

Gulfport's Historical Museum Survives Labor Day Fire

By Debbie Wolfe



Gulfport Fire Department Lt. Erick Fuchs, third from right, coordinates with firefighters from South Pasadena and St. Petersburg to limit damage to mostly the front porch and adjacent exterior wall. On Labor Day Monday, September 3, arson is suspected to be the cause of a fire that began on the porch of the local History Museum, said Fire Chief James Marenkovic.

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Skate Park and Budget Get the Green Light

By Abby Baker

With a fire destroying the porch of the Gulfport History Museum the day before, skate park plans and a budget to approve, Gulfport City Council had a lot to go over at the Tuesday, September 5 meeting.

Discussed since 2016, when the skate park at the Tomlinson Park Complex was shut down for refurbishment, ideas for a new project have been mulled over with no approved plans.

At Tuesday's meeting, city council unanimously approved the park, which will be located at the Michael J. Yakes Recreation Complex at 5730 Shore Boulevard. The current bid for the project

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GeckoFesters Brave the Heat for a Good Time

By Angelina Bruno

It was all around good, sweltering fun in Gulfport Saturday, September 1. With an average temperature of 89 degrees, the day proved to be hot, but it didn't stop people from drinking, eating, shopping and dancing at the 18th Annual GeckoFest.

This year's celebration ran with the theme GeckoCon, kicking off the day at 10 a.m. and wrapping up at 10 p.m. The yearly, end-of-summer event is hosted by the Gulfport Merchant's Chamber and the City of Gulfport, with a portion of proceeds donated to local charities. Suzie King of SIK Promotions organized the event.

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Rose Price and Caroline Woodruff, volunteers for the Gulfport Merchants Chamber, take a break from selling GeckoFest t-shirts to pose for a photo.

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The Gulfport Neighbors will be raffling off a 49" TV to benefit the Gulfport Historical Society and their efforts to digitize their collection of historical records and artifacts.

The raffle will be held at the Gulfport Realty Office at Beach Blvd. and 29th Ave. Raffle tickets will be available at the First Friday Art Walk on September 7 and the Third Saturday Art Walk on September 15. The lucky winner will be announced at 10 p.m. on September 15. Take a chance for a great cause!

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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 our 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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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 by her peers 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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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!

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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Garden Yoga at the Gulfport Library

Join Christa from Bee Content Yoga for the Gulfport Library's Garden Yoga series. Spend the second Saturday of each month with some yoga. The next class is Saturday, September 8 at 10:15 a.m. The Cheshire Cat will oversee a relaxing, slow flow yoga class in the Reading Garden. Bring your mat, a water bottle and a friend so you can enjoy downtown Gulfport for lunch afterwards. For more information, call Cailey Klasson, youth services librarian at 727-893-1074. Thanks to the Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Public Library for making this class free to the public!

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To see the items on display, please visit jessicaryanart.com/jessica-ryan/art/new-work.

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New Coalition Seeks To Help LGBT Elders

LGBT elders have lived a lifetime of discrimination from employment, housing, military and even from their own religious institutions and families. With the current political climate, older LGBT people are feeling like "going back in the closet" in order to avoid prejudice in senior centers, retirement communities and health related facilities.

A number of professionals who work in the field of aging and other concerned individuals have been interested in providing supportive services for isolated and homebound LGBT elders, and have joined together to organize the Project Generations Coalition. Rather than starting their own nonprofit, the coalition is seeking an existing social service agency for a partner. The goals will be to provide friendly visiting and to provide cultural competency training for providers of aging services.

If you would like to learn more about Project Generations Coalition, contact Chris Almvig at 913-548-8448 or calmvig@yahoo.com.

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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 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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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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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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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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Trivia Night at Gulfport Library

Are you a trivia buff? Do you love watching Jeopardy!? Want to show off your esoteric knowledge? Grab some friends, make a team and come to the Gulfport Library's first ever after-hours Trivia Night on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. They'll have light refreshments for all and prizes

(including bragging rights) for the winning team! For more information contact Cailey at 727-893-1074.

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Fantasy and Sci-Fi at the Circle Bookshop

Alien beings and fantastic creatures are featured at the Circle of Friends Bookshop at the Gulfport Library this week. Choose from a wide variety of sci-fi magazines, paperbacks and hard cover fiction. Prefer more down-to-earth subjects? Check out the many non-fiction titles. The Circle of Friends Bookshop is located in the Gulfport Library at 5501 28th Ave. S. Please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035 if you have any bookshop questions.

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2018-2019 Rec Center Tot-Time Program

The city of Gulfport Recreation Center 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 to 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 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Hours for pre-registration are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proof of residency is required for Gulfport residents. Call 727-893-1068 for more information.

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Sophie's Attic Has the Fresh Stuff

Greeting from Sophie's Attic, the coolest place in Gulfport to shop. They have two racks of freshly laundered clothing for your shopping pleasure, both men's and ladies'. They recently received another large donation of jewelry which included some unstrung beads which would be nice for your beading projects. There is also a nice selection of bedding available. Their awesome staff of volunteers are ready to welcome you. Sophie's Attic is a mission outreach of the First United Methodist Church at 53rd St. near 28th Ave. S. They are open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

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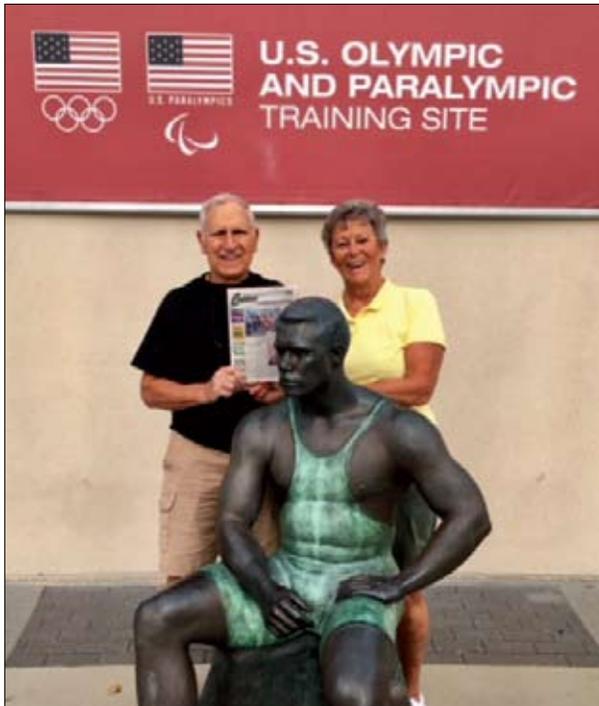
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CORRECTION: Last week we incorrectly said that the Leaning Tower of PISA was in Rome. It is, in fact, in Pisa.

