuss that reason.” – Mayor Maria Lowe, who said she would not discuss why she wanted to terminate the city manager in order to protect the city manager

“I do support the motion, although I reluctantly support the motion. I support it for a lot of reasons, but mainly because Mike Bonfield worked as a team.” – Former Mayor and District Three Commissioner Ward Fryzolowski regarding the severance terms. Fryzolowski rejected the mayor’s request to not discuss the city manager’s performance.

“I think the time came when toxicity took over and it was an obvious thing that the city manager could no longer function in that capacity. I would ask each and every one in this crowd tonight to...stop the personal agenda. This city has bled for years... Unless you

have all of the information, you’re not a position to make a decision.” – Former District One Commissioner Lorraine Huhn

“A deal is a deal and I think it should be honored.” – Bill Pyle

“The city is insolvent because of him.” – Harry Metz

“I support the severance package for the mayor... I mean, Mike Bonfield. Freudian slip there... I didn’t appreciate the conduct of this commission... I think it was very deceitful, the way you ran your campaign, Mayor Lowe.” – Deborah Martohue, whose comments elicited strong verbal reactions from the audience

“There is simply no warm way to deliver that information.” – Mayor Maria Lowe, about a comment that her way of terminating the city manager was “cold”

“There was absolutely no one who had been told I was going to come that evening and make that decision.” – Mayor Maria Lowe, about her decision to make a motion to fire the city manager

“I need to say something in public, so everybody can hear it, so I’m not violating any Sunshine laws. I received over 50 phone calls...all regarding last week’s meeting and what has been referred to as the ‘stealth’ decision to remove Mr. Bonfield...I’ve been a ‘politician’ for seven weeks...in the last two weeks our new mayor and two commissioners have managed to rid [ourselves] of our most

accomplished commissioner and our city manager of 12 years. Mr. Bonfield is gone, there’s nothing we can do about it... I think, for a lot of people, it was overdue, and despite my objection, it’s done... We’re going to move on... My biggest concern for the City of St. Pete Beach is the manner in which he was dismissed is going to make it extremely difficult to find a qualified city manager... I am extremely concerned with how it’s going to...” – District Three Commissioner Greg Premer; the mayor asked him to hold off for commission comments.

“To continue what I was saying, most of us are rookies up here... I fear that what occurred last week, the way it occurred... [Candidates] will not even look at St. Pete Beach under the circumstances... I would like for Mayor Lowe, for the good of our city...I would like you to consider resigning your post as mayor. I have yet to hear of any city in Florida where the newly elected mayor had to have a police escort home.” – District Three Commissioner Greg Premer, continuing his comments. When the audience started to make noise, Mayor Lowe asked the audience to “keep the discussion down.”

“No, I will not resign.” – Mayor Maria Lowe, which was met with applause from the audience. Mayor Lowe asked the audience to keep the comments down.

“It was at their request, not mine.” – Mayor Maria Lowe, about her police escort home

Bonfield, from front page was appropriate to push me, as we were coming in, I would ask that you not do that again," she said.

At that, the people in the audience started arguing with one another, although the commission itself remained quiet. Commissioner Greg Premer, over the objection of the mayor, silenced the audience and asked for decorum. He also said he felt the one minute limit was not appropriate; this was in agreement with comments the District One Commissioner Terri Finnerty made to the Gabber in March about not limiting audience comment at all.

After a terse exchange, Premer and Lowe agreed to allow people to speak for two minutes. Lowe then asked Premer to respect her position as presiding officer and, after more comments in the audience, Premer asked Lowe to refer to him as "Commissioner Premer."

With that, the mayor opened public comment.

While the bulk of people speaking agreed the commission should pay Bonfield in accordance with the proposed agreement, Lowe found herself repeatedly asking the speakers to refrain from commenting on Bonfield's performance or the March elections.

After allowing several opportunities for anyone outside the packed room to enter and speak, the mayor closed public comment and the commission voted unanimously to approve the severance package.

The St. Pete Beach Commission voted to pay city manager Mike Bonfield over \$100,000 to satisfy his contract. In exchange, Bonfield waived his right to a public hearing about his dismissal and agrees not to sue the city.

Bonfield's severance package breaks down as follows:

20 weeks of his salary (\$48,064.80), \$17,580.84 in accrued time off and sick leave, and \$7,209.72 towards his retirement. In addition, the city will pay him an additional \$29,477 in a lump sum payment that would compensate Bonfield for six weeks' severance pay and accrued sick

leave not covered by his contract, but covered by the city's personnel manual.

The commission adopted a preliminary motion to fire Bonfield on April 22; Bonfield is no longer acting as city manager but his agreement to leave the city will not be final until May 13.

The city's administrative services director, Elaine Edmunds, will serve as the interim city manager. The commission agreed to pay Edmunds 15 percent more than her regular salary and increase her retirement contributions by 3 percent.

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PROGRAMS

2014 SUMMER PROGRAM- Resident Registration begins Thursday, May 1st from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. for the 2014 Summer Recreation Program for children who have completed Kindergarten thru age 14. Proof of residency is required for registration. Hours of registration for Monday-Friday are from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Non Resident registration starts Monday, May 19th from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. You can pick up your packet at the Rec. Center or log on to www.mygulfport.us and follow the links to City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center. For more information call 893-1068.

