



TI Tween to Lobby Congress

By Betsy Judge

Samantha Singh is taking her fight against Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) to the nation's capital. The 10-year-old Treasure Island resident, active with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), was selected from 1,500 candidates with T1D to visit Washington D.C. July 24 - 26 and lobby members of Congress about the vital need for T1D research.

In addition to the application, she had to create a video and build a scrapbook that tells her story. Her mom Joyce Singh says her work as an ambassador for JDRF where she speaks about T1D to companies like Raymond James and Data Tech and actively supports area fundraisers also contributed to her selection.

"You're very lucky to get picked," Samantha (Sam) says taking her mission very seriously. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so I have to make the most of it this year."

As a participant in the JDRF 2017 Children's Congress, Sam has prepared letters to Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio along with Congressman Charlie Crist introducing herself and requesting meetings while she is there.

The entire delegation of 150 participants



This page from Samantha Singh's scrapbook tells her legislators and others that she was 4 years old when doctors discovered her blood sugar was 750 and diagnosed her with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Normal range is between 80 and 120. Sam writes, "This was a scary time. We knew nothing about T1D but we did know we would not let it win!" They have been fighting ever since.

(ages 4 - 17) will attend a Congressional hearing July 25; eight participants will be selected to speak there. They will also go through what Sam calls Capitol Hill blitz training, "So we can go over our talking points." Then on July 26 they meet with their respective legislators.

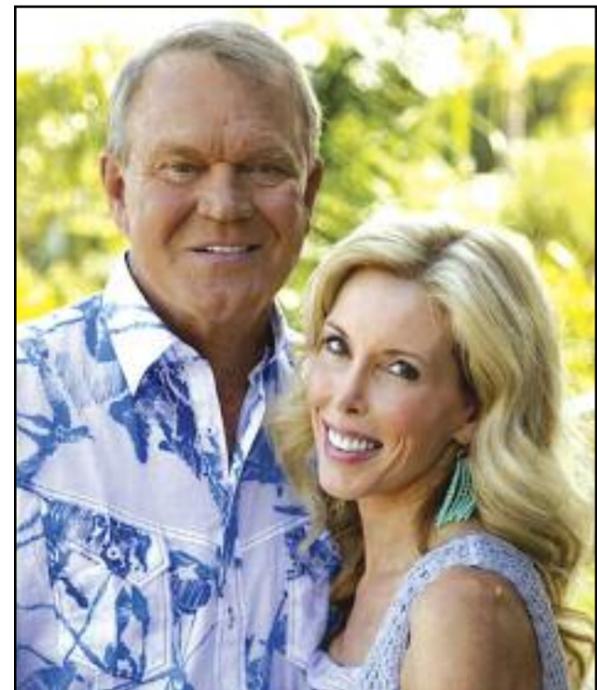
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Sharing a Personal Journey for Others

By Larry Lewis

It began with James Taylor. In 1981, 24 year old Kim Woollen, a Rockette, went on a blind date with entertainer Glen Campbell, 46, to a Taylor concert in New York City. She had a vague awareness of the Grammy winning singer/guitarist but was more interested in seeing Taylor perform. Sparks flew with Glen and the couple wed a year later; a marriage that endures after 35 years and three children.

Kim brought needed stability to Glen's life and career, only to see it threatened by an outsider that emerged in 2009 with the first signs in Glen of Alzheimer's disease, a fatal form of dementia. Recently, Kim related her story of the past eight years of personal caregiving to a crowd at Empath Health/Suncoast Hospice in Clearwater. The talk, co-sponsored by the Arden Courts chain of memory care facilities, was supportive of family caregivers facing the same challenges she's endured.



Kim and Glen have been married for 35 years. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2011. After his diagnosis they allowed filmmakers to document his goodbye tour which resulted in the award-winning documentary, "Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me." Photo from www.careliving.org.

For her husband, the early signs were evident. Repeatedly asking the same questions. Punching all the elevator buttons. Precisely parking cars at home. Getting lost on well-traveled roads. "He'd follow me around like a puppy, wherever I went, eight feet behind. If I stepped in the shower, he'd get in with me. So it wasn't all bad," she said, laughing with the crowd.

In early 2011, the diagnosis was clear. "It was the 'A' word," Kim said. "I was terrified. I didn't know anything about Alzheimer's." She learned quickly, initially caring for Glen at home in Malibu, aided by their adult children. As the illness progressed, so did the challenges of keeping him safe, for himself and

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Egmont Key Considered Most Endangered

By TIR Staff

In late May the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation announced that Egmont Key would be added to Florida's 11 Most Endangered Historic Sites for 2017 also known as Florida's 11 to Save.

The program is designed to increase public awareness of the urgent need to save Florida's historic resources, and to empower local preservationists and preservation groups in their efforts to

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Battery Burchstead, yellow circle, remains on the island in 1973 (left photo courtesy of Egmont Key Alliance). The pink line (right) shows the west shore of the key today; the blue line shows where the shoreline was in 1995. The circle shows where the battery is now.

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From the Publisher

By Betsy Judge

This was such a great issue to put together in terms of the people I got to work with gathering information for the stories.

I've met with Samantha Singh before and each time I am more impressed by her intellect, drive and determination to fight for a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. She is an amazing young girl who has not let her disease get in the way of living her life to the fullest.

On the other end of the age spectrum are the three WWII veterans I met with after attending the Memorial Day ceremony at the St. Pete Beach American Legion. It was a very fitting tribute to these vets and hearing their stories first-hand was amazing. And they all have neighbors who devote countless hours each week helping these surviving members of the greatest generation.

I didn't get to meet Kim Campbell, who shares her story about taking care of Glen with Alzheimer's to help others on the same journey, but Larry Lewis does his usual great job bringing her story to life.

I did meet Michael Wetmore who set a world record for a 10 ton set at 70. He took up weight lifting at 13 when he was over 6 foot tall and weighed only 118 pounds. Despite repeated setbacks in life, he continues to challenge himself and hopes to inspire others to do the same.

Jackie Minniti interviewed Jo Brower who has endured personal tragedy. I have worked with Jo on other stories and admire her dedication to supporting veterans, first responders and their families.

Happy July and Happy 241st.

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preserve Florida's rich history.

"Usually the award goes to places and structures threatened by developers or by deterioration due to lack of funding for restoration and maintenance. This year, for the first time in 39 years, a site was selected based on sea level rise/erosion," said Richard Sanchez who, as president of the Egmont Key Alliance, nominated the site. "This sounds like a "negative" award, but it really serves to bring

statewide attention to the problems of the island." Like the loss of 380 acres since 1849. According to Sanchez, every seven years, the Army Corps of Engineers puts sand dredged from the shipping channel on the key, but despite these efforts, erosion has claimed two of the five historic gun batteries.

"Hopefully, we have gotten our message out to many new people and moved one step closer to saving the island for future generations."



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others. "When you're caring for someone with dementia, it's 24/7. You can't leave them alone." Behavioral issues like suspicion and paranoia set in, leading to physical violence. Glen once gave Kim a black eye while she was trying to dress him. "I knew it wasn't abuse."

An immediate issue was whether to start a five-week tour scheduled for later that year. "Glen wanted to do it. A farewell tour, to show that you can still give something of yourself, even when afflicted. It was very brave of him." Kim feared nobody would buy tickets, but every show sold out. The tour was extended to 151 shows over 15 months, playing to fans who forgave every memory lapse or behavioral faux pas onstage, as documented in the film, "Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me."

The part of the brain associated with music is one of the last affected by Alzheimer's. Campbell's

skills were remarkably evident, even if he couldn't recall the song he'd just played. Stacey Riley, a fan, saw his Clearwater stop in March, 2012. "Awesome. I knew that, one day, this ugly disease would silence the voice and rob the fingers of their magic. But I also knew that music is the last remaining gift."

By tour's end, it was obvious that Glen needed more comprehensive care. As he worsened, the family moved to Nashville, where he grew more combative and was losing the ability to communicate. His doctor told Kim, "I cannot believe you are still doing this at home." A social worker guided the family to place Glen in a memory care community. He is now 81, in the final stage of Alzheimer's and is no longer communicative. "He can walk. He sings, but not words we understand. He doesn't often seem to know me but he is happy. He plays air guitar and when (daughter) Ashley plays for him, he especially likes "You Are My Sunshine."

As the disease progresses to its final reality, Kim Campbell today fulfills a personal journey, speaking to families facing the same challenges she's met head on. Her simple message: caregivers also need to take care of themselves, without shame. "Why should I feel guilt for doing what's best for Glen, my family and me?" She also founded CareLiving.org to help others in their journey.

Her advice? "Early diagnosis is important. It gives you time to celebrate one another while your loved one can still appreciate it. People want to help. Educate yourself as to options and make the best choice you can."

