

What Does It Mean to Be the Gecko Queen?

By Debbie Wolfe



"I heard people calling my name and it was just fantastic," said Brian Liggins, Gulfport's reigning Gecko Queen, about his experience participating in the 4th-of-July parade. "The applause was just there. It's great to be a part of the love that is always here in this community. If I could, I would be queen every year." A new queen will be crowned in a ceremony as part of the Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 25.

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Council Approves Events Schedule, Discusses Budget

By Debbie Wolfe

From special events to donuts and ice cream including a showcasing of capital projects and two presentations to the mayor from the Kosovo ambassador, Gulfport's City Council met for two hours and 18 minutes on Tuesday, August 21 covering a wide variety of topics.

Gulfport City Manager Jim O'Reilly explained that in 2019, special fundraising events held in the city must be sponsored by local organizations or at minimum include partnerships with local groups.

"We will not be asking council to entertain the closing of Williams Pier during the Grand Prix boat race," he said. "The applicants have not asked to continue that process based on conversations we have had with them in explaining there were some issues relating to it."

During the second-annual Formula One boat race in 2018,

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Red Tide Cancels Scallop Count

By Debbie Wolfe

Volunteers working with the local non-profit Tampa Bay Watch typically conduct an annual scallop count in waters located offshore from Ft. De Soto Park located in southern Pinellas County. This year, the search and count was cancelled on Tuesday, August 21 due to reports of red tide in the area. Photo supplied by Tampa Bay Watch.

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Gecko Fest is Almost Here!

Gulfport's 18th annual GeckoFest promises a full day of family-friendly fun on Saturday, September 1 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The streets will be filled with live music on two stages, hundreds of food, art and craft vendors, kids' activities, and up-close and personal street performances by a bevy of acrobats, magicians, daredevils, dancers, aerialists, escape artists, fire eaters, balloon artists and costumed characters. GeckoFest is located along Beach and Shore Boulevards in the heart of Gulfport.

The theme for this year's festival is "Gecko Con." It will be a celebration of superheroes, villains, cult characters, imaginary locations and more from comics, books, movies, TV shows, animé and other media. Festival-goers are always encouraged to arrive in costume and join in the wacky walking parade at 6 p.m. A costume contest for kids and adults will take place following the parade.

The festival will be flanked by two stages offering music throughout the day and night. The lineup for 2018

emphasizes local talent from the Tampa Bay area. Geckofest ends on a high note each year with its ever-popular, high-energy street dances starting at 7 p.m.

Up to 200 vendors will offer arts, crafts and other goods, as well as foods from across the spectrum to complement the many local restaurants in the village. Purchases from GeckoFest vendors, as well as Gulfport's own, shops, galleries and restaurants support local, home-grown small businesses.

For more information on GeckoFest, directions and parking go to GeckoFest.com. Or visit [Facebook.com/GeckoFest](https://www.facebook.com/GeckoFest) to receive the latest information.

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Emergency Boating Safety Class

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Join the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 07-16, as they

discuss what to do when you become "Suddenly in Command." This is a two-and-a-half-hour free course on Saturday August 25 at 9 a.m. in the CG Flotilla Building at 3120 Mariam St. S. For more details call Marty Richardson at 630-674-5352.

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Bridge 101 at the Gulfport Senior Center

Have you always wanted to learn how to play bridge but have been afraid that it's too difficult? Then come on over to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., and join the Bridge 101 class. New lessons begin on Monday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. and continue weekly on Mondays.

This class is for those who know nothing or almost nothing about bridge. Learn how to bid and all the tricks to playing. Don't miss out, sign up today!

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Cardio Boxing on St. Pete Beach

Sports scientists agree that cardio-boxing is one of the best forms of exercise, because it conditions the total body and provides a workout for your cardiovascular systems. The major benefits of cardio-boxing include increased stamina, increased strength and burning lots of calories. This class is at St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is only \$6 per class. Visit spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

Crazy Cat Lady pARTy at Practically Picasso

Join Friends of Strays Animal Shelter at Practically Picasso, 912 4th St. N., on Thursday, September 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a Crazy Cat Lady pARTy.

Let your inner crazy cat lady shine! This event is a fundraiser for Friends of Strays and a portion of all sales will be going to benefit the four-legged friends!

They will have a few furry friends visit for some snuggles while you paint. There is a event fee of \$6 per painter, which covers some light snacks and a donation to Friends of Strays. You can choose your pottery project the night of the event (prices vary). Create a crazy cat lady mug, paint a kitten face onto a plate, or make your favorite kitten a new water dish. And be sure to check out the fun Crazy Cat Lady silk screens! Get your tickets here! You are welcome to BYOB Pottery piece selection will be paid night of the event. Non painters will be charged a \$20 sitting fee. For tickets go to friendsofstrays.org/events.

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Seminole Mayor Waters to Address St. Pete GOP

Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters will address the members and friends of the St. Petersburg Republican Club on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Community Church, 4501 30th Ave. N. Waters will address the amendments that will appear on the November ballot, and will entertain questions from the audience.

Waters is a former State Representative who represented the people of House District 51. She was elected and reelected four times prior to being term-limited. During her distinguished career, she served on and chaired numerous committees and was elected by her peers to the Speaker Pro Tempore position.

All are invited to attend and participate in the question and

answer session. There is no charge for this event. For more information on this event and other club activities, call Gus Pries at 727-864-0312.

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Rare Plant Network Discusses Gingers

The Rare Plant Network regular monthly meeting is on Friday, August 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Hall of Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Blvd. The public is always welcome. There will be a raffle and free friendship plants.

Member, Alton Lee will speak on "The Amazing Gingers: Beautiful, Underappreciated, and So Important." Lee is a lifelong writer and gardener, having published many horticultural articles. There will be tropical plants for sale.

For additional information visit Facebook/RarePlantNetwork.

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Correction: *The Gabber* misidentified first-grader Michael Ricks' father in the photo caption for "The First Day" in the August 23, 2018 edition. He is Gulfport Police Officer Brandon Dillard. *The Gabber* regrets the error.



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The tickets are courtesy of Keller Williams/Tropical Beach Team Realtors. Please email your request (six tickets max per person) to raydemby@kw.com. Support the Bulls and enjoy the game.

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Essential Oil Classes at the Rec Center

Essential Oil Classes are offered at Gulfport Recreation Center once per month from local Master Herbalist & Certified Aromatherapist, Jennifer Gilman. In these classes, you will learn about a specific topic and then Jennifer will guide the class in making their own DIY item using the essential oils that they'll be able to take home with them. Class will be held Wednesday, August 29 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Registration is

required at least 15 minutes prior to the start of class and must be done in-person at Gulfport Recreation Center. Questions can be directed to Jennifer at 813-263-3919 or Jennifer@TheHerbalCabinet.com

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New Art Show at the Hickman Theater

The work of Gulfport artist, Robert Tillberg, is featured at the Catherine Hickman Theater for the month of September. Tillberg's passion for art began at a young age in his hometown of Glastonbury, CT. As a child, you'd most likely find him drawing his toys rather than playing with them. He still has vivid memories of drawing life-sized versions of his Star Wars figures on multiple pieces of paper that he taped together. His love for art continued through high school and into college, attending Radford University in Virginia. He majored in Art with a concentration in Graphic Design along with spending a semester in Greece to earn a minor in Art History. After graduating in 1999, he returned back to Connecticut and continued

onto graduate studies at Central Connecticut State University. He's been in the St. Petersburg area since 2001 and now resides in Gulfport with his wife and two pups. Within the next few months they will be packing up and heading to Southern Oregon to begin their next chapter.

The subject matter, style, technique, size, substrate and palette of his work is all over the place. Viewing his portfolio would lead you to believe it to be the work of several different artists. His work can be found in a number of local galleries and festivals he attends in the winter. However, the majority of his sales occur online. He puts in just as many hours into marketing as he does painting, yet the internet has allowed his work to be enjoyed around the world.