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 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. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$6 non-res.

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CLASSES - Call instructor for more information.

- BeVolley Academy Clinics - Call 495-6696 for more information or visit the website www.bevolleyacademy.com
- Beginner's Spanish - Starts Mon., May 12th, 3-5 p.m. Call Ivone at 727-482-2125 for more info and prices.
- Fencing - Wed., 4:30 p.m. Call Ian Forester at 823-0922.
- 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.
- Yoga - Wed., 5:30-6:15 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Italian for Travelers - Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Roberto 727-866-6892.
- Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 p.m. Call Diane at 459-1399.
- Live in Color Mediation - Thurs., 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Rasheedah at 850-339-4668.
- Tai Chi - Tues. & Thurs., 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Call Marge at 345-6708.

- Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, 6 p.m. for Adults and Fri., 5 p.m. for Juniors. Call Jack at 280-4276.
- Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness - Tues., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 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.
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- Yoga in the PM - Wed., 6:30-7:45 p.m. Call Tamara at 512-2763.
- Zumba - Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call Rachel at 419-905-5562 for more info.

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Adult/All Ages Programs

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

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

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.

Author, Ani Crane: Friday, May 9, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Ani reads from her work, written for adult audiences.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thurs., May 15, 11:00 am. **Note new time. Discussion of *The Travels with Charley: In Search of America*, by John Steinbeck, 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 & Bird Club Program: Thurs., May 15, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Orchids & epiphytes both beautify and benefit our environment. Presentation by the Pinellas County Extension Service.

Introduction to Plant Identification: Thurs., May 22, 10:30 am - noon. Want to learn how to identify some of our wonderful Florida plants? Join UF/IFAS Pinellas County Extension specialist, James Stevenson, and examine the basics of plant identification, from using simple keys to identifying critical characteristics that will help any would-be botanist in the field. An emphasis will be placed on flowering plants, but ferns will be included as well.

Family Yoga: Thurs., May 22, 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Join in for a relaxing parent/child session. Spaces are limited, sign up at the Reference Desk or call 893-1073.

Home Gardening Class: Sat., May 24, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Struggling to get sprouted? Ongoing garden gripes? Join us at the launch of our gardening classes, to be held on the 4th Sat. of each month. Val Boyles, Master Gardener, shares her expertise to help you get budding along! Also, attendees can stay & informally discuss their gardening-related issues after the classes.

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 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.

Mothers' Day Tea & Crafts in the Garden: Sat., May 10, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Celebrate Mom and enjoy light refreshments in our recently opened beautiful Reading Garden. We'll also have a craft for the kids to make something special for Mom. Registration is recommended. Please call Cailey at 727-893-1133 for more info and to sign up!

Free Family Movie Day: Sat., May 17, 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.

Teen Programs

Teen Leadership Workshops: Mondays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Presented by the Gulfport Toastmasters for teens. FMI, contact kellymenges@hotmail.com.

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. For more details call Cailey, Youth Services Librarian, 727-893-1073.

Services

Senior Center

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The Gulfport Multipurpose Center hours are Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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. For more information, please 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

Monthly Blood Sugar Screenings: Thursday, 5/8 @ 10:30-11:30 am. It's important to know your numbers! The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay will provide blood sugar checks.

Cell Phone Class: Thursday, 5/8 @ 2:00 pm. Tony & Christine from The Cell Phone Solution will be here to answer your questions about your cell phone. So come on over, bring your cell phone and your questions.

Healthy Heart Cooking Class: Thursday, 5/8 @ 2:30 pm. You are welcome to join Dolphin's View as they present a Healthy Heart Cooking Class.

Monthly Memory Screening Clinic: Monday, 5/12 (2nd Monday of Every Month) @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Get a FREE & Confidential Memory Screening, advice and information MUST call 727-893-1231 to schedule your screening.

Paper Organization: Are You Prepared In The Event of A Crisis?™ - Monday, 5/12 @ 2:30 pm. Be ready for Hurricane Season! This program deals with organizing all your paperwork that is needed in the event of a major crisis.

Movie Day at the Snack Bar: Tuesday, 5/13 @ 11:00 am. Watch a Free, current movie and get a \$3 lunch deal.

Law of Attraction "The Emotion Code": Wednesday, 5/14 @ 1:30 pm. Life coach, Kathy Lane will discuss *Gabber May 8 - May 14, 2014*

the relationship between our thoughts, beliefs, & emotions and ways to release that emotional baggage.

IT'S BACK! - Happy Birthday Party: Friday, 5/16 (3rd Friday of Every Month) @ 2:30 pm. A Birthday Party with cake, games, & more for everyone. Whether you are celebrating a Birthday or not, this party is for you! Provided by Dolphin's View.

Victim Advocate Training: Wednesday, 5/21 @ 2:00 pm. Senior Center VOLUNTEERS! Do you know the signs of elder abuse? Area Agency on Aging will be providing training on how to recognize and prevent elder abuse.

SPECIAL SERVICES

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.

Community Law Program - Legal assistance is available from the Community Law Program every 3rd Friday of the month. You must be 60 years of age or older and qualify with the program. Call 727-582-7480 to qualify and to make the appointment. If you qualify, the legal assistance is free.

