Party For the Paws Fundraiser

Party for the Paws, the annual fundraiser for Pet Pal Animal Shelter, will be on Saturday, September 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Ferg’s Sports Bar & Grill, 1320 Central Ave.

This year’s theme will be, “Like Totally 80s.” Festivities will include adoptable Pet Pal dogs, raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle, wine bottle raffle, doggie cool off pools, live music all night by 80s cover band Screamin’ Donkey, tie-dye creation station for the kids, doggie biscuit bar compliments of St. Peters Bark, doggie paw prints and kid hand prints in the sand by My Sandbox and so much more! This is a dog-friendly and family fundraiser rain or shine.

Public Invited to Local Mormon Services

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints would like to invite all members of the public to join them in worship services each Sunday. The main worship service starts at 9 a.m. and Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. All teachings are centered on Jesus Christ and free copies of the Bible are available upon request.

The church is located at 5425 Gulfport Blvd S. across from the Habana Cafe. Services are open to all religious denominations and attendees are encouraged to bring family and friends. For questions or to make an appointment for a tour of the church building in advance, please contact 727-470-4012.

GriefShare Support Group Session

The next sessions for the GriefShare morning support group will be on Fridays through November 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. Meetings are held in Fellowship Hall at Cornerstone Community Church, 6745 38th Ave. N.
Local Crime Watch
A sampling of recent police calls and criminal activity.

**Gulfport**

- **Missing Person** - 9/15, 2800 block of Skimmer Point Dr.
- **Theft** - 9/15, 900 block of 58th St. S.
- **Burglary (residence)** - 9/16, 5400 block of 15th Ave. S.
- **Stolen vehicle** - 9/17, 5000 block of 10th Ave. S.
- **Burglary** - 9/17, 1200 block of 58th St. S.
- **Burglary (vehicle)** - 9/17, 1800 block of 52nd St. S.
- **Burglary (vehicle)** - 9/17, 5000 block of 27th Ave. S.
- **Theft** - 9/17, 4900 block of 31st Ave. S.
- **Theft (grand)** - 9/18, 900 block of 58th St. S.
- **Burglary (residence)** - 9/18, 1700 block of 58th St. S.
- **Burglary (business)** - 9/18, 5600 block of Tangerine Ave. S.
- **Theft** - 9/18, 6300 block of 11th Ave. S.
- **Vandalism/criminal mischief** - 9/19, 1900 block of 55th St. S.
- **Shoplifting** - 9/19, 4900 block of 17th Ave. S.
- **Theft (grand)** - 9/20, 4900 block of Gulfport Blvd. S.
- **Missing person** - 9/21, 3200 block of 58th St. S.

**South Pasadena**

- **Theft (shoplifting)** - 9/19, 6800 block of Gulfport Blvd. S.
- **Battery** - 9/21, 6800 block of Gulfport Blvd. S.
- **Burglary (residence)** - 9/18, 1100 block of Seagull Ln. S.
- **Burglary (vehicle)** - 9/19, 5600 block of Tangerine Ave. S.
- **Theft** - 9/19, 6300 block of Gulf Blvd.
- **Battery** - 9/20, 6300 block of Gulf Blvd.
- **Stolen vehicle** - 9/18, 6300 block of Gulf Blvd.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit #125**

Valerie Schmidt of Unit #125 was selected to help escort one of the participants in the last West Central Florida Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Several members of the unit greeted the flight as it made its return to Clearwater Airport.

Unit #125's “Penny Auction” is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, starting at 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Sunday, October 11 and Monday, October 12. Volunteers are also needed for the night of the event October 13. To volunteer, call 727-347-6085. Chip sales start at 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Don’t miss the Halloween Costume Contest on Saturday night, October 31. First, second and third place prizes for the best costume.

**Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale**

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society will hold its annual orchid show and sale “Vision Quest for Orchids” on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Dr. S. View beautiful orchid displays, browse thousands of orchids for sale from quality vendors, and learn about orchid culture from experts. You can also bring your orchids for repotting at the repotting booth. Parking is free. Admission is $5. For a dollar off coupon, visit their website FWCOS.org. For more information, call Bill Nunez at 813-918-4546.
Stetson Student Wins National Essay Contest

Student Samantha R. Sobel won first place in the Yanez & Associates Law Scholarship Essay Contest and Scholarship Program for her paper, “Should parents convicted of domestic violence have their parental rights terminated?” The essay focused on domestic violence in America with the goal of increasing awareness of the growing issue. Sobel is a student in Stetson’s Social Justice Advocacy Concentration Program. The national essay contest and scholarship program offered a $2,000 prize to the first place winner. Participants were invited to write 2,500-3,500 words on a topic.

