

Gulfport Celebrates Independence



Gulfport threw its traditional, daylong party for the Fourth of July this year, starting with a kids' fishing derby behind the Michael J. Yakes Recreation Complex and ending with a 20-minute fireworks spectacle on the beach. In between, street entertainment, live bands and sandcastle contests entertained locals and visitors alike. The city's annual celebration, which takes place entirely on public property, has gained popularity well outside Gulfport.

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Peace, Love and Blueberries: Dallas Bohrer

Just as words cannot describe the Blueberry Patch, words cannot summarize Dallas Bohrer. It is the sad job of this newspaper to try. Dallas Bohrer entered the world in 1933 in Oklahoma and left it on July 6. In the 81 years between, he brightened the worlds of those around him.

Dallas grew up in Texas, where he played high school football and earned a college ball scholarship before a heart murmur changed his path. Dallas also lived in Kansas and Arizona; he worked for a clothing retailer in the former and owned an art gallery and design studio in the latter. He moved to St. Petersburg, ran St. Pete Beach's Merry Pier, and opened the first Blueberry Patch on July 7, 1977.



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Can You Help This Family?

By Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent



I am writing on behalf of the Campbell family who live in Gulfport. The family recently experienced a horrific tragedy in which several members of the family were involved in a fatal hit and run accident in St. Petersburg.

One of the victims was a single mother who lived with her three small children and her mother in Gulfport. One of the children has

medical issues that require medication and frequent visits to medical professionals. In the weeks following this past Christmas, the family's home was the target of two burglaries where property was stolen from them.

The staff here at the city of Gulfport is engaged in an effort to raise funds to provide assistance for the family in this time of need. We are asking local businesses and charitable organizations to help us with any contributions you may be able to make. If your business is able to help in any way, the family would be greatly appreciative and you would have the thanks

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Family, from front page

from the close-knit Gulfport community.

Please contact Officer Zachary Mills at 727-519-3579 or zmills@mygulfport.us with any questions or to make a contribution.

Donations for the family can also be made to the "Three Angels with Six Blessings Foundation" at Bank of America or to Zion Hill Mortuary, 1700 49th St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707.

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Dinner and Tango

Join Kathleen and Steve Prucher on Saturday, July 12 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the "Milonga La Playa with Dinner Buffet" at the Gulfport Casino Ballroom. This in an Argentine tango dance and exhibition with \$15 admission at the door. For more detailed information, contact 727-742-3368.

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Get Your Blood Sugar Checked

It's important to know your numbers. Get your numbers checked at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. in Gulfport, on the second Thursday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood sugar screenings are provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.

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 call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

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Splash And Dash Biathlon Saturday

Join them for the Splash & Dash Children's Biathlon on Saturday, July 12 at 8 a.m. at the St. Pete Beach Aquatics Complex, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This children's biathlon will be broken into two age groups, 6 to 10 years old and 11 to 15 years old. The registration fee is \$25 for USA Triathlon members or \$35 for non-members. For race details or

more information visit usatriathlon.org/events/youth-aquathlon-series or email trigeekjim@msn.com.

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Teen Anime Club is Back

Back by popular demand! They'll be screening anime movies at the Gulfport Library the second Friday of every month. Come in Friday, July 11 at 3 p.m. for a free anime flick and some snacks. This event is open to 12 to 18 year olds. Help spread the word! Call Cailey at 893-1133.

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Enoch Davis Yard Sale

Check out the community yard sale on Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S. Co-sponsored by Enoch Davis Senior Advisory Council and Golden Generations, Inc. For more information call 727-893-7159.

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Chamber of Commerce Networking Mixer

By Lynda Shehan

As your Gulfport Area Chamber grows, many of our new members are signing on to sponsor a networking mixer to showcase their business. We are happy to announce that our next networking mixer on July 17 will be hosted by Egret Cove Center. This lovely facility is located at 550 62nd St. S. Mixers are held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with drawings held throughout the evening as we give away donated prizes and the 50/50 at the end of the evening.

If your business would like to join our growing chamber or sponsor a networking mixer, please call our office at 727-344-3711.

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Feel free to visit our website at Gulfportareachamberofcommerce.org and join online.

The chamber also wishes to thank the Gabber for their support in printing these press releases.

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Happy Hour with the Historian

On Thursday, July 10, author Tim Dorsey, good friend of the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library, will be host of "Happy Hour with the Historian" from 6 to 10 p.m. at the St. Pete Museum of History, 335 2nd Ave. NE (at the Pier with plenty of parking).

Tim will talk about his favorite subject, Florida fiction, and it should be very entertaining. There will be a cash bar with local catering, with a suggested \$10 per person donation to the Museum.

Tim has hosted two fundraising cruises for the Friends, bringing in more than \$6,000 toward their renovation/expansion campaign. Show your support for Tim's great support!

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Paper Art Exhibit Opens at July Art Walk

Creative Clay, Inc., 1114 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, announces Paper Art, a new exhibition opening at the July 12 Art Walk, featuring works in the artistry of paper, including printmaking, drawing, collage, sculpture, marbled paper and book art. The expressive work ranges from striking one color mono-prints on rice paper to vibrant sharpie drawings with cascades of color.

All are invited to the opening from 5 to 8:30 p.m. which coincides with the monthly Art Walk, which is coordinated by the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance and through the leadership of the Warehouse Arts District Association, the Arts Association of St. Petersburg, Central Arts and the Edge Districts. A free trolley is available to transport patrons to and from the various art districts. Creative Clay is trolley stop 12 on the Art Walk Trolley Map.

This month's Art Walk also features live music by Danielle DeCosmo, Creative Clay's coordinator of

the Creative Care program. DeCosmo was born and raised in St. Petersburg. The past seven years DeCosmo has performed for patients at Florida hospitals, including Shands Health Care in Gainesville, Fla., St. Anthony's Hospital, All Children's Hospital and Tampa General Hospital. DeCosmo's voice is described as sensual and soothing, similar to Norah Jones and the crooners of the 1930s and '40s, but with a power behind it, reminiscent of Janis Joplin and modern day Florence and the Machine. Call 727-825-0515.

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Tai Chi at the Casino

The classes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. This gentle form of exercise is beneficial in maintaining body elasticity, heart health, bone strength, balance and more while avoiding stress on hip and knee joints. To obtain maximum benefits it is recommended you attend both classes. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per class, which are open to everyone. Call Marge Grudzinski at 727-345-6708 for more information.

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Course will be held at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Ave. SE, Demens Landing in St. Petersburg. Instruction is free, materials cost \$30 per family. There is a maximum of 20 students. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at boating-stpete.org.

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Summer Dive-In Movies

Summer Dive-In Movies are back at the St. Pete Beach Community Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Bring your noodles, floats and chairs to lounge by the pool while watching a movie on their big inflatable screen out under the stars! They have Dive-Ins scheduled every Friday night through August 8. Snacks, drinks and glow jewelry will be sold. No outside coolers or food allowed. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is only \$4 per person. This event will be canceled in inclement weather. For the full schedule of Dive-In movies visit spbrec.com or call 727-363-9264.

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Be a Gecko Pub Crawl Ambassador

The Gulfport Merchant's Association is looking for volunteers to be ambassadors for the Gecko Pub Crawl which is taking place Saturday, August 9.

An ambassador is the person who is stationed at each pub who greets the folks and handles the pub crawl

business for the 200 participants of the crawl.

It is a great, fun way to participate in the crawl without having to crawl yourself. You will be provided all supplies and if you want to dress up to get folks in the spirit of the Roaring Geckos, feel free!

Responsibilities include: Be at your assigned location from 4:45 to 9 p.m. Greet crawlers, stamp their crawl ticket, and supply the free drink token. Deal each person a poker card and record the card on their ticket. Sell raffle tickets for prizes.

Each location is going to have three ambassadors. They already have some lined up but they need at least 11 more folks to volunteer.

All ambassadors are invited to the after-party at Salty's at 9 p.m. for the poker and raffle awards and live music, dancing and fun.

They will be holding a "Crawl Academy" a few days before the event to make sure that you all know what to do and work out any kinks, last year this was a huge success.

Contact Angela Lagan at gulfportbeachbazaar@gmail.com or 727-348-6490.