Send us a picture with you and your *Gabber* on vacation. Include a brief description and your name at News@theGabber.com.

Money Smart for Older Adults

Come learn important points to consider in planning for a more secure financial future, including how to guard against identity theft and other financial exploitation, as well as how to prepare financially for unexpected life events and disasters. This presentation is brought to you by Third Federal Savings & Loan on Wednesday, September 12 at 2 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S.

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Spaghetti Dinner at St. Vincent's Episcopal

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Volunteers Needed for Area Cleanup

Gulfport Neighbors will host a cleanup of Gulfport Beach on Saturday September 8, from 9 till 11 a.m. Meet at the Recreation Center at Shore Blvd. and 58th St. S.

This is a great way to make a difference in the community. The Gulfport Neighbors will be cleaning up the beach and surrounding area.

They have a limited number of picker/grabber tools available. If you have one, please bring it with you. Gloves, sun protection and comfortable footwear are also recommended. Water will be provided. For more information visit Facebook.com/gulfportneighbors.

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Shop for local art along Beach Boulevard, visit a gallery, catch a live local band and dine at one of the locally-owned restaurants along Beach and Shore Boulevards. Live Music appears at several Venues throughout the arts district.

The Gulfport Art & Gallery Walk, produced by the non-profit Gulfport Merchants Chamber, takes place from 6 to 10 p.m. every first Friday and third Saturday and is home to dozens of artisans and craftsmen each month.

There is no admission fee and complimentary parking is available nearby with courtesy trolley rides to and from off-site parking areas. Gulfport events are always pet and family friendly. For general event information, visit Facebook.com/GulfportArtWalk, visitgulfportflorida.com or call 727-322-5217.

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Gulfport Library Free Family Movie Series

The Gulfport Public Library is screening the sweet and uplifting story of four friends and their decades-long book club on Saturday, September 15 at 1:30 p.m. The film features great performances by Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candace Bergen, Mary Steenburgen, and Andy Garcia. Rated PG-13.

If anyone has any questions about this title please contact the library at 727-893-1074.

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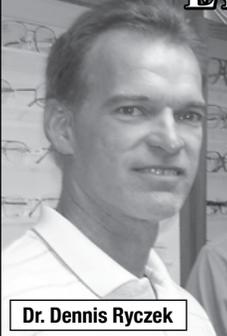
Join Dr. Damon J. Stafford, DC of Professional Health Care of Pinellas, Inc. on Tuesday, September 11 at 1 p.m. at the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., as he discusses the science behind stem cells and where the research is taking us. Space is limited, you must call 727-893-5657 to pre-register.

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Open House at Gulfport Senior Center

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Membership is easy and free for all individuals 50 years of age or older. For more information, call the event line at 727-893-5657.

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Luncheon at the Lithuanian Club

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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Fall 2018 Classes at OLLI at Eckerd College

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Eckerd College announces its non-credit liberal arts classes and activities at its St. Petersburg Continuing Education Center scheduled for Fall 2018.

Designed for people age 50+ and open to all adult learners across Pinellas County, OLLI classes include topics in biography, culture and travel, film and television, history, theatre, science and visual arts.

The OLLI 2018 Fall Catalog of classes and activities for the CEC, listing 124 courses and activities from September through December.

Among the many Fall 2018 classes offered are "1968: The Year That Changed Music Forever," "Clyde Butcher: Visions of Dali's Spain," "Discovering A Second Adulthood,"

"Immigration and the U.S. Economy," "Tales of the Foreign Service," "The Searchers: and "The World's Religions in Tampa Bay."

In addition, OLLI at Eckerd College will feature "Julie," "King Lear," "The Madness of King George," and "Frankenstein" as recorded live productions of the British National Theatre. Seven live productions of the New York Metropolitan Opera will be simulcast by satellite, including "Aida," "The Magic Flute" and "La Traviata." Both series are held in the Dan and Mary Miller Auditorium with HD digital projection.

Most classes and activity fees vary from \$10 to \$45 for OLLI members. Many are single-session classes offered for about two hours in a morning or afternoon.

The annual OLLI membership is \$59 per person and provides class discounts and other benefits. Non-OLLI members are welcomed to participate in classes and activities.

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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.

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Obituaries

DEZWAAN, EDWARD J., 80 of Gulfport passed away on August 31 after a long illness. Born in Grand Rapids, MI and a graduate of Kelloggsville High School, he served eight years in the Michigan National Guard. He worked 27 years for Walter Hagen Golf before moving to Florida and working for Suncoast/Largo Medical. Survived by his wife of 54 years Linda and children Brigitte Horvath of Dorr, MI; Patrick and Jennifer De Zwaan of Hastings MI and Colleen and George Eells of Largo. Along with seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren, two of whom predeceased him. Interment will be private and family asks in lieu of flowers donations be made to Suncoast Hospice or any Cancer Society.

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STALLINGS HENDERSON, BARBARA "BOBBI" DEAN, 71, of Leon Springs, TX departed this world on Thursday August 23 at 9:19 p.m. Barbara was born on June 17, 1947 in Roanoke Rapids, NC to Samuel Morgan Stallings and Dorothy Keeter Stallings of Enfield, NC. She is survived by her husband James Arthur Henderson Jr., her three children Mayor Sam Henderson of Gulfport; Patrick Sean Henderson and Kathleen Henderson, both of San Antonio, TX, as well as seven loving grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Barbara was a proud graduate of East Carolina University, and was the first of her family to complete a college degree. She worked

as a high school educator, a long-time editor for the "Mother Earth News" and later as a dedicated caregiver for elderly clients in San Antonio, TX. She had a great love of literature, and was an avid reader and highly imaginative writer. Bobbi was a true romantic, happiest when sharing adventure, nature and mischief with Jim, her partner in crime and loving husband of 50 years. She unceasingly gave of herself for the betterment of others and remained committed to caring for her loved ones till the end. Never did a mother show greater love for her children. Bobbi had a devilish

sense of humor, and appreciated a good laugh to the fullest. She was the heart of her family and will be sorely missed. Bobbi is preceded in death by her mother and father, as well as her younger sister and lifelong confidant Nancy Stallings Ratliff. The Henderson family would like to express their gratitude to the many extended family members and dear friends from across the country, and here in Gulfport, who have expressed their love, sympathy and support. Farewell until we meet again, Bobbi Dean.

