

Locals March in Call for an End to Gun Violence

By Angelina Bruno

"This is what democracy looks like."

That was the chant heard from the crowd at the Pinellas County March for Our Lives Saturday, March 24 in downtown St. Petersburg. The marchers, a mix of young and old, marched north on 3rd Street South in protest of gun violence in American schools.

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The crowd at the March for Our Lives rally in St. Petersburg March 24 gathers around 17 empty chairs that stood in honor of the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14. Photo by Cindy Linville.

St. Pete Police Seek Officer Impersonator



Police composite of a man suspected of impersonating a police officer.

St. Petersburg Police are seeking the public's help in locating a man suspected of impersonating a police officer.

On Monday, March 26, law enforcement officials released a composite likeness of a man suspected of impersonating a police officer based on information provided by a victim, a woman, who was stopped on Thursday, March 22 at 10:30 p.m.

According to law enforcement, the victim says the suspect was driving a white sedan similar to an unmarked cruiser. The man pulled her over for a traffic stop in the area of 5th Avenue South just west of 34th Street South and asked for her driver's license. Later, he drove off.

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BP Grant for Lincoln Cemetery Will Require a Vote

By Debbie Wolfe



On Tuesday, May 23, 2017, Dr. Basha P. Jordan, Jr., the grandson of Elder Jordan, was officially named as one of the advisors to the Lincoln Cemetery Society. His great grandfather is buried at the cemetery. Photo by Helen J. Simon.

The awarding of Pinellas County's \$90,000 BP grant monies originally earmarked for rehabilitation efforts at Gulfport's Lincoln Cemetery will come down to a future vote, said County Commission Chairperson Kenneth T. Welch on Monday, March 26.

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Clubhouse Chatter: Let's Play Ball

Come out to meet Bill "Skip" Matthews at the Gulfport Senior Center on Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. and learn what goes on behind the scenes of a Major League Baseball team: How to develop a batting order, profiling a player to develop a positional player, and scoring at the Major League level.

Matthews is very active in the local and international baseball scene. He is currently the Coaching Coordinator of the Tampa Bay Rays Summer Baseball Camp, which annually attracts more than 650 Tampa Bay-area youth. He is also the Rays' Official Scorer for Rays home games and is a member of the MLB Advisory Committee on Scoring.

He has coached the Polish National Team to two gold and two silver medals in European Championship play and was the Bench Coach for the Swedish National Team for three years. He has also been a consultant

for the Netherlands National Team that won the World Championship in 2011. Matthews has been a board member of International Sports Group since 2003. This group is responsible for coordinating baseball clinics worldwide from September through February every year. This group's work helps spread baseball worldwide to many coaches throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and Central America.

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, call 727-893-5657.

Fun in the Sun Day at Gulfport Rec Center

The "Fun In The Sun" Day children's event is presented by the city of Gulfport Recreation Division and Stetson College of Law Public Service Fellows. The event is Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. till noon at the Gulfport Recreation

Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S.

The free festivities will include an egg hunt for children ages 8 and under, a raffle for baskets, children's activities, music, food and fun. Children will also have the opportunity to climb into the driver's seat of their favorite vehicle: police car, police boat, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and many more. Remember to bring a basket for the egg hunt and a camera to capture a photo with Peter Cottontail.

Senior Solos Host April Events

Senior Solos, a social group of folks 55+, will meet on Wednesday, April 4, at 1 p.m. at JD's Restaurant, 125 Gulf Blvd N., for lunch.

On Monday, April 9, at 1 p.m., they will gather for food and fellowship at the Pinellas Park Senior Center, 7625 59th St N. Entertainment will be by Gary Pogue, a newcomer who does an Elvis impersonation. The group is open to all seniors. There is a pot luck lunch at these meetings. Cost is \$2 plus a food dish to share for the 1:30 p.m. pot luck, or \$5 without a dish.

For more information call Wally at 727-544-7183.

House Concert with Bernard and Miller

Come out for a magical evening under the stars with two beloved musicians, Misti Bernard and Billy Miller, on Friday, March 30. If you were fortunate enough to hear them at the Solstice concert, you'll want more. Misti and Billy perform everything from 13th century songs to lively Celtic tunes to sassy swing, on an assortment of wind and string instruments, with vocal stylings.

Snacks and chat start at 7 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m. suggested donation will go entirely to the artists. The concert will be at a private residence in Gulfport with limited seating and parking. Please call or email to reserve a place and for more information. Call 727-290-6445 (does not receive texts) or email enroy@yahoo.com. Presented by Enroy Foundation, Inc., a Florida non-profit organization committed to the visual and performing arts.

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They will be offering a full cash bar and a special Dyngus Day platter of kielbasa, sauerkraut, pirolgis and Polish bread for only \$8. It will be served from 4:30 till 7 p.m.

The club will be beautifully decorated, and everyone is encouraged to wear white and red. Space is limited, so get your tickets soon. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For tickets call Barbara Poplawski at 972-741-3749.

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Behind the Seams at History Museum

This March, the Gulfport History Museum is premiering a new exhibit, "Behind the Seams," a retrospective of Gulfport's GeckoBall costumes and queens. The museum is at 5301 28th Ave. S.

If you've ever wondered what the annual Gecko Ball looks like, well, here's your chance to get "behind the seams" with one of the ball's favorite

costumers. Jon Ziegler will display some of his wildest creations.

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Beth-El Shalom Matzah-Lasagna Passover

Watch the Passover seder come alive. Enjoy singing Jewish songs, eating matzah-lasagna, hearing the haggadah story of deliverance, and learn lessons for people's lives today. Friday March 30 at 7 p.m. Beth-El Shalom Messianic congregation is located at 1701 29th Ave. N. All are welcome. Admission is \$15 per adult and \$12 under 16. There is limited seating. For more information call 727-345-7777 or visit Jewishheritage.net.

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Free Brake Light Repairs at the Church

Volunteers from the Tampa Bay chapter of Democratic Socialists of America will be hosting a clinic

to replace broken brake lights for area residents free of charge. This public service event aims to prevent unnecessary police stops, expensive tickets, and fines.

The event will be at the Church, 4668 15th Ave. S., from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m., on Saturday, March 31.

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Good Friday Celebration at St. Pete Community

St. Petersburg Community Church invites the community to join them on Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. for a special Good Friday Communion service. A drama of the Last Supper will be portrayed as Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples. Join them as they focus their hearts and minds on the Lord's great love and sacrifice.

A nursery will be provided for children from infants to age 4. The event is free. This family-friendly event will take place at the church at 4501 30th Ave. N.

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Lecture and Tour at Barbara Gilberg Habitat

There will be a lecture and tour at the Barbara Gilberg Habitat, 1600 Pasadena Ave., on Friday, March 30, at noon. The topic will be getting ready for spring planting. The lecture is free.

Meet Xavier in the Pavilion. Please bring pen and paper to take down notes. The park is located next to the electronic billboard on Shore Dr.

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Mommy and Me Yoga at Gulfport Library

Come to the Gulfport Library for Mommy & Me yoga class the first Tuesday of the month. Our next class is Tuesday, April 3 at 10:15 taught by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa! This yoga class is intended for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 12 months. Come meet other new parents and babies in the community, stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Please call 727-893-1074 to reserve your spot or email Cailey at cklason@mygulfport.us.

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Garden Club of St. Pete Flower Show

The Garden Club of St. Petersburg will hold their annual flower show at the Green Thumb Festival on April 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The show will be in the Community Center Building at Walter Fuller Park, 7891 26th Ave. N. For more information visit gardenclubstpetersburg.org.

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Recorder Concert at the Gulfport Library

The St. Petersburg Recorder Group will present a free public concert on Saturday, April 14, at 1 p.m. in the Gulfport Library Activity Room, 5501 28th. Ave. S. The program will highlight the musical history of the recorder from the 16th century through modern day.