“This was a topic very close to my heart because it combined two areas of law that I have dedicated my law school career to: juvenile dependency and family law,” said Sobel. “I worked very closely with survivors of domestic violence when I was interning with Bay Area Legal Services, as well as volunteering with Community Action Stops Abuse in St. Petersburg, Florida. I have also worked with the Florida Department of Children and Families: Children’s Legal Services, dealing directly with the issue of terminating parental rights and cases involving domestic violence.”

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Galveston Community Players third Open House will be Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m., at the Players Back Door Theater, 1619 49th St. S. The Players invite anyone interested in volunteering or joining the organization to attend. Enjoy mini-tours of the facility where all auditions, classes, rehearsals and set building takes place. Watch photo highlights of the previous season. Learn about the upcoming season and how you can get involved. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Music in The Park in South Pasadena

The South Pasadena Community Band will open its season of free concerts on Thursday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m. The outdoor concert will be presented in the Dick Holmes band shell in Galatea Gardens, 7015 Sunset Dr. S. The concert will include selections from “Carousel,” “The Umbrellas of Cherbourg” and “The Fantasticks.” Also featured on the program will be a special arrangement of Walt Disney tunes. Seating is limited, so bring a chair or blanket.

Music for Tuba and Electronics

The Venture Compound, 2621 Fairfield Ave. S., will present “Hyperbolic Music 5: Music for Tuba and Electronics,” on Saturday, September 26 at 8 p.m. $5 to $10 donation is suggested. For more info visit theventurecompound.com.

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Lunch and Learn Series at the Gulfport Library

The Gulfport Public Library is pleased to announce its inaugural program in the new “Lunch and Learn Series.” Every month, an exceptional speaker will discuss a wide variety of topics. Consider bringing your lunch and listening to phenomenal speakers. The first speaker selected, at noon on Thursday, October 8, is James Schnur in a program entitled “Cold Warriors in the Hot Sunshine: The Johns Committee’s Homophobic Witch Hunts,” in reference to the 1950s communist scare and subsequent Florida Legislative Investigations, known as the Johns Committee.

James Schnur is a lifelong resident of Pinellas County and presently holds adjunct teaching appointments at Eckerd College and the USF School of Information. He has also served as president of the Pinellas County Historical Society, as well as on the boards and committees of other cultural and historical organizations in Florida. For more information, contact 727-893-1074.

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**Suggestions Wanted for 2016 Gecko Ball Theme**

On the heels of the successful seventh annual Gecko Ball in August, organizers are asking the public to suggest themes for next year’s event, scheduled for August 27, 2016. This year’s “Gecko Gras!” theme offered Mardi Gras-style revelry, décor, costumes, food and music.

To suggest a theme for 2016, voters may visit Facebook.com/GeckoBall and send a private message to event organizers. Or send suggestions by email to GeckoBall2016@gmail.com. The deadline to suggest a theme will be September 30. The 2016 theme will be announced in November.

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**Ostomy Support Group Invites New Members**

The United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA) affiliated support group of St. Petersburg invites all Ostomates, new or experienced, to their next meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the St. Anthony’s Hospital Auditorium, 1200 7th Ave. N.

Information will be shared from the National Ostomy Association Conference held in St. Louis the first week of September.

A whole new world will open up to you by discussing your problems with others who have experienced the same doubts and questions. For more information or directions call Bill at 727-657-0998 or Letty at 727-522-3637.

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**Tim Dorsey “Storms” into Gulfport**

By Lynn Taylor

Author Tim Dorsey came to town for an author talk at the Gulfport Public Library on September 17. Instead of a typical reading, Dorsey, who writes Florida-style crime fiction, opened up the floor for Q&As from the audience. Attendees asked the author about his writing methods, plots and his popular main character, anti-hero Serge Storms. Dorsey has written 18 novels featuring Serge with titles such as “Florida Roadkill” and “Triggerfish Twist.”

Barbara Pinn, who attended the event with her husband, Frank, said, “I love his books and read them all.” Dorsey’s next novel will be available in January.

