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Photo by Leigh Clifton
A long look at Geck Fest down Beach Boulevard; people as far as you can see during last weekend's annual Gecko Fest on Beach Blvd. in Gulfport.
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Gulfport Raises Taxes at Citizen Request

By Cathy Salustri

At a special council meeting Thursday night Gulfport City Council voted to set the tax rate at \$3.86 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This rate represents a higher millage rate than the one city staff presented to council as part of the 2009-2010 budget.

Although the proposed budget included a \$1 million surplus, Gulfport residents questioned the wisdom of counting on a similar surplus in following years and asked council to raise taxes.

"The million dollars is great, but it's a false sense of security and we need to make deeper cuts this year," resident Bob Newcomb said.

"I somehow don't feel right about it. I'm not here looking to increase my taxes, but we're going to have a disaster next year

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St. Pete Beach Moves on Egan Park Grant Funding



Crystal, Adeline and Belinda Wager of St. Pete Beach savor the afternoon at the playground in Egan Park over the holiday weekend. The St. Pete Beach city commission is urging the public to write letters in support of a State grant that would help the city purchase a swath of land at 9001 Blind Pass Rd.

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Fall Opening Tea at Woman's Club

The GFWC St Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle N.E. welcomes their members back after a summer hiatus. The Annual Fall Opening Tea will be held on Friday, September 11 from 1-3 p.m. Guests are welcome! Kathleen Harris of Hat-A-Tude will present a special program. She will focus on styles, choosing the right hat for face and shape, size and wear and care of hat. There is no charge for this event, however reservations are requested by calling Mary Ellen Conte at 821-2078.

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913. In November, their clubhouse, which is on the State & National Historic Registry, will be celebrating 80 years since it's construction at the beautiful waterfront site on Coffee Pot Bayou. For more information on monthly meetings, diverse activities including arts & craft projects, monthly excursions, book discussions, weekly sewing and card games or rental information of their clubhouse, please call 822-4982.

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Seminar Geared Toward Business Owners

GULFPORT: Stetson University College of Law, the Business Law Section of the St. Petersburg Bar Association and the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce invite local business owners to learn more about "Surviving the Slump: How to Protect Your Business Legally in a Down Economy," on Sept. 23 on Stetson's Gulfport campus at 1401 61st St. S. Registration and a networking breakfast begin at 8 a.m. and the program starts at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Speakers include risk management expert and professor Deborah Brown of Stetson Law speaking on legal and practical employment law considerations and consumer debt expert Guy P. Coburn of the Ruden McClosky law firm speaking on collection law and strategies. The St. Petersburg Times Fund, Inc. is sponsoring this event.

"Now, perhaps more than ever before, it is crucial for Pinellas County business owners to learn more about

how to protect themselves from legal troubles in an uncertain economic climate," said Brown, who serves as associate vice president of legal affairs and human resources at Stetson Law.

To pre-register for this event for a fee of \$25, please contact the Office of Conferences and Events at Stetson at 727-562-7312 or e-mail conferences@law.stetson.edu. Registration details are available at www.law.stetson.edu/conferences.

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City of Gulfport Birthday Bash

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During this event, take an inside tour of the Gulfport Historical Museum and pick up your new Historical Society Gulfport Centennial Calendar. It has all the important Gulfport numbers and event dates for 2010. It is a bonus 15 month calendar with the dates of October 2009–December 2010. Calendars will be ready for purchase for \$5 at the birthday bash and orders are already coming in, so be sure to get your calendar or call the Gulfport Historical Museum at 727-327-0505.

Also, be a part of History as Gulfport historian, author and artist, Lynne Brown releases her new book, "Gulfport, A definitive History." She will be at the event for book signings.

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To find out how the International Talk Like A Pirate Day came about, please visit the website: <http://talklikeapirate.com/about.html>. To find out why International Talk Like A Pirate Day is not to be missed: visit <http://talklikeapirate.com/faq.html>.

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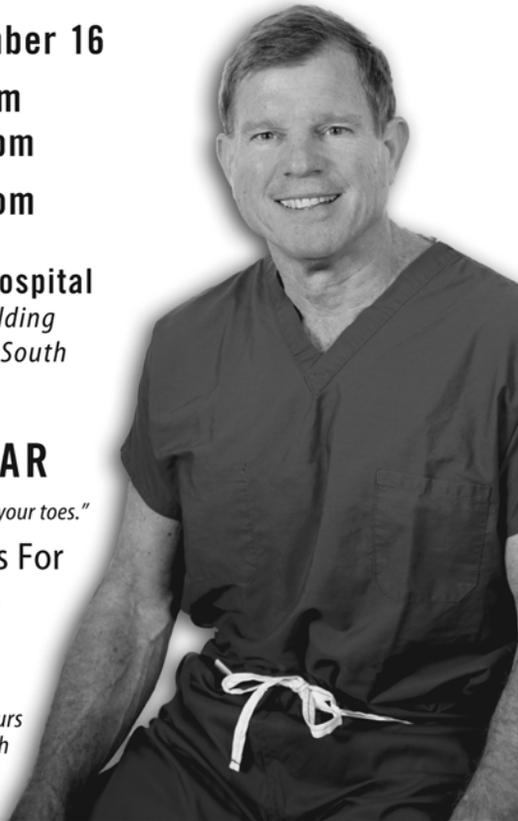
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The St. Petersburg Shell Club will meet Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Seminole Recreation Center, 2nd floor via elevator, located at 9100 113 Street N. in Seminole. Meet and Greet starts at 6:30 p.m. This month's program will be a pictorial review of the Conchologists of America Convention held in Clearwater in July presented by Dick Jackson, President of Suncoast Conchologists. Shell displays, "Show & Tell" and educational segments will also be presented. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. There is no charge. Plenty of free parking. Refreshments will be served. Call 867-6861 or www.stpeteshellclub.org.

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This year's Grand Marshal is CW44's own Sheli Sanders. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Ann Sherman-White, Coordinator of ASAP's Department of Prevention and Testing. Tampa Bay's Double M Band will kick off this year's Walk with a live performance, featuring the debut of "Time to Care," a song written especially for the event.

Individuals and teams can register online at <http://www.AIDSWalkStPetersburg.org>.

Donations are collected by participants through a secure online payment system or by using sponsor forms which can be downloaded from the web site.

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Free Museum Day

On September 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ArtsAlive 2009 presents Free Museum Day.

Museums are open free to Pinellas and Hillsborough county residents (with ID). Participating venues

include the Salvador Dali, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Florida Holocaust, Florida International, Great Explorations, Fine Arts Museum and St. Pete Museum of History, The Morean Arts Center, The Pier Aquarium and Florida Craftsmen Gallery. Some museums close at 4 p.m. Park and ride the Looper Trolley to most downtown locations for free. Free shuttle from BayWalk to Great Explorations. www.stpete.org/artsalive or 727-893-7465.

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Beach Commission Approves Millage Raise

ST. PETE BEACH – Though it's not going to be same number it was before the rollback, St. Pete Beach property owners will notice a slightly higher number in their TRIM notices for fiscal year 2010. The proposed operating millage is 2.4834 (or \$2.4834 per \$1,000 of assessed property value – an increase of .107 mills over the current rate, but still

below last year's rate of 2.6714. The proposed debt service millage rate is .0754 – an increase over the current rate of .0661. The new operating millage rate is expected to generate \$5.5 million for the City's general fund. The debt service rate will go to general obligation bonds for the police building.

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Antique Appraisal Fair

Back by popular demand, Gulf Beaches Historical Museum will once again host an Appraisal Fair.

Do you have a family heirloom, yard sale treasure or fabulous fake? Where did it come from? And how old is it? How much is it worth? Find out by bringing your items in to be appraised by an expert from Granny's Auction House. Sponsored by the Museum as a fundraiser, this "Antiques Road Show" style appraisal fair will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the St Pete Beach Community Center. Shop the museum gift shop, grab a hot dog and beverage. Learn about the museum. And even if you don't have anything to appraise, come and chat with others about their treasures. It's a great way to learn how to spot that next family heirloom and support the little Museum that keeps dear our island history, on display to share with all, always free!

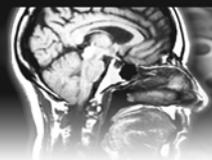
Admission is \$5 and includes one small item for appraisal. You may bring up to three items, but each item will require a \$5 ticket. Each furniture piece is \$20. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the St. Pete Beach Community Center at 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. Mark your calendar now, and keep looking for those garage sale treasures! Contact Spencer at 727-743-8866 for more information.

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Overeaters Anonymous Group in Gulfport

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This will be a hot, hot, hot -- fun, fun, fun event to support the innovative teaching facility in the Gulfport Art Village Courtyard. In addition to tasting some fabulous tastebud tingling chili, attendees will enjoy live entertainment and watch glass blowing demonstrations.

Entry deadline is September 23 for the chili tasting and judging event. The entry fee is only \$25 and includes an IAC membership and commemorative apron. Check the Industrial Arts Center website for details: www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org.

First, second and third place winners will receive hand blown chili pepper trophies and other prizes.

Event tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids.

For more information, call the IAC at 727-289-9365 or email info@industrialartscenter.org.

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Casino Night to Benefit Homeless

A Brighter Day of Pinellas County, a local 501(C)3 charity that helps homeless families with children, will be hosting their 11th Annual Casino Night at the Maria Center, 5800 15

Avenue S. on Saturday, September 19. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers by O'Bistro's, dinner by Carrabba's, games, music/dancing, raffle and a silent auction with some amazing prizes. Come join the fun for \$50 per person. It's a great way to spend the evening with friends, dine on some delicious food, have a blast and support a great cause.

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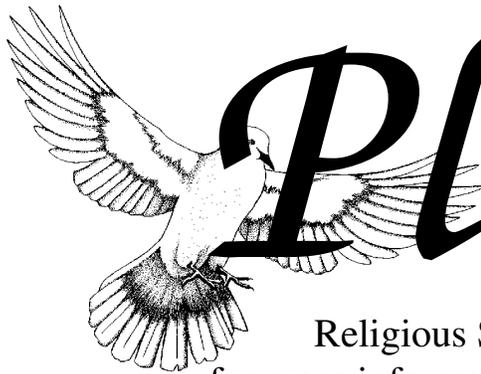
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unofficial Fire and Police - First Responders - Appreciation Week. St. Alban's has hosted a celebration of these brave men and women on the Sunday closest to 9/11 for many years.

Letters of invitation have been sent to St. Pete Beach Fire and Police personnel, as well as, to the Mayor and City Commissioners.

This event has been well attended by our First Responders each year and we look forward to seeing them again this year.

St. Alban's welcomes everyone from the surrounding community to join in honoring those who respond selflessly to anyone in our community in need or in an emergency.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is located between 84th & 85th Avenues on Blind Pass Road in St. Pete Beach. Call the Church office 360-8406 for more information.

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If you are looking for good food and great music join the fun at the 2nd Annual Tangerine Blues Fest on Saturday September 26 from 4-8 p.m.! This annual event is organized by the 49th Street South Business Association, Gulfport Chamber of Commerce and the cities of Gulfport and St. Petersburg. The festival will be held on 49th Street South along the Tangerine Greenway. Gates open at 3 p.m.

This year there is a killer lineup featuring local favorites The TomKats (www.thetomkats.com) and blues legend Sterling Magee & the Harlem Blues Band (www.myspace.com/sterlingsatanmagee) and talent from the east coast of Florida, Art Harris and the Z-Tones (www.ztones.com).

