Gulfport Little League Back for a New Season

Gulfport Little League is launching the 2020 Spring Season. Youth, parents and all residents are invited to participate as six to eight teams are planned, and there are lots of ways to help both on and off the field.

This league is chartered to serve girls and boys from 5 to 14 years old who reside in Gulfport and south St. Petersburg. Competition is organized into four skill levels versus teams from around Pinellas County.

The league is the beneficiary of over 50 years of youth baseball tradition in Gulfport. Based on last year's success, the City of Gulfport granted a three-year lease of the city's ballfields to the league, and local financial support is growing.

The potential for the league requires community support through sponsors, coaches, new board members and adult volunteers. Interested sponsors and volunteers can call Sponsor Coordinator Bruce Donath at 617-974-1368. More information can be found at gulfportlittleleague.net, or contact the board at gulfportlittleleague18@gmail.com or 727-656-6957.

15th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour

Ever wonder why some Gulfport homeowners don’t need flood insurance? Discover some of the houses on “The Bluff” during Gulfport’s 15th annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour, Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The tour begins at the registration area at Scout Hall, 5315 28th Ave. S. and takes in the area east of Beach Blvd. to 49th St., and the south side of Gulfport Blvd. to the water. It’s so close to the waterfront district there will be plenty of time to take a lunch break or shop in the historic downtown.

Trolleys will be circulating throughout the tour so there’s no need to drive house to house. In fact, the homes are close enough for walking or biking. Parking is limited! They encourage visitors to park in Gulfport’s many outlying lots: Senior Center, Catherine Hickman Theater, Rec Center, Wood Ibis Park, and beach parking. From any of those you can easily hitch a ride to Scout Hall and then hop back on for the tour.

Tickets are only $20 at the Gulfport Welcome Center, 3101 Beach Blvd. S. (cash or check only) and Gulfport Beach Bazaar, 3115 Beach Blvd. S. (cash, check, credit card). They can be purchased online at pinkflamingohometour.com/buy-tickets. Tickets will also be available at the registration area day of the tour for $25.

The Pink Flamingo Home Tour is a fundraiser for the Gulfport Merchants Chamber. Visit pinkflamingohometour.com or facebook.com/events/438505943537219/. For more information contact Caron Schwartz, 303-641-5489 or msschwartz4@live.com or April Thanos, 206-501-7836, amthanos@hotmail.com.

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Beth-El, from front page

“For a local show, we have really incredible work from all around the country,” said Associate Chair of Art Festival Beth-El Abby Sterensis. “It varies in price; down in the boutique we have work as inexpensive as $15 to $20, up to our most expensive piece this year, which is $28,000. There’s a little bit of something for everybody: there’s sculpture, there’s glass, ceramic, jewelry, there’s photography. There’s literally something for everyone here.”

The Beth-El congregation doesn’t just host this show to expose the community to emerging or well-established artists. They host the event for the common good. According to Sterensis, the main purpose of the event is to adhere to a Jewish mandate, Tikkun Olam. The phrase means to “repair the world, to do things greater than yourself, to do things to help,” explained Sterensis. “Most of the money we raise goes to our social justice programming and the rest to our youth program.”

Art Festival Beth-El is also completely run by volunteers.

“During the course of the year, including set up and break down, last year we engaged 250 volunteers. Beyond being a good fundraiser, we like to call it a ‘friend-raiser,’” said Sterensis. “It’s a positive thing for the community and a nice way to bring people into a synagogue if they’ve never been. The art aestival is not a religious thing. We don’t show Jewish art. It’s not a temple show, it’s an art show in a synagogue.”

Unbeknownst to those around them, Leori Bolivar and Sandra Casey were total strangers just a few minutes before posing for a photo in front of artist Greg Turco’s digital art piece “Chi-Line.” Turco’s rendition of Chicago’s skyline brought Chicago natives together for an enthusiastic conversation. “I’m born and raised in Chicago and I love the city skyline and the city,” explained Bolivar. “This reminds me of home and resonates with me.” Casey followed Bolivar’s lead. “It represents home” she said. “I was born and raised there as well. I just like all the skyline, the coloring and I like how the buildings and riverfront are depicted.”

Charlotte Harper Mortan of Clearwater stops to smell the flowers and described her favorite piece of glasswork as more lifelike than any of the other floral glass pieces. “I like the color combination and I like florals too.”

