

A Hot Time at St. Pete Pride

By Angelina Bruno



Jon Ziegler of Gulfport showed off his colorful, handmade getup at the St. Pete Pride festival in the Grand Central District Saturday, June 23. Ziegler made the show-stopping piece by using sequins and two LGBT pride flags. "I'm out here representing Gulfport," said Ziegler.

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Police to be Proactive on Illegal Fireworks

By Debbie Wolfe

On Thursday, June 21, Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent took to social media to remind people that law enforcement officers will be assertive in handling 4th of July personal fireworks complaints.

"This holiday season, Gulfport officers will be taking a strong, proactive stance in enforcing the use of illegal fireworks," said Vincent on Facebook. "Violators may face confiscation of all unlawful fireworks and may be subject to arrest for a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail."

People wishing to report a fireworks issue should call the Gulfport Police Department's non-emergency telephone number at 727-582-6177, said Vincent.

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Peninsula Inn Seeks Historical Photos

By Debbie Wolfe



Thomas O'Connor has found postcards and other images relating to the Historical Peninsula Inn where he works and he is looking for more. He is particularly interested in finding exterior photos that show trolley cars and tracks so he can make copies for the hotel's collection.

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Gulfport Rally for Humane Politics

The ACLU, People Power, Indivisible 13, MoveOn.org and the League of Women Voters are joining with the Gulfport community, civic organizations and local, county, state and U.S. elected officials and candidates for office on Saturday, June 30, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino as they stand as one solid voice for compassion, integrity, civility, decency and common sense in the politics of this country.

Their mission is to enfranchise and empower all voters, especially those who are struggling. They will have speakers from the community and elected officials and candidates for public office, a voter registration table and an expert with Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections to offer help for those having difficulty with processing their voter applications. There will be art and music in a seaside atmosphere if you want to spend your Saturday enjoying Gulfport's hospitality.

Join your friends and neighbors as they stand as one solid voice to challenge what's happened and is happening to immigrant families at the U.S. border.

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Community Players' Summer One Acts

The Gulfport Community Players present their 18th Annual Summer One Acts from July 12 through 22 at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 55601 27th Ave. S.

An ensemble cast of over 35 actors and actresses perform 10 original plays which were written by Florida and local playwrights. Thursdays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and available online at gulfportcommunityplayers.org or at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar.

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Casino Dock Closed for 4th of July Event

The Gulfport Casino floating dock in Boca Ciega Bay will be temporarily closed for the planned 4th of July Special Event. The Casino dock will be closed for safety and will reopen in conjunction with the Williams Pier no later than Thursday.

Other closings to prepare for the fireworks and for your safety will include the closing of the Williams Pier (corner of Shore Blvd. S. and 54th St. S.) at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, July 3 until Thursday morning, July 5, by noon.

All boaters can dock at the Gulfport Marina the day of the event for a fee. Any un-authorized boats parked at the casino dock will be towed to a safe location. Limited access at the Municipal Marina will be granted for non-motorized dinghies.

During the Casino dock closures, boaters are invited to consider using the Gulfport Municipal Marina at 4630 29th Ave. S. For more information, contact City of Gulfport Marina Director Denis Frain at 727-893-1071 or visit the Gulfport Marina on mygulfport.us/marina.

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Gabber 4th of July Holiday Deadline

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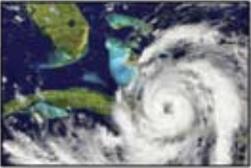
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Gulfport's July 4th Celebration

The city of Gulfport has an amazing lineup of fun activities in the city's downtown waterfront district on Wednesday, July 4.

Wake up early and bring the kids to the Gulfport Marina's Fishing Derby at the Michael J. Yakes Recreation Complex's, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Registration is on the seawall and always free. Registration starts that day at 7:30 a.m. Please bring your own fishing pole and the Municipal Marina's staff will provide bait. You can also participate in the free Family Sand Sculpture Contest sponsored by the Gulfport Recreation Division. This event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Gulfport's Municipal Beach. The theme is "Red, White & Blue," so bring your own tools and supplies as registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

It's time to get creative at 6 p.m. with the long tradition of welcoming local businesses, organizations, family and friends to join the city of Gulfport Independence Day Parade. Bring your red, white and blue and register now at mygulfport.us/july_4th_celebration, or complete a form at City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S., and return it to one of the customer service employees. The deadline for registration is Friday, June 29. For more information, call 727-893-1118.

The Gulfport Special Event Trolley will be looping the offsite parking locations, immediately following the parade, north of Gulfport Boulevard including the Municipal Marina's last scheduled loop at 9:45 p.m. If you see the trolley, just give the driver a wave and they will pick you up along the route.

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Art Classes at the Gulfport Senior Center

Have you always wanted to draw or paint but have been afraid that it's too difficult? The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., has new classes starting every few months. Third quarter classes begin in August and run through October. Classes fill quickly, you must pre-register by calling 727-893-5657. Registration opens Monday, July 2. Don't miss out, sign up today!

Classes include Open Studio (Mixed Art) classes on Mondays at 1:30 p.m., Open Workshop (Watercolor) classes on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and Learning the Basics (A drawing and Acrylic Painting Class for Beginners) on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

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The Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., offers a support group for caregivers on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. This peer-led group will share tips, offer encouragement and discuss 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, call 727-893-5657.

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Get Involved with Gulfport's Night Out

Get to know your neighbor and Gulfport's first responders! The date is set for Gulfport's Night Out. This interactive community event is on Thursday, August 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., in the surrounding parking lot and the north block lot located on 26th Avenue South.

All attendees will get to meet and learn about the Gulfport Police Department, Gulfport Fire Department and other city staff. Check out Gulfport's Police and Fire vehicles as well as the Marine unit. More information to come on upcoming demonstrations.

Children's activities, food from local restaurants and drawings for prizes from local organizations are in store for this upcoming event. The New Horizons Band will be on hand for entertainment.

Parking is available at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Beach Boulevard. Additional parking is available at the Gulfport Library, 5501 27th Ave. S. after 7 p.m.

The Gulfport Night Out event is organized by the Gulfport Police Department and the city of Gulfport. For more information or how your organization can get involved, please contact Professional Standards Commander Josh Stone at 727-893-1111 or Administrative Assistant, Gail Biron at 727-893-1049.

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For more information, contact Healthy St. Pete at 727-892-5994 or visit HealthyStPeteFL.com



Open Call for Gecko Queen Applicants

Gulfport is seeking the Sixth Gecko Queen to be crowned at the 2018 Gecko Ball on August 25. The Gecko Queen needs to represent everything that is Gulfport – fabulous, friendly, fierce, fun and open-minded – throughout the year at events like the Gecko Fest and Gecko Crawl, St. Pete Pride Parade, and Gulfport July 4th Parade, to name a few. Who can be Gecko Queen? A Gulfport resident of any gender, 21 years and older, who enjoys the spotlight and has a positive message to share with the community.

