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A Matter of Moments

By Betsy Judge

More than a half million results come up on a Google search for coping with tragedy today. In 1985 when a truck crashed through a house in southeast Texas and killed Bobby Petrocelli's wife those types of resources were not as readily available.

He came home from coaching a game and sat down to a great big bowl of pasta, the second love of his life after his wife Ava. They went to bed.

"The next thing I know, I wake up in my dining room window and parked in the middle of the room is a full-size, F150 Ford pickup truck. A drunk driver crashed into my house," he tells the crowd.

Ava was under the truck. He learned in the hospital it had taken paramedics 35 minutes to get her out and she had suffocated.

At age 24 he was planning a funeral and service and while he didn't have thousands of websites to help him cope, he did have people. At the cemetery he looked up and saw more than a thousand of his students standing with him to pay their respects to Ava.

"The most intense thing I've ever dealt with in 35 years as an educator, teacher, counselor and coach was the love and the response in the cemetery ... for those students to show up on a school day—to be there for me, motivated me to take this message worldwide."

Trying to synthesize that message is a challenge. Petrocelli's remarks at a recent Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber learn@lunch, come tumbling



Treasure Island resident Bobby Petrocelli talks to members of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber about the death of his wife in 1985 and the importance of each moment of our lives.

Photo by Bob Schlesinger.

out with a mixture of emotion, references to his faith and a sense of humor only an Italian from Brooklyn could pull off. Anecdotes were sandwiched between the points he was making which were plentiful, and his frequent interaction with his audience added to the complexity.

He starts by telling everyone to forget taking life one day at a time. His life was changed in a moment which he defines as about 10 seconds or less. "Moments are what life is about, and every one of those moments has the power to influence us—good, bad, right or wrong; they impact each one of our lives."

In his book, "You Matter It Doesn't," the "it" is anything bad that has happened in the past.

"In the midst of going through that, the

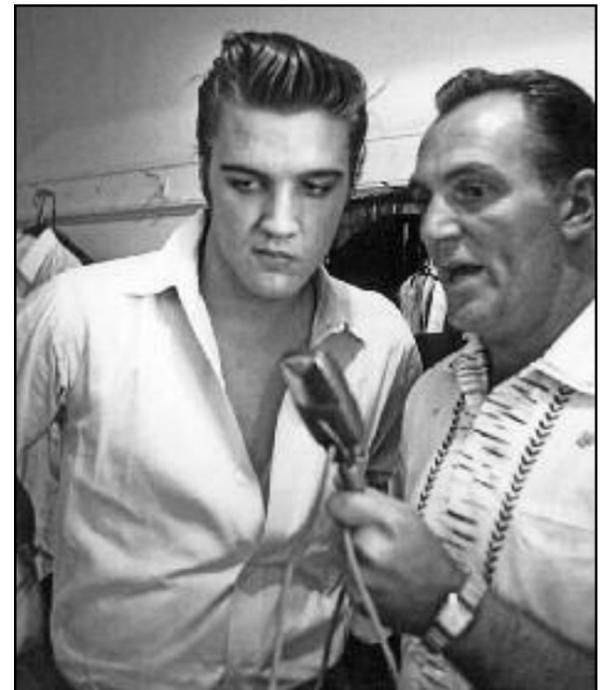
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When Elvis Shook Tampa Bay

By Larry Lewis

Publisher's Note: Elvis Presley passed away 40 years ago on Aug. 16. Music aficionado and TIR contributor Larry Lewis was inspired when he read Bob Kealing's book, "Elvis Ignited," and offered a story. Thanks to Bob for talking with Larry, and thanks Larry for the memories of the king.

In today's cyberworld, a performer can become an overnight sensation when a YouTube video goes viral around the globe. But in mid-1950s America, there were no such shortcuts for massive success. Not even if your name was Elvis Presley.



Bob Hoffer interviewing Elvis in St. Pete. Hoffer was a DJ with WTSP (TV channel 10 today).

Photo © Bob Moreland courtesy Ger J. Rijff's "The Cool King."

As the new musical wind called rock 'n roll was sweeping aside more staid formats, entertainers chased their dreams the old-fashioned way. They climbed into vans, buses, Studebakers and anything with room for a band and gear. In the pre-interstate South, they hit the local byways, fanning out like a spider's web, plying the nightspots and music halls on a grueling trek promising only simple meals at the nearest Waffle House. Elvis was no exception.