For more information on the concert, or membership in the group which welcomes new members year-round, call Debbie at 727-688-8743.

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Last July, this motley crew of Gulfport residents traveled up the east coast to Little Diamond Island, Maine for lobsters. As part of their travels they stopped at fascinating venues such as the smallest church in America and the Mutter Museum (Einstein's brain). Travelers in the photo are, from left, Tanya Ferrai, Estala Crespo, Denise Gold, Frankie Eaton, and Paige Shaw.

Send us a picture with you and your *Gabber* on vacation.
Include a brief description and your name at
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Easter Sunrise Service at Grand Villa

Sharing the Glories Ministry will present an Easter Sunrise Service on April 1, from 7 to 8 a.m.

The service will be poolside at the Grand Villa Senior Community at 3600 34th St. S. It will include a liturgical drama and a free continental breakfast. To RSVP or for more information call 72-350-5832.

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Florida Native Plant Society Meeting

The Florida Native Plant Society will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m., at Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Lane, Clearwater.

This month Dr. Shirley Denton will speak about plant communities found on public lands in the region. Denton is a senior project scientist with the worldwide environmental consulting firm Cardno.

FNPS is dedicated to the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Bring a friend, meet the group and make new friends, enjoy conversation and Q&A. There's free refreshments, seed swaps, and a native plant silent auction. For more information visit pinellas.fnpschapters.org.

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Passover Celebration at Beth Sholom

Congregation Beth Sholom, 1844 54th St. S., is holding a Passover Seder on Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m. All are invited.

The story of Passover comes from the book of Exodus in the Bible when the Israelites wanted out of Egypt. Bread or anything made with yeast or baking soda is avoided because when the Israelites escaped from Egypt their and the bread they took with them did not have time to rise.

Passover begins on the 15th of Nisan, which corresponds this year with March 31. All Jewish festivals and holidays begin the evening before so this year, Passover begins on March 30 at dinner.

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Treasure Island Easter Egg Hunt

The Gulf Beaches Rotary Club with the assistance of the Isle of Capri Community Association will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. at the Treasure Island Community Center, Gulf Boulevard at 106th Ave. Activities for children 10 years old and younger will include an egg hunt; bonnet and hat contest; and a visit with the Easter Bunny. Bring your cameras so that you can take your picture with the Easter Bunny. The event is free. For more information contact Treasure Island Recreation Department at 727-547-4575, ext 237.

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GMA Community Support Grants

The Gulfport Merchants Association (GMA) has announced a call for applicants for its 2018/2019 community support grant program. Local non-profit organizations that target or include Gulfport in their activities are invited to apply. Applicants must be certified tax-exempt non-profit organizations, government entities requesting funds for public purposes, or schools and colleges at any level.

Special consideration will be given to organizations that are able to help promote and provide volunteers for the GMA events that raise the funds making these grants possible. Events with funds earmarked each year for community giving include "Gecko Crawl," "Gecko Ball" and the GeckoFest street festival.

For more details and to apply, see the application available at GulfportMA.com. The Board of the GMA reserves the right to determine or adjust the amount awarded to any recipient. Applications must be received in writing and must be postmarked or delivered no later than March 31, 2018. Applications received after the deadline cannot be considered. Decisions on recipients are scheduled to be announced by April 27. A maximum of two organizations will be awarded grants for the 2018/2019 cycle.

For more information, contact GMA Board Member John Haugen, JHaugen@GulfportMA.com.

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Gulfport Democrats Host Fired Up Pinellas

What does a group of women do when they feel like the democracy of the United States is being attacked? They give birth to a group called Fired Up Pinellas. With a following of over 2,000, they are a grass roots political advocacy organization working at the local, state and national level to protect progressive values and defend democracy.

In order to achieve their mission and to affirm their values of tolerance, social and economic justice and love for one another, they plan on a local level to protect our communities, defend our democracy and build an America that works for all of us. Denise Yettaw, one of the founders will speak about how to become involved.

As usual, the Gulfport Democrats will be at Stella's, 3119 Beach Blvd S. at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 26. Once again, thank you Barbara Banno! Any questions, call April Thanos at 206-501-7836.

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Behind the Seams



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If you've ever wondered what the annual Gecko Ball looks like, well, here's your chance to get *Behind the Seams* with one of the Ball's favorite costumers.

Jon Ziegler and others will display some of their wildest creations through June 1st.



Stop by and see the costume worn by the first-ever Gecko Queen, Faun Weaver, as well as Queen Vivian's costume and other delights.

GulfportHistoricalSociety.org

Members with benefits (it's like friends with benefits, only not really): You get a **sneak preview of Behind the Seams** the night before. On March 21, from 7-9 p.m., all GHS members in good standing are invited to an exclusive sneak peek at this fabulous new exhibit. Member reception will include our trademark Mulletinis, Mermaid Mojitos and finger foods. You'll also have access to our members-only wet bar. You must have a photo ID and your membership card for access.

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A Little Night Music at the Gulfport Library



At the Gulfport Chamber Players concert Thursday, March 22, at the Gulfport Library, the group performed music by Purcell, Handel, Toreill, Quantz, Fasch, Molter, Haydn and Hoffmeister. The free concert also included brief commentaries about the music and the creative geniuses behind the compositions. The performance was sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. Photos courtesy of the city of Gulfport

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The event will be held at the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center and Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Dip and dive for Easter eggs in the pool and stay to play afterwards. Don't forget to check all of the fun going on at the park next to the pool. They will have a bounce house, games and crafts.

The Underwater Egg Hunt costs just \$5 per child which includes re-entry into the pool. Children are encouraged to arrive early and bring mesh bags to gather their eggs. For more information contact the St. Pete Beach Aquatic Center at 727-363-9264 or at spbrec.com.

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Historic Roser Park Tour of Homes

St. Petersburg's hidden, hilly neighborhood hosts its 2018 Tour of Homes on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. (ticket sales stop at 3 p.m.). Tickets are \$15 in advance at historicroserpark.org and \$20 on the day of the tour.

One of St. Petersburg's most distinctive neighborhoods, Historic Roser Park is so well-hidden in its hilly enclave along Booker Creek just south of Bayfront Medical Center that even longtime city residents are sometimes surprised to discover it.

The 2018 tour begins at the intersection of Roser Park Dr. and Prospect Court S. and stops at seven homes and one garden, the architectural styles ranging from Spanish Revival to Craftsman to Dutch Colonial.

Tickets will be sold by the Booker Creek footbridge across from the intersection of Prospect Court South and Roser Park Drive. Free parking is available at the west Bayfront garage, 726 7th Ave S. Shuttle service and maps will be provided, making it convenient either to ride or walk to tour stops. For more info visit historicroserpark.org.

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Art for the Spring

Photo by Debbie Wolfe



Sharon Zinn of Gulfport shows off her husband's Best of Show ribbon during the 32nd annual Artspring show at the South Pasadena City Hall on Friday, March 23. The show ran through Sunday, March 25. The artist, Jack Providenti, has been painting since he was a child and after he retired from the insurance industry, he went back to his passion, said Zinn. The scenery where they used to live on Sunset Beach inspires the painting, she said. Providenti regularly teaches his style of impressionism painting in oil, watercolor and acrylic at the Suntan Art Center, 3300 Gulf Boulevard.

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Sophie's Attic Half Price Sale Continues

Greetings from the best little thrift shop in Gulfport. They are continuing the 1/2 price sale on select men's and ladies' clothing. The selection is starting to get limited however.

Over the last couple of weeks they have received some nice larger size ladies tops and skirts. Sizes X large to 3X. Normally they launder all clothing before putting it out for sale, but they have received some very nice clothing that is dry clean only. So if you don't mind sending your clothes

to the dry cleaners, come on in and check out this special rack. And, last but not least, they still have some winter clothing left. Those of you traveling back up north might want to check out what they have.

Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church, 53rd St. near 28th Ave. S. They are open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

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Springfest Garden Art and Faerie Festival

The Gulfport Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 24th Annual Springfest Garden Art and Faerie Festival along tree-covered Clymer Park, on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 8 from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

The festival will transform the park into an "enchanted village" inhabited by costumed faeries, sprites, gnomes, ogres and trolls. Renaissance-era characters, gypsies, minstrels, wizards and roving entertainers in costume will stroll through the event.

Springfest will offer a wide variety of family friendly activities and entertainment, such as May pole dances, a faerie house contest, costume contests and live music. A children's area will offer activities including face painting, pixie dusting, bubble blowing, and more. Vendors offer plants, garden art, flowers, herbs, clothing, jewelry, art, hand made crafts, food and beverages, and other items of whimsical interest.

All interested vendors, Gulfport Community Groups and others are welcome. Please go to SIKpromotions.com and look for Spring under the vendor info tab to apply.

There is no admission fee and free parking is available with free trolley rides to and from parking areas. For more information please visit [Facebook.com/GulfportSpringfest](https://www.facebook.com/GulfportSpringfest) or call 727-322-5217.

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Senior Center Watercolor Reception

The Gulfport Senior Center Water Color Group will show this season's work in a show at the Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Friday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. Finger food hors d'oeuvre will be served along with a cash bar. Works are based on several themes selected to show subject variety and painting technique, for example Southwest scenes and birds. Art will be displayed until April 27.

For more information on this event or in holding an exhibit, please email kossola@mygulfport.us or call Kristin Ossola, city of Gulfport Technical Events Specialist at 727-893-1118.

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K-5th Grade Science Club at Gulfport Library

Attention young scientists! Do you love exploring the world around you through hands on activities? Science Club is back! Drop by Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. They meet weekly and try a fun new activity, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Let Cailey know if you and your young scientist plan on attending by contacting cklasson@mygulfport.us or calling 727-893-1074.

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Afternoon Pre-School Storytime

The Gulfport Library has brought back their weekly pre-school storytime! Join them every Thursday at 4 p.m. for stories, songs, movement, and a craft! Contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or eklasson@mygulfport.us

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First Friday Flea Market at the Senior Center

First Friday Flea Market Shoppers! This month's sale will be on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave S. It will have lots of jewelry, vintage comic books, magazines, sheet music, and signed lithographs, and many household items.

Donations of home décor, small household items, holiday and seasonal décor, and jewelry are always welcome. They do not accept clothing or electronics. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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South Pasadena Block Party for Community ‘Camaraderie’

By Debbie Wolfe

With 1960s music playing through a trailer-sized juke box in the car show area by City Hall, a live musician performing in the food court in the street and local firefighters taking people for aerial platform rides, the annual block party on Sunset Drive South in South Pasadena was a crowd favorite on Saturday, March 24.

“This is an opportunity for us to get together with all of our people in the city and their children and grandchildren,” said City Commissioner Gail Neidinger. “We try to have something for everybody.”

Face painting, pirate- and maze-themed bounce houses, health screenings, a car show and the Artspring Exhibition were also a part of the event.

One of the most popular activities for kids was the ability to put out a fire.

“We take a hose off the fire truck and hook it to a hydrant so there’s not a tremendous amount of pressure,” said South Pasadena Fire Chief David Mixon. “The kids take the fire hose and actually aim it and knock down a simulated fire target on a spring. They knock it down and it pops back up.”

According to City Commissioner and Vice Mayor Art Penny, “This is one of the top events we have each year. This is a great thing for the city. It’s camaraderie in a walkable area. People have a great time with their family.”



Battling a simulated fire and overspray from real fire hose in a stiff breeze off the Gulf of Mexico, Nixon Lewis, 3, of Clearwater is assisted by South Pasadena Firefighter and Paramedic Brendan Smith during the city’s annual block party on Saturday, March 24. Lewis’ father is a firefighter with St. Petersburg. Did he like putting out a “fire” on a spring-loaded target? “Yes!”

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Virginia Woolf Tribute Show

Mark your calendars for an evening with an author who passed away over 75 years ago. Virginia Woolf is brought to life in period costume by Nan Colton. Her performance is titled "Contemplation." Colton is also the performing-artist-in-residence at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg. The Gulfport Library is excited to present this free program on Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

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Junk in the Trunk is Back in Town

Junk in the Trunk is right around the corner, helping Gulfport residents to clean, green and recycle Gulfport!

Gulfport residents, are you looking to swap, trash or give away 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.

It will be held Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S.

Swap, trash or give away your old furniture, appliances, tires, and other bulk items for free. Please no firearms, drugs, liquor or plants

And there's more. Have coffee with a cop, register your bike and get a free helmet for kids. Also, the Gulfport Police Department, in conjunction with the DEA National RX Dropoff day, will also be accepting expired prescription drugs.

Get gardening tips from the folks with Gulfport's Community Garden.

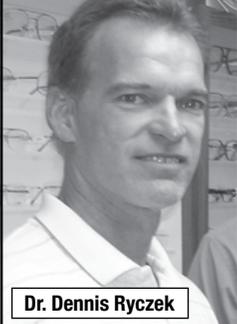
The city of Gulfport Public Works Department will present information regarding their recycling program and other services in conjunction with Earth Day. Get a free plant when you donate a full bag or more of non-perishable foods for one of the Little Free Pantries. Plant quantities are limited.

Of course, there will be music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

If you are available to donate two or three hours to help with this fun event, please contact Gulfport Neighbors at 727-698-9471.

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Holocaust Survivor at Beth-El Shalom

Holocaust survivor Rene Hammond will give her live testimony on Friday April 6 at 7 p.m. at Beth-El Shalom Synagogue, 1701 29th Ave. N.

When Rene was a teenager she and her entire family were taken from Hungary to Auschwitz. Her escape and survival are nothing short of miraculous. Come meet her yourself and help ensure that it never happens again. Free admission. For more information call 727-345-7777 or visit Jewishheritage.net.

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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Sunshine City Council's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 at England Brothers Field in Pinellas Park. This egg hunt is free to the community. Members will begin hiding the eggs on the field on Saturday at 8 a.m. The children participating in the various age groups will be released at 9 a.m. with all the festivities concluding a little after 9:15 a.m. as all the eggs will have been found. The members met on Tuesday, March 27 to stuff the 3,000 plus plastic eggs with candy and toys at the Pinellas Park Senior Citizens' Center.

The Reciprocity Social for chapters will be held on Saturday, April 7 at the War Veteran's Park, Shelter #1 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The hosting chapters will be Laureate Epsilon Nu, Beta Xi Master, Gamma Omega Master and Torchbearer Iota. Dirty Bingo will be played and all are to bring a \$5 to exchange.

The Annual Beta Sigma Phi Florida State Convention will be held on Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas this year. Members and guests will be enjoying a three-day cruise to the Bahamas leaving on Friday, April 20 and returning on Monday, April 23 from Port Canaveral. The State Women of the Year will be recognized and plans for future conventions will be shared. Approximately 18 of the members from Sunshine City Council will be enjoying a relaxing weekend.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural organization for women. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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An Easter Birthday... with Cookies

Ksaveras Adickas, who will be 94 on Sunday, bakes cookies for the Lithuanian American Club's Easter Bazaar on Thursday, March 29. The bazaar will be at 4880 46th Ave. N. starting at noon. All are welcome to help the club celebrate!





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Collecting Books for Fun and Profit

Old Bag Lady Books will be offering the first of three classes on beginning book collecting at the Skyway Marina Mall, 4301 34th St. S., on Wednesday, April 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Titled "Collecting for Fun and Profit," the first class will cover the basics on how to begin sorting the books you already have to make room for the ones you buy for collecting. Attendees will learn what most collectors don't want before they move on to the next lessons on what collectors do want. It makes sorting (and future buying) so much easier.