Gecko Queen hopefuls are requested to submit a letter and photos and/or video to demonstrate why they should be queen. Previous applicants are welcome to apply. This year's chosen queen will be expected to take the stage at Gecko Ball to accept the crown with flair and confidence.

Additionally, the queen's costume needs to reflect this year's theme "GeckoCon," which celebrates comic book and pop culture characters,

heroes and villains, horror, sci-fi, fantasy, and of course, geckos.

The queen will be chosen by the Gecko Ball Committee and informed prior to the ball. The submission deadline is July 1. Please submit self-nominations to Faun Weaver, Gecko Queen Emeritus, at faungds@yahoo.com, along with photos or videos to best represent your queen qualities.

Gecko Ball Tickets on Sale July 4th

Tickets for the 10th Annual Gecko Ball will go on sale on the 4th of July, available at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar and online at VisitGulfportFlorida.com. Gulfport's event of the year is taking place on August 25 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Gulfport Casino.

Tickets are \$35 each and tickets should be purchased as soon as possible because the event sells out every year. Reserved tables of 10 or 12 are available for purchase only in-person, in one transaction at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar and on a first-come, first-served basis.

The theme of this year's ball is "Gecko Con," celebrating the

characters and stories of comic books, movies, and television. Guests are highly encouraged to dress in theme appropriate costumes and be creative. There will be a costume contest – you never know who is watching! Anonymous judges will evaluate costumes throughout the night and select the top three individual and top three group costumes. The final winners in each category will be chosen based on applause from the audience.

Gulfport celebrates the gecko each year with a series of whimsical events at the end of summer including the 18th annual GeckoFest street festival, 11th Annual Gecko Crawl, and the fourth annual Art Gecko Show. All Gecko events are sponsored by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Chamber and a portion of proceeds is donated to local charities each year. Community Support Grants will be made to the Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Operation Regroup, and the Sonia Plotnick Health Fund. Visit GeckoFest.com for more information on all events.

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Teens Explore the Paranormal at Gulfport Library

By Angelina Bruno



Bonnie Korniak, founder and lead investigator for AURA, listens closely to a recorder to see if she has captured an Electronic Voice Phenomena or EVP.

Bonnie Korniak, founder and lead investigator AURA (Alliance for Unveiling and Researching Anomalies) Paranormal Investigations, discussed all things spooky at the Gulfport Public Library last week. On Wednesday, June 20, Korniak spoke to teens and a few adults about her experiences investigating the paranormal, as well as tips and tricks to conduct paranormal investigations of their own.

Korniak's been studying spirits for the last 17 years.

"It all started when I moved into a haunted house," she said. Alongside her team at AURA, Korniak has been investigating "spirits and hauntings" since 2008, pro-bono. "I won't accept payment" she said. There is one exception to her rule. "Snacks, I'll accept," she said. "If they've got snacks, I'm down."

In addition to her investigations through AURA, plus researching the spirits in her own home, Korniak presents her findings and educates groups on her knowledge throughout Florida. She's spoke to teen groups at the Gulfport Public Library in the past and says it's something she loves.

"Younger people are usually more open minded," she said.

Aside from Gulfport's library, most recently she presented at the Clearwater Public Library. She referenced Clearwater's library in her presentation as place filled with spirits.

A portion of Korniak's presentation focused on educating the group about EVPs or Electronic Voice Phenomena. EVPs are electronically captured spirit voices. In the paranormal investigations industry, EVPs are considered to be a very compelling piece of evidence that supports life after death. In addition to EVPs, spirits can be detected in a space by using EMF detectors, electromagnetic field detectors. Changes in the electromagnetic field that aren't caused by human or animal disruption are another indicator of spirit presence, according to the presentation.

To detect spirits, the presentation emphasized a few key things. Keep the cameras and voice recorders rolling at all times and review that footage later. Double- and triple-checking investigations can lead to discoveries. Next, ghost hunters should be aware that camera

shakes, lens flares and airborne particles can look like spirits, but are just technical errors. In addition, spirit seekers should set up some equipment to detect changes in the environment, like an EMF detector, laser grids, thermal cameras or a simple compass.

Despite Korniak's impressive tool kit of spirit-seeking gadgets and technology, she advised the group to experience and find out what works for them.

"Experimenting will prove life after death," she said.

A little ghost history made its way into the program too, leading to questions from one

teen.

Referring to a 1991 black-and-white photo projected onto a screen that showed a woman-like figure at Bachelor's Grove Cemetery in Bremen, Illinois, she asked, "How do you really know that wasn't a person? But how do you really know?"

Following ghost history, attendees got to learn a little about local hauntings. On the list: Haslam's Bookstore in St. Pete, the Belleview Inn and Royalty Theater in Clearwater, Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, and St. Pete Beach's Don Cesar Hotel.

Prior to a question and answer session that wrapped up the event, Korniak set up a voice recorder in the middle of the table. Teens gathered around, as Korniak spoke into the air, asking if there were any spirits wanting to make their presence known.

"Are you always here?" she asked, trying to pick up a voice for her recording.

Although the experiment brought no results, the teen's question from that day lingers: "But how do you really know?"

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Summertime Safety Series

Dust off your grill and grab your swimsuits, because the lazy days of summer are here! With the right tools and preparation, summertime can be a relaxing and safe time for you and your family.

OUTDOOR SAFETY

Tuesday, July 17

12:00 Noon

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Tuesday, July 24

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Carly Muzzy, RN, BSN, CEN Stroke/Sepsis Coordinator, Palms of Pasadena Hospital

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WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE WAS HAVING A HEART ATTACK?

Wednesday, August 29

12:00 Noon

Stephen Holcomb, RN, Director Cardiovascular Services, Palms of Pasadena Hospital

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Tour and Lecture at Barbara Gilberg Habitat

There will be a guided tour and lecture at the Barbara Gilberg Habitat on Friday, June 29 at noon. The lecture topic will be "Selecting Summer Annuals." Meet Xavier in the Pavilion. Please bring pen and paper to take down notes.

Barbara Gilberg Habitat is at 1600 Pasadena Ave It is next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive.

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Rocket Science at the Gulfport Library

Come to the Gulfport Library for some free family fun as they celebrate 4th of July week on Monday, July 2 at 3 p.m. with some rocket fun! They will decorate their own rockets and then see if they can get them soaring with some simple science. Open to children ages 5 to 10 and their parents. For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us

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Learn the History of the Pride Flag

Come to the Gulfport Library for two great events on Tuesday, July 10. At 4 p.m. celebrated children's author Rob Sanders will read aloud from his new picture book "Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag." Children and families will have the opportunity to ask Sanders about his book and then make their own flags. At 7 p.m. he will share his experiences as a public school teacher and proud gay author, followed by audience Q & A. Copies of his book will be sold at both events. For more info contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us

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Being a detective of Gulfport history has taken him as far back as he can go – and now he needs your help. Thomas O'Connor is the research sleuth, design and marketing guru for the Historic Peninsula Inn on Beach Boulevard. He is also the brother of the owner, Veronica Champion. "My goal is to find as much as I can," said O'Connor. "Right now, I don't have any photos from the 1930s through the 1970s. I want to add to our history collection."