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Seniors' Chat Room

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Letters

Great Job

Dear Editor: The 'little girl' in this old lady gets so excited watching Gulfport's fireworks from my condo walkway! Hats off to all those who make it possible. Financial supporters, technicians, and safety experts all contributed to a brilliant evening. Thank you!

Barb Purtee

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Vote 'No' to Greenlight

Dear Editor: PSTA is asking Pinellas County voters to approve a significant sales tax increase to fund their Greenlight plan. They claim that current property taxes are insufficient for needed bus service improvements. But the tail wagging this dog is their much more troubling proposal to construct a light-rail system.

Greenlight proposes to construct a 24-mile light-rail system costing nearly \$3 billion which will be obsolete before it becomes operational in approximately 10 years. Railway stations in St. Pete, Clearwater and three mid-county stops will not be within easy walking distance for most passengers, thus creating a "first/last mile" problem of getting people from their starting locations to their final destinations.

A study by the respected Cato Institute concluded that vehicle

miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions were reduced by light rail only for households living within one-half mile of the station. The majority of passengers saw increased vehicle congestion around the stations. Adding insult to injury, most light-rail systems across the country require hundreds of millions of dollars per year in taxpayer subsidies in order to operate.

PSTA is ignoring the emerging autonomous vehicle technology which promises to efficiently solve the "first/last mile" problem. Autonomous vehicles will be commonplace within PSTA's timeframe for operational light-rail. Four states – including Florida – have already passed laws permitting autonomous cars. The Netherlands has just announced a five-year plan to make their public roads safe for autonomous vehicles and vice-versa. And cities in Belgium, France and Italy are now planning for driverless cars.

Greenlight would increase local sales tax – and increase the burden on state and federal taxpayers – to build a light-rail system based on unconvincing arguments and obsolete technology. Electors should vote 'No' in the November referendum and demand that PSTA look forward, not backward, for affordable and sustainable transportation solutions.

Ralph E. Warmack, PhD

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Audition for "Mama Mia"

A new special needs theater group is forming for ages 16 and up for an adapted production of "Mama Mia." ProjectFREE in Gulfport is looking for singers, dancers, actors, set and scene designers and volunteers. They need to cast 25 performers for this production.

Current auditions are ongoing and additional tryouts will be held at the Pilgrim United Church, 6325 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg.

To be part of this extravaganza go to myprojectfree.org to sign up. For information call 727-350-5706.

ProjectFREE is a non-profit whose mission is to provide opportunities to persons with disabilities.

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Flick & Float Movie at Childs Park Pool

Bring the family and friends to movie night at Childs Park Pool, 1227 43rd Street S. on Monday, July 21, 8 p.m. St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation presents a family friendly movie, where Flint Lockwood now works at The Live Corp Company for his idol Chester V. But he's forced to leave his post when he learns that his most infamous machine is still operational and is churning out menacing food-animal hybrids. Cost \$3.50/ages 3-12, \$4/age 13 and up. Floats provided. Flume slide, and diving boards open, lawn chairs welcome. For more information call 727-893-7730.

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Paint with a Twist for the Animals

Painting with A Twist St. Petersburg has created custom designs for a fundraising evening for the animals. Join them on Friday, July 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 2527 Central Ave. in St. Petersburg. Never picked up a brush before? No worries! PWAT makes it easy and so much fun. Fee of \$45 includes painting supplies, wine and treats to make this Picasso-esque experience even sweeter.

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Art in the PARC

PARC announces the 7th Annual Art in the PARC will be held Friday, July 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Duke Energy, 299 1st Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. This free indoor event features over 1,000 pieces of artwork and jewelry created by PARC artists with developmental disabilities and includes food, refreshments and music.

All artwork and jewelry sold that evening directly benefits PARC art programs as well as the artists.

Guests will be able to stroll through the Duke Energy lobby which will be filled with custom paintings, jewelry, pottery, fabric sculptures, and art prints which were all created by PARC artists with assistance from trained instructors and community volunteers. PARC artists will be on hand to meet guests and discuss their work. PARC's art programs promote each artist's inclusion at local venues and their contributions to the cultural and economic heart of the community. Artists receive half the proceeds on their work.

Since 1953, PARC has been supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities by offering a variety of services focused on their unique needs and goals. For more information about Art in the PARC, call 727-341-6903 or visit parc-fl.org/news/events.

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The first video of this series, "The Memory Loss Tapes," will be presented at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Friday, July 11 at 10 a.m. Please join them in the effort to expose the Alzheimer's crisis facing our nation.

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Players Open Summer One-Act Festival

The Gulfport Community Players will once again swing into summer with their "14th Annual Summer One Act Festival" in July. There are a variety of comedies, dramas and even one musical in their 13-play line-up this year. These are all very short plays, from 5 to 15 minutes each, and are sure to entertain their audiences. These are all original plays, never before seen by any audience anywhere.

The festival will run from July 10 through 20 at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport. This theater is located on Beach Blvd. at 26th Ave. S. in Gulfport. Curtain times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., and 2 p.m. on Sunday. There is a map showing just how to get to the theater on the Players' web site at gulfportcommunityplayers.org.

Tickets are on sale now at many locations in and around Gulfport for just \$15 each. You'll find them available at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, the Gulfport Casino, the

Gulfport Chamber of Commerce, and also at Funkytown Resale Boutique. You can also get them at the Hickman before the curtain, or use their will-call number 727-322-0316, and have them waiting for you at the ticket booth before the curtain. Be sure to pay for and pick the latter at least a half hour before curtain time. If not, the tickets may be sold to others waiting in line.

There is plenty of free parking at the theater and in surrounding areas of Gulfport. There is also a concession stand in the lobby of the theater for your convenience.

For your dining enjoyment there are many fine restaurants located in the Arts District of Gulfport, just south of the Hickman Theater. Be advised though that, especially on Friday and Saturday nights, they can and do get crowded. It's advisable to show up at least two hours before curtain time if you plan on eating in the Gulfport Arts District on those nights and then attending their performance later.

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Intermediate Digital Camera Class

Looking to improve your digital photography skills? Sign up for the beginner Digital Camera Class on Saturday, July 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Local photography teacher Cathy Salustri will show you the ropes and 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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Community Law Program

Legal assistance is available from the Community Law Program at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. every third 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.

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Learn to Be Suddenly in Command

What do you do if you are suddenly in charge of a boat? What do you do in an emergency? Learn how to be "Suddenly in Command" at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. on Saturday, August 2 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Instruction is free but class size is limited. Call 419-260-3592 for reservations. Presented by USCG Auxiliary Gulfport Flotilla 7-16.

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Build a Hanging Vertical Planter

The Gulfport Library Garden Workshop series will be hosting Sandra Bennett from Home Depot for a fun and educational reservations-only workshop on Saturday, July 26 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room.

Pre-registration is required. Participation will be limited to 30 adults with one participant per household due to the need to prepare supplies and the use of hand tools during the workshop. Participants will build a vertical hanging planter and then take home their new creation.

The Home Depot on Tyrone Blvd. has been a major supporter of the Library's planned seed library and will also be sponsoring this free event, as well as August's Earth Box workshop.

Many thanks to The Home Depot Assistant Manager Lindsey Tornello and workshop leader Sandra Bennett for their ongoing support and in making this event possible.

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Instrument Petting Zoo at Gulfport Library

The Florida Orchestra Instrument Petting Zoo will be at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., on Monday, July 21 at 3 p.m. as part of the K-5th grade summer reading program. Your little maestro will get a fun, hands-on experience trying out different instruments and joining in

on the cacophony of a make believe orchestra. For more information call Cailey at 727-893-1133 or email cklasson@mygulfpot.us.

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Take an Aquatic Fitness Class

Aquatic fitness offers a great muscle toning and cardio workout with the benefits and support of the water. Class is offered at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. on Mondays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 for St. Pete Beach residents and \$6 for non-residents. This class also accepts Silver Sneakers! Call 727-363-9264 or visit spbrec.com.

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Winners in the Fishing Derby!



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The city thanks owner Joe Guenther of O'Maddy's for donating his time and supplying a yummy barbecue lunch for the kids and their families.

Free Family Movie Day at Gulfport Library

Come beat the heat and take in two free movies at Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., on Saturday, July 19. PG movie starts at 10:30 a.m., PG-13 movie starts at 1:30 p.m. Call 727-893-1074 for the titles. As always, free popcorn!

