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Zap! Pow! Bam! Gecko Ball Was a Blast!

By Debbie Wolfe



Gecko Ball co-chair John Haugen gets into his costume persona as Dumbledore.

See *Gecko Ball*, page 8

Historic Green Benches Help Fight Alzheimer's

By Angelina Bruno

"I walk the Green Bench Stroll twice a day for exercise; morning and night," says Dick Holmes, former South Pasadena Mayor and resident at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay. Holmes has dedicated more than 25 years advocating for St. Petersburg green benches, starting with an installation of benches at The Sunshine Center in St. Petersburg in 1991.

"I'm going to petition the Lord for an emerald bench on the golden streets," said Holmes, who was born in 1932. "I want an emerald green bench in heaven."

Currently, The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay boasts 15 and a half benches: including one and a half in Holmes' apartment at the Fountains and nine on the outdoor pathway that Holmes walks daily. Holmes sold his own car to pay for the Florida-made benches.

Constructed out of recycled high-density polyethylene, the benches are predicted to retain their green hue and good condition. "A hurricane came through and took out some trees last year.

See *Green Benches*, page 19

Gulfport Woman Shocked by Men Entering Her Home

By Abby Baker

Cloe Dance, an 82-year-old Gulfport resident, was in bed when she unknowingly pressed her medical alert button, sending a team of first responders flying to the scene on Thursday, July 26 at 11 p.m.

See *First Responders*, page 22

After getting over the initial shock of three men breaking into her home, Cloe Dance took a selfie with the first responders.

Photo courtesy of the Gulfport Fire Department.



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Paper Robots for Tweens at Library

The Gulfport Library is hosting a fun and creative activity for students in grades 4 to 7 on Thursday, September 6, at 5 p.m. They will make 3D Paper Robots! Use paper, tape, and glue, to create these awesome robot sculptures. Limited supplies, registration required. Please call 727-893-1134 to sign up.

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Gulfport Lions Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

The Gulfport Lions Club, 4630 Tifton Dr. S. at the Gulfport Marina, will be hosting their first breakfast of the season with a new menu of biscuits and gravy on Saturday, September 8, from 7 to 11 a.m.

Lion's members and associate volunteers will be serving all-you-can-eat biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, grits, coffee, tea and orange juice for \$7 per adult. Children under the age of 12 can eat for half price.

Bring your family and friends to spend a cool enjoyable morning this second Saturday of September overlooking Gulfport's beautiful Boca Ciega Bay with optional dining on outdoor patio and possibly new picnic tables.

When you come and support this fund raising activity, you are doing much to help the Lions help those who are in need. Gulfport Lions is a service organization, meeting the many needs of those less fortunate.

Gulfport Lions, proudly serving since 1948 and for 50 years since 1967 in their Gulfport Club House.

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Essential Oil Classes at Recreation Center

Essential Oil Classes are offered at Gulfport Recreation Center once a month from local Master Herbalist and 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, September 26, 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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"Don't Blow Our Top" Blues Festival

Scoop N Dip productions present the "Don't Blow Our Top" show on Sunday, September 2, at the Hickman, Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S. Doors open at noon. Father Bill Yannon will be bringing a special blues blessing at 12:55 p.m.

Local blues legend Charlie Morris and his band will join special guests Pete (Peanut) Sears, and U.B. Hayes for an afternoon celebration of the blues.

The show promotes awareness of mountaintop removal coal mining, and there will be educational materials available in the lobby. Five dollars of each ticket will go toward making Gulfport a hunger-free zone, an exciting new project to feed people here in Gulfport.

Tickets are \$30 at the Beach Bazaar in Gulfport, or at the door the day of the show. For more information call Mark Woodward at 615-318-7766.

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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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First Friday Flea Market at the Senior Center

Come visit the First Friday Flea Market at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Friday, September 7 from 9 a.m. till noon to find your perfect item. Each month a selection of home décor, jewelry, oddities and one of a kind's as well as antiques and collectibles can be found.

They are accepting donations. To donate, call 727-893-2243 after noon. Please leave a message.

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Aging Well Through Social Connections

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.

Come to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Wednesday, September 9 at 2 p.m. for a relevant conversation about the importance of maintaining social connections.

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

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Biodiversity Lecture Series at Stetson

Stetson University College of Law will host the Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture Series on environmental topics in the Great Hall of the Gulfport campus at 1401 61st St. S. Lecturers include environmental experts from across the country speaking on topics ranging from ecosystems, to hands-on learning about the environment, to restoration of wetlands. All lectures are free and open to the public.

On Thursday, September 6, at noon, Professor James Salzman presents "Payments for Ecosystem Services." Salzman is the Bren Distinguished Professor at the UCLA Law School/UCSB School of Environment.

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On Tuesday, September 25, at noon, attorney and photo explorer Richard O. "Dick" Jacobs presents "Dirty Hands, Wet Feet Learning." Jacobs is senior counsel with Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns.

On Thursday, November 8, at noon, Dr. M. Siobhan Fennessy presents on "Wetland Restoration." Fennessy is the Jordan Professor of Environmental Studies & Biology at Kenyon College.

To attend, and for more information, email biodiversity@law.stetson.edu.

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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).

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Yom Kippur at Beth-El Shalom

Come and observe Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, this most holy day of the year at Beth-El Shalom on Tuesday, September 18 at 6 p.m. Beth-El Shalom is located at the corner of 17th St. and 29th Ave. N., All are welcome.

For more info and pre-registration please call 727-345-7777, email Rabbi@Jewishheritage.net or visit Jewishheritage.net.

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Free Homecoming Dresses

The Belle of the Ball Project will provide free homecoming dresses and accessories to in-need high school girls on Saturday September 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at its boutique at 1210 Holt Ave. The

charity will repeat the event on Saturday September 22, Saturday October 6 and Saturday October 20. The 5,000 sq. ft. permanent boutique is a beautiful store-like setting, with over 3,000 dresses in inventory.

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

Donations of dresses and accessories can also be made on site. Large-sized dresses are the biggest need (size 18 to 26). For 39 other convenient year-round donation sites (including all Sun Country Cleaners locations) and more information about Belle of the Ball Project, call 1-877-772-3553 or visit belleoftheballproject.com.