In her song, "Remembering," Ashley poignantly looks ahead with devotion to her father: "We can talk until you can't even remember my name. Daddy don't you worry, I'll do the remembering."

For more info about Kim Campbell go to www.careliving.org. For local Alzheimer's resources go to alz.org/flgulfcoast.org.



Kim Campbell speaks at Empath Health/Suncoast Hospice in Clearwater about her experience as her husband's Alzheimer's caregiver. She established CareLiving.org to inspire, encourage and empower caregivers to care for themselves while caring for others. She and other celebrities speak out for families impacted by Alzheimer's.

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Pride & Joy A Woman With Purpose and Passion

By Jackie Minniti

It's been said that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Jo Brower of St. Petersburg is living proof of this. She has experienced many tragedies in her life, any one of which could have been enough to destroy her. But Jo is a survivor. Instead of becoming a victim, she channeled her pain into a commitment to help others.

"I've been through a lot of drama in my life," Jo says. After surviving a difficult childhood, Jo lost her family ultimately to alcohol and prescription drug addictions. She raised a son as a single mom, only to lose him in a motorcycle accident. Then Jo met her soulmate - John Stross, a man she'd dated in her teens. Her life was finally turning around until 2014 when John was diagnosed with leukemia and died shortly afterward. But Jo found strength in her faith. "I believe God is good and has had his hand on me since I was born," she says. "I believe good can come from everything." The proof of this is an organization called "Remember • Honor • Support (RHS), a non-profit dedicated to helping military, first responders, and their families.

Jo spent most of her young years working in her father's marina. She then became interested in the hospitality but returned to the marina industry. After she left in 2008, she wanted to get involved with the community and work in the health and wellness industry. In 2009, John invited her to a breakfast event - Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA), an organization that aids victims of domestic violence. "I lived most of those testimonies," Jo recalls, so she got involved. But it was 9/11 and a trip to MacDill Air Force Base that sparked her interest in the military. She met some of the generals who helped her appreciate what the military was all about.

After offering to help with a 9/11 memorial 10-year anniversary given by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Jo and John took over the event in 2012 but wanted to expand it. They eventually decided to



Jo Brower, co-founder and executive director of Remember • Honor • Support (RHS), walks into the Patriot Day Memorial event on Sept. 11, 2016. This year's breakfast is Sept. 11 at the Historic Coliseum. The nonprofit is dedicated to ensuring Americans remember the events of 9/11, honor our military, veterans, and first responders, and support the families of the wounded and the fallen.

Photo by Jim Tizzano.

strike out on their own and co-founded RHS. "We wanted RHS to be more than a fundraiser," Jo explains. "We wanted it to bring the community together." She describes RHS as "a mini-United Way." "We want to be able to write a check to organizations that help local heroes so they can give our heroes the help they deserve," she says. "It's also about remembering those that sacrificed, it's about honoring those that give so much to keep our country safe and free, and it's about supporting the needs of our warriors and their families."

RHS's main fundraiser, the Patriot Day Memorial Event on 9/11, has given proceeds of nearly \$500,000 in its five-year history. This year, the three beneficiaries of RHS's efforts are Gold Shield Foundation, an organization that helps the families of police and first responders killed in

action; Stay in Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery Center; and Warrior2Warrior, a group dedicated to preventing veteran suicide.

In 2017, the organization launched RHS Community Outreach which is a program that will have "fun raisers" throughout the year to help support youth education and those with PTSD. RHS has paired with organizations such as Project Hero and Warrior Sailing, two groups that helps veterans and first responders with PTSD, to hold "Ride 4 RHS" biking fundraisers scheduled each Memorial and Veterans Day. Jo sees RHS as a supplement to government funding. "There's only so much the government can do," she says. She believes RHS is unique because it represents Americans taking care of their own, instilling patriotism and educating the community about the contributions of those who raise their right hands and swear to protect others.

"We should pay it forward and do something that makes a difference," she says. "I knew growing up that I had something to give. Now that I know what, and can do it, it feels really good."

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Understanding the Montessori Difference

By Nicole Wilson

Maria Montessori once said, "The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind." This concept is at the core of any successful Montessori program.

While Montessori schools have been around for more than 100 years, for many people they are still a mystery. In its simplest form, Montessori is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood. This method of education, founded by Dr. Maria Montessori (1870 - 1952), has been time-tested with years of success in diverse cultures around the world. It is a view of the child as one who is naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a supportive, thoughtfully-prepared environment. It is an approach that values the human spirit and the development of the whole child - physical, social, emotional and cognitive.

According to the American Montessori Society, the elements necessary for an authentic Montessori program include multiage groupings of children which fosters peer learning, uninterrupted blocks of work time, and guided choice of work activity. In addition, specially designed Montessori learning materials are meticulously arranged and available for use in an aesthetically pleasing environment.

The classroom is prepared by a trained Montessori teacher to encourage independence, freedom within limits and a sense of order. The child, through individual choice, makes use of what the environment offers to develop himself, inter-

acting with the teacher when support and/or guidance is needed.

A Montessori classroom has many characteristics that make it unique. Children of different ages work within one classroom. Children may be working on their own, with a partner, in a small group or with the teacher. Younger children may be observing the older ones, or older children may be helping their younger classmates with a lesson. The children will all be working on something different. Children have the freedom to

work at their own pace and to select their work based on their interests and individual academic level.

There is a peaceful hum in the classroom; children can talk freely and move about at will. Some children may be working on a rug, while others may choose to work at a table. The carefully prepared environment provides the structure needed for each child to experience this freedom. Along with this freedom, each child has the responsibility to be respectful of each other, the environment and the materials. This all comes together to help students become confident, competent learners who are intrinsically motivated and have a love of learning.

Most Montessori schools welcome visitors. Contact a local Montessori school to request a tour or schedule a time to observe in the classroom.

Nicole Wilson is Head of School at Montessori by the Sea.



Montessori schools are based on the idea that the child is both a hope and a promise. Students of different ages help each other and have the freedom to work at their own pace. Classrooms are designed to encourage independence and freedom within limits.

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American Legion Honors The Gr

The American Legion Post 305 in St. Pete Beach honored three WWII veterans at their Memorial Day ceremony. More than 16 million people served in uniform during the war, here are the stories of three veterans.

William J. "Bud" Schell, U.S. Army Air Corps

Bud Schell joined the Army a year before WWII began. The New Lebanon New York native who just turned 100, went to boot camp and infantry training in Ft. Blanding Florida.

"I got tired of living and sleeping on the ground, so I transferred into the air corps," says Schell who would be a mechanic, but his progress was waylaid when a transport truck he was riding in between training locations flipped. The guy to his right died and his face was a mess. He spent nine months recuperating in a military hospital. He still recalls his surgeon's name. "Keating. He was a Lieutenant. A damn fine surgeon."

He served in French Morocco as a chief airplane inspector and said he had several close calls including one check ride with a warrant officer. "He was a hotshot, nobody wanted to go in the air with him, but I didn't mind." He was in the co-pilot's seat and they were coming in for a landing. He told the pilot to pull up or they would hit a parked plane. "I could see us drifting and we took about five feet right off that thing. I thought we were going to go up in smoke," he laughs.

When he got out, he returned to New York, used his GI Bill to attend community college and ended up starting and running a very successful fuel oil and propane business. He also bought, refurbished and ran a campground.

He and his wife Carol were married in 1948 and have two daughters and two adopted children. They moved to Pass-a-Grille in the 1970s. Cathy passed away in 2003.

Schell didn't know he was going to be honored. His neighbor John Taylor took him to the ceremony. "He said we needed to go up early, so we did and then he got up and gave this big speech," he says. "I liked it. I think they did a real nice service."

John W. (Bill) Jenkins, U. S. Navy

Bill Jenkins joined the Navy from his hometown of Tampa and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1943.

"Flying was what I wanted to do and that was my opportunity," says Jenkins, "and I always liked the Navy ... maybe because I lived on the water."

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross during the invasion of Normandy then was transferred to the Pacific theater and

flew night fighters. Despite the dangers and is nonchalant about it all. "It's gotta be do You don't think a lot about it, you just ho from it," he said.

He not only came back from WWII, but Between wars he served as a test pilot, passed student pilots as a flight instructor, and part

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When he retired Tampa Bay area a Disston Junior H years. He and his Pete Beach and ha Bill turned 95 on Al Johnson issue naming June 27 as

Walter S. (W) Air Corps

The youngest o year old Wally jo Corps from Detro

"For boot cam Petersburg, it was Air Force," recalls camp he went to planes. "I was a r

with two men on B-17 bombers," recalls Gaz 550th Bomb Squadron at Great Ashfield Air northeast of London.

"We worked day and night," he said notin a couple flights around the area while there. test flights. It was exciting. I always liked air

He also got bombed twice. "We had to ju he says laughing, "and you didn't know wh mud or what."