Over the years, the inn has been a hospital twice after both world wars, said Champion.

"Hotels were commonly utilized for the excessive number of wounded that hospitals could not accommodate," said Champion. "Some people have also said it could have also been a rehabilitation or mental hospital for a period of time."

The build date and years when name changes took place are not exactly known.

In his efforts to add to the inn's historical collection, O'Connor got lucky one time while searching online in places like eBay and Craig's List.

While sifting through numerous search results for Gulfport and St. Petersburg history, he found one postcard labeled, "Sunny Bay Manor."

"It must have been when it was a retirement home," said Champion.

Another postcard shows the facility was once named "Hotel Bayview," which was the inn's original name, she said.

One of the postcards is dated February 18, 1915.

"In 1913, that's when photographs started to be taken but that doesn't mean it wasn't built before then," said Champion.

Her hunch is it was built around 1905 though some written sources say 1911, she said.

O'Connor is especially looking for photos that were taken by residents or family when the facility was a hospital or nursing home.

"You figure when it was a retirement home that people would have taken pictures of their relatives," he said. "Even though the historical society has information, people who took family pictures show a totally different side" of history.

In one Gulfport history book, an undated image taken from the inn's veranda shows a scene on Beach Boulevard when the trolley line was being installed and there were "a lot of cedar trees in the area," said Champion. One original cedar tree still stands in front of the inn.

In addition to copies and originals of exterior images, O'Connor has a loaner copy of a book entitled, "Our Story of Gulfport, Florida" by the Gulfport Historical Society. He is looking for a copy that can be added to the inn's permanent collection.

The inn is also included in lists of Florida hotels that are haunted, said Champion.

The most famous spirit that some regular visitors claim they have seen is named Isabelle, the namesake of the restaurant.

"We have not had any sightings since I've been here so my belief is she is really happy with the way things are right now," said Champion, who bought the inn in 2016. "We talk to her a lot. We

invite people in and she has friendly faces" to keep her company. "We don't ignore Isabelle."

Since the recent installation of a quiet air conditioning system, a pair of guests staying in a second-floor suite provided Champion with a convincing ghost story. The couple was unaware of the building's haunted history yet said they heard children running on the third floor during the night. Champion confirmed that no children were staying in that area at the time.

"We tell people there are very likely multiple presences here because we were a hospital and retirement home," said Champion, "so people didn't always leave here alive just because of the nature of what we were."

In the one-and-a-half years O'Connor has been working at the inn, he says people frequently ask him about the history of the building.

From what he knows, he tries to provide a general overview but says he wants to be able to give more.

"I'm trying to put all of this together," he said.

If you have any historical items that feature the inn and would like to help with the project, contact O'Connor at 727-346-9800.

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Letters

Gulfport Cleans Up for the Fourth

Dear Editor: You can tell that the city of Gulfport is getting ready for the 4th of July celebration. Within the past two weeks Shore Boulevard has been scrapped, flattened, resurfaced with new asphalt and restriped. The contractor did a fantastic job in just two days. The following Monday and Tuesday another contractor trimmed all the palm trees.

Thanks to everyone at the city who made this happen.

Lawrence Burke
Gulfport

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Letters to the Editor

The Gabber always encourages letters and commentary. Keep letters as brief as possible. Letters must be signed by the author and may be emailed to publisher@thegabber.com, or sent to *the Gabber* office. Commentary posted to thegabber.com or on *Gabber* Facebook pages may also appear in the paper. The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the publishers, staff or advertisers.

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Look at the stripes on this kitten! We had to name him Stripey. He is super friendly, waits for his foster mom at the door and helps her on the computer. The 3-month-old loves playing with other felines and has been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Meet this delightful fellow in St. Petersburg by calling 727-545-1116. More felines are viewable on SaveOurStraysInc.com.

Pet Pals



You might have to look in the corners of the cat room to find Xander. He is a shy boy, but he secretly loves being cuddled! Xander is a 2-year-old, 10-pound domestic shorthair. He is neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and his adoption fee is \$40. Petpalandanimalshelter.com.

Community Neighborhood Watch Meetings and Community Emergency Response Team Meetings

City Wide Neighborhood Watch: Meets the first Wednesday of each month at the **Gulfport Neighborhood Center**, (NOTE: Meeting cancelled for Wednesday, July 4) 1617 49th St. S., at 7 p.m. (Includes Tangerine and Tomlinson neighborhoods.)

Marina District Neighborhood Watch: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at the **Gulfport Lions Club**, 4630 Tifton Dr. S., at 7 p.m.

The Strand Area Neighborhood Watch: Meets the third Wednesday of each month at the **Gulfport Recreation Center**, 5730 Shore Blvd., at 7 p.m. (Includes Town Shores.)

Stetson Area Neighborhood Watch: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the **Stetson School of Law**, in the Eleazer Hearing Room, 1401 61st St. S., at 7 p.m.

CERT: Meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The locations will be determined by the type of training.

It's your community, come out and get involved

Contact Jim Wright, Volunteer Coordinator

City of Gulfport 727-893-1022 or jwright@mygulfport.us

Grown-Up Movie Series at Gulfport Library

On the first Saturday of each month, Gulfport Public Library presents the Grown-Up Film Series. This series is intended to allow adults to enjoy more challenging and complex films in a quiet atmosphere (so they request that no children attend).

On Saturday, July 7 at 1 p.m., they'll be screening a heart-pounding thriller. Set in an anonymous, sprawling city, this film tells the twisting tale of two assassins carrying out a sinister mission, a teacher battling a fatal illness, an enigmatic janitor and a curious waitress leading a dangerous double life. Stars Margot Robbie, Simon Pegg and is rated R.

If anyone has any questions about this title or titles for upcoming months, please contact the library at 727-893-1074.

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Memory Cafés: An Oasis Any Time of Year

Are you traveling along the dementia highway? The roadways are crowded. None of the maps show what exit to take to find one of the best rest stops around. Here's a tip. Look for the sign that says, "Memory Cafe Next Exit."

More and more people are discovering that stopping at a Memory Cafe event is like finding an oasis in the desert. You're invited to join them if you or a loved one you care for at home have memory issues due to a disease process or traumatic brain injury, and you want to continue actively enjoying life.

Local Memory Cafe events are run by Cate McCarty, PhD, of Dr. Cate Dementia Coach, and Jane Ogilvie, LPN, the owner of Senior Solutions of Pinellas County. They understand dementia professionally and through personal family experiences. A combined 70+ years of experience allows them to share two unique perspectives. They offer stimulating thought and conversations. Resource information is shared, laughing is common, and good stories abound. Surround yourself with understanding others on their own dementia journeys.

Future Memory Café events
Gabber June 28 - July 4, 2018

include Carrabba's, 1951 4th St. N. at Sunken Gardens on July 9 at 11:15 a.m. and every second Monday at the same place and time.