Below, Maryann Spearman was caught admiring artist Kyle Pearce’s metal sculpture “Dancer,” Sunday afternoon at the 47th Annual Art Festival Beth-El. When asked what drew her to this piece she responded, “I really like the human body. It’s got a lot of curves and I think this piece is a good replication of the female body. It’s actually something I would buy.”
St. Anthony's Auxiliary Luncheon

The St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary will host their annual Luncheon and Card Party on Wednesday, March 4, from 11 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium lower level at St. Anthony's Hospital, 1200 7th Ave. N.

A donation of $20 per person includes social, lunch, beverages and desserts. Enjoy an afternoon of cards, games, dominoes, share the wealth and other gift opportunities. If you have a favorite card game, gather three of your friends and have some fun. Reservations must be completed by February 19, no tickets will be sold at the door.

For reservations or information, please contact Marilyn Waltz, co-chair, at marilynwaltz41@aol.com or call 727-528-2731.

2Cool Art Show at the Gulfport Casino

The 9th Annual 2Cool Art Show comes to the historic Gulfport Casino on Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, showcasing the artwork of over 30 of the area's top artists in this boutique art exhibition. This juried fine art and fine craft show.

The selected artists will show and sell a variety of handcrafted visual and functional works in paint, wood, ceramics, photography, metal, glass, digital, mixed media and jewelry.

The Gulfport Casino is located at 5500 Shore Blvd. Show hours are 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. and show admission and parking are free. Patrons can also utilize Gulfport's free trolley service that will allow you to park and ride to the show and downtown Gulfport.

This juried fine art and fine craft show is sponsored by PAVA, the Professional Association of Visual Artists, the City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Downtown Merchant Association. PAVA is a non-profit organization run by volunteer artists to serve local artisans and support the arts community in the Tampa Bay Area. It provides exhibition, education and grant opportunities for its members and supports local art centers through scholarships for art instruction.

Backyard Concert with Peter Suarez

On Saturday, February 1, Enroy Foundation, Inc. presents an evening of entertaining acoustic music with musician/singer/songwriter/yarn-spinner Peter Suarez and friends.

Music begins at 7 p.m., with socializing at 6:30 p.m.

They'll perform an eclectic program of original and other tunes.

A suggested donation for this event will go entirely to the artists. For more information email enroy@yahoo.com or call 727-290-6445. Presented by Enroy Foundation, Inc., a Florida non-profit organization committed to the visual and performing arts.

Hip Hop Dance Classes for Kids

Hip Hop Dance classes for ages 8 to 16 are now at the Gulfport Recreation Center. Classes are on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. All instructors are level 2 background screened. Please contact Lisa Walker at 727-742-2594 for more information.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). To be charming usually requires a keen focus on others, though not always. You’ll exude the charm that comes from being completely immersed in a pursuit. You will not rest until this is solved. Your drive will be admired, though you cannot help it either way. This is what’s happening now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Perhaps what everyone else is doing makes sense or is the best available option. But conformity is tricky. It only rewards those who truly don’t care or don’t see another way. If the conforming choice rubs you the wrong way, just stop. It never matters how many people agree with you if you don’t agree with yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your automatic response is to do everything in your power to make the people around you feel comfortable. However, this week it’s often simply unnecessary. Find peace and comfort within yourself. Without doing a single extra thing, you’ll model serenity and they will find it for themselves through your example.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Did you know that some asteroids have their own moon? Some asteroids have two moons. As for your own project, small though it may be, it will have the support of one or two people who orbit adoringly around you this week. They see the merit in what you’re trying to do, and they are drawn in by your charisma.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You’re versed in the vagaries of frustration and have been moved more than once to behaviors that baffle you. There’s virtue here. You’re only frustrated because you dare to learn new things. Calm down, step back, choose one specific, small, hopeful action. Eventually, you will get good at this, if you simply keep at it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A habit of thinking and talking positively about yourself may seem like a tip from a course called Effective Human Behavior 101, and yet it’s amazing how few have mastered the skill. It’s worth working on this week. If you can catch your unhelpful thoughts and turn them around, then you’ll be 20% more effective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The jobs of yesterday are being done by supercomputers and robots. The work of tomorrow hasn’t even been thought of yet. You’ll embrace the moment, giving anything and everything you think is useful, which includes a human touch, emotional intelligence and a poetic heart. It’s a good moment to be alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To care too much, talk too loud, invest big emotions where small ones would have done just fine -- how embarrassing! Also, this is the best stuff of life, a proof of passion and humanity. This messiness can be pretty rare, so when it happens, overtakes you or you it, it’s something to appreciate. Don’t put it down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because you are perceptive about your loved ones, you know the different tones in which they speak and what each sound means. Even more keenly, you know the silences, each being distinct and so easy for you to read. Intimacy like this isn’t necessarily easy, though it’s among your greatest treasures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are checkpoints, stations in which it’s appropriate and helpful to chart your progress. The rest of the time, don’t compare, not even against yourself. Put all your energy into finding your groove in the moment. When fully engaged in what feels good to you, you’ll be at your competitive best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Not everything worth seeing is also worth going to see. The journey may be time-consuming, expensive, inconvenient and possibly uncomfortable. But truly, you’re drawn there for a reason. There’s something about it not to be missed. Go. You’ll only find out what that is after you commit to doing this.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some people are just easier to listen to. Maybe they’ve practiced the art of storytelling or have a naturally compelling way of getting things across. Anyway, it will be important to listen carefully to the ones who don’t have that. How they need to be understood! Give the gift of a conscientious interaction.
ACROSS
1  Mardi follower
5  Serenate
10  The Art of Fugue composer
14  Singer’s dish
15  Marta, in Casablanca
16  Repeat
17  Builder’s beam
18  Fail Safe director
19  Garden staple
20  Panama hat
22  Deny
24  Empty-nest word
25  Singer Mitchell
26  Book cover
29  Lacquered
33  Sounds of disgust
34  Suffering
36  Skirt feature
37  Links position
38  _ Astone: 1926 song
39  Court return
40  Robert ___
42  Lock
44  Al Hirt hit
45  Breaks an oath
47  Laundry employee
49  Innisfail
50  Vili x XIX

