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Brooms Up, Gulfport!

By Cameron Healy



MICHAEL CRUZ

Witches and warlocks filled downtown Gulfport for the 2026 Witches Walk on Halloween.

Under a Halloween moon, downtown Gulfport turned into one big coven on Oct. 31 for the 9th annual Witches Walk. Before the festivities began, pointy hats and flowing black capes crowded the Village Courtyard. Witches and warlocks mingled with ghouls, goblins, and a few costumes that defied any category. At 5 p.m. the procession set off toward Shore Boulevard, with broomsticks held high and skirts swishing behind.

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VOICES

Remember: "Today is the first day of the rest of your life"

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Amendment 3

I am writing to challenge Mayor Love's public opposition to Amendment 3. While the Mayor argues that local services heavily depend on growing taxpayer funding, this perspective overlooks the immense financial strain currently placed on Gulfport homeowners who actually fund those resources.

The argument that municipal budgets will be entirely compromised by this amendment ignores a critical reality: Gulfport is operating from a position of notable financial stability, not deficit. According to the city's official financial reporting, total taxable property values in the city climbed by 3.91%, driving ad valorem property tax revenues to approximately $6.96 million – nearly 32% of our general fund revenue. Despite broader economic pressures, the city maintains a robust $5,266,253 in undesignated fund reserves (roughly 24% of the operating budget). The city has explicitly noted that current revenues are entirely sufficient to meet all municipal obligations without touching these reserves.

Protecting the municipal budget involves efficient resource management, not tax dependency. For example, when the city recently upgraded the 9-mile Discover Gulfport Walking Trail with new directional signs and trailhead map boards, leadership successfully secured a $15,000 AARP Community Challenge grant under Resolution 2026-41. This proved that the city can absolutely provide updated community amenities using outside grant funding rather than reaching into the pockets of local property owners.

Homeowners deserve meaningful,

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One Conversation at a Time

Council Corner: Honoring Our Veterans

By Marlene Shaw

I grew up with the utmost respect for those who served, and not only because family members served. We were keenly aware that had World War II ended differently, we would have grown up in a very different world. Because of those who served, I grew up free. I grew up pledging allegiance to America, and to this day I fly our flag. The Statue of Liberty, a symbol so dear to me, always moves me.



Marlene Shaw

Every Nov. 11, we pause to honor those who have served our country. The date goes back to 1918, when the guns fell silent at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. First called Armistice Day, it became Veterans Day in 1954. It honors all who have served, especially those still with us; Memorial Day remembers those who died in service.

When *The Gabber Newspaper* asked me to write about Veterans Day, I already knew what it meant to me. Then I began asking what it means to veterans and found their views more nuanced than the usual messaging suggests.

Thank You Is Where It Starts

Many of us say "thank you for your service" without thinking twice. I have, and I meant it. But in a 2021 Harris Poll for the Cohen Veterans Network, 77% of Americans said they thank veterans publicly, yet 58% of veterans said they feel uncomfortable being thanked. A USAA/YouGov survey found nearly 70% of veterans aged 18 to 29 find the phrase awkward, a higher share than older veterans. Some suggest "welcome home" instead. It isn't that the phrase is wrong. It simply seems to work best when it opens a conversation rather than ending one.

What Veterans Want Us to Know

So what would mean the most? Veterans have told us: flying a flag, donating to a veteran service organization, buying a veteran a meal, and learning about their service in a way they are comfortable sharing. One veteran said he doesn't want the day to be about him and suggested we talk about someone we know who served.

They also hope we understand that veterans come from all walks of life, that some never deploy or see combat but serve just as meaningfully, that not all experience PTSD and that military families serve too.

I learned that gratitude works best when we listen. Veterans are not asking us to stop caring. They are inviting us to go a little deeper. So this Veterans Day, I hope you will sit down with a veteran you know and simply talk. You might ask:

What do you wish people in our community understood about your service?

1. Has someone honored you in a way that truly meant something?
2. How do you feel about "thank you for your service"? What would you rather hear?
3. What would make Veterans Day more meaningful here in Gulfport?
4. Is there someone you served with who you would like us to remember?

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Sterling Care in Gulfport

Boca Ciega Center Earns National Silver Quality Award

By Mason Chambless

Gulfport nursing facility Boca Ciega Center has served the city for more than 50 years. This summer, it earned national recognition for the high-level care and services it provides to its clients and residents.

This past July, the Center received the Silver National Quality Award from the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). This year, it joins 254 other long-term care facilities across the country in receiving the Silver Award. It's one of just 15 recipients in Florida and the only one in Pinellas County.

The Silver Award is the second in a three-tier sequence of awards that recognize long-term care organizations that meet a rigorous standard of quality and care. Boca Ciega Center received the first-tier award, the Bronze Quality Award, in 2015. The AHCA's highest honor, the Gold Quality Award, went to only two facilities in the entire United States in 2026.