Florida and Tampa Bay proved crucial to Presley's breakthrough then, as examined in Orlando author Bob Kealing's new book, "Elvis Ignited," which finely details all of his appearances in the Sunshine State over four tours and 15 months in 1955 and '56. In that time, the dynamic singer performed 12 shows in Tampa Bay over five dates. And while he only played two venues in St. Petersburg and Tampa, those shows are seen today as iconic manifestations of Presley's raw power, defining the image of the man and his music.

The Homer Hesterly Armory on Tampa's North Howard Avenue was the only venue Elvis played on all four tours, starting May 8, 1955, when the 20-year old Sun Records artist, with his regional hit, "That's All Right Mama," earned \$50 bottom-billed on a country music program featuring Hank Snow.

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Annual Breakfast to Remember

By TIR Staff

Remember • Honor • Support will hold its Patriot Day Memorial Breakfast on Sept. 11 at the Historic Coliseum.

The yearly event serves to ensure the greater Tampa Bay area does not forget the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the local community remembers, honors, and supports the veterans, wounded warriors, first responders and the families of the fallen.

This year's guest speaker, Vice Adm. Sean A. Pybus, will talk about 9/11 and post traumatic stress. His last position before retiring was as deputy commander, US Special Operations Command.

The event benefits three nonprofits: Stay In Step which operates the Spinal Cord



Injury (SCI) Recovery Center and provides SCI patients with state of the art recovery. They are a veteran support organization open to civilian SCI patients.

Warrior2warrior helps prevent suicide with non-threatening and "stigma-free" approaches for veterans using peer mentorship, physical rehabilitation and other resources.

GoldShield Foundation provides immediate financial assistance and educational support for spouses and dependent children of Florida law enforcement officers and firefighters in the Tampa Bay area killed in the line of duty.

For tickets or sponsorship information go to www.rememberhonorsupport.org.

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From the Publisher

By Betsy Judge

There is lots in this issue about people helping people.

One in 10 Americans age 60 and older have experienced some sort of elder abuse according to the National Council on Aging. Abuse can be physical, emotional, sexual, exploitation, neglect or abandonment.

The subjects of *Pride & Joy* along with *A Green Bench for Willie* were victims of elder abuse. Thankfully strangers took it upon themselves to get involved and literally saved the day.

For at risk youth there are organizations like the Beth Dillinger Foundation which works to feed, clothe and educate at risk children. They will benefit from the generosity of the St. Pete Glitter Queens this fall which helps charities that support women and children. With 7,000 chronically hungry kids in Pinellas County, thank goodness for their efforts.

Bobby Petrocelli, *A Matter of Moments*, is horrified at the number of kids he meets who show him where they have been cutting or reference suicide. The Treasure Island resident takes his motivational talks to thousands of students with a message of self-worth.

August is going to be special with the much-anticipated total eclipse of the sun Aug. 21. Florida is projected to have a 0.8 magnitude eclipse; the moon will obscure about 80 percent of the sun. timetable.com shows it beginning in St. Pete at 1:17 p.m. with maximum coverage at 2:49 and ending at 4:13 p.m. It is not safe to look directly at the sun—even if it's partly obscured, according to NASA. They recommend wearing eclipse glasses at all times. I got almost 700,000 hits on a Google for glasses.

Happy Shopping and Happy August.

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Bobby Petrocelli has taken his message to more than 5,000 groups a majority of which are schools. He feels it is vital that young people understand their value and that they matter.

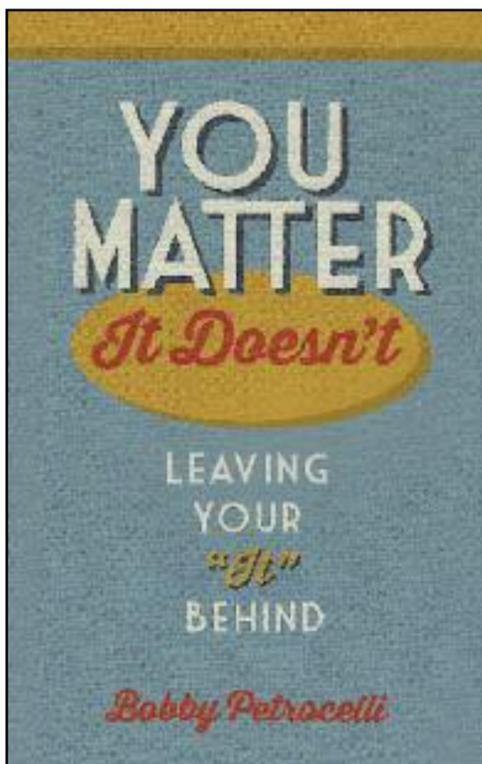
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friends and the family and the people that surrounded me, the kids at the school showed me, coach you matter more than it matters. In other words what happened to you is not going to define you ... You can't always control what happens, but you can control how you respond to what happens."