The regular Catherine Hickman Theater hours, 5501 27th Ave. S., are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be a free opening artist's reception, on Friday, September 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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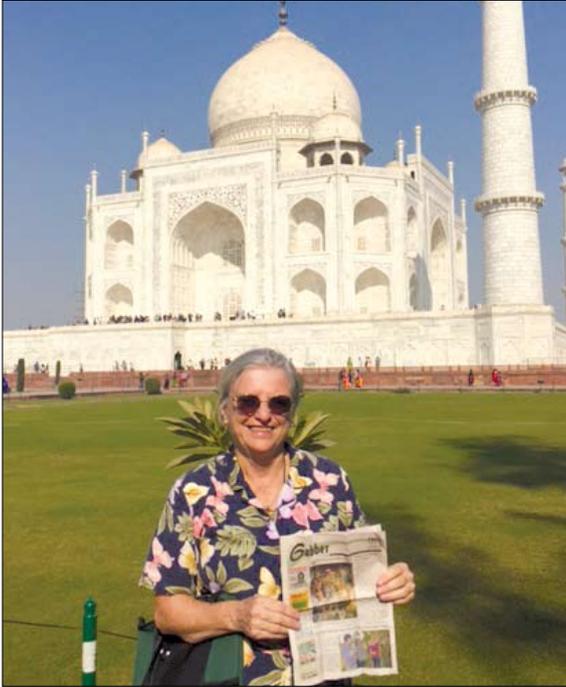
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Sumitra Hosts Poetry and Prose Open Mics

Sumitra Espresso Lounge, 2838 Beach Blvd. S., will host an open mic for short stories on Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 12, they will host a poetry open mic at 7 p.m. For more information visit [Facebook/SumitraEspressoLounge](https://www.facebook.com/SumitraEspressoLounge).

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PAG Thrift Shop Celebrates 60 Years

The Thrift Shop of Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church will begin its 60th consecutive year of service to the community on Thursday, September 6 with a week-long 50%-off sale on all merchandise. The shop stocks only donated new and gently used items, all priced to sell. In addition to the extensive women's and men's departments, jewelry, paintings, kitchenware, small appliances, knick-knacks, books, games and toys fill the shelves. All proceeds support local charities such as Clothes to Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Pinellas Hope, Salvation Army and church missions.

The Thrift Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. till noon. It is at 17th Ave. and Pass-A-Grille Way.

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Zumba with Magda Returns September 6

Zumba exercise classes are "fitness parties" that blend upbeat Latin rhythms with easy to follow choreography for a total body workout. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Classes are on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd., and start September 6. Please contact Magda at 727-214-7868 for more information. No experience needed.

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Gulfport Community Players' Hold Auditions

Auditions for "The Man from Earth" will be held at the Gulfport Community Players' Back Door Theater, 1619 49th St. S. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to complete an audition form. All auditions consist of cold readings from the script. It's not necessary to prepare a monologue. Resume and headshot helpful but not mandatory. Gulfport Community Players is an all-volunteer organization. There is no pay or stipend. Don Paul Smith directs.

After history professor John Oldman unexpectedly resigns from the University, his startled colleagues impulsively invite themselves to his home, pressing him for an explanation. They're shocked to hear his reason for retirement: John claims he must move on because he is immortal. He cannot stay in one place for more than 10 years without his secret being discovered. John's fellow professors attempt to poke holes in his story, but it soon becomes clear that his tale is as impossible to disprove as it is to verify. It was written by Jerome Bixby, writer of the original "Star Trek" and "The Twilight Zone."

Performances will be November 1 through 11 at the Catherine Hickman Theater.

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Time to Vote!

Photo by Debbie Wolfe



Tuesday, August 28 is the primary election day in Pinellas County and political signs are displayed in abundance along many roadways including 1st Avenue North just west of 49th Street. For information relating to a sample ballot, mail-in deadlines, a list of in-person polling places and times, visit the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections website votepinellas.com/Election-Information/Elections/Current-Upcoming-Elections/2018-Primary-Election.

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Coast Guard Cleans Gulf Boulevard, American Legion Says Thank You

By Abby Baker

You wouldn't think that the past and present US Coast Guard members playing cards at the American Legion had spent the last few hours in the blazing sun beautifying Gulf Boulevard, but that was the focus of this year's annual cleanup.

On August 21, about 700 active-duty and retired Coast Guard members, as well as their spouses gathered on Gulf Boulevard to clean up the trash that litters the area.

When American Legion Post 305 on St. Pete Beach heard about this year's cleanup, the organization invited the Coast Guard members over afterwards for drinks and snacks.

"They were doing something so nice that we thought it was appropriate to show them how St. Pete Beach treats its visitors," said Steve LaPlante, American Legion Information Officer. "If they have a choice, we'd love to



American Legion Post 305 members Susan Kessler, Maria Deyampert and Gail Vanduyn are happy to host the Coast Guard retirees and active members.

ATTENTION GULFPORT TEENS

Are you 13-19 and interested in changing the way people view teens?

The Gulfport Teen Council is looking for you! Teen members' involvement includes working with the city council concerning equipment recommendations; budgetary considerations for city's parks and recreation programs; and provide recommendations, suggestions and assistance with youth events for city-sponsored festivals/programs. Teen Council members gain valuable community experiences by attending local and state conferences, participating in community services projects and by representing the best of the city's youth. Applicants must be either Gulfport residents, be involved in a City of Gulfport program established for teenagers, be a student attending Boca Ciega High School or a volunteer in a city-recognized program. Applications at Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or at City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S.

have them back every year."

The Coast Guard members are already in town for the 50th U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Convention, hosted at the Sirata Beach Resort from August 20 to 23.

The cleanup of Gulf Boulevard this year is just one of the 50 community projects that the Coast Guard has aided, each in a different area for each annual convention.

Except this year.

The first Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Convention was held in St. Petersburg, and now the members have returned to celebrate their 50th convention in sunny St. Pete Beach, five decades later.

"It's a business meeting, but we make it fun," said Kim Lorigan, the National President of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers. "We banded together. Our efforts are to take care of our Coast Guard and their families, but also the community."

On Tuesday, the men and women who served in the US Coast Guard played card games, made friends at the American Legion Post 305 bar and told stories about their service.

"I just loved [the Coast Guard]. They made me retire, cause you can only do 30 years," said incoming National President Jon Ostrowski. "My involvement here keeps me connected to 30 years of family."

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Grinning, he twirls, his body draped in an American flag. Every inch of pavement along the parade route is his stage.

This was Brian Liggins in the Gulfport holiday parade being himself – the reigning Gecko Queen.

"I heard people calling my name and it was just fantastic," said Liggins. "The applause was just there. It's great to be a part of the love that is always here in this community. If I could, I would be queen every year."

According to the application website, the honorary position of Gecko Queen "is a gender-neutral opportunity for adults of any age, 21 and over. What's important is that you can represent Gulfport with

flair!"

Faun Weaver, the city's first Gecko Queen in 2013, now proudly holds the title of "queen emeritus" and she's more direct about what it takes to be royalty. For her one-year reign, the theme was Gecko Night Fever or disco.

"Be bombastic! Be Bold! This is not the time for serenity and calm," she said. "It's really an honor to be queen. You put in a lot of hours and it's all done with a smile."

Weaver is also a member of the queen selection committee and is the first step in the application screening process. She says she looks for contenders who self-nominate as opposed to those who are nominated by others. Applicants must also be residents of Gulfport and be clear about how they would be the ultimate queen based on the changing annual theme.

This year, the theme is GeckoCon, "a celebration of comic book and pop culture characters, horror, sci-fi, fantasy, and of course, geckos," according to the official site for all things Gecko, Geckofest.com.

Six applications were accepted and

a committee of about seven people chooses the queen.

"We had some really good people apply but we can only pick one," she said. "For people who don't make it, we want them to re-apply the following year."

Gecko Queens make frequent appearances at Gulfport-related events in costumes that fit their mood and interpretation of that year's theme, said Weaver. The winner has to have the right attitude, she said.

Brittney Sherley, co-chair of the Gulfport Merchants Chamber (GMC) Gecko Ball committee, echoes this sentiment. John Haugen is the other co-chair.