MASON CHAMBLESS



Gulfport's Boca Ciega Center earned the AHCA's Silver Quality Award this year, the only Pinellas County nursing facility to do so.

A Data-Driven Standard

"The whole idea [of the award] is that you're constantly assessing areas of improvement," said Sydney Rabin, admissions director at Boca Ciega Center. "It's also based on quality improvements… What can we do better?… to make things better, not just for the residents, but for the employees – improvements, safety, better care, better customer services…"

Making the changes, however, isn't enough on its own to earn a Silver Award. Facilities must provide concrete evidence of the changes and show how they make a real difference in the facility's operation.

"It's based on data. You can't fudge numbers. It's all factual," said Rabin. "You have to have meetings, you've got to have notes, you've got to show the changes and how it's really made the improvements. It's extremely hard."

The Road Ahead

Because each tier of the AHCA Quality Award demands immense time and effort, Rabin said it will likely be a while before Boca Ciega Center pursues the Gold Award.

"I'm sure we will try for the Gold," said Rabin. "However, not in the immediate future. It's extremely detailed and time-consuming, so I'm sure my administrator wants to take a little time to just enjoy this award for now."

Rabin credits that administrator, Heather Scott, as a key reason the Center reached the Silver Quality Award standard.

"She has been here for about a year now and she has really changed the culture in a very positive way," Rabin said. "We're all very excited. We love it."

Though the Gold Award may not be an immediate goal, the Center is still working on facility improvements. Boca Ciega Center holds a license for 120 beds, but only 112 are currently active, and residents occupy 103 of those. Over the next several months, the Center plans to bring the remaining eight beds online so it can run at full capacity.

Rabin, who lives in Gulfport, also credits the city as a major supporter of the Center.

"We're very integrated in the community," Rabin said. "I think that could be the most important thing about our facility, and my personal goal."

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This year, the walk landed on Halloween itself, setting the stage for the most wicked walk yet. The crowd seemed determined to live up to it. As the sun sank over Boca Ciega Bay, the witches cast their spells next to Neptune Grill, spinning and swaying through their traditional street dance while onlookers cheered from the sidewalks.

The night didn't end there. From 6 to 9 p.m., a DJ kept the cauldron bubbling with a block party, and the costumed crowd danced in the street well after dark. As the evening wound down, a waning gibbous moon began to rise over the rooftops, giving the night one last bit of Halloween glow and proving once again that in Gulfport, Halloween is a community affair. ◈



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Eye on Gulfport

Gulfport Police Weekly Activity Report Oct. 22-28

By Chief Mary Farrand

Our weekly report contains examples of calls for service we handled throughout the week. These calls resulted in a report being generated, an arrest being made, or are important for other squads to know about. It is not a full report for all calls; for a call log, please refer to Pinellas County's Crime Viewer.



CAMERON HEALY

Rather than a traditional police blotter, GPD sent a sampling of all types of services the police provided in Gulfport from Oct. 22-28.

Patrol Division:

- Dispatched calls for service: 119
- Self-Initiated calls for service: 339
- Incident/offense reports: 32
- Arrests made: 4
- Traffic/vessel stops: 59
- Parking violations: 28
- Ordinance violatons: 16
- House checks: 43

Examples of significant incidents:

A young man who operates a lawn care business reported that someone stole his bicycle, trailer, and lawn equipment from the front yard of a client's residence while he worked in the backyard. Officers located the stolen property that evening in the

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possession of a person camping at a convenience store across the street. The young man and his mother declined to pursue criminal charges.

A person was removed from a bar for attempting to fight another patron. The person entered a vehicle without being invited, and when the owner tried to remove him, he scratched the owner's face. When officers were attempting to investigate the incident, the man suddenly ran from them, and when taking him into custody, he kicked one of the officers. The man was arrested for burglary with a battery, resisting an officer without violence, and battery on a law enforcement officer. The officer was not injured as a result of the violence.

Officers responded to a complaint of a man yelling at his neighbors and exposing himself. The suspect reportedly walked onto a neighbor's property, intentionally lowered his shorts, exposed himself, and engaged in lewd behavior in front of the residents. One neighbor recorded the incident. The suspect was transported for a mental health evaluation and has also been charged with exposure of sexual organs.



GULFPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gulfport Chief of Police Mary Farrand curates the weekly police blotters.

The caretaker of a cemetery reported possible vandalism to several gravesites. Officers investigated and determined that a hired vehicle became stuck on the property and accidentally damaged several gravesites during its removal. The caretaker obtained the vehicle's identifying information.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance where a woman reported that the father of her child struck her multiple times, knocked her phone from her hand while she was calling 911, and took both her phone and vehicle without permission. The building's surveillance cameras captured the incident. The suspect, who has prior battery convictions, fled in the victim's vehicle prior to officers' arrival. Probable cause was established for felony battery (domestic-related), auto theft, theft of the victim's phone, and tampering with a victim.

A business owner reported having an irate customer. The irate customer left before police arrived. She asked for additional food and became irate when told it would cost extra. She left the food that she had already paid for.