DOWN
1  Alphabet quartet
2  Bohr colleague
3  Memo abbreviation
4  Diminishes
5  “Journal” city
6  Jeweler’s glass
7  Marie Wilson role
8  Sweater neck
9  Energy measure
10  Li Peng’s capital
11  Ranch unit
12  Elegant
13  Geezer
21  Diner order
23  Spanish queen
25  Doe and Darrell
26  Deny drink
27  Twinkle toed
28  Encourage
29  Indiana, on film
30  Actor Lloyd
31  Grind down
32  Bread anagram
35  Bridge maven
41  Kicked out
42  Wagnerian hero
43  Moon-colored
44  Together
46  Actress Mary
48  Inlet
50  Clad like Batman
51  Trick
52  Scottish resort
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Connecting with Clients is Key at Infinity Massage
By Debbie Wolfe

“Our level of compassion, understanding and care” is what makes Infinity Massage unique said Christian Beach, owner and licensed massage therapist. “We don’t do it because it’s a job, we do it because it’s a passion.”

Beach and co-owner Duncan Alexander, who is also a licensed massage therapist, had a formal ribbon cutting at their new Gulfport-based business on Saturday, January 25 at 5702 Gulfport Blvd S., Suite 6.

“We followed our hearts, as cliché as that sounds, and ended up going to massage school together,” said Alexander.

The business will focus on connecting with and treating clients of all ages who are experiencing trauma and oncology issues, said Alexander.

Methods offered will include neuromuscular therapy, deep tissue, Thai massage, paraffin wax treatments and four-hand massage where both therapists work in synergistic unison on one client.

Pictured in the waiting room of the new business are Beach, center front row, cutting the ribbon while Alexander, center back row, cheers him on. Members of the Gulfport Merchants Chamber, friends and colleagues of the owners are also pictured. Infinity Massage is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., by appointment. Saturday and in-home appointments are also available, as needed. For more information and to schedule a therapy session, visit infinitymassagetherapy.com or call 727-560-3485.
New Glam Palace Opens on 49th Street South
By Laura Mulrooney

Studio 49 Salon and Spa hosted their grand opening Monday evening, January 27 at 2309 49th Street S. Previously Longhouse Yoga studio, the building stood vacant for a year. Owner and stylist Jennifer Gallo-Lee says she dedicated an immense amount of time to creating the perfect domain for beauty and relaxation.

“It was a lot of hard work, it was tough,” explained Gallo-Lee. “We painted, ripped up flooring and redid the lighting. It was pretty bad when we found it.”

Gallo-Lee moved to Florida from New York last year and quickly jumped head first into Gulfport’s welcoming community. “I fell in love with the community, it reminds me of a small town in a big county,” said Gallo-Lee. “I love it here, I’m really happy to be here.”