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 for more information. NEW SCHEDULE AVAILABLE.

Gulfport Getaways - Tues. 5/13-Pass-A-Grille. Enjoy a laid back day on the beach and then stop at the Don CeSar for a personal guided tour. Call 727-893-2242 to reserve your seat by 5/8. Price includes roundtrip transportation, parking, tour admission and a boxed lunch. (YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A GEMS MEMBER TO ENJOY GULFPORT GETAWAYS.)

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Local Obituaries

ANDERSON, SHIRLEY, of St. Pete Beach, passed away at her home Thursday April, 24, 2014, at the age of 74. Born in Hilo, HI where she is survived by her sister and brothers. She moved to Florida from Deerfield, IL in 1974. Her life's passion was to care for others, she loved her career and was loved by her patients during her 17 years with Suncoast Hospice, from where she retired. She will be missed by her sons, Robert Anderson and his wife Lauren, Larry Anderson and his wife Roxanne; her grandchildren, Robby Anderson and Amber Tibbetts and her husband Alex; and her great-grandchildren, Lillie and Adalyn. A gathering will be held at A Life Tribute in Gulfport Saturday, May 3 from 1 to 4 p.m., with a Celebration of Life Service at 2 p.m. Her wish was that donations be made to the Suncoast Hospice Foundation. The family's online guest book is at alifetribute.com.

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BABBITT, BEVERLY G., 89, of South Pasadena, passed away April 29, 2014. She was predeceased by her husband Ray in 1996. She worked for 23 years for A&P in New York before moving to Florida in 1977. Beverly is survived by a son, Hank, and daughter-in-law Marynell; two grandsons, Larry and Mark; and four great-grandchildren, Lauren, Kiefer, Elle, and Madison. Beach Memorial Chapel, St. Pete Beach.

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ERHARD, MARIE, born September 23, 1920, passed away on April 24, 2014 at The Vineyard Inn in Seminole under the loving care of the Vineyard staff with the help of Suncoast Hospice. She previously lived at Peterborough in St. Petersburg where she relocated at the age of 85 from MS after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Here she made many new friends. She is survived by daughters Betty Davis (Dan) and Cynthia Erhard all of Seminole and son John (Sandra) Erhard of Saucier, MS, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A funeral mass and burial was held at St. James Catholic

Church and Cemetery in Gulfport, MS on April 28th. The family requested donations to Suncoast Hospice or St. James Catholic Church, in lieu of flowers.

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KLINE, TERRILL A., 64, of St. Petersburg passed away at home on April 29, 2014 surrounded by family and friends. Born March 18, 1950, Terri was the daughter of Lt. Col. Jack T. Kline and Martha A. Kline. Terri and her brother Allen grew up in a beautiful waterfront home in Ft. Washington, Maryland fondly known as Vagabond House. At the young age of 15, Terri began exhibiting her art in shows and went on to further her studies in Paris, concluding with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Corcoran School of Art in Washington D.C. in 1989. Her artistic abilities extended far beyond her portraits. Her creativity was present in her culinary dishes as well as home décor and all her surroundings. Terri, a friend of Bill W., was very grateful to be included in a large circle of supportive friends. She is preceded by her parents, Jack and Martha and her brother, Allen. Survived by daughter Jessica, granddaughter Sariah, beloved cousin Phil, sister-in-law Nancy and countless friends and family. A Celebration of her Life will be held Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 1 p.m. at A Life Tribute Gulfport, 5601 Gulfport Blvd. S., Gulfport. Donations on behalf of Terrill can be made to Suncoast Hospice Foundation. Visit the family's online guestbook at www.alifetribute.com.

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LOVASCO, VIRGINIA "GINNY", of St. Petersburg died Monday, April 28, 2014. Born in Victoria, VA on March 15, 1927. She was a member of American Legion Andy Anderson Post 125. Survivors include four children, Terri, Carlo, Michael/Sonny and Brenda, all of St. Petersburg. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 125, 6440 5th Ave. S. in St. Petersburg.

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Genius, curmudgeon, patriot, politician's nightmare. All are apt descriptions of Al Davis. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a Masters Degree in Education from Rutgers University, friends knew him to be intelligent, funny, generous, inclusive and enormously knowledgeable about a vast array of subjects. Lucky indeed were the strangers to Gulfport who experienced an Al Davis "trash man motorcycle sidecar introductory tour" of Gulfport's alleyways. His home was always open to folks from all walks of life be they friends, friends of friends, foreign sailing teams or touring motorcyclists. Visitors were often surprised to discover that the Bronze Star recipient shared his home with four cats and five rabbits, all "recycled critters."

Shortly after moving next to Clam Bayou Estuary in Gulfport, Al realized the dire condition of the water body due to stormwater runoff. Despite the knowledge that his life would be significantly shortened by cancer, he was determined to restore the estuary. He focused on Gulfport's section, an area which is now nearly completely engorged with toxic runoff sediment. For years he sought assistance from politicians, local, state and federal. Initially, he believed that if people fully understood the situation they would facilitate a cure. Who would oppose restoration of one of the Gulf of Mexico's rapidly declining fish and manatee nurseries? Many, it turned out. He received death threats, personal attacks, harassment from politicians, political and agency inaction and retribution from local residents and authorities.