Officers responded to a report of

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an unconscious man found near a bush who was not breathing. Officers initiated CPR and other lifesaving efforts, but they were unsuccessful. The man was transported to a hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Suspected narcotics were located in the man's backpack.

A business employee reported that someone entered an outdoor storage area overnight and stole a stainless-steel steam table, three steam pans, and a dolly. The total value of the stolen property was estimated at over $1,100.

Officers responded to a vacant rental property after the owner reported discovering a window that appeared to have been pried open. The owner also located personal belongings inside the residence, suggesting that an unauthorized individual may have been occupying the property.

A man reported that someone broke into his truck, which he had left at a paint shop about a year ago. Someone entered the vehicle and ransacked the interior, but the exact timeframe is unknown.

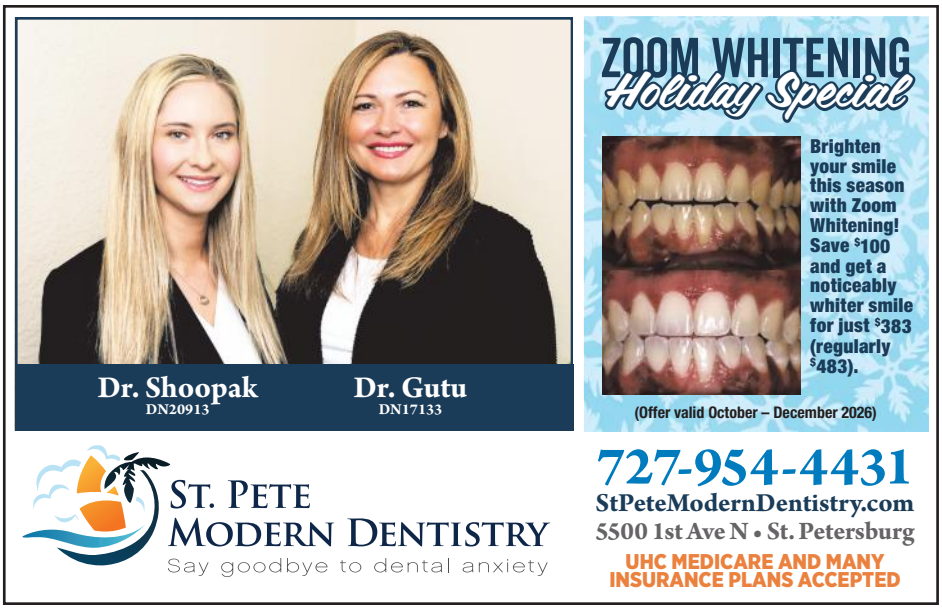
A resident reported that his mother, with whom he resides, slapped him in the face. Another adult in the residence witnessed the incident. The mother was arrested and charged with battery (domestic-related).

A man reported that an establishment employee struck him. He left before officers arrived and was contacted by telephone, during which he appeared intoxicated and was uncooperative. The employee advised that the altercation began when the man became upset over the amount of alcohol in his drink.

Marine Unit

The Marine Unit patrolled to distribute and post informational flyers regarding long-term anchoring regulations. During these contacts, many boaters advised that they had already obtained the required permit. The unit forwarded two derelict vessel cases to the county for removal. Planning is underway for a joint marine enforcement operation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). ◈







Bigger Projects, Bigger Fees

St. Pete Beach Raises Development Fees, Merry Pier Slip Rent

By Christopher Richard

St. Pete Beach commissioners raised fees for large development projects, increased the rent on a commercial boat slip, and approved a lift station upgrade in Pass-a-Grille at their Oct. 27 meeting.



CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH

St. Pete Beach commissioners raised fees for large developments, hiked Merry Pier slip rent, and backed a Pass-a-Grille lift station upgrade.

New Planning Fees Target Larger Developments

Commissioners unanimously approved the final reading of an ordinance that changes the city's planning and zoning fees. Larger projects that take more staff time to review will now pay more.

The ordinance creates three fee tiers for conditional-use permits and two tiers for hardship variances. Each fee depends on the project's size and how much work City staff must do to review it.

The top conditional-use tier covers larger or more complex projects. These include hotels and other lodging taller than 50 feet or with more than 30 units per buildable acre. The tier also covers commercial projects larger than 25,000 square feet.

Those applicants will pay $3,500, plus $900 if the Planning Board must review the application. Current conditional-use fees generally range from $500 to $1,000.

The new tiers also give smaller projects cheaper options. Commissioners said the city should not price small businesses out of the permit process, but big developers should cover more of the cost of reviewing their plans.

Merry Pier Slip Rent Rises to $700

In a 4-1 vote, commissioners raised the monthly rent for Offshore Hustler, a fishing charter, from $500 to $700.

Offshore Hustler had paid its $500 rent to a former leaseholder, not to the city. Another business is leaving the pier, which makes Offshore Hustler the only commercial operator left under the old arrangement.