Prior to the festival the City of Imagination will be providing family fun with a "tree weaving". If you're not familiar with tree weaving it is a fun activity that delights the mind and the eye. Please join in!

They have great food and drink vendors available on site so please no coolers.

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Pinellas Coastal Cleanup 2009

The City of Gulfport and Keep Pinellas Beautiful will be hosting the bi-annual fall Pinellas Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at Clam Bayou Nature Park (49th St. S. to 19th Ave. S. east to Miriam St. S.) in Gulfport.

People with non-motorized vessels (kayaks and canoes) as well as people traveling via land based are encouraged to sign up at the Clam Bayou the day of the event for an enjoyable day while lending a hand to help keep the Bayou clean.

Beverages and lunch is provided to all dedicated volunteers. It's a great way to enjoy being outside, meeting your neighbors and helping the Bayou. For more information on the cleanup, please contact 727-893-1092 or 727-893-1118.

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St. Petersburg Garden Club to Meet

On September 14 Creative Crafts will be meeting at the Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Drive S. at 10 a.m. On Sept. 15 Dracaena Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. The Jungle Circle & Green Fingers Circle of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg will be holding their September meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 1 p.m. The program is "Hydroponics for the Home Gardener" presented by Dawn of Simply Hydroponics. Gardening friends are always welcome.

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GULFPORT: The Industrial Arts Center has extended the deadline for entries in its Keep Gulfport Colorful mailbox art contest. Entries will be accepted until September 23 and the winners will be announced at the first Industrial Strength Chili Cookoff on September 26.

Visit the IAC website now to see a few of the first entries! The non-profit arts organization invites Gulfport residents to submit photos of their decorative mailbox for its first "Keep Gulfport Colorful" contest. Winners will receive free glass blowing classes.

Mailboxes must be installed at an address in the Gulfport city limits. The decorative medium is up to the homeowner's interpretation. Submissions should be made via email to info@industrialartscenter.org.

For more information, visit www.IndustrialArtsCenter.org. Email info@industrialartscenter.org or call 727-289-9365.

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Register for SYAA Soccer

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City Whys?

Have you got a question for your city government?

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By Cathy Salustri

Q: Last week Gulfport city council had a workshop about the city manager. What's going on?

A: While no one's promising that the city will definitely hire interim city manager Jim O'Reilly as the permanent city manager and he has yet to publicly say he wants the job, the city's taken some actions that indicate that's the direction it's heading.

One problem exists: O'Reilly doesn't live in Gulfport and has no plans to do so. He and his family live in Seminole. The last city manager bought a home in Gulfport as a condition of the job but council has expressed no desire to make O'Reilly do the same even though the city's charter says he must do so if he wants the job.

Last week council met, according to Mayor Mike Yakes, "to decide if they wish to change the residency requirement." Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington contacted the Florida League of Cities who said that council could change that portion of the charter by ordinance.

The workshop, Yakes insisted, didn't deal with the issue of whether or not to hire O'Reilly, although he added "council agreed that he (O'Reilly) held an exception to the rule with his knowledge of Gulfport. He has served in that capacity as an interim and during that time he has demonstrated his ability to serve as CEO of the city."

He is, Yakes said, "doing an adequate job. So why search when what we'd be searching for is right here?"

City council will take the next step at the September 15 council meeting with a first reading of the ordinance changing the charter so that the city manager does not have to live in Gulfport.

The last city manager made roughly \$105,000; St. Pete Beach pays their city manager about \$117,000.

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Coconut Inn Rezone Vote Stalled

ST. PETE BEACH – Once again, a City Commission vote on an ordinance that would change the zoning for this recently revamped mom and pop hotel from residential to Traditional Hotel District Zoning did not happen at the Commission's most recent meeting. Around twenty citizens approached the podium at

the meeting. Fourteen spoke against the measure, which inn owner Joe Caruso says he is pushing for so that he will be able to rebuild in the future should the building become outdated.

Opponents expressed concerns over building height, increased traffic and even the possibility that Caruso would use his ancillary rights to put a "jazz bar" or "rock and roll club" on the premises. Caruso said he was willing to compromise. Among

that which he is willing to waive, he said, are building height (which he would keep to a residential standard of 40 feet once FEMA flood considerations are in place) and ancillary use. He added that if the Commission approves the rezone he will refrain from building on the vacant property adjacent the hotel, which now comprises a parking lot and a slated site for gazebos and a barbecue pit, for five years.

Nearly every single resident who spoke against the ordinance prefaced his or her argument with a statement on what an excellent job Caruso has done with the property, which was in complete disrepair as the LeRoy Motel when Caruso purchased the property last year. Despite Commissioner Bev Garnett's motion to deny the ordinance, the Commission may approve bill, but with conditions similar to those listed above. There was talk of holding a workshop to determine the specific conditions that would be included, and the Commission plans to vote on the ordinance at its October 13 meeting.

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Free Clothing Store to Open

A Touch of God Ministries will celebrate the opening of their free clothing store on Sunday, September 13. They ask you to attend their Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. They are located at 2997 Tyrone Boulevard in St. Petersburg. Visit ATouchofGodMinistries.org or call 727-824-7741 for more information.

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Annual SPCA Pet Walk Needs Vendors

Vendors interested in supporting homeless animals and exhibiting their products/services to more than 2,000 pet lovers at the 19th Annual SPCA Pet Walk should apply now. The registration fee is \$225.

This crowd-drawing event is sure to bring attention and new customers

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Stage events will be hosted by official media sponsors: The St. Petersburg Times; WQYK 99.5FM, Q105, La Maxima 92.5FM, Wild 98.7FM; 820AM NewsTalk radio; and, Tampa Bay on Demand. Activities include: The St. Petersburg Times Adoptable Pet Parade, IAMs Pet Costume Contest, Frontline/Heartgard Pet Boutique tent, PetSmart Amateur Agility course and more. Tech Data Corporation is the presenting sponsor again this year.

This event is not made solely for animal-related businesses; diverse companies will see enhanced interest in their booths since pet lovers come in all shapes, sizes, and consumer needs. Pet owners will be glad to know that non-pet related companies are joining the cause to save animals.

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Cooking Up a Fundraiser for Kids

ST. PETERSBURG, FL - A time machine is not necessary to step back in time to enjoy the delights of the 1940s Big Band Era. This and much more can be found at Help A Child's 10th Annual Cooking for Kids Fundraiser set for Thursday, September 17 at the St. Petersburg Coliseum. Local broadcaster and author, Bill Murphy, will serve as master of ceremonies and Frank Parson's Big Band 18 Piece Orchestra will put on a USO style show. Participating restaurants, cooking gourmet meals, include local favorites such as The Columbia, Café Vienna, Grattzi, King Natural Catering, LaFogata, Bellini's and O'Bistros.

All proceeds benefit Help A Child's services to identify and prevent violence against children. Ticket prices are \$75 per person and include food, entertainment, and a night full of memories. Attire is business casual, 1940s cocktail glamour or military uniforms. For reservations and donations contact Sandy Murray at (727) 544-3900 ext. 134. More information about Help A Child, a division of Suncoast Center, Inc., and their impact in Pinellas County visit www.helpachild.org.

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Also at the corner of 13th Ave. and 13th St. N. will be the Ghoully Goodies Bake Sale featuring homemade baked goods.

The ESP neighborhood is located between 9th and 22nd Avenues and 16th and MLK Streets North. Proceeds from the event and the bake sale will benefit the ESP Neighborhood Association and the Pet Pal Rescue. The Hike is

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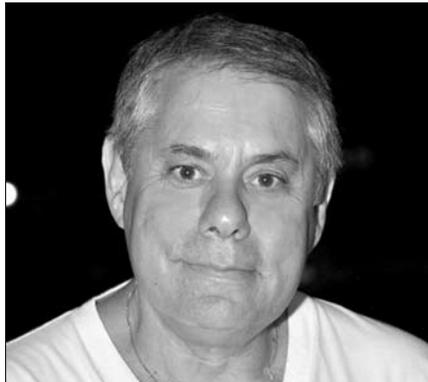
By Leigh Clifton

Do you think the Governor of Massachusetts should be permitted to appoint an interim senator to fill Kennedy's vacant Senate seat until the special election in January?



Marjorie Jaski, Gulfport: "Typically what happens is that the Governor does appoint an interim senator. You have to look at the reason they changed the law in the first place; they anticipated that in 2004, Senator John Kerry would be elected to the presidency and vacate the seat. The Democrats wanted to ensure another Democrat got it. I think in light of the current situation, they should do whatever is expedient. Time is of the essence. I am grateful to Senator Kennedy for all of his help and work, especially on a health care project that I was personally working on. He's an American icon and his tireless work on health care over the years is very much appreciated. Now we need a new chair and voice for health care reform."

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Ed Dunn, Gulfport: "Three New England states, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut have a marked propensity for changing the laws to favor the particular party in favor; Rhode Island and Massachusetts almost always pull for the Democrats, Connecticut pulls Republican. All three have changed their laws about whether the Governor or legislature can appoint with regard to special elections. Ted Kennedy will be sadly missed. I hope the people of Massachusetts and the rest of the country see the real opportunity this represents with regards to health care. The debate about health care is far from over. But if there is no public option, everyone should just sit down. Without a public option, there won't BE a reform of health care."

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Laura Etheridge, Gulfport: "I think the Governor should be allowed to appoint an interim senator because the State of Massachusetts deserves to be represented by two senators. They should have never made the change to the law and left it well enough alone. Kennedy's passing is such a part of a bigger history; it reminds me of how I felt about J.F. K. getting assassinated. It was so horrendous. I actually visited the house where J.F.K. and Jackie Kennedy had lived in Newport, Rhode Island. They had been showing the house right before it was bought by the chairman of Fruit of the Loom, who turned it into a private residence. Ted Kennedy was the last of the original Kennedys."

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Gil Blais, Gulfport: "Whatever the Massachusetts state constitution says should be upheld until the people want to change it; the people should have a voice in it. Patrick Kennedy, Ted's son, was my Congressman. I met Senator Ted Kennedy when he was campaigning for his son. It was interesting to meet him; he was very nice and genuine. He came across as a regular guy. I'm an Independent, not a Democrat, yet I viewed him and all the Kennedys as champions of the working people."

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Dear Editor: My name is Robert Myers and I have been a resident of Gulfport since February of 97. I live in the Town Shores complex and on Gecko Saturday I walked down Shore Blvd. to see the entertainment. I stopped to see my friends at The Village Pub and O'Maddy's. They along with all the other business on Shore Blvd. were doing a heck of a business (I was told at The Village Pub on Sunday it was better than the 4th).

After walking around for a while I started home using the back streets, this is where my problem was. I counted numerous parking tickets issued by our police department. My problem is how can we aggressively advertise for at least two months before this event, then close off at least 20% of the available parking for vendors and then ticket the 50% or better over flow that have no where to park?

I think next year the Police Department and the City council need to address this problem. How many of these ticketed people do you think will come back to Gulfport and how much bad press will this generate?

Robert Myers

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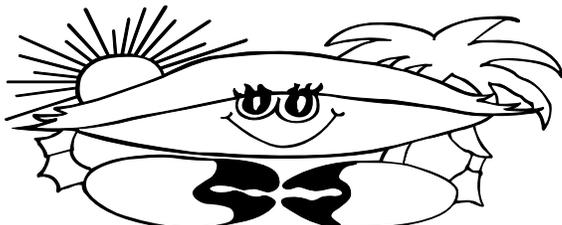
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With Gulfport's 100th year as a City coming closer, the Historical Society has brought back a special 15 month Gulfport Centennial calendar to commemorate the occasion. All dates of special events from October 2009 to December of 2010 will heavily line the calendar. This is a must have in every Gulfport home as even the images reflect the years of Gulfport's past.