"The person who is chosen will uphold the values of our community," said Sherley. "They will represent friendliness, open mindedness, fun, creativity and just be a good person that people in the community know."

Who Will Be the Next Queen?

That's a secret.

"I can't say who it is but I can guarantee that our next Gecko Queen is very well deserving and people are going to be so thrilled when they see who it is," said Sherley. "This person is everything that is Gulfport."

The reveal and coronation will naturally be at a Gulfport-style costume ball on Saturday, August 25 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Casino Ballroom. Tickets have been sold out for weeks but Gini Fagan, co-owner of the Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Boulevard South, has a waiting list. To find out more, call 727-381-8548.

What advice does Liggins have for the new queen?

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Teen Night Program at Recreation Center

Registrations have begun at the Gulfport Recreation Center for the 2018-2019 Teen Night Program for teens in middle school to age 17. The program provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, service projects and overnight lock-ins. The teens utilize the gymnasium, gameroom and outdoor area. Program hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Annual registration is \$2 for residents and \$22 non-residents. For more information please call John at 727-893-1079.

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Art Event For Teens with Special Abilities

Studio Duvoy, Inc. will be hosting a creative art event for special abilities teens and young adults at Inspire Equine Therapy.

The event is on Saturday, August 25, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Inspire Equine Therapy is at 1743 Doncaster Rd. in Clearwater. The cost is only \$5 per student thanks to two generous donors, payable by PayPal, credit card or cash at the door (all materials included). The

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GriefShare at Cornerstone Church

GriefShare, will be meeting every Friday from 10 a.m. till noon starting August 24 through November 16. It will be at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Ave. N.

Cornerstone will also be facilitating "Surviving the Holidays"

on Saturday, November 10, from 10 a.m. till noon. GriefShare is for anyone who has lost a loved one to help them through their grief. For more information call 727-343-7747.

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Toddler Storytimes at Gulfport Library

Toddler Storytime will be offered at the Gulfport Library on Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m. Due to popularity, please attend one session or the other. Toddler Storytime is intended for babies up to 3-year-olds. They read stories, sing songs, blow bubbles and make new friends!

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Gentle Yoga Returns in September

This class is designed for beginners through intermediate students. You will be guided through a Vinyasa style flow, beginning with the basic poses, but allowing for more challenging poses based on your practice level.

Classes are on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. starting in September at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. Class fees are \$8 per class or \$25 for the calendar month. First class is free. Contact Denise at 813-777-9964 or info@justbreatheyoga108.com

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About That Sugar Addiction

Join Dr. M.I. Yamani, Medical Director from All Care Medical Consultants on Wednesday, August 29 at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., to learn how sugar consumption leads to biochemical changes in the body.

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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Gulfport Neighbors Autumn Events

Gulfport Beach and Area Cleanup

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Saturday, September 8
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5th Annual Mayors' 49th Street Cleanup

4th Annual Chiefs' Chat
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8:15 till 11:30 a.m.

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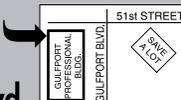
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Grown-Up Movie Series at the Library

On the first Saturday of each month, the Gulfport Public Library is proud to present 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).

Saturday, September 1 at 1 p.m., they will screen a road trip movie about a couple on an unforgettable journey (in an ancient RV they call "the leisure seeker," determined to recapture their passion for one another. It stars Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland, and is rated R.

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Barbara Gilberg Habitat Tour and Lecture

There will be a tour and lecture at the Barbara Gilberg Habitat, 1600 Pasadena Ave., on Friday, August 31, at noon. The topic will be the Summer Fertilizer Ban. Please bring a pen and paper to take notes. The habitat is located next to the electronic billboard on Shore Drive. Meet Xavier in the pavilion.

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St. Anthony's Hospital Seeks Volunteers

St. Anthony's Hospital is looking for volunteers to join its dedicated team. There will be a Volunteer Recruitment Fair on Tuesday, August 28 at 10 a.m. in Classroom D at the hospital, 1200 7th Ave. N.

Volunteering is not just a way to help others but it also helps to enrich the life of the volunteer. The hospital's Volunteer Resources Department is currently recruiting for gift shop, guest relations and patient services volunteers. Adults are needed for all shifts on weekdays and weekends to make deliveries to rooms, assist nurses and greet visitors.

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Know Your Numbers Once a Month

It's important to know your numbers. Get your blood sugar and blood pressure checked at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on the second Thursday of

every month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Provided by The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay.

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

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Follow Your Dreams at the Circle Bookshop

The Circle of Friends Bookshop at the Gulfport Library is featuring books on travel destinations, romance and adventure. From your comfortable reading chair, travel to exotic locales, indulge in fantasies of romance on the high seas or a rugged dude ranch or hunt down spies and murderers in both fictional and non-fictional settings. Choose among a wide selection of CDs to provide the appropriate background music. Don't forget to check out the sale carts for some amazing bargains. The Circle of Friends Bookshop is located at the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. Please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035.

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Ostomy Support Group Meeting

The United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA) affiliated support group of St. Petersburg invites all ostomates, new or experienced, to their next meeting on Sunday, August 26 at 2 p.m. in the St. Anthony's Hospital Auditorium, 1200 7th Ave. N. There is no cost to attend.

Learn all about your life-saving and life-changing ostomy. They offer support to persons facing ostomy surgery, to persons with ostomies and their caregivers. They can help you get back on track after surgery and help you decide whether this surgery is right for you.

This month they will have as their guest Paul Bixler from ostomy manufacturer Hollister. He will discuss some of the special help his company gives to ostomates and some of their most recent and standard products.

Call Bill Schmidt at 727-657-0998 or Millie Parker at 727-687-7584 for directions or more information.

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Bird's the Word: Lost Parrot Found at Bay Moorings Animal Hospital

By Angelina Bruno

"Kinda ironic," Brenda Sandberg, an employee at Bay Moorings Animal Hospital, called it. On Sunday, August 12, a lost African grey parrot was found on a gate outside of the animal hospital located in the Maximo area of St. Petersburg. The bird, named Solomon, had escaped from his Gulfport home on Tuesday, August 7.

Sandberg says her coworker Elizabeth found the bird and phoned her, not knowing what to do.

"It was back on our gate, perched. It was trying to get on her shoulder, but Elisabeth thought he was trying to dive at her," said Sandberg. The pair decided to call in the expert.

Dr. Scot Trefz, one of the office veterinarians, came out to the hospital to help the bird to safety. Trefz fed the parrot crackers, and Solomon started talking to him.

"It just kept saying 'I'm sorry,'" said Sandberg. The phrase "I'm sorry" was an integral part in identifying Solomon and reuniting him with his owner, Scott Roller (known as Frankie.)

Karen Nash, the office manager at Bay Moorings, posted about Solomon on both the office's Facebook page and the Lost and Found Pets in Pinellas County Facebook group. "Our fans started sharing and within minutes I got a Facebook messenger from someone in Gulfport who saw it in Gulfport Get Rescued from both of my Facebook posts," said Nash.

"The vet sent me a text with a picture of Solomon," said Roller, who had a friend post about losing Solomon on multiple social media pages. An employee at Pia's Trattoria in Gulfport, where Roller also works, helped create neon flyers and posted them around town. "I'm sorry' was the only phrase [Solomon knew that] I didn't include in anything anywhere. That's how I knew it was my bird."

Roller says that he and Solomon often pass the phrase 'I'm sorry' back and forth at home. "Sometimes I move his cage a little too roughly and I say 'I'm sorry' and he says 'OK.'"

Solomon had escaped from his home on Tuesday when Roller was bringing him inside from the front porch.

"I have a cage on my front porch

that I put him in when I'm out there with friends," said Roller.

"He will tap on the window and be like 'Let me out of here!' I've done it hundreds of times," he said. Unfortunately on Tuesday, the parrot was on Roller's shoulder headed back inside when he became startled and flew away.

Roller had raised 5-year-old Solomon since he was a hatchling. Watching his bird fly away was devastating. At 9:30 a.m. Sunday, five days after his bird's escape, Roller was on his usual doughnut and croissant sandwich run before a shift at Pia's. As he drove, he called for his lost pet.