He left the service in 1945 and returned applied for a construction job. He spent the ing construction and moved to S. Pasadena

"I was very happy," he says about bein America Legion. He is also proud of a plaq Veterans of South Pinellas County and a fl from the Air Force.

The ceremony also featured a reading o Susie Kessler, president-elect of Auxiliary U Nicolosi performed on the bagpipes and J Sweet Dreams Pillows Project, read his poe See more pictures on page 23.



The American Legion Post 305 Memorial Day ceremony honored three WWII veterans. Seated from left are Walter S. (Wally) Gazda, Army Air Corps, John W. (Bill) Jenkins, Navy, and William J. (Bud) Schell, Army Air Corps

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I lost my first child on the day I was born on April 19, 1775... I am America. He fell on the green at Lexington, his heart pierced by a British musket ball. Many more of my sons and daughters would fall on that day and in the years to come until the guns grew still and peace came to me on that glorious day at Yorktown.

Eighty-six years later my heart was nearly broken as my sons and daughters donned the blue and grey and took up arms against each other. At Manassas, Missionary Ridge and elsewhere my children fell. And I grieved. During this devastating time, my son Abraham Lincoln eloquently expressed my feelings at a place called Gettysburg when he pledged that those who had fallen "shall not have died in vain; and that Government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Fifty-two years had passed when I was called upon to aid my cousins in Europe. This time my children crossed the sea and "over there" at places like the Somme and the Meuse-Argonne many gave their last great measure of personal sacrifice to stem tyranny's tide.

In the 1940s my children became embroiled in the biggest war the world has ever known. From a harbor called Pearl to Iwo Jima, Anzio, Bataan, and Bastogne they fought and died that the peal of freedom's bell would not be stilled. And only then, when it was done, did Johnny come marching home again.

In 1950, my loved ones were again off to stay tyranny's iron hand in a faraway place called Korea. At places with names like Pork Chop Hill and Heartbreak Ridge did my children again fight and die for freedom, and again I wept for those who fell.

In the 60s and 70s my children took up arms in freedom's name. From the Mekong to the DMZ to a valley called the la Drang many gave some and some gave all. The pride I have in them for the courage and the sacrifice each made has never faded.

Since Viet Nam, more of my sons and daughters have given their all on freedom's behalf in places with equally strange sounding names like Mosul, Fallujah, the Korengal Valley and Helmand Province.

There are those who hate me and what I stand for. Given the chance they would snuff out the inseparable essentials of my existence, liberty and freedom. They have different names and faces, but their nefarious goal remains the same - to destroy my children and me. Nothing made this so clear as the attack on September 11, 2001 when those dark forces ended the lives of nearly 3,000 of my children for the sole reason that they are Americans.

For some, time passes and memories fade, but through all this I tell you that I remember each of these my children. The faces of those who fell at Bunker Hill are as fresh in my mind today as those who perished at Gettysburg, Chateau-Thierry, Normandy, Pusan, Baghdad, and, yes, on United Flight 93. I know of the dreams each had for their family, and those their family had for them. And where they now lie, be it in my bosom or in some distant land makes no difference as every name and face is forever etched in my mind and heart.

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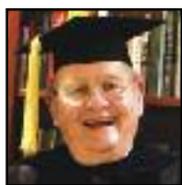
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Not So Much I Do

By The Old Professor

As I write in June it is the month of brides. Makes me reflect on marriage. In May in Honolulu we saw young Japanese women in bridal gowns waiting for taxis, being photoed on the beach, and standing in hotel lobbies. Their swains were dressed in tuxedos sporting knee length shorts. Guess I'll have to run right out and have my soup and fish bobbed.

Also in May the professoress and I celebrated 61 years of marital bliss. (It is easy to misspell as "martial." Don't.) What did I know at age 19 that made me choose so well? Or did she do the choosing? Marriage is after all a good thing. Wealth, success for children, longevity, and happiness all are positively associated with marriage.

But marital times have changed. People marry less and later. In 1967, 70 percent of US adults were living with a spouse. Now only about 50 percent do. The average age of first marriage increased from 20.3 for women and 22.8 for men in the '50s, to 27 and 29 in 2013. And it's not due to cohabitation. The number of people living alone has nearly doubled since the 60s. But when couples married and those living together are combined, the rate is still down 10 percent since the 60s.

I suspect the delay has been aided by "the pill" and the ease of buying contraceptives. In my youth the latter were hidden behind the pharmacy counter and sold only to married men; now they're on display. At age 16 I worked in a drug store. A businessman asked me to bring him a gross of condoms. I pulled them out of hiding for him. I was dazzled at the their number, 144, and the thought that he planned to use them all! I did have a classmate who had one. He liked to show it off, but he kept displaying the foil packet so I don't think it ever met its intended purpose.

Despite the brides in Hawaii, the decline in marriage has been even greater in Japan. There

are too few young people to support the pensions for nearly half the population over 65. The national fertility rate has become a political issue. In the early '70s the marriage rate was 10 per 1000; in 2015 it was 5.1. One Japanese company has begun marketing a virtual wife, Azuma Hijikari. She is an 8 inch hologram in a glass jar who can talk with you, and will call you "master." Any one out there heard that lately? She is to be available in the US in December. Check her out at www.gatebox.ai/hikari/en/ Could be the girl you've been looking for. But I don't think she'll help with that low fertility rate.

The most interesting statistics are those comparing marriage rates by income and education. Marriage is more frequent among those with more money and more education. College graduates are more likely to marry and less likely to divorce than those with less education. It may be that the failure of working class wages to keep pace makes people less certain they can afford to marry. Since education and income increase together more educated folks have less concern.

In 1949 in "I Do, I Will, I Have," Ogden Nash explained that marriage is entered into by one who can't sleep with the window shut and one who can't sleep with the window open... one who never remembers birthdays and the other who never "forgettsam."...one who says "Quick get up and get my hairbrushes off the window sill it's raining in," and other who replies "Oh they'll be all right. It's only raining straight down." Nash asserts that a little incompatibility is the spice of life, particularly if he has income and she is pattable.

The recent findings suggest that income does matter. But when we started out 61 years ago we had lots more pattability than income. It was enough for then. It's still a pretty good thing.

Patted out for no income by David H. Smith, Ph.D. retired professor.

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Fitness

Coexisting in Your Health Club

By Carol Hollenbeck

Is the decline of civil discourse seeping into health clubs? It seems to be everywhere or at least we are lead to believe it is. You may have an opinion on this, but I would like to discuss how we can all get along well and coexist in a health club.

Every establishment has rules whether it's home, school or business. Rules and policies help to promote order and a safe environment. Of course this is if everyone involved conforms to them. This is true in a health club. Many of our policies are for safety. Putting weights back on racks or using collars on barbells to hold weights are two obvious safety rules. Others are to define areas where only employees can go. But most are rules on behavior to assist in maintaining harmony in the facility by encouraging courteous conduct. This would include wiping equipment after each use, letting others have a turn on a machine, and avoid talking on your cell phone right next to someone else.

There are other areas where there is no set policy. Walking into a class late is one prime exam-

ple. I personally feel this is acceptable. Many things may delay you slightly on occasion like a bridge lift or an urgent call. Who am I to judge why you are late if you make the attempt to come to the gym, but it shouldn't become a habit. When it happens, I recommend others in a class focus on themselves and not on the disruption. It's good mental practice to control your emotions and not let these kinds of things bother you. If someone takes your favorite spot in class, uses your regular treadmill or there is a substitute teacher, be positive with this change in your routine - a new routine exercises your mind not just your body, and change is good!

Practice doing a good deed every day for someone while in the gym or engage in pleasant conversation with someone who has offended you. It could change your mood and that of others.

Carol Hollenbeck is a physical therapist in St. Pete Beach and owns Fit For Life Fitness Center. (727) 367-0075 or www.iamfitforlife.com.

Local Landmark Keeps Anglers Happy

By Sally G. Yoder

Photo courtesy of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum

There are well-known historic landmarks all over the area like The Don CeSar Hotel, Jungle Prada, and the Coliseum. There are also some that just keep on functioning without much thought to their contribution to our heritage. And Merry Pier in St. Pete Beach's Pass-a-Grille is at the top of the list.

Back in the 1880s, George Lizotte, William Straub and others had discovered pristine beaches, good fishing and calm waters on the barrier island by Boca Ciega Bay and the blue Gulf of Mexico. A nice protected spot on the bay side seemed the perfect place to settle for fishing and building cottages. A roughly made pier was built so small boats could dock easily. It became known as the 8th Street Pier until Joseph Merry and small son Kenny arrived from the mainland to make Pass-a-Grille their home.



The original pier with first shop circa 1904.



A loaded passenger boat docks at Merry Pier. The pier was built in the late 1880s for small boats. Joseph Merry made improvements to it to accommodate larger boats like this.