Along with important event dates, you will find club numbers, including the local Scouts and the holiday trash pickup schedule available in this handy calendar. The calendar is \$5 and after printing costs, the remaining proceeds will help support the local Gulfport Historical Society.

The Gulfport Centennial Calendar will be available for its big debut on October 10th, during The City of Gulfport's 99th Birthday Bash at the Gulfport Historical Museum at 5301 28th Avenue S. The party starts at 4 p.m. If you would like to order the Centennial calendars in advance for your home or business, please call the Gulfport Historical Society at 727-327-0505 between 2-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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So far, No Swine Flu at Bogie, Gulfport Elementary

By Leigh Clifton

"So far, so good", said Boca Ciega High Principal Paula Nelson last week, when asked about Swine Flu outbreaks as the school year gets into full swing. "Every adult now has hand sanitizers; before the district even put out the directive, I had them ordered through a contract with Walgreen's and the district now has the hand sanitizers in the warehouse. So we will continue to do that. We sent flyers out to all the teachers to post on their doors about proper hand washing, sneezing into your elbow, things like that. We've communicated with parents; we even called them to remind them that if their kids are sick, they can't return for 24 hours until they clear their fever; that's state policy."

Nelson also said that they are trying to keep a close eye and monitor it closely. Bogie has two nurses; one full-time nurse from the school district, Shelly Ray Gregg and Lavelle Martin from the Health Department. Both nurses are paid from the Health Department.

Health Department statistics dictate that normally, the Swine Flu will emerge within the first two weeks of school.

Said Nelson, "I guess we'll have to wait and see. I'd like to think we're one of the lucky ones and we won't see it here. But we're trying to do everything we can to get ahead of it."

Over at Gulfport Elementary no documentable cases of the flu have shown up and Principal Lisa Grant had similar stop gaps in place to combat it. Signs have been placed on all bathroom doors about the importance of hand washing and the kids are told about it in class as well. Many teachers carry hand sanitizer and are on the lookout for any child who is sick, has a fever or is vomiting. That child is sent to the nurse's station where the parents are called to pick up the child.

One noted difference between Bogie and Gulfport Elementary is the addition of surgical masks. According to Grant, the district ordered between 30-40 masks and any child that has been found to be sick will be asked to wear one just as a precaution for other students and health officials as well. The sick child will wear the mask in the nurse's office while waiting to be picked up from school.

"We're not trying to ostracize the sick child, we just want to protect others around him or her," Grant explained.

Grant also said that parents have been pretty good about calling and asking about sick kids. She wrote specific directives in the monthly school newsletter, telling parents what symptoms to look for and how to combat the flu. Next month's newsletter will contain pertinent information about the Swine Flu as well. The district is also looking at flu shots in the near future. The cost of the shots will be absorbed by a federal grant and all parents will have to give permission for their child to receive one.

"Most of all," Principal Grant said, "If your child is sick with the flu, they need to stay home, get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids and wait it out. The flu doesn't respond to antibiotics, so you just have to rest."

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Audition for "Gulfport - The Musical"

If you have been reading the Gabber of late, you most likely know by now that the City of Gulfport will be celebrating its Centennial in January, 2010. Throughout the whole year of 2010, the City of Gulfport will be celebrating this historical event with many happenings throughout the City.

As a kickoff to these festivities, the City of Gulfport and the Gulfport Community Players jointly will be staging a brand new Gil Perloth musical at the Catherine A. Hickman Theater of Gulfport entitled, "Gulfport - The Musical".

The director for this play will be Daniel Harris and he will need a total

of 26 people with some very special talents for his cast. The auditions will be held on Sept. 14th and 15th at the Back Door Theater at 7 p.m. The Back Door Theater is located at 4919 17 Avenue S. in Gulfport. There is a map showing how to get to the theater on the Players' website at: <http://www.gulfportcommunityplayers.org>.

Daniel will need both males and females, ranging in age from 6 to 80. He will also need 6 or 7 children, ages 6 to 12 for the play. All people will have to be able to sing. Bring music in your own key to the auditions, a pianist will be provided by the Players. Be prepared to sing a "bright" number (no love ballads, please!). Two people must be able to waltz. There will be ensemble, group, and solo singing in the play.

Rehearsals will begin a week after the auditions end. The actual play will run for 3 weeks from January 8th through January 24th, 2010. Make sure that you have enough free time for all the rehearsals required.

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Points On Pets

By Matthew Margolis

Chanel

The recent death of a wire-haired dachshund named Chanel has made headlines. She lived in Long Island with owners Denice and Karl Shaughnessy, who adopted her when she was 6 weeks old.

What's special about Chanel? For one, she would've made Coco proud. As reported by the Associated Press, Chanel "wore tinted goggles for her cataracts in her later years and favored sweaters because she was sensitive to the cold."

What's newsworthy about Chanel? She was 21 when she died -- 147 years old in dog years.

Chanel and the Shaughnessys had a rich and long life together. Their story is a reminder to all new and potential dog owners of how deep and enduring the commitment of dog ownership can be.

And the following letter from a reader is a reminder of the things a person should consider before embarking on what could be a two-decades-long journey.

We just adopted a 3-year-old female Labrador retriever. "Cindy" came from a family who lived in a mobile home with no yard, where there was a single mom with two boys, 7 and 10, and two grandparents, as well as a

few cats and two other dogs. Cindy was able to escape when the elderly grandfather would forget to close the outside doors, so the mobile home park management gave the owners a deadline to get rid of her.

Our household includes dad, mom, a 3-year-old girl, a 5-year-old boy and two 12-year-old cats (one friendly, the other skittish). The friendly cat was attacked by a neighborhood German shepherd a month ago in our front yard (that dog was turned in to the pound by its owner). My children haven't had a dog in three years and are frightened of Cindy. Our last dog freaked out during fireworks season and ran out onto a nearby highway.

Cindy really likes me and follows me around, which is great. But I don't think she is comfortable with my husband. She had no alpha male in her home, and she was very attached to the 10-year-old boy, even slept with him at night.

I'm concerned for her well-being and comfort since we aren't home from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. Last night she escaped from our yard when my husband left a gate open. Luckily, a good Samaritan caught her, kept her overnight and then returned her to us this morning after seeing our posts.

Can Uncle Matty work with us to get Cindy acclimated to our family? We've heard him on Ronn Owens' ra-

dio show many times. Thank you!

Cindy is a good dog, and with some adjustments and training, she most likely can be acclimated into this household. But important factors were not given proper consideration before adopting her. Anyone thinking of adopting a dog should first ask and answer the following questions:

-- Is every member of the household (even the cats) comfortable around dogs and eager to have one?

-- Is any member of the family allergic to dogs?

-- Who will be responsible for the care and feeding of the dog?

-- Who will exercise the dog? When? And how often?

-- Where will the dog be kept when no one is home? (The answer should be "in a contained section or room inside the house.")

-- Are there practical matters to attend to? Fences to be secured? Gates to be locked? Holes to be filled?

-- Can we afford a dog? Vet bills? Vaccines? Food? Potential boarding or kennel costs? Toys, blankets and bedding?

-- Who will train the dog and how?

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Horoscope Guide

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you have something to sell, you're grateful for the opportunity to be in front of people to talk about your product. But if you don't have anything to sell, you might be tempted to forgo certain social events. Show up in spite of your trepidation. You can still sell yourself and gather more supporters to Team You.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a lot on your plate, and you'll realize that you can't do it all by yourself. People who want to support you have to be told exactly how to do this. You have nothing to lose by laying it all out on the line. If the same supporters can't give you what you need, you'll be one step closer to finding someone who can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Look at where you are and what you're doing. If you could go back in time and tell the 8-year-old version of yourself what is in store, he or she wouldn't believe it. Similarly, the current you will be blown away by the wonderful future that is rushing toward you. (That is, if you get to work in creating a wonderful one.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It won't be unusual for you to find yourself among strangers this week. You purposely get out of your element -- that's what it takes to expand your realm. Admit what you don't know, and ask some general questions. They lead to specific questions, and soon you'll be versed in a new area of study.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Give credit to the one who corrected your posture. You may not have appreciated the instruction at the time, but that habit of standing straight is doing you a lot of good this week. You command respect before you say a thing. Put thought into how to present your ideas, and you'll be mighty persuasive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The friendships you make this week affect your work. You'll enter a new group of people, most of whom already know one another. Go slowly. Evaluate the scene and social

dynamics involved before forming any alliances. Also, steer clear of the gossipy group, even though it might seem like a fun crowd at first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You might be tempted to put all of your energy and charm into attracting the one you admire. But this is not your only option, and it's not your best one, either. Instead, cultivate a high self-approval rating that's independent of the opinion of others. This will have a positive, immediate and astounding effect on your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is much to distract, tempt and hypnotize you away from important but tedious work. Limit your options, and you'll be better able to focus on your top priorities. Once you recommit yourself to what you said you were going to do, something magical happens: The boring aspects of work disappear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You need encouragement at every turn this week. You're not usually this sensitive, but you've been putting out a lot of energy lately and your returns are delayed. Positive comments go a long way toward helping you believe in yourself and what you're doing. Ask people to praise you, or give praise to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Impatience is seldom viewed as the character flaw that it is, since impatient people are so wrapped up in feeling superior for their quick timing. Ward against this vice for the next five days, as it shows emotional immaturity and creates an unhappy tone for all. Instead, be patient and you'll lead a charmed life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not what you say; it's that you say it in a way that makes others feel acknowledged, if not complimented or even loved. The early week sees you catching up on calls, mail and other correspondence. You'll find a piece of information you missed and get a second chance to take advantage of the opportunity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You made a certain agreement in the past

without understanding completely what you were signing on for. If you had known, you wouldn't have agreed. But now you're in a better place anyway. This week you're at a similar crossroads. Do more research than you did the last time, and stay optimistic.

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Egret Cove to Host Community Health Fair

Egret Cove Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will host a Community Health Fair on Wednesday, September 16 in the Maria Center, Most Holy Name Catholic Church, 5800 15 Avenue S. in Gulfport from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Free medical screenings will be available, as well as presentations by home health care, assisted living facilities, elder law, Hospice, podiatry, elder care, emergency response and many more elder care services. Door prize drawings will be held throughout the event and light refreshments will be served.

Egret Cove Center is located at 550 62 Street S. in St. Petersburg. To arrange for a tour of our facility, contact Chad Schoenfeld, Admissions Director at 727-347-6151. For more information regarding the Health Fair, contact Terie Hynish, Social Services Director, 727-347-6151.

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43rd Street Seniors to Meet

The 43rd Street Senior Citizens Club meets the third Friday of each month at 12 noon at Christ Lutheran Church, 3451 30 Avenue N. in St. Petersburg, September through May. Bring a covered dish and \$1 donation. Public is welcome for fun and games. Call Connie at 343-5454 or Mary Ann at 595-8648 for information.

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Commission Authorizes Egan Park Grant Application

ST. PETE BEACH – The St. Pete Beach City Commission voted 5-0 to allow City Manager Mike Bonfield to file a grant application that will request funding to aid in the purchase of a swath of land that would “square off” Egan Park. The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant would provide money that would help the city buy the \$1.3 million lot at 9001 Blind Pass Rd.