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St. Anthony's Hospital Free Health Seminars

St. Anthony's Hospital health experts invite the community to attend seminars September that will focus on osteoarthritis, joint pain and aging; weight loss surgery information and smoking cessation. There also will be free memory screenings offered. The monthly seminars are free to the public.

A weight loss surgery information seminar will be offered on Tuesday, September 4 at noon at LifeHelp second floor classroom at St. Anthony's Resource Center, 500 Martin Luther King St. N. Take the first step to weight loss surgery and attend an information session. Jamii St. Julien, MD, will explain various options.

There will be free memory screenings on Tuesday, September 11 and Tuesday, September, from 10 a.m. till noon in the main lobby of the hospital. The screenings are offered to adults concerned about their memory health. Call 727-825-1595 for information.

A smoking cessation class will be offered on Saturday, September 15, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Hospital classroom D, first floor. This two-hour class provides valuable tools to help you quit using tobacco including coping with cravings and physical and emotional symptoms. The class includes free aids to help quit using tobacco while supplies last.

For more information on St. Anthony's, call 727-953-6993 or visit BayCare.org/SAH.



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Seminole Mayor 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 to the coveted 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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Send us a picture with you and your *Gabber* on vacation.
Include a brief description and your name at
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Mommy & Me Yoga at Gulfport Library

Come to the Gulfport Library for Mommy & Me yoga class on the first Tuesday of the month. The next class is Tuesday, September 4 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 (or babies not yet running). 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@mgyulfport.us.

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The Raven's Guild at Gulfport Library

The Gulfport Public Library will be hosting the next monthly meeting for teens, ages 12 to 18, that focuses on the Young Adult Manga and Fantasy genre. Join them for a movie and activities specifically designed for their interests. This month they will be paper crafting roly-poly monkeys and Japanese bantam chickens. Impress your friends with your newly learned skill afterwards at school.

The group meets every second Saturday in the Friends Room. Refreshments sponsored by the Gulfport Library Circle of Friends. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 727-893-1074 for movie to be screened.

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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 hunt down spies and murderers in both fictional and non-fictional settings. Choose among a wide selection of CDs to provide the 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 if you have any questions.

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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. Though his emphasis of colors and contrast can be seen throughout. Inspired he weaves between the use of inks, acrylics, oils or whatever it takes to create his vision. Whatever that may be, yet over the past few years he has been drawn to the freedom in abstract art. His work can be found in a number of local galleries, furnishing stores and festivals he attends in the winter. Where he puts in just as many hours into promoting and marketing as he does painting, yet the power of the internet has allowed his work to be enjoyed in homes 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. The space is 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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Crazy Cat Lady pARTy at Practically Pikasso

Join Friends of Strays Animal Shelter at Practically Pikasso, 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 directly to the 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 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 food or water dish. And check out the Crazy Cat Lady silk screens. You are welcome to BYOB. 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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Gecko Ball, from front page

About 430 people, most in costume, packed the Casino Ballroom in Gulfport for the 10th-annual Gecko Ball on Saturday, August 25.

Among the festivities was the reveal and crowning of the new Gecko Queen: Jon Ziegler of Gulfport.

Ziegler, known locally as a costume designer, was dressed as Geckoman.

"I tried to go with a superhero retro vibe," he said. "The chest plate came down to a triangle that is reminiscent of the Flash Gordon kind of look, but of course with a gecko on it as opposed to any letters or lightning bolts."

Brian Liggins, the outgoing Gecko Queen, led the coronation ceremony.

When Liggins leaned over to pass along the traveling queen's crown and 2018 sash, Ziegler said, "That's when I got really nervous knowing that I have some really big shoes to fill after Brian."

The theme of Gecko World 2018 is GeckoCon, defined by the sponsoring Gulfport Merchants Chamber (GMC) as "a celebration of comic book and pop culture characters, horror, sci-fi, fantasy and of course geckos."

The Gecko Ball is one of four events this year that comprise Gecko World: Gecko Art Show, Gecko Bar Crawl, Gecko Ball and Geckofest. Portions of the proceeds from Gecko World will benefit several local charities as identified by the GMC.

The ball also included live and silent auctions along with

a costume contest for individuals and groups.

One live auction piece selling for \$1,000 was entitled "A Reptile Dysfunction" by Gulfport artist Ray Domingo. It depicted a gecko riding a skateboard "partying his tail off," said Domingo. The purchaser was Anne Janine Jochems of Gulfport.

A tile sign piece by Gulfport artist Tom Pitzen sold for \$1,050 and was purchased by Mark Rickerson. It is similar in appearance and size to the city's sign that marks the Waterfront District. Rickerson and his wife moved to Gulfport from Philadelphia seven months ago. They said they love the city so much he got a gecko tattoo on his left forearm. The Rickersons plan to hang Pitzen's art in their living room.

"The artists who donate always seem over the top with their amazing pieces," said Gulfport Councilmember Paul Ray, who was dressed as Wimpy, the hamburger-loving character of Popeye comic book and TV fame. "People seemed to really enjoy the event. I thought, over all, it was one of the best thus far. The ball committee does a fantastic job."

Gulfport Councilmember Michael Fridovich said, "The costumes were fantastic. I was impressed with the creativity. A lot of people put effort into doing something really cool." Fridovich was dressed as Waldo, a popular children's book character who loves to travel.

Ziegler has been at every Gecko Ball either as co-chair or as a member of a planning committee. This year, what are Ziegler's plans in his role as Gecko Queen? "I'm going to do my best to do Gulfport proud," he said.



Hundreds enjoyed the dance floor with music by a live band during the Gecko Ball.



Jennifer Agnew of St. Petersburg had fun with her bubble gun costume prop during the Gecko Ball. She and a couple of friends did a group costume named Spase Forss.



Cindy Heidel of Gulfport named her costume "Saint Citrus" and in addition to wearing gecko-inspired eyes and hands, she included a gecko on top of her orange-crested staff.



Volunteer Phyllis Plotnick, of Gulfport, dressed as Robin from Batman, helped to serve hors d'oeuvres during the Gecko Ball.



Jon Ziegler of Gulfport is the new Gecko Queen. As part of the coronation ceremony, he wears the gecko crown and theme-inspired sash. This year's theme was GeckoCon, defined by the Gulfport Merchants Chamber as "a celebration of comic book and pop culture characters, horror, sci-fi, fantasy and of course geckos."