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Chat Room Offers Friendship, Stimulation

The Senior Center Chat Room, which meets every Friday at 2 p.m., offers senior men and women an opportunity to make new friendships and engage in some stimulating conversations. All are welcome.

Erosion Improvements to Upham Beach

Improvements designed to slow erosion on Upham Beach on the north end of St. Pete Beach are expected to begin early next year. The project, which is estimated to cost about $11 million, will be paid for by Pinellas County and state of Florida funds.

The improvements will involve the installation of four permanent rock structures known as T-groins designed to limit beach erosion. The permanent T-groins will replace five sand-filled temporary ones in place since 2006 to stem erosion at the beach, which has been among the highest eroding beaches in the state.

Once the rock structures are installed, the beach will be nourished with approximately 150,000 cubic yards of sand. The estimated cost for construction is $8.8 million, and the cost for nourishment is estimated at $2.2 million.

Civil Rights and the Media Panel Discussion

The Florida Holocaust Museum will hold the panel discussion “Civil Rights and the Media,” featuring local journalists moderated by Tampa Bay Times columnist Ernest Hooper.

The panel discussion will be held at The Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 5th St. S., on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Please RSVP by calling 727-820-0100 ext. 301.

Panelists will talk about the role the press played during the Civil Rights Movement and the impact of the stories and images journalists at the time produced, while exploring how media has changed and how the press covers civil rights and issues involving race today.

The event coincides with two exhibitions on display now at the museum, “This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement” and “Beaches, Benches and Boycotts: The Civil Rights Movement in Tampa Bay.” The exhibitions are on display through December 1, 2015.

Tampa Bay Watch Fishing Line Cleanup

The 22nd Annual Fishing Line Cleanup, organized by Tampa Bay Watch and Audubon of Florida, will take place the week of Saturday, September 26 through Sunday, October 4. Volunteers with boats are being recruited to remove tangled fishing line from mangroves and shorelines of specific bird habitat site assignment locations. Advanced registration on tampabaywatch.org allows captains and their volunteer crews to remove fishing line from protected bird colonies that otherwise are off limits to the public. This cleanup, scheduled in the fall when most birds are not nesting, effectively reduces the threat of entanglement for marine animals, including birds.

The total project costs will be shared between the state and the county’s bed tax allocation dedicated to beach stabilization and nourishment. The county will seek additional state matching funds next year.
Food and Florida

By Lynn Taylor

It was a packed house at the Gulfport History Museum for Florida history expert Dr. Gary Mormino at the Gulfport History Society’s Porch Party on Friday, September 18. Mormino entertained the crowd with a lively talk on 10 foods that define Florida and their history, the subject of his upcoming book. Foods ranged from the familiar – smoked fish and cornbread – to the exotic, like mamey, a tropical tree fruit.

Mormino provided interesting native foodie facts and stressed the importance of remembering Florida’s heritage. He engaged the audience with stories like why authentic Cuban bread was often baked with a palmetto frond on top – when it turned a certain color, the bakers knew the bread was done.

Mormino retired from the University of South Florida (USF) history department in 2012 after 35 years and is co-founder of the Florida Studies program at the USF-St. Petersburg campus. He is best known for the 2008 book, “Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams,” which was for sale at the museum. Some of Mormino’s former students were on hand and called Mormino “an inspiration.”

Food for the event was provided by Pia’s Trattoria, and upcoming Gulfport Historical Society events were announced, including the Flying Mullet 5K and One Mile Fun Run on October 16 and Gulfport Under the Stars on October 24. For more information, go to gulfporthistoricalsociety.org or Facebook at facebook.com/GulfportHistoricalSociety.
Volleyball Gives Bump to Football
By Colin O’Hara

What do volleyball and football have in common? Usually not much. But Saturday, September 19, Tampa Bay Beach Bums held a charity volleyball tournament to benefit the Gulfport Pirates Youth Football program.

“They’re donation-funded and are really low on funding this year,” event organizer Rachel Manzanares said. “They focus on keeping youth in the area out of trouble through sports and we like to reach out to Gulfport charities as much as we can since Gulfport has been so good to us.”

The Beach Bums are no stranger to charity. All of their tournaments are geared towards funding charities.

“We help different charities or person need,” Manzanares said. “We have raised money for people with ALS, cancer, Lyme disease.”

This charity event was a little different that usual; anonymous local businesses have agreed to match the donations the tournament makes up to $1,500 dollars.