Opinions were initially mixed among commission members due to the timing of the opportunity, given its tightening budget, but all supported a move to seek outside funding sources. “I think it’s important to gain support for this (grant application) regardless of whether or not you support this purchase,” Commissioner Christopher Leonard told the Commission. The public can submit mail letters of support to the City’s Contract and Grants Administrator at City of St. Pete Beach, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, 33706, fax them to (727) 367-2736 or email them to maintenance@stpetebeach.org. The deadline for the grant application is September 15.

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REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Tomlinson Skate Park Sticker-All skaters need to purchase a Skate Park sticker and have a consent form on file at the Recreation Center. Annual cost for stickers is \$5 res./\$10 non-res. Consent forms are available at the Recreation Center, 5730 Shore Blvd. S., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Skaters ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent and show proof of residency for registration.

ACTIVITIES

Adult Basketball- Thurs. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

PROGRAMS

School Year Child Care Program-Ongoing registrations continue for the 2009-2010 School Year Child Care Program for children who will be entering Kindergarten thru age 14. Non-refundable annual registration fee is \$15 for residents and \$100 for non-residents. Monthly fees are \$133 for residents and \$266 for non-residents. Program hours are until 5:30 p.m. with extended hours available until 6 p.m. for an extra charge. Hours of registration are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Teen Night-NEW REGISTRATIONS

REQUIRED-Teens, age's middle school to 17. Mon., Wed. & Fri. 6-9 p.m. Annual reg. \$2 res/\$20 non-res.

Tot Time Program - The Tot Time Program is a pre-school, hands-on program for children ages 3-5. The program aims to make learning fun for children and

helps prepare them for Kindergarten. Non-refundable annual registration is \$15 res/ \$100 non-res. Monthly rates for the 2-day program are \$33 res./\$66 non-res, the 3-day program are \$55 res./\$110 non-res and the 5-day program are \$88 res./\$176 non-res. Program hours are from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Classes begin September 8, 2009.

CLASSES

AAYA Cheerleading-REGISTRATION SEPT. 22nd 6-7:30 p.m.- Class begins Sept. 29th. Tues., 6-7:45 p.m. for ages 5 & up. Cost is \$10 registration & \$6 per class. Call AAYA 813-885-2292.

AAYA Dance - REGISTRATION SEPT. 24th 6-7:30 p.m.-Class begins Oct. 1st. Thurs., 6-8:45 p.m. for ages 5 & up. Cost is \$10 registration & \$6 per class. Call AAYA 813-885-2292.

Body Sculpt-NEXT CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 1st-Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class. This class is a combination of aerobics and strength training designed to get your heart rate into the cardio zone. Call Billie at 239-313-0876.

Dog Obedience-BEGINS SEPT. 23rd-Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. for dogs 6 months of age and up. Cost is \$100 for the seven-week session to be paid at registration. THIS CLASS IS PRE REGISTRATION ONLY. Learn the basic commands of heel, sit, down, come when called, stay and loose-leash walking. After completing this course participants will be eligible for be tested for The K-9 Good Citizen Certification. Classes will be held at the Gulfport Neighborhood Center (1617 - 49th St. S.) Call Lisa at 772-3631.

Fencing- Wed., 4:30-5:30 p.m. for ages 8-15 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. for 16 and up. Cost is \$5 per one-hour session. Call Jim

Campoli at 813-855-3112.

Gymnastics-NEW FEES AS OF SEPT. 11th-Fri., 5:30-6:15 p.m. for ages 5-12. Cost is \$28 per month. Call Barbara at 804-9400.

Karate-Mon. & Fri., 6:30-8 p.m. (Beginners), advanced students stay until 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per month. For more information call Diane at 727-459-1399.

Nia - BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16th-Wed., 9:00 am. First class is free. Cost is \$10 drop in, \$8 with class pass or \$32 a month. Call Kaluwa at 729-9410 or visit www.NiaStPete.com.

Noisemakers-BEGINS SEPT. 14th-Mon., 6-7 p.m. for children ages 4 and up. Cost is \$15 per class or \$105 for an 8-week session. Adults please contact Gabe for information. Call Gabe at 345-7472.

Sumvie - Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class plus supplies. Please call Mike at 320-5035 for more information.

Tai Chi -Tues., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Oletta at 344-5181.

Thurs., 9-10:15 a.m. Call Marge at 345-6708. Donations accepted.

Tennis-Tues., 4:30-5p.m. (ages 6+), 5-6 p.m. (children 8-16) and adults from 6-7 p.m. at Chase Park, 28th Ave. & 53rd Street So. Gulfport. Cost is \$10 per session. Private lessons available. Call Jack at 430-0690 for more info.

Watercolor - Thurs., 6:30- 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$45 a month or \$13 per class. Call Patsi at 501-3559 for supply list.

Yoga-Thurs.-6:30-7:30 p.m. Blend strength, flexibility, balance and relaxation. All fitness levels are welcome. Bring a mat and water. \$35 per month, \$10 for a drop in. Call Maureen at 381-2166 for more info.



Gulfport Library 5501 28th Ave. So. 893-1074

PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS:

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only--contact Alex Hooks at the Reference Desk, or call 893-1073.

Bereavement Support Group: For family or friends who have recently lost a loved one. Open to the public Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 am. Facilitated by The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.

Socrates Café: These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates. Author Christopher Phillips traveled the world to lead informal groups, engaging people in the manner of the ancient Greek philosopher, for whom "the questions are more important than the answers." Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 am.

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. FMI, contact Kay Boatwright 893-1074. NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER—next meeting Saturday, October 10, 1:00 pm.

The G & O Book Club: A philosophical discussion group based on the works of early 20th century mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky. Saturday, September 19, 1:30 pm.

Summer Coffee/Talk: Summer series of monthly book discussions, "Grace Under Pressure," continues with Franz Kafka's The Trial. Join us for coffee, light refresh-

ments, and lively conversation. Pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book at the Reference Help Desk. Thursday, September 17 (coffee's ready at 10:00 am, talk starts at 10:15).

Attention Coffee/Talkers (and other books-into-movies fans)—We'll be showing "The Trial," a 2000 BBC film production starring Anthony Hopkins, Kyle MacLaclan, Jason Robards and Alfred Molina. Thursday, September 17, starting at 1:30 pm.

Genealogy Discussion Group: This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history. Saturday, August 22, 1:00 pm. FMI, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074. NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER—next meeting Saturday, October 24, 1:00 pm.

Services *City Sponsored Activities* in the Community

Senior Center 5501 27th Ave. So. 893-1231

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Pressure Help Needed-The Senior Center is currently looking for a qualified person to provide blood pressure screenings at the Senior Center on a weekly basis. Must have certification. Call for more info.

It's All About Fitness Celebration-All are invited to attend a celebration called "It's All About Fitness" on Wed. Sept. 23 at 1pm. The celebration will open with a motivational speaker to help YOU live a more healthy life. We will also be recognizing participants who just completed a 12-week fitness program designed by Allegro at College Harbor and Alliance Care. New participants for the upcoming 12 week fitness program will be also be announced. Come celebrate with us. Refreshments provided but please call to let us know you plan to attend.

Senior Center's 26 Anniversary Party!-Come join us for a day of fun on Mon. Oct. 12 as we celebrate 26 years as a Senior Center. There will be a Flea Market (9am-noon), games, door prizes, entertainment at 11am, and dinner at noon. Meal tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance.

Italian Classes Resume-Free Italian Language Classes will start Thurs. Sept. 10. Includes: Beginning Grammar and Advanced Conversation at 6pm. Classes at 7pm include Intermediate Italian and Elementary Italian (using "The Italian Made Simple" textbook, \$15) and also an Advanced Workshop. Minimal fee required to cover the cost of printing materials. Courtesy of the Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg.

Craft Club With A New Focus-Come join us every Fri. at 9am as we assemble care packages for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as other meaningful projects.

December Sale-The Senior Center is now collecting items for an upscale sale/silent auction which will be held in December. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Senior Center. Proceeds will benefit the Senior Center Foundation.

English as a Second Language-Sign up now for a class to help improve language skills. Fees: cost of materials only. Start date will be announced.

Computer Classes-One-on-one computer training sessions are available at no cost. Call for reservations.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Movie of the Month-Mon. Sept. 28 at 12:45pm. It Could Happen to You based on a true story.

Coming Soon:

- Flu Shots: Oct. 7, 10am-noon; Oct. 21, 2-5pm
- Series of Weight Loss Nutrition Classes: Starts Oct. 27 at 1pm
- Italian-American Society of St. Petersburg Performance in Hickman Theater, Thurs., Oct. 29 at 7pm. Tickets: \$8 (includes

refreshments)

• Senior Center Anniversary Dinner Party, October 12, 11 am, Tickets \$5

• Flea Market, Oct. 12, 9am-noon

SEMINARS & PRESENTATIONS

Medicare Made Easy - every 2nd Tues. at 11:15am (Oct. 13)

Fall Prevention- Wed. Sept. 16 at 10:30am

Treasures You May Have in Your Home- Wed. Sept. 16 at 1pm

Outreach for Veterans- Wed. Sept. 30 at 1pm by VA Administration.

FUN & GAMES

Bingo, every Fri. at 1pm

Contract Bridge, every Tues. & Thurs at 2pm

Canasta, Pinochle, & Beginning Duplicate Bridge, every Wed. at 6:30

Mah Jongg, Mon. at 1pm

Wii Bowling, every Thurs. at 1pm

CLASSES & CLUBS

Chair Exercise with Phil every Tues. at 10:45am

Bone Strengthening Exercise every Wed. at 11:15am. Courtesy of Coventry Health Care.

Fitness Center: Treadmills, Recumbent Cycle, Easytone Exercise Chairs, 8am-4pm

Exercise Off Site:

Tai Chi every Tues & Thurs. at 9am (Gulfport Rec Center)

Total Fitness every Mon & Wed. at 1:30pm (Gulfport Neighborhood Center)

AARP Driver Safety Program-Every first and second Tuesdays, 12:30-4:30pm. Fee: \$14 (\$2 discount for AARP members). Must attend both classes. Call (727) 867-7888 to register or visit www.aarp.org/drive.

Young & Restless Seniors Club- resumes meeting on Tues. Oct. 13 at 7pm. Newcomers welcome.

SPECIAL SERVICES

GEMS Door-to-Door Transportation-Transportation for Gulfport seniors, 55 yrs. or over. Service provided Mon. thru Fri. 8:30am-4pm. Annual membership: \$50. Rides: \$1.00 each way. All rides to the Senior Center are free. Call for more info.

Blood Pressure Screenings - Tues., 10:30-11:30am (tentative)

Phone Distribution for Hearing Impaired - Tues. Sept. 15, 9:30-11:30am. Call for more info on how to qualify.

Diabetic Education Classes-Diabetic Educator Sandra Grosvenor offers free diabetic education classes every 2nd and 4th Mon. at 10am. Learn how to manage/cope with diabetes. Next classes: Sept. 14 & 28

Elder Law Clinic-Free legal assistance on Fri. Sept. 18 at 9:30am. Includes help with wills, living wills, powers of attorney, health care surrogate, etc. Must be 60 or over, reside in Southern Pinellas County and meet income guidelines. Call to register.

Health Insurance Questions?-Do you have Medicare/Medicaid questions or billing problems? Confused about Medicare Part

D? Call for 1:1 appointment. Courtesy of SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

Support Groups

Diabetic Support Group, every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mon. at 10am

Support for Hearing Impaired, Mon. Sept. 14 & 21 at 2pm

Support for Visually Impaired, 2nd & 4th Mon. at 2pm

Support for Caregivers, Tues at 6pm; Wed. at 2pm

Telephone Reassurance-Are you a Gulfport senior who lives alone? We would like to phone you each morning to check on your well being. Free service.