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Daystar Life Center Needs Volunteers

A single dad loses his job and temporarily moves in with his mom. A teenager lands employment with the Tampa Bay Rays and needs help navigating the process of applying for a personal ID card. A grandmother raising three grandchildren needs a grocery boost to make it to the end of the week.

These are all people who recently found help at Daystar Life Center, 226 6th St. S. in St. Petersburg. The non-profit – where 96 cents of each \$1 donated goes directly to client services – offers a variety of ways to get past a rough time. Daystar is there to meet basic needs for families and individuals during a crisis but it's also there to guide clients towards a better life.

With snowbirds gone, Daystar is itself in need of volunteers to assist in numerous helping hand tasks. The next volunteer information session is at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 15.

Can't make this session? Contact Kitty Rawson, community relations manager, at 727-498-8794 or kitty.rawson@daystarlife.com to set up another time. Also, be advised that Daystar holds its volunteer information sessions the third Tuesday of each month at the agency. The August session will be Tuesday, August 19 at 1:30.

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

“You know, in 99 percent of bankruptcy cases the situation is that bad things happen to

good people. They have gone through an expensive health crisis or a divorce or just got in over their head with debt.”

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

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

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

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

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By Cathy Salustri

City of St. Pete Beach

This week's question comes from a reader via email.

Q: I am planning a trip to Upham Beach in September. I heard beach restoration is scheduled; is there any time frame for our beach?

A: According to Elaine Edmunds, St. Pete Beach's acting city manager, Upham Beach renourishment should start August 4. Pinellas County has plans to move to Pass-a-Grille and begin renourishment efforts there on August 19, so the hope is that the Upham portion will be done by then.



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The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce will host its 6th Annual Taste of the Beaches event Saturday, July 19 at Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive, St. Pete Beach. Festivities include auctions, raffles, tastes from 30 local restaurants and live music by "The Hamiltones" and the "Hunks of Funk." The event is from 4 to 10 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10 with food and drink tickets to be sold separately. Tickets may be purchased online at tampabaybeaches.com/events/eventdetail.aspx?EventID=2367.

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Surfers for Autism

Surfers for Autism is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit dedicated to the introduction of the sport of surfing to children with special needs. The therapeutic benefits of this activity to children and young adults within the autism spectrum cannot be put into words and must be experienced.

At a Surfers For Autism event, surfers are provided a safe, fun, judgement-free environment where highly skilled surf instructors carefully guide them into waves. Surfers and their families are treated like rock stars and enjoy a day filled with a range of activities including stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, live music, face painting, games, fire engine tours and much more. A catered lunch is also provided.

Join them on Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pass-A-Grille Beach, 1501 Gulf Way in St. Pete Beach. To register or for more information, visit surfersforautism.org.

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Church to Host Preparedness Seminar

Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, in conjunction with the St. Pete Beach Fire Department will present an informative workshop, "Weathering the Storm – Make a Plan and Be Informed." Bill Gorham, District Chief of the St. Pete Fire Department, will present the program which will address hurricane and emergency preparedness and include information on evacuation routes, emergency preparedness tips, check lists and specific information for condo owners. A question and answer session will follow Chief Gorham's presentation.

The workshop will be held at PAGBCC, 107 16 Ave. in St. Pete Beach, on Sunday, July 13 at 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for this workshop and all are invited. Contact Sally Cash, sallycash13@gmail.com or at 727-492-1235.

Democratic Club to Meet

Meet the 11 candidates for five contested nonpartisan election seats in the 6th Circuit Court of Florida when the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club meets on July 14. The candidates are: Group 1: Laura Snell and Susan St. John; Group 2: Ken Lark, Alicia Polk and Alan Scott Rosenthal; Group 16: Brian Battaglia and Kimberley Sharpe; Group 21: Amanda Colon and Phil Matthey; Group 35: Hon. Bruce Boyer and Jon Newton.



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USCG Safe Boating Program

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous safe

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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 July 18 at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a short program. For reservations call Pauline Edwards at 360-2936.

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German-American Society News

Manni is back in town. Everyone is invited to the German-American Society located at 8098 66th St. N. in Pinellas Park on July 12th for "Heimat Abend." The music for your dancing and listening pleasure will be furnished by Manni Daum. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the music begins at 7 p.m. The kitchen is open until 8 p.m. and their full service bar is open until 11 p.m. Their dress code is no shorts, other than lederhosen. The entrance fee is \$5. Call Bob at 727-238-8201.

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The Gabs

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Zoie Torres, St. Petersburg: "The last book I read was my nuclear medicine book for school."

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Chelsea Creaturo, St. Petersburg: 'Eat Pray Love.' She's an entertaining writer."

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Jonathan Malkin, St. Petersburg: 'The Road to Hell and Back,' by Jonathan Malkin."

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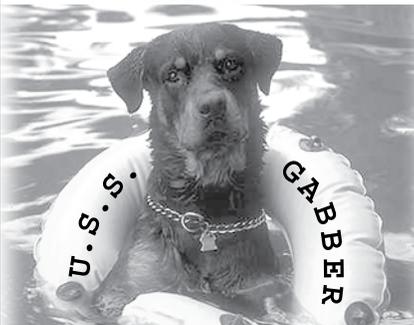
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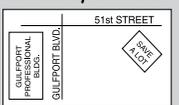
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The studios and galleries provide an informal, engaging social evening to drop in and meet our community's artists. Many will have demonstrations and refreshments. Some are only open on ArtWalk! Be

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Computer for Beginners will be held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. This class is a great opportunity to learn the basic functions of computers.

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Both classes will be held at the Gulfport Senior Center. Must sign-up in advance! Space is limited.

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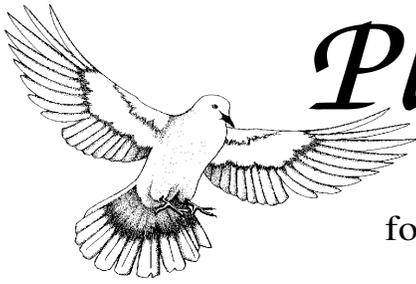
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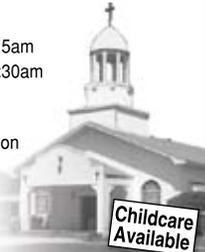
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By Cathy Salustri

City of Gulfport

Q: Can anyone tell me why the new Dollar General is being built so close to the road? Looks like an accident waiting to happen. Is there even a sidewalk? – Crystal Hayden

A: We're used to seeing parking closest to the road and buildings set back on the property, and while the Dollar General may appear "too close" to 49th St. S., according to the Gulfport's Community Development Department, this is not the case. Along 49th St. S., Dollar General allowed for 12.31 feet of setback. The required setback is 12 feet.

"This appearance is due to the alignment of the property lines, the right-of-way, and building setback from the property line," Community Development Director Fred Metcalf said.

Along this part of 49th Street, property lines don't run in a straight line, and the property survey shows the edge of the curb as the property line. That new sidewalk running along the street? That's actually on Dollar General property, as is part of 49th St. S. – the northeast edge of Dollar General's property extends into the street.

Reading Paws at the Gulfport Library

Everyone's favorite golden is back at Gulfport Library! Did you know reading to a pet can help boost your child's literary confidence? Come to the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., on Thursday, July 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to read a story Maya, the reading assistance golden retriever. To make an appointment with Maya please call Cailey at 727-893-1133 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Pass-a-Grille to Hold Public Meeting on Design Standards

The city will hold a public meeting as a next step in the Pass-a-Grille Pathway to the Future Project. At the meeting, residents will help staff create Design Standards and other solutions to the issues raised at previous events. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m. at the Warren Webster Building, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach. Visit stpetebeach.org.

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Gulfport Neighbors Beach, Area Cleanups

The Gulfport Neighbors beach and area cleanups, for the summer, will now be held every other Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

Gulfport Neighbors invites Gulfportians and their friends and family to participate in this popular event. They will gather at Shelter 4 on Gulfport Beach. Please arrive at 5:45 p.m. to sign in.

Gulfport Boulevard cleanup will be held on Saturday, July 19 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. They will gather in the north parking lot of Walgreen's, located on 58th St. at Gulfport Blvd.

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 the litter in our community, this event is for you.