The Treasure Island resident says he had to forgive the man who snuffed out his wife's life driving at twice the legal limit or it would have defined him. Some things in life are inevitable; others optional.

"In this world pain is inevitable, everyone is going to deal with some form of loss; how you respond to that pain is vital."

He says people often allow the pain of the past to stop them from being present in the present. "By holding on to something that somebody did to you, you're allowing them to occupy space in your mind, your feelings, your emotions, your attitudes, everything you do—they are still influencing you." He equates it to driving a car while looking in the rearview mirror. You can't see where you're going when you focus on where you've been.



"You Matter It Doesn't," by HonorNet Publishing provides readers with the measures they can take to free themselves of their past and move into their futures.

Everyone has been broken and hurt and people act out because of things in their past. "If I mistreat you, mistreating you is not the issue or the problem, mistreating you is a symptom of a deeper problem."

"The greatest gift I can give myself is to forgive others and to forgive myself. I drop the ball all the time," he says.

He believes in treasuring the uniqueness of every human. "I love this country, but the one thing I disagree with in the Constitution is that everyone is created equal. You're not created equally, you're created uniquely.

"I grew up around all different ethnicities; I tell people that prejudice and racism is taking your middle finger and pointing it to heaven and cursing God saying, 'You messed up because everybody is supposed to look like me.'"

Another message: What is important in dealing with people is how they feel about themselves in your presence. "They will either feel empowered and valuable and important; they'll feel they have something to offer. If they don't, you've lost them. It's really that simple."

Making sure someone feels valued is particularly important for young people. "Everyone needs to know they matter, they're valued, and people understand their value and their uniqueness,"

He went back to the 30-year high school reunion of the students that were there for him when his wife died. "I stood in front of them crying...I remember seeing them in the cemetery and they rallied around me and saved my life."

He felt he mattered. Petrocelli delivers his motivational message to hundreds of schools, colleges, corporations, professional sports teams, and organizations every year. For more info go to www.10seconds.org.



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Glitter Queens Crown BDF

By Betsy Judge

The Beth Dillinger Foundation is one lucky nonprofit. They are the 6th charity to be selected by the St. Petersburg Glitter Queens as the benefactor of their Annual Royal Ball in September.

The Glitter Queens started as a collection of parent volunteers who codified their successful school fundraising model to benefit small, local nonprofits supporting women and children.

Thus far they have raised almost a quarter million dollars for local charities.

"I was very, very honored and thrilled that they picked us," says Kay Dillinger, co-founder of the foundation. "We feed, clothe and educate kids in need and young adults with Ready For Life."

Their concern with at risk youth began about 20 years ago when Bob Dillinger, the Public Defender for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, told Kay he was tired of looking at children with dead eyes. He worked to improve their care within the system.

When their daughter Beth Dillinger died in 2006, they created the foundation in her name to provide additional help. "She was the girl everybody wanted to be," says Kay. "She was kind, sweet and beautiful."

They started with Beth's Closet providing clothes for students at PACE Center for girls in Pinellas County. "It's for girls that are at risk of dropping out of school," says Kay. "They get extensive counseling and extensive tutoring." She says many have been abused.

They operate Beth's Corner at Ready For Life which assists youth aging out of the foster care system, and Hope Chest closets in three Public Defender's Offices.

About four years ago Bob asked Kay if she realized there were 7,000 chronically hungry kids here. She thought he meant state-wide but it was just



The Beth Dillinger Foundation (BDF) honors seven PACE girls for their good grades and behavior at their annual Value Me Luncheon & Fashion Show in May. Seven girls who have made the greatest improvement participated in the fashion segment and modeled clothes and accessories from Beth's Closet.

Photo courtesy of BDF.