Find them on Monday July 16, at 12:15 p.m. at the Gulfport Memory Café at Neptune Grill Restaurant, 5501 Shore Blvd., and every third Monday at the same place and time.

For a leisurely walk and scavenger hunt, try Tyrone Walk and Memory Café on July 20, at 10 a.m. and every third Friday at the same place and time. Meet inside the entrance to the Food Court on the 22nd Avenue side of Tyrone Mall. Set your own pace. Canes and/or walkers? Bring them. Wear comfortable shoes. At 11:15 a.m. meander down to Red Robin Gourmet Burgers for lunch or a cold drink.

To receive further information

about how you or your business can help spread dementia awareness in the St. Petersburg and Beaches area contact Cate McCarty, PhD, at 813-384-7571 or catemccarty@gmail.com or Jane Ogilvie, LPN, at 727-327-0167 or sensol@seniorssmile.com.

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Kenneth City Social Club Flea Market

The 21st annual Kenneth City Social Club Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 8, from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m., at the corner of 58th St. N. and 46th Ave. N.

They are now accepting vendors for the flea market. This event always sells out, so contact Dick Laneau at 727-345-4323 or laneau123@gmail.com to reserve a space.

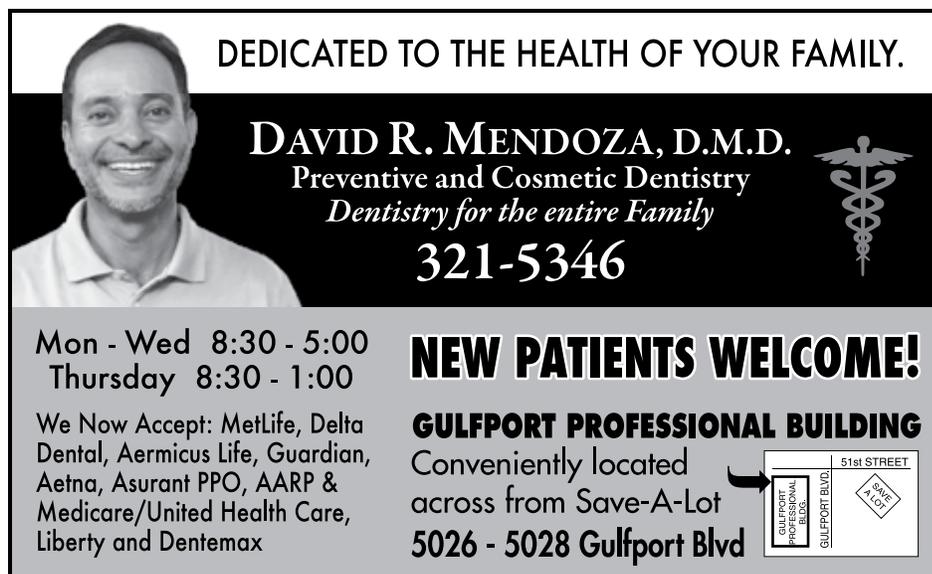
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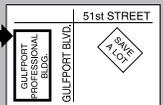
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Chair Volleyball at the Senior Center

Chair Volleyball is taking American Senior Centers by storm! Come join in for exercise, laughter, friendship and teamwork. This group meets at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

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.

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Fermenting Food Workshop at Library

Come learn all the nutritious and delicious ways of fermenting food at home at the Gulfport Library's free workshop on Thursday, June 28 at 6:15 p.m. Fermented foods are packed with probiotics, great for your gut health, and delicious too! You'll learn the basics of making sauerkraut, kimchi and kombucha. They will be joined by Sarah Arrazola, founder of St. Pete Ferments, who will teach how to get started fermenting foods in your own kitchen. Many thanks to the Circle of Friends for sponsoring this workshop. Contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us

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Lesbian Feminist Hot Spots in the South

Come out for an early evening of stories and sharing memories. The quarterly journal "Sinister Wisdom" (sinisterwisdom.org), in collaboration with several writers from Womonwrites, the Southern Lesbian Feminist Writers' Conference, has published four volumes of personal stories collected by the Herstory Project. This project has gathered stories, articles and poetry depicting the last quarter of the 20th century lesbian activism in the South.

From starting newsletters, bookstores, and conferences (like Womonwrites) to organizing peace walks from Gainesville to Key West, lesbians have been making positive change. The latest volume, "Sinister Wisdom 109: Hot Spots" explores the Southern spaces where lesbians gathered and organized, including stories from Gainesville and Miami, as well as Nashville, Louisville, Atlanta, Richmond, and Durham. It will be released July 1, and there will be a release party on July 5. Local writers will be reading their works and answering questions. Join them on July 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Gulfport Public Library. For more information, call Sage at 727-698-6119 and leave a message or text. Email Sageworks6@yahoo.com.

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an email confirmation will be sent to the applicant. The confirmation email will contain a list of any additional items that are needed to complete the application process.

All special event applications for the 2019 fiscal year, events that will occur between October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 are required to be completed by August 15, 2018. An application is not considered complete until all required supporting documents are received.

For a complete listing of minimum qualifications on entering special event status in the city of Gulfport, please visit mygulfport.us/calendar/special-events/ or if you or your organization have any questions, please call 727-893-1118 or email info@mygulfport.us.

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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from June 14 to June 26 in Gulfport, St. Pete Beach and South Pasadena.

Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and Gulfport Police Department

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6/14- Exploitation of the elderly in the 5100 block of 26th Avenue South. Officer Hutsko was advised by the Senior Center director that a Gulfport resident was the victim of a scam where a person convinced her to sign paperwork to sell them her house for well under market value. Officer Hutsko was able to contact the company and convince them to rescind/void the contract.

6/15- Violation of home detention in the 4900 block of 12th Avenue South. A juvenile on felony home detention violated the terms of her home detention by not charging her monitoring device. When she was placed on home detention she signed a contract acknowledging her responsibilities with regard to charging the monitoring device. As a result of the violation, a member of the HOME unit completed a juvenile arrest affidavit and requested that our officers attempt to locate her. The juvenile was located, arrested and transported to the Pinellas Juvenile Assessment Center.

6/15- Burglary of a vehicle in the 5400 block of Newton Avenue South. A resident reported that a neighbor saw 2 black males going through her vehicle. The vehicle was unlocked at the time. The suspects fled on foot. Nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

6/16- Hit and run crash in the 2000 block of 49th Street. Officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle

crash at the intersection of 49th Street South and 20th Avenue South. Just before officers arrived, one of the vehicles left the scene without providing the proper information to the driver of the second vehicle.

6/17- Probation violation - arrest in the 3100 block of 54th Street South.

While investigating an illegally parked vehicle, contact was made with the driver/owner. Officers discovered that the driver was on probation with a stipulation of no driving and his driver's license was restricted for business purpose only. The driver told officers he was planning on taking friends out fishing that morning. Edward O'Brien was arrested for violating the terms of his probation.

6/18 - Welfare check in the 5900 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. A person driving by saw a male covered in blood walking with a female. Officers made contact with both people. The male was uncooperative and indicate that he and the female had an argument but everything was fine and everyone.