“There’s a group of five to seven anonymous business owners that offered to pledge whatever they raise,” Gulfport Councilman Dan Liedtke said.

The Beach Bums organization started in November of 2013, according to Manzanares, as a group of friends who wanted to create affordable volleyball tournaments.

The organization has since raised over $9,000 dollars for local charities. Players come from all over including St. Pete Beach, Largo, Tampa – particularly Hogan’s Beach Bar. Many of the players join to play at the Gulfport volleyball courts solely due to word of mouth, Manzanares said.

Tournaments cap out at 78 teams and usually fill up a month in advance.

November will see several more volleyball tournaments in Gulfport including the Beach Bums second anniversary tournament and the VetSports tournament which will honor military veterans and troops.

Saturday’s event raised $804, which was matched by local businesses, bringing the total raised for the Pirates to $1,608, according to Liedkte.

Diamonds & Pearls Annual Gala
The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast in Pinellas County will host the Diamonds & Pearls Annual Gala on November 14, at 7 p.m. at the Sandpearl Resort in Clearwater Beach.

The Diamonds & Pearls Annual Gala will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast which has seven locations throughout Pinellas County. The Gala provides an opportunity for every guest, including donors, volunteers and community partners to enjoy an evening of elegance while learning more about the local impact made to over 3,000 youth. Guests can bid on amazing auction items while enjoying dinner and entertainment.

For tickets and information, call 727-524-2427, or for more information about the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Suncoast, visit bgcsun.org.

Jewish-Catholic Relations Discussed
The Most Reverend Bishop Lynch and Rabbi Luski are holding two unique talks speaking about the current state of Jewish-Catholic dialogue on both the local and national levels, and how to continue to improve this vital relationship over the next 50 years. The Most Reverend Bishop Lynch will appear at Congregation B’nai Israel, 300 58th St. N., on Wednesday, October 21, at 7 p.m., and Rabbi Luski will reciprocate at The Cathedral of St. Jude, 5815 5th Ave. N., on Wednesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. These events are free but reservations are requested. Register at cbistpete.org.

Bay Vista Center Artist Showcase
Share the love of art at Bay Vista Recreation Center, 7000 4th St. S., on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Art instructors and students will display their finest pieces. Start your holiday shopping early. Many pieces of artwork on display will be for sale. See demonstrations and talk to class instructors. Free admission.

For information visit stpeteparksrec.org or call 727-893-7124.
St. Anthony’s White Elephant Sale

St. Anthony’s Hospital Auxiliary will hold a White Elephant Sale at the hospital’s auditorium at 1200 7th Ave. N., on Friday, November 16, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds benefit programs and services at the hospital. For more information, call 727-896-5478.

St. Anthony’s Luncheon and Fashion Show

The 63rd Annual St. Anthony’s Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, October 21. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. and the luncheon follows at noon.

The show, called “Rock the Runway,” will be at the Club on Treasure Island, 400 Treasure Island Causeway.

Tickets are $50, which includes valet parking. For information, call 727-448-7119 or 727-776-1903.

The Great American Cleanup Location

Are you, your family, group of friends or organization looking for a great event to volunteer while enjoying the great outdoors?

The city of Gulfport will be hosting the bi-annual Great American Cleanup on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park, 49th St. S. to 29th Ave. S. east to Miriam St. in Gulfport.

You or your group can sign up ahead of time online at mygulfport.us and click events/upcoming events, Great American Cleanup or sign up at the volunteer tent the day of the event to get your supplies. You or your group can sign up ahead of time online at mygulfport.us and click events/upcoming events, Great American Cleanup or sign up at the volunteer tent the day of the event to get your supplies. The city of Gulfport staff will be on hand with supplies for all dedicated volunteers. For more information, call Gail Biron at 727-893-1118.

Kids Yoga at the Library

Come to the Gulfport Library on Thursday, September 24 at 3:30 for kids yoga fun! Come stretch and play! Open to children ages 5 to 10. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Mats a plus but not required. Call Cailey at 727-893-1134 or cklasson@mygulfport.us for more info. Space is limited so sign up early!

St. Pete Beach Beach Crawl

The St. Pete Beach Octoberfest Beach Crawl on St. Pete Beach will be on Saturday, October 17, beginning at 5 p.m. Participants meet at the Undertow Bar, 3830 Gulf Blvd., and then walk north on Gulf Boulevard, visiting (at least) nine more bars.