The second and third classes will include the opportunity to bring in a limited number of the attendees' books for hands evaluation to test your learning.

Presented by Madlyn Blom, MPH, who currently has a used/rare book booth at the Skyway Marina Mall. Blom was the immediate past president and is a current member of FABAA (Florida Antiquarian Booksellers Association), which sponsors the annual St. Petersburg Book Fair at the Coliseum.

For questions, email Madlyn at oldbagladybooks@gmail.com or come to the mall Friday through Sunday, booth Orange 8.

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Gulfport Recreation 2018 Summer Program

Gulfport resident registrations begins on Monday, April, for the 2018 Summer Program for children who have completed kindergarten through age 14. Non-resident registrations and weekly registrations will begin on Tuesday, May 1. Hours of registration are Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pre-Camp (May 29 through June 1) cost is \$64 per child and post camp (August 6 through 10) cost is \$80 per child, which includes field trips. Pre and post camps are limited to 50 Gulfport residents only.

The nine-week program (June 4 through August 3) cost is \$495 for residents and \$619 for non-residents, which does not include field trips. Sessions and weekly registrations are available as well. 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.

There will be 25 available spots for the discount rate for Gulfport residents in need of assistance. Eligibility requirements for the discount is either a letter from the child's school verifying the child's acceptance of free/reduced lunch or a letter verifying the child's acceptance of assistance from financial aid or a related program.

Detailed pricing is currently available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or online at mygulfport.us. Registration packets will be available April 2. The Gulfport Recreation Center also participates in the Summer BreakSpot Program which provides free nutritious meals (breakfast and lunch) to children who may not otherwise have access to healthy food when school is out. Breakfast is served between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and lunch is served between 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. For more information or questions please call 727-893-1068.

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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from March 15 to March 21 in Gulfport, St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena.

Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and Gulfport Police Department

Gulfport

3/15 – Burglary to a vehicle in the 5500 block of 15th Avenue South. A resident parked at her house after a trip to the hardware store. She went inside but left her car window open with lumber she just bought sticking out. Someone reached in the open window and stole her purse. It was later found in her neighbor's yard but her wallet was missing.

3/16 – Trespassing in the 5300 block of 27th Avenue South. Michael Kolb had been legally evicted from his apartment a few days prior. He was found inside the apartment again after having forced entry through a window. Kolb was arrested for trespassing in a structure.

3/16 – Burglary to a residence in the 2100 block of 58th Street South. Officers responded to a residence regarding a burglary in progress. The caller was calling from Pasco County and had received info that an unknown male was seen entering the residence. Officers made contact with the suspect and once he was identified the victim decided not to press charges. The victim requested that a trespass warning be issued to the suspect. The suspect was issued a trespass warning and released from custody.

3/18 – Warrant arrest in the 5200 block of 18th Avenue South. Officer Sigsbee checked a temporary tag on a vehicle in the alley and got a hit that the registered owner, Kathryn Mittler, had a warrant out

of Hillsborough County for armed carjacking. She was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County jail.

3/18 – Battery/Baker Act in the 5300 block of 11th Avenue South. Officers responded to the area for a report of a female battering her mother inside a car at the intersection. Officers determined that the adult daughter is a diagnosed schizophrenic and has not been taking her medications. She snapped on her mother for no reason and was speaking in voices that were not her normal voice. She was taken into custody under the Baker Act.

3/18 – Theft in the 5100 block of 15th Avenue South. A resident reported that her American flag and pole were taken from the bracket attached to the front of her house.

3/18 – Providing a false name to law enforcement/arrest on warrant in the 800 block of 49th Street South. Salim Shakarzadeh was arrested after he was stopped for a traffic violation and provided a false name. He gave Officer Smith a name that was not his and eventually, with the assistance of a fingerprint scanner, he was identified. It was determined that the reason he provided a false name was because he knew he had outstanding warrants. He was also driving with a suspended license.

3/20 – Recovered stolen property in the 3800 block of 34th Street South. Officer Ross was able to locate two bicycles at a pawnshop in St. Petersburg that were stolen

from Gulfport. The stolen bicycles were returned to their owner.

3/20 – Battery/child abuse in the 2900 block of Beach Boulevard. Officers responded to a call indicating people were fighting and one of them may have had a handgun. Officers were able to determine that there was no gun present. The case will be forwarded to the State Attorney for a determination of prosecution.

3/21 – Follow-up in reference a stolen vehicle in the 2400 block of 53rd Street South. Officer Marshall arrested Clayton Farley on a case he had been working for several weeks. Farley obtained a stolen vehicle title and then after it was forged to indicate the car was sold to him, he passed it as genuine to the Department of Motor Vehicles in order to get a new title in his name. Farley then used the new title to take possession of the victim's car. He was charged with auto theft, possession of a title with intent to defraud, and uttering a forged instrument.

3/21 – Assist Other Agency in the 2800 block of 49th Street South. Officers responded to a passerby's call that a male and female were fighting in the street. Contact was made with the couple, but both said that they were only arguing. It was then discovered that the male, later identified as Saviyon Thompson, was wanted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for sale of marijuana. He was arrested without incident.

3/21 – Theft in the 2400 block of 53rd Street South. Officers responded to the location where two male juveniles stated the BMX bicycle another male was riding was stolen. Officers were able to determine that the bicycle was in fact

reported stolen and the bicycle was seized. The owner of the bicycle was advised. The case will be forwarded to the St. Petersburg Police Department for further investigation.

Assault

3/21, 6:20 p.m., 5100 block of Tangerine Avenue S

Burglary – vehicle

3/16, 7 p.m., 5000 block of 23rd Avenue S

Theft – grand

3/19, 10 a.m., 5100 block of 8th Avenue S

3/19, 5:15 p.m., 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

Theft – petit

3/17, 8 p.m., 5100 block of 15th Avenue S

Trespassing

3/17, 2 a.m., 1100 block of 51st Street S

South Pasadena

Theft – shoplifting

3/20, 5:26 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

St. Pete Beach

Theft – grand

3/16, 5:30 p.m., 6300 block of Gulf Boulevard

3/17, 6:23 p.m., 6300 block of Gulf Boulevard

3/18, 11 p.m., 4300 block of Gulf Boulevard

3/20, 5 p.m., 8000 block of Sailboat Key Boulevard

Theft – petit

3/19, 3:30 p.m., 3600 block of Belle Vista Drive E

Theft – vehicle

3/16, 5:30 p.m., Sunset Way and 64th Avenue

3/18, 3 p.m., 400 block of Corey Avenue

Vandalism – criminal mischief

3/16, 4:08 a.m., 4900 block of Gulf Boulevard

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Lincoln Cemetery, from front page

The money is part of a larger \$7.1 million settlement the county received in July 2015 as the result of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill that began with an offshore rig explosion on April 20, 2010.

As part of their process for disbursing the one-time revenue source, Pinellas County commissioners sought ideas from the public along with applications and unanimously approved a list of projects on December 13, 2016. (See the complete list at pinellascounty.org/BPupdates/pdf/BCC_approved.pdf.)

One item on the list is labeled, "Historic Lincoln Cemetery Memorial Rehab" for the amount of \$90,000.

The matter of distributing these specific grant monies has been delayed based on two local non-profit organizations – one in Gulfport and one in St. Petersburg – that have been in dispute until recently over cemetery land ownership due to competing legal documents.

Assurance of cemetery ownership was needed by the commission before final awarding of the grant, said Commissioner Charlie Justice, the representative for District 3 that includes Gulfport. Justice was also the chairperson of the commission when the workflow for seeking BP grant proposals and approving projects was adopted.

The Lincoln Cemetery grant applicant is Cross & Anvil Human Services, a local non-profit associated with the Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, 1045 16th St. S., St. Petersburg.