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"Sanding Ovations" on Treasure Island

All it takes is a pile of sand, some buckets of water, and lots of imagination to build a masterpiece, at least for 10 master sculptors who return to Treasure Island for the 10th annual Sanding Ovations Masters Cup Sand Sculpture Competition and Music Festival from November 14 through 18.

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The beach food court and beer gardens sponsored by Corona, an arts and crafts marketplace and three days of live music make Sanding Ovations a must-see event.

The city of Treasure Island's 10th Annual Sanding Ovations Masters Cup is free and open to the public. For event schedules, sand sculptor biographies and other Sanding Ovations info, visit mytreasureisland.com or call Treasure Island Parks & Recreation at 727-547-4575 ext. 237.

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GeckoFest,

from front page

According to the website for SIK Promotions 35,000 people were estimated to attend GeckoFest 2018, but King could not provide the Gabber with an exact turnout for Saturday by press time.

“It’s too hard to gauge,” she said. “I think it was very successful. The businesses were happy, there were a lot of people and we didn’t have any rain, which is not normal.”

As expected, this year’s event brought entertainment for everyone, with street performers, live music, and even live painting at multiple locations up and down the Beach Boulevard.

Twelve-year-old Michael “Mr. Sax” Smith trumpeted smooth tunes for passerby at the fest.

“I just love being able to be free and do whatever I want with it,” said Smith, talking about his love for the saxophone. Smith plays around the bay area and traveled from New Port Richey with his family to play at GeckoFest.

Professional unicyclist and juggler Lucian Fuller wowed audiences, riding a sky-high one-wheeler taller than the street lamps on Beach Boulevard. The Acromaniacs duo, Kumiko Haito and Daniel Salas returned to GeckoFest, showcasing their gymnastics skills and posing

for photos afterwards with fans.

Later in the afternoon, Alvaro Gordillo, (known to his fans as Bboy Arisin,) created a circle around him, pulling in members of the audience to help him “create the energy” for his breakdance show.

“The audience is the one who brings the energy,” he said. Bboy Arisin traveled from New York City to perform.

Another unique traveler to GeckoFest 2018 was Elphaba, a bearded dragon.

“We liked the theme and we wanted to bring her,” said owner Amanda Mole, petting her bearded dragon. “Most people ask if she’s real.”

Mole and co-owner Ken Roe hung out with their pet in the Blueberry Patch section of the fest, located near the Gulfport Library.

“Everyone always asks if she’s a gecko,” said Mole. Elphaba responded by spending a good portion of Saturday basking in the sun on top of a large Gecko statue.

Former Gecko Queen Joan Samuel jammed out to the band near the merch table.

“I always have a good time in Gulfport,” she said.

Vendors selling everything from embellished shell crowns to beer, local honey, plants and even kilts rounded out the festival experience.

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Cesar Lopez, left, poses during a south stage performance with bandmates Robert and Sam. The three are members of Razin’ Jane, a self-described alt-country group.



Elphaba, a bearded dragon, catches some rays at GeckoFest on Saturday, September 1.



Jason Esper, owner of Florida Roasted Corn, rocks a funny hat while selling cobs. “It’s our first year here, but we’d absolutely come back,” he said. “I was just talking to my wife about that.”



Michael "Mr. Sax" Smith, 12, plays his sax for passersby on Saturday. Smith plays at gigs around the Tampa Bay area.



Linda Delorey, left poses for a photo with Keith Gerwer, Douglas Delorey and Cindy Gerwer at the Blueberry Patch merch tent Saturday. "We're going to have a great afternoon," said Cindy.



James Bell, center, poses for a fan photo with Kumiko Haito, left, and Daniel Salas, center. Haito and Salas make up the gymnastics performance group Acromaniacs.



Alvaro Gordillo, (known to his fans as Bboy Arisin) attempts a headspin during his break dance performance Saturday afternoon.

Kitchen Fire Causes \$10,000 in Damage

By Debbie Wolfe

An accidental kitchen fire involving food left on the stove caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage on the evening of Wednesday, August 29 in the east half of a duplex located at 5808 Gulfport Boulevard S.

No persons or animals were injured in the fire, said Gulfport Fire Chief James Marenkovic. "The damage may not have been as extensive as it was if [the tenant] had had a smoke detector and fire extinguisher," he said. "The takeaway from this is that smoke detectors and fire extinguishers should be in every home."

The neighbor living in the other half of the duplex smelled smoke and when she put her hand on the man's front door, "she felt it was hot," said Marenkovic. "She called 911."



Firefighters work to secure a Gulfport duplex residence damaged by an accidental kitchen fire on the evening of Wednesday, August 29 at 5808 Gulfport Boulevard S. The home was not equipped with smoke detectors or fire extinguishers, said Gulfport Fire Chief James Marenkovic. No persons or animals were injured in the fire.



Firefighters from Gulfport and St. Petersburg answered the fire alarm.

The cooking food "self-extinguished because it had no more oxygen for the fire to grow," he said.

Afterward, Marenkovic said he advised the Gulfport-based landlord to make sure that smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are installed.

Gulfport firefighters remove items from a Gulfport duplex where an accidental kitchen fire caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage on the evening of Wednesday, August 29.

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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. Calls will be returned.

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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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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!

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The Gabbs

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Ginny Ponder, Clearwater: "It's important for education, knowledge and to broaden your scope especially for children. Where are you going to get in this world if you can't read? You've got to know how to read."

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Thomas O'Connor, Gulfport: "I have been an avid reader for most of my life. So, I would hope that everybody has that option to be able to enjoy everything that you get from reading. It's a vital tool. I kept on stealing my older brother's and sister's books and reading books that were probably a little bit too old for me like 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings' when I was like six or seven years old."