Please bring a picker/grabber and gloves and be sure to wear sun protection. Water will be provided.

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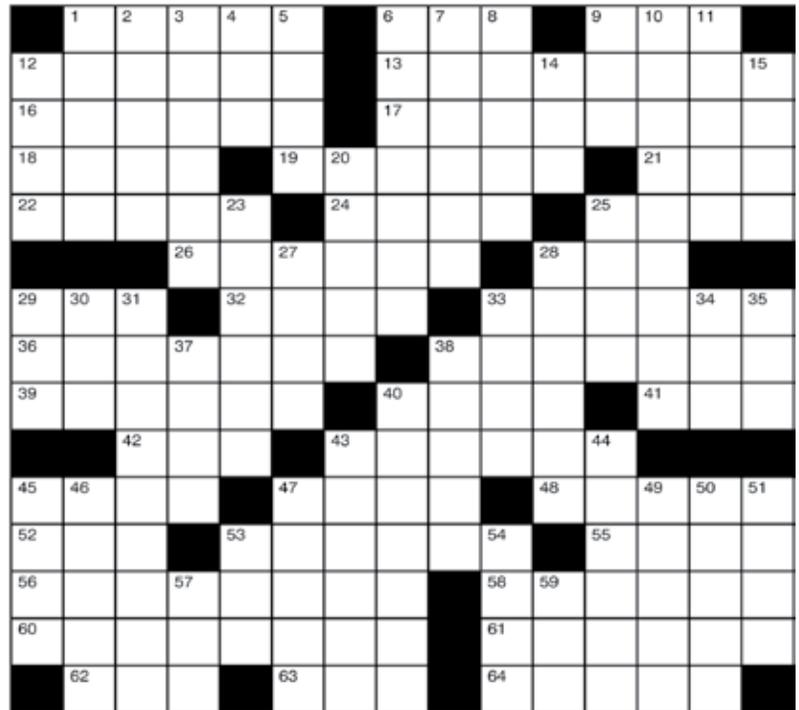
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Roaring Geckos Tickets Go On Sale

Break out your best Charleston dance moves! Roaring Geckos will be the theme of Gulfport's Sixth Annual Gecko Ball. The Roaring Geckos theme will evoke the Roaring Twenties, including its music, dancing, hair styles, clothing and costumes, fads, movies and other popular culture. Expect to experience costumes, music and décor celebrating flappers, hair bobs, Charlie Chaplin, "The Great Gatsby," "Guys and Dolls," the jazz age, Louis

Armstrong, Rudolph Valentino, swing music and big bands, art deco and many other touchstones of the 1920s era.

The Gecko Ball will be held at the historic waterfront Gulfport Casino Ballroom (5500 Shore Blvd. S.) from 6 until 11 p.m. on Saturday, August 23. The event gets larger and more popular each year, including over the top décor, cocktail specials, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, commemorative photo booth, dozens of silent auction items, and the popular live auction of geckos created by local artists. Once again,

a new Gecko Queen will be crowned at the ball as the queen and court are presented to assembled ball-goers.

Dress a la 1920s or dress as a gecko, or combine the two! A costume contest will determine some of the best outfits in the house. Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. Appearing live at this year's ball, the "Z Street Speakeasy Band" will offer dance floor-ready tunes from the 20s through today. There will be many other surprises in store, creating what has become known as Gulfport's party of the year!

Tickets for Gecko Ball are \$35 per person and are on sale at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar's Box Office, 3115 Beach Blvd. S. Tickets will continue to be available at the Beach Bazaar during regular store hours, as well as online with a credit or debit card at GulfportMA.com until the event sells out. The Gecko Ball sells out every year, so would-be ball-goers are encouraged to purchase tickets as far in advance as possible. While they last, tables of 10 are available for group reservations only if all tickets for the table are purchased in person at the Beach Bazaar at one time.

The Gecko Ball occurs one week prior to the annual GeckoFest street festival (August 30), and each year the ball's theme also lends itself to costumes that GeckoFest participants are encouraged to wear and flaunt during the Fest's walking parade.

The annual Gecko Pub Crawl will be held August 9 this year, and a portion of proceeds from all three Gecko events will once again benefit a local non-profit group, as well as the commission of a public art installation.

For more information and updates on the Gecko Ball, go to Facebook.com/Geckoball. GeckoFest, Gecko Ball and Gecko Pub Crawl are all sponsored by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association. Contact Richard Radovic (rradovicjr@gmail.com or 727-204-8101) for details.

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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 or to register for the class, please call the Event Line at 727-893-5657.

Lithuanian American Club Lunch

The Lithuanian American Club at 4880 46th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The summer schedule of luncheons is one week koldunai and the other week cepelinai.

The cost is \$7 for entree, side, dessert and coffee. This Thursday's menu is cepelinai (grated potato meat dumplings) served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. As usual, they have Lithuanian beer and fresh baked bread to buy every Thursday. Call Vida at 866-7936.

Check Out These Events at the Library

On Saturday, July 12, at 2 p.m. the Pinellas County Extension Services will present Backyard Chickens at the North Community Library, 861 70th Ave. N. in St. Petersburg. Learn to raise chickens in your own backyard. Covers breeds, care and feeding, local regulations, and more. Call 727-893-7214.

On Saturday, July 19, at 2 p.m. meet Anya Kassoff, author of "The Vibrant Table: Recipes from My Always Vegetarian, Mostly Vegan, and Sometimes Raw Kitchen" at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 9th Ave. N. Anya will discuss and sign copies of her book. Call 727-893-7724.

On Saturday, July 26, at 11 a.m. the Pinellas County Extension Services will present Container Gardening at the Mirror Lake Community Library, 280 5th St. N. in St. Petersburg. Learn how to grow gardens in small spaces. Call 727-893-7268.

Garden Club of St. Petersburg Events

Creative Crafts of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg will present the following activities at 10 a.m. at the Garden Center, 500 Sunset Dr. S., St. Petersburg. The cost of materials for member is \$3.50 and non-

members \$4 and you take home what you craft. The public is invited. Call 727-381-8920 or visit gardenclubstpetersburg.org.

Monday, July 14: Wine Glass Painting

Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26: "Indoor Yard Sale." Browse the collectibles, gadgets, household items and other treasures in air-conditioned comfort and support the Garden Club's programs and projects. Hot dogs available. Free admission. Friday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Audition for "Black Comedy"

St. Petersburg City Theatre will hold auditions for "Black Comedy" on Monday, July 21 and Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Auditions will be held at the theatre at 4025 31st St. S. in St. Petersburg.

There will be a six-week rehearsal period. Actors are encouraged to attend the first night of auditions as the second night will be considered a call-back and only a limited number of new applicants will be seen. Cold readings from the script.

"Black Comedy", written by Peter Shaffer and directed by Rob Colwell, will run from September 12 through

28, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. at St. Pete City Theatre as part of the theatre's 90th season. Set in 1965, "Black Comedy" involves a struggling artist about to meet both his fiancée's father and a major art investor on the same evening. In an attempt to impress, the artist has borrowed a room full of antique furniture from his vacationing neighbor. As preparations are made for the evening, the apartment building loses power. Much more is revealed about the artist than he ever wanted brought to light.

Casting needs:

Brindsley Miller: age 19-27, a young sculptor, intelligent and attractive,

but nervous and uncertain of himself. A physically demanding role requiring athletic abilities.

Carol Melkett: age 19-25, his fiancée. A young debutante; very pretty, very spoiled; very silly. Her sound is unmistakable, terrifying deb quack.

Miss Furnival: age 55-70, prissy and refined. Clad in the blouse and sack skirt of her gentility, her hair in a bun, her voice in a bun, she reveals only the repressed gestures of the middle-class spinster, until alcohol undoes her.

Colonel Melkett: age 55-70, Carol's commanding father. Brisk, barky, yet given to sudden vocal calms which suggest a deep and alarming instability. It is not only the constant darkness which gives him his look of wide-eyed suspicion.

Harold Gorrige: age 35-55, the bachelor owner of an antique-china shop, and Brindsley's neighbour. His friendship is highly conditional and possessive: sooner or later, payment for it will be asked. A specialist in emotional blackmail, he can become hysterical when slighted, or (as inevitably happens) rejected. He is older than Brindsley by several years.