Joseph had building experience from working construction in Tampa and built a sturdier, longer pier in 1902 with a small building for selling bait, a few staples and anything a fisherman needed. Soon steamboats began to arrive requiring the addition of a longer, L shaped pier. With the influx of people, Lizotte built the Bonhomie Hotel, served 50¢ seafood dinners, rented rooms and took patrons fishing claiming it as the first "resort" on the islands.

The pier at the east end of 8th Street became the landing place for most of the incoming supply boats hauling lumber for construction and most of the supplies needed to live on the islands. These plus the large passenger crafts often created heavy traffic around the pier.

Joseph soon built living quarters above his store, received mail delivery for the growing community and it soon became known as Merry Pier. It was city owned with a five year lease, as it is today.

At one point the store was moved to 8th Street and replaced by two sun shade thatched roofs over some benches. Capt. Merry took over the pier operation until the late 1940s when Capt. Wilson, "Hub" Hubbard became the new tenant. He renamed it Hubbard's Pier and expanded the operation as a headquarters for charter and party fishing boats, bait, tackle and any kind of fishing yarn one could conjure up on a lazy afternoon. Hub was active in local politics, had one of the first fishing



Wilson Hubbard, one of the top fishing guides and fishing experts, was an island promoter in the 1950s through the 1990s.

shows on radio and WSUN-TV, and became known for his show's closing phrase "If you are too busy to go fishing, you are just too busy!"

Capt. Merry, one of the best fishing guides around still operated his charter boat from the pier. Capt. Marsic ran a sightseeing cruise to Shell Island and the "Lucky Strike" with Capt. Bobby Buzwell, "Yellow Tail" with Capt. Joe Dvorsak and "Gulf Pride" with Capt. Buster Herzog and first mate Harry Metz, all docked at the pier making it a "no slip empty" thriving business.

The pier was officially re-dedicated with special ceremonies by the city in July, 1981 as "Merry Pier. Over the ensuing years it had several tenants, but continued the fishing traditions with charter boasts, sunset cruises and plenty of fishing advice sprinkled around! Sadly with many anglers owning their own boats, the charter and party boat population declined over the years.

Then in 2011 a new lease was awarded to Merry Partners which includes Capt. Kiven Davidek and wife Nancy along with Capt. Randy Coffman, and wife Susan. Coffman runs the Miss Pass-a-Grille party boat while Capt. Pete Borrego is at the helm of the charter boat "Deep Sea Hussle." The Shell Key Shuttle with Capt. Joe Bouchard makes daily trips to the island where one can spend the day. No reservations are needed for the shuttle and sunset cruises are also available keeping with the pier's traditions.

According to Nancy Coffman, one new addition to the pier is a fresh seafood market with a good variety of local fresh fish. You may order what you want by calling 727-360-1400 and pick it up at your convenience.

The pier store has boating supplies much the same as Joseph Merry had in 1902! It is truly a landmark that takes a high place in island history and upholds its "fishing tales" and "fish lore" proudly. If you want a feel of the past, take a trip from Merry Pier and enjoy catching dinner or just cruising the Gulf waters just like old times!



Merry Pier in 2008. It looks about the same today as it continues to be a hot spot for all anglers and seafood lovers.

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I had heard of broken dreams
And people tearing at the seams
But so far away and so not me
I understood only my glee

Back when everything made sense
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The bad guys all just needed love
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When up was up and never down
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Back before I had a clue

But I grew up and learned the ways
Learned the games and learned the plays
And one day I woke and understood
I was no longer made of good

I was, in fact, the broken dream
Another tearing at the seam
Things I'd never thought I'd be
I'd had me beaten right out of me

When I was young my eyes were bright
My motives strong and my mood light
My bows were in, my hair was curled
Back when I thought I could save the world



Florida Author Suspense That Inspires

By Jackie Minniti

It was a challenge from her daughter that set Kathryn J. Bain on the road to writing. This Jacksonville author admits to being an avid TV watcher who enjoyed critiquing shows.

"One day, I was watching television with my daughter, and I said, 'I could make it much better,'" she recalls. "My daughter told me, 'You always say that - now do it!'" So Bain did. The result is a body of work that includes four novellas, seven novels, and one more on the way.

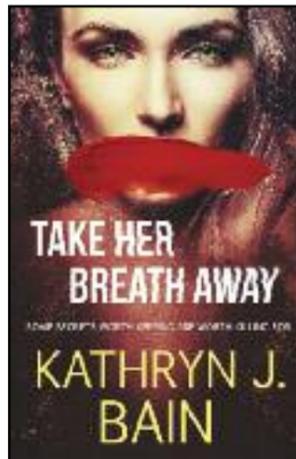
This Idaho native came to Florida in 1983. "I got sand in my toes and didn't want to leave," she says. "I love the Florida winters, the heat and the wonderful people. And it's great to be able to go from one coast to the other in a day. There's so much to do." One of the things Kathryn decided to do was write what she enjoyed reading the most - a mystery/suspense novel. She took some courses and joined a critique group, and in 2012, she published "Breathless," the first of what was to become the Lincolnville Mysteries. Set in the fictional town of Lincolnville, Georgia, "Breathless" is the story of a woman being stalked and the man who protects and eventually falls in love with her. The novel won a prestigious Royal Palm Literary Award for Inspirational Fiction.

For Bain's next offering, she tried her hand at a novella, "Game of Hearts," a humorous romance. It was followed by two more novels: "Catch Your Breath," (Lincolnville Mysteries #2) and "Knight and Day," a stand-alone mystery. "Beautiful Imperfection," published in 2013, is a novel with a special meaning. The story of a breast cancer survivor who witnesses a mass murder, Bain wrote it as a tribute to breast cancer survivors. "I wanted women who go through breast cancer to realize just how brave and beautiful they really are," she says.

Readers return to Lincolnville for Bain's next



Author Kathryn J. Bain's latest release, "Take Her Breath Away," is Book #4 in her Lincolnville series. She tries for "edge-of-your-seat" suspense in her books.



novel, "One Last Breath," a story that tackles the subject of child trafficking. The following three works - "The Visitor," "Small Town Terror," and "Reunion" - are a trio of mystery novels linked together by KT Morgan, a mysterious woman who travels alone. Each story exposes a little more about this enigmatic character.

Bain's latest release is "Take Her Breath Away," Book #4 in the Lincolnville series. It starts with Raylene and Ty Davenport, a couple whose relationship has been rocked by infidelity. When Ty's life is endangered by a mysterious killer, Raylene must learn if she can trust him again. "Raylene and Ty had separated in an earlier book, and I wanted to bring them back together," Bain explains. The inspiration for Ty Davenport is country singer Lee Brice. "Every hero in the Lincolnville series is based on a country singer," Bain says. "For 'Breathless,' it was Toby Keith; for 'Catch Your Breath,' Chris Young; and George Strait for 'One Last Breath.' The female characters are made up."

Bain's upcoming work is a real departure. "The Chain We Forge" is a contemporary version of Bain's favorite Christmas story, "A Christmas Carol." This stand-alone novel is scheduled for release in December.

While Bain's works are characterized as Christian fiction, she believes that there are elements that set her books apart. "I think my books are more realistic than most Christian fiction," she says. "And even though I write clean psychological suspense, I try to make it edge-of-your-seat suspense too." She wants readers to come away from her books feeling entertained and inspired. "My books deal with forgiveness. I want people to realize we all make mistakes, and that's fine. I want them to be able to forgive themselves."

She also hopes her books will keep readers up all night.

For more information go to www.kathrynjbain.com.

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JDRF continued from front page

There are callouses on each of Sam's fingers from the pricks to measure her blood sugar about eight times in a 24 hour period—day and night. She has an electrode for a CGM (Continuous Glucose Monitor) under the skin of her stomach that constantly monitors the glucose levels in her tissue fluid. It is connected to a transmitter that sends the information via wifi to an ap on Sam's phone which syncs to her mother's phone with a CGM ap. Then there is the pump in her arm that administers the insulin she needs.

The aspiring athlete and author talks about things a 10-year old should not have to think about, like the prospects for encapsulated beta cell replacement therapies being explored by JDRF. "They grow the beta cells in a lab and then put them in a plastic coating about the size of a credit card under your skin where your pancreas should be. Because it is coated in plastic, the immune system can't attack it like it does your pancreas. It has to be replaced every two years, but it does everything—it senses the changes in blood sugar levels and releases insulin whenever it's needed."

It is future funding for research projects like this that has Sam and her mom worried. "I'm going to talk about how important it is to continue funding research," says Sam. "If it gets cut that could set us back years."

Of particular concern is the Special Diabetes Program (SDP), which was enacted by Congress in 1997 and has to be renewed every two years. "We get \$150 million for research ever year and it expires in September, so that's why we're going in July," adds Joyce. "It's our big push to make sure that we secure that \$150 million again." They are also asking for a three-year renewal period.