"So I'm driving and trying to let go and let the universe take care of it. So I say 'I'll call for him one more time and then it's done; it's over with,'" said Roller. He finished his weekly routine and headed to work.

At 12:05 p.m., the universe answered. That's when Roller received word from the vet that Solomon had been found. Both owner and bird were overjoyed to see each other.

"He started crying. He was overwhelmed with all the community pulling together to help him get Solomon back," said Nash. "For an African Grey to survive in the elements in Florida with the osprey, hawks, other perils, it was pretty lucky for Solomon. He must be one smart guy."

Solomon is now home, safe and



Dr. Trefz poses with Solomon, the African grey parrot rescued outside of Bay Moorings Animal Hospital on Sunday, August 12. Photo courtesy of Bay Moorings Animal Hospital.

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Said Roller of the five-day separation, "Everyone was looking and everyone was helping me and I appreciate it all so much."

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Jody Robinson, Gulfport: "The right to vote is very important because I want to choose what's best for the United States of America. It's important to me for candidates to have good moral values like compassion and non-bullying behavior. That's what I look for. Researching what is on the ballot is important."

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Judy Greer, Ybor City: "Everybody should have the right to vote except for convicted felons. If you are over the age of 18, you need input and say in your government and whatever else is going on around you like your homeowner's association. That's why I always sign whatever it is people want to put on a ballot even if I don't agree with it. It should be on a ballot."

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Diane Gray, Gulfport: "I'm a super non-political person. I have voted in the past but I haven't recently. It's just not my focus because I don't think it makes a lot of difference."

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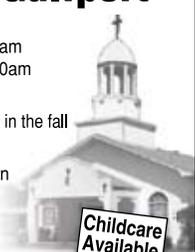
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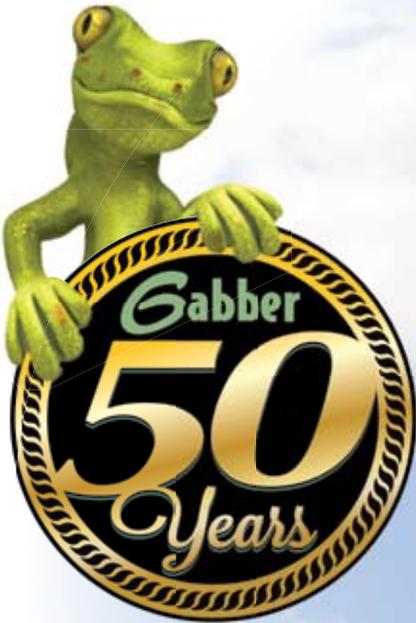
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Submissions Wanted for ReadOut 2019

Do you write books for lesbians or LGBTQ books for kids and teens?

The Gulfport Library LGBTQ Resource Center is seeking submissions from authors for "ReadOut 2019," a premier lesbian literary event which features three days of events for readers and authors. The event will be held February 15 through 17, 2019.

The keynote speaker and workshop leader will be Lesléa Newman, award-winning author and poet of works for adults, children and teens. Lesléa's works include: "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "A Letter to Harvey Milk."

Submissions are sought from authors in fiction, non-fiction and poetry written for a lesbian audience and LGBTQ books for kids and teens.

All applications must be received by September 30. They will notify you of acceptance no later than November 15. Find the application at mygulfport.us/lgbtq-resources. For more information, please contact Alison Solomon at GulfportReadOut@gmail.com.

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Cardio Drumming is a new dimension in fitness training. This high-energy dance rhythm program will be a workout for your body, mind and spirit! Finish the workout with a refreshing smoothie brought to you by Lean & Fit Nutrition. This new program will be held at St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is only \$7 per class. Visit spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245 for more information.

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Chilean Film in LGBTQ Film Series

The LGBTQ Resource Center at Gulfport Public Library continues its monthly LGBTQ Film Series on Thursday, September 13 with an Oscar-winning film portraying the trials and triumphs of a transgender Chilean woman.

The film won the 2018 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Marina is a transgender woman in Santiago, Chile whose older boyfriend Orlando becomes ill and unexpectedly dies. In the face of her grief, Marina must cope with hostility and unacceptance from Orlando's family, and their attempts to shut her out of Orlando's funeral and force her out of the home she shared with him. (Rated R)

Each film begins at 7 p.m. in the Friends Room at Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S.

Licensing restrictions prohibit naming the film titles in general press releases. But feel free to call 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.

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Crossword Puzzle Solution on Page 12

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- 1 Hang in folds
- 6 Result of a fender bender
- 10 Mountain ash
- 14 Ear-related
- 15 Lion's language
- 16 Courtroom bargain?
- 17 "Summertime" sentiment
- 20 Saroyan's *My Name Is* ____
- 21 Roman coin
- 22 Barbs
- 23 Longings
- 25 Cherished
- 26 Possible Trump loss
- 30 Deface
- 33 Saudi Arabian money
- 34 Squealer
- 35 Lawn or garage event
- 36 Approves
- 37 Trouble
- 38 Valerie Harper role
- 39 American naval commander
- 40 Yorkshire river
- 41 Approached
- 42 Oolong, e.g.
- 43 Riding high

45 Mailing essentials: abbr.

- 46 Amphibian
- 47 Charge
- 50 Aves.
- 51 Characterization
- 55 On top of the world
- 58 Dr. Zhivago's mistress
- 59 Sword
- 60 TX tour stop
- 61 Press
- 62 Unit of force
- 63 Star of *Gigi*

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- 1 Facts
- 2 German river
- 3 Region
- 4 Life of Riley
- 5 Yale student
- 6 Most desiccated
- 7 Centuries
- 8 Carp
- 9 Divide three ways
- 10 Slender stalk
- 11 Norwegian king
- 12 Repose
- 13 Reddish-brown horses
- 18 *Wheel of Fortune* woman

19 Former Iranian ruler

- 24 Slippery creatures
- 25 Twofold
- 26 Spectral figure
- 27 Former Hollywood Jack
- 28 Camel relative
- 29 Bay window
- 30 New Zealand aborigines
- 31 Bashful Pilgrim suitor
- 32 *Cloister and the Hearth* author
- 35 A promised land
- 37 Curves
- 38 Make changes
- 40 Atonal
- 41 Care dispenser
- 43 Siberian city
- 44 "... ____ I sing"
- 45 City on Korea Strait
- 47 King in Norse mythology
- 48 Scorch
- 49 King mackerel
- 50 Machine gun
- 52 General Bradley
- 53 Posh conveyance, for short
- 54 English college
- 56 James Bond, for one
- 57 Resinous secretion

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the pier was closed to free public access to accommodate VIP patrons paying \$45 each for shaded seating and priority food and beverage service. In general, the race is free to the public with some proceeds from sales such as food, beverage and VIP tickets being donated to the Michael J. Yakes Foundation, a local non-profit.

Some Gulfport residents expressed concern about closing the public pier to free access to accommodate a fundraising event that only partially benefits a local non-profit organization. According to the Florida Division of Corporations, the foundation was established on October 21, 2013 and is directed by Maddy Guenther, the wife of Joe Guenther who is one of the race organizers. Both are Gulfport residents. The Guenthers have yet to publically release the exact donation amount to the non-profit from the event.

Councilmember Paul Ray also inquired about possible scheduling conflicts with the multi-day race and other events such as the First Friday Art and Gallery Walk. O'Reilly assured Ray and other councilmembers that in 2019, the boat race and its related road closures will not conflict with other events as it did in 2018.

The city's proposed fiscal year 2019 budget totals \$12,970,000 for a population of 12,200 residents.

During the meeting, city staff

showcased budget details projected on a screen or displayed as a collection of 15 large posters on the walls of the council chambers.

"The projects slide is my favorite," said O'Reilly. "We're excited about this list." A total of 74 capital project highlights from the past four to five years were listed including both phases of the Shore Boulevard Recreation Trail project, the marina office and ship store renovations, the construction of the mooring field, numerous improvements at the municipal library and repairs throughout the city related to sidewalks, streets, alleys and the sanitary sewer system.