Schuppanzigh: age 35-55, a German refugee, chubby, cultivated, and effervescent. He is an entirely happy man, delighted to be in England, even if this means being employed full time by the London Electricity Board.

Clea: age 19-27, Brindsley's ex-mistress. Mid-twenties; dazzling, emotional, bright and mischievous. The challenge to her to create a dramatic situation out of the darkness is ultimately irresistible.

Georg Bamberger: an elderly millionaire art collector, easily identifiable as such. Like the electrician, he is a German.

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Depression and Bipolar Support Group

Depression and bipolar support group meets at the Suncoast Center (in back), 4024 Central Avenue on Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Families and support people are welcome. Call Les at 727-822-3480 or email to Les@FBAO.org.

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Jessi Terry works behind the crowded bar on the opening night of Tequila Mockingbird, the Mexican restaurant that opened July 1 on Pass-A-Grille's 8th Ave.

July Jazz Concert

The Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Society will sponsor Bobby Tess and the Dixie Chaps on Thursday, July 17 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Admission is \$10, students and military are free. Call 727-522-6877.

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Beta Sigma Phi

Sunshine City Council's Organizational meeting will be held on Monday, July 14 at 7 p.m. in the ROTC room at Dixie Hollins High School. All chapter presidents and committee chairmen are invited to attend this meeting. At this time information will be shared about the upcoming events planned for the year. The proposed budget will be presented and will be voted on at the September regular meeting.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. Most chapters meet from September to May twice a month. Each chapter has a variety of socials. There are career chapters which meet once a month and have an abbreviated format. Many chapters have service

projects but their focus is on social and cultural programs.

For more information, please contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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County Seeks Project Ideas

Pinellas County is currently accepting public input for project ideas to restore the local environment and economy using anticipated federal funds related to the 2010 BP oil spill.

Projects must be within the county or benefit the county and/or its adjacent bay, coastal and Gulf waters and the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem. Submitted ideas may be developed into project proposals by county staff. The county

also plans to accept project proposals for funding later this year.

The Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourism Opportunities, and Revived Economy Act of 2012, better known as the RESTORE Act, requires that penalties collected as a result of the civil lawsuit over the BP oil spill be allocated to the five Gulf States. The exact amount of funding is not yet known, but could be in the range of \$1.5 to \$2 million per year for 10 or more years.

Citizens can submit ideas, review county-held public meeting information and read a summary of the RESTORE Act provided by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection online at pinellascounty.org/restore.

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Horoscope Guide

By Holiday Mathis

In the wake of the full moon, this week starts off with a morning-after-the-party feeling. Mental meandering is par for the course as we sort last week's mess of facts, feelings and opinions. Mercury and Neptune form a harmonious angle at the end of the week to bridge a communication gap they've been trying to close for months. It's the perfect moment for hearing and understanding messages in the spiritual and artistic realms.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This week you have something that really needs to be accomplished and a message to match the task. There will be no such thing as over-communicating it. To keep yourself and everyone around you on purpose, repeat yourself often. Find new ways to say it. With constant communication, you will get there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are devoted and true, and yet there is something inside you that is weary from doing the right thing. Being good doesn't always feel good. You'll start to wonder whether there's such a thing as being *too* good. The malaise you feel is a sign that you need a break. Demand less of yourself this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Empowering talk leads to exciting developments in a relationship. Things really are getting better. Practice describing your experience, feelings and needs. Avoid claiming that another person is "driving you crazy" or "making you mad." The more responsibility you can take for your own state the better off you'll be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The mightiest warrior knows that battling isn't the only way to victory. Some of the best victories are handed over. Negotiation would be better in this week's case, but if you must go to the mat, offer your opponent nothing to resist, and there won't be much of a fight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll gladly deliver good news. As for the bad news, you might leave it for someone else to tell -- or not -- hoping

that by ignoring it, depriving it of your breath and attention, it will somehow disappear. Sometimes this method works! At least if you focus yourself on the positive there will be far less room for the negative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have a knack for speaking in the vernacular most appropriate to your company this week, and you'll be around many types. There is a Malayan proverb that goes, "Trumpet in a herd of elephants; crow in the company of cocks; bleat in a flock of goats." You'll do it all!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The way you feel about a loved one is similar to the way you feel about music. You know there is meaning there, but the meaning is beyond words. Go ahead and try putting it into words anyway. Your loved one will benefit from knowing that your affections run deep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're on the fast track. Creativity is flowing, and your social network is growing. Pretty soon you won't be able to tell the difference between your business relationships and your social relationships. Pool resources with family, colleagues and friends. You'll get there faster getting there together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel somewhat depleted at the start of the week, but don't worry. The well of joy inside you hasn't dried up; it's just that you can't reach it with a broken rope. New tools are needed. Where will you find them? Almost anywhere you look. Your intention to be happy will lead to many fortuitous discoveries.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's so much going on this week that you may feel as though maintaining your possessions just takes too much of your time. Do it anyway. Neat and clean environs reinforce the mindset that you've got your act together. Your responsible attitude makes you attractive and successful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your fantasy life is strong, and you could spend a good deal of energy building castles in the air. You can't live in

them, but some of the ideas are practical enough to apply once you touch back down to Earth. A healthy balance means allowing yourself to dream but commanding yourself to take practical steps, as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This week shows you in an ambitious mood, and you'll require much of yourself. Of course, it's difficult to make big things happen if you are distracted by every enticement along the way. Because you're after the larger experiences of life, you feel the need to bring your lower appetites into control.

This Week's Birthdays: Before you make any radical changes, ask yourself, "Is this something I can do for the rest of my life?" Permanent changes will be life enhancing, while committing to something short term will be more effort than it's worth. An August business endeavor is a win as long as you don't break your own investment rules. October brings a fortuitous meeting, and romance will sweep into your life. January endeavors require heart, faith and sweat, but they will be some of your best times this year.

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Caregiver's Support Group

Are you feeling overwhelmed with the responsibilities and challenges of being a caregiver? You are not alone! On-going support for you is essential.

The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., offers a support group for caregivers every Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This peer-led group has met weekly over the years sharing tips, offering encouragement, and discussing the trials, demands, and overwhelming experience of being a caregiver for their loved one.

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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Feline Family of Ten Needs Support

A feline family of ten that was heading from an emergency veterinary clinic to Pinellas County Animal Services was rescued last week by Save Our Strays, Inc. The medium-haired mother cat and her nine kittens are now thriving under SOS' foster home program. Kate and the nine kittens (four orange, two grey, two black and one tortoiseshell) need kitten replacement milk (KRM), canned kitten and adult food, dry cat food and litter.

Save Our Strays is asking for support in its effort to provide the best care for this feline family. Its Donate \$9 for 9 Kittens campaign requests an under-\$10 donation. Your contribution may be submitted using Paypal at saveourstraysinc.com website or mail your check to Save Our Strays, PO Box 1051, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

Donated items may be brought to SOS' PetSmart adoption sites on weekends. For details call 727-545-1116. The kittens will be ready for their forever homes later this summer. Reserve one or two now!

Save Ours Strays, Inc. is a nonprofit, all-volunteer, no kill animal welfare organization dedicated to rehoming cats and kittens.

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Readers, Writers Get Lit in the Edge District

By Cathy Salustri



Beth Jackson brought Oicho-Kabu, a Japanese game, to the inaugural Get Lit!, a Keep St. Pete Lit event.

Name a word beginning with 'W' and ending with 'M.' You can't use proper nouns, and the word must be at least five letters long.

Stumped? Most people were, too, at Get Lit!, a word-themed game night hosted by Keep St. Pete Lit. The organization chose the Amsterdam bar in St. Petersburg's Edge District as the locale for the first such event, although board members said Keep St. Pete Lit intends to rotate through drinking establishments across St. Petersburg. Games included Bananagrams, Mad Libs, and Taboo.

Maureen McDole, president of Keep St. Pete Lit, says the board decided to play on a common misinterpretation of the group's name.

"We have gotten so many amusing comments about our name that we decided to use the multiple interpretations of 'lit' to our advantage," she said. "We invited people to come and play word games and enjoy craft beer, so they can get lit, while getting lit, if they so choose."

The Amsterdam, a dog-friendly, non-smoking bar at 10th Street and Central Avenue, donated door prizes. Keep St. Pete Lit did not charge for the event but did accept donations.