"The other big thing in DC is insurance because



This JDRF sneaker is used for the annual One Walk fundraiser in April. Samantha and Joyce Singh hope local businesses will display them to promote Sam's trip to Washington DC for the Children's Congress and create awareness about T1D.



On the last page of Sam's scrapbook she notes the pot at the end of her rainbow is a cure for T1D.

now the insurance companies are not allowing kids to choose the types of equipment they use," says Sam. "All the equipment, the strips, the meters, the pump, the insulin is so expensive, a lot of people around the world can't afford it and they die ... so we're trying to get the cost of that down."

Sam laments the lack of understanding about T1D and the confusion people have with it and Type 2 Diabetes. "They don't understand how deadly it is. They think, 'Oh she just ate too much sugar; she just needs to go exercise; what does she need our money for.'"

To support Sam's efforts, Treasure Island Mayor Bob Minning issued a proclamation in late June, and the Treasure Island Madeira Beach Chamber is working with area businesses to create awareness and track her progress with JDRF sneakers in their windows.

Joyce looks at her CGM ap. "Sam, your dropping, we need to order some cheese sticks or something." And so it goes.

View Sam's scrapbook at www.theislandreporter.com. For more information about T1D go to www.jdrf.org.

Beverage Beat Red, White and Brew!

By Ellen L. Capitosti

Summertime and beer go hand in hand. There is a simpleness in the refreshment of a cold beer on a hot day; something that makes one give a deep sigh and release the stresses of the day and reflect on...the beer! Beer is arguably one of the oldest recorded recipes. The ancient Egyptians were brewing it in 5,000 B.C. and thankfully the basic recipe hasn't deviated much since though the variations are never ending!

The beer brewing process involves soaking malted barley in hot water to release the sugars within the barley. This malt sugar solution is then boiled with hops for additional seasoning. This solution is cooled and yeast is added which ferments the sugars, which, in turn, release carbon dioxide and ethyl alcohol. When the main fermentation process is complete, the beer is bottled with a bit of added sugar to provide the carbonation. Early brewers were known to spike their beer with anything from olive oil to cheese. They were even known to include hallucinogens such as hemp and poppy.

These days, some craft brews keep the tradition of special spiking alive. Gatherings focused on the 4th of July should offer all American beers, such as Budweiser and Michelob. However, special offerings can now include wonderful, all American craft beers.

Philadelphia's Victory HopDevil IPA, a very hoppy offering, is a delicious beer for the hop lover in you.

Anchor Porter, introduced in 1972 in San Francisco as "the first post-Prohibition porter in the United States," has stood the test of time and its dark, smooth, roasty, chocolaty flavor is still considered the gold standard of American porters 45 years later.

The red, white and blue label of Colorado's Oskar Blues Dale's Pale Ale is a solid offering and would make a welcome addition to any 4th of July beer tub. Bobbing about in the cold ice water, it is particularly patriotic and, as a canned beer, it lends itself well to boating and poolside adventures.

Montana's Spanish Peak's Brewery has a new Black Dog's Crystal Weiss, an American version of the classic German style Kristall Weizen. It is cold filtered and mildly hoppy; a very refreshing beer. Plus, they have partnered with local humane societies across the country and donate a portion of every case sold to these local groups. Helping out your fellow man, and animal, while enjoying a delicious beer - it doesn't get much more All American than that!

A Shandy is a particularly refreshing way to enjoy a beer on a hot afternoon. They can be purchased ready to drink, or easily made from scratch. Pour a lighter beer into a pilsner glass, add lemonade to taste, add ice (optional), gently stir until mixed and enjoy with your friends and family as the 4th of July fireworks light up the hot summer night sky!

Ellen Capitosti is the owner of Tostis Spirits & Fine Wines.



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Business News

Bay Moorings Welcomes Dr. Plummer

Dr. Austin Plummer has joined the doctors and staff at Bay Moorings Animal Hospital in the Skyway Marina District. He graduated at the top of his class at U of F's College of Veterinary Medicine this year. The St. Petersburg native has a passion for all things animal related and loves every facet of veterinary medicine. He is also specially trained in shelter medicine, disaster relief, and business management.



CASA Selects CEO

CASA has selected Lariana Forsythe as their new Interim CEO until she completes Florida Administrative Rule requirements. She brings extensive nonprofit leadership experience to CASA., which is expanding its programs for survivors of domestic violence.



SPB Gets New Realty Company

Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce welcomed Sold USA Realty to Dolphin Village on St. Pete Beach. Chamber members and friends joined St. Pete Mayor Al Johnson for the event. 4615 Gulf Blvd. St. Pete Beach.



Captain Dave's Opens on TI



Members and staff of the Treasure Island and Madeira Beach Chamber celebrated the recent opening of Captain Dave's Trading Company with a ribbon cutting. Captain Dave's offers treasures from Florida and abroad including nautical home decor, hand made gemstone jewelry, individual Brazilian gemstones, geodes and more. 10671 Gulf Blvd. Treasure Island.

Notable Achievements

EC-SAR Receives Donation

Eckerd College Search and Rescue (EC-SAR) received a check for \$2,000 from the Tierra Verde Business Partnership. The money was raised at the 2017 Classic Car Show. EC-SAR is funded through a variety of sources including community donations. Pictured from left are Hunter Blencowe, Eckerd student; Jordan Kuperberg, EC-SAR staff instructor; Hunter Grose, TVBP president; and Annette Venable, TVBP vice president. TIR staff photo.



DUSTOFF Foundation Gets Gift

Ian O'Connell (right) and Charles Claybaker, founder and CEO of the veterans nonprofit Claybaker Dustoff Foundation hold a check for \$12,700. O'Connell raised the money during his annual, back-to-back, Christmas bartender shifts at Sea Critters. He donates all his tips and customers make additional donations. He is also the vice president of the foundation.



Rays Go to Bat for TBW

Tampa Bay Rays recently donated \$15,000 to support Tampa Bay habitat restoration efforts. TBW is grateful for the support in protecting and restoring Tampa Bay. Go Rays! Photo courtesy of TBW.



Masons Support Schools

Members of the Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge in Madeira Beach recently presented an American flag to Madeira Beach Fundamental School to be flown outside their facility (left). They also adopted Ms. Alison Blanchet's 2nd Grade class at Seminole Elementary School as part of the Pinellas County Adopt a Teacher/Class program. Photos courtesy of the Masonic Lodge.



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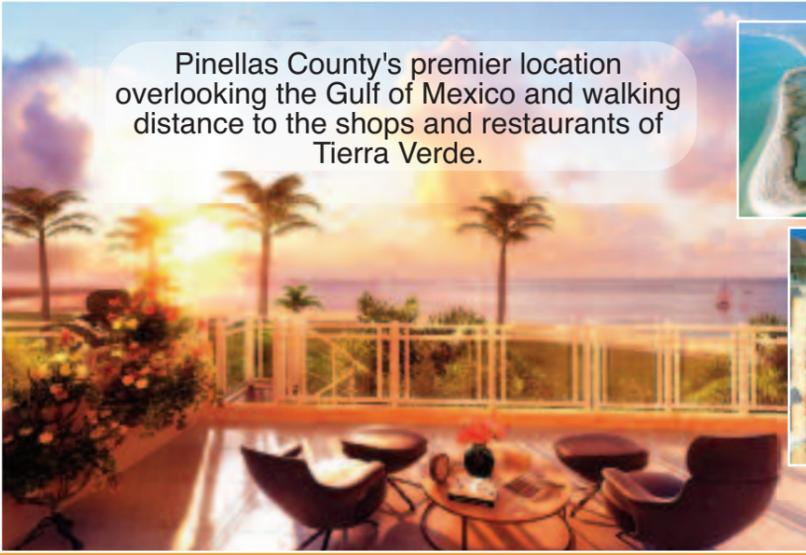


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Setting a Record at 70

Story and Photos by TIR Staff

Mike Wetmore was a big boy in one respect when he entered high school. He towered over the other kids at 6 feet 1 and one half inches tall. Where he didn't measure up was on the scale. He weighed a paltry 118 pounds.

At 70 that skinny kid set a world record for cable rows doing a 10 ton set at Anytime Fitness on 34th St. S. in June.

The man who now calls himself Ten Ton Mike equates how he looked back then to photos of liberated prisoners from Auschwitz.

"You could see every rib to the collarbone. So I started lifting weights, because I was getting bullied and picked on."

It worked to an extent. In 1960 he followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Navy. He was 6 foot 6 inches tall and weighed 163 pounds.

"Still very thin," he says blaming genetics and his metabolism, "but I was pretty strong for 163 from weightlifting."

He committed to gaining weight in the Navy eating 10 times a day. "I was so motivated." Surely he thought there would be a point where he would actually gain weight.