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Maria Benjamin, Largo: "It's very important because you need to be able to communicate and realize what's going on in the world so you can make your mark. Growing up, every time I would read a book my parents would buy me a bag of banana two-stick popsicles. The very first book I finished was 'The Cat in the Hat' by Dr. Seuss."

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Bill Vinhage, Bradenton: "The ability to read and in a way that makes you a better person. In kindergarten, I read 'Jack and Jill Went Up the Hill' and things like that. Now, I read a lot of Russian literature. I love [Fyodor] Dostoyevsky and [Leo] Tolstoy. Some German stuff too like Hermann Hess and Thomas Mann."

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Letters

Historical Society Counts Its Blessings After Fire

Dear Editor: While we're busy being thankful because the fire Monday morning could have been far, far worse, we need to thank — loudly! — the Gulfport (and St. Petersburg and South Pasadena) fire departments. They saved our town's history this morning. If they hadn't been so quick to act, everything would be lost. As it stands now, it looks like our main historic losses are the historic Shuffleboard Club sign and the Gulfport Historic Register sign (we'll know more after the investigation is complete and we can conduct a full assessment). These things are not replaceable, and their loss is real and tragic. However, no one was injured and our records and all our other artifacts are secure. Thanks, too, to the Gulfport PD for being on hand, assisting and

apprehending a suspect.

We also want to thank everyone who stopped by to tell us what they saw, extend their sympathy and overall join with us in our communal heartbreak.

And to Gulfport Beach Bazaar, Stella's, and councilfolk Paul Ray and Christine Anne Brown, thank you for the special trip you made to tell us you wanted to help. Your kindness to us and reverence for our history touches us.

Finally, we want to thank the city staff who came in before 8 a.m. on their day off to help us with debris clearing and securing the museum. Your dedication to this community means more to us all than you will ever know.

We don't know what lies ahead, but we're still here. We're just a little... charred... right now. The fire department moved as much as they could from near the entrance when they weren't sure whether or not the fire was in the wall between the porch and the interior. Their quick thinking no doubt saved some of our history. The holes in the walls are from them, trying to determine whether or not the fire was in the walls.

While we can't replace the historical items that were lost, we can take steps to further protect our records. And we can give thanks to the firefighters who risked their lives to protect our community's museum.

We're seeing a lot of talk about arson and who it might have been.

Please remember the important things: no one was injured, the losses could have been far greater, and mental illness is a disease. It is our most sincere hope that if it was arson, whoever set the fire, for whatever reason, is able to get the help they need in a safe place. Our hearts break for them and what must be happening in their head.

Thank you all for your support.

Cathy Salustri
Gulfport Historic Society

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Thanks to the MY Foundation

Dear Editor: The city of Gulfport Recreation Center would like to thank the MY Foundation for sponsoring six local Gulfport children for the 2018 summer program. The children enjoyed nine weeks of fun filled with arts and crafts, sports, guest speakers and field trips. It is only through sponsors such as your organization that local Gulfport children can enjoy a safe fun-filled summer.

Jami Rowell
Staff Assistant II
City of Gulfport Recreation Center

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Letters to the Editor

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Sacred Lands Hosts Gypsy Wind Band

Sacred Lands, 1620 Park St., will host Gypsy Wind Band on Friday, September 21. They perform acoustic, bluegrass, jazz and folk tunes and you can check out their music at GypsyWindBand.com. There will be a healthy homemade meal for purchase separately for \$8.

Sacred Lands is one of the most scenic sites in the county. Info is at sacredlandspreservation.com.

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Dresses are available to all in-need, high school girls for their high school dances. 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.

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Crossword Puzzle Solution on Page 12

ACROSS

- 1 Catch fly balls
- 5 Recording artist Paula
- 10 NV city
- 14 Smidgen
- 15 *Chain Gang* singer
- 16 Cry out for
- 17 1983 winner
- 20 Term-paper abbreviation
- 21 Son of Noah
- 22 Wise one
- 25 Curious and intrusive
- 28 1972 winner
- 31 1982 winner
- 33 Slaughter, on the diamond
- 34 Avian penthouse
- 36 Fig. for Willie Nelson
- 37 Wheat's whiskers
- 38 1981 winner
- 40 Dem. leader in the 1950s
- 41 Actress ___ Dawn Chong
- 42 Maxwell and Lanchester
- 43 Margret, and others
- 44 Bighorn sheep

- 46 1965 winner
- 49 New stadium feature
- 50 Cricketer's pop-ups
- 51 Veterinary school subj.
- 53 Box-office success
- 56 1966 winner
- 62 Showroom model
- 63 January, in Jalisco
- 64 Naturalness
- 65 Actor Stockwell
- 66 1961 winner
- 67 Stained

DOWN

- 1 Bro's relative
- 2 Santa's belly shaker
- 3 On one's toes
- 4 Lyons siblings
- 5 Colorless liquid
- 6 Singer ___ George
- 7 Funnyman DeLuise
- 8 Kin to an edict
- 9 Solidarity's Walesa
- 10 Captivate
- 11 Maui neckwear
- 12 Barbie's beau
- 13 Dedicated verse
- 18 Italian bread?
- 19 During a fasting period

- 23 Thunder units
- 24 Take it easy
- 26 Curve cutter
- 27 Man from lbb
- 28 Stiller's partner
- 29 Toward the center
- 30 Idealist's object of knowledge
- 31 Knightly title
- 32 Out-of-date
- 35 Full of swamp plants
- 38 ___ Rubenstein
- 39 Ivy Leaguer
- 43 Analyzed ore
- 45 Wonder woman, e.g.
- 47 ___ one's laurels
- 48 LaDouce
- 50 Dictation whiz
- 52 Former labor leader
- 54 Do away with
- 55 Socks
- 56 "Cookie" Byrnes
- 57 1975 winner Grant
- 58 1971 Chicago tune ___ Man
- 59 Race or mite leader
- 60 Dom. of Otto I
- 61 Cross or deer

Award-Winning Actresses

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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 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 food or 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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Horoscope Guide

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's an ideal week to set up routines that help you succeed. You'll be most productive when you tap into your natural rhythms. Notice when you're performing at your peak and pay attention to when you're tired, too. Then you can schedule accordingly. The weekend will bring a fun development in your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Many parts of your life are going great, but there's one area that currently has you baffled. When your thoughts follow from, "How did I get here?" the answer may be foggy. It's like you've been sleepwalking, but this week's action will gently nudge you awake, aware and ready to move more deliberately.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some will experience you as a spinning wheel of heart-based energy. You're also very organized, and when you focus, you can channel your efforts in extremely practical and result-oriented ways. So much of what you try will work. Your efforts will be rewarded publicly and cherished privately.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The 80/20 rule will strongly apply to what you'll encounter this week. Of course, the trick is in determining the 20 percent of effort that will net the 80 percent of results. A high-level overview is needed to see it clearly. A detour from life as usual will help.