Keep St. Pete Lit's goal is to make literary culture more approachable with events espousing a "literary twist," McDole says. In the same vein, Keep St. Pete Lit has a book club, called "The First Rule About Book Club" that will alternate reading classics, pulp fiction, and nontraditional book club fodder. To learn more about the organization, go to KeepStPeteLit.org or read this article at theGabber.com and look for the link.

Oh, and the word? Wampum.

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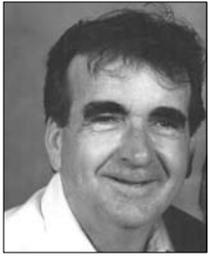
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Local Obituaries



AVINGTON, ROBERT JOHN "EGGS", 82, of St. Petersburg, died Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he moved his family to Vina del

Mar on Pass-A-Grille Beach in 1970. He graduated from North Catholic High, in Philadelphia. A career Army soldier, he served valiantly in Korea, earning the Distinguished Service Cross, Wharang Distinguished Military Service Medal with Gold Star, the Purple Heart, among other honors, retiring in 1972. A parade was held in his honor upon his return to Philadelphia from the Korean Theater. He was a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post 305), The American Legion (Post 125), Disabled American Veterans. Robert enjoyed time with the love of his life, his wife Helen, who preceded him in death in 2011. He was a loving and caring father, grandfather and great grandfather. He enjoyed travel and cruises, and watching TV programs about traveling and culture. Eggs was an outdoorsman, who relished his time sitting on the dock, watching the local fauna, fishing, and enjoying life. He was also preceded in death by his son Robert, Jr. He will be missed by his children, Donna Avington Lahre, Christopher M. Avington (Carolyn), and Matthew P. Avington (Holley); six granddaughters, Megan, Ryan, Autumn, Kelli, Sarah, and Madison; three grandsons, Christopher "Muki", Jason, and Thomas; and five great-grandchildren, Isabella, Peter "Rocco", Jacob, Dylan, and Wyatt. Funeral service will be held at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Gulfport, on Friday, July 18 at 8:30 a.m. followed by rendering of Military Honors at Bay Pines National Cemetery at 10 a.m. A Life Tribute Funeral Care, Gulfport.

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VAN LEUVAN, NILE L., "DUTCH", 71, passed away at his home in Gulfport, FL on July 2, 2014. He is survived by his

wife of 41 years Patricia Van Leuvan nee Bradley; two daughters, Nora of Denver, Colorado and Barbara Kasulaitis and son-in-law Christopher of Fairport, NY and two sisters, Lois Buttino of Rochester, NY and Claire Higgins of Pompton Lakes, NJ as well as many nieces and nephews. Born in Jersey City on June 17, 1943, Dutch graduated from Wayne High School and worked for NCR for 10 years before moving to Oregon where he spent eight years. He moved to Florida in 1984 where he owned and operated a cash register and typewriter sales, service and supplies business until he retired in 1998. He loved the outdoors and spent all his free time sailing, boating, camping, hiking and traveling with his wife and family. Visit ALifeTribute.com for online register book and future service details.

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In Loving Memory



IVAN "CHUK" JANSON

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Love, Olga forever and ever

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Dallas, from front page

A decade later he decided to grow the Blueberry Patch in Gulfport.

Locals fell in love with the Blueberry Patch, a haven for artists and musicians. Long before found object art gained popularity, Dallas coined the term "Palletology," the art of creating furnishings and sculpture from discarded wooden shipping pallets. Dallas and fellow artistic spirits created a glittery, eclectic haven from such objects.

"It's like being inside a Christmas tree, looking out," one Patch Pal – the name for Blueberry Patch supporters – told the Gabber in 2003, when Dallas and the Patch had a dust-up with the city's building department. It looked then as though the Patch's days were numbered; only the intercession of Gulfport's brand-new city manager, Tom Brobeil, and the volunteer effort of Patch Pals who helped alleviate code concerns, saved the Blueberry Patch from layers of bureaucracy.

From there, Dallas and the Blueberry Patch grew. His thoughts on recycling and cooperative living evolved into Shareival: Sharing to Survive, Surviving To Share, a nonprofit organization.

Patch Pal Martha Muzzey described the Patch as "a beautiful twinkling gallery of recycled art and self-expression where love, peace and creativity take center stage."

In recent years – and in no small part thanks to Brobeil's tolerance for the Patch – the Patch blossomed into a well-respected community retreat. In 2009, then-vice-mayor Sam Henderson nominated Dallas for the Spirit of Gulfport Award.

Dallas is preceded in death by his son, Brock; his daughter, Brook; his parents Lee and Ruth; and his older brother, Darwin. Survivors include his daughter, Becca Tara Beane; grandsons Daniel, Duane, David and Jeffrey Beane; brothers Dennis, John, James, Richard, sister Sheryl Fulfer and a host of nephews and nieces.

He is also survived by his legacy of love, peace and, as he liked to say, blueberries.

The Blueberry Patch will announce Dallas' Celebration of Life in the near future.

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Open Studio for Portraits at Suntan

Treasure Island Art Guild has moved its Open Portrait Studio to its summer home. The group meets Friday mornings through August at the Suntan Art Center, 3300 Gulf Blvd. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome to join the group for a morning of artful fellowship. A live model is provided. For more information call 727-367-3818.

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Bereavement Support Group

Good Mourning Group will meet on Mondays beginning July 21 at 9 a.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

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Tributes to Dallas

The *Gabber* received a host of tributes to Dallas Bohrer; we've included two that touched us here. You can add your own thoughts online at theGabber.com; just look for this article and click "Comment."

"The first time I met Dallas Bohrer was at the Blueberry Patch in 2006. He showed me the donation bucket, smiled, and told me to have a good time. I've been back to the Patch many times since, and I've always have done just that. I can't speak to the many interesting decades of Dallas' life before we met. I've only heard the stories second hand. All I know is that Dallas and his crew created a place that celebrated art, music and friendship. A place where I always felt welcomed. When I nominated Dallas for the Spirit of Gulfport award in 2012, it was because of his dedication to keeping the Patch true to that celebration. He received that award because many others agreed. That little backyard haven embodies what I love most about Gulfport: creativity, acceptance and fellowship. I can't picture Gulfport without it. The last time I saw Dallas at the Patch, he was in a wheelchair and not feeling particularly great. But you know what? He wanted to listen to the bands and talk to the people. He also wanted me to sneak a cup of beer to him, which I did. Even in his twilight, he wanted to be in the center of the celebration. I respect that. Cheers to you, Dallas. Thanks for the gifts that you left us along the way."

– Mayor and Patch Pal Sam Henderson

"I have so many wonderful memories of Dallas; Dan and I quickly learned that the truly fun part of the Blueberry Patch was sitting at the 'gate.' We met virtually every icon, reprobate and personality who passed through Gulfport in our almost 10 years at the door. Dallas knew them all; he remembered their stories and encouraged them to go back out into the world and make more. Musicians, writers, artists, poets and madmen, to paraphrase my husband. Famous and infamous, unknown and to be known, Dallas knew them all. He was generous, kind and funny. He was a fraud, a con man, a dear and a genuine person, all at the same time. He had a joyous enthusiasm for creativity, a childlike innocence and exuberance for each new idea. His ability to see people as they could be has been (and continues to be) a support and boost for both the creative and the practical. His support, frequently tacit, has buoyed many a person through some tough times and launched them into new adventures."

– Juju Stevens

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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Needed: More Taxes

Add another crisis for our crisis addicted country: We've run out of money to pay for building more roads and bridges and maintaining them. Actually, we haven't been paying enough money to keep bridges and roadways in decent repair. We put those off and spent the money on new roads instead.

So, we can add this looming problem to the refusal to address the national debt, now at 17 trillion dollars, medicare, and social security. These require gobs of money coupled with better and more efficient ways to do things. Part of the solution would be a booming economy flooding the government coffers with money, but we haven't seen much of that in six years and aren't likely to see it soon. However, even with a booming economy, the highway problem will remain.