Eventually it paid off and he left the Navy at 235 pounds—all muscle.

It was 1968, and California, where bodybuilding was all the rage, was calling. He started competing and training people in bodybuilding. He eventually owned two gyms and judged contests and selected teams to compete for Mr. Universe. "I was fortunate enough to have trained more than 30 champions," he says.

Then along came George-George Foreman. Wetmore was selected as a heavyweight prospect and started training at the same camp. He went from a beginner to world-class amateur/beginner pro in 18 months.

"It was very, very fast. I did hundreds of rounds with top 10

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A jubilant Mike Wetmore tries to uncurl his fingers after completing 200 reps, nonstop with 100 pounds to set a world record for cable rows doing a 10 ton set. The 70 year old began lifting at age 13 to gain weight.

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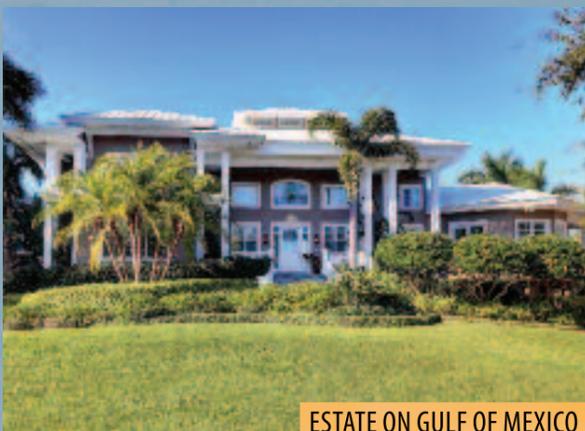
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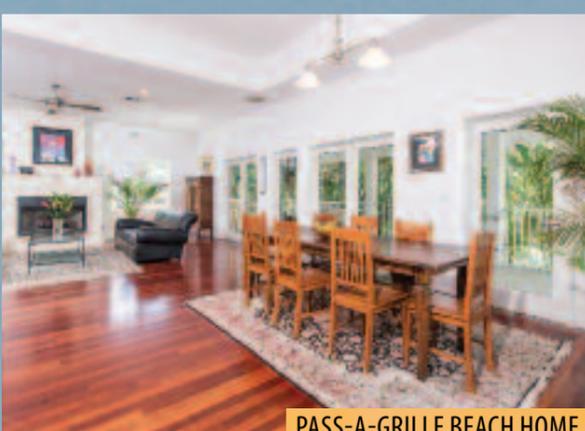
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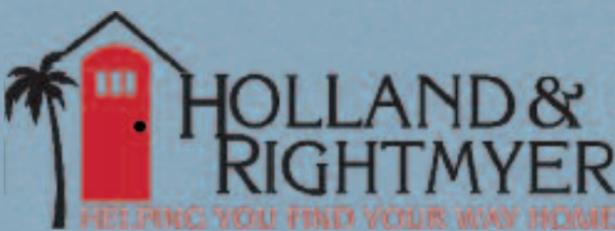


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and top 20 heavyweights.” He hoped to be a pro, but a blow to his head caused visual problems and he was told to stop. “I was devastated. I had just devoted 18 months of my life to doing that.” He chose his vision over boxing and continued bodybuilding, opened his gyms, did private fitness training in Los Angeles, and continued to workout and compete.

After a stint in the health care industry he moved here to retire close to the beaches and, of course, planned to continue lifting.

That dream came to a halt when a chest x-ray showed an ascending aorta aneurism. His doctor told him to stop lifting. At the time he was mid-60s and benching about 300 pounds for six to eight reps. He couldn’t imagine giving it up, so he gave up the heavy weights.

“I went to 15 pound dumbbells and did 25 reps.”

The weights stayed light initially, but the reps grew and, before, he knew it he was doing 100 reps. “I was just trying to stay motivated.”

It was then that the 10 ton set idea came to him. He realized nobody had probably ever done it, so to motivate himself, he decided that would be his new challenge.

And he did it in 2014, but it was not recorded. Then came a pancreatic cancer diagnosis. “I had two thirds of my pancreas and spleen removed. It took six months to recover from that surgery and get back to where I could do a 10 ton set again.”

A year later another setback; he ruptured three discs in his lower back loading a truck.

Gradually he recovered and he was ready to go for a record—on camera this time.

“I’ve used this to excite and motivate me. When

you get older you’re never going to be able to lift the heavy weight you did when you were maybe 30, so it’s hard to get excited. Now with this stuff, I’m excited,” he says.

Before he began the attempt he spoke into the camera, “I’m going to attempt this 10 ton set for a world record as an inspiration and as a challenge to people out there ... if you can do a 10 ton set or want to try ... send me a link to your video at tentonmike@gmail.com. Thank you.”

He began his reps for the record. Initially a few people gathered around to watch and count. As his reps increased so did the spectators and the noise, and when he hit 200 reps and 10 tons, they broke into a round of applause and cheers.

“I feel good,” he says after finishing. “Being 70 years old doesn’t have to hold you back.”



This series of photos shows 10 Ton Mike doing one rep out of 200 to set a world record. He hopes his feat will motivate others to challenge themselves.



Staff and members of Anytime Fitness on 34th Street South encourage Mike as he works to complete 200 reps. The number of spectators and volume of their encouragement rose with the rep count.

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By Wayne Shattuck

Really old Californians... In what may be one of the most significant discoveries ever in archeology in the Americas, researchers this spring said stone tools and broken mastodon bones unearthed in California show humans had reached the Americas some 130,000 years ago, far earlier than previously known. The researchers called five rudimentary tools, hammerstones and anvils, discovered in San Diego County alongside fossil bones from the prehistoric elephant relative compelling evidence, though circumstantial, for the presence of either our species or an extinct cousin like Neanderthals. San Diego Natural History Museum paleontologist Tom Demere said until now the oldest widely accepted date for human presence in the New World was 14,000 to 15,000 years ago, making the San Diego site nearly 10 times older. The finding would radically rewrite the understanding of when humans reached the New World, though some scientists not involved in the study have voiced skepticism. No human skeletal remains were found. But the stone tools' wear and impact marks and the way in which mastodon limb bones and molars were broken, apparently in a deliberate manner shortly after the animal's death, convinced the

researchers humans were responsible. They performed experiments using comparable tools on elephant bones and produced similar fracture patterns. U.S. Geological Survey geologist James Paces used state-of-the-art dating methods to determine the mastodon bones, tooth enamel and tusks were 131,000 years old, plus or minus about 9,000 years.

Puppy Love for Little Ones... Exposing babies to puppies and other furry pets might help them accumulate two types of bacteria in their gut that are associated with a lower risk of allergies and obesity, a Canadian study suggests. When researchers analyzed fecal samples from 746 babies, they found having dogs and cats in the home during pregnancy and early infancy was associated with higher levels of two gut microbes: Ruminococcus and Oscillospira, which have been linked with lower odds of allergies and obesity, respectively. While the study doesn't prove pets directly prevent allergies or obesity, or demonstrate how cats and dogs cause changes in gut bacteria, it's possible that pet exposure during pregnancy may influence the composition of gut microbes in the infant by affecting the mother's vaginal or skin microbes. Changes in the mother's microbes might be passed on during

birth, even with a surgical delivery. After that, pets might directly transfer beneficial microbes when they touch babies, and infants may also pick up pet microbes that are left on household surfaces or in dust. In the study about 45 percent of the households didn't have any pets, and among the homes with pets both during pregnancy and afterwards, 44 percent had only dogs, 34 percent had just cats and 20 percent had at least one of each. Pet exposure was also linked to lower fecal levels of Enterobacteria even among babies born by emergency cesarean who normally have high levels of these microbes at three months of age. These bacteria are associated with Salmonella and other infections. The findings add to growing evidence linking exposure to household pets and farm animals with a lower risk of health problems like asthma and allergies, said Tove Fall, a researcher at Uppsala University in Sweden who wasn't involved in the study.