Pinellas County. They expanded their work to include feeding hungry kids and today Nourish to Flourish provides 1,100 food packets for elementary students each Friday for the weekend.

They also partner with the Pinellas Education Foundation and have provided 192 scholarships to graduating seniors who otherwise would not be able to continue on.

"I am terribly grateful to this community for embracing the foundation and allowing it to grow; it's a gift to me," says Kay. "It is a big deal what the Glitter Queens are doing; they are giving me this gift to help these kids in Beth's name."

The Annual Royal Ball is Sept. 16 at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd N. Go to www.stpetegliterqueens.org for more information.

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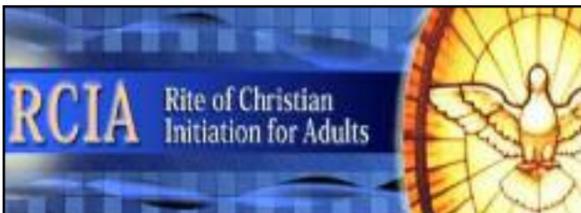


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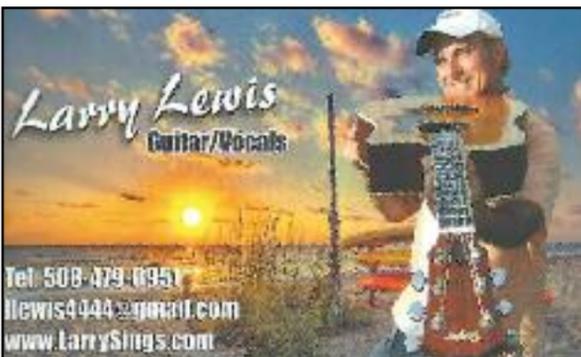
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Pride & Joy He's My Brother

By Jackie Minniti

In a perfect world, everyone would have a friend like Jim Mapes. This St. Pete Beach army veteran has spent his professional life serving others. After three years in the army, he's held an interesting assortment of jobs, and since he retired, he's made it his mission to continue helping others who need him.

Jim is a native Floridian, born and raised in the Sunshine State. While in the army, he earned the title of master shooter – the top designation. When he was discharged, he took a job with the St. Pete Beach police department and spent 25 years in law enforcement. After retiring (for the first time), he found that life as a retiree didn't agree with him. "I'm hyper," he admits, and I can't just sit around." So he went to work for Pinellas County for another 20 years putting his shooting skills to work for the Animal Control division.

"I shot darts," he said. "I never shot a person, but once I shot a 6-foot-3-inch diamondback rattler." He also spent time as an investigator for the Construction Licensing Board, looking into fraud cases involving unscrupulous contractors. In his spare time, he even did a stint as a nightclub bodyguard. "I have an ability to keep people calm," he says. "I wasn't a bouncer – I was a cooler. It was my job to get the trouble outside."

Eight years ago, Jim retired for the second time, but it didn't take him long to find someone to help. It started when his elderly neighbor, needed someone to put his vacuum cleaner together. "After getting to know him, I found out he was being abused by two men who were the sons of his best friend," Jim says. "I got involved investigating unofficially and found out they



Jim Mapes got bored after retiring a second time and put his law enforcement background to use helping Army veteran and neighbor Wally Gazda who was being swindled and abused. Today he takes Wally to the American Legion on St. Pete Beach and helps him with many daily tasks. He also volunteers at the Bay Pines VA.

were stealing from him and committing fraud. Then I found out there was also physical abuse." So Jim sprang into action. Eight months later, warrants were issued against the two men, and Jim was able to get all the stolen money returned.

After this, he took his neighbor under his wing. "He was a victim. He had no one – no family, nothing. And it was unspeakable to me that he was victimized by men he trusted." Now Jim

does his shopping, cleaning, and laundry, takes him to doctor appointments and to the American Legion once a week. Jim and his girlfriend, Sandy Erikson, take him out to dinner on his birthday and celebrate holidays with him. Jim even oversees his finances to make certain no one takes advantage of him again. "He's not a burden," Jim says. "It's something I love to do."

But even caring for his neighbor wasn't enough to keep Jim occupied. "I get bored with sitting in my condo looking out at the water. By one o'clock, I want to be out and about." So two years ago, Jim began volunteering at the VA Hospital at Bay Pines. He calls himself a "floater," splitting his time between working with veterans undergoing post-surgery rehabilitation and visiting veterans in hospice care. He even helps in the outpatient area getting visitors where they need to go.