This is a fundraising event to raise money for the Cancer Research Institute. Checks should be made out to the Cancer Research Institute, or there is a link at facebook.com/beach.crawl to donate directly.

This is a 21-year-old and older event. No fee is required to join the crawlers, however they must pay for their own drinks and food.

If you have any questions about this event or need more info call David Bradley at 727-804-4579.

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Wednesday, September 9, 2015 from 10:00am - 12:00pm
Community Health Centers of Pinellas - 7550 43rd Street North, Pinellas Park

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 from 10:00am - 12:00pm
Johnnie Ruth Clarke Clinic - 1344 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Morton Plant Hospital - Axelrod Pavilion - 400 Pinellas Street Suite 280 CqPSS, Clearwater

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 10:00am - 12:00pm
Community Health Centers of Pinellas - 247 South Huey Avenue, Tarpon Springs

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Florida Dept. of Health, Mid-County Center - 8751 Ulmerton Road, Largo

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Metro Wellness, Pinellas - 3251 3rd Avenue North, St. Petersburg

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Leading The Dance
By Lynn Taylor

Nine years ago, Ron Czerniec was enjoying his life as a high-level financial officer at USA Today, a job he held for 23 years. He lived in Virginia in a 3600 square foot home with his wife and two children in one of the most expensive counties in the country. He traveled the world, coached basketball, was an amateur painter and stayed active in the community and on a number of non-profit boards. Then, in 2006, he was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease and began what he calls his “dance with Parkinson’s,” which changed everything.

Czerniec wound up in a two-bedroom, 800-square-foot condo in St. Petersburg that he shares with his son, Nick – and he says he couldn’t be happier.

“The diagnosis was a life-changing moment,” says Czerniec. “Now, I try to challenge myself and expand my abilities. I stay as active as possible. I have become more interactive with people and have a lot of friends. With the downside [of the diagnosis] comes a lot of upsides, such as having the time to devote to my writing and painting.”

A friend who also has Parkinson’s saw Czerniec’s watercolors and encouraged him to try to sell his work.

“For years, people told me I should sell my paintings. Once I started, I sold six paintings in six months,” Czerniec says.

His subject matter reflects his new Florida surroundings with paintings of Pass-A-Grille, John’s Pass, Central Avenue and Gulfport, plus the many people he meets on a daily basis.

“The St. Petersburg area has an eclectic mix of things,” he says.

Czerniec began doing commission work and his business took off from there. His paintings are currently on display at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery in Gulfport, where he had a successful artists’ reception during the Third Saturday Artwalk on September 19. Czerniec, who has become involved with outreach, education and advocacy for Parkinson’s since his diagnosis, donated a percentage of his sales to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

“I work at my own pace and get enjoyment from my work,” he says. “Painting helps me stay positive and has allowed me to re prioritize my life.”

Czerniec is also writing a book that details his journey with Parkinson’s titled “A Life Interrupted: Invaluable Lessons Learned in My Dance with Parkinson’s,” which he hopes will help others living with Parkinson’s disease or other chronic conditions. One of his most important lessons, he says, is to keep a sense of perspective.

“I call Parkinson’s a perfect marriage; it never quits, is always there for you and increases its devotedness to you over time. Like a perfect marriage, there are good times, bad times, hope, sadness, happiness, emotional times and real learnings,” says Czerniec.

Czerniec’s only artistic concessions to Parkinson’s so far has been the need to work in a smaller medium, instead of the larger canvasses he began with, and adapt his style when the need arises.

“When Parkinson’s interferes, I resort to a more fluid, less-detailed style which I also enjoy,” he says. “Often we lose something, but gain something too.”

For more information about Ron Czerniec and to see photos of his work, go to domainhomeaccessories.com/watercolorist-ron-czerniec/ or find him on Facebook.

In 2006, Ron Czerniec was diagnosed and began what he calls his “dance with Parkinson’s.” He says, “Now, I try to challenge myself and expand my abilities. I stay as active as possible. I have become more interactive with people and have a lot of friends.”

Ron Czerniec, center, and son Nick, left, with friends at his recent artists’ reception at Domain Home Accessories & Gallery.
Bargain Book Sale at Gulfport Library

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library Bookshop has slashed the prices on all of its bargain books. All 25-cent books are now two for 25 cents. The selection includes fiction favorites, cookbooks, how-to manuals, and plenty of non-fiction titles. New titles are added every day. The Bookshop is located in the Gulfport Library, 5501 28th Ave. S. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Field at 727-321-4035.