Al Davis had a warrior spirit. Knowing that others were concerned, Al founded Gulfport Water Watch, a politically engaged group of courageous citizens whose mission statement was to restore Clam Bayou, protect public access to public water and land, and support downtown Gulfport businesses. His political foes, of whom there were many, feared his eloquent,

trenchant, fact-filled public speeches in which Al frequently used the adversary's own quotes and data to prove his point. Al was a fervent believer in free speech. Not just his, but everyone's.

Clam Bayou eventually consumed over a decade of Al's life. Ultimately, he won a federal Clean Water Act lawsuit against the EPA. Al was nominated to receive the Spirit of Gulfport Award for his achievement which then was voted down by Gulfport City Council. A navigational channel was dredged for kayaks but not the formerly open water area filled with stormwater runoff. Sadly, he never attained the results for which he had worked so hard - a fully restored estuary.

Few recall Al's early appearances at city council when his belief in the political system was intact. He was involved in the CERT program (the city of Gulfport rejected his donation of a motor home which now serves as Lealman's Disaster Communication Vehicle for Pinellas County). He was a member of the Gulfport Historical Society and supported numerous local charities and schools. He played a major role in unifying the Florida anchoring law statewide which protects the environment, preserves the rights of boaters and clarifies the role of municipalities.

An Army fixed wing and helicopter aviator during Vietnam, flying was one of Al's many passions. Teaching was another. He taught ethics while serving as the Chairman of the Department of Military Science at the University of Rhode Island, followed by a professorship at the United States Naval War College in Newport where he taught national security decision making. He lived in Germany for several years, ran marathons in Europe and the United States, sailed from Newport to Bermuda many times, sailed in the Tasman Sea and in Vietnam. Al was a yacht broker for Morgan Yachts, scuba diver, accredited marine yacht surveyor, US Coast Guard All-Oceans Master Mariner, charter



captain and ASA sailing instructor. He taught captains courses for Sea School, wrote a book on and taught celestial navigation. He was published in sailing and motorcycle magazines. Al rode motorcycles over Alpine mountain passes and throughout Europe, completed a number of US cross-country trips and rode across Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. In 2012, Al completed a challenging two month, 13,000 mile Gulfport-to-the-Arctic Circle-and-back-again motorcycle trip.

Al's warrior spirit prevailed against cancer until April 16, 2014. Three, Al's devoted tortoiseshell cat, Eddie Moulton, Al's friend of 65 years and his wife Cindy were by his side when he died. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Jennifer Clark and Brett Waters, and a grandson, Liam Clark.

Al Davis often spoke truth to power fearlessly. Truth will win in the end, he believed, and truth knows no compromise. Al was that kind of guy. Hope still remains for Clam Bayou.

A celebration of life is planned for later this summer. Memorial donations may be made to Pet Pal Animal Shelter, The House Rabbit Society or The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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The Wave of the Future

Drill, baby, drill. I'm sure I wrote that in a column sometime in past few years. But don't grab your wet suits, kayaks, inner tubes, snorkeling and scuba gear, fishing boats, and weapons and rush to the beaches to fend off the oil rigs about to sprout along our beaches.

The drilling I'm talking about is taking place in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Colorado, Texas, North Dakota and other places where Marcellus and Utica shale formations are abundant and where the newest techniques of fracking are bringing the United States to the brink of energy self-sufficiency. Better than that, it could make us the world's leader in exporting fossil fuels. And that includes coal which has all but been banned here. Yeah, though fossil fuels is a dirty word in environmental and Democratic political circles, the world is going to need fossil fuels for years to come.

It's not just a matter of jobs, but a matter of getting enough cheap energy to distribute widely enough to allow the poorest of peoples to acquire basic power for electricity and water. Nothing wrong with pushing wind (great killer of birds) and solar power, but it's plain old fuel that is needed.

Though the process has been known and used for several decades,

innovations in the past 10 years have made it cost efficient and effective. It's not a casual operation. Drillers go down at least a mile and then drill out horizontally for thousands of feet as needed. Water and other chemicals are forced into the holes and the result is a fracturing of the rock structure releasing oil and gas. The result is that the U.S. is expected to be the world's largest producer of both commodities and a total reversal of a not-so-long-ago prediction that we would run out of natural resources. There are also chemical by-products that are promising to produce more jobs.

This reversal took place relatively quietly and independently of government. It has largely been a deal between drillers and private land owners with cooperation and oversight from local and state governments. Many landowners, mostly farmers, have profited immensely. So have the local and state governments. It has been pointed out that the principle of private land ownership is what allowed the quick development of fracking operations and that other countries without such basic ownership principals won't be able to catch up.

My home county of Washington just south of Pittsburgh has been home for about 500 wells. It and the surrounding counties also produce

coal, most of which is being exported. It's been a boon to the economy there with a minimum of disruption. Drillers have an incentive (besides fines by the DEP and EPA) to be careful. Each well costs millions to drill and screw-ups mean less production and sometimes failure.