Toddler Storytimes at Gulfport Library

Toddler Storytime will be offered at the Gulfport Library on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. 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!

For additional details call Cailey at 727-893-1074 or email cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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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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Beta Sigma Phi Activities

The Gamma Omega Master executive board will meet on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Ingram.

Sunshine City Council Ways and Means Committee's project this year is a "Dine to Donate." On September 4, the Texas Roadhouse restaurant at Bay Pines will donate 10% of the food purchase to city council when a flyer is presented by a member or guests of members.

Then on Wednesday, September 26 from 4 till 8 p.m., at Chipotle's, 3700 Park Blvd., they will donate 33% of the food purchase to members and guests of members. Respective flyers have been distributed to members. They are working with

other restaurants to add to this project.

The council committees are busy with meeting and planning the activities for the coming year. The Bay Area Luncheon Committee and Christmas Brunch Committee have already had several meetings and are well under way with their plans. The Bay Area Luncheon will be November 10 and the Christmas Brunch will be December 1. Both events will be at the Holiday Inn Harbourside on Indian Rocks Beach.

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

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K-5th Grade Science Club at Gulfport Library

Attention young scientists! Do you love exploring the world around you through hands on activities? Gulfport Library's weekly K to 5th grade science club starts back up on Monday, September 10, from 3 to 4 p.m. They try a fun new hands-on activity every Monday and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too. For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or cklasson@mygulfport.us.

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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. at the hospital at 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.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Volunteer Resources at 727-825-1548. You can also visit the volunteer website at BayCare.org/SAH/Volunteers.

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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 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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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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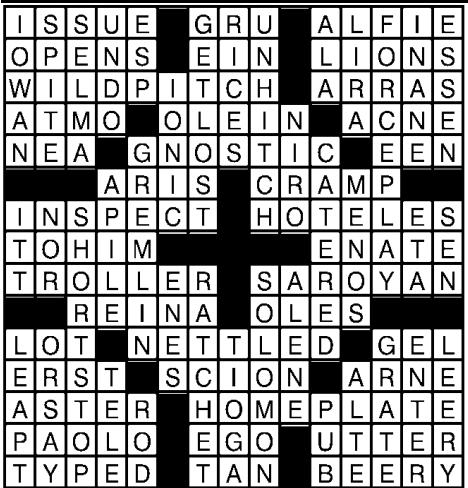
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Obituaries



LOVE, HELEN was born to Thomas and Sara James on August 27, 1914 in Valdosta, GA, one month after World War I began. She is the youngest of eleven siblings with an 8th grade education. The death of her mother when she was 12 and then the passing of her father did not stop her from accomplishing her desires and dreams in her lifetime. Helen married the man of her dreams, Robert Mack Swain Jr., at an early age in 1933. The couple brought four beautiful children into the world whom they loved and cherished with all their hearts. Helen worked a short time as a homemaker and housekeeper. Later she was licensed for child care at her home. She loved arts and crafts and was an amazing seamstress and enjoyed gardening, creating many flower arrangements that sold to her church family and friends. Helen re-married in 1980 to Cassius Love at the Church of Christ on 20th St. in St. Petersburg. Helen had many people from around the country come to visit her as she took care of them in their early and adolescent years. Her family visited on a regular basis, her church has even come and sung for the residents of Gulfport. She lived a happy and full life. Even at 104 there wasn't a woman who gave and received more love than Mrs. Love herself.

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Bluegrass Musicians Jam for Family Fun in Gulfport

By Debbie Wolfe

Gulfport Grass – the new event for bluegrass musicians and fans alike – is now happening regularly on Gulfport’s Courtyard stage thanks to a local who has checked off an item on her retirement bucket list.

“I wanted to do this to give local folks a place to jam through the summer months,” said organizer Kathy Jaeck of Gulfport.

Influenced by her dad who played the banjo, Jaeck started playing guitar at age 10. Then, she too picked up the banjo in her late teens. But, work eventually got in the way of her music.

When Jaeck retired three years ago, she started getting back into her banjo. And, she added the upright bass and most recently the dobro to her repertoire to increase her opportunities for playing frequently in bluegrass jams.

“In order to have a good jam, you want to have at least one of each of the instruments and you’ve got to have a bass player,” said Jaeck.

Traditional bluegrass instruments include the banjo, guitar, fiddle and upright bass with variations like the dobro, dulcimer and the bass washboard tub.

Right now, the plan is to jam on Wednesday nights from 6 to 9:30 p.m. through October, said Joan Weesies of Gulfport, who is the local jam promoter. Depending on its popularity with musicians, the jam may continue past October and be either once or twice a month on a night of the week that does not conflict with other jam opportunities in the area.

Some of the musicians know each other because they belong to the



Liam Joyce and his 7-month-old son Aiden of Gulfport recently enjoyed the sound of bluegrass musicians playing on the Courtyard stage.

Tampa Bay Bluegrass Association’s Facebook page. Others hear about jams through social media and just show up.

Jaeck’s vision for the local jam is to keep it open, technically simple and laid back when it comes to organization.

“Open means that musicians at any level can participate as long as they play a traditional bluegrass instrument,” said Weesies.

Jaeck prefers the acoustic approach for jams without the use of amplifiers and microphones.

“It’s not a band or performance to spotlight people focused on a microphone,” said Jaeck. “It’s a true jam where you’re playing music with other musicians. It’s not about playing for an audience though that kind of thing ends up happening because in Gulfport we are standing on stage instead of sitting in a circle or semi-circle in someone’s home. We would do it whether we had an audience or not.”

There are two electric floor fans “because they are desperately needed this time of year due to the heat” and an extension cord that powers two strings of small stage lights, said Weesies.

Bluegrass jam organization has an understood etiquette,

especially when a stage is involved and the musicians are standing in a line not facing one another.

Everybody gets the chance to pick a song and lead it, said Jaeck.

What that typically means is the leader will sing a verse then the chorus while others contribute with harmonizing. Next, based on the leader’s nod, another musician will step forward to play a solo, which is also called a “break.” During this time, the backup instruments play more softly to emphasize the soloist.