"The folks who live here in Gulfport ask a lot of us and, therefore, we ask a lot of you," said Mayor Sam Henderson. "The amount of input you have going into this [budget process] means a great deal. Thank you for the amount of shear data, opinions, requests and thoughts that we deal with. And, thank you for being a cooperative and collegiate group of people to do this with – it is appreciated."

Proposed budget discussion details for fiscal year 2019 will continue during the council's regular meetings on Tuesday, September 4 and Tuesday, September 18. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 2401 53rd Street South.

To review the 307-page proposed 2019 fiscal year city budget for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, visit mygulfport.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Proposed-Budget-FY-18-19-07.15.18.pdf.

New Fast-food Franchise Site Plan Approved

Gulfport is one step closer to getting a new Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins ice cream franchise located on a double lot at 5602 Gulfport Boulevard South as the council unanimously approved a resolution regarding the project's site plan.

The 28-page resolution details that the applicants for the building permit, Poul and April Hornsleth of Gulfport, must complete the process within one year otherwise the approval will expire. Their process began November 21, 2017.

The site plan includes a drive-through feature, 13 parking spaces and seating for a total of 32 patrons: 28 interior and four exterior. It will be 23 feet tall including signage on the front. There will be six employees working in the store during peak-hour shifts with the average staff size being from two to four employees.

According to city documentation, the primary entrance and exit to the restaurant facility will be from Gulfport Boulevard South with secondary access to 56th Street South. Estimated vehicle traffic data shows that 868 visits per day are expected.

Because the business will border residential properties, several councilmembers requested additional details about the noise impact regarding delivery vehicle size along with the volume-level of the ordering speaker for the drive-through.

The applicant's engineer explained that deliveries would be made on site and that the vehicles would be the size of small trucks. To reduce noise, the order speaker's orientation would be facing the southeast corner of the property, which is pointing away from the closest residences. The property will also include a physical visual and sound buffer along the alley in the forms of a six-foot privacy fence and large bamboo tree plantings along with additional foliage in the southwest corner.

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Join South Pasadena Community Band

The South Pasadena Community Band is looking for any qualified musicians interested in joining them.

Rehearsals are in South Pasadena City Hall on Thursday evenings, and concerts are on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There are approximately two concerts a month. For more information call Director John Hoover at 727-398-9639.

Help Form a Dementia Support Group

On Friday, August 24, at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S. there will be a brainstorming session where they need your input on formulating a support group for people newly diagnosed with dementia and their loved ones.

The support group will be for newly diagnosed folks with dementia. It will be a safe, non-judgmental and confidential environment where people can express thoughts and feelings. It will be a place where education is provided and questions can be answered. Finally, it will be a pivotal tool used to link group

members (or family members of group members) to memory disorder resources in the community.

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.

ProjectFREE Presents "Guys and Dolls"

ProjectFREE and RisingSTARZ theater group are proud to announce their adaptive production of award-winning classic musical comedy "Guys and Dolls" featuring 22 amazing actors with diverse abilities.

Performances will be held at the Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, September 16 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are now on the pre-sale

price of \$18 and can be purchased by calling 800-838-3006 x2 or at the Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Blvd. S. Tickets can also be purchased on day of show for \$20 at the door.

ProjectFREE is a non-profit 501c3 performing arts initiative that is building a community to enrich the lives of intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. For more information on ProjectFREE Programs visit [Facebook.com/MyProjectFree1](https://www.facebook.com/MyProjectFree1).

Depression Bipolar Support Group

A depression bipolar support group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St. S. The meetings are free and no registration is required. For more information call 727-410-1569 or visit dbsatampabay.org.

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ACTIVITIES

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Pickleball

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Tues., 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for Beginners

Tues., 7:30-9 p.m. for All Levels of Play

Thurs. 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. for All Levels of Play

Basketball

Wed., 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Thurs., 7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Table Tennis

Tue., & Thurs., 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m.

PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Registrations for the 2018-2019 School Year Child Care Program continue for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Montessori and Douglas Jamerson Elementary. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Monthly fees are Option A

\$150 for residents and \$188 for non-residents this includes in-service days. Option B \$130 for residents \$163 non-resident this does not include in-service days. Additional child discount available for Gulfport residents.

TEEN NIGHT PROGRAM Registrations for the 2018-2019 Teen Night Program continue for teens in middle school to age 17. The program provides recreation and social activities. It also offers monthly field trips, cooking projects, guest speakers and service projects. The teens utilize the gymnasium, game room and outdoor area. Program hours are Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 RES./\$22 NON-RES..

VPK PROGRAM- We are currently accepting VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) Vouchers for the 2018-2019 School Year. VPK is FREE for children who live in Florida and who turn 4 years of age by September 1st. Parents must apply on the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. website (<http://elcpinellas.net>) and receive a Certificate of Eligibility which needs to be turned in during pre-registration. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for pre-registration are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

TOT-Time Program- We are accepting pre-registrations for the 2018-2019 Tot Time Program. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Two, three and five-day monthly options are available. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. A deposit of \$25 is required to hold a spot and will be applied to first month's tuition. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents.

CLASSES

Call instructor for more info. Interested in teaching a class? Call John at 893-1079 for info.

Gentle Hatha Yoga Tues., 6:30 p.m. Call Denise at 813-777-9964

Karate - Mon. & Thurs., 6:30 pm Call Anel 727-459-1319

Tennis - Tues., 5 p.m. for 10 & under, 6 p.m. for Adults and Fri., 5 p.m. for juniors. Call Jack at 727-280-4276.

Urban Survivor Bootcamp Fitness - Tues. & Thurs., 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call Donnie Ali-McClendon at 727-550-7185.

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Adult/All Ages Programs

French Conversation Club: Tues, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Enjoy conversing in a relaxed atmosphere. All levels are welcome; this is not a class, simply an opportunity to practice and improve. This is our most popular language group so far!

Ukulele Group: 1st & 3rd Tues, 2 - 4 pm. Regardless of expertise, everyone is invited to join in for some strummin' fun.

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

Gulfport Writers: Weds, 10am (previously Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers).

Gulfport Toastmasters: Weds, 6-7:30 pm 727-537-9098.

Women's AA Club: Fridays, 5:45-6:45 pm 727-893-1073.

Open Mic: Monday, August 27, 5-6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Gentle Yoga for Adults: Tuesday, August 28, 10:15-11:15 am. Nourish your body and spirit with mindful movement, breath work, and meditation. This slow-paced class welcomes all levels and each month will feature a different set of postures. Please bring props if you want them. The class is taught by Christa Fairbrother, RYT and Certified Yoga for Arthritis Instructor. For more information and to sign up, please contact Cailey Klasson (727) 893-1074.

Grownup Movie Series: Saturday, September 1, 1 pm. Screening a romantic and realistic view of what it might be like sharing one's last vacation with Alzheimer's. The subject is handled delicately and with humor as well as pathos. Enjoy a love story starring Helen Mirren and Donald Southerland. Rated R. Call 727-893-1074 for title.

Yoga in the Garden: Saturday, September 8, 10:15 am. Don't miss the last of our summer garden yoga series. Tend your body and spirit with mindful movement & meditation in our lovely garden. This slow-paced class welcomes all levels. Please bring props if you want them. Taught by Christa Fairbrother, RYT and Certified Yoga for Arthritis Instructor.

[LGBTQ Film Series: Thursday, September 13, 7 pm. Marina is a transgender woman in Santiago, Chile whose older boyfriend Orlando becomes ill and

unexpectedly dies. In the face of her grief, Marina must cope with hostility and unacceptance from Orlando's family and their attempts to shut her out of Orlando's funeral and force her out of the home she shared with him. Winner of the 2018 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. (Rated R) Call 727-893-1074 for title.

LGBTQ Book Club: Monday, September 17, 6 pm. We'll discuss "Queerly Beloved" By Jacob and Diane Anderson-Minshall. **Note meeting change due to Library closed for Labor Day holiday. Copies available at the Circulation Desk.