Ask experienced and knowledgeable people for insights.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While there are plenty of people out there trying to "be somebody," when you get treated like a "somebody," it makes you want to hide. After all, "somebodies" are expected to perform. Don't worry so much. You're up to it, or you will be soon enough. Keep practicing your thing. The breakthrough is imminent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This week features an increase in competition, and you say, "Bring it on!" You relish in having a reason to work harder, be more focused and fully embody your true potential. Your choices will be rather cut and dried: either advance and achieve, or retreat and watch someone else achieve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Finally, the chance to be fun! Of course, "being fun" is always an option, though not always so obviously as it is this week. The secret is simple. Relax, and then make the people around you feel important so they can relax, too. A memorable spontaneity will ensue; the kind on which lasting relationships thrive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The week features a time-sensitive situation that seems to take over your life for a few days. Some of the pressure is artificial, due to arbitrary deadlines set by people just trying to

move things forward. Ask for leeway if you need. Put your own health and well-being first. Don't let anyone stress you out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you find that you don't want what you once did, it's not because you were wrong, it's just that wishes can be fickle. Think of it all as an experiment. Stay lighthearted, remain on your own side, and know that you'll be satisfied in time. It may help you to think of your appetites as guides, not masters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may get the feeling that matters of attraction aren't really personal, rather they depend on positioning, power dynamics and hitting the right triggers. Maybe it's a slightly cynical way to see it, or maybe it's a way that frees you to hone some skills and experiment in order to get more of what you'd like in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't even have to know people personally to be impacted, influenced or motivated by them. Sometimes just the idea of a person -- or the ideas a person has set forth -- can be enough to change you. This week, one exciting individual will make you see yourself differently, thus altering your course.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It might be interesting or validating to acquire what can be quantified in material terms, but your deepest desire is for intangible things -- to grow as a person and a thinker, to become deeper so you can share more soulful connections. All these desires are met through better listening and keener perception.

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"I'm pretty excited about it, I think this is great for, especially that middle age kid who is too old for the playground," said Vice Mayor Christine Brown. "It's such a great sport for them."

According to City Manager Jim O'Reilly, the building of the park will take anywhere from 90 to 120 days once the city meets with a contractor and will have no age limit or price for residents.

The jumps will be constructed out of concrete, which is a quiet option that requires less upkeep.

"They're virtually maintenance free; these concrete parts just last forever," said Nick Nicks, co-founder of the St. Pete Skatepark Alliance. "It's definitely not as noisy as wood or metal rims."

Councilmember Dan Liedtke, who, at the August 7 council meeting, said he could not vote on the project without seeing additional details, approved the plans upon seeing an aerial map of the soon-to-be skate park.

"I did want to ask about making one tweak to the plan: Shouldn't there be a bigger deck on here?" said Liedtke, gesturing to the main skate jump on the conceptual drawing. "Also, I want to make sure when we do this that we get the trees that we see in the picture, can you guarantee that we will have 15 to 20 trees on that side?"

A few residents at the meeting expressed concern about the three-foot fence that will line the skate park.

"A 36-inch fence is fine," said Liedtke. "I don't think we're going to have a bunch of old ladies jumping it at night."

Council Approves First Reading of 2018-19 Budget

The meeting opened with the unanimous approval of the first reading for the adoption of the operating budget for fiscal year 2018-19. A second and final vote will be held on the budget at the meeting on September 18.

If approved on September 18, the annual budget will go into effect starting October 1 of this year and



Conceptual sketches show the new skate park at the Gulfport Recreation Center with many new trees and concrete ramps for skaters.

ending September 30, 2019. According to O'Reilly, the budget stands at \$26,514,647.

"Well done. The process was good," said Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson. "We had plenty of time for input."

For more information on the 2018-19 City of Gulfport budget visit mygulfport.us/fiscal-year-2019-city-of-gulfport-proposed-budget.

The council also approved an ordinance that will create a \$1 increase to monthly stormwater bills beginning in 2019.

"This is part of our long-term financial plan regarding our utilities," said O'Reilly.

Council Addresses History Museum Fire

In the early morning, September 4, 56-year-old David Knoll was arrested for suspected arson at the Gulfport History Museum.

"We did have a fire in town and I'm sure everyone knows about it," said Brown.

With this happening a day before

the council meeting, council members brought it up without public comment.

"I'm really thankful to the local people who caught it and called right away," said Vice Mayor Brown, who lives near the museum. "My daughter heard the sirens and woke us up."

Firefighters were called in quickly, but not before the historic building suffered \$25,000 worth of damage in an early estimate.

"I really wanted to thank the police department and the fire department for the quick response," said Councilmember Paul Ray. "It was put out so quickly with minimum amounts of damage."

Mayor Sam Henderson brought up potentially adding more fire extinguishers, possibly digitizing the museum's collection and creating a fireproof room.

"I hadn't thought about a fireproof room but I know that digitizing the collection is a \$30,000 bill," Brown said.

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Museum Fire, from front page

It was a close call for an old building constructed entirely of “very dry wood,” said Gulfport Fire Chief James V. Marenkovic. The firefighters, he said, “did an excellent job of saving the museum for the amount of fire that was there.”

In an early morning fire on Labor Day Monday, September 3, flames threatened to involve the entire History Museum in Gulfport but were limited to mostly the front porch and adjacent exterior wall thanks to quick action by first responders from three fire departments, he said.

The fire call came in at 7:13 a.m. from an alarm in the building located at 5301 28th Avenue S., which is four blocks from Gulfport’s fire station.

By 7:17 a.m. first responder crews from Gulfport were on scene, said Marenkovic. Firefighters from South Pasadena and St. Petersburg quickly joined them in the

group effort to save both the building and its contents.

No one was injured, he said.