But That's Not All... Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort back in the day. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

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The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Gambler's concern
- 5 Filler of some cavities
- 10 Dangerous biters
- 14 Pedal pusher
- 15 Buy alternative
- 16 "___ does it!"
- 17 Arctic sight
- 18 Trucker's turf
- 20 Genesis villain
- 22 Farmer's nemesis
- 23 Off-___ (askew)
- 25 Bed-and-breakfast
- 26 Devote, as time
- 28 Like Beethoven
- 30 Head start
- 34 Adjust in advance
- 36 Big bore
- 38 Stately shade tree
- 39 Cut off
- 40 Shine softly
- 42 Appear, with "up"
- 43 Fifth, e.g.: Abbr.
- 44 Flooring material
- 45 Hate with a passion
- 47 Graceful bird
- 49 Applaud
- 51 O'Keefe subject
- 52 Forest denizen
- 54 Facing
- 56 Nursery purchase
- 60 Cause of some blushing

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- 63 Try the patience of
- 65 Crazy about
- 66 A chorus line
- 67 Sub detector
- 68 Mark for life
- 69 Tyler Posey series, "___ Wolf"
- 70 Class
- 71 ___ and now

DOWN

- 1 Slays, in slang
- 2 Welfare, with "the"
- 3 Guard
- 4 Underwear of yore
- 5 Flash

- 6 Like many a tux
- 7 Granola morsel
- 8 Kind of car
- 9 Scared stiff
- 10 Harmonize
- 11 Hop-filled dance
- 12 Maze solution
- 13 Editor's mark
- 19 Junior, e.g.
- 21 First in line, perhaps
- 24 Lamb, for one
- 26 Water balloon sound
- 27 Show to be so
- 29 Coat part
- 31 Addiction
- 32 Lipstick alternative
- 33 Drain
- 35 Density
- 37 Give money beforehand
- 41 Under the weather
- 46 Sully
- 48 Wrestling hold
- 50 Bad way to go?
- 53 Edge
- 55 Invitation heading
- 56 Keister
- 57 Wagon part
- 58 Dome
- 59 Poetic cave
- 61 Hollywood sighting
- 62 Hurting
- 64 "___ questions?"

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Trivia

The Wild West

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1. What railroad extended into Dodge City and ignited the town's growth? (a) Southern Pacific (b) Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (c) Missouri, Kansas and Texas
2. How many people were actually killed at the Gunfight at the OK Corral? (a) 5 (b) None (c) 3
3. What was Annie Oakley's real name? (a) Annie Tallent (b) Phoebe Moses (c) Della Pringle
4. Who was quoted as saying "No man can have a more loyal friend than Wyatt Earp, nor a more dangerous enemy?" (a) Bat Masterson (b) Doc Holliday (c) Ike Clanton
5. How did Doc Holliday die? (a) Killed in a card game (b) Hanged by Judge Roy Bean (c) Tuberculosis
6. What was the approximate average mileage a Pony Express rider traveled for his assigned leg of the journey? (a) 25 (b) 54 (c) 33
7. The most famous fort of the Old West may have been Fort Apache. Where is it located? (a) Texas (b) Arizona (c) North Dakota
8. The land rush in what state in 1889 presented opportunities for would-be settlers? (a) Oklahoma (b) Nevada (c) California
9. "The Wild Bunch," "The Hole in the Wall Gang" and "The Younger Gang" were all famous names for outlaw gangs. Which of the following names was used by a gang of lawmen? (a) The Five Sentinels (b) The Three Guardsmen (c) The Four Rangers
10. On his first cattle drive to Colorado, what man knew his men would need to eat, so he revamped an Army surplus wagon and invented the chuckwagon? (a) Jesse Chisolm (b) Oliver Loving (c) Charles Goodnight

Puzzlers can find the answers to all these brain teasers at www.TheIslandReporter.com under "Puzzles"

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Craters of the Moon

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| DARWIN | DELUC |
| EINSTEIN | EULER |
| FAHRENHEIT | GEBER |
| HERCULES | KIRCH |
| KLEIN | LINNE |
| LOVELL | MARCO POLO |
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

Local Events, Activities & Announcements

Gulfport

July 4: July Fourth Celebration, All day events with Kids Fishing Derby (8 - 10:30 a.m.); Fresh Market (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.); Family Sand Sculpture Contest (10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.); Parade on Beach Boulevard (6 p.m.); and Fireworks (9 p.m.). Gulfport Waterfront. Info at www.mygulfport.us under events.

July 7 & 15: Gulfport Art-Walk, 6 - 10 p.m. Beach Blvd. S., Waterfront District.

Gulfport Public Library: Go to events at www.mygulfport.us/gpl for library events or visit at 5501 28th Ave. S.

Each Week

Gulfport Fresh Market: Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 3007 Beach Blvd. Info at 727-278-4285. July 11 is Clothing Swap to Benefit CASA.

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Community Room, Gulfport Public Library. 5501 28th Ave. S. Info at 727-537-9098, info@gulfporttoastmasters.com or www.gulfport-toastmasters.com.

SoTangerine Market: Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tangerine Greenway, 5022 Tangerine Ave. Info at 727-439-0164.

Throughout the Month

Gecko Tickets On Sale: Tickets for the Ninth Annual Gecko Ball will be available beginning July 4. The Ball themed "Geckostock!" is Aug. 26. Tickets at www.VisitGulfportFlorida.com.

Gulfport Casino: Dance Lessons. \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members. Gulfport Casino: 5500 Shore Blvd. S. Info at www.mygulfport.us.

Senior Center Events: Calendar available at www.gulfportseniorfoundation.org or 727-893-1231.

Madeira Beach

July 4: Fireworks: 9:15 p.m. Launched from a barge located in the intracoastal off of the Madeira Beach City Centre site. Free viewing available from the Madeira Beach Rec. Center Fields. Info at 727-391-9951.

July 7: 5K Sunset Series, 5:15 p.m. Runners take to the sand and enjoy the famous, breath-taking views. Sandy beaches, Rita's Italian Ice, craft beer and post-race party. Pre-registration available. Next run is Aug. 4. John's Pass Park, 12901 Gulf Blvd. Info at www.madbeachfun.com.

St. Pete Beach

July 2: Let Freedom Ring, 10 a.m. Free patriotic musical celebration sponsored by the Women's Ministry of PAG Community Church, 107 16th Ave. Info at 727-360-5508 or www.pagchurch.org.

July 4: July 4th Parade, 8 a.m. Annual decorated bike parade for kids. Prizes, indoor scavenger hunt. Gulf Beaches Historical Museum, 115 10th Ave. Info at 727-552-1610.

July 4: Fireworks: 9:15 p.m. Fireworks display launched from Upham Beach.

July 9: 60th Anniversary Champaign Brunch, 11 a.m. Take a trip down memory lane with a presentation by the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum and learn the winners of the "Best of St. Pete Beach" awards. Don CeSar, 3400 Gulf Blvd. Info at www.spbrec.com under special events.

July 21: Road Runners Beach Series, 7 p.m. Join the largest beach race in the area with a 5K on beautiful St. Pete Beach. Registration is \$35 and includes a post-race party at The Hurricane complete with a free buffet, live music, drinks and sunset. 809 Gulf Way. Info at www.spr.org.

All month: 60th Anniversary T-Shirts On Sale. The city is selling commemorative shirts. Wear it the second Friday of each month all year

for special promotion/discount by sponsors. Short sleeve, \$20; long sleeve \$25. St Pete Beach Community Center, 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Call 727-363-9245.

Each Week

St. Pete Beach Public Library. Check www.spblibrary.com for the latest events.

St. Petersburg

July 4: Fireworks Across the Bay Celebration, 9 p.m. Spa Beach, 508-660 2nd Ave NE.

July 10 & 24: Creative Crafts, 10 a.m. All crafters welcome. Members \$3.50; guests \$4.50. Take your craft home. Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Dr. S. Info at 727-381-8920.

July 15: PARC's Annual Top Chefs, 6 - 10 p.m. Students from PARC team up with area chefs to produce savory entree samplings and decadent desserts. Includes an open bar and an exclusive look into the Culinary Arts Teaching Kitchen @ PARC and the Supported Employment Program. The Birchwood, 340 Beach Drive NE. Info at www.parc.org.

July 15 & 16: PAVA Cool Art Show, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A unique fine art and fine craft show juried from the membership of the Professional Association of Visual Artists. Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave. N. Info at www.pava-artists.org.

July 21: Military Officers Association of St. Pete, 11 a.m. Social hour, lunch and program. Guest speaker is Mike Clay, BayNews9. Retired, active duty and former military, NOAA and Public Health Service officers and spouses invited. RSVP required. Call 727-360-2936. Pasadena Yacht & Country Club, 6300 Pasadena.

July 29: Trash & Treasures, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Shop in cool comfort while supporting the Garden Club's projects and programs. Refreshments available. Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Dr. S. Info at 727-381-8920

Each Week

Mondays: Toastmasters, 6:15 p.m. PARC, 3190 Tyrone Blvd. N. Info at: 727-422-8856.

Saturdays: Williams Park Summer Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 50 plus vendors fresh produce, food to go, food to eat, coffee, tea, crafts, and more. Info at Saturday Morning Market on Facebook.

Tierra Verde

July 8: Mid-Summer Cleanup, 9-noon. Help Tampa Bay Watch clean-up after the 4th of July weekend. Local areas include: the Skyway fishing piers, Fort De Soto Park, Tampa Bay Watch and Coffee Pot Bayou (kayaks and canoes only). Post clean-up craft beer by Coppertail Brewing and Cigar City Brewing Companies. Info at www.tampabaywatch.org.