City staff proposed a month-to-month deal while officials decide on a long-term plan. Options include asking businesses to submit proposals or having the city manage the lease itself.

District 4 Commissioner Jon Maldonado argued the city should charge more. He proposed $875 a month, or $25 per foot.

Commissioners settled on $700, or $20 per foot. Some said the city could earn more under a permanent agreement but backed the increase for now.

The vote allows the city manager to sign the month-to-month agreement at the new rate. Mayor Scott Tate and commissioners Al Causey (District 3), Maldonado, and Karen Marriott (District 1) voted yes. Vice Mayor Lisa Robinson voted no.

Lift Station Projects Move Forward

Commissioners approved a conditional-use permit to upgrade Lift Station 4 near the Wharf Restaurant and Pass-a-Grille Marina. The station serves Pass-a-Grille south of 21st Avenue and takes in wastewater from Lift Station 5.

Staff estimated the project will cost about $500,000. About $375,000 of that will go toward flood protection.

Commissioners approved the permit with staff's recommendations. Staff recommended keeping the station's platform size, location, and height. They also recommended removing the fence, moving a curb, removing part of a raised median, and relocating signs.

The project team must also work with Duke Energy to protect or move an electrical box. That change could make the marina easier to reach.

Maldonado supported removing the fence. He questioned whether a vinyl or chain-link fence would offer real security and called it mostly decorative.

Commissioners also asked about the cost of changes to the median, a tree, the signs and the electrical equipment. Staff has not Commissioners also discussed the fence at Lift Station 7 in Belle Vista Triangle Park. That station's approved permit requires a fence. Staff said removing it would require another publicly noticed hearing. Commissioners talked about revisiting fence requirements as they review how lift stations look across the city, but they did not vote to remove the fence.

The next St. Pete Beach City Commission meeting is Monday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. ◈

Verses From a Veteran

Founder George Brann's Navy Love Poems

By The Gabber Staff



GULFPORT HISTORY MUSEUM

George Brann, who founded the *Gulfport Gabber* in 1968, wrote poetry while serving in the U.S. Navy.

In 1968, George Brann founded *The Gabber Newspaper*, then known as the *Gulfport Gabber*, with a mission to hold the Gulfport City Council accountable. Earlier this year, a descendant of Brann's shared a collection of poems she had discovered among his papers. We had no idea he was a poet, but as we dug into the poems, we realized he was, like so many journalists, a patriot. Written during his service in the U.S. Navy, these poems speak of love, longing and the ache of being far from home. They show us that the man who built a newspaper to give his community a voice also had hopes, dreams and loved ones waiting for his return.

This Veterans Day, we can think of no better way to honor his memory than to share a selection of his poetry in the pages of the newspaper he founded.

Goodnight

Today has passed so very slow;
It's hard for me to stand.
I think about you all day long
While on this far off land.

It really isn't very late,
You might say it's twilight.
Soon the bright stars will appear
Then you will be in sight.

Many nights I've sit out here
And you in stars I've seen.
Then I talk with you my dear,
If only in a dream.

The sea is rolling into shore,
The breeze is coming high.
The Crickets sing their little tune,
And stars most fill the sky.

The clock is ticking past the hour,
The lights have lost their glow.
Have time to search for one bright star
Before I have to go.

Oh there is one, just the best,
Your face is clear and bright.
Now I look at you and say,
"With love my dear, Goodnight."

I MISS YOU

Tonight I miss you very much,
And I will tell you why.
My thoughts and I are all alone
Beneath this star lit sky.

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The Crickets serenade.
Reflection on the water too.
The scene so nicely made.

There's music on the radio,
A perfect night for two.
It's something that you dream about
A dream that can't come true.

I want you with me, Oh so much;
Each night for you I pray.
My dear, I'll love you all my life.
Needless it is to say.

So, as the waves come rolling in,
And as the stars grow bright;
With every crickets' serenade;
A dream – Then morning light.

"DREAMS"

When the day is at it's end,
With evening in it's prime,
I search the sky to find a star,
And make my wish each time.

I wish that I were back with you,
To hold you in my arms.
To gather up the things I miss,
To know once more your charms.

With that a letter leaves my pen,
To U.S. far away.
Intentions are to write a lot,
But know not what to say.

I tell you that I love you still,
And miss you more and more.
Though never ever say a word,
That I've not said before.

The day was hard, We got no mail,
The sun was shinning bright.
It's just a line to let you know,
I thought of you tonight.

Then off to bed I go at last,
To lie and gaze in space.
I close my eyes, and there you are,
I meet you face to face.

We talk and plan of future things,
And dance to songs we knew.
We even watch the people pass,
And walk with street lights too.

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Writing by
G. W. BRANN

George Brann's original typed copy of "I Miss You," written on U.S. Pacific Fleet letterhead during his Navy service.

When I awake I'm not the same,
I seem to turn all cold.
Like holding tightly with both hands,
A stone you thought was gold.