At the time of their application, the church group did not have a clear land title for the cemetery located at 600 58th St. S., Gulfport.

Considered an historical treasure, the nine-acre cemetery was established in 1926 and contains the graves of approximately 6,714 African Americans, 247 are recorded as military veterans.

Independently of the church and in December 2015, a Gulfport resident named Vanessa Gray began to maintain the cemetery with the help of local volunteers and eventually a team from the Sarasota school district that joined in with a 10-year commitment. Gray routinely organizes heavy cleanup days to mow grass, clear overgrown brush, maintain trees, dispose of litter and repair gravesites.

To facilitate volunteer recruitment and retention efforts in a formal way, Gray decided to create the non-profit Lincoln Cemetery Society on June 20, 2016.

Following this effort, Gray contacted a man who by some legal interpretations owned the deed to the cemetery property. Richard S. Alford of St. Petersburg transferred ownership to Gray's non-profit on February 8, 2017. By February 14, 2017, the deed was recorded with the Pinellas County Clerk of the Court.

When Gray became aware of the church group's efforts relating to the cemetery, their application for the county's BP grant money and their acquisition of a competing land ownership document, strained communications developed between the two over attempts to resolve the deeds. Each group retained a lawyer.

On Tuesday, May 23, 2017, Dr. Basha P. Jordan, Jr., the grandson of Elder Jordan who is the namesake for St. Petersburg's historic Jordan Park, was officially named as one of the advisors to the

Lincoln Cemetery Society. His great grandfather is buried at the cemetery.

After Jordan led efforts "calling on the community to come together and support the efforts of Gray and the non-profit society she established to care for the property," he had a subsequent conversation with Rev. Clarence Williams who represents the Cross & Anvil Human Services non-profit and the associated church.

Jordan was told by Williams that the church-related non-profit was no longer interested in pursuing the Lincoln Cemetery project, said Gray.

Jordan confirmed the result of his earlier conversation with Williams on Monday, March 26, 2018 in a text message to Gray.

During the time that land ownership of the cemetery was in the process of being resolved, the county kept their BP grant monies in reserve, said Justice.

Now, moving forward, the commissioners need assurances about the cemetery's legal issue, the fiscal capacity of Lincoln Cemetery Society to do a project, the details of their plan and their credibility as a non-profit, said Welch.

"I speak with Williams frequently and we've talked in person" about the Cross & Anvil Human Services non-profit doing a new and different project with BP grant money, said Welch.

"The church that applied has another proposed use for the funds so the commission will have to talk about that," said Welch. "There's no roadmap for this kind of an event. I am committed to the original group that applied. I'm waiting for them to come forward and suggest their alternative route for the funds."

As of Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 10 a.m., the county

staff had received no official documentation about an application change from Williams, said Andrew Pupke of the county's Department of Real Estate Management.

Williams called Pupke about two months ago about the process of changing the purpose of their grant application.

"At the time, I indicated that they couldn't change the application because the board had decided the funds were allocated for Lincoln Cemetery," said Pupke. "The board will need to approve any change."

Justice believes that the county's BP grants "are for specific projects and not groups. With ownership documentation, we will be able to help Gray in her process of getting the funds. My hope was and is that we can find a way to get Lincoln Cemetery some funds to get some work done."

The Matter of Finances

Until May 2016, the city of Gulfport performed basic maintenance on the property like mowing and special debris collection. During this time, it assessed code enforcement liens against the property and ultimately to the land's future owner.

As of Monday, March 26, the Lincoln Cemetery Society owes the city \$34,542.98 as the result of these unpaid code enforcement fines that are continuing to accrue interest, said City Manager Jim O'Reilly.

The society hopes that part or all of the lien will be forgiven or that future grant money they may receive can be used to pay the debt, said Gray.

GuideStar, a national non-profit group incorporated in 1996, gathers and disseminates information about IRS-registered non-profit organizations. As of March 26, 2018, it does not list a mission statement or

financial assets for either the Cross & Anvil Human Services or the Lincoln Cemetery Society groups.

Both groups do maintain websites and a social media presence regarding the work they do in the community.

County-level grant monies are disbursed using a reimbursement system, said Justice. He explained the county does not write a lump sum check but requires receipts for accounting purposes in order to track how the money is spent.

The Next Steps

At the next regular meeting of the county commission on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 or before, Gray plans to submit formal documentation regarding her non-profit's land ownership of the cemetery and the group's plans for using any BP grant monies it receives.

Representatives from both non-profit groups will have the opportunity to update their information and talk about their plans with commissioners before a decision is made by majority vote, said Welch.

"There is room to significantly fund both projects fairly and equitably," said Welch.

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Sunrise Easter Service on Gulfport Beach

The Gulfport community is invited to an Easter sunrise worship service on Sunday, April 16, at 7 a.m. at Pavilion #6 on Gulfport Beach.

This non-denominational service is sponsored again this year by the First United Methodist Church of Gulfport, Gulfport's oldest church.

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Youth Development Program for Teens

Pinellas Opportunity Council (POC), Inc. presents its countywide 2018 Youth Development Program. This program provides local youth with an opportunity to participate in summer pre-employment training, skills development and job shadowing.

Students presently enrolled in grades 9 to 12 who are between 14 and 17 and have a 2.5 GPA or higher will gain employability skills, work experience and career exploration. Income eligibility requirements will

also apply.

The program will begin June 6 and end July 27, with a culmination ceremony on July 27. Applications are currently available at poc-inc.org, or can be obtained from POC service office staff at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S.; the Dwight Jones Center, 1035 Burlington Ave. N.; the Tarpon Springs Center, 301 S. Disston Ave. and the POC administration office, 501 1st Ave. N., Suite 517.

All applications must be completed and submitted by April 27.

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Who wants to dance? The Gulfport Historic Society will host "Dance Your @\$\$ Off," on Friday, April 13, at the Gulfport Casino. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the party goes from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets are only \$10 per person, in advance or at the door.

DJs "ZK and the Mayor" will be playing songs from the 60s through today. Free munchies and cash bar available. All dancers ages 18 and over are welcome. No partner needed! If you like dancing, this event is for you. All types of music, all types of dancing. Come have a blast dancing while supporting the Historic Society.

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March for Our Lives, from front page



Marchers of all generations participated in the local March for Our Lives in downtown St. Petersburg with calls to end gun violence and a demand for better school safety for students. Photo by Cindy Linville.

Chanting in unison and waving signs with messages like “NRA: Not Representing America” and “Never Again,” the group numbered more than 1500 along the mile-and-a-half march.

Tennessee snowbirds Shirley McGuire and husband Richard Licht were at the event, their second political march in St. Petersburg.

“We marched last year too because I think we need sensible gun laws in this country,” said McGuire. “I cannot believe what it’s like for young people going to school and worrying about being killed.” Licht nodded in agreement, clutching his protest sign.

A small group of student volunteers from Palm Harbor University High School passed out signs before the march on Saturday.

“I wanted to be involved in some way, and this seemed like a good way to be involved and make sure that I was actively participating in the event,” said Katherine Sagiune, reflecting on her decision to volunteer with

March for Our Lives.

“I think these events show that people really do care,” said Meagan Simmon, another student volunteer. “I think putting pressure on our politicians forces them to change.” Sanguine agreed, adding, “It forces students to take action too and take action for their rights.”

March for Our Lives Pinellas is just one sister march to the one held in Washington, D.C., which was initiated by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, following the school shooting that left 14 students and three staff members dead on February 14. According to the March for Our Lives website, however, each sister march is an “independent, student-led initiative.”

According to the Pinellas County group’s Facebook page, the nonpartisan local event was created to advocate for “common sense gun control and awareness for the movement to prevent gun abuse,” and also to “demand that our lives and

safety become a priority and that we end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today.”