Trivia Night: Tuesday, September 18, 7 pm. Are you a trivia buff? Do you love watching Jeopardy!? Want to show off your esoteric knowledge? Grab some friends and make a team. Light refreshments and prizes for the winning team.

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, September 20, 12-1 pm. **NOTE NEW TIME. Discussion of The "Buddha in the Attic" by Julie Otsuka. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Sponsored by Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

An Evening with Tim Dorsey: Thursday, September 20, 6 pm. Save the Date!! Acknowledged as "Florida's king of mayhem," this entertaining author talks about his recently published novel, The Pope of Palm Beach.

Children/Teens/Family Programs

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 4 pm. Join us in the afternoon for stories, songs, movement and a craft! All are welcome but this is geared to the 2-5 year old crowd.

Storytime: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am; AND 11-11:30 am. Due to popularity and support from our community, another session has been added, please choose one or the other since both are the same. Stories & activities for kids up to 3 years old.

Bees Learning: Thursdays, 6-8 pm. K-2nd grade from 6 - 7 pm; 3-5th grades from 7 - 8 pm. Mobile reading intervention program. Classes held in RV parked in front of Library. Registration required. FMI contact leahveal@beeslearning.org, or call 404-308-0295. Visit www.beeslearning.org.

Community Playdate: Thursday, August 23, 11:30-

11:45 am. Get acquainted with other caregivers of toddlers & preschoolers in a relaxed setting.

Bees Learning Craft: Thursday, August 23, 4:30-5:30 pm. Activity for children provided by the mobile reading lab staff. FMI contact leahveal@beeslearning.org, or call 404-308-0295.

Mommy & Me Yoga: Tuesday, September 4, 10:15 - 11 am. Meets on first Tuesday of the month and taught by registered yoga teacher Ms. Christa! Intended for parents and babies ages 6 weeks to 18 months. Meet other new parents and babies in the community, stretch, laugh, get some strength back and rejuvenate! Call 727-893-1074 to reserve your spot or email Cailey at cklasson@mygulfport.us.

3D Paper Robots: Thursday, September 6, 5-6:30 pm. Use paper, tape, and glue, to create these awesome robot sculptures. Grades 4-7. Limited supplies, registration required. Please call 727-893-1134 to sign up.

Raven's Guild: Saturday, September 8, 1 pm. Gather fans of anime, manga, gaming! We'll craft roly-poly monkeys and Japanese bantam chickens. We'll also have snacks and screen a movie. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library. For ages 12-18. For movie title, call 727-893-1074.

Lego Club: Tuesday, September 18, 3-4 pm. Build with Legos, wood blocks and more! Open to children ages 4-10 with a caregiver.

Clowning Around Circus Crafts & Games: Saturday, September 22, 1-3 pm. We will make a lion mask, clown hats, and fake cotton candy! We will also have a few carnival games to play. Grades K-5.

Make a Diddley Bow! Thursday, September 27, 5-6:30 pm. This one string guitar is made out of a wooden dowel, old cigar box, and various hardware found around your garage! Make it, play it, or give it to a friend! Grades 6-12. Limited supplies, registration required. Call 727-893-1134 to sign up.

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Department

Senior Center

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This is your Center! - Sign up today to enjoy all the classes and events offered at the Gulfport Senior Center. Hours are Monday -Thursday 8 am - 7 pm and Friday from 8 am- 4 pm. Stop by and ask for a tour and pick up a copy of this month's schedule or download your copy at mygulfport.us and click the Senior Center link. The Senior Center currently offers multiple monthly classes, activities, and services for residents over 50 years old. Registration is required and is easy and free.

Special Events

Like us on Facebook at
FB.com/GulfportSeniorCenter.

Dementia Support Group - Join us on Fri., 8/24 @ 2:00 pm at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S. at this brainstorming session where we need your input on formulating a Support Group for people newly diagnosed with dementia and their loved ones. The support group will be for newly diagnosed folks with dementia. It will be a safe, non-judgmental and confidential environment where people can express thoughts and feelings. It will be a place where education is provided and questions can be answered. Finally, it will be a pivotal tool used to link group members (or family members of group members) to memory disorder resources in the community.

Happy Birthday to You! - Friday July 27th we are ready to party! Whether you are celebrating your birthday this month or not, this party is for you. Come out to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Avenue S. on fourth Friday of every month at 3:00 pm for birthday cake, games, and fun for everyone. Provided by Simply Healthcare.

About That Sugar ... Addiction - Wed., 8/29 @ 2 pm. Join Dr. M.I. Yamani, Medical Director at All Care Medical Consultants to learn how sugar consumption leads to biochemical changes in the body.

Aging Well Through Social Connections - Wed., 9/5 @ 2pm. Maintaining good health, particularly for seniors, involves much more than eating well, exercising daily, and taking medications as prescribed. The desire for social interaction is a basic need that continues for as long as one lives. New friends and renewed relationships can help to make the later years in life as rewarding as any other time. Join us for a relevant conversation about the importance of maintaining social connections.

1st Friday Flea Market - Fri., 9/7 @ 9:00 am. Come discover the great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, col-

lectibles, and many other goodies.

Memory Screenings - Mon., 9/10 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Are you worried about your memory? St. Anthony's Memory Disorder Clinic is offering FREE & CONFIDENTIAL memory screenings. Must call 727-893-5657 to schedule your appointment time.

Special Services

GEMS (Gulfport Extended Mobility Service) - Affordable door to door transportation service. Rides to medical appointments, hopping, and downtown St. Pete for Gulfport residents, 55 years of age or older or disabled. For more info call 727-893-2242.

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Food Pantry - Supplemental food assistance for qualifying Gulfport Seniors in need. Pantry is open on Mons and Thurs from 1-3 pm. Proper verification required prior to use of the pantry.

Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee - This committee is a liaison for Gulfport Seniors to City Council pertaining to senior issues & ways to enhance the quality of life for seniors in the community. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, call 727-893-1231.

FITNESS CENTER SCHEDULE: *Mon-Thurs, 8 am - 7 pm, Fri: 8 am - 4 pm.* Stop by the Senior Center and take a tour of our state of the art fitness facility.

The Gulfport Multipurpose Senior Center Foundation, Inc. - Membership in the Foundation helps provide enhancements that make our center second to none. All donations to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization will help ensure our continued growth. 727-893-1244.

More Activities

To view the Senior Center calendar in its entirety, please log onto mygulfport.us.

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No need to be a GEMS member to enjoy the exciting Gulfport Getaways. More information on trips will be coming soon.

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6 - 11pm \$8

Latin Night 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Ballroom Dance select Sundays
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Kosovo Ambassador Honors Mayor Henderson



At the Gulfport City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 21, Mayor Sam Henderson, left, and Honorary Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo Otto F. von Feigenblatt, who is also the Count of Kobryn and president of the International Academy of Social Sciences (IASS) of Palm Beach, Florida, exchanged awards as gestures of engagement between local governments across international borders.

In a gesture of local government engagement across international borders, Honorary Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo Otto F. von Feigenblatt, who is also the Count of Kobryn and president of the International Academy of Social Sciences (IASS) of Palm Beach, Florida, presented two awards to Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson at Gulfport's City Council meeting, Tuesday, August 21.

One was entitled "Honorary Academician of Social Sciences" that gives Henderson the rank of a full teaching professor in all events sponsored by the IASS and the other was "distinguished membership" in the Society for the Promotion of Kosovo.

"Kosovo is the youngest republic in Europe," said von Feigenblatt. "We gained independence in 2008. We have to connect to the rest of the world and try to learn the best practices because that is the only way for us to succeed and for our people to have a future. We are eager to engage with local governments all over the world because municipalities are key to the development of the country."

In turn, Henderson presented von Feigenblatt with Gulfport's Gateway to the Gulf award as the city's token of international friendship.

Caregiver's Support Group at Senior Center

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

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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SPHF is committed to seating a diverse board that represents the community it serves. All women are welcome to apply, but special consideration will be given to women 30 or younger, lesbians, women of color, Spanish-speaking women, and economically disadvantaged women. SPHF seeks women skilled in nonprofit finance, fundraising, community outreach, public health, and healthcare; however, all skills and experience will be considered. All board meetings are in Gulfport.