For Jim, the personal satisfaction he gets from helping others far outweighs the investment of time. "It's a personal thing," Jim says. "These are my brothers, and I put myself in their place. I feel good because I got to serve my country, and now I get to serve these guys. It makes me feel like a million dollars. When I leave, I walk with my shoulders back. I can walk proud."

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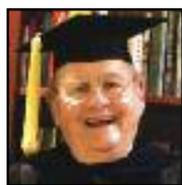
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Holy Toledo! A Travel Note

By The Old Professor

Many people think of Max Klinger of "M*A*S*H" fame when they hear the name Toledo. Or perhaps they remember the amusing name of the minor league baseball team, "The Mud Hens." The more continental minded, may think of Spain.

Others may remember the epic Battle of Toledo in 1835. Militia men from Ohio and Michigan aligned themselves on either side of the Maumee River, and shouted taunts at one another. No one was hurt, and it is rumored that the two sides retired to a common tavern for celebration. Sounds like the best kind of war.

The new city was awarded to Ohio which has since claimed victory in the battle. Michigan was given the Upper Peninsula in return. So it is sometimes said that it was Wisconsin which lost the Battle of Toledo.

Some time back we visited a Toledo suburb, Perrysburg, partly for family reasons, staying in a very nice home. Because the Professress served as a docent at the Chihuly Collection we have a special interest in glass. We even had a private tour of the great man's Seattle studio. Toledo has long been home to important glass companies. One, Libbey-Owens-Ford, made substantial contributions to the Toledo Art Museum. (No, she is not a society maven.) We visited the museum. The glass pavilion is made of plate glass walls. Even most of the internal walls are glass. It houses an extensive collection of both art and historic glass. Several Chihuly pieces are on display. We noted a Steuben gazelle bowl. Few of these exist. The Corning Museum was able to obtain one only through the gift of our late good friend Barbara Olsen who used to display it in her home.

The big surprise in our visit was the quality of the collection in the remainder of the Toledo Museum. It has an interesting sculpture garden, but is the collection of paintings which wowed us. Among the impressionist paintings were those of most of the big names Renoir, Cezanne,

Van Gogh, and others. A wonderful very large Rubens with great light filled one wall. Next to Rembrandt, just where he ought to be, was Franz Hals. I am not a big fan of British painting, but I saw one I quite like, and when I looked it was a Hogarth. There was so much good work!

One evening we sat in a wicker swing on the front porch of our borrowed home, snuggled a bit, and swung to and fro. The evening had begun, the temperature was moderate, and there was a gentle breeze as twilight descended. Then we began to notice flickering above the grass. It had been a long time since we had watched fireflies blinking. It was delightful. I have been told that the fire is displayed by the males, and that the length of the blink is thought to be an indicator of sexual prowess. There's also one subspecies of lightning bug where all the males blink in unison, followed by the unison blink by the females, a kind of lightning bug red rover, red rover. These were not present in that Toledo evening. But we enjoyed the scene very much until the breeze died and the evil mosquitoes began to nip at my tender ankles.

Two days later when we looked in the basement water had risen to the second step. We called the owner. Her repair man arrived to tell us some pipe, somewhere was leaking, and it was necessary to shut the water off. The water had by then risen to the level of some of the electrical outlets, and we feared that the power would also go off. With no water and the threat of power loss, we shook the sands of Toledo from our sandals and headed home.

As you ponder summer travel it's unlikely anyone will shout "You must go to Toledo!" The town flies under the radar. But we had a good time there. The beauty of the fireflies, and the excellent art at the museum remain very pleasant memories. And where else is there a ball team called "The Mud Hens?"

Slapped out between mosquito bites by David H. Smith, Ph.D., retired professor

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In late June leaders and citizens of St. Petersburg along with members of the design teams broke ground on the new St. Petersburg Pier (and Pier District). It will be the fifth pier to jut out into Tampa Bay at the end of Second Avenue North.

The original city-owned pier, built in 1889 as a railroad trestle by the Orange Belt Railway, was also promoted as a recreational area for tourists and residents.

In 1926 the "Million Dollar" pier was built offering a huge second floor room to the delight of clubs, dance groups, shows, card players and more