Every night is just the same,
You never leave it seems.
I know that every night to come,
I'll see you in my "DREAMS".

Untitled

I took a shot of starlight
And chased it with the moon.
With Christmas just a week away,
December changed to June.

A breeze was coming from the Sea,
The flowers were in bloom;
You wore a pretty wedding gown,
Imagine me – the groom.

I'm as high as I can be,
I hear my favorite tune.
The whisky was the starlight,
The chaser was the moon.

My head is light – I walk on air,
And miss you day and night.
I dream from taps till reveille,
Each moment – hold you tight.

If you would like to fall in love,
Be crazy as a loom;
Just take a shot of starlight,
And chase it with the moon.

"MY FRIENDLY CABIN"

My friendly little cabin,
The one beside the stream,
Where two of us could live in peace,
And full fill every dream.

A turning road that leads to home,
My Heaven, Dear on earth,
Wealth alone can not express,
Of just how much it's worth.

In my friendly cabin, Dear,
How happy we would be.
Just you and I, and later on,
A baby making three.

We would have our little home,
With friends to spend the day,
And happy married couples,
That lives across the way.

I will love you all my life,
To you I give my heart.
I just long to say,"I do."
To, "Till death do us part."

It's all yours, if you'll say, "Yes."
And lovely it will seem,
To have you in my cabin,
The one beside a stream.

By George W. Brann
U.S. Navy ◈

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permanent relief, and a "Yes" vote on Amendment 3 provides exactly that.

–Alicia Bell, Gulfport

Gulfport Marina

As a former Gulfport police officer and current local business owner, I have spent years serving this community. Unfortunately, the City of Gulfport's recent handling of marina rate increases has left me questioning whether that same commitment extends to the small businesses operating within our city.

Commercial marina operators are facing substantial rate increases without what I believe to be adequate financial justification or meaningful consideration of their economic contributions.

The City relied on a fair market value assessment while rejecting requests for an independent evaluation. Initially, funding was cited as an obstacle. Even when private funding was offered, the request was denied.

Meanwhile, the Gulfport Yacht Club received an opportunity for private discussions regarding its lease, while affected marina businesses were not afforded comparable consideration.

These businesses do more than occupy slips. They attract visitors, support waterfront restaurants, purchase fuel, generate economic activity, and contribute to Gulfport's identity as a waterfront destination.

We are not asking for special treatment or immunity from reasonable increases. We are asking for transparency, consistent standards, and decisions supported by independently verifiable data.

When elected officials dismiss legitimate concerns rather than meaningfully address them, the message to small businesses is troubling.

Gulfport should be encouraging responsible local entrepreneurship, not creating financial conditions that may force established businesses to relocate.

Fairness should not depend on who you know, where you live, or whether you operate a business.

–Captain Jonathon Ross

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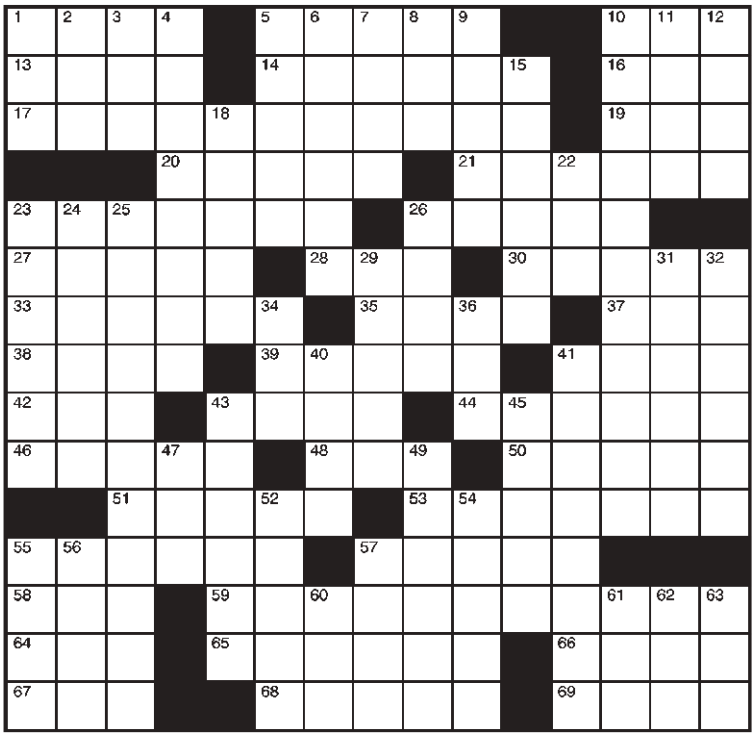
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19 Class
20 Shrub sticker
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23 Uncovered, in a way
26 Madison Square Garden, e.g.
27 On the ___ hand
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66 Fleming and Ziering
67 Bitter brew
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3 Little girl in the family
4 They went West
5 Group spirit
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8 Cambridge univ.
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'90s Primetime



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Veterans Day, Dolly Parton, and Flip Flops