In the end, there was damage from fire, water and smoke in addition to the use of a tool used by firefighters to poke holes through and probe the inside wall and ceiling areas “to make sure the fire wasn’t spreading through the interior and up through the attic,” said Marenkovic. The shiplap wood siding that comprises the exterior wall of the building “had a lot of alligatoring so it had been burning for at least an hour.” The floor, roof and railings of the front porch in addition to the double front doors were also burned.

Regarding the interior part of the building, Marenkovic said there was a lot of smoke and water damage.

Marenkovic said the initial estimate for repairs and cleanup to the building is \$25,000. At press time, however, Gulfport Historical Society President Cathy Salustri was meeting with insurance adjusters at the



The porch of the Historical Museum was mostly charred except for one round commemorative artifact that was hanging on the building’s exterior shiplap entrance wall. Catherine A. Hickman, the name on the year 2000 plaque, was the founder of the Gulfport Historical Society, the non-profit that curates and operates the museum. “It’s like she was watching over the museum!” said Gulfport resident Cookie Atkinson Cottrell.

museum. The figure, she said, “could be more than double that, once you factor in restoration.”

The insured building is owned by the city and it is located on public land called Chase Park, said Gulfport

City Manager Jim O’Reilly. The city maintains the building and surrounding area. The non-profit Gulfport Historical Society is under a use agreement with the city regarding the building so they can maintain and operate the museum and be responsible for its contents, including insurance. The society can also use the park for their events and activities.

An insurance claim for the structural damage was filed on Tuesday, September 4, said O’Reilly. The exact outcome of the claim will not be known for several days.

“We will assist the society’s members in any ways we can,” he said.

No significant damage occurred to the contents of the museum, said Vice Mayor Christine Brown who is also the past chairperson of the society’s board of directors. She served on the board for 20 years and after winning her re-election bid for the Ward 2 council seat, she stepped down on March 14, 2017 to pursue other ways to serve the city.



“Mostly what burned on the 100-year-old building was 100 years of paint,” said Vice Mayor Christine Brown at the Gulfport City Council meeting one day after a suspected arson fire caused an estimated \$25,000 in damage at the local History Museum that burned on the early morning of Labor Day Monday, September 3. The Gulfport Fire Department and two other municipal crews worked to save the wooden building and its contents. According to the city’s fire chief, the front porch is where the fire started. “There was a little wood damage,” said Brown. “I mean, I’m not an expert but it was a lot of paint!”

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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..

TOT-Time Program- We are accepting 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.

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

Gulfport Writers: Wednesdays at 10 am. (previously Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers).

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6–7:30 pm. FMI, call 727- 537-9098.

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

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 holi-

day. 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.

Open Mic: Monday, September 24, 5-6:45 pm. FMI, call 727-893-1073.

Gentle Yoga for Adults: Tuesday, September 25, 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.

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, 6-7:30 pm. Note change in time. Mobile reading intervention program for grades K-5. Classes held in RV parked in front of Library. Registration required. FMI contact leahveal@beeslearning.org, or call 404-308-0295. Visit beeslearning.org.

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 Diddlely 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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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](https://www.facebook.com/GulfportSeniorCenter).

1st Friday Flea Market - Friday, 9/7 at 9 a.m. Come discover the great selection of jewelry, home décor, cook books, collectibles, and many other goodies.

The Science Behind Stem Cells - Tuesday, 9/11 at 1 pm. Dr. Damon J. Stafford, DC of Professional Health Care of Pinellas, Inc. will discuss the science behind stem cells and where the research is taking us. MUST call 727-893-5657 to pre-register.

Money Smart for Older Adults: Financial Exploitation - Wednesday, 9/12 at 2 pm. Come learn important points to consider in planning for a more secure financial future, including how to guard against identity theft & other financial exploitation, as well as how to prepare financially for unexpected life events & disasters. Presented by Third Federal Savings & Loan.

Know Your Numbers - Thursday, 8/09 at 10:30 a.m. It is important to know your numbers. Come out to get your blood sugar and blood pressure checked.

Health Talks with Humana: Healthy Sleep - Monday, 9/17 at 10:30 a.m. Join Wendy as she offers powerful tips on how to get a better night's rest.

The Seasoned Sowers Garden Club - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get down & dirty with one of America's favorite past-time hobbies. No experience needed! Natural-born green thumbs & first-time gardeners welcome.

Phones For Hearing Impaired - Having a problem hearing on the phone? Florida residents with a hearing loss qualify for a free amplified home phone. Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., Family Center on Deafness issues equipment at the Gulfport Senior Center every third Tuesday of the month between 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. This program is paid for by a surcharge on all Florida households with home phone lines and all business lines, and has been available since 1991. Call 399-9983 for more information.

Popcorn & Movie - Tuesday 9/18 at 1 p.m. Join Dedicated & Wellcare for a matinee movie and popcorn in the Catherine Hickman Theater. "I Can Only Imagine" is an inspiring true story of ultimate hope & a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness.

Active Shooter Preparedness & Response Training - Wednesday, 9/19 at 2 pm. Be Prepared! Learn how to proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event.

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.

Reassurance Program - Daily calls made to members to provide reassurance and emergency assistance if needed. Gulfport residents 50 years of age or older.

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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GEMS Gulfport Getaways

Senior Center registration required. however there is no need to be a GEMS member to enjoy these exciting gulfport getaways.

Call 727-893-2242 for more information and to reserve your seat. Trips are non-refundable and subject to change without notice.

September 13 - Imagine Museum - Contemporary Studio Glass. Find inspiration as you explore "major works of American art created by founding, leading, current and emerging artists working in the field of studio glass." The current featured exhibition is *Paul Stankard: Unseen Worlds*. \$16 for GEMS Members / \$18 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation, parking and admission.

September 17 - Out-to-Lunch: Fresco's Waterfront Bistro. Enjoy the beautiful view of the St. Petersburg Marina while eating a delicious lunch at Fresco's Waterfront Bistro. \$4 for GEMS Members / \$6 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation. Meal paid for separately.

September 20 - John's Pass Village and Boardwalk. Enjoy the quaint turn-of-the-century fishing village with over 100 specialty shops and restaurants. Shop, grab a bite to eat or sit back and watch the dolphins pass...it's up to you.. \$5 for GEMS Members / \$7 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation and parking.