Neighborhood Center

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VitaLife Exercise Class-Monday & Wednesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous-Sunday, 6:30 p.m., www.oapinellas.org



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8-11 p.m. - Dance, \$7

Thurs., SALSA DANCE

7-8:30 p.m. - Lessons

8:30-10 p.m. - Dance, \$7

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Local Obituaries

HABGOOD, STEWART M., 31, of South Pasadena, passed away Sept. 3, 2009 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. Garden Sanctuary Funeral Home Seminole, 727-391-0121.

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MAGGIO, LUCY, 94, of Gulfport, passed away Aug. 27th. Lucy was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Florida in the 1980s from Long Island, NY. She enjoyed bocce and dancing at Town Shores in Gulfport and was president of the Italian American club. Lucy is survived by her loving family; son Leon (Jean) Maggio; daughter Lucy Ann Garguilo; brother Joseph Siragusa; sister Martha Giaino; grandchildren Charles (Rebekah), Leon Jr. (Melissa) and Vincent Garguilo; great-grandchildren Sophia and Alexa; nephew Joseph Giaino; and niece Kristin Giaino. Memorial services will be held 2 pm Sunday, Sept. 6th in the funeral home chapel. A reception for family and friends will follow in the clubhouse at Town Shores, 3210 59th Street South, Gulfport. Guestbook @ davidcgross.com. David C. Gross Funeral Homes, 6366 Central Ave., 727-381-4911.

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MARTINO, JEAN, 61, of South Pasadena, died Aug. 30, 2009 at her residence. Survived by Dawn, Kevin, Jason, and other loving family members. Neptune Society.

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ROUSH, III FRANKLIN "BUD", 61, of Seminole, passed away on September 4, 2009 after a lengthy illness. He

was born in 1947 in St. Petersburg and is survived by his mother, Ann B. Roush; sisters, Stephanie Boyd (Allen) of Monticello, FL and Pamela Gaylor (Frank) of St. Petersburg; his longtime companion, Sandy Parker of Seminole; nephews, John & David Boyd; niece, Suzanne Phipps (Jeff); great niece, Laine Phipps and great nephew, Trace Phipps. He was predeceased by his father, Dr. Franklin Roush, Jr. He was a graduate of St. Petersburg High School and attended Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL. He was an Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post #252 in Seminole. He was self employed, mainly in moped sales in Virginia Beach, and he loved the water and fishing. He gave his heart to all friends, children and animals alike. Memorial Services will be held at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009 at Bay Pines National Cemetery. E. James Reese Funeral Home & Crematory, Seminole. (727) 391-9954.

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Auxiliary Happenings Unit 125

By Cyndy Adams

We would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies to our Annual School Supply Drive this year. We had great success with over 400 items donated. What a wonderful way for the schools to kick off the school year.

Want to start your fall cleaning now, but don't know what to do with the unwanted items? We'll take them! Bring them in for Penny Auction. Any and all donations are appreciated (except for clothing). Tuesday, October 13 is fast approaching with only four weeks left to go! Please see "The Gabber" for more updates.

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education. We have received a grand total of 913 since the program started last year. Baking season is getting close, so check the products you use for the Box Top.

Remember to renew your dues now to become an Early Bird. 2010 Membership Cards a now available!

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Polish American Society Summer Dances

Polish American Society of St. Petersburg located at 1343 Beach Drive SE (next to the Coast Guard commissary) is open for dancing and dinner from September 13 through May 31 from 3-7 p.m. Dancing from 4-7 p.m. Dinner from 3-4:30 p.m. Call 894-9908 or visit their web site at www.polishsociety.org for more information.

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NARFE Chapter 1140 Meeting

All Federal retirees and active Federal employees are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting of the NARFE Chapter 1140 that includes St. Petersburg and the Gulf Beaches. Please join us for our meeting and lunch. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 11:30 at the Fountains of Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 S. Pasadena Avenue in South Pasadena in the Key West Dining Room. The cost for lunch is only \$5 and spouses and guests are welcomed. The speaker at this meeting will be the Pinellas County Property Appraiser, Pam Dubov. Reservations will need to be made in advance by calling (727)368-8569 or 367-5256.

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Hawaiian Luau Dinner

Trinity Nazarene Church, 1000 55 Street S. in Gulfport will hold a Hawaiian Luau dinner on Friday, September 11 at 6 p.m. The menu will include Hawaiian chicken, rice, salad, bread and desserts. The suggested donation is \$2.50 for children 10 and under and \$5 for adults. You may pre-register by calling the church at 239-1443 or call Judy at 687-1233. Hawaiian attire is optional.

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Gecko Fest: *Fun, Food and Geckos!*

Photos and story by Leigh Clifton

More than 15,000 people swarmed the streets of Gulfport last Saturday afternoon as geckos, pirates, and gypsies paraded down Beach Boulevard in celebration of the 9th Annual Gecko Fest. The street festival is a celebration of all that is quirky, fun, artistic and just a little weird and wacky about Gulfport. With over 160 food and merchandise vendors, meandering street performers, belly dancers and amazing bands on several stages, people were treated to a cultural taste of exuberance that only Gulfport can offer. The weather, although hot, was perfect and people brought their kids, dogs, lizards and parrots as they all strolled up and down Beach Boulevard, from the library to the Casino. In true Gulfport tradition, the street was alive with costumed participants dressed as Geckos who carried bells, drums and other musical noisemakers.



Bawdy pirate wenches Scurvey Seaknockers (aka GeckoFest organizer Suzie King), Raven O'Mahoney (Jo Dougherty) and Shellin Doubloon (Sherry McCormack) ride the streets at Gecko Fest in the "Pirate mobile".



Geico, a Gecko sponsor showed up in full garb for Saturday event.



Visiting from Tampa are (from right) eight year old Jack Cullaro, Grace Cullaro, 5, eight and a half year old Sophie Strudwich, and three year old Sidney Chelarch, who shows off his green alligator bracelet.

Four

stages featured live music all day and the Hip Expressions Belly Dancers captivated the crowd with beautiful and colorful traditional attire and swirling dances. Balloon designers on stilts kept the kids entertained with balloon animals and funny hats. The fun lasted until late in the evening and as usual, Gulfport again put on one of the greatest street parties around.



Three year old Maria Selmon, granddaughter of Leroy Selmon, gets a birthday lift from professional still walker and balloon maker Sheldon Blake. Maria turned three on Saturday.



Music and other entertainment supplied the Gecko-ites with plenty of entertainment from four different stages.



One of the many street vendors displaying wares, this one had signs for almost anything!

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Everyone is invited to celebrate The International Day of Radiant Peace, September 22, at The International Museum of Radiant Peace (5601 Central Ave., St. Petersburg). The museum will be open special hours on Saturday, September 19 from 11-4; Tuesday, September 22 from 11-4; and Saturday, September 26 from 11-4. Bring friends and family to discover Radiant Peace together during this eleventh annual celebration through what students and adults say about Radiant Peace, with special tours of the museum, new Radiant Peace videos, and an intergalactic Radiant Peace tour. Admission is free, with refreshments and gifts for everyone!

The International Museum of Radiant Peace is sponsored by The Radiant Peace Foundation International, Inc., a twenty-three-year-old 501(c)(3) educational nonprofit that inspires, encourages and promotes Radiant Peace and serves as a centerpoint for Radiant Peace education worldwide. The Radiant Peace Foundation International is not political, religious or activist. Newly re-opened in 2008, this completely redesigned one-of-a-kind museum showcases Radiant Peace projects created by children and adults from all over the United States and the world, including many from around the Tampa Bay region.

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Checks can be made payable to American Legion Post 125, and mailed to 6440 Fifth Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707.

Thanks to all for your help. There are openings for golf teams, first come-first served. Any questions, please call Co-Chairmen Bill Jonas at 384-6293 or Bill Blair at 727-545-1811.

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Telephone Reassurance Program

Did you know that volunteers from the Gulfport Senior Center make a morning telephone call every day of the week except Sundays and holidays to make a welfare check for many Gulfport seniors? They constantly hear from those they call who live alone how reassuring it is to hear that friendly voice on the phone to start their day.

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Somethin' on my mind

By Bill Northrop

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You Can't Use These Anymore

I was in the hardware store the other day buying a couple of interior spot lights.

"You won't be able to buy these much longer," the clerk said. "You'll only be able to buy halogens". He added, "by the end of next year you won't be able to get regular light bulbs. Only the fluorescent". He explained that the government has banned the old and leaving us with only the new. Same thing with paints. Lead in paints is already out and oil is on its way. It's about the environment which means it's all good for us. I think. Well, maybe.

Anyway, the lighting industry isn't complaining. It doesn't have to support old technology and the newer bulbs will be more expensive and, presumably, provide better profits. Then, again, if these new lights last as long as they claim, manufacturers will sell fewer bulbs. I doubt the paint manufacturers care much either.

I'm not certain what irritates me about all this. Maybe it's because I don't have a choice. Government has

made it for me. Maybe it's because I'll have to spend more and get less - at least in the case of paints. Or, maybe I'm not sure the government knows best. On the other hand, I'm all for using less energy and I'm for a cleaner environment. The question is, how do we get there and what are the unintended consequences.

For instance, the new curly fluorescent light bulbs have a lot of mercury in them. And, I read one article that mentioned a little bit of radioactivity when the bulbs are crushed. We've also been warned that if a bulb breaks we should leave and air the room for at least 15 minutes and wear protective gear to clean it up. Also, we're not to dispose of them in the trash for the same reasons. They don't work with dimmers, either. But, they use much less electricity and hence we'll have less mercury produced by the power industry.

Halogens burn hot, hot, particularly at 300 watts which aren't compatible with many conditions, but maybe

there are ones with less wattage and less heat.

However, what I'm really looking forward to is LED lighting. LED means light emitting diodes which doesn't mean much to me except that those are the lights on watches, microwave ovens, ovens and so forth. Almost no energy is used. Problem now is not enough light is emitted. They're working on that and the big thing coming out is organic LEDs which can be produced in large thin sheets creating whole walls or ceilings of light. Innovation may make everything that is current irrelevant.

In the meantime, in addition to the disposal problems with the curly bulbs, I think of the fiasco called ethanol. Now government mandated to save the environment, it uses more power to produce than the oil it replaces and makes car engines run less efficiently. It also gums up marine engines, according to some mechanics.

Or, I think about the drive to replace paper bags with plastic bags, supposedly biodegradable ones. Now, there's talk of banning plastic bags and going back to paper. Banning DDT, too, was considered life saving, and it might have been. However, it saved zillions of mosquitoes, too, which spread malaria to millions who died of it. Also, we're about to endorse anti-global warming strategies that will cost consumers trillions and make some speculators trillions of dollars. Yes, there is another side to global warming.

No, I'm not against everything. Just let's think it through. I'm for common sense not huge political solutions. In the meantime there are some practical things we can do to lessen power use. Unplug, not just shut off small appliances. Turn the computer off. These all leak electricity. If the toilet were running, we'd fix it. So, check that out.

However, for the future, let's figure a way to display our electric and water meters inside the house with a device that converts the kilowatts and gallons to dollars and cents. You can bet that when you look up and see the dial spinning cents and those cents turning to dollars you'll curtail use.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:

The year was 1933 when the fishermen and their net spreads were banished to Clam Bayou, a project proposed by some downtown business owners, primarily real estate men, who found their close-up view of the fishermen at work not attractive to tourists and prospective home buyers.