ABBY BAKER

Wear your red, white, and blue to Gulfport's Veterans Parade on Sunday, Nov. 8, along Beach Boulevard in the Downtown Waterfront District.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Trivia Night Test your knowledge of pop culture, history, science, music, and art with trivia host Max Blowers. Explore the galleries for a special clue, and enjoy food and drinks from Café Clementine. *Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr. NE, St. Petersburg. 5-8 p.m. $21; includes Art After Dark admission. mfastpete.org, 727-896-2667.*

Friday, Nov. 6

Labyrinth Lights Step into an evening of light, music, and movement at Labyrinth Lights, part of Gulfport's TimeWeaving celebration. Dancers in illuminated wings and costumes will perform alongside live musicians beside a glowing, candlelit pine-needle labyrinth. Guests are invited to join the dance and bring their own glow accessories. The event coincides with Gulfport's First Friday Art-Walk. *Gulfport History Museum, 5301 28th Ave. S., Gulfport. 5-8 p.m. gulfporthistoricalsociety.org, 413-522-0811.* F

Remembering Dolly: Charity Drag Bingo Break out the pink and the big hair for Allendale's monthly charity drag bingo with Chatty Patty and Friends. November's "Remembering Dolly" event benefits Celebrate Outreach, which supports people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Play 10 games for $10; additional donations are welcome. This is a fabulous Dolly Parton-themed drag bingo, baby. *Allendale United Methodist Church, 3803 Haines Road, St. Petersburg. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; show starts at 6:30 p.m. chattypattybingo.com, 727-527-6694.* F

Saturday, Nov. 7

Train Show & Sale Browse model trains, hobbies, and collectibles from vendors at the Regal Railways Model Train Show. Kids can watch a running train layout, and lunch will be available for purchase. *St. Jerome Catholic Church Parish Hall, 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. $6 for adults, free for kids. 727-244-1341.*

St. Pete Yoga Fest Stretch out by the bay at St. Pete Yoga Fest, an all-day celebration of yoga and wellness with live music, speakers, and more than 35 local vendors. *Spa Beach Park at the St. Pete Pier, 600 Second Ave. NE, St. Petersburg. 9 a.m.-10 p.m. stpeteyogafest.com, 727-426-3071.* F

Flip Flop Bar Hop Slip on your flip-flops and spend the day bar-hopping around St. Pete Beach in support of the Egypt Shrine Ladies Program. Registration includes a T-shirt, swag bag, poker card, drink specials, discounted parking, and trolley transportation, with stops including Harry's Beach Bar, Rum Runners, Crabby Bill's, The Drunken Clam, and Undertow Beach Bar. *Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. $55. events.ticketleap.com, ladies@egyptshriners.com.*

Steeped in Sunshine Day Celebrate Florida's art, stories, and scenery during this free, daylong event at Soft Water Gallery. Take an artist-guided trolley tour of local murals, help create a collaborative piece with muralist Tiff Urquhart, and hear readings and storytelling from author Paul Wilborn and actress Eugenie Bondurant. *Soft Water Gallery, 515 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. softwatergallery.com, 727-318-3223.* F

Art in the Auditorium Shop work from more than 15 artists at Art in the Auditorium at Town Shores in Gulfport! Expect watercolors, stained glass, photography, crocheted items, pickleball accessories, beach bags, puzzles, novels, and more. Concessions will be available in the lounge, including grilled hot dogs, chili dogs, chili, baked beans, ice cream, chips, soda, and water. *Town Shores, 3210 59th St. S., Gulfport. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 727-345-9491.* F

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Redington Beach Wine & Food Gala Sip, snack, and support the Redington Beach Scholarship Fund with wine, beer, local bites, and live music by Magic. The adults-only evening also features a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a complimentary photo booth. *Friendship Park, 164th Avenue, Redington Beach. 6-10 p.m. $60. info@rpboa.com, 513-240-2283.*

Sunday, Nov. 8

Gulfport Heroes Weekend Honor the people who have served at Gulfport's annual Veterans Parade. The community will gather along Beach Boulevard for a patriotic procession through the Downtown Waterfront District celebrating local veterans and their service. *Downtown Waterfront District, Beach Boulevard South, Gulfport. 11 a.m.-noon. mygulfport.us, 727-893-1118.* F DF

Indie Flea St. Pete's Indie Flea is launching a brand-new market series at Campbell Park. Expect fun vendors, thrifting, and food trucks. *Campbell Park, 601 14th St. S., St. Petersburg. Noon-4 p.m. theindieflea.com.* F DF

RISE! The Rock Musical Experience scenes and songs from *RISE!*, a new rock musical inspired by the true stories of the Kashariyot – young Jewish women who disguised themselves and carried food, messages, and weapons through Nazi-occupied Europe to support resistance movements. A discussion with writer and composer Joshua Hershfield and a dessert reception follow the performance. ASL interpretation will be provided. *The Florida Holocaust Museum, 55 Fifth St. S., St. Petersburg. 2-4 p.m. $15. thefhm.org, 727-820-0100.*