Student leaders Madison Vogel, Carolyn-Claire Bridges, Emery Horvath, Katie Hart, Emily Handsdel, Sophia Landa, Jared Hampton, and more came together from multiple Pinellas County schools to organize the event, along with help from USF St. Petersburg.

Social media sparked the initial interest in creating a sister march.

“I saw a tweet saying ‘if there’s anyone from the Pinellas County area, I’d love to start a march,’” said Keeza Vo of St. Pete Collegiate High School.

The students, all from different high schools in the Pinellas County area, met



A boy marches in protest at Saturday’s March for Our Lives in downtown St. Petersburg on March 24. Photo by Cindy Linville.

weekly and sometimes bi-weekly to plan the march. With help from the crowdfunding platform GoFundMe, the team raised \$4,053 and planned and executed March for Our Lives Pinellas in just one month.

“A lot of our donations came from the people and we’re very blessed to have them here,” said Vo, 17.

At the rally in Poynter Park, speeches from students as well as politicians drew applause from the crowd. Florida Democratic Senator Darryl Rouson took the stage with three of his high school-aged sons, and later St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman made a big announcement.

In his address to the crowd on Saturday, Kriseman said he will be proposing changes to the city’s investment policy, asking city council to approve divesting in companies that sell or manufacture assault style weapons.

“This step allows us to hit them in their stomach where it hurts, which is their pocketbook,” said St. Petersburg Councilmember Darden Rice, who is in favor of the proposal.

The proposal is set to go to council within the next two weeks, according to Kriseman.

See more photos with this article online at theGabber.com.

Toddler Storytime Continues at Library

Toddler storytime will continue every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Gulfport Library. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and make new friends! Contact Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us.

Native American Flute Class

Learn how to play Native American flute. Janalea Hoffman, a music therapist who has a passion for this instrument shows you how. She has used it extensively in therapy for cancer, depression and anxiety, as well as teaching it to people for fun.

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Belle of the Ball Offers Free Prom Dresses

Belle of the Ball Project will provide free prom dresses to in-need high school girls on April 7 and April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1210 Holt Ave., Clearwater.

Dresses are available to all in-need, high school girls for their high school dances (prom, homecoming, military ball). They respect the honor system. No referral letter is necessary. No appointment needed. A \$1 to \$5 donation is requested but not required. Dresses are for high school dances only.

The Belle of the Ball boutique is a store-like setting, with over 3,000 dresses in inventory. The boutique is open to the public only four days in the spring and four days in the fall, for prom and homecoming dress shopping.

Donations of dresses and accessories can also be made at the site, dates/times listed above. For more information about Belle of the Ball Project call 727-386-4502 or visit belleoftheballproject.com.

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Brown-Worthington Inducted into National Honor Society

Elizabeth Brown-Worthington, daughter of Gulfport's Vice Mayor Christine Brown and her husband Lou Worthington, of Gulfport, has recently been inducted into the Phi Sigma Theta national honor society at Florida State University. Students nominated by faculty for the honor must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Brown-Worthington is completing the second semester of her junior year majoring in criminology.

Photo courtesy of Christine Brown



Open Mic at Blueberry Patch

The Blueberry Patch will host an open mic on Sunday, April 8, beginning at 3 p.m. Local poets are invited to share readings from their original works with the audience. Poets wishing to participate can sign up at Facebook: Inktankatthepatch or at 727-345-6427.

Audience admission is \$5. The Blueberry Patch is at 4923 20th Ave. S. Come out and experience the beautiful, unique Blueberry Patch and a showcase of readings from many local literary artists!

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SPC Jazz Band at the Music Center

The SPC Jazz band, directed by David Manson, will perform at the Music Center at St. Petersburg College on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. Music Center. The Music Center is on the campus at 6605 5th Ave. N.

The big band jazz concert will feature swing, bebop, Latin jazz and vocal arrangements with singers Sonja Spence, Hannah White and Kody Beard. Admission is free.

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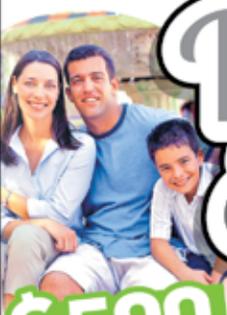
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- 17 Timely message, I
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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will be those who approach relationships as a game won by the biggest and best network. It's no way to make friends. People sense when they are being treated as a commodity. Your genuine curiosity in others will draw them nearer to you, and soon you'll have a crowd to manage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). On this plane of multidimensionality, what's real is debatable on every level. Still, truth will have a certain feeling to it. You'll know when you experience it. This week will bring sparkling gems of truth you can hold on to for years to come. These will be your touchstones later when you're wondering what to do next.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The Shirelles famously sang, "Mama said there'll be days like this; there will be days like this, my mama said." The good thing about "days like this" is that when you have the wherewithal to tolerate them, they turn into the fiber of your character. They are to credit for your strength, your humor and your attractiveness, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll expand your awareness and bring the picture into sharp focus. Asking the right question will change everything. Instead of asking, "How are you?" ask, "What did you do today?" and you'll get the real insight and a window into whom you're dealing with. Clarity in relationships helps you move smoothly forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In matters of traffic and life, when there is no light, consider it a "go" zone. The invisible lights are usually green. But even green lights require the driver to stay aware of those who do not follow the rules of traffic -- including animals, children, weather and other lawless elements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This event coming up will inspire you to get your act together, and you'll enjoy putting effort into creating a look, attitude and general presentation. The more prepared you get, the more fun you'll have with this. Also, as you seek new inspiration, you'll be a muse to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Time is the No. 1 precious commodity. We always want more of it when it's limited. And when it's not limited, that can really cause a lot of stress, too, as we wonder whether we could or should be spending it differently. Your relationship with time will be the most important one to work on this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's no parade behind you, waving your banner and celebrating you with song, and yet, in some way, you are the triumphant hero. You are! What you did made a difference. And it wouldn't hurt if, for just a moment or two, you acted as though the parade of life were happening in your honor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are two kinds: the "pantsters" and the "plotters." The pantsters fly by the seat of their pants and take life as it comes. Plotters prefer to come up with a vision and then take the steps necessary to make it happen. This week you'll interact with both in an inspired blend of activity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). In the process of starting or breaking any habit, it is the initial decision and the following few weeks that are the hardest. After that, new habits and life take over. Considering that the new pattern you have in mind will be better and produce more joy, possibility and excitement, the shift will be a no-brainer. Go for it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your best efforts are good enough. Anyone who doesn't think so is emotionally enslaving you. There is no good reason to scurry around in hopes of approval that won't come. Serve a deeper purpose than the one that placates a baby. (Unless it's an actual baby. Placating an actual baby really is a deeper purpose.)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The vulnerable are often amenable to suggestion, eyes cast downward, voices soft -- behaviors that send cues to those who want to help and to build others up. The cues are also read by those who would take advantage. This week, your job is to look out for and stand up for a victim -- and to refuse to be counted as one.

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General admission includes full access to the festival grounds, where guests will get to explore the tiny homes and speak directly with the homeowners and builders. Admission also includes access to SPC's ballroom, featuring presentations about zoning and building regulations, decluttering your home, living green and much more. Tickets are \$15/day or \$20/weekend, and available at tinymhomestpete.eventbrite.com.

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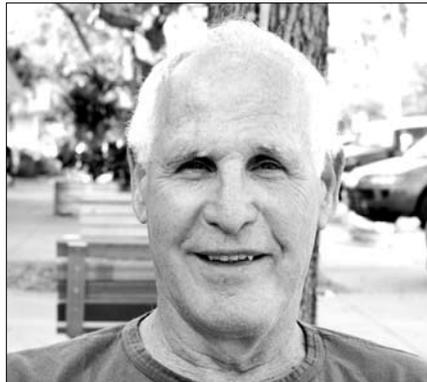
The Gabs

What's your idea of spring cleaning?