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Sustainable Living

By Shawn Dell Joyce



Evils of Bottled Water

Americans are the world's leading consumer of bottled water, downing about 4 billion gallons per year in little plastic bottles. This is roughly equal to one 8-ounce bottle per person per day.

There is much more to the ubiquitous water bottle than meets the lips. It actually takes three to five times more water to make and fill one plastic water bottle than the bottle contains. If you add to that the average energy cost of making the plastic, filling the bottle, transporting it to market and then processing the empty bottle, you begin to see the hidden environmental costs.

"It would be like filling up a quarter of every (water) bottle with oil," says Peter Gleick, a water policy expert and director at the Oakland, Calif.-based Pacific Institute. Water bottles, like other plastic containers, are made from natural gas and petroleum, which are both nonrenewable resources.

More than 1.5 million tons of plastic are used to produce polyethylene terephthalate, or PET, which is the plastic used in water bottles. The manufacturing processes that produce PET cause serious emissions, affecting both the environment and human health. The Pacific Institute calculates that the process of making the plastic bottles consumed in the

U.S. uses approximately 17 million barrels of oil per year, which could fuel 100,000 cars.

Once the plastic bottle is manufactured and filled with water, it has to be transported by diesel truck, ship or airplane. The source of this sometimes-exotic water is often as far away as Fiji or Finland. The Pacific Institute estimates that nearly a quarter of all bottled water sold around the world crosses national borders to reach consumers. For example, in 2004, Nord Water bottled and shipped 1.4 million bottles of Finnish tap water 2,700 miles, from its bottling plant in Helsinki to Saudi Arabia.

Twenty-five percent of bottled water sold domestically is simply reprocessed municipal or tap water, according to a 1999 study by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Both Aquafina, from PepsiCo Inc., and Dasani, from the Coca-Cola Co., are reprocessed from municipal water systems.

The Food and Drug Administration regulates bottled water and reports that about 75 percent of bottled water sold in the U.S. comes from natural underground sources, which include "rivers, lakes, springs and artesian wells," while the other 25 percent comes from municipal sources. These "municipal sources" are often the

same tap water that flows through your kitchen pipes.

There are actually more regulations governing the quality of our tap water than governing the quality of bottled water in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency sets water quality standards that are more stringent than the FDA's standards for bottled water.

Even if the water itself is pure, a plastic container can leach chemicals, such as phthalates and bisphenol A, into the bottled water. A recent study linked breast cancer to these chemicals from plastic water bottles that heated up in the sun or hot cars. Storing the bottles in cool and dark places, such as purses and backpacks, helps reduce the leaching of these chemicals.

Reusing plastic bottles also is discouraged, because bacteria can breed inside them, as they are difficult to clean between uses. On the other hand, glass doesn't leach chemicals, and sturdy plastic bottles can be washed repeatedly, so consumers don't have to worry about breeding bacteria. The production of glass uses about the same amount of energy needed to produce plastic bottles, but glass can be used over and over again.

The sustainable solution is to carry your own glass or hard plastic bottle and refill it from your kitchen tap. This is also the cheapest solution, because drinking the recommended eight glasses a day from the tap costs about 49 cents per year, compared with \$1,400 from bottled water.

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By Scott Lafee

Smoking is not a Pretty Picture

Health warnings from the U.S. surgeon general have been printed on cigarette packs for almost 45 years. The language has been changed repeatedly through the years, but the overall effectiveness of the warnings has always been debatable.

Example: Smoking by pregnant women may result in fetal injury, premature birth and low birth weight.

Under a new law signed by President Barack Obama this year, anti-smoking forces will see if a picture is worth more than few words. In coming months, new cigarette packages sold in the United States will carry cryptic slogans like "WARNING: Smoking can kill you," and a gruesome color image, such as blackened lungs, a mouth riddled with cancer or a foot destroyed by gangrene.

The images will be hard to ignore. The law mandates that the color graphics cover half of the front and rear panels of cigarette packs.

The United States is following the lead of other countries. Canada was the first to implement the graphic warnings in 2000. More than a dozen countries have since followed suit. Opponents have argued that the new packaging is unnecessary, that the United States already has a lower smoking rate than most countries, about 20 percent. But supporters predict the nasty pictures will pack more punch and reduce that rate even further.

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GET ME THAT. STAT!

The war on cancer may not be won, but a new report in the journal Cancer Research suggests medical science is winning battles. The number of cancer deaths has declined steadily over the past three decades, the journal reported. Younger people showed the greatest improvement (25.9 percent decline in deaths) and oldest the least (6.8 percent), but all age groups displayed some improvement. Researchers credited the cancer mortality decrease to more effective prevention methods, screenings and treatments.

STORIES FOR THE WAITING ROOM

Men with healthier sperm tend to live longer, according to a new Danish study. Aside from being an obvious source of bad jokes, the study has some serious relevance. Male infertility has become increasingly common in the past 50 years, and some researchers believe there's a linkage to common diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular ailments.

After analyzing 43,277 men, the Danish researchers also found that sperm with greater motility (movement) and higher percentages of sperm normally formed also seemed to predict a longer life span. They suggested that problems

with sperm production might be symptoms of underlying medical issues.

PHOBIA OF THE WEEK

Caligynophobia: fear of beautiful women

OBSERVATION

When my wife was in labor, she felt the need to eff and blind at one point, but was very apologetic afterward. The midwife said they were used to that kind of language in the delivery ward, so it got me thinking. -- Richard Stephens, an English researcher who subsequently conducted a study that found volunteers were able to withstand pain longer when they swore compared with those who used inoffensive words

HAVE A COLD ONE

For some cool fuel, down a cold drink before exercise and you may be able to keep up the pace longer. Cyclists who drank a cold 30-ounce beverage before pedaling in high temperatures and then 3 ounces more every 10 minutes while biking, kept going for 12 minutes longer than those who had warm drinks. Chilly liquids may pre-cool your body, British researchers say, lessening the strain and helping you muscle on.

VERTIGO, OSTEOPOROSIS LINKED

Thinning bones may make you dizzy. People with osteoporosis are three times more likely to have vertigo compared with those who have normal bone density, according to a study in the journal Neurology. Researchers believe that some of the same factors that cause osteoporosis, such as declining estrogen levels and impaired calcium absorption, may also increase the risk of vertigo.

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Book Discussion Group at Woman's Club

The GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club at 40 Snell Isle Blvd NE, has scheduled their "Book Nook" discussion group gatherings for the next Club year. Again this year, each get together will be an informal group discussion of a pre-selected book. The first book to be reviewed on Sept. 17 from 6:30 – 8 p.m., is *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Future discussions- November 19, 2009: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks; January 21, 2010: *Keeper of the House* by Rebecca Godwin; March 18, 2010: *Prince of Tides* by Pat Conroy. Guests are welcome to join us for these lively discussions at our Historic Clubhouse. Questions can be directed to Andi Barlow at 727-521-9888 or andibarlow@tampabay.rr.com.

GFWC St. Petersburg Woman's Club has been serving the community since 1913. For further information on club meetings and our diverse activities, which include art and craft workshops, monthly excursions, cooking classes, weekly sewing group and card games or information on renting the clubhouse please call 727-822-4982. Guests are always welcome to attend their activities.

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Vendors Needed for Fall Holiday Market

The Salvation Army is seeking individuals and groups interested in selling gently used household items, arts and crafts, jewelry, antiques, collectables and other crafty home decorations at their upcoming Holiday Market scheduled for Saturday, November 7 from 9-2 p.m. at The Salvation Army located at 3800 Ninth Avenue N. in St. Petersburg. Outdoor spaces are available for \$20 each and include a 12x12 space and two chairs (no tables provided).

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St. Petersburg Garden Club

By Kate Bradshaw



The August edition of the Garden Club of St. Petersburg was ripe with easy tips on growing vegetables. Sandra Wilson of Carroll's Nursery discussed the benefits of composting and using organic fertilizer, among other things. "I was pleasantly surprised at how much the ladybugs were there; the butterflies were there," Wilson said of her switch to organic fertilizer in her own garden. Other useful tips included using sesame oil to drive away nematodes and bay leaves or talcum powder to get rid of ants. The Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of every month. Next month's meeting will feature Glen Gross, who will discuss orchid cultivation.

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Friday 8/28

Suspicious Vehicle- 6200 Blk 7th Ave. S.

Theft- 2800 Blk 59th St. S.

Fight in Progress- 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Theft- 2300 Blk 53rd St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5200 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Lost/Stolen Tag- 5800 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 6300 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5600 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 5200 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Saturday 8/29

Suspicious Vehicle- Clam Bayou.

Suspicious Circumstances- 5200 Blk Newton Ave. S.

Trespasser- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Accident with Injuries- 1700 Blk 58th St. S.

Domestic Battery- 5300 Blk 27th Ave. S.

Narcotics/Drugs- 5400 Blk 17th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Robbery- 1100 Blk Gray St. S.

Sunday 8/30

Disabled Vehicle- 5200 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Stolen Vehicle- 5600 Blk Gulfport Blvd S.

Animal Complaint- Trail.

Stolen Vehicle- 5000 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Vessel Stop- Beach Front.

Trouble with Individual- 4900 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5200 Blk Tangerine Ave. S.

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Monday 8/31

Arrest on Warrant- 5100 Blk 25th Ave. S.

Crime Awareness Meeting

You are invited to attend! The next Gulfport Crime Awareness & Prevention Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. Judy Ellis of Noise-Free Florida will be our guest speaker. Judy is the author of Loud Car Stereos—A Dangerous Distraction | Going Places | July/August 2009 .

Please note the change of location. Due to the unavailability of the Neighborhood Center on this date, the September meeting will be held next door to the Neighborhood Center at JSR Training located at 1601 49 Street S.

We have a lot of new neighborhood groups that have started and this is what we have worked towards! This meeting is city-wide so we can all share. We will be discussing another potential pot luck block party as well as the possibility of a Gulfport/St. Petersburg Neighborhood Block Party in the 49th Street Area.

We encourage everyone to attend and participate. For more information, contact Jeri Reed at 727-548-5566 days and 727-327-3509 evenings or at Jrvolunteer@aol.com.

Trouble with Individual- 3000 Blk 49th St. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 2000 Blk 49th St. S.

Burglary- 6100 Blk 9th Ave. S.

Domestic Verbal- 2500 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Tuesday 9/1

Theft- 900 Blk 58th St. S.

Burglary- 5400 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Harassing/Threat/Obscene Calls- Location Withheld.

Animal Complaint- 5700 Blk 28th Ave. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 2400 Blk 54th St. S.

Suspicious Circumstances- 5200 Blk 10th Ave. S.

Fight in Progress- 3000 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Theft- 5600 Blk 11th Ave. S.

Wednesday 9/2

Theft- 3100 Blk Beach Blvd. S.

Fight in Progress- 5000 Blk Gulfport Blvd. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5000 Blk 26th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 2600 Blk 45th St. S.

Trouble with Individual- 4800 Blk 29th Ave. S.

Drunk Person- 4900 Blk 15th Ave. S.

Trouble with Individual- 5100 Blk 12th Ave. S.

Animal Complaint- 2600 Blk Quincy St. S.