September 25 - Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. Take a historic tour of Safety Harbor and Spa, one of America's oldest and finest spa resorts. Discover if Safety Harbor, known to be a haven where "healing waters flow," is the Fountain of Youth that Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto was looking for. Learn the rich history that this resort was built upon. After the tour, lunch will take place in the resort's Fountain Grille Restaurant. \$15 for GEMS Members / \$17 for Non-GEMS Members. Price includes: Round-trip transportation, parking and guided tour. Meal paid for separately.

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YOU — AND THE LAW —

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By Robert J. Myers, Esq.

Why Buy-Sell Agreements Are Important (Part 1)

If you own a company and have a partner or partners, have you ever considered what would happen should one of you die?

Hopefully, you won't have to face this situation, but if you do, a buy-sell agreement can allow for the continuance of the company as well as providing financial security for you, your partner(s), and your family. A buy-sell agreement not only protects against the death of a partner but also provides financial protection if a partner retires, resigns or becomes disabled. Let's look at a situation where there was no buy-sell agreement in place.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales are equal partners of XYZ Services Company. They have determined that XYZ is worth \$2 million. They each own \$1 million of ABC stock and they each draw an annual salary of

\$150,000.

When Mr. Gonzales died, his stock worth \$1 million will pass to his estate. However, the stock will pay no dividends because all earnings are retained by XYZ. Therefore, Mr. Gonzales' family will be left with a non-income-producing and illiquid asset. Mr. Gonzales' only return from XYZ was his salary which, of course, ceased upon his death.

The Gonzales family could appeal to Ms. Smith to pay dividends on the stock, but why would Ms. Smith want to pay dividends? Salaries are a tax-deductible business expense but dividends are not. Also, dividends would have to be paid on all outstanding shares, including those held by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Smith also has a potential problem. The Gonzales family holds half of XYZ's stock. What effect will this have on the long-term development plans of the business?

Another problem that the Gonzales family and Ms. Smith have is how

to determine the value of XYZ stock. An interest in a closely held company is often an unmarketable asset and placing a value on the stock for estate tax purposes could be difficult. Many factors affect the fair market value of a closely held business, including general business trends, the outlook for the specific industry, the financial condition of the company and its earnings power. While Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales may have felt they knew the value of XYZ's stock before Mr. Gonzales died, unless the value is in a formal agreement the taxation authorities are likely to get closely involved in the valuation of XYZ's stock to justify its highest value.

The valuation of the stock will create difficulty for the executor of Mr. Gonzales estate. The executor will likely want to place the lowest value on the stock in order to minimize estate tax liability. However, estate taxation is not the only concern when placing a value on a closely held business. The step-up in cost basis that is afforded to all capital assets at death can result in no income tax being imposed on the sale following death. This has to be scrutinized rather closely in light of the estate tax rate that would be paid if the value of the business was increased. If an agreement on the value of XYZ's stock cannot be reached, the matter may have to be resolved in court, wasting considerable time and money.

A properly designed buy-sell agreement can help prevent many of these problems. It can provide liquidity for the family of the deceased, ensure the continuance of the company, and establish the value of the company's stock.

In our next article, we will explore together how a buy-sell agreement between Ms. Smith and Mr. Gonzales would lessen some of the uncertainties in their business relationship as well as provide for an orderly transition of the business upon Mr. Gonzales' death.

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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 History Word for Word, Picture by Picture

By Debbie Wolfe

When it comes to documenting the history of Gulfport, *the Gabber* newspaper has played an integral role for the past 50 years and now the city's public library is leading the effort to preserve every word and the physical appearance of the pages in what would be an easy-to-search digital format.

It will literally take a village to achieve this expensive and time-consuming goal.

To this end, the library staff is collaborating with others who have a vested interest in preserving local history such as the people who curate and provide access to the varied physical collections in the Gulfport Historical Museum, said Dave Mather who is both the city's director of information technology and the library.

The digitizing process "is expensive so, obviously, the city would not bear the burden of the cost," he said. "However, we've done a lot of things through grants and donations in the past and we're hoping we can do that again particularly if we collaborate with the museum. It would take over \$10,000 to do our bound volumes up to the 1990s."

A national vendor that uses their own proprietary software to digitize the narrative content of newspapers also maintains the visual look of their presentations by scanning the corresponding page layouts, said Mather. In this way, related content such as headline size and style, photographs, captions and information graphics are also digitally archived.

The process "really shines when you use it for old papers or magazines," he said. The scanning process is done without hurting the original materials.

If funded and completed, 50 years of print editions of *the Gabber* could be electronically searched easily and quickly word for word.

For instance, the newspaper's content has proven useful for city departments over the years when creating grant applications, he said. Often, "they look for documentation like photographs relating to hurricanes."

The library staff also continues

to help people from all over the country with research like those seeking genealogical details even when they don't know the exact date of a person's death.

"Right now, it's cumbersome to do any research because there is no index to the print edition bound volumes," he said. "We literally have to take their word for when they think something would be published in *the Gabber*. Then, we start looking."

However, if the collection was digitized, a computer-based search box that functions much like Google does on the web would be used and research questions could be answered in a matter of seconds as opposed to minutes or hours, said Mather.

Olive, the national vendor the library is working with, has volunteered to digitize two bound volumes of the newspaper for free as a working sample of what can be done, he said. For more information about Olive, visit olivesoftware.com.

While the samples of *the Gabber* are being processed, have a look for yourself at what Olive has done regarding the digitization of the print editions of another Pinellas County hyperlocal newspaper named The Dunedin Times by visiting



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digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/APA/Dunedin/default.aspx#panel=home. Click the "Search" button and, just like the results of a Google search, click on any one of the results to get more detail.

"This is one of those projects that we hope the community will embrace," said Mather. "We hope to get the funding we need through community involvement."

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Quilting for Heroes at Fabric Smart

The St. Petersburg Arts Alliance is proud to showcase "Quilting for Heroes." For the month of September five quilts and one quilt top will be on display at the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 100 2nd Ave. N. #150. Heroes are defined as

military personnel (veteran or active duty), first responders (police, fire fighters, EMTs) or anyone else who goes out of their way to assist those in need.