Dawn Rowland: "Well when I lived in the Midwest and you were cooped up all winter, spring cleaning was about the fact you were finally able to open up the windows and air everything out, get the rugs out and just clean, clean everything out."

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James Sheehan: "You asked the wrong person. I don't do anything, I'm not inclined that way. I maintain my home all year long."

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Susie Bliznak: "I actually did it this past weekend: seven garbage bags, including shoes, boots, clothes, bedding all donated."

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Common Misconceptions about Wills and Trusts

The following are a few common misconceptions that Akerson Law Offices has clarified for clients of the firm:

Does a valid last will and testament avoid probate? No, a will does not help you avoid probate. In fact, the last will and testament is the primary tool of the probate system. A will serves as the instructions from you to the Probate Court as to how you want your property distributed. The Probate Court then ensures that all probatable assets are collected and valued. Then, after all bills and taxes are paid, the property can be distributed to your heirs in accordance with your wishes.

If I have a will, can my property be distributed to my heirs in a few weeks? Unfortunately, this does not happen in the vast majority of probate proceedings. Occasionally, family administration or summary

administration procedures may be available which will significantly reduce the time period for a probate proceeding which requires formal administration. A typical formal probate administration in the State of Florida will take six months to one year to properly close the estate.

If I have a last will and testament, will my will prevent a quarrel over my assets by the beneficiaries? No, even a properly drafted and authenticated will does not prevent any interested party from contesting a probate matter (including the amount of assets a beneficiary may receive).

Can my living trust be changed? Yes, a living trust may be changed or even eliminated so long as the trust is declared to be revocable. Some trusts are declared to be irrevocable and accordingly cannot be changed.

Are living trusts only beneficial to people with large estates? No, living trusts are beneficial for all people who desire to avoid the probate process which currently can be more

time-consuming and costly than the administration of a living trust when someone passes on. Of course, those people with larger estates will realize larger benefits and potentially greater estate tax savings.

If I have a living trust, do I need to file a separate tax return for the Internal Revenue Service? Generally, the grantor and the trustee of a revocable living trust will not need to file a separate federal tax return for the trust. Generally, a personal 1040 tax return will be sufficient.

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Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices at 535 49th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL. The phone number is 727-347-5131. Mr. Myers welcomes calls regarding this article and other related legal topics. This column outlines general legal principles. If you have specific questionS about the law, please consult an attorney.

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State Wildlife Authorities Warn About Active Alligators

Although serious injuries caused by alligators are rare in Florida, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued their annual spring season precautions for people on Monday, March 26 especially when having fun in and around the water.

With an estimated population of 1.3 million American alligators in the state, FWC officials caution that the animals "should be regarded with caution and respect."

Alligators become more active and visible during spring when temperatures rise. They control their body temperature by basking in the sun and the FWC urges people to keep their distance if they see one.

According to the FWC, "never feed alligators because it is dangerous and illegal."

Alligators inhabit all 67 counties in Florida and can be found anywhere there is standing water, said FWC officials.

"Reduce the chances of conflicts with alligators by swimming only in designated swimming areas during daylight hours. Also keep pets on a leash and away from the water," said FWC Public Information Officer Tammy Sapp.

People concerned about an alligator should call the FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286). FWC partners with contracted nuisance alligator trappers throughout the state to remove animals four feet in length or greater that are believed to pose a threat to people, pets or property, said Sapp.

Learn more about alligators at myfwc.com/alligator.

St. Matthew's Card and Game Party

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will hold their annual card and game party on Saturday, April 21, at the Carlton Arms Clubhouse, 6699 31st St. S.

Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. with games from noon to 3 p.m. Lunch is \$10, or \$35 for a table of four. For tickets or more information call 727-864-6796.



An American alligator basks in the sun near a water source in Florida. Photo courtesy of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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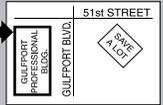


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Dear Editor: A special thanks to all those who helped support the benefit for bartender Sherry Boggio at Crazy Dave's: Dave and Paula of Crazy Dave's; Robert Fanzago of Giovanni's Bakery; BMW Jimmy of Integrity Auto; CJ's on the BEach; Caddy's; Designer Dog Grooming; Ronnie Pastrami; Largo Sub; 1933 Bar and Grill; Mark Jones; Dana Evans; Horse and Jockey; Crystal Haddock; Manatees on the Bay; Kohl and Childs; O'Maddy's; Valentines; Frisky Business; Sandy Lemke; all the bartenders who donated tips and all others who were there not only to show love and support, but also to make wishes come true!

Crazy Dave's
Largo

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Fentanyl Problem is Growing Locally

Dear Editor: Fentanyl is the strongest opiate on the streets right now and it's estimated to be 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. Not only is fentanyl sold on the streets "as is," but it's also mixed into other drugs by dealers who have no regard for human life; all they care about is taking the addict's money.

Fentanyl has recently been found not only in heroin supplies, but it's also in other illicit drugs like cocaine and marijuana. Unsuspecting addicts consume the drug in the amounts they're used to, completely oblivious to the fact that they are about to ingest a lethal dose of fentanyl.

Fentanyl affects the opiate receptors of the brain, crosses through the blood-brain barrier and creates an intense euphoria and addiction in the user. Fentanyl was originally only supposed to be indicated for cancer patients and for "end-of-life" pain. Fentanyl was rarely ever prescribed as a "take-home" medicine for chronic pain or painful disorders and never used outside of a hospital. Not only is fentanyl available on nearly every street corner nationwide, it's also being widely distributed throughout the country after being imported from China. In order to finally get a grip on the growing opiate epidemic, doctors need to stop over-prescribing opiates so as to not create new addicts and effective drug rehab needs to be made available to anyone who needs it. Addiction doesn't care who you are, how you were raised, or where you're from; it can affect anyone. Another person becoming an unfortunate statistic is one too many.

For more information on fentanyl, go to narconon-suncoast.org/blog/fentanyl-what-you-need-to-know.html. If you are in need of a referral to a treatment center, call us at 877-841-5509.

Jason Good, Narconon
Clearwater,

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A Campus Community Garden at Stetson

Dear Editor: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." – Cicero.

The students of Stetson University College of Law enjoy access to one of the best law libraries in the country. Yet, according to Cicero, they still

don't have everything they need.

As of 2010, more than 100 institutions of higher education had established campus gardens. This growing trend in sustainability and environmental education made its way into the Stetson community in 2014, when undergraduate students at the Deland campus helped to plan, dig, and plant a Wildflower Demonstration Garden next to the university's Gillespie Museum. Again in 2017, Stetson's Center for Community Engagement led the effort to help build a community garden located one mile from the Deland campus in Spring Hill, one of the most impoverished cities in Florida. This second garden was built to help residents who lack access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

With all of the work being done to promote sustainability at Stetson's undergraduate campus, we envision some form of a campus garden at Stetson University College of Law. Over the past few months, support for a garden has been building and we have been circulating a petition throughout various student organizations. If the project is approved, we hope to partner with the Urban Harvest, a small-scale commercial urban farm right here in Gulfport! For more information or updates on the project, please contact Leah Johnson at ljohnso2@law.stetson.edu.

Leah Johnson
Stetson University College of Law

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Letters to the Editor

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According to police, members of the public are strongly advised to call the 911 emergency telephone number if they feel unsure about the identity of a police officer at any time. When you provide your location, the operator can verify whether or not it is a legitimate traffic stop.

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April 2018 GEMS Getaways

April 19 – Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival & Lunch at Shorty's. Check out the 11 world-class sculptors as they sculpt elaborate sand sculptures in Clearwater's famous sugar sand. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at Shorty's on the Deck, commonly referred to as a wonderfully hidden gem. \$12 for GEMS Members / \$14 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation and admission. Lunch paid for individually.