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Thursday 9/3

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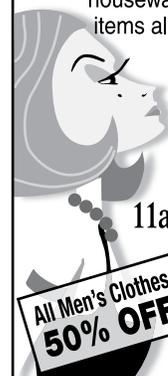
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You may start any Thursday. Course completion may help with insurance discounts. Call 727-686-6940 for more information or leave a message at 321-4455.

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Town Shores Tai Chi

Are you a Town Shores resident who hasn't tried tai chi yet? Come to the clubhouse auditorium Monday, September 14 at 9 a.m. when they begin again from move #1 and give it a try! Classes meet every Monday at 9 a.m. Instruction includes the foundation exercises and the first 17 moves of the tai chi set. Emphasis will be on the many health benefits derived from the exercises as well as each move of the set. It is best to wear sneakers or shoes that will not slip off. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per class which goes to the Taoist Tai Chi Society. For more information, call Marjorie Grudzinski at 345-6708.

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Beta Sigma Phi

There will be a planning meeting at the home of Sharon Melton on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. for the chapter vice presidents of Sunshine City Council for the City Wide Rush. This social event is to introduce Beta Sigma Phi to prospective members. The "Rush to Tropical Adventure" is planned for Saturday, October 10 at 2 p.m. at the Oleander Club House, Five Towns. They are seeking women of all ages who would be interested in becoming a part of Beta Sigma Phi.

Beta Sigma Phi is a social and cultural sorority organization for women. There are twelve chapters in Sunshine City Council with members who would like to share

their experiences as part of this sorority. They are an international organization of a variety of women who enjoy the many activities of their chapters and council. If you would like to learn more about Beta Sigma Phi, please contact Sharon Melton at 595-9625.

Laureate Epsilon Theta chapter will have ways and means work meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at the home of Kay Brown at 7 p.m. This will be to paint the ceramic Christmas mice ornaments for this year. This is the 30th edition of the ornaments

and will be the last of the series.

For more information, please contact Sharon Ingram at 321-2849.

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Bipolar Support Group

A Bipolar Support Group meets every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. at Suncoast Community Mental Health, 4024 Central Avenue in St. Petersburg. All are welcome. Free admission. Call 564-6561 with questions.

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and I would prefer, frankly, I would think it would be better planning, to take a hit this year and take a smaller hit next year from what we're going to have to take then. Which means maybe we need to make sharper cuts this year, maybe we need to make more cuts," Newcomb told council.

Margarete Tober asked council to raise the millage rate and added that not doing so could result in sharper tax increases in following years.

"Miami is raising their taxes by 10 or 15, 20% because they didn't plan. They didn't plan long-term. They did what we're doing right here. Year for year for year and I envision that's what's going to happen here next year and the year thereafter if you don't plan long term," Tober said.

Some council members also expressed concern about the lower millage rate, although they praised city staff for their work on cutting costs.

"We all like lower taxes and nobody wants to pay higher taxes but I think we've done the best we can with what we've to work with," Councilwoman Judy Ryerson said. Councilman Sam Henderson agreed with her.

"It's not a popular decision and of course no one wants to pay higher taxes but I think at some point we have to take responsibility for the fact that we don't want to dig ourselves into a hole, and the more I've thought about it, the more I've looked at it, the more I think we should be setting this (rate)," Henderson said.

Mayor Mike Yakes expressed mild surprise at the citizen-driven push for higher taxes.

"I have been through many, many budgets, some popular, some not but I have never made witness to citizens that have been involved in budget committees, actively involved in our community, come forth and say 'raise our taxes'," Yakes said.

Councilman Henderson, Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington and Mayor Yakes all voted to set the millage rate at 3.855 rather than the proposed 3.4742. Councilwoman Michele King voted no, citing the economy, unemployment, and unused money in the budget as three chief reasons. Councilwoman Ryerson also voted no.

"Congratulations. I think you guys did a terrific job this year," Bob Newcomb told council.

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Gulfport Budget Survey Responses

By Cathy Salustri

Think the best way to lower the budget is to allow liveaboards at the marina or sell the Catherine Hickman Theatre? As it turns out, you're not alone.

Earlier this year Gulfport sent out a survey with its water bills and to city residents, asking them for budget input. While some of the responses, such as fixing water leaks, represented conventional money-saving wisdom, others got a little more creative with ways to help the city save money.

Word for word, here are some of the more creative suggestions to help Gulfport cut its budget:

- Allow liveaboards at marina
- Dog park users should pay for maintenance
- Buy the old Winn-Dixie and turn it into a gym
- Buy two Segways for police instead of bikes
- Watch dog walkers more closely and fine people who don't clean up after their dogs
- 911 calls made for personal injury do not require the fire department to respond with ambulance
- An officer was in the car with motor/air running waiting for animal control for about 45 minutes re: injured duck. Duck is \$4.99 a pound in the butcher shop
- Contract with County if we can keep a station in town [regarding the police]
- Quit riding around in the truck [Public Works]
- "Poachers" are taking aluminum cans and newspapers from curbside bins for their own profit. Police Department has been aware for quite some time.
- Do away with curbside recycling and install recycling Dumpsters throughout the city

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Comments From the Special Budget Council Meeting in Gulfport

"What we were directed was to maintain the millage rate at 3.4742 and with no reduction of actual services delivered to the residents. This budget that we're presenting here this evening for you is a millage rate of 3.4742 (with) no significant reduction of services to residents." – Interim City Manager Jim O'Reilly

"Thank you for all the hard work." --Mayor Mike Yakes, to city staff about their work on the budget.

"I think all department heads have done a great job, so thank you." –Vice-Mayor Bob Worthington, about the same.

"We raised water rates this year, we have unemployed people in this city, we have people making \$13,000 a year, and there's people up here that are willing to raise the millage rate without even batting an eye, and I think that's a crime." – Councilwoman Michele King

"I slightly took offense to what you said before about 'without batting an eye' I put a great deal of thought into this and I'm certainly in that lower tier as far as my family's income goes so it's not like I'm sitting up on high talking about taking more money from the people of Gulfport." –Councilman Sam Henderson

"I'm not offended by the opinion of council members, I think that's why we're here; that's why you have a four-member council. It is not unusual not to agree. I think that to make accusations offends me." –Mayor Mike Yakes

"It would be my guess that the million dollars if we don't have another million dollars somewhere laying around to stick in next year, we're going to need some more." –Bob Newcomb, about the budget surplus

•Have contest for most environmentally-friendly block and award the winning block with an ice cream party

•Reduce watering (city hall has the greenest lawn in town)

•Impose city dog licensing fees

•The chicken code should be illegal

•Begin legal action to remove the “eye sore” behind The Rocks and O’Maddy’s- this abandoned row of town homes is hideous and dangerous

•Hire a “water czar” and pay for the position with fines generated from enforcement

•Eliminate switchboard

•Move Linda [the city clerk] out front to answer phones

•Cut council/mayor’s salary to \$1 per year or less

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Have your own thoughts on the city budget? The city’s having a budget workshop at 7 p.m. this evening (9/10).

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Clubhouse for Kids Returns for Fall

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: Returning this Fall.... The ClubHouse For Kids is an indoor play program designed by an early childhood educator located at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. This drop-in program provides fun learning opportunities for infants to preschoolers. Parents and caregivers can relax and play alongside their children while meeting and making new friends. Children can choose from activities including art, music, dramatic play, large and small motor development, and circle time. Join Clubhouse every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. for just \$5 per class. For more information contact Kris Hemmel at (727) 512-3447.

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Many Pinellas County seniors are living alone, too poor to buy food, or too frail to shop and cook for themselves. And the need is growing every day. Do someone else a favor and you will be doing yourself one!

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Row of Life Hero Angela Madsen visits Gulfport



Rowing Champion
Angela Madsen

By Leigh Clifton

In December of 2007, Angela Madsen decided that she was “just crazy enough” to attempt rowing across the Atlantic Ocean when asked by French rowers Franck Festor and Jo Le Guen. Angela, a paraplegic, is a four-time Gold Medalist in World Championship Rowing and was looking for another challenge. Both Festor and Le Guen are amputees and wanted to put together a crew of “differently -abled”

crew for the trip across the Atlantic. Festor, who spoke no English, was originally looking for another male amputee; Le Guen and Pierre Dennis from Belgium were both amputees as well and spoke French. After hearing about Angela’s many triumphs in Adaptive Rowing and basketball, Festor decided to extend Angela the invitation to join the crew. What they were in for was the challenge of a lifetime.

But challenge is what this lady is all about; Angela is a paraplegic and a breast cancer survivor who constantly grabs at Life’s chances and turns them into triumphs. While on duty in the military as a Marine, Angela severely injured her back and required back surgery to fuse her spine. The spinal fusion was botched, the incorrect hardware and screws was placed in her back and her spinal cord was pierced by one of the screws or drills, no one knows for sure exactly what happened. Angela was left in pain, crippled and far worse than when she went into the VA Hospital in California. She was left as a Spinal Cord Injury Incomplete L1, which left her in a wheel chair, unable to walk. Because VA hospitals are a teaching facility and part of the Federal Government, Angela had little recourse against them for her injuries. She also developed breast cancer, which runs in her family and had a mastectomy. But she never let her disabilities get the best of her and as part of her therapy; she began to row, which built up the chest muscles damage by the surgery. She got good at it, REALLY good and started entering rowing competitions and winning.

When she was approached by Festor and Le Guen about the Atlantic crossing, she accepted and the crew spent a year training and garnering sponsorship. They ended up buying most of their supplies themselves; no one knew anything about them and therefore no large corporations offered any help. In December they launched from La Gomera in the Canary Islands with Antigua as their finish destination.

Battling rough weather, cramped open quarters, (the deck is open and exposed) the four “differents” rowed in shifts and crossed the Atlantic in 66 days, rowing into Antigua to a festive crowd and homecoming. Angela laughs about how they communicated on the boat.

“Franck only speaks French and I only speak English, so it was as close to rowing solo as you can get! But somehow, we understood one another,” she laughed.

But Angela wasn’t quite finished with her challenges. She met up with more rowers whose plan was to cross the Indian Ocean. Angela was hooked and went all in.

Angela heard about a group that was planning another trip across an ocean and once again took up the challenge to row, joining seven other rowers to form the Indian Ocean 8. According to her website, on June 25, 2009 the Indian Ocean 8 Crew of Angela Madsen, Doug Tumminello, Helen Taylor, Bernard Fisset, Paul Cannon, Brian Flick, Simon Chalk and Ian Couch, completed their row across the Indian Ocean in the 36 ft. boat Audeamus after 58 days at sea. They set the World Record for the fastest Indian Ocean Crossing by Oar, Helen and Angela were the first women to row across the Indian Ocean. Angela became the first disabled person to row across the Indian Ocean and to row across two oceans (Indian 2009 & Atlantic 2007).

Angela now heads her own foundation, C.A.R.P., the California Adaptive Rowing Program, in Long Beach, a non-profit whose mission is to provide instruction and training for competitive and recreational opportunities in the sport of rowing to physically and developmentally challenged individuals. She regularly speaks to groups and encourages other people with disabilities to find a niche where they can make use of their abilities in a positive capacity.

Angela has since settled her case with the hospital; after 14 years, they admitted wrongdoing. She says now that she’s moved on and is looking forward to yet more challenging things in her life.

“I went through hell,” she said, “And I came out the other side. I’ve been blessed.”

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Treasure Island Family Fun fest



Jesse Giles and Merlin, a Military Macaw, of St. Petersburg, taking it easy at the Treasure Island Family Fun Festival. Giles says that he's rigged his motorcycle with a perch for the 14-month-old Merlin, who gets a thrill from being on the road.