To apply for a board member position, complete the application at soniaplotnickhealthfund.org/support-us/volunteer/ or email chair@soniaplotnickhealthfund.org.

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Red Tide, from front page

For the first time, an annual scallop search and count in southern Pinellas County has been canceled due to reports of red tide.

Tampa Bay Watch (TBW), a local non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Tampa Bay Estuary, issued an official statement to volunteers and the general public through their Facebook page on Tuesday, August 21 at about 10 a.m. The group's headquarters is located at 3000 Pinellas Bayway South, in Tierra Verde just north of the entrance to Ft. De Soto Park that is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico shoreline.

"Unfortunately the 2018 Great Bay Scallop Search on Saturday, August 25 has been cancelled due to low levels of red tide at Fort De Soto Park and moderate levels at Egmont Key," said the social media post. "There are trending southwest winds which may increase the level of red tide in the bay by the end of the week. Our number one concern is the health and safety of our volunteers, so the decision is to cancel the event."

The organization's science staff used a report dated Monday, August 20 from the U.S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other recent government data to help make the determination to cancel the count, said Rachel Arndt, TBW's communications manager.

For the count, "200 people are snorkeling in the water," she said. "Most importantly, we wanted to get the most recent results to look out for the health and safety of everyone before making the final decision to cancel the event. And, we didn't want to wait until the very last minute with so many volunteer participants. We wanted to make sure everyone had plenty of notice."

According to the TBW website, two-inch bay scallops live from 12 to 18 months and are extremely sensitive to pollution making them "serve as useful 'underwater

canaries' to signal changes in water quality."

For more information about the organization's annual scallop search program and collection data dating back to 1996, visit tampabaywatch.org/scallop-search.html.

From 2001 to 2003, the organization did not hold annual searches because the scallop population was low for reasons unrelated to red tide – it needed time to regrow, said Peter A. Clark, TBW's founder and president.

Gulfport Remains Clear of Red Tide

On the morning of Tuesday, August 21, Gulfport City Manager Jim O'Reilly confirmed for the Gabber that the area of Boca Ciega Bay adjacent to the city remains clear of red tide.

O'Reilly cited data collected from Williams Pier and reported by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on the afternoon of Friday, August 17.

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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Humans can be greedy animals, with a covetousness that, at the least, makes life unpleasant and, in the extreme, threatens the very existence of our kind. Your efforts to need less, appreciate more and be generous in any way you can will not only make life better for you; it helps humans in general.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are like a key. With a certain amount of jiggling, you may fit into a lot of different situations, and yet there's that one that just clicks for you. You seem uniquely built to open it up. This week, you'll experience a beautiful fit and have or create access to treasures because of it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This week you'll influence the ones you love (and they, you) for better and for worse. Those two categories of influence will be indistinguishable from one another, so don't bother thinking too far into it. What will be most obvious is that your lives are far more interesting for the connection you share.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The thing you were calling a flaw isn't one at all. This is something to celebrate instead of conceal. It will feel strange at first, but once you get the hang of it, you'll find out that you have a distinct advantage in this interesting character trait – an advantage that will bring you attention and money at that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You probably think you're making reasonable requests this week, and in fact you are, but that doesn't always have a bearing on the other person's ability to fulfill them. Ineptitude happens in mysterious ways. So stay on your toes, alert and ready to handle the unexpected. When you do, you'll be a hero.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Extra demands might make things better, might even make them great, but they also make things stressful. All that's needed, wanted and expected, plus the time frame, budget and other relevant details – well, it's enough to cause you to step back and think over what is really healthy and reasonable to desire.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Since there is little that's more stress inducing than the unknown, the information you learn this week will actually relieve stress. The more light you can shed on the situation, the less anxious you will feel. You'll be lucky with the expert advice because you're so adept at sensing who really knows what's up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). We are either refined or diminished by what we desire. Although perhaps we cannot help what we want, there is a wide range out there in the world of things that are possible to want, and some far more likely to bring us health and prosperity than others. This week's good fortune comes with

wanting the right things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you do better, you should feel better, too. If you do better but you feel worse, this bad return on investment will motivate you to change your direction and put your effort behind something that has a better chance of rewarding you, if not in the short term then at least in the long run.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Having high standards and working hard will absolutely get results. But you have to ask yourself why you're doing it. Is it really about bringing up the quality of life, or is it about trying to have control over something that is largely uncontrollable? Within the answer is your key to happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Usually it takes two to tango, communicate, fight, cooperate and more. But somehow you'll manage to do a lot of this while going it solo this week, as a complex problem will bring out the many facets of your sophisticated mind. You'll better yourself by challenging your own thinking time and again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This week features love in many forms, and it will be necessary to think over the best way to be kind and just in relationships. For instance, if you're going to play hard to get, let yourself be "gotten" when the other person has successfully passed the test. If you're actually just not interested, make that clear, too.

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The Lithuanian-American Club at 4880 46th Ave. N., is serving lunch every Thursday at 1 p.m. The schedule of luncheons is one week cepelinai and the next week koldunai. The cost is \$8 for entrée, side, dessert and coffee.

This Thursday's menu is homemade soup, koldunai (meat dumplings), served with bacon and/or sour cream, dessert and coffee. Fresh baked Lithuanian bread is available. Please call 727-337-4240 for reservations or more information.

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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

Gamma Omega Master members will meet on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sharon Ingram for a Chapter Beginning Day dinner. They will review the activities planned for the year and receive their new chapter yearbooks. Their first official chapter meeting will be the second Wednesday of September. A board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Ingram.

The council committees are busy with meeting and planning the activities for the coming year. The Ways and Means Committee is busy coordinating dining events with a variety of local restaurants whereby Sunshine City Council receives a portion of the meals purchased by members and their guests.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural women's organization. Sunshine City Council has eight chapters of members of all ages. For more information contact Sharon Ingram at 727-321-2849.

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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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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, south of the Don CeSar). Start at any point in the cycle. Arrive the first time at 6:30 p.m. to register.

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).

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

How Should My Business Be Set Up? (Part I)

Our office has had the pleasure of advising and counseling numerous clients concerning how to legally set up a new business venture. As a result, five different choices of the types of business entities that may be utilized will be presented in this article and our next article. The five basic choices which an entrepreneur or new business owner may wish to consider are:

- Sole Proprietorship;
- General Partnership;
- Limited Partnership;
- Corporation; and
- "S" Corporation.

In this article, we will examine the general legal requirements of a sole proprietorship and a general partnership.

Sole Proprietorship

1. A sole proprietorship is an unincorporated business owned by a single individual. A sole proprietorship is not a legal entity separate from its owner.

2. The owner of a sole proprietorship has unlimited liability for the debts and obligations of the business.

The owner, therefore, must rely on personal assets or insurance for protection against creditors.

3. For income tax purposes, income and loss of the sole proprietorship passes directly to the sole proprietor and is reported on his individual income tax return.

4. No special organizational documents are necessary to begin business as a sole proprietorship.

5. The advantage of a sole proprietorship is that it is a simple means of beginning a business.

6. In Florida, an individual who engages in business has a sole proprietorship under a fictitious name must register the fictitious name with the Florida Secretary of State's office in Tallahassee.

B. General Partnership

1. A partnership is an unincorporated association of two or more individuals, corporations, or other entities engaging in business for a profit.

2. Like a sole proprietorship, a general partnership is not a separate legal entity. Each partner in a general partnership is personally liable for the partnership liabilities.

3. A general partnership must file a

separate income tax return for federal income tax purposes. However, this is merely an information return. Generally, all income passes to the general partners and is reported on their individual income tax returns. Losses are also passed through, subject to limitations, which will be made stricter if proposed changes in the tax laws are implemented.