Salute to Service Honor those who serve and celebrate America's 250th anniversary with live music by Laurie Loyst & Encore IV and guest speaker retired USAF Gen. Mike Minihan. Suggested donations are $20 for

reserved seating or $10 for lawn seating; bring your own chair for the lawn. Veterans, military, and first responders receive 50% off! Proceeds benefit American Legion Post 305. *Horan Park, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr., St Pete Beach. 3-5 p.m. stpetebeach.org, 727-367-2735.*

Monday, Nov. 9

Jake's Monday Comedy Show Kick off the week with local stand-up at Sunshine City Comedy Club. Jake Polin hosts a weekly showcase featuring Tampa Bay comedians. *Sunshine City Comedy Club, 5501 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. 8:30-10 p.m. $10. sunshinecitycomedyclub.com, 727-435-0327.*

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day Picnic Honor local veterans at a free community picnic hosted by the Gulfport Senior Foundation and American Legion Post 125. Enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs, meet your neighbors, and attend the unveiling of the new paver ribbon at Gulfport Veterans Park. *Gulfport Veterans Park, 5350 31st Ave. S., Gulfport. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. distinctlygulfport.org.* F

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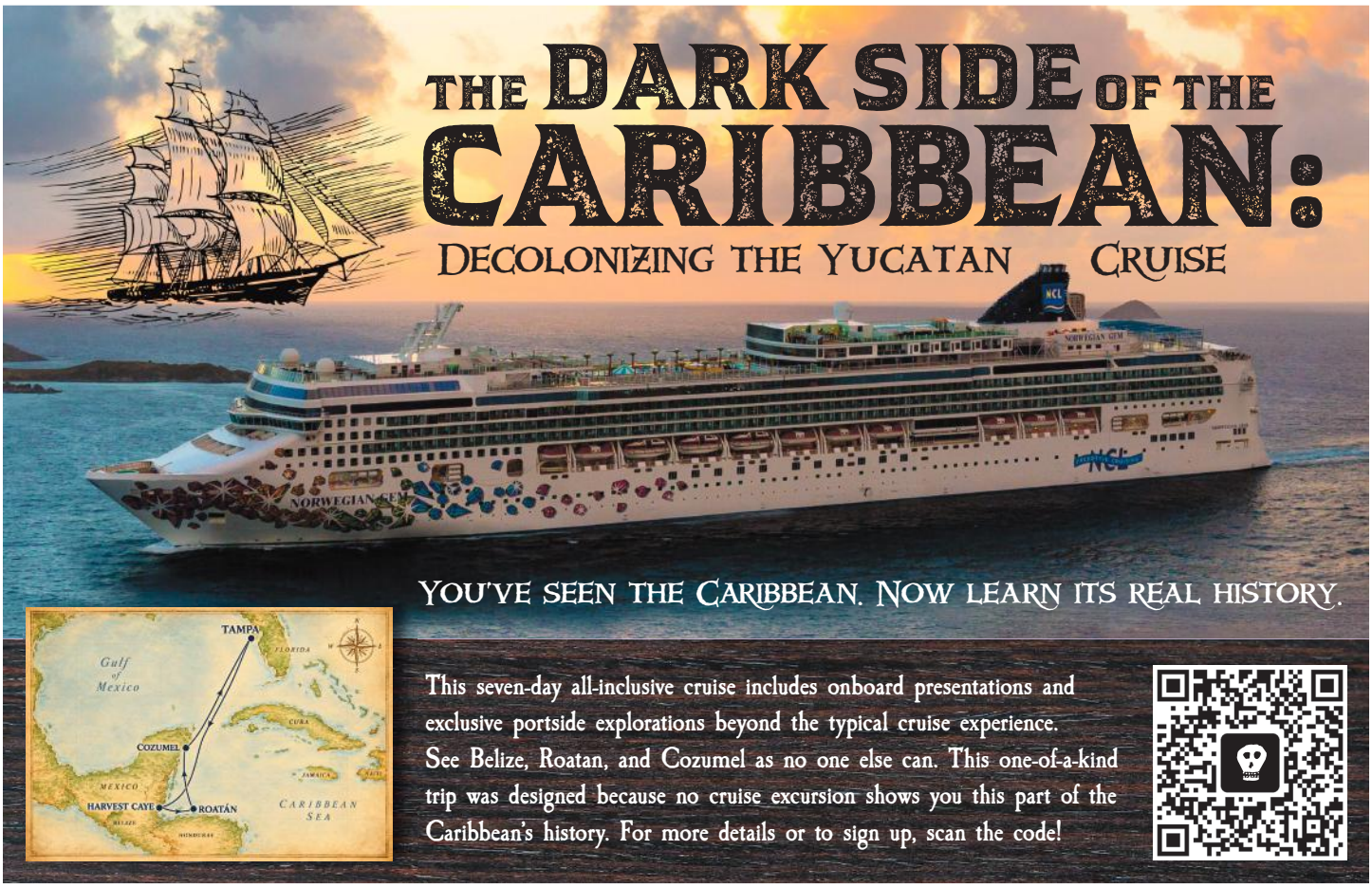


Shop vintage finds and local vendors at St. Pete's Indie Flea on Sunday, Nov. 8, at Campbell Park.