However, it is not without controversy and some mishaps, and not without opposition. Some environmentalists oppose all drilling. More want severe limits on it. New York, for instance, prohibits it. The biggest roadblocks to further development are the need for additional pipelines for the gas and oil as well as refineries, fracking plants, and port facilities for export. These, including the Keystone pipeline which the Obama administration and the Democratic party oppose, can tie the entire North American continent (U.S., Canada, Mexico) together into a safe and peaceful mega power of energy. It can be done and be environmentally safe.

Trucks and some cars are already running on natural gas and gas is replacing coal as the preferred and cheaper fuel for power plants. This is the wave of the future and can't and shouldn't be stopped any more than the exploration and development in the past which fueled a world economy driven by cars and airplanes. Cars and motorized vehicles brought death and injury on the highways, spread pollution and crime and require great ribbons of concrete and asphalt tearing up our landscape. Airplanes brought the world together spreading more pollution, more pestilence and extreme violence in war and now drones to spy and kill.

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Junior Auxiliary meets Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 (first Saturday of each month)
Legion Riders meet 7 pm first Monday of each month
Auxiliary meets 7 pm 2nd Tuesday each month

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Happy Hour 9-11am & 4-7pm Jam Session 6-10pm Food available 6-8pm	Tiki open 4pm Dinner 5-7:30pm Karaoke 7-11pm	Tiki open 12noon Grill open 1-5pm Live Music 1-5pm Steak-O 4-6pm	Breakfast 8-10:30am Tiki open 12noon Grill open 1-5pm Live Music 1-5pm	Euchre 1pm Happy Hour 9-11am & 4-7pm Drink specials 8pm-Close	Happy Hour 9-11am & 4-7pm Karaoke 7-11pm Drink specials 8pm-Close	Tiki open 5pm Karaoke 7-11pm Bingo 7pm Food Available

Ladies Auxiliary meet 1st Sunday each month at 11:30am
Sons of AmVets meet 1st Monday each month at 7pm

AmVets meet 2nd Sunday each month at 11:30am
Steak-O every Saturday at 4pm



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

Friday 4/25

- Suspicious Person-** 11th Ave. & 57th St. S.
- Burglary-** 2800 Blk 51st St. S.
- Vandalism-** 1900 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Theft-** 2000 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Person Under Influence-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Saturday 4/26

- Disorderly Conduct-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk 17th Ave. S.
- Domestic-** 5200 Blk Jersey Ave. S.

- Disorderly Conduct-** 51st St. & 23rd Ave. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 5300 Blk 18th Ave. S.
- Theft-** 4900 Blk 29th Ave. S.
- Sunday 4/27**
- Domestic-** 2200 Blk York St. S.
- Domestic-** 3000 Blk 49th St. S.
- Recovered Vehicle-** 5300 Blk 8th Ave. S.
- Fraud/Forgery-** 2200 Blk 57th St. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 11th Ave. & Fremont St. S.
- Monday 4/28**
- Burglary-** 5500 Blk Shore Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 2300 Blk 49th St. S.
- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Domestic-** 5300 Blk Newton Ave. S.
- Panhandler-** Shore & Beach Blvds.
- Vandalism-** 2400 Blk 52nd St. S.
- Reckless Driver-** 54th St. & 18th Ave. S.
- Stolen Vehicle-** 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.
- Fire-** 5700 Blk 27th Ave. S.
- Panhandler-** 2200 Blk 49th St. S.

Tuesday 4/29

- Theft-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Burglary-** 1900 Blk 59th St. S.
- Accident-** 58th St. & Gulfport Blvd.
- Theft-** 900 Blk Fremont St. S.
- Wednesday 4/30**
- Domestic-** 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Animal Call-** 6100 Blk 11th Ave. S.
- Disturbance-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Theft-** 5100 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Thursday 5/1

- Fraud/Forgery-** 2400 Blk 53rd St. S.
- Accident-** 900 Blk 58th St. S.
- Disorderly Conduct-** 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.
- Suspicious Person-** 56th St. & 17th Ave. S.

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MOWC to Meet

Military Officers Wives Club will meet for luncheon May 13 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour will be 11:30 with lunch at 12:15 p.m. The program will be installation of officers. They will also have a crazy hat contest. All former, retired or active duty military spouses, their widows and former, retired or active duty female officers are invited to attend. Call 727-397-4146 or 727-399-1272 for reservations.

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Law of Attraction: "The Emotion Code"

Are you experiencing some form of pain, physically or emotionally? Pain is an indicator that something within us is out of balance. Join Life Coach, Kathy Lane, Wednesday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., while she talks more about the relationship between our thoughts, beliefs and emotions and how to process and release emotional baggage which will allow you to create a better life experience.

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Meet the Author

Gulfport resident Ani Crane will be reading from her new memoir “

How I Arrived Here” in May at local venues. On May 9 Ani will appear at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. at 3:30 and at the May 17 Saturday Art Walk she will be at Domain Art Gallery, 3129 Beach Blvd. at 6 p.m.

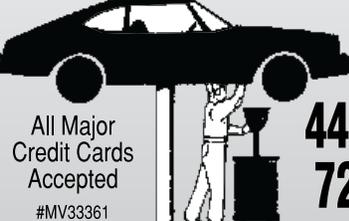
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Crane was a writing teacher for 20 years in New York City and a daily journal writer.