The fact is that even as we see a need for more money to repair what we have and build new pathways (including bicycle and pedestrian facilities) we're driving fewer miles. Since 2009 the number of total miles driven has pretty well flattened out at 3,000,000 (includes all vehicles). Added to that is that individual drivers are driving fewer miles and their vehicles get more miles to each gallon. Translation: We use less fuel and most of the highway money, federal and state, comes from taxes on fuel which, on the federal level, haven't been raised since 1993. Those taxes are 18.4 cents on gasoline and 24.4 cents on diesel, plus whatever the states tag on. Those range from 8 cents in Alaska to 52 cents in California. It's 36 cents here in

Florida. Of course, there are other fees (license, for instance) and taxes (sales on products) that make up the whole price.

The point is the US highway trust fund, set up in 1956 to pay for the interstate system, is just about broke in spite of the fact that the treasury dumped in \$55 billion since 2008. But, broke is broke and the fund that helps pay for highways in all 50 states (ranging from 15 to 60 percent) is broke. States can add taxes, of course, but there's little political will to increase taxes anywhere. Nor is there the individual will to convert to walking, skate boarding, in-line skates, bicycles, or even motor scooting, or mass transit systems for the entire country. Anyway, all these cost money and we're a traveling population. Putting out more money is the answer.

One of those answers is a miles driven tax. Proposed by the Obama administration and being tried by volunteers in Oregon, it would consist of equipping all cars with a government tied-in GPS system and you'd be billed by the miles driven. Of course, that takes away from the money incentive to use an electric car, but it might be fairer although a big intrusion on privacy. User taxes always seem fair unless you consider that even people who don't have vehicles are supported by an efficient highway system that produces an efficient goods and people delivery process. So, if you accept that direct user tax, the question still has to be: How much?

There has to be enough to cover everything we have and then some. Considering that miles driven has flattened and that we don't seem to

be adding lots of new vehicles and drivers to the system, new ways of taxing simply re-arranges who pays. That's not all bad. Fairness is important, but it looks like we'll need not only user fees, but environmental impact fees, ownership fees, transaction fees, and whatever fees and taxes a fertile bureaucratic mind can dream up. Those who think these highway bills can only be paid by the top one per cent are out of luck. This means taxing on everyone.

In 1956, when the interstate system was proposed, part of the idea was for national security roadways so we can move military men and equipment (think German autobahns). It was an easy idea to sell at the time and while military use wasn't the prime result, the impact of such a system was tremendous (some good and some bad). Most everyone liked it, although while the feds paid for 90 percent of the construction, the states have had to absorb the maintenance.

Now, in 2014 if we're going solve our highway problems, maybe with new taxes, we have to sell new ideas. That includes new technologies in vehicles and in highway construction (cutting red tape, maybe?), or just new materials for roadways. Or, maybe thinking big – just think how foresighted the interstate system was; what is comparable to that today? Every problem we face has a technical answer, but always a political problem. Who can game the system? Just because we did it one way before, why do we have to do it now?

For the moment, the answer lies in more money (taxation), but in the long run, if you look back at history, the answer lies in doing things in a different way. Technology that led to the development of vehicles and the need for highways is over 150 years old. We should be thinking new. But in the meantime, count on putting up more money to drive your car.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What You Need to Know About Florida's Power of Attorney Act (Part I)

Beginning October 1, 2011, Florida's Power of Attorney Act (F.S. 709) altered the way powers of attorney (POAs) are drafted, used and enforced. I will detail several of the fundamentally important changes in this article.

No springing or contingent POAs: All POAs are now immediately effective once properly executed. POAs made on or before September 30, 2011 allowed the provision that a POA did not take effect until a triggering event transpired, such as a determination that the principal was incapacitated and could not manage property. These earlier drafted "springing" or "contingent" POAs are still valid under the new statute, but they cannot be updated with the "springing" or "contingent" provisions intact.

Revocation: Just making a new POA is not enough to revoke a prior POA. If the principal desires to revoke a POA, the principal must do it by:

1. Express revocation in a new POA. The new POA must expressly state all other POAs are revoked; or
2. In a writing signed by the principal. This standalone revocation is not required to be witnessed or notarized.

No incorporation by reference: Powers of the agent cannot be incorporated into the POA by just referring to a Florida statute that states the powers. The powers must be specifically stated in the POA. However, there are two exceptions to this rule: the powers of conducting banking transactions and investment transactions. For these two powers, it is allowable to incorporate them by reference to their respective Florida statutes.

In the next issue, we will look at more of the changes brought about by Florida's Power of Attorney Act.

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St. Petersburg Preservation (SPP) continues its summer evening historic walking tour series on Wednesday, August 13 at 7 p.m. of the downtown waterfront. Tour starts in front of the large banyan tree on Beach Drive, next to the Museum of Fine Arts (255 Beach Dr., NE.) and ends on the rooftop at The Birchwood, the 1920s hotel restored and reopened last year that has become one of the most popular spots on the waterfront. St. Petersburg's waterfront parks are among the city's most valuable historic resources, having been dedicated in 1910. The tour will be an enjoyable stroll along the waterfront and 4th Ave. NE, a street still retaining an impressive collection of historic homes and tourist accommodations dating from the turn of the century and into the 1920s. The tour will touch on architecture, what the city was like in the 1920s boom and the threats that new development brings to the special feel of the northside of downtown, an area within the Downtown National Register Historic District.

The summer walking tours are leisurely strolls lasting between 60 and 90 minutes and ending at a local business where tour-goers are welcome to get something to eat or drink and to continue in some fun conversation.

Tours are free for SPP members, \$5 suggested donation for non-members. Reservations are welcome but not required. Call 727-824-7802 or info@StPetePreservation.org.

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The Case of the Mysterious Tank

By Elizabeth Brown-Worthington



After the fireworks ended in Gulfport and the beach had mostly cleared on July 4, three children made an interesting find. Evan LaBorde, his brother Ryan and their friend Daysia Reyes were playing near the shoreline in the water, collecting shells, when Evan kicked something hard. The threesome, being curious children, dug the item out of the sand. Daysia ran to the Gulfport CERT tent saying they had found something odd in the water and wanted someone to check it out. Vice Mayor Christine Brown, Cultural Facilities Events Supervisor Justin Shea and Parks employee Chris Miller went to investigate, only to find the children had come across a barnacle-covered scuba tank with a visible serial number. The nozzle appeared to have been untouched by the elements; it was barely corroded and had no barnacles attached. Operations Commander Lieutenant Farrand of the Gulfport Police Department arrived to collect the tank and said she would conduct an investigation.

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While some cities embrace a racier tradition for giving away beads, along Gulfport's parade route, all you had to do was ask.



The crowd pauses in respect while Gulfport's first lady, Laura Henderson, sings the Star-Spangled Banner.



Irving Zeider, one of Gulfport's oldest veterans, rode in a place of honor in the parade.

Cathy Culler, vice president of the Gulfport Historical Society, waves a flag from the bright red and green city trolley.



This member of the Gecko Queen's court gets down with patriotism along the parade route. 2013 Gecko Queen Faun Weaver - whose reign ends next month - and her court walked in this year's parade.



This Stetson student celebrated Independence Day with a big fashion statement.



2013 Gecko Queen Faun Weaver mugs for the camera along the parade route. A new Queen will make her debut at next month's Gecko Ball.

After the fishing derby, one hungry fisherman eyes a catch of a different sort.



All along the parade route, kids and adults alike were thrilled to smile for the camera in exchange for candy.



Joe Guenther, owner of O'Maddy's, once again donated his mad short-order skills to the city's fishing derby, dressed like Uncle Sam in hopes, he said, of getting his photo in the *Gabber*.

Below, street entertainment chats up the crowd before the parade begins.



Ward Three Councilwoman Yolanda Fernandez hands out candy along the parade route.

A Patriotic 4th of July



The Gulfport Recreation Division's July 4 Sand Sculpture Contest was a big hit. There were a total of 12 families who participated in the contest with a variety of nautical creations. The winners were Noah and Oren Adelson, the Pitzen family and the Hunter family.

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Enter the Great St. Pete Cupcake Contest

The Morean Arts Center invites you to compete in a city-wide search for St. Petersburg's best cupcake. The contest will be hosted at the Morean Arts Center Galleries on Central Avenue, Saturday August 16 from 12 to 3 p.m. A \$15 entry fee allows each participant to enter one submission. A minimum of 12 delicious cupcakes are required for entry so that the judges can taste each submission.