When the break is done and the musician steps back to their place, the lead will sing another verse and chorus and then a different musician will play the next solo. When it’s time to end the song, the lead will give a visual cue so everybody is aware.

“This is what makes it easy for us to get together and play even when we don’t know one another,” said Jaeck. “Bluegrass people understand the pattern.”

Liam Joyce, his wife Erin East and their 7-month-old son Aiden, all of Gulfport, enjoyed the sound of 11 bluegrass musicians who took turns playing on the small courtyard stage. Joyce and his family were among a crowd of about 30 enjoying the music on a recent evening.

“It’s great music,” said Joyce, also a musician who enjoys playing Irish songs. “Bluegrass is a piece of Americana that is kept alive. It’s relaxing. I love it.”

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Kathy Jaeck is fulfilling one of her retirement bucket list items by organizing a regular bluegrass jam in Gulfport’s Courtyard.

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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.

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Treasure Island Art Guild Opening Art Show

Treasure Island Art Guild will accept paintings for the first show of the 2018-2019 season on Thursday, August 23, at Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium, 108th Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Members may exhibit up to three paintings for the show. Painters wanting to exhibit their work may join the guild at that time. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded on September 8 to the winners at the opening meeting and demonstration.

To get more information visit TreasureIslandArtGuild.com or like them on Facebook.

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Expressive Portrait Painting Class

There will be a six-week course on Expressive Portrait Painting in oils and acrylics at Treasure Island City Hall Auditorium. The course begins on Wednesday, October 3, from 9 a.m. till 12:15 p.m.

The course is for intermediate to advanced levels of oil or acrylic painting. Students will learn how to get basic proportions of the head, use comparative method to capture an accurate likeness of the sitter, use color and value to create a convincing impression of light and technical information regarding materials. By the end of the course you will complete two portraits, working with the same life model. Each class is limited to eight students to allow the tutor to individually guide and support each student.

The cost is \$140 for Treasure Island Art Guild members and \$170 for non-members. Respond to Jim Gigurtsis at jimgigurtsis@yahoo.com by September 17.

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Zumba with Magda Returns in September

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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Watercolor with Patsi Returns in September

Fun, focused, and fast classes. Beginner and intermediate levels. No experience required. Classes are offered on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. The classes are held at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. Please call Patsi at 727-501-3559 for more information and a supply list. Space is limited.

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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.

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Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church-Gulfport. You will find them on 53rd St., near 28th Ave. S. They're open

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Happy Birthday to Everybody!

Are you 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 Ave. S. on fourth Friday of every month at 3 p.m. for birthday cake, games, and fun for everyone. Provided by Simply Healthcare.

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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 also 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. Get Involved Today! 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 student volunteer in a city recognized program. Applications may be picked up at the Gulfport Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S. or City Hall, 2401 53rd St. S. Positions are open until filled.



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Cindy Blackwelder: "Probably her in song in 'Blues Brothers.' She wasn't taking any crap from her no-good boyfriend."

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Michael Rieger: "The Grammys. She was always winning Grammys. You'll have to fact check this, but I hear that one time there were some divas that wanted to go in front of her at The Grammys and she said, 'No one goes before Aretha.'"

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Gary Parke: "I liked everything she did. I think when she did 'Respect' in 'Blues Brothers,' when she was in the kitchen with those guys, that was really good."

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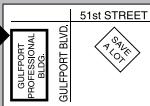
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Teen Night Program at Recreation Center

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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Green Benches,

from front page

The benches are still there," he said, smiling proudly.

Holmes' love originally stemmed from the history and hospitality of the green bench. Now it has evolved into something greater: a quest for awareness and a cure for Alzheimer's.

According to The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay website, Alzheimer's accounts for 60 to 80 percent of dementia cases and currently affects millions, including over 200,000 people under the age of 65.

Holmes' wife Edie suffered from the disease before her death. A bench along the pathway at the Fountains is dedicated to her.

"That's the Ms. Edie bench," said Holmes, pointing. "When I come out here and I get to this point on the sidewalk, I always say, 'Meet you on a green bench, Ms. Edie.'"

Holmes says dedicating that particular bench to his late wife was one of the first connections between his work with Alzheimer's and his love for green benches.

In October 2017, Holmes held the 1st Annual Green Bench Stroll, an on-campus walk for those who can't make it to the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. At the Stroll, Holmes collected donations to add to the overall sum raised by The Fountain's team.

Each year a team of staff, residents and family members from The Fountains participate in Walk to End Alzheimer's, a nationwide event held to bring awareness to the disease and



Dick Holmes poses for a photo on Friday, August 24 on a green bench in his apartment at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay.

raise money for research.

Last year, the team named themselves "Boca Goes Green for a Cure" to honor Holmes, his benches and his dedication to Alzheimer awareness. Combined with other on-campus events, like the Green Bench Charity Ball, Boca Goes Green team members raised over \$2,000 for Alzheimer's research.

This year will mark the 2nd Annual Green Bench Stroll and the public is invited to participate.

"They can come and sign up and

drop a \$5 suggested donation towards our team's efforts to raise money to end Alzheimer's," said Melissa Krysh, Community Life Director at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay.

The Green Bench Stroll will take place on October 3 at 4 p.m. Donations and signups can be done at The Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Ave. S.

"Not only does it tie our community to something so historic in St. Pete, but it's so personalized because of Mr. Holmes' involvement," said Krysh.

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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.

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St. Pete's Before-and-After School Care

Summer might be ending soon, but you can keep the fun going into the school year. The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department's before and after school care program's registration is now open.

The department offers an elementary school before-and-after school care program for grades kindergarten through 5 and a middle school before-and-after school care program for grades 6 through 8. Kids will be able to play, learn and explore. The programs provide a fun, creative and educational atmosphere full of interactive lessons and activities, including special events, arts and

crafts and homework assistance from well-trained staff.

Rates are as low as \$29 per month for the middle school before-school care program for participants who qualify for fee assistance and free for the middle school after-school care program for all participants. The elementary school before-and-after school care programs are as low as \$55 per month for participants who qualify for fee assistance.

You can find the application, as well as a list of schools the department serves, at StPeteParksRec.org/about-childcare. Return the completed application in person to the respective recreation center.