6/18 - Robbery in the 2300 block of 49th Street N. A juvenile reported that his bicycle was stolen by four known suspects. During the investigation, the victim became uncooperative with the responding officers and refused to return to the scene where the crime occurred. He reported a purple Trek bicycle was taken from him by force, but he knows the other juveniles involved.

6/19 - Burglary of a residence in the 5100 block of 13th Avenue South. A resident reported that 2 black males attempted to steal bikes in his yard, however, when confronted they dropped the bicycle in a neighbor's yard and fled.

6/20- Burglary of a vehicle in the 5000 block of 17th Avenue South. A business owner reported that four vehicles parked at an auto repair shop were burglarized overnight. Nothing was taken from the vehicles.

6/20- Burglary of a vehicle in the 6300 block of Pasadena Point Boulevard. A resident reported that his loaded Glock and two loaded magazines were stolen from the glove compartment of his car sometime in the last 9 months.

Burglary-vehicle

6/20, 2:10 p.m., 5500 block of Shore Blvd S

6/20, 6 p.m., 5000 block of 17th Ave S

6/20, 10:30 p.m., 1800 block of 49th St S

6/20, 12 p.m., 6300 block of Pasadena Point Blvd

Missing Person

6/20, 1:00 p.m., 5900 block of Seabird Dr S

Traffic Accident

6/19, 1:00 a.m., 2400 block of 58th St S

6/21, 10:09 p.m., 8th Ave S and 54th St S

Theft-grand

6/19, 6:51 p.m., 5100 block of 13th Ave S

Theft-petit

6/19, 3 p.m., 2500 block of 50th St S

6/23, 12:17 a.m., 5100 block of Gulfport Blvd S

6/24, time unknown, 5000 block of Gulfport Blvd S

Undefined category

6/23, 3:00 p.m., 5300

block of 23rd Ave S

Vandalism/Criminal Mischief

6/21, 6 p.m., 5100 block of 14th Ave S

South Pasadena

Theft-shoplifting

6/22, 7:31 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Blvd S

Theft-petit

6/23, 8:14 a.m., 1200 block of Pasadena Ave S

Theft-shoplifting

6/24, 3:14 p.m., 6800 block of Gulfport Blvd S

Vandalism-criminal mischief

6/24, 8:30 p.m., 1300 block of Pasadena Ave S

St. Pete Beach

Battery

6/19, 7 p.m., 500 block of Corey Ave

6/23, 7:37 p.m., 9400 block of Blind Pass Rd

Burglarly-Business

6/19, 3 a.m., 3800 block of Gulf Blvd

Burglary-Residence

6/22, 12 p.m., 3600 block of Belle Vista Dr E

Robbery-unarmed

6/23, 1:30 p.m., 4600 block of Gulf Blvd

Stolen vehicle

6/20, 7:50 a.m., 200 block of 75th Ave

Theft-grand

6/21, 1:30 p.m., 400 block of 84th Ave

6/22, 1:30 p.m., Gulf Blvd and 35th Ave

6/23, 12:45 p.m., 4600 Block of Gulf Blvd

Theft-Shoplifting

6/19, 12 p.m., 100 block of 8th Ave

6/22, 10 a.m., 100 block of 8th Ave

Traffic Accident

6/23, 5:40 p.m., 6800 block of Beach Plz

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The Gabs

What are your 4th of July plans for this year?



Jackie Kreuter, Gulfport: "I'm going to be volunteering at Manatees; there's going to be vendors out front and a huge parade. I plan on having a good time."

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Jimmy Dolan, Gulfport: "Well, I'm going to set off tons of fireworks and annoy my neighbors."

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Christi Bold, Gulfport: "I'll be working a 16 hour shift."

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Mysa Bruno, St. Pete: "I'll be staying inside because fireworks scare me. More pets run away on 4th of July than any other day!"

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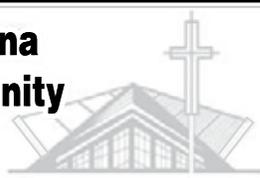
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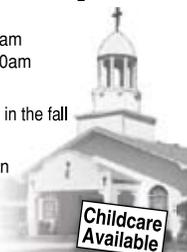
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The Circle of Friends Bookshop at the Gulfport Library is featuring non-fiction books on the sale cart. The topics are as varied as history, business and social sciences, to name a few. Still time to buy that special book for Father's Day. Watch for flash sales throughout the summer. The Gulfport Library is located at 5501 28th Ave. S. Please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 for any bookshop questions.

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Teen Gender Roles Explored in Film

The LGBTQ Resource Center at Gulfport Public Library continues its monthly LGBTQ Film Series on Thursday, July 12, with a Swedish film about three teen girls exploring gender roles in a "magical" way. The series is a free gathering to watch a film in the company of friends and neighbors on the second Thursday of each month.

Each film begins at 7 p.m. in the

Friends Room at Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S.

Licensing restrictions prohibit explicitly naming the titles of films in general press releases. But feel free to call the library at 727-893-1074 for the film title and other information about the film series. Or find titles and more information at mygulfport.us/lgbtq-resources.

The LGBTQ Resource Center is a project of the non-profit Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library. Find out more about the Resource Center, the Circle of Friends and the Library on the web at mygulfport.us/gpl or at [facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL](https://www.facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL).

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Off Broadway Show Plays Gulfport

Acclaimed by critics and audience members alike, the one-man show, "Chameleon" is moving from its regular Friday night slot to Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. at the City of Imagination, 2726 54th St. S. (the Breyer Hall building between the dog parks).

Chameleon is written and performed by Peter Suarez, a veteran New York theatre performer, who has danced with the Metropolitan Opera, worked with Tony Award-winning director, and choreographed for Cirque du Soleil.

Suggested donation \$15 at the door. For more info, call Peter Suarez at 646-522-8440.

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Gulfport's Gecko Ball Celebrates its 10th Year

By Debbie Wolfe



Awards are given for individual- and group-themed costumes at the annual Gecko Ball. For years, local artists created custom trophies. Pictured is Jon Ziegler, a Gecko Ball costume designer from Gulfport, holding a custom Eric Folsom award he won for his first-place costume during the 2015 event. The theme that year was GeckoGras! and Ziegler created a Lastat de Lioncourt outfit he wore based on The Vampire Chronicles book series by Anne Rice. A gecko symbol was located on both his hat and parasol.

What started out as a simple themed party evolved into a ball, a coronation and auction fundraiser for a local business group, charities and now grants for artists.

Gulfport's Gecko Ball is in its 10th year, said John Haugen, the 2018 organizational committee co-chairperson. He has been involved with the volunteer committee of about 20 people for about seven years and has served as chairperson for three. Brittney Sherley is also a co-chairperson this year.

The sponsor is the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association that will be officially merging with the Gulfport Area Chamber of

Commerce on July 1 to form a new business group called the Gulfport Merchants Chamber (GMC). It is their major fundraiser of the year. As a group, their mission is to advocate visitation and tourism for Gulfport.