A local group of volunteer women meet monthly for a day of sewing at Fabric Smart, 5401 Gulfport Blvd. S. Owner Karen Donnelly generously gives space each month for the making of the American patchwork quilts. Patriotic colors of red, white and blue are generally used. Much of the quilt-quality cotton fabric is donated by Fabric Smart, the ladies who sew, or from other very generous community-minded donors. Volunteer local long-arm quilters add the artful patriotic quilting to each piece. When completed these quilts are presented to those well-deserving "heroes" living in our community.

The public is invited to view the quilts during chamber business hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

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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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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. They hope to see you there!

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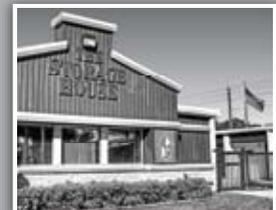
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It will include unusual, tropicals, ornamentals, variegated, flowering, perennials, vines, trees, landscape, houseplants, edibles, mounted, potted, bare root, cuttings, sun/shade, Kokedama (Japanese Ball Moss) and butterfly attractors. And all propagated by members and grown in the Tampa Bay ecosystem. Mark your calendar and join them for the cash sale.

For more information and photos visit Facebook: Rare Plant Network

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“Gulfport Votes 100%” Kicks into High Gear

“Gulfport Votes 100%” is a non-partisan effort that provides voter registration and voting process education as well as support for mail-in ballots or election day needs. Partners include civic, business, educational, faith-based, and political organizations, and Gulfport city officials have also expressed strong support for the campaign. The steering committee will use historic and current voter turnout metrics to gauge success.

The League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area is the lead organization working to advance this effort. “There are multiple benefits to Gulfport Votes 100%,” said LWVSPA Voter Services Chair, Raechel Garafalo. “If all goes as planned, the community of Gulfport will set an example for others. We’ll then have a successful model, scaleable for other groups and communities.”

Gulfport Votes 100% has ramped up in recent weeks with a strong presence at Gulfport’s GeckoCon Ball, with campaign mascots Captain Vote and Tanya Turnout making an appearance. Visitors will also see them at upcoming Tuesday Fresh Markets and First Friday and Third Saturday Art Walks.

Gulfport Votes 100% will celebrate with a “Party @ the Polls” on November 6. Details for getting involved are at Facebook.com/GulfportVotes100/

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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. The communities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg should not be divided by anything more than four lanes of asphalt.

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. Please save the date and be a part of this great collaborative community event!

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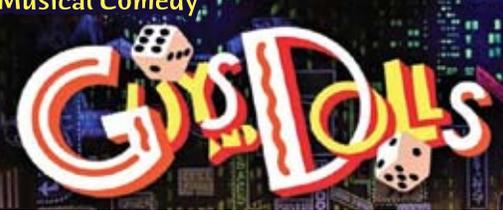
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Local Crime Watch

A sampling of police reports from Aug. 23 to Aug. 29 in Gulfport.

Source: Gulfport Police Department

Gulfport

8/23- Traffic arrest on 62nd Street South and Gulfport Boulevard South. Sergeant Vandenberg attempted to stop a vehicle driven by James Thibodeau for an expired tag. Thibodeau initially pulled onto 62nd Street and stopped before driving away from the traffic stop and then refusing to pull over. Sergeant Vandenberg was able to get Thibodeau into custody at 64th Street and Gulfport Boulevard when he got stuck behind traffic stopped at the red light. Thibodeau's explanation for failing to stop was that he needed to deliver parts to his shop in St. Pete. Thibodeau's driver's license has been suspended for 7 years. He was arrested and taken to the Pinellas County Jail.

8/23- Suspicious vehicle in the 5100 block of Pine Grove Terrace. A black Ford Crown Victoria with a spotlight was seen going through the neighborhood. A female got out of the vehicle and was looking into the windows of a residence. When the homeowner confronted them the vehicle took off. Officer Marshall located the same vehicle the next day and attempted a traffic stop and it fled from him. This same vehicle has also fled from Kenneth City while doing the same kind of suspicious activity there.

8/23- Burglary in the 5200 block of 18th Avenue South. A resident reported that someone broke into his home while he was away for a few hours. He reported \$25,000 worth of

items missing including a Rolex, jewelry, and household items. The resident believes he may know the person who broke into his home.

8/23- Burglary to a vehicle in the 4900 block of 31st Avenue South. A resident reported that a handgun was stolen from the glovebox of her car. It is unknown where the burglary occurred because the owner was not sure when it happened.

8/24- Arrest on warrant in the 4300 block of 26th Avenue South. A resident reported seeing a suspicious person in their neighborhood. The person was located and identified as Paul Jenkinson. A records check revealed that Jenkinson had an outstanding warrant for sale of a controlled substance issued by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. The warrant was confirmed, Jenkinson was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

8/25- DUI in the 2000 block 54th Street South. Officer Carter ran a license plate on a vehicle which revealed that the registered owner had a suspended driver's license. He conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle determined that William Battersby was impaired. After conducting a roadside DUI investigation, Officer Carter arrested Battersby and transported him to the Gulfport Police Department to conduct a breath test. Battersby provided a breath

sample which revealed his breath alcohol content to be 0.195/0.201 – more than twice the legal limit. Officer Clague assisted with the inventory of Battersby's vehicle to impound it and located two Percocet pills. Battersby did not have a prescription for Percocet. Battersby was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

8/25- Burglary to a vehicle in the 1900 block of 58th Street South. A resident reported that someone got into their car and took a coin purse and the vehicle registration. There were no signs of forced entry.

8/27- Burglary to a vehicle in the 5800 block of 23rd Avenue South. A resident reported that someone got into their two unlocked vehicles. Nothing was taken.

8/27- Stolen vehicle in the 1400 block of 61st Street South. A vehicle was taken without permission by the owner's son.

8/27- Burglary to a residence in the 2600 block of 48th Street South. A resident reported jewelry missing from inside her home. She did not know exactly when it occurred but it occurred within the last couple of months. The last time she checked her jewelry was in late May early June. Eight pieces of jewelry were taken.

8/29- Trespass in the 5700 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. A store employee called to report that 2 people may have stolen something and ran from the store. The suspects were gone when officers arrived. The manager of the store stated she would call back if they returned to have them trespass.

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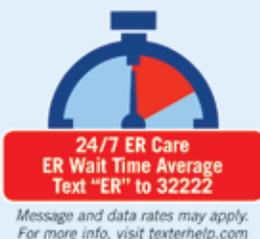
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