For more information, please contact the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department at 727-893-7441 or StPeteParksRec.org.

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Boca Ciega High 50th Reunion

The Boca Ciega High School Class of 1968 will be holding their 50th class reunion at The Club Treasure Island on October 12 and 13. For more information please call Beverly Markey Gentry at 352-212-2363 or Pete Lynn at 727-347-6288.

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Gulfport Neighbors Autumn Events

Gulfport Beach and Area Cleanup

Gulfport Beach Waterfront Park Pavilion #4
Saturday, September 8
9 till 11 a.m.

5th Annual Mayors' 49th Street Cleanup
4th Annual Chiefs' Chat Community Forum,
Tangerine Greenway at 49th Street and Tangerine Avenue
Saturday, October 13
8:15 till 11:30 a.m.

Junk in the Trunk Fall Celebration

49th Street Neighborhood Center
Saturday, October 27
8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

More information at Facebook.com/Gulfportneighbors

Gulfport Recreation's Child Care Program

Registrations continue for the Gulfport 2018-2019 School Year Child Care Program for children who will be entering kindergarten through age 14. Bus transportation is available from Pasadena Fundamental, Bear Creek, Gulfport Elementary 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 \$150 for residents (additional child discount available) and \$188 for non-residents. The Recreation Center announces the sponsorship of the "Afterschool Nutrition Program," a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. The program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks to children in afterschool programs. Snacks are available at no separate charge to the children. In accordance with the Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Hours of registration

are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Please call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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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.

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@seniorsmile.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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First Responders, from front page

While she laid in bed with her hearing aid turned off and her cellphone stored away, three Gulfport Firemen knocked on her door. Hearing no reply, the first responders came in through an unlocked window.

Seeing the harsh glow of a flashlight coming down the hallway into her bedroom startled Dance, who got out of bed, spying the first responders in her hallway.

"I screamed with every fiber in my being, and I really scared the tar out of them," said Dance. "There were three men in my house, so you can imagine."

Fireman Timothy Burton had gotten stuck entering the window, and the sight of someone half in the house was terrifying.

"Most of the time we have to break in, and luckily the window was open," said Lieutenant Rene Fernandez. "But it was a small window."

Burton, Fernandez and Fireman Christopher Mathis then checked in with the system, Valued Relationships Inc., or VRI.

"Once we got her to calm down we thought she was the sweetest lady," said Fernandez. "We call her 'our station grandma.'"

It was the following Wednesday, July 31, that Dance decided to bring a few sweet treats to the Gulfport Fire Department. Hoping to express her gratitude, Dance caught Burton cooking hamburgers at the station.

"I appreciate them, I was so appreciative and thankful," said Dance. "I asked them If I could pray for them."

After hearing that she had never been in a fire truck before, the three helped Dance into the big red truck, resulting in a few photo opportunities with the Gulfport local in a lieutenant helmet.

Coincidentally, Dance and the firemen have seen each other on the street since.

Shortly after the fiasco, Dance saw a familiar fire truck in a parking lot on her way home.

"I thought, 'I wonder if these are my boys?'" said Dance.

It was.

"They hugged me and called me grandma," Dance said. "Now I'm grandma."

Since, Dance has installed a system that amplifies the sound of the doorbell and uses flashing lights to signal when someone is there.

"Every time I see a fire truck I think of them," said Dance. "I feel like I'm part of the family."



Cloe Dance had never been in a fire truck before when she visited the fire station to say thank you on Wednesday, July 31. Dance's three rescuers lifted her into their own for a tour. Photo courtesy of the Gulfport Fire Department.

Preschool Storytime Every Wednesday

Weekly pre-school storytime is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Come to the Gulfport Library every week for stories, songs, movement, making new friends and a craft! Open to 3-to-5-year-olds and a caregiver. For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074 or email cklasson@gulgport.us.

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49th Street Cleanup and Chiefs' Chat

Join Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman as they host the 5th Annual Mayors' 49th Street Cleanup on Saturday, October 13.

After the cleanup join Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent and St. Petersburg Police Chief Tony Holloway as they host the 4th Annual Chiefs' Chat Community Forum. It's an informal and relaxed way to learn more about how the two departments work together and it also provides an opportunity for residents to ask the chiefs questions.

The cleanup is about more than picking up litter. It is a celebration of community and it is about collaboration of the neighborhoods along 49th Street. Residents from all areas of both cities are encouraged to participate. This event affords all the opportunity to come out and meet neighbors, from both communities and while also making a difference! The communities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg should not be divided by anything more than four lanes of asphalt.

The event will feature community groups such as Chart 411, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Tampa Bay Watch, LOCAL Shops 1 and others.

It takes place on the Tangerine Greenway on 49th Street South at Tangerine Avenue. Cleanup participants will be divided into four teams and will clean 49th Street and its adjacent alleys from the Pinellas Trail to Gulfport Blvd./22nd Avenue.

Registration and a light breakfast begins at 8:15 a.m., the Mayor's Welcome at 9 a.m. The Cleanup begins at 9:15 a.m. and the Chiefs' Chat starts at 10:30 a.m.

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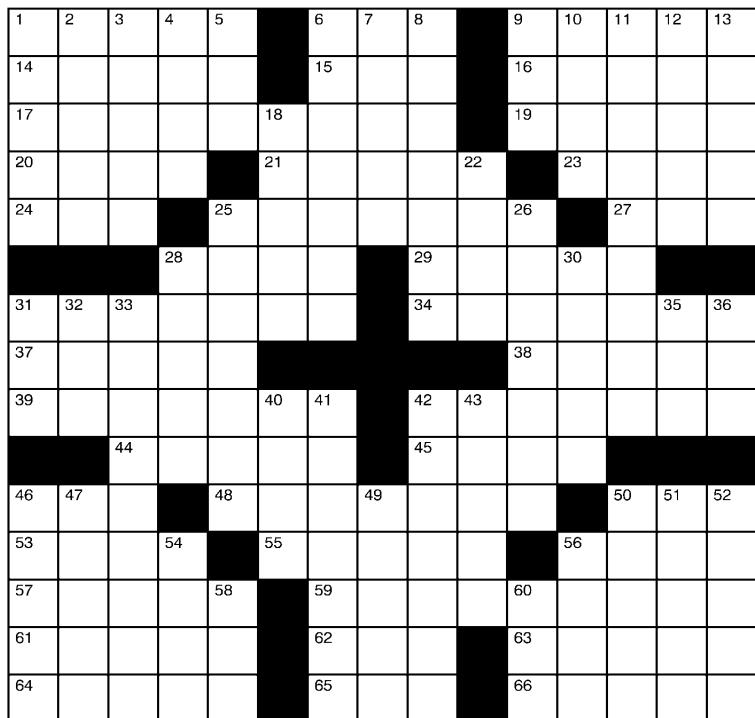
ACROSS