In addition to contributing to local charities, this year the group will also give two Rise and Shine grants to local artists who have not been identified yet, said Haugen. For more information about the grants, see visitgulfportflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Gulfport-Merchants-Association-Artist-Grants.pdf.

In addition to dancing, the event includes awards for individual- and group-

themed costumes, a live and silent auction and, since 2013, the coronation of the new Gecko queen. The role of the queen is to serve as an enthusiastic goodwill ambassador for Gulfport during the next 12 months, said Haugen. The queen can be any gender and any age.

The late Owen Pach, a local artist well known for his glass blowing, blacksmithing and sculpting, "conceived and originated the annual auction of artist-created Geckos," said Daniel Hodge, one of the event's organizational committee members for nine years from 2009 to 2017. Hodge has served as the chairperson and has helped with promoting the event. Since

2010, "nearly 80 geckos have been created and collected by art lovers who have attended the ball and Owen created at least eight of them over the years."

This year, the gecko-inspired works of nine local artists are being featured in the live auction at the ball, said Haugen.

Beginning on Friday, August 3, the artwork will be on display at Gulfport's Catherine Hickman Theater, he said.

"From there, the artwork will be displayed in nine local locations, usually restaurants," said Haugen. "This year, the Gulfport Historical Museum might get a piece of art." On the day of the ball, the pieces will move to the casino.

Twenty-five percent of auction proceeds go to the artists and the remainder will go to the GMC, he said.

Why do people get so into dressing up and participating in the Gecko Ball?

"It's one of the most fun parties you'll get a chance to go to," said Hodge. "We consider it Gulfport's party of the year. Gulfport's creative juices get flowing. Just about everyone that comes to the ball is wearing some sort of costume. It creates a lot of memories and history."

Tradition dictates that at least one gecko is a part of each person's costume and it can appear on vests, hats, sleeves, purses, shoes and even on a spear or parasol.

"Everyone loves to be part of making a tradition," said Hodge. "It's been a sell-out every single year."

When the Gecko Ball was conceived, the Gecko Festival was already on its way to becoming a popular annual event, he said.

"The Merchants Association felt like we could add other components in the month of August to extend the celebratory feel and also to give people something to

do in the hot month when things are slow around Gulfport anyway,” said Hodge. “The ball was also conceived as a fundraising element.

“And, each year, a portion of the proceeds of all Gecko-related events goes back to local charities.”

Over the years, the charity component has become more formalized with an annual application process for community support grants, he said. “We’ve helped out a lot of local charities.”

During the initial years, crowds numbered from 200 to 250 and were mostly located outside, said Jon Ziegler, a Gecko Ball costume designer from Gulfport.

“The first year was at a restaurant-bar in town and it was fun,” said Hodge. “It was just more informal. For the second year in 2010, we did a lot of planning and wanted to really put it over the top.”

That year, the ball was held at the Peninsula Inn for the first time and, with more room, they began to include the silent auction.

“The silent auction is one of the biggest fundraising components of all – even more than the ticket sales,” said Hodge. “The array of items that are offered is staggering. The businesses are very generous with providing gift certificates or cards for dining, accommodations, merchandise, artwork, sporting events, cultural entertainment and trips. We go all over the Tampa Bay area.”

The crowd filled up the event space at the inn in 2010 and “it rained really hard,” said Hodge. “Everyone

had to huddle together on the porch and inside. It was all fun and part of the memories.”

By popular demand and beginning with the 5th year in 2013, the ball

Gecko Ball Themes Through the Years

- 1st in 2009 ~ no theme
- 2nd in 2010 ~ Geckos In Wonderland
- 3rd in 2011 ~ The Lizard of Oz
- 4th in 2012 ~ Hooray for Geckowood!
- 5th in 2013 ~ Gecko Night Fever
- 6th in 2014 ~ Roaring Geckos
- 7th in 2015 ~ GeckoGras!
- 8th in 2016 ~ 20,000 Geckos Under The Sea
- 9th in 2017 ~ Geckostock
- 10th in 2018 ~ Geckocon

moved from the inn to the Casino where the capacity is about 400.

“We loved the intimacy of the inn but the event outgrew the size of that venue,” said Hodge.

For this year’s ball, which will be August 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.,

hors d’oeuvres are being made by the Backfin Blue Café and will be presented on trays by servers walking the Casino floor throughout the evening to eliminate lines at a buffet table, said Hodge.

A live band is included in the ticket price and a cash bar will also be available.

Tickets for this year’s ball are \$35 each and will go on sale beginning July 4 at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard, and online at visitgulfportflorida.com. Reserved tables of 10 or 12 are available at the Gulfport Beach Bazaar on a first-come, first-served basis.

Since Hodge is not serving on the organizing committee this year, will he be attending the event?

“I would never miss a Gecko Ball,” he said, laughing.

Is he willing to give any hints about his themed costume?

“It’s a secret!” he said. “It’s more fun to keep your mouth shut and just show up in costume. I’m not one to wear form-fitting tights like Superman or Batman. But, a group of us are coming up with a creative solution.”

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Cool Shopping at Sophie's Attic

Greetings from Sophie's Attic. They're hoping everyone is managing to stay cool. This week they've been working on sorting and washing bedding. They have sheets, pillowcases, some bedspreads and lots of tablecloths. They have some sets, but most are individual pillowcases and sheets. They have also put out a whole new rack of freshly laundered clothing. They still have their special rack of 50¢ clothing and a few pairs of shoes on sale for \$1. As you can see, they have a little bit of everything. Come on in and check them out. It's a cool 74 degrees in there.

Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church. You will find them on 53rd St., near 28th Ave. S. They are open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. till noon. They'll be waiting for you.

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St. Pete Beach Safe Boating Program

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 7-8 has a 12-week repeating cycle of Safe Boating Program meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (at the Warren Webster Building, one mile south of the Don CeSar). Start at any point in the cycle. Arrive the first time at 6:30 p.m. to register. Included in this program are detailed materials that cover a variety of program topics.

The program package is based on the new USCG Auxiliary Boating Skills & Seamanship 14th Edition 400-page manual. All materials will be included in the cost of the program which is \$45 per participant for 12 weeks (\$60 for couples sharing the materials).

For more information, and a list of topics covered each week, call Jim at 727-360-4846, Warren at 727-321-7801 or Phil at 727-865-2226.