July 15: Abandoned Crab Trap Removal, 9-noon. Volunteer boaters are needed to help Tampa Bay Watch remove abandoned crab traps from the bay during the temporary closure of blue crab fishery. Info at www.tampabaywatch.org.

Treasure Island

July 4: Fireworks: 9 p.m. Fireworks on the beach at 104th Avenue & Gulf Blvd. \$10 parking at TI Community Center. Info at 727-547-4575 ext. 237.

Each Week

Thursday: Bingo, 6:45 p.m. Early bird, 7:45 p.m. Regular. Cash prizes. Snack bar & free coffee. Hosted by the Treasure Islettes. Treasure Island Community Center 1 Park Place and 106th Avenue.

Seminars, Classes and Announcements

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 Safe

Boating Classes, 7 p.m., each Tuesday. A 13 week continuous cycle of classes; start at your convenience; includes 400 pages of materials. Arrive the first time at 6:30 p.m. to register. \$40 for 13 weeks (\$55 for couples sharing a manual). Call Jim at 727-360-4846, Warren at 727-321-7801, or Phil at 865-2226. 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach.

July 4: No Class; July 11: Rules of the Nautical Road; July 18: Boating Safety; July 25: Introduction to Navigation; Aug. 1: Powering Your Boat

St. Pete Beach Recreation Center Classes, Classes in art, dance, self defense for women and a variety of other topics throughout the month. Classes for kids too. Go to www.spbrec.com for a complete listing or call 727-363-9245.

Treasure Island Art Guild Workshops, Info at treasureislandartguild.org.

Each Month

Suncoast Hospice Caregiver Education and Support, Gain new skills, self-confidence and emotional support with Suncoast Hospice's caregiver programs. Info at www.suncoasthospice.org/caregivers.

Announcements

Through July 15: Help Feed Hungry Kids: 36,000 Pinellas County children live each day with food insecurity. The summer months are the most challenging particularly for kids who rely upon school lunch programs for food. You can help. Drop off peanut butter, jelly, macaroni, fruit cups, dried fruit, crackers, granola bars, and cereal at any Regions Bank in the county. Benefits Florida Dream Center and UMCM Suncoast.

Support Clothes to Kids: CTK has an urgent need for young boy's and girl's shorts and pants sizes 6-16; short sleeve tops M, L and XL and school shoes. School uniforms are also needed. CTK operates year-round and continues to clothes over 11,000 low-income or in-crisis Pinellas school children every year. We are extremely low on summer clothing and hope you can help. Info at www.ClothesToKids.org.

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Information and contacts at www.clothestokids.org

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Celebrating Veterans

American Legion Post 305 celebrated Memorial Day by honoring three, local WWII vets: William "Bud" Schell, U.S. Army Air Corps; John w. (Bill) Jenkins, U. S. Navy, and Walter S. (Wally) Gazda, Army Air Corps. Guest speaker John Stoeffler read his poem, "I am America," and the post graciously accepted a sketch by Linda Stoeffler of a soldier embracing his daughter after returning home. See pages 8 and 9 for more about the WWII veterans and the poem.



Kids Compete in STEM

St. Pete Beach Recreation Center hosted 450 kids on 240 teams from 10 countries for the 2016-2017 International Robofest. Participants must program their robots to accomplish tasks in a dynamic environment. The event encourages students to have fun while learning principles of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and computer science.



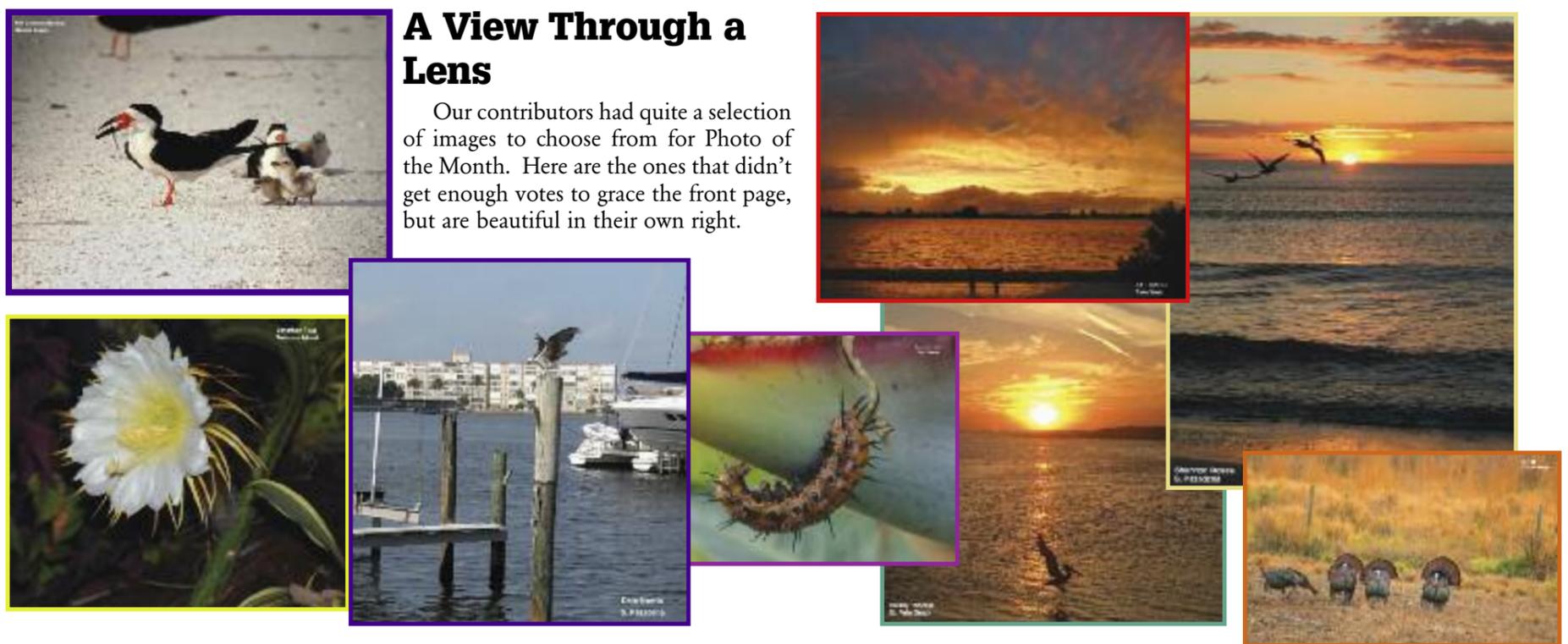
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Tampa Bay Watch (TBW) declared the 12th Annual Ed Alber Tarpon Rodeo in June a success. They wish to thank all their sponsors, attendees, anglers, auction donors, volunteers and staff. They raised \$120,000 for their year-round education programs and restoration initiatives. A special thanks to Keith Overton and the TradeWinds Resort for hosting the captain's dinner and auction the night before the tournament judged by the CCA. Elusive as the tarpon may have been, Teams Bonefish Grill and South Branch Ranch managed to reel in the top prizes! Photos courtesy of TBW.



A View Through a Lens

Our contributors had quite a selection of images to choose from for Photo of the Month. Here are the ones that didn't get enough votes to grace the front page, but are beautiful in their own right.





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This lot is 1.3 Acres in the GATED PRESERVE near Ft. De Soto Park. Amenities include an electronic gate, a COVERED BOATSLIP with Electric and water available and with deep water access, a Long LIGHTED BOARDWALK with access to the PRIVATE MARINA and a COVERED GAZEBO with swing built over the water. All utilities are in and the zoning allows a House, a Coach House and a large multi-car Garage. This building site contains Specimen Oak Trees, and the preserve hosts Red and White Mangroves and an incredible grove of Specimen Black Mangroves. This is a nature lovers delight with sightings of all of the area's Flora and Fauna. You will enjoy privacy and security in this location. Builder/developers Key Lot, Will Build to suit, Finance or exchange price \$1,250,000.
For video go to <http://tinyurl.com/zntzaub>.







TIERRA VERDE SHORES LAKEFRONT LOT

Build your Dream Home on this large Fabulous lakefront lot on Westshore Drive in Tierra Verde Shores. Features include underground utilities, front view to the west, beautiful Lake Front View to the East. You can see all the birds of the area including Roseate Spoonbills, White Pelicans, Man-O-War birds, Skimmers, Red Headed ducks and Scaup in the winter. This location is Private and Quiet and sits among some of the most beautiful large Multi-Million dollar homes in the area. Lot size is 8/10th of an Acre and measures 159 x 230. You can walk or bike to the Tierra Verde Community Park with Tennis and Pickleball courts, The Little League Field and a Play Area for the kids. It is also a nice bike ride or jog to incredible Fort Desoto Park. This lot is level and ready to build, or you can land bank this lot for the future. \$650,000.00 with terms available.




Voted Tierra Verde Business of the Year 2016