- 1 Offspring
- 6 KGB cousin
- 9 A comic character
- 14 Uncaps
- 15 Zwei predecessor
- 16 Tigers' winter counterparts
- 17 Walk after this, if you can
- 19 Tapestry
- 20 Sphere starter
- 21 Fat liquid
- 23 A growing pain
- 24 Teachers' org.
- 25 Concerned with knowledge
- 27 Poetic contraction
- 28 Jackie's late mate, et al.
- 29 Charley horse
- 31 Go over carefully
- 34 Acapulco accommodations
- 37 "___ who asks, it shall be given"
- 38 Related, in a way
- 39 Fisherman, of a sort
- 42 Novelist William
- 44 Palacio inhabitant

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- 45 Corrida cries
- 46 He had a salty wife
- 48 Bugged
- 50 Colloid
- 53 Former: archaic
- 55 Specific male 1 Across
- 56 Musical Malcolm
- 57 Fall flower
- 59 End of a circuit
- 61 Pietro ___ e Maria
- 62 First person, in ancient Rome
- 63 Complete
- 64 Classified
- 65 Prepare hide
- 66 Wallace, in 60 Down perhaps?
- 1 Cedar Rapids native
- 2 Malice
- 3 AL city
- 4 Disassemble
- 5 Foresight letters
- 6 Disappear!
- 7 Prepares potatoes
- 8 Let loose
- 9 Oeufs ___ Russe
- 10 Civitavecchia coin
- 11 In this, two must run
- 12 Dumb
- 13 Ruhr city
- 18 Architectural style
- 22 Actor Robert de ___
- 25 Imaginary trouble-maker
- 26 Provided viands
- 28 Made ___ of money
- 30 Mas o ___
- 31 Conglomerate initials
- 32 Neither's companion
- 33 He plays close
- 35 When the QE2 is due
- 36 Old Kobe coin
- 40 Compass directions: abbr.
- 41 Cog catcher
- 42 Miner king?
- 43 Coeur d'___, ID
- 46 Jumped
- 47 Le Quai d'___, Paris
- 49 NY or PA county
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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The achievement you wish for most will not be accomplished alone. The aim can only be reached through other people. Self-sacrifice, kindness, self-censorship...these are the social skills to employ in getting this goal. It is all within your ability. You're well liked. Go thoughtfully forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a shrewd investor these days, regardless of the currency you're operating with. And you will operate with many different currencies before the week is over. Do your research on the project, person or financial arrangement to make sure it's worthy of your attention, money and time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Not knowing what to do next isn't the same thing as doubting yourself. You hesitate, not because you don't believe in your talents, but because you're trying to figure out the best way to use them. Better to hang back and observe with an open mind than to rush into a mistake, or worse, a trap.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No matter where you are, what you wear professes your style and how you feel about yourself. It will be as true in your own bedroom as it is at a grocery store, a museum, a gym, a park or a ball. There's no getting away from sartorial statements, so you may as well embrace and use them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your support group could use some rounding out. It's not a pressing issue, but if you make an intention out of it and quietly seek new members to add to Team You, you'll make progress on the matter this week. The sort of people you need are knowledgeable, creative and enthusiastic. Givers only need apply.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone who has lived a life very different from your own (and from most of the people you know for that matter) will figure prominently in your week, subtly influencing your decisions. You may know this person socially, or through the magic of media. Either way, the connection brings out your best and brightest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your intuition about the lives of others will be especially hot this week; however, this can only really help you if their lives are connected to your own. So focus on you. What is it you can give to them, and what is it you need from them? Work on your powers of persuasion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are well acquainted with the sort of jobs in which, if you do well, you'll get no praise and if you get into trouble, you'll get no help. It will not bother you to go down this path again. In fact, there's dignity in it, as the work itself is what gives you everything -- adventure, strength, an interesting life and much more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a time for selfless giving, and a time for reciprocity. This week, you'll be proactive in your endeavors, giving first but letting others know what your expectations are on the return. Worthy partners will step up. You'll cultivate a dynamic with the potential to serve both parties well into the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). New places will change and grow you. You'll soon become so comfortable traversing new territory that you'll no longer give two thoughts as to whether or not you're fitting in. It won't be necessary to blend into your environment, only to respect its features while you learn all you can about the rules that govern it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If ever there were a week to be kinder than necessary, this is it. It will behoove you to extend something extra in the way of compassion, a gift to the world that will also happen to define you. It's not that you're going for sainthood, but you are trying to pave the way for a better future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Share your stories and ask people for theirs. It's the mundane experiences that will turn out to be the most interesting. You'll be surprised at the responses you get to simple questions. You've a gift for pointing your curiosity to the heart of the matter. What is ordinary to you is intriguing and grand to someone else.

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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Free Italian Lessons at Senior Center

On Thursday, September 6, the next series of free Italian classes will be offered at the Gulfport Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. S.

The beginner class, intermediate grammar class and advanced conversation is from 6 to 7 p.m. From 7 to 8 p.m. is beginner conversation, intermediate conversation and advanced grammar. And at 7.30 p.m. there is a Tarantella dance rehearsal.

These classes are offered for free by the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg. For information call Steve at 727-224-8731.

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Lunch and Learn Series on St. Pete Beach

The St. Pete Beach Community Center will host a Lunch and Learn Series. Every Lunch and Learn will focus on a different topic ranging from healthcare to making your money last in retirement. All Lunch and Learns will be held from noon till 1 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr.

All presentations are free and open to both residents and non-residents of St. Pete Beach. Lunch will be provided. Please call ahead to reserve your seat. For a full list of dates and presenters visit spbrec.com or call 727-363-9245.