One Street, Two Cities, One Goal: Collaboration

Gulfport Neighbors is delighted to announce the second annual Mayors’ 49th Street Cleanup, hosted by Gulfport Mayor Sam Henderson and St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman. St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor Kanika Tomalin will also be participating.

Please come out and meet your neighbors from both sides of 49th Street. The event will take place on Saturday, October 3, at the east end of the Tangerine Greenway at Tangerine Avenue and 49th Street. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. and the opening will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cleanup will begin shortly thereafter.

Immediately after the Mayors’ Cleanup there will be a “Chiefs’ Chat,” a community forum with Gulfport Police Chief Rob Vincent and St. Petersburg Police Chief Tony Holloway. The meeting will be held at the 49th Street Neighborhood Center, 1617 49th St. S., and will begin at 10:30 a.m.

This is an opportunity for members of both communities to learn more about how the police departments are working together to curb crime in our mutual neighboring areas. The setting will be informal and residents are encouraged to ask questions, express concerns and offer suggestions.

For more information contact the Gulfport Neighbors at 727-343-8428. Information is also available at Facebook.com/gulfportneighbors.

K-5th Grade Science Club Returns

Attention young scientists! Do you love exploring the world around you through hands on activities? Come to Science Club at the Gulfport Library on Mondays from 3 to 4 p.m. There will be a fun new activity every week, explore engineering through building with Legos, and meet other young scientists and engineers in the community! Parents get to join in on the fun too! Let Cailey know if you and your young scientist plan on attending by contacting cklasson@mygulfport.us or calling 727-893-1074.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). How do you know it's the big idea that's going to launch the new you? You don't. Probably, the more you think about it the more you think it's not a good idea at all. It could be an utter waste of time, in fact. Still, you're compelled to do it. Your conviction will set off a fortuitous chain of events.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Putting yourself out there in the public eye takes guts. You may not feel ready, but publicity has to happen in order to move your project to the next level. This will open you up to criticism from unqualified idiots. They don't know, they're jealous, they're nowhere near your league -- ignore, ignore, ignore.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have your own version of a Mt. Everest climb coming up, and it's going to take planning, money, excellent timing, daring, stamina and a whole lot of luck. The research you do this week will be invaluable to your journey. Talk to as many people and gather as much diverse information as possible.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). All humans, even the saints and heroes, lie. We call it pretending: changing the story and ourselves to fit the situation we're in. It's just part of how humans get on in this life. Knowing yourself and your moral center makes it easier to stick as closely to the truth as possible. Honesty and consistency go hand in hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a part of you that will not be fulfilled until you make something. While you're at it, why not make something that will really surprise, baffle and impress the witnesses, something only you could do? It may not be practical. It will take time and money that you'll never get back. But what you will get back is sheer joy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can't help but wonder what a certain person does when you're not around.

The question could take up a nice wedge of mental space this week. Everyone has secrets. Maybe this interest is piqued by your own secret side. If someone were to search your things for signs of a secret life, what would they find?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Immature people can be irresponsible, but the two are not the same. The immature are too inexperienced to understand the best way to handle a situation. The irresponsible assume they have no role in the matter, or they willfully reject their role. You'll encounter both types. Teach the first; avoid the second.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are friends you haven't talked to in years who could be mighty helpful now. The question is: Do you dare call them up after all this time has passed? And how do you get around to asking for what you need? Be bold. People will be happy to reconnect with you. Your distant friends think of you more than you realize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Why is it so difficult to relax and do what comes naturally? It is counterintuitive to work hard to find the path of least resistance. When you feel yourself getting worked into a lather over something you're pretty sure is supposed to be easy, back off, turn around, breathe, calm down, do nothing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People aren't born knowing their rights. Some people's basic rights have been violated so often that they never even learned what they are. Your commitment to help those who don't know better and can't do better will drive the action. What you think of as a small act is actually heroic and empowering.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Fun looks different for you than it does for other people. You're not going to be parachuting out of any airplanes or adventuring through the jungle or playing the ballgame of your life. Instead, you'll be deeply engaged in a highly specialized set of interests and having a quiet riot of a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your way is no better or worse; it just is. As long as it works for you, it works -- period. If you can refrain from comparing yourself to others in any way at all this week, you'll benefit from the greater understanding of yourself that follows and the surge of confidence that comes with that.

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Karaoke Mike Furman

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