"Nurse Bandi-Aid," Tiana Cain and Bette Barr of the All Children's Hospital Guild, Beach Branch brave the heat at Saturday's Treasure Island Family Fun Festival, which drew hundreds to the beach over the Holiday weekend.



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New Outdoor Antique Fair Seeks Vendors

A new outdoor antique show is coming to Gulfport "Antiques in the Park," co-sponsored by the City of Gulfport. This series of four outdoor antique shows will be held in Clymer Park, at the intersection of Gulfport and Beach Boulevards. The dates for "Antiques in the Park" will be the first Saturdays of the month in November, January, March and May. The rain date is the following day, Sunday. The first show date is Saturday, November 7. Antique dealers interested in participating may call 321-8454 for information, or visit www.hulahula.biz.

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This sandcastle was photographed on Gulfport Beach.

-Jan Lowe

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If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Big Brother, please email your contact information to ShirleyN@bbbspc.org or call 727-518-8860 for more information.

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St. Pete Half Century Softball

St. Pete Half Century Softball Club is holding tryouts on all Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at North Shore Park in St. Petersburg for ages 49-74 for this coming modified fast pitch softball season. The season starts October 26 for a 60 game schedule.

Please contact Joe Hannah at 727-394-8040 (home) or 727-420-8102 (cell) for further information.

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USCG Safe Boating Classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 has a 13-week continuous cycle of Safe Boating Classes every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Warren Webster Community Center, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach (1 mile south of Don CeSar) Start at your convenience. First class, come at 7 p.m. to register. Begin any Tuesday and finish 13 weeks later or take up to 2 years to finish.

September classes include: "Knots" Sept 15, "Weather" Sept 22, and "Your Boats Radio" Sept 29.

Cost is \$40 for 13 weeks and includes a new 400-page manual. Call Jim at 360-4846, or Warren at 321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226.

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Thanks for all You Do!

By Anthony Celona



Joseph DeMarco accepting the Joseph DeMarco, or Joe as he prefers to be called. This award is an outward sign of the Sons of Italy John Paul 1 recognizing the hard work Joe has done. Lodge #2427

Joe and his devoted wife Ann are residents of Gulfport and both have been members of our Sons of Italy Lodge since 1998. For the past five years, Joe has been at the forefront of the Sons of Italy kitchen and by his continued example, he and the kitchen volunteers have increased participation in Monday Night Pasta dinners as well as in the beautiful Fine Dining Thursday night dinners. He and Ann are leaders in the fundraisers that support local charitable organizations.

Again, Joe, I want to publicly thank you for your devotions to this Lodge. You and Ann have been pillars of strength in times when we needed you most. We also appreciate your kind suggestions that because of today's economic problems, the Monday night all-u-can-eat pasta dinners that resume September 14 from 4-8 p.m. are reduced to \$6. Thursday night Fine Dining dinners are still \$9 and are an exceptional value.

Call the Lodge if you have questions at 323-2691 or just pop in, hear some great Italian music and meet Joe and his crew of workers. You will definitely have a good time.

Famous Fish Fry Foils Famine

By Cathy Salustri

Lion's Club President Pat Case serves up some of the 240 pounds of Pollock the club purchased for its annual Labor Day fish fry. The Lions, whose programs benefit the visually impaired, dished up the fried Pollock alongside cole slaw, grits, baked beans and hush puppies.

The Lion's Club has long guarded the recipe for its hush puppies, and this year The Gabber tried to get the recipe for its readers. Lion Art Padula let the paper sneak a peek at the recipe but only if we agreed the recipe would stay "off the record." Here's a hint: they have onions in them.



Dive-In Movie at St. Pete Beach



Lauren Morris, 10, and her mom came down to the St. Pete Beach pool to watch the August Dive-In Movie, Surf's Up. Tradewinds donated the screen and lifeguards alternated between keeping kids safe and doling out prizes in the pre-movie contests. The Morris family lives in Gulfport.

For more photos of the recent Dive-In Movie, check out The Gabber Newspaper's Facebook page. Go to theGabber.com click on Facebook in the lower left corner.

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This program is a 90-minute session for 8 weeks held after school. Parents may choose Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for their child to attend; a healthy snack and drinks along with all specialized equipment are included. First session begins September 21st. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is preferred.

Come check out Be Fit 4 Sport on Saturday, September 12 at Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis Center located at 10315 Paradise Boulevard, Treasure Island between 10:00am and 12:00noon. Refreshments, games and fun will be served.

For additional information contact Carolyn Hill at 727-644-7064 or email at carolynhill65@yahoo.com.

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Fitness Classes for Every Body

ST. PETE BEACH, FL: The St. Pete Beach Community Center is now offering two new cardio and toning classes for people of all fitness levels, taught by certified personal trainer Lisa Engen. Total Body Tone is an excellent fat-burning workout! This class will tone your body and boost your metabolism. Cardio Fusion is a high/low cardio class designed to energize your body. Activities will range from floor aerobics to kickboxing and high intensity jump roping. Modifications will be available to accommodate all fitness levels. Both of these classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the St. Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Drive. For more information and to register, contact Lisa at 507-363-1533 or by email at LMEngen@gmail.com.

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Your SOCIAL SECURITY

By Tom Margenau

Family's Benefits Subject to Maximum Limit

Q: I am a 44-year-old widow. I have two young children, ages 5 and 8, who are getting monthly benefits on their deceased father's Social Security account. I currently work full time. I would like to be able to stay home as a full-time mom to care for my kids. If I quit my job, would I be eligible for Social Security widow's benefits?

A: As a young widow with minor children in your care, you are technically eligible for what the Social Security Administration calls "mother's benefits." Whether or not you receive those benefits depends on a provision of the law that sets a maximum amount that can be paid to any one family.

You said your two children already get monthly survivor benefits from Social Security. It usually takes about three people on an account to reach the maximum benefit limit. So, if you were added to the account, you should be due some extra money.

However, if you had three or more children, you would not be due any benefits because your family would already be receiving the maximum payout. Or to put it another way, adding you to an account with, for example, four kids already on it would merely be splitting the same-size pot five ways instead of four.

Again, with only two kids, there is still room for you on the account before it hits the maximum limit. How much you'll get depends on the maximum amount due on your husband's Social Security record, but it should be an amount pretty close to what each of your kids already receives. You can learn the exact sum by contacting your local Social Security office.

I'm sure whatever the amount is, it won't come close to replacing the salary you'll give up by quitting your job. But perhaps the

satisfaction you'll receive from being a full-time mom will make up for your leaner family income.

Q: I am a 48-year-old widow. I used to receive widow's benefits and my three children got survivor's benefits from their deceased father's Social Security record. I remarried awhile back and my benefits stopped. And two of my kids are now off the Social Security rolls because they are over 18. So, just one child is still receiving survivor's benefits.

I am separated from my second husband and am thinking about getting a divorce. Part of that decision depends on whether or not I can go back on my first husband's Social Security and get widow's benefits again. I asked one Social Security representative, and she told me I can. But I asked another representative who said I have to wait until I'm 60. Can you please help?

A: If your second marriage ends, you will be eligible once again for "mother's benefits" (benefits paid to widows with minor children in their care) IF your youngest child is under age 16. Once he or she turns 16, the child is no longer considered a "minor child" for Social Security purposes, and you would not be eligible for mother's benefits.

If that's the case, then you would have to wait until age 60 to collect regular widow's benefits on your

first husband's Social Security record. By the way, that youngest child will continue to receive benefits until he or she turns 18.

Q: I am 64 years old and receive Social Security retirement benefits. My ex-husband recently died at the age of 64. We were married for 27 years before getting a divorce about 10 years ago. Neither of us remarried. He never collected Social Security, although he worked and paid Social Security taxes all his life. He always made a lot more money than I did. Am I eligible for widow's benefits on his record?

A: I think you will be eligible for divorced widow's benefits. But, of course, that opinion is based only on the information you provided. The key things you told me are: 1) that you were married for more than 10 years; 2) that you did not remarry; and 3) that he made more money than you did. Those three factors all point toward your eligibility for divorced widow's benefits.

But you'll have to check with the Social Security Administration to find out if you're actually due any extra benefits. They will also be able to go over the numbers with you. They can help you decide if you should switch to reduced divorced widow's benefits now, or wait until you turn 66 to get full benefits on your ex-husband's record.

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Eclectic Avenue: Familiar Faces, Funky Gifts and Fun

By Cathy Salustri

Remember all the cool little shops on the 600 block of Central Avenue? There was the Elephant's Trunk, the hat shop, a bevy of antique shops, and the Flashy Fish. When the landlord closed up shop, the closure of these shops made headlines. People from all over the Bay Area knew and loved the eclectic collection of shops.

Recently many of these shops have started making a reappearance not that far from their original location—the Grand Central District. The most recent addition? The owner of the former Flashy Fish, Phil Buffa, has joined forces with JoAnna Gilford and Scott Spieler to open Eclectic Avenue.

"I tried to incorporate some of the Flashy Fish into Eclectic Avenue," Phil says.

The name, Eclectic Avenue, really says it all, because this shop is a delightful mishmash of collectibles, exquisite vintage jewelry, inexpensive gifts, herbal lotions, and countless other odd and ends that all merge together to create an eclectic celebration of art and whimsy.

"Eclectic Avenue will always have something different," JoAnna explains as she arranges jewelry "because we're going to rotate stock. We want people to know that if they come here every week, they'll see something different every week."

"Not just different, but fun," Phil chimes in. Buffa, the expert of eclectic, knows fun. His personalized touches meld with JoAnna and Scott's styles to make



Phil Buffa, former owner of the Flashy Fish, JoAnna Gilford and Scott Spieler pose by an antique statue. The statue represents one of many unique items at Eclectic Avenue.

Eclectic Avenue, well, *fun*.

Right now Eclectic Avenue is clearing out a lot of their vintage jewelry, but that doesn't mean they won't carry more vintage jewelry in the future. JoAnna's grandmother ignited JoAnna's passion for 50s and 60s vintage rhinestones and jewelry, and that's why today you can go into Eclectic Avenue and find names like Monet, Juliana, and Hagler.

Not into vintage jewelry? Not a problem. You can find gold coin proof sets, handbags, paintings, and wigs. If you can think of it, odds are it will eventually show up on the shelves of Eclectic Avenue. That's what makes Eclectic Avenue so special and so enjoyable to browse through.

Scott and JoAnna also make and sell Elan body butter, soy candles, and shea butter. Elan has a myriad of curative properties that range from soothing

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In addition to their regular hours Eclectic Avenue opens for the Green Market on Central, which started this past Sunday and will open for business 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. every Sunday.

So if you, like so many others, mourned the loss of those funky little shops that were so much fun along the 600 block of Central, come on over to the Grand Central District to visit Eclectic Avenue as well as the other shopkeepers who have found a new home here.

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G.B.

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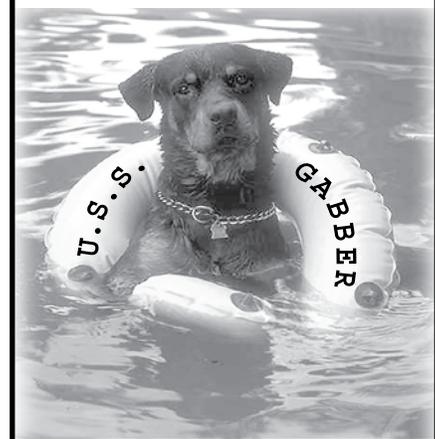
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