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Kite Festival on Treasure Island Beach

The "Veterans Day Fall Fly on TI" is slated this year for Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11 on Treasure Island Beach behind the Thunderbird Beach Resort.

The theme for the weekend is "Honor America's Veterans." It will feature red, white and blue kites, banners and flags galore. This free, family-oriented event will feature general kite flying, kite games, stunt kite lessons, demos, bubbles and candy falling from the sky. A great opportunity to honor veterans by flying a kite.

There is no formal competition, but the event is geared to prep novice kite flyers of all ages to learn what competition is like for the official competition on January 19

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and 20, 2019, that will be held in the same location. New and experienced flyers are also encouraged to bring out their best red, white and blue and share kite knowledge.

Public parking is available in the public lot across the street from the Waffle House on Gulf Blvd., and at 104th Ave Gulf Blvd.

The festival is sponsored by Windworks, the city of Treasure Island and the Thunderbird Resort.

The festival will launch at 10 a.m. on Saturday and continue

throughout the weekend. After dark on Saturday, kite flyers are urged to add lights to their kites for a night fly (weather and wind permitting). Windworks will be on the beach selling kites, line, wind toys and hosting raffles for your chance to win prizes from many of our event sponsors. All activities at the Veterans Day Fall Fly on TI are free. For more information contact Windworks at 727-320-9463 or sales@floridawindworks.com.

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

What Are Health Care Surrogates and Living Wills?

A thoughtfully prepared disability plan should cover who should handle a disabled person's health care matters as well as their property management issues. After all, health care matters are of monumental importance because of their deeply personal character and the consequences those decisions might have on the person's length and quality of life. The best way to avoid a guardian being appointed by the court to make these health care decisions is to designate a Health Care Surrogate.

The Health Care Surrogate should be in a good position to use substituted judgement for the disabled person, the principal, and thus should have a solid grasp of the disabled person's attitudes, the quality of life the disabled person would find satisfactory, and his or her religious beliefs and philosophy of life. The disabled person should be confident in placing these important judgments into the hands of the Health Care Surrogate.

A competent person has the right to refuse medical treatment for any reason whatsoever, even if that refusal will result to an otherwise preventable death. But what happens if that person is unable to communicate his or her wishes?

A living will goes into effect if a person falls into a condition where recovery is almost impossible. It is a set of written instructions stating an individual's desire not to be kept alive through the use of medical technology when that individual is in a terminal condition and incapable of giving informed consent or refusal for further treatment. It also appoints someone to make such decisions on that person's behalf.

A living will is one of the most important estate preservation techniques available to the average person. Numerous studies have shown that a large portion of all health care costs in the United States are incurred in the last few days of a person's life. The cost burdens to the family members of individuals in terminal conditions are also considerable. Many families are forced to spend substantial amounts of their income and savings in order to medically prolong the lives of their loved ones for just a few days.

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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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13th Annual John Brogle Golf Outing

The Marty Lyons Foundation, Florida Chapter is hosting its 13th Annual John Brogle Golf Outing on October 8, at Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club. The Marty Lyons Foundation was established in 1982, as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization, to fulfill the special wishes of children, ages three to seventeen years old, who have been diagnosed as having a terminal or life-threatening illness by providing and arranging special wish requests.

Please help support them by playing in the John Brogle Golf Outing, being a sponsor, donating to their silent auction or raffle or volunteering your time. Your gift of time or treasure will surely be replaced with the satisfaction of helping grant wishes to those in need. Of every dollar donated, 94¢ goes directly to granting a wish.

To see wishes granted in Florida or learn more about the Marty Lyons Foundation and how you can help, visit facebook.com/martylyonsfoundationflorida/ or johnbroglegolfouting.weebly.com.

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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 and run through October. Classes fill quickly, you must pre-register by calling 727-893-5657. Registration is now open.

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.

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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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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2018-2019 Tot-Time and VPK Programs

Pre-registrations for the 2018-2019 Tot Time and VPK Programs are currently being accepted. The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3 to 5. Two, three or five-day

monthly options are available. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents to receive resident rates. The 5-day VPK Program is for children who turn 4 years of age by September 1 and live in Florida. The VPK Program is free but parents must apply at the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas, Inc. to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.

Both programs aim to make learning fun for children and help prepare them for Kindergarten. Both programs are limited to ten children each. Program hours are from 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Hours for registration are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 727-893-1068 for more information.
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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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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from Aug. 16 to Aug. 22 in Gulfport.

Source: Pinellas Gulfport Police Department

Gulfport

8/16 – Stolen vehicle in the 2200 block of 53rd Street South. A resident reported that two people took his vehicle without permission even though they were told not to. Carrie Baker and Jacob Thompson were arrested that evening and the vehicle was recovered.

8/17 – Crash in the 2400 block of 53rd Street South. A vehicle in the City Hall parking lot backed out of a parking spot striking a parked vehicle across the lot. There were no injuries and only minor damage.

8/17 – Intoxicated person in the 3100 block of Beach Boulevard. A resident reported seeing a woman asleep on a bench. The woman had some of her personal property out on the bench. When the responding officers contacted her, she did not know where she was and continually said she was waiting for an Uber. The officers attempted to find her a ride home, but with no one to care for her they had to take her into custody under the Marchman Act. She was transported to the Pinellas County Jail for her safety.

8/18 – Burglary to a vehicle in the 700 block of 60th Street South. A resident reported that sometime overnight someone got into his unlocked vehicle and stole items from his center console.

8/18 – Burglary to a vehicle in the 1800 block of 57th Street South. A citizen reported finding a driver's license and credit cards in the bushes near their home. An officer contacted the female listed on the cards and determined they were

stolen from her unlocked vehicle sometime during the night.

8/18 – Assist outside agency on the waters of Boca Ciega Bay. The marine unit was deployed to respond to a reported altercation between two boaters near Mariner's Cove. Officers discovered that one of the parties involved, David Farrell, had five open probable cause affidavits for various drug charges issued by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). A PCSO marine unit responded to assist and took Farrell into custody. Gulfport Police Department officers took Farrell back to the marina to await transport to the Pinellas County Jail.