Thursday, Nov. 12

Helping Your Orchids Look Their Best Join the Florida West Coast Or-

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chid Society for a presentation by Corinne Arnold on keeping your orchids healthy and beautiful. Beginners can learn basic repotting with Bret Ullery at 6 p.m. *Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 10891 102nd Ave. N., Seminole. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. parnold3@tampabay.rr.com. 727-475-0750.*

Zee's Barbeque Fall Night Market Shop from more than 30 local vendors, grab some barbecue, and support Friends of Strays at this fall night market. Bring your pup along for the fun! *Foodie Labs, 515 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. 6-9 p.m instagram.com/zeesbarbeque, 727-238-5063.*

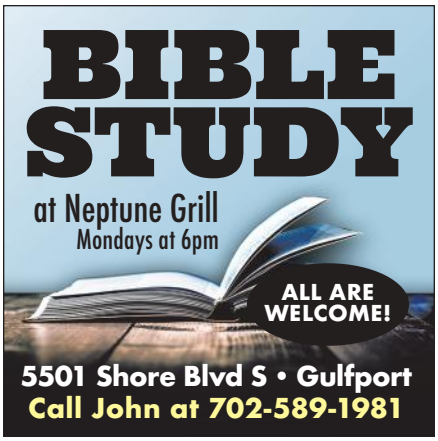
Happy Hour with the Historian: Tampa Bay's Criminal Underworld Did Al Capone have a house in St. Petersburg? Author Scott Deitche explores Tampa Bay's organized crime history and its ties to the Sunshine City. *St. Petersburg Museum of History, 335 Second Ave. NE, St. Petersburg. 6:30 p.m. $7-$15. historystpete.org, 727-894-1052.*

Native Plants Learn which native plants can thrive in your yard at this Thursday night class. IFAS Extension Agent Steve Robinson discusses Pinellas County's native plants, soils, and climate, with practical advice for local gardeners. *Hammock Hall, 3010 31st St. S., St. Petersburg. 7 p.m. boydhillpreserve.com, 727-893-7326.*

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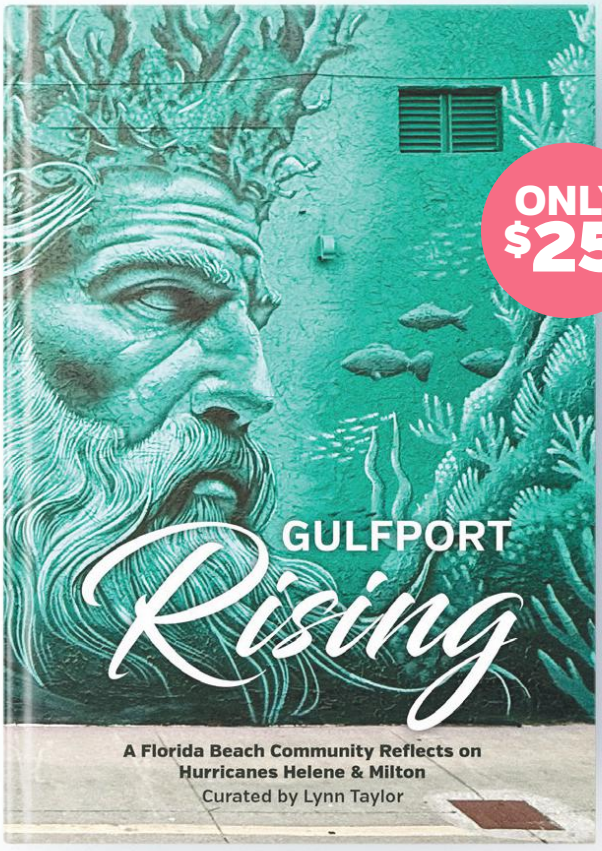
6058 Gulfport Blvd. S. (Stetson)
This three-bed, two-and-a-half-bath townhouse, built in 2003, has 2,230 square feet. It listed for $650,000 and sold for $635,000.

5950 Pelican Bay Plaza S., #705 (Pasadena Yacht & Country Club)
This two-bed, two-bath condo, built in 1982, has 1,476 square feet. It listed for $389,000 and sold for $360,000.

701 59th St. S. (Stetson)
This two-bed, one-bath home, built in 1950, has 768 square feet. It listed for $259,000 and sold for $237,500.

5509 15th Ave. S. (Tangerine)
This two-bed, one-bath home, built in 1944, has 1,064 square feet. It listed for $250,000 and sold for $240,000.

5925 Shore Blvd. S., #107 (Town Shores)
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