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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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Call to Artists for Annual Gecko Creations

Local artists are invited to submit a proposal for the creation of a larger-than-life gecko to be auctioned during the annual Gecko Ball in Gulfport on August 23. Artists selected will be supplied with a steel form in the shape of a gecko, either large (approximately 36 inches long by 18 inches wide) or small (approximately 24 inches long by 13 inches wide). Up to 10 artists will be selected to participate this year. Each gecko may be embellished, re-shaped, formed and/or re-imagined in any form and using any media by the participating artist. Except for the steel form, artists are responsible for purchasing any materials needed to create their designs. Each artist selected will receive two tickets to the Gecko Ball and will be acknowledged during the event.

Participating artists should live in or near Gulfport or have personal, familial or working ties to the city. If interested, artists should send a written summary and photos of some of their art work. It is not necessary for the artist to predetermine or express how he or she would create the gecko if chosen.

The deadline to submit an expression of interest will be June 1. Send submissions to: Owen Pach, Gulfport Merchants Association, P.O. Box 531914, St. Petersburg, FL 33747. The deadline for completion of geckos will be July 1.

For more information, contact Owen Pach at 727-623-4920 or email owenpachglass@gmail.com. Each of the geckos will be displayed in a shop, gallery or restaurant in the waterfront district in the weeks leading up to Gecko Ball.

This is the fifth year that artists will be selected to create geckos to be auctioned at the Gecko Ball and the popularity of the gecko auction grows each year. Nearly 30 geckos have been created in previous years, each becoming a collector's item. A portion of proceeds from the Gecko Ball, as well as GeckoFest and the

Gecko Pub Crawl is donated to local charities each year, and also funds the commission of public art projects in the Gulfport waterfront district.

The theme of this year's Gecko Ball is "Roaring Geckos!" a 1920s motif evoking flappers, "The Great Gatsby," gangsters, "Guys and Dolls," and other 20s touchstones. Costumes are encouraged! The event includes a dinner buffet, cash bar, live music and dancing, costume contest, silent auctions and the live auction of artist-

created geckos. Tickets for Gecko Ball go on sale a few weeks prior to the event, and it is known to sell out every year. To receive updates on Gecko Ball, including announcements of ticket sales and locations, visit and like the Facebook page for Gecko Ball at facebook.com/geckoball. Ticket sales announcements will also be published in local media. For more information, please contact Daniel Hodge at 727-366-4086 or email dan@igc.org.

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a degree in the Italian language and has been teaching Italian in the Tampa Bay area for 12 years. For pricing, more information and to register contact the Gulfport Recreation Center at 727-893-1079.

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skill levels. There are two different class offerings: Tuesday or Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The fees are \$10 drop in or \$35 per month for one day a week or \$65 per month for both days. Classes are held at the Gulfport Recreation Center. For more information contact Instructor Eda Yagiz (eyagiz@gmail.com). Get in shape, dance and have fun!

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Organize Your Papers in Case of Emergency

Beth of Redefined Living will be at the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on May 12 at 2:30 p.m. to present a program that deals with organizing all your paperwork that is needed in the event of a major crisis. They will discuss the types of paperwork that you need to have ready to "grab and go," as well as systems to keep these documents organized. Don't miss out on this important information.

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Do You Know the Signs of Elder Abuse?

Area Agency on Aging of Pinellas & Pasco will be providing training for all the Senior Center volunteers on Wednesday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. Please make plans to attend this important presentation and learn how to recognize and stop elder abuse. For more information, call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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MOAA to Meet

The Military Officers Association meets for lunch on the third Friday of each month. The next luncheon will be on May 16 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. The program will be a memorial service led by Maj. Ed Lillich. Military officers who are retired, active duty or former officers and their spouses or widows are invited to attend. For reservations call CDR Bill Bolin at 727-584-1595.

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Library Seeks LGBTQ Donations

The non-profit Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library has announced its intention to create a new Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer (LGBTQ) Resource Center at the library, bringing together books, periodicals and other media in a special collection that will serve as a community resource for Pinellas County and Florida. The Resource Center would be the first of its kind for a public library in the State of Florida.

A subcommittee of the Circle of Friends has been formed to chart a course toward developing and maintaining the LGBTQ collection. The committee is now actively seeking donations of books, CDs, DVDs, periodicals and other media which may be useful additions to the new collection. Donated items should be in new or gently used condition. Members of the public interested

in donating materials may bring or send them to the front desk of the Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28 Ave. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. Please label your donations accordingly if they are specifically intended for the LGBTQ collection. Committee members reserve the right to add donated items to their book sales inventory for fundraising if items are not suitable for the collection.

Monetary donations are also welcome and are tax-deductible. For this purpose, please make any checks payable to the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library and note that the donation is intended for the LGBTQ Collection. For more information, please contact Committee Chairperson Roger Turner, 727-698-7657 or RLTurner39@tampabay.rr.com.