8/18 – Disorderly intoxication on Gulfport Beach. A person reported that two women were intoxicated on the beach and had stripped naked and walked out into the water. The women were located being intimate with each other in the water just off the shore and were completely naked. Both females were issued Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion (APAD) notices for disorderly intoxication and were taken home to keep them from driving. One of the women was arrested later that same day for driving under the influence and is now ineligible for APAD. Charges will be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office.

8/19 – Retail theft at the Dollar General store. Brenton Ellis walked into the store then grabbed a drink and some food before walking past the cashier and out of the store. He thanked the cashier for the items as he was walking out without

paying. Officer Marshall located Ellis in front of the neighborhood center and he said that he was about to turn himself in as soon as he finished eating the food he stole. He was arrested and taken transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

8/19 – Burglary to a vehicle in the 5600 block of 18th Avenue South. A resident went out to turn the inside light off in her vehicle and realized that her wallet was stolen from the vehicle. The vehicle was apparently left unlocked, as there was no sign of forced entry.

8/20 – Arrest on a warrant in the 5700 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. A motorist reported seeing a person riding a bicycle with a seat attached to it that had a child in it. The caller thought it looked unsafe. Contact was made with the individuals. The small person was actually an adult and a records check revealed that she had an outstanding warrant for retail theft. Teryn Schakel was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

8/21 – Trespass in the 2600 block of Quincy Street South. A resident reported that she thought a man was going into her yard and urinating. The officers contacted the man who said he was not urinating in her yard and that he was just admiring all of the changes she had made. He was advised to stay out of her yard.

8/21 – Retail theft in the 5000 block Gulfport Boulevard South. A man took packages of meat products and ran from the store without paying for them. The responding officer reviewed the surveillance video and may have identified the suspect as someone he's had contact with before.

8/22 – Traffic stop for narcotics possession

at the corner of 64th Street South and Gulfport Boulevard South. Chief Vincent observed a vehicle driving recklessly so he conducted a traffic stop. When he made contact with the vehicle, it was apparent that one of the occupants had been smoking marijuana in the vehicle. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was evaluated by a drug recognition expert due to signs of impairment. A records check for the front seat passenger, Devon Thompson, revealed an outstanding warrant. Thompson asked that the officers get his cell phone from the vehicle so that he could take it to the jail with him. Thompson's cell phone was located in a bag that also contained a large container of marijuana (69 grams) as well as gummy bears laced with THC oil (marijuana). Thompson was charged with possession of marijuana (felony) as well as the outstanding warrant. He was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

Burglary – vehicle

8/17, 7 p.m., 1800 block of 57th Street S

8/17, 7 p.m., 6000 block of 9th Avenue S

8/17, 7 p.m., 700 block of 60th Street S

8/19, 12:35 a.m., 5600 block of 18th Avenue S

Shoplifting

8/18, 9:42 a.m., 4900 block of 17th Avenue S

Theft – petit

8/18, 4 p.m., 1100 block of Gray Street S

8/21, midnight, 1000 block of 54th Street S

Vandalism – criminal mischief

8/18, 11:01 a.m., 3100 block of Dupont Street S

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College – Expand and Enrich Your Life

By Angelina Bruno

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Eckerd College is gearing up for another exciting 2018 Fall Term with 124 classes and activities offered at its St. Petersburg location. The OLLI program bears the fitting slogan "Where Curiosity Never Retires," welcoming learners over the age of 50 in Pinellas County. The OLLI program uses classes, interest groups and day trips to educate and entertain members, providing more than 300 intellectually stimulating opportunities each year for students. Classes are non-credit, so students can learn and enjoy without the pressure of testing or grades.

OLLI's interest groups, exciting day trips and sessions, cover a wide range, from the performing arts to Florida wildlife, so there're opportunities for everyone to participate.

"Personally, I'm very excited for the fly fishing class," said Mary Szarota, Director at OLLI. "I think it will be really fun." The fly fishing class teaches casting, rigging and then applies the techniques in an on-campus pond.

Other classes on the schedule for fall include Immigration and the U.S. Economy, Introduction to Tai Chi, John Muir in Florida, Stay Safe Online, Google Maps Overview, The World's Religions in Tampa Bay, 1968: The Year that Changed Music Forever, live simulcasts of the New York Metropolitan Opera, recorded performances from the British National Theatre from London and the productions from the Bolshoi Ballet and many, many more. Outside of classes, OLLI offers off-site day trips, with locations like Tampa Bay Watch, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, the Archbold Biological Station and the Dunedin Historic Home Tour. Several Dine-Around experiences are also offered, giving foodies the chance to explore (or revisit) local restaurants in a fun, group setting.

Walt Ulbricht, is an OLLI member, volunteer, co-chair of the OLLI Marketing Committee and an appointee to the the OLLI Advisory Council. Ulbricht retired in 2014 and was extremely impressed with the high quality of the liberal arts classes for adult learners offered at Eckerd College.

Eventually he took to the classroom at Eckerd, using his graduate degree in film studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for American classic films from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s to OLLI learners.

"Presenting a great film from this era with OLLI



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participants is a stimulating cultural and generational connection that we share together," Ulbricht said.

Participants from past years have had an overwhelming positive response, with comments like "A most enjoyable experience," and "It is wonderful to have your mind opened up."

Classes start at \$10 for members, with many courses that run one session. A membership is not required to participate, but can be beneficial, especially for those interested in participating in more than one session or day trip.

Benefits of a yearly OLLI membership include discounted rates for day trips and classes, exclusive participation in interest groups, OLLI member rate of \$5 for buffet lunches at the Continuing Education Center on-campus dining hall, discounted entrance fees at the Museum of Fine Arts and the St. Petersburg Museum of History and more.

Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 and costs \$59. Memberships purchased after July 1 extend through the end of the following year.

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To join, learners can call the OLLI office at 727-864-7600, send in the membership form found online at eckerd.edu/olli or follow instructions online to enroll there. Fall term catalogs can also be mailed to interested persons.

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September 5, 2018

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September 11, 2018

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September 18, 2018

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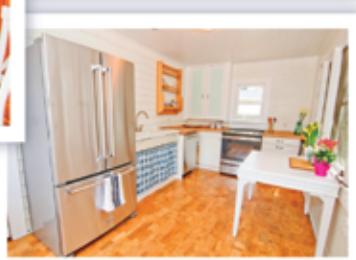
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