Gallo-Lee shares her space with four other beauty and relaxation specialists. In back, from left, are Anastasia Davis, therapeutic massage; Bobbi Redman, paramedical esthetician; Josie Huffman, nail and lash specialist; and Angela Kraft, stylist and potions master.

Studio 49 Salon and Spa can be reached at 727-800-6655 and via Facebook. Walk-ins are always welcomed along with well-behaved pups.

Zaiya ArtiZen Market is Official
By Laura Mulrooney

Thursday evening, January 23, friends, family, fellow merchants and residents joined Jill Rice, center, at her official ribbon cutting of Zaiya ArtiZen Market, at 3119 Beach Blvd. S.

“Every morning when I wake up, I am grateful to have found Gulfport,” said Rice. “This is a magical city and all of ya’ll are magical people. This is a dream come true.”

Zaiya, a combination of her grandchildren’s names, Aiyume, Zai and Aiya, “is a place where women are empowered to transform their own dreams into reality. It is an energetic space of community, support, and encouragement. It is a magical place of connection, fun and spiritual alchemy,” wrote Rice on her Facebook page.

The boutique is a space that hosts 10 different artists all with unique products. Shoppers will find a delightful range of goods such as tie dye clothing and silk scarves, photography, jewelry, ceramic sculptures, whimsical art from natural objects, natural soaps, CBD cream and essential oils.

Gulfport Merchant Chamber’s President Barbara Banno, right of Rice, felt especially sentimental that evening. “It feels like I’m passing the torch,” she said. Banno wished Rice the same amount of happiness and prosperity the location brought to her as owner of Stella’s restaurant.

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B-4 You Know It, You’ll Be Shouting BINGO!
By Laura Mulrooney

From left, June Foley, Sandy Durham, Natalie Concannon and Judy Wiernasz get their game on at the American Legion Post 305 on St. Pete Beach on Thursday, January 23.

Foley and Durham have been playing bingo at Post 305 for the past 20 years. One thing all four ladies agree on is that bingo night is a fun night out with friends.

“Post 305 is alive and well,” said the Post’s Financial Officer Tom DeYampert. “We have community support; our membership is growing and we want people to come in and join us. This is a veteran’s organization for veterans’ purposes. We also support the community — everything we do here focuses on veterans and the community.” All are invited to play bingo at Post 305, 6999 Gulf Blvd, St. Pete Beach every Thursday evening. The balls start dropping at 7 p.m.

Babytime at Gulfport Library

If you have little ones under 2 years old, please come to the Gulfport Library for Babytime on Fridays at 10 a.m. They will sing songs, read books, enjoy lap bounce rhymes and meet other caregivers with infants and young toddlers. Older siblings are also welcome. Call 727-893-1074 for additional information.

Gulfport’s Get Rescued Returns

The 16th Annual Gulfport’s Get Rescued event will bring hundreds of adoptable animals, vendors, activities and a Bark-B-Que to the streets of Gulfport for a full day of fur and fun on Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The event has grown to become the largest animal rescue event in Florida with rescue groups travelling from throughout the state to participate. The event is free, family friendly, and of course, pet friendly.

The event raises money and awareness, but they hope you want to choose a new fur baby of your own to raise! There will be independent vendors selling animal-related products, crafts and artwork.

Bring your own critter companion and join thousands of other visitors in downtown Gulfport to participate in one of the area’s most beloved traditions. All well-behaved people (and their surely polite pets) are welcome. Convenient complimentary parking will be available all around the area.

Visitors and attendees are encouraged to bring donations of unopened dog and cat food, cat litter and pet supplies. The drive-by drop-off location on the day of the event will be conveniently located at the historic Gulfport Casino at 5500 Shore Blvd. Supporters can also make donations online or check Facebook.com/GetRescued for donation locations throughout the Tampa Bay Area.

For more information on Gulfport’s Get Rescued, visit facebook.com/GetRescued or VisitGulfportFlorida.com or contact Suzanne King at 727-322-5217 orl SuzFest@gmail.com.
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Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

This week, let’s take a look at how legal transfers of control and decision-making work.

Guardianship

This is a legal process in which the court places an individual or agency in control of someone else’s affairs. Since establishing a guardianship requires action by the Court system, it can be expensive and cumbersome. In addition, guardianship reduces an individual’s legal rights to those of a minor.