April 26 – Larry's Car Show at Quaker Steak & Lube. Come see the huge selection of cars at this weekly Car Cruise-In while you fuel up at Quaker Steak & Lube, a car themed restaurant. \$6 for GEMS Members / \$8 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation. Meal paid for individually.

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Neuro Diverse Children Art Show

Come join Studio Duvoy, Inc., the Pinellas Autism Project and the City of Imagination to celebrate the artistic genius of neuro-diverse (ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, etc.) and physically and developmentally

challenged kids and young adults from all over Pinellas County.

The show is on Saturday, April 21, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the City of Imagination, 2726 54th St. S. The students, ages 5 to 32, paint in an abstract expressionism style based on color, movement, texture and feelings. When a student sells a painting, they receive half of the funds, with the other half going back into the non-profit for future events and art supplies.

Student's work is nicely framed and very reasonably priced from \$10 to \$100. Don't miss this opportunity to view and appreciate these fine works of art.

They will have live music by Keith and Frank, J. Kolb and A. D. Burke. Drinks and a light dinner will also be provided. Call or text Caroline Duvoy at 727-271-5016 or email her at studioduvoy@yahoo.com if you have questions. Volunteers are needed and cash donations for the cause can be made at studioduvoy.org.

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Who Will Pay Your Retirement Income?

If you are nearing or entering retirement and are interested in a strategy designed to help build an income stream and make your retirement income last, come to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., for "What Happens After the Paychecks Stop? A Retirement Income Primer" on Monday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

They'll explore how to budget for retirement expenses, examine potential sources of retirement income and identify ways to address potential risks. Refreshments will be served. Please call Andrea at 727-363-6362 or email andrea.thiele@edwardjones.com by April 6.

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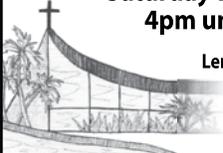
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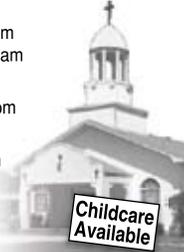
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Obituaries

MACAULAY, DONALD, 79, of Gulfport and York, ME, passed away March 19. He was born in Boston, MA, on June 16, 1938, the son of Andrew C. and Margaret (Fleming) MacAulay (both deceased.) He was also predeceased by his brothers Andrew C. and Robert F. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann (Murphy) MacAulay and 11 loving nieces and nephews. Donald graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in Journalism, where he edited the school newspaper and was a member of the track team. He served in the U.S. Army through the ROTC program and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant. He worked for the *Boston Globe* for 48 years as a copy editor and writer for the sports page. He was a member and past president of the Mass Track and Field Officials Association, a member and past president of the Northeast Track Club and a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Ogunquit, ME. He owned and operated the Faircrest Motel in York, ME, with his wife for 25 years. He co-owned the AB-MAC Finish Line Company with longtime friend Joe Abelon. Together they developed the Finish Line chute system. He officiated at the Boston Marathon for 50 years. He was avid fan of the New England Patriots, the Boston Bruins and the Tampa Bay

Rays. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to your local school athletic department or the First Tee program.

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There will be a celebration of life for **KAREN ROBBINS** on Saturday, April 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Vendome Village Club House, 6775 Riviera Rd., just off 82nd Ave. N. and 66th St. N.

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Christ the Cornerstone Easter Sunrise Service

Christ the Cornerstone Church will conduct its Easter Sunrise Service at Gulfport Beach, Shelter #7 at 7:30 a.m. on April 1. Refreshments will be served after the service. Cornerstone will also be holding their Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m. at their church at 5545 62nd Ave. N. For more information visit their website christcornerstone.com.

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To apply for Keep St. Pete Lit's Creative Writing Summer Camp please fill out the form on their website at keepstpetelit.com. Those who do not qualify for tuition-free camp will be asked to remit a tuition payment of \$150 per week before start of classes. Space is limited. If you have questions, please contact Maureen McDole at mmcdole@keepstpetelit.org or call 727-798-4530.

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Grace Connection at Pasadena to Open Two Group Homes for Children

Grace Connection at Pasadena is so excited about its newest project that it wants everyone to know about it.

The Southern Baptist church is opening two group homes with space to accommodate as many as 75 children, says Pastor Tim Kelley.

The facilities will be operated under the auspices of the Hannah Grace Foundation, which was established by the pastor and his wife Peggy to honor the memory of their daughter.

On February 12, 2012, a parishioner accidentally discharged a gun during a service at Grace Connection of Tampa Bay, which was then located in Lealman. The bullet struck Hannah Grace, who was 20 years old at the time. She died from her wounds six days later.

“When we lost her we wanted to do something in her memory ministering to kids,” says Pastor Kelley. “We started her foundation in 2013 and it has grown to this.”

The first group home will open in May on 168 acres in Clermont, Florida, with beds for 30 children. The other, located on 50 acres in Sunset, South Carolina, will open in July with beds for 45 children. Both homes will be state-licensed and will focus on keeping siblings from the same family together. Children ages 6 to 18 will be welcome.

“All our kids will have suffered from some form of trauma, abuse or neglect,” Pastor Kelley says.

The homes are being established in conjunction with another local ministry, and will be called the Hannah Grace Homes. Pastor Kelley is the executive director. Each location will include free housing for traveling missionaries as well.

Grace Connection, initially founded in 1974, merged with the former Pasadena Baptist Church in 2013 and moved to its current location the following year. Since then the five-acre complex has undergone extensive renovations.

Today it includes a large wooden chapel with 30-foot ceilings, a café, game rooms, family rooms, offices, a covered walkway and several living areas to accommodate homeless families in transition. A beautiful raised garden in the front courtyard is dedicated to Hannah Grace.

Pastor Kelley, who has a degree in counseling, says the church strives to incorporate the teachings of the Bible in the real world.

“We teach the Bible and how it applies in our life on a day to day basis,” he says. “The core of our message is the grace of God and God’s unconditional acceptance of his children.” However, he says, “If my theology is impractical in everyday life, it’s one-dimensional. Our



Pastor Tim Kelley of Grace Connection at Pasadena sits in front of a garden honoring the memory of his daughter, Hannah Grace, who died in 2012 when she was 20 years old.

doctrine needs to be practical and user-friendly.”

Much of his work involves direct counseling of his parishioners. “We do a lot of grief and trauma counseling, marriage and family counseling,” he says.

The church is involved in numerous social outreach programs and partnerships with other congregations. Chief among these is Family Promise of Pinellas County, which helps homeless families find permanent housing and jobs, and teaches them financial skills.

Grace Connection’s estimated 130-member congregation is upbeat, diverse and multigenerational, according to Pastor Kelley. The music during Sunday services ranges from traditional to contemporary, and congregants have many options for participating. They can attend in person in the chapel, watch via television from an on-site family room or the coffee shop, stream them online or catch them on YouTube.

Church members pride themselves on reaching out to newcomers and making sure they feel welcome.

“Every church has a distinct personality,” Pastor Kelley says. “If someone visits Grace Connection and wants to sort of slide in and slide out and not be noticed, we’re probably not the church for them. If they want the group to remember their name and welcome them into our church family, then we’re probably a good fit. We work very hard to get to know our new people so they’re not new people very long.”

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April 2018

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April 4, 2018	Planning & Zoning Board 6:30 pm
April 10, 2018	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee 8:00 am - Senior Center - 5501 27th Ave S
April 11, 2018	Board of Adjustment 6:30 pm
April 13, 2018	Teen Council 4:00 pm - Recreation Center - 5730 Shore Blvd S
April 17, 2018	City Council Meeting 7:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2401 53rd Street South, unless otherwise noted. Meetings may occasionally be added, cancelled, or rescheduled after this list is published. Please check the city's website MyGulfport.us for updated information.

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