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Gulfport Rec Summer Program

Get ready to splash into summer as registrations for the 2014 Summer Program begins Thursday, May 1st for Gulfport residents. Registration

is for children who have completed kindergarten through age 14. Hours of registration are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registrations for non-residents not enrolled in the School Year Child Care Program will begin Monday, May 19th for 30 children maximum. Annual registration fees are \$17 for residents and \$22 for non-residents. The eight-week program (June 16th to August 8th) cost is \$275 for residents and \$550 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Pre-Camp (June 9th to 13th) and Post-Camp (August 11th to 15th) cost is \$77 for each week, which includes field trips. Pre- and Post-Camps are limited to 60 Gulfport residents only. Summer camp hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or on-line (mygulfport.us and follow the links: City Departments, Leisure Services, Rec Center). Packets now available. Call 727-893-1068 for any questions.

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Gulfport Shines at Tourism Industry Event



By Shelly Wilson
"We have so much to be proud of in this town," said Gulfport Merchant's Association President Lori Rosso, here with Visit St. Pete/Clearwater's Deputy Director David Downing (left) and Executive Director D.T. Minich, at the May 1 National Travel and Tourism Week kick-off.

It was a packed house when Visit St. Pete/Clearwater (VSPC) kicked off National Travel and Tourism Week at the Gulfport Casino last Thursday, May 1. Over 300 tourism industry professionals, media and other guests enjoyed music from the Black Honkeys, local fare and craft beer at the annual event, which was held in Gulfport for the first time.

"I'm just so proud I could burst," said Lori Rosso, newly elected president of the Gulfport Merchants Association, and vice president of the Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Gulfport is a destination! This is our opportunity to showcase our community as a whole to people who have never been here before," Rosso said inside the magnificently decked-out Casino.

That Gulfport was singled out was no accident. VSPC Deputy Director David Downing explained that new statistics show younger and more diverse tourists visit the area, and VSPC is looking to capitalize on that trend with their new "Live Amplified" ad campaign, debuted that night at the Casino. Gulfport, he explained, was a natural choice for the kick-off.

"Part of the campaign is to highlight lesser-known areas, to put some of the unique areas together, and Gulfport is a piece of that. It's an untold story," he said. "Every time I've brought media here, they flip out. We thought it was a good mix."

Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson echoed Rosso's enthusiasm, noting that the tide is turning on Gulfport's visibility.

"Tourism in Pinellas County is about much more than the Gulf beaches," said the mayor. "And Gulfport's made great strides in bringing people in."

Rosso added that organizers had contacted her several years ago about holding the event in Gulfport, but that the timing was not quite right.

"It has been a record-breaking year, tourist-wise, all over. It's good that it happened now," she said. "We have so much to be proud of in this town."

Get Ready for Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Program is right around the corner at Gulfport Library. The kick-off party for kids will be held on Monday, June 9 at 3 p.m. and will run until Friday, July 25. They've got something planned for all ages. For more details on the summer reading program contact Cailey at 727-893-1133.

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Free Movie Day

Don't forget! Tuesday, May 13 at 11 a.m. is free movie day at the Gulfport Senior Center Snack Bar, 5501 27th Ave. S. Come watch a great current movie and grab lunch from the Snack Bar for only \$3.

Must be a registered Gulfport Senior Center member. Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. Call 727-893-5657.

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German-American Society News

On Saturday, May 10, the German-American Society located at 8098 66th St. N. in Pinellas Park will pay tribute to all mothers with their annual Mother's Day Dance. The music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be furnished by Jeanne Zube. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music begins at 7 p.m. The kitchen is open from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and their full service bar is open from 6 p.m. until closing time at 11 p.m. Their dress code is Florida semi-formal (no shorts, other than lederhosen). The entrance fee is their summer time rate of \$5. For further information contact Bob at 727-238-8201.

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Yard Sale to Benefit Teens

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2014 GFWC Florida Annual Convention

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) celebrated their 119th Annual Convention recently in Orlando. Club members from across the state enjoyed a weekend of fun, awards, friendship and giving. A contingent of GFWC St. Petersburg Club members attended in support of the incoming President Carole Weaver of Tarpon Springs. She will be serving as GFWC Florida President for the term of 2014-2016.

The St. Petersburg Woman's Club which celebrated it's 100 years of community activity in 2013, is affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This 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 call 727-822-4982 or visit StPetersburgWomansClub.org.

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County Residents Now Get First Call

With a new hurricane season comes a new, more capable emergency alert system. Pinellas County's FirstCall service is free to county residents and gives emergency managers multiple ways to get the word out whenever an emergency situation arises. Residents simply register their contact information with FirstCall, and an automated message will be sent to alert subscribers of potentially hazardous situations.

Each member of the subscriber's household who would like to receive emergency notifications can register. The FirstCall network allows emergency managers to send out alerts to the county as a whole or to smaller, more specific geographic areas. When activated, the automated system will call all registered land lines and cell phones, and send email and text messages, giving users the maximum opportunity to receive the message.

Residents can sign up for the service by visiting alertregistration.com/PinellasCoFLEMS/ or calling 866-484-3264. All contact information will remain protected and confidential.

Due to the change to FirstCall from the county's previous automated calling system, residents will need to register to receive these new alerts. The data which was collected

through the old Citizen Notification Service system will be kept and used until December 31.