4. Although no written documentation is necessary to form a general partnership, normally the rights and obligations of the various partners (including their shares of income, losses, and cash distributed by the partnership) are specified in a written partnership agreement. The partnership agreement may also specify the manner in which the business is to be operated, and may designate a managing general partner who serves the function of a chief executive officer. Generally, in the absence of contrary provisions in the partnership agreement, the business affairs of the partnership are governed by a majority vote of the partners.

5. Generally, the transfer of a partnership interest is more difficult than a transfer of corporate stock. Restrictions on the transferability of a partnership interest may be specified in the partnership agreement, and transfers normally require the consent of the other partners.

6. In Florida, a general partnership is required to file a fictitious name registration.

7. Generally, the death, insanity, or withdrawal of a general partner from the partnership "dissolves" the partnership, although the remaining partners may elect to continue the partnership business in a new partnership.

8. Generally, each general partner is an agent of the partnership and has the power to bind the partnership.

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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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Gulfport Artist Brings Heritage-Rich Art to Carter Woodson Museum

By Abby Baker

On Saturday, July 14, St. Petersburg was exposed to Gulfport artist Cora Marshall's personal dive into ancestry and her roots at the at the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum.

Marshall's three-series-paining piece, *Roots & Branches & Blooms: An Exploration of Family Ancestry, History, and Memories*, deeply explores her relationship with the past and her African American heritage. Marshall's pieces are categorized in three different exhibits: *In and Out of Time, Of Blood and Bones* and *Toiling Upward*.

"Often, my art is centered in spirituality and I create work that seeks out the connections to and lessons from my African and Native American familia past," Marshall writes in her artist statement.

Marshall used photos she found of her distant maternal family through online genealogy research.

"She found these pictures, and she decided to paint them," said Lynnette Hardy, an administrative assistant at the Carter Woodson Museum. "[Marshall's family] were not people who worked in the fields; they were fishmongers, coal miners, they owned a grocery store."

Throughout her exhibit Marshall uses mixed media, poured paint and old family photographs. Her use of texture transports the viewer into the world of her ancestors. Her work throughout the three-series piece shows what life was like for a tight-



Lynnette Hardy, administrative assistant at the Woodson Carter Museum, stands with part of Gulfport artist Cora Marshall's heritage-rich art, *Roots & Branches & Blooms: An Exploration of Family Ancestry, History, and Memories*, on display until September 30.

knit African American family.

"She was trying to convey the resemblance they have," Hardy said. "You see the similarities?"

The Carter Woodson Museum, formerly the Jordan Park Community Center, was transformed in 2006. Since, the museum has held many different forms of African American art, including raps and dances.

"We are not the traditional museum," said Hardy. "This is where we as African Americans held our parties because we could not go to

other places."

While the opening reception was for Second Saturday Art Walk in St. Petersburg, Marshall's work will be on display at the Carter Woodson Museum until September 30.

Marshall retired to Gulfport five years ago and continues to share her art locally and worldwide.

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum is open Tuesday to Friday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 727-323-1104.

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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from August 9 to August 15 in Gulfport.

Source: Pinellas Gulfport Police Department

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8/9- Deceased person in the 1800 block of 55th Street South.

Resident called 911 at 5:00 a.m. to report that she had gone in to check on her mother and found her deceased in her bed. The mother had been suffering from failing health for some time and the death was expected.

8/9- Marchman Act in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard South.

Officers were dispatched for an intoxicated man that had fallen. The person was not cooperative and posted a threat to himself so he was taken into custody under the Marchman Act.

8/10- Deceased person in the 2800 block of Dupont Street South. Resident called 911 to report that he had gone to wake his wife from a nap and discovered her deceased. There were no obvious causes for her death, so detectives are working with the Medical Examiner's office for further investigation.

8/10- Petit theft in the 2000 block of 59th Street South. Thomas Smith took a taxi to a house in Gulfport. He did not have enough money to pay for the taxi ride. Smith was intoxicated and had urinated in the back of the taxi. There is a mandatory clean up fee that Smith also didn't have the money to pay. Smith was arrested for theft.

8/12- Person Under the Influence in the 2500 block of Beach Boulevard South. Neighbors called in concerned for one of the residents who had been drinking since yesterday and has fallen down several times as well in the past 24 hours. The female lived alone and was extremely intoxicated, making no sense.

She was taken into protective custody under a Marchman Act.

8/12- Traffic Stop in the 500 block of 49th Street South.

Johnny Bolden was driving 61 MPH in a posted 35 MPH zone. Bolden was stopped and had a suspended driver's license for Driving under the Influence of Alcohol. Bolden was arrested for Driving while License Suspended or Revoked and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

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8/12- Criminal Mischief in the 5500 block of 28th Avenue South. Employees of the library stated they witnessed a man writing in the books and that this had been happening for a few months. The employees did not want to prosecute but did want the male trespassed from the location in the meantime. The male was located, identified and trespassed.

8/12- Warrant Arrest in the 800 block of Hull Street South. A woman called police wanting to turn herself in on an auto theft warrant from New York. The warrant was confirmed valid with extradition and Amber

Raney was taken into custody.

8/14- Stolen Vehicle in the 1400 block of 52nd Street South.

Victim had a spare key to his vehicle stolen in a previously reported burglary. Sometime last night the suspect returned and stole his SUV. The vehicle was later recovered in Palmetto.

8/14- Civil Matter in the 5400 block of Shore Boulevard South. A woman called to report her purse stolen. She told the investigating officer that the suspect was her ex-boyfriend.

When the officer spoke with him, he stated his ex-girlfriend had taken his laptop. The officer was able to recover the purse and the situation was resolved.

8/15- Trespass at Salty's. Max Reiner was arrested for trespassing on Salty's property. He has been given multiple warnings reference his trespasses from all of the beach front businesses, and it appears that arrests are the only option at this point.

8/15- Grand Theft in the 2200 block of 49th Street South. A bank investigator reported that a former employee stole over a thousand dollars and cashed a fraudulent check before quitting her job. The investigation is continuing.

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Motorcycle Crash Resulting in Life-Threatening Injuries

By Angelina Bruno

On August 18, motorcyclist Robert Douglas Blume crashed his 2006 Honda VTX1300, resulting in life-threatening injuries. According to St. Petersburg Police, Blume, 47 was headed northbound on 49th Street, approaching the curve for Sheffield Lake at 23rd Avenue North.

Blume's motorcycle failed to negotiate the curve and continued straight across a small patch of grass. Upon re-entering the roadway, he lost control of his motorcycle and the motorcycle struck the ground on its right side. The motorcycle slid across 23rd Avenue North and came to rest on a grass field in Sheffield Lake Park.

Blume, who was not wearing a helmet, suffered life-threatening injuries and was transported to Bayfront Health St. Petersburg. Alcohol appears to have played a part in this crash.

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Plaintiffs, -against-

AYESHA TURNER, MIGUEL PEREZ, BENJAMIN FRY, JR., 102-55 188 STREET CORP., JUDY MOSES, ESQ., THE OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK CITY REGISTER, QUEENS COUNTY and "JOHN DOE # 1" through "JOHN DOE # 12" the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, person or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint,

Defendants.

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To the above-named Defendant(s)

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Dated: New York, New York - August 15, 2017

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HAMPTON PARTNERS LLC,

NOTICE TO AYESHA TURNER

Plaintiffs, -against-

AYESHA TURNER, MIGUEL PEREZ, et al.

Defendants.

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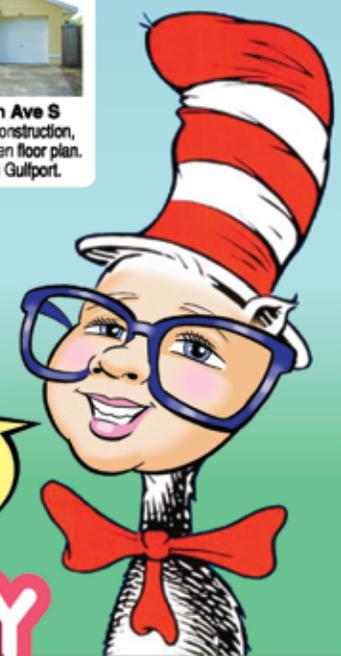


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