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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Laureate Epsilon Nu will be hosting their 48th annual Beginning Day luncheon on Saturday, August 18 at Banquet Masters on 49th Street North. This year's theme is "Welcome to the Round Up" with a chuck wagon menu. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information contact Rose Marie Gifford at 727-430-5835. Deadline for reservations is August 4.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural women's organization. Sunshine City Council has eight chapters of members of all ages. Some chapters meet once a month year round while others meet from September to May twice a month. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While presentation is important, most people are more concerned with their own performance than they are with yours. If you can help the other person feel good about his or her own performance, you'll win, too. This and other assets (including your warmth and competence) will make this a socially stellar week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Effort is this thing that many people who are familiar with one another don't bother themselves as much with. Some even consider effort from a familiar person to be a red flag – a signal that something out of the ordinary is up. But effort sprinkled more regularly into a familiar relationship will be the spice of happiness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Establishing rapport will be pretty simple. You've a kind of calm enthusiasm that people enjoy. You'll speak of positive emotions and share stories with happy outcomes. The decision to add more enthusiasm to your interactions will be the small move that has life-improving consequences.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're on the up and up, and everything about you will reflect the trend. The corners of your lips, your bank balance, eyebrows, spirits, wishes for the future – up, up, up. You'll attract two kinds of people: people who get into your hot air balloon basket and people who stay on the ground to anchor you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're engaged, supportive and curious – the trifecta of reactions that anyone would want in a team member. Most people sense the importance

of being engaged and the value of being supportive, but many miss the significance of curiosity. Not you. Curiosity will be the embodiment of intelligence that takes you to magical places.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You say one thing; they hear another. It's the pattern that's defined a relationship. Part of you wants to learn once and for all what the deal is. But you really know the deal already. It's competition or jealousy. The threatened don't hear so well. You'll find a workaround, though, and enjoy a surprisingly happy outcome.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You easily see the truth. You know right from wrong and can distinguish it as clearly as you can light from darkness. And though you think in very blunt terms, you also know better than to speak in them. No one wants to hear it this week, even those very close to you. They need your warmth instead, and you'll deliver.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your experiences have shaped you. Not just the good ones and not just the bad ones, but all of your experiences: surprising, calming, boring, nurturing, foolish, fun, painful, irritating, peaceful, beautiful – all of them. For this you will be most

appreciative. You're open to the next adventure, and here it comes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your competence will be celebrated, but only if you don't advertise it too readily. Be careful not to derive too much pleasure from knowing things before others do, because while you definitely (and accurately) identify as a smart person, there are certain matters of intelligence better kept to yourself this week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though guilt, shame and worry are all negative emotions, neuroscientists have proven that they activate the brain's reward center, which may explain why these emotions can be so addictive. Regardless, you are stronger. This is the week you'll break a pattern of feeling badly about something you can't control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't be picky. Appreciate everything. You could do this because you're supposed to, and you'll still get some results. But if you do it for selfish reasons – if you're actively and enthusiastically grateful because you know it will make you happier – things will really pick up this week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've gone quite a while feeling misunderstood in some respect, and you're beginning to get used to the possibility that no one will ever totally get certain parts of you. Well, don't give up too soon, because this week will bring a breakthrough on the matter as you seek new people and try new ways of communicating.

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One small problem: There's no actual record of the *Mary Disston* coming south of Clearwater. There is indeed the remnants of what could be a boat in Boca Ciega Bay, but no one knows which boat it is, perhaps one called the *Hornet*?

The plaque was stolen, and while the city of Gulfport would like to replace it, they've asked the Gulfport Historical Society to first verify the research regarding the journeys of the *Mary Disston* before they spend money to recreate a plaque.

If anyone has any information about the *Mary Disston*, the *Hornet* or the alleged fire in 1892 that destroyed the *Mary Disston*, please send it to info@gulfporthistoricalsociety.org.

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Nine Local Artists Create Geckos

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Each gecko will be a prized collector's art work and join the ranks of nearly 80 other geckos that have been created since the inception of the Gecko Ball.

All Gecko events are sponsored by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Association and a portion of proceeds benefits one or more local charities each year. For more information on the Gecko Ball go to visitgulfportflorida.com, geckofest.com or facebook.com/geckoball, or contact John Haugen at jhaugen@hudsonmkt.com.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What are the steps in the probate process?

Part I

Locating and filing the will

The first step in the probate process is to determine whether the deceased left a will, that is a legal document prepared by a person before death directing others how to distribute his or her property after death. If a will exists, the person is said to have died "testate."

Although determining that a will does exist might be fairly easy, finding the will may be more difficult. It is important to locate the last will and any amendments (called "codicils") to it. Among the places where people commonly keep wills are strong-boxes, file cabinets, desk drawers, and safe deposit boxes.

If you have agreed to serve as the Personal Representative for someone's estate, it is essential to learn in advance where the person keeps the will. If the will is in a bank's safe deposit box, please keep in mind that the law requires the box to be sealed at the owner's death. Because you need to get a court order to open a safe deposit box, it is not the best place to keep a will.

Within 10 days following death, the will should be filed by your

attorney with the probate clerk in the county where the person lived at the time of death. In most cases, however, there is no need to rush to the probate clerk's office. If you have recently lost a spouse or other loved one, this is a stressful and vulnerable time. You might want to wait a few months, until you are feeling settled, to begin the probate process. With the passage of a few months' time, you may be in a better position to tackle the decisions and details of probate.

2. Initiating the probate process

Any person entitled to the deceased's property as an heir, as a beneficiary named in a will, or as a creditor (known as "interested persons") can file a written request at the probate clerk's office to begin a probate proceeding. This written request is typically called a "petition for probate administration."

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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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Mommy and Me Yoga at Gulfport Library

Come to the Gulfport Library for Mommy & Me yoga class the first Tuesday of the month. The next class is Tuesday, July 3, at 10:15 a.m., 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 cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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Let Freedom Ring at PAG Church

The Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church will celebrate the 242nd birthday of America with a patriotic musical celebration at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 1.

The fourth annual "Let Freedom Ring" celebration will be held in lieu of worship services that day. Under the direction of Dale Williams, PAG Organist/Choir Director, and keyboardist with the Florida Orchestra, seven vocalists will perform renditions of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Let there Be Peace on Earth" and other stirring patriotic songs.

The presentation is sponsored by the Women's Ministry. There is no charge for this celebration and all are invited to join the congregation for coffee and cake after the program. Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church is located at 107 16th Ave. St. Pete Beach. For information on this and other church activities, call the church office at 727-360-5508 or visit pagchurch.org.

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Fireworks,

from front page

“This is something I reiterate every year,” Vincent told *the Gabber*. “Last year, we had very few complaints about fireworks. We will send an officer every time somebody calls in a report.”

Examples of illegal fireworks are those that leave the ground, such as bottle rockets, or that explode, he said.

Fireworks dealers often sell items to the public that, by law, require purchasers to sign a form “swearing that you are buying the fireworks to keep birds away from your licensed agricultural or fishery operation,” said Vincent. “Lying on said form is also against the law.”

Specifically, Florida State Statutes Chapter 791 covers the sale of fireworks. See tinyurl.com/y79p8nfs.

In general, legal personal fireworks include those primarily sold at food supermarkets such as “sparklers, those little snakes, spinners and poppers,” said Vincent.

For additional details about personal fireworks, the chief suggests referencing an eight-page illustrated reference guide about fireworks and sparkler law enforcement in the State of Florida from the Division of the State Fire Marshal located at tinyurl.com/ycxo3s88.