Conservatorship

This is a type of guardianship that applies only to a person’s property and not his or her personal matters. As such, its scope is less restrictive, and the individual involved retains many of his or her legal rights.

Durable Power of Attorney

By establishing a power of attorney, you authorize someone else to act in your behalf. You can give very limited powers, such as authorizing someone to sell property for you, or very broad powers, such as paying bills, making investment decisions, or making all decisions for you.

A durable power of attorney remains in force even if the person who establishes it becomes incompetent. While a power of attorney is generally established to ensure that your affairs will be handled for you, it must be durable to be effective in the event of your incapacity. Any power of attorney, including a durable one, becomes null and void when either the person granting it or the person to whom it is granted dies.

You should be sure to specify exactly what functions are to be covered by the durable power of attorney. For example, medical decisions, investment choices and property care can be named specifically.

Of course, a durable power of attorney should be given only to someone you trust implicitly to act in your best interest. You should consult an attorney for the specific requirement of a durable power of attorney.

Mr. Myers is the owner of Akerson Law Offices at 535 49th St. N. 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.

Register for ReadOut and Get a Free Lunch

Thanks to a grant from Florida Humanities, Gulfport ReadOut: A Festival of Lesbian Literature is offering a free buffet lunch catered by Pia’s to all Saturday ReadOut attendees.

Please be sure to register at GulfportReadOut2020@bpt.me for the Saturday events (taking place February 1 all day at the Gulfport Library) to receive your lunch admission sticker.

Donate Your Books to the Gulfport Library

The Gulfport Library Circle of Friends is accepting donations of gently used books to sell in the Circle Bookshop. The bookshop is run exclusively by volunteers and all proceeds go to support the many programs that the library makes available to the community.

They do ask, however, that the books be in decent condition and appropriate for resale. Given space constraints, they cannot accept encyclopedias, textbooks or outdated healthcare and computer books. Please deliver donations to the circulation desk at the Gulfport Library, 5801 28th Ave. S.

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Annual Gulfport Fine Arts Festival

The Gulfport Merchants Chamber is proud to present the Fifth Annual Gulfport Fine Arts Festival on Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. The festival is held in Gulfport’s scenic waterfront Veteran’s Park (5350 31st Ave. S.). The event is a juried “boutique” show, focusing solely on fine art and fine craft, with an award for Best in Show. There is no charge for admission. The event is open to all and is family and pet friendly.

Over 45 artists are expected to participate in the event, offering work for display and sale. The festival is Gulfport’s only two-day outdoor art event, intended to highlight not only the work of local and regional fine artists but also work from artists not previously represented in the area. A wide range of artistic media will be featured including ceramics, fiber, glass, metal, mixed media, wood, acrylics, collage, assemblages, drawing, leather, oils, pastels, photography, stone, watercolors, fine jewelry and sculptural art. The festival builds on Gulfport’s reputation as an arts destination.

The event venue, Veteran’s Park, is a scenic location overlooking Boca Ciega Bay. It is adjacent to Gulfport’s Shore and Beach Boulevards, the hub of Gulfport’s vibrant Waterfront District with a collection of all-independent restaurants, pubs, shops, art studios and galleries. Parking in the area is convenient and free. A free trolley will also offer visitors round-trip transportation from remote parking locations.

The Gulfport Fine Arts Festival is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Merchants Chamber and the City of Gulfport. Visit Gulfport Fine Arts Festival on Facebook, or contact Brenda McMahan by email to brendamcmahonceramics@gmail.com For more information about Gulfport and other events in the area, go to VisitGulfportFlorida.com.

Gulfport Art Exhibit and Reception

Come to the Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., on Friday, February 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists and view a selection of the art they created during the 2019 instructional year and enjoy light refreshments throughout the reception. This art exhibit will be available for the entire month of February. For more information, please call 727-893-5657.

Sailing Non-Profit Soothe Our Souls

Soothe Our Souls (SOS) is a newly formed unique non-profit currently operated from Dolphin Landing, 4737 Gulf Blvd. on St. Pete Beach. SOS provides complimentary sailing excursions on the first Sunday of each month for seriously health-challenged persons and their support group. SOS is committed to providing a respite from troubling health concerns, celebrating life and helping individuals navigate their journey to wellbeing.

Reservations are required. Phone 727-360-7411 with questions or visit SootheOurSouls.org for more information.
Local Crime Watch
A sampling of police reports from Jan. 16 to Jan. 25 in Gulfport and South Pasadena.
Source: Pinellas County Crime Viewer and Gulfport Police Department.