For more information about how to prepare yourself and your family for hurricanes, visit pinellascounty.org/emergency to find your evacuation level, learn about storm dangers and discover how to create your own disaster plan.

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Live in Color Meditation

Live in color meditations is the art of breathing in color. A new meditation class is held at the Gulfport Recreation Center on Thursdays. The class will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 per class and \$5 for seniors. For more information and questions, please call Rasheedah at 850-339-4668.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Common Questions of Law - Wills

In the every day practice of law at Akerson Law Offices, common questions of law are asked by clients. A few of the most common questions which are responded to concerning wills and probate are as follows:

WHAT ARE THE FORMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEGAL WILL IN FLORIDA?

Whoever makes a will in the State of Florida must be at least eighteen

(18) years of age. Your will must be in writing. You must be of sound mind or be competent when you sign your will. A will must be witnessed in a special manner when you sign it. This requires that certain legal formalities be observed at the time of execution of the will. Finally, in order to be effective, a will must be acceptable to the Probate Court.

CAN I CROSS OUT OR WRITE ADDITIONAL WORDS IN MY WILL?

It is not a good idea to cross out words or add words to a will after the will has been signed and executed. If you write on the will after you have signed and executed it, you run a serious risk that some or all of the will may be determined by a Probate Court Judge to be invalid.

WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Everyone needs to have a will. People with minor children need wills

so that they can name a guardian for their minor children in the event of death. A will enables you to decide who gets your property. Without a will, the laws of the State of Florida decide who gets your real estate and personal property. A will also allows you to name who will manage the distribution of your estate. This party is known as the personal representative under Florida law.

IS MY CURRENT WILL STILL GOOD?

That depends. As long as your current will meets the formal requirements for a legal will in Florida, it is "good" until you change or revoke it in accordance with Florida law. You can change your will as often as you wish so long as you comply with the legal requirements concerning capacity, fraud, undue influence, duress and meet the formal requirements for a will in the State of Florida. Both monetary and personal changes in your life may require a change in your will. For example, divorce, marriage, birth of children, and deaths of relatives may be a reminder to review the adequacy of your current will. In addition, tax law changes and a change in the amount or makeup of your estate may make it advisable to change your will to better serve your legal heirs.

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

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Space is limited. You must reserve your spot by calling the Senior Center at 727-893-5657.

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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Chamber Seeks Donations for School

By Lynda Shehan

Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce will once again partner with member America's Office Source to raise money to purchase school supplies for Gulfport Elementary School. Last year "A Gift For Learning" brought together the business and private community, collected \$2,500 and, through America's Office Source wholesale buying power, the Chamber delivered \$5,000 worth of school supplies. Our goal is to double this effort for the 2014-2015 school season. To do this, we need the support of each person in Gulfport.

Please deliver or mail your donation checks, payable to the Gulfport Area

Chamber of Commerce, subject school supplies, to 4926 Gulfport Blvd. S., Gulfport, FL 33707. The deadline date for delivery of supplies is Friday, August 15.

This program is very important to the school as your donation, no matter the size, will place simple things such as erasers, colored pencils and more into the hands of children who otherwise would not have them.

Thank you for helping us make a difference. If you have any questions please phone Lynda at 727-323-3892 or America's Office Source at 727-331-1934.

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"Pirate" Athletic Hall of Fame Golf

Mark your calendar to play in the "Pirate" Athletic Hall of Fame, Inc. Golf Tournament to support Boca Ciega High School's goals and programs that promote leadership, instill values, and develop character and prepare students to be successful.

The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m. at Seminole Lakes Country Club,

6100 Augusta Blvd. in Seminole. Tournament fee is \$125 per person or a foursome for \$400, which includes a round of golf, cart, dinner awards ceremony and complimentary water while playing and the opportunity to win lots of prizes.

They are accepting door or raffle prizes that you may want to donate. Another option is to purchase a hole sponsor sign for \$100 to advertise your corporation or your name and graduating year, or donate a door prize from your class, yourself or your corporation.

This year the tournament is dedicated in memory of the former BCHS Coach Gerry Ramsberger, who recently passed and who was loved by all at Bogie and he will long be remembered for his love of coaching, his teaching and serving students.

So gather up your classmates, friends and come out for a great round of golf and support the many causes to better Bogie. Tournament information, please call tournament chair, Rex Gaugh '78, at 727-434-2165 or Steve Hodges '59 at 727-709-2612.

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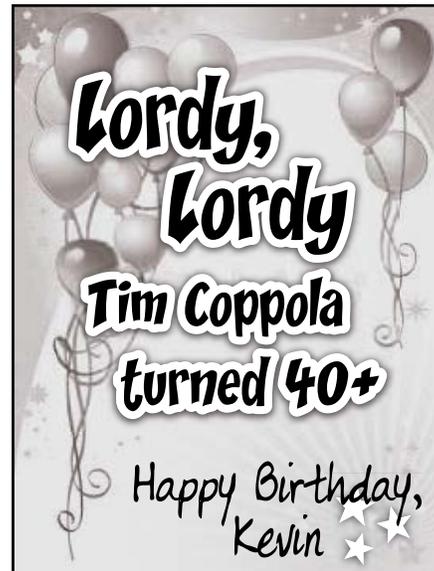
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