July 4 will be on a Wednesday this year and by tradition in Gulfport, a family friendly full day of events is planned culminating with an after-dark professional fireworks display that begins at 9 p.m.

The best viewing for the show will be located along the Shore Boulevard beach area as the fireworks will be launched from William’s Pier. For further event day details and information about free remote parking, see mygulfport.us/july_4th_celebration.

To accommodate any law enforcement issues during the city’s annual celebration and as part of their standard operating procedure, the department will have extra officers on duty for July 4, he said.

As recommended by Vincent on Facebook, “enjoy a fun and safe fireworks show” in Gulfport that is “one of the best professional displays in Tampa Bay.”

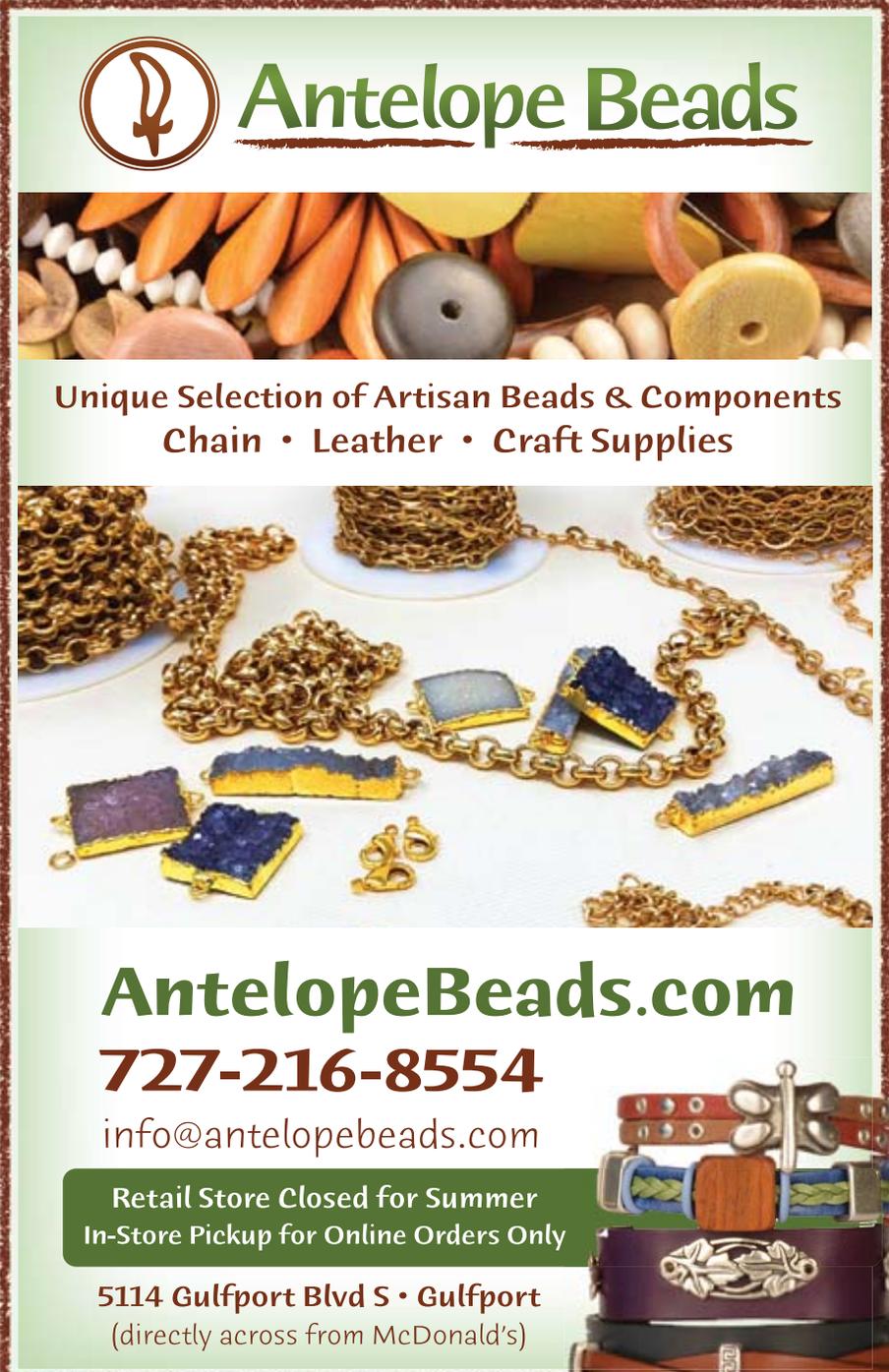
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Creative Writing Summer Camp

Kids ages 9 to 12 are invited to the Morean Center for Clay, 420 22nd St. S., to learn about creativity in a fun, week-long writing camp with Keep St. Pete Lit teachers. The camp is free for low-income students. All students will explore storytelling through play, art, writing, and zine-making in a welcoming environment. Students will also be invited to participate in a final camp reading. There will be two camp sessions: July 16 through 20 and July 23 through 27, both from 9 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

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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Fourth of July Family Sand Sculpture Contest

The Gulfport Recreation Center will be hosting a free Family Sand Sculpture contest at the city of Gulfport's Celebration on Wednesday, July 4, on Gulfport Beach. The contest will be from 10 a.m. to noon with winners announced shortly after. The theme is "Red, White and Blue." Sculptors must bring their own tools and decorations. All non-biodegradable decorations will need to be removed after the judging is completed. Please call 727-893-1068 for any questions or further information.

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The games are held at the Treasure Island Community Center Park, Gulf Blvd. at 106th Ave. (behind Walgreens). For more information about the games please contact, Linda Hepp at 727-270-3178.

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Pride, from front page

St. Pete Pride finished off a colorful weekend of celebrations with an all-day street festival on Sunday, June 24. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., crowds donning rainbow gear flooded the streets of Grand Central District, eating, drinking, shopping and dancing. Vendor booths included everything from clothing boutiques to churches to auto insurance, and the variety of businesses participating in Sunday's festival seemed to highlighted the inclusivity St. Pete Pride brings to the city. The average temperature on Sunday was 91 degrees, but the crowds braved the heat to have a good time.

According to the St. Pete Pride website, this year's pride festival was predicted to bring in more than 50,000 people.

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Lois Milne and Eric Espinoza of Gulfport grabbed lots of swag at the night Pride Parade in downtown St. Petersburg. Photo by Maria Loinaz.



Cal Morris, covered popular tracks on his violin while outside of Urban Brew and BBQ at the St. Pete Pride Festival on Sunday afternoon.



Above: Sue Harle, left and Jody Robinson spent Sunday promoting the city of Gulfport at the festival. "Last year no one had really heard of Gulfport," said Harle. "This year, everybody has heard of us!" The tent was sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Chamber.



Above right: The Gulfport Trolley was one of several Gulfport entries in the St. Pete Pride Parade Saturday night, June 23. Photo by Maria Loinaz.



Partygoers waded and danced through a foam pit outside of Old Key West Bar and Grill on Sunday afternoon during Pride.

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