Gulfport

1/16 – Warrant arrest in the 5000 block of Tangerine Avenue South. Officers were dispatched to assist with an unconscious female. It was determined she was having a medical episode and was transported to Palms of Pasadena Hospital. The officers were able to identify her by using a fingerprint scanner. A records check revealed the woman had an outstanding warrant issued by Polk County.

1/16 – Warrant arrest in the 5100 block of Newton Avenue South. A female with an outstanding warrant for violation of the conditions of her release for a driving under the influence charge was located at a residence. Brandi Dehart was arrested and transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

1/17 – Water rescue in Boca Ciega Bay. Sergeant Kellington and Officer Carter responded to a water rescue. They located three people in the water who had fallen from their sailing vessel when it tipped over in the water. They were transported to the shore where the Gulfport Fire Department was waiting to render aid.

1/18 – Stolen vehicle in the 1700 block of 53rd Street South. An officer with the St Petersburg Police Department requested that a Gulfport Police Department officer make contact with a resident about a car that was involved in a hit-and-run in their city where the driver fled the scene on foot. The resident was not aware her car had been stolen from her driveway during the night.

1/19 – Theft in the 3100 block of 49th Street South. A passenger in an Uber was on his way home. When they arrived at the intersection there was a Jeep blocking the road and the driver wouldn't move the vehicle. The victim and the driver of the Jeep got into a physical altercation and in the process the victim's phone fell out of his pocket. The suspect picked up the phone and fled the scene in his Jeep.

1/19 – Criminal mischief in the 5300 block of 31st Avenue South. A resident reported that sometime overnight someone climbed onto his porch and broke a piece of latticework, a wooden box and a flowerpot.

1/19 – Hit-and-run crash in the 4900 block of 31st Avenue South. A resident reported that sometime in the last four days someone in the complex backed into her vehicle in the parking lot and caused minor damage. Officer Pope was able to locate the suspect the next day and cited her for improper backing.

1/19 – Burglary to a vehicle in the 5500 block of 21st Avenue South. Officers responded to the report of a person who was observed by neighbors attempting to gain entry to an unlocked vehicle. Officers were not able to locate the suspect.

1/22 – Fleeing to elude and additional charges in the 5100 block of Gulfport Boulevard South. Officers were notified of a male in the area carrying a firearm and attempting to sell narcotics. They attempted to stop Donald Dugray as he was riding a bicycle at night without proper lighting. Dugray fled from officers on his bicycle before eventually crashing. Dugray's handgun fell onto the ground then he picked up the firearm and fled on foot. While he was running, Dugray threw the firearm onto a roof before attempting to carjack an undercover Gulfport Police Officer. Dugray was taken into custody and charged with the following charges: Fleeing to elude, carrying a concealed firearm, tampering with physical evidence, attempted carjacking, resisting an officer with violence, and an outstanding felony warrant from Brevard County for violation of probation for burglary and grand theft. Dugray was transported to the Pinellas County Jail.

1/16 through 1/22 – The marine unit was in operation for approximately nine hours this week. Sergeant Kellington and Officer Carter assisted with a water rescue. Sergeant Woodman participated in a multijurisdictional meeting and tabletop exercises to prepare for participation in the annual Gasparilla event.

Battery
1/23, 4 a.m., 2900 block of 59th Street S

Burglary – vehicle
1/20, 7:03 p.m., 5500 block of 21st Avenue S

1/23, 3:17 a.m., 700 block of Gray Street S

1/24, 5 p.m., 2600 block of 49th Street S

1/24, midnight, 700 block of Gray Street S

1/25, 7 p.m., 4900 block of Gulfport Boulevard S

Kidnapping/false imprisonment
1/16, 3:16 a.m., 5200 block of 18th Avenue S

Theft – petit
1/16, 7:37 p.m., 5500 block of 26th Avenue S

Theft – vehicle
1/17, 5 p.m., 1700 block of 53rd Street S

1/18, 3:50 a.m., 49th Street S and 31st Avenue S

Vandalism/criminal mischief
1/18, 2:20 a.m., 5300 block of 31st Avenue S

South Pasadena

Battery
1/22, 11:34 a.m., 1000 block of Pasadena Avenue S

1/25, 5:01 p.m., 1800 block of Shore Drive S
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Linda McAdams