Registration is officially open, and contestants may complete entry forms and liability waivers via the Morean Arts Center's website: MoreanArtsCenter.org. Deadline for entering the contest is Thursday, August 14, although the cap for entries has been reached early every year, so early registration is encouraged.

Last year's contest was divided into Novice and Professional categories, with first and second place awards given in both. The People's Choice award, chosen by the public, was created by Erin Moyse of St. Petersburg. Her American Cupcake in Paradise wowed the crowd.

Registration will be capped this year as a result of the massive response over the past three years, so be sure and send in your forms as soon as possible. Multiple submissions are allowed, but each flavor entered needs to be accompanied by a separate registration form and entry fee. Call 727-822-7872.

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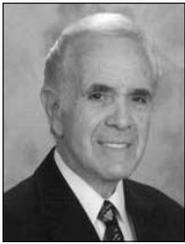

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South Pasadena: Mayor's Corner

Dan Calabria,
Mayor, City of South Pasadena



I'm pleased to report a number of objectives accomplished since the election in 2013. First, was the announcement that Wal-Mart had selected South

Pasadena as a location for one of its Neighborhood Markets in April 2013. It was just about a year later that the grand opening was held a few months ago this past April. This was the result of the initial email I sent to Wal-Mart Headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas in January 2010, which described the space and opportunity available to them, which was long before the 2013 election three years later. That contact continued periodically and resulted in a major new corporate presence in South Pasadena.

Shortly after the election I urged the city to file a claim against BP OIL, which virtually all of our neighboring cities had done. We were very fortunate that our claim was filed before the end of the cutoff date allowed for such claims. While we have no idea if we will qualify for much needed compensation, we are hopeful that our claim will be recognized and some amount of compensation will be awarded for the damages all of us in our immediate area and elsewhere endured as a result of the oil spill.

Just a few days ago on July 1, the city introduced a new, expanded and redesigned website that is the first upgrade in more than 10 years. Part of the redesign includes our new URL, mysouthpasadena.com, which will also serve as part of our email address. Please take a moment to visit the new website, which includes the ability to enlarge the type size for greater convenience and clarity. This project began last fall with a search for a qualified web design firm and IT service provider, both of which helped us to create a more convenient, expanded and attractive new service for both residents and visitors.

In addition, over the next few months we plan to introduce a "Business and Professional Directory" that will include a listing of local business and professional organizations in alphabetical order as well as by business categories. There will be no charge for this listing to businesses located within the city and it will be distributed to all residences at no charge. We are excited about this new service to our local business partners as well as all residents. In order to cover the expenses for this new service any business will be able to purchase full color advertisements in the directory since many such businesses have served our residents for many years.

We are in the process of attempting to control expenses and plan to introduce an Employee Expense Reduction Incentive Program designed to encourage our employees to volunteer their suggestions to

reduce operational expenses the city faces, for which employees may qualify for a cash payment based on a percentage of the verified cost savings that will result.

Something currently under way is the construction site on Pasadena Avenue, next to Bank of America and across from Body Dynamics, which will be the new home of a Taco Bell restaurant.

Finally, we will soon announce an opportunity for residents to communicate directly with the mayor and share their opinions, suggestions and hopes for improvements in the services currently available in the city. It will initially be scheduled one afternoon a month at about 2:30 p.m. I look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings.

Our goal is to continue to provide the necessary services to all residents of South Pasadena, while maintaining control or expenses to the fullest extent possible.

See you on our new website: mysouthpasadena.com!

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Try your hand at Sudoku

Solution on Page 18

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Local Artists Create Geckos for Charity

Nine larger-than-life geckos will be the centerpiece of a live auction to benefit local charities as well as a public art installation in Gulfport's Waterfront District. Each of the large steel geckos will be re-imagined, manipulated and decorated in a variety of media by local artists. The geckos are now being created by the artists and will be on display in locations throughout the Gulfport Waterfront District beginning July 21. The art pieces will be auctioned during the sixth annual Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 23.

Each gecko will be a prized collector's artwork and will be accompanied by a certificate of authenticity signed by the artist. Organizers initiated the Artists' Gecko Auction five years ago with much success, and due to its popularity, the auction is now a part of the tradition of annual Gulfport Gecko-related activities in late summer.

Artists selected to create geckos for this year's auction are Michael Chapman, Denise Keegan, Denise Lange, Lenne' Nicklaus-Ball, Stephen Oliver, Owen Pach, Hugo Porcaro, Jonathan Schork and Cindy Tremaine.

The artists from Gulfport or with ties to Gulfport have volunteered their time and talent to create a gecko. Gulfport artist Michael Chapman's signature works are brightly-hued watercolors, though he also works in acrylics, pen and ink and photography. His art has been shown locally in Gulfport and St. Petersburg, as well

as throughout the Denver Art District where he formerly resided.

Denise Keegan has primarily worked in painting but has recently broadened to mixed media artwork, incorporating recycled materials. Her work has been shown in a number of Gulfport locations.

Sarasota artist Denise Lange's floral elements and bright, tropical palette mark her paintings and other artwork. She is an active contributor to the crew of the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport (IACG), including contributing graphic art and design for the IACG's website.

Lenné Nicklaus-Ball has displayed her mixed media artwork in public and private galleries throughout the Eastern US, as well as having been involved in over nine museum exhibits and several public art projects. Her work has also been purchased by private collectors in the US, Europe and South America.

Educated in architecture and furniture design, Stephen Oliver is also well known locally as a graphic artist and designer of his popular "Give Peace" t-shirts and apparel which he sells at local events. He was recently selected to create a public art installation, commissioned by the Gulfport Merchants Association, adjacent to the historic Gulfport Casino. His public sculpture is due to be unveiled in mid-summer.

Gulfport glass and metal artist Owen Pach currently serves as President of the Industrial Arts Center of Gulfport. He began blowing glass in Ybor City in the early 1980s and has worked with prominent glass artists from around the world during his career

that has taken him to Jacksonville, Virginia and Philadelphia, among other locations. His work is included in numerous private and public art collections.

Hugo Porcaro (also known as The Reverend Hugo) spent most of his childhood on St. Pete Beach, crediting his upbringing in a vacation land for inspiring his bright palette and whimsical imagery. A resident of Gulfport since adulthood, he has become a popular fixture on the Tampa Bay art scene, his paintings have been widely collected internationally, and his work has been included in several museum collections.

Jonathan Schork identifies with a wide range of creative processes including painting, photography, sculpture, couture, literature, film and theatre. He is an award-winning creator of public sculptures. He has been an active participant in Gulfport's artistic community since arriving a few years ago. His studio in Gulfport's Alley of the Arts is a hub of creative activity for himself, partners, students and guests.

St. Petersburg native Cindy Tremaine has called Gulfport home in the past and currently works with students in Pinellas County Schools, including Gulfport Elementary. What started as a simple repair to a birdbath a few years ago sparked in her an interest in mosaic art that has since led to the creation of many glass mosaic art pieces, as well as the development of Moonstar Glass and Sun Mosaics with her partner.

The nine finished geckos will be on display at these nine Gulfport locations in the weeks leading up to the Gecko Ball: Backfin Blue Café (2913 Beach Blvd.), Beach Bazaar (3115 Beach Blvd.), Domain Home Accessories & Gallery (3129 Beach Blvd.), Little Tommie's Tiki (5519 Shore Blvd.), Mangia Gourmet (2930 Beach Blvd.), Peg's Cantina & Brewpub (3038 Beach Blvd.), Pia's Trattoria (3054 Beach Blvd.), Stella's Deli (3119 Beach Blvd.) and Yummy's (2914 Beach Blvd.). Advance bids will also be accepted for geckos at these preview locations.

For more information go to www.gulfportma.com or www.facebook.com/geckoball, or contact Richard Radovic (rradovicjr@gmail.com or 727-204-8101).

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5/16/2014	5925 Shore Blvd S #205	1/1	1060	69,900	72,400
5/22/2014	6060 Shore Blvd S #100	2/2	1295	267,500	267,500
5/23/2014	6075 Shore Blvd S #111	1/1	1060	79,900	81,500
5/23/2014	6075 Shore Blvd S #404	1/1	1060	87,500	83,500
5/23/2014	6025 Shore Blvd S #403	2/2	1250	134,900	125,000
6/12/2014	6020 Shore Blvd S #1001	3/2/1	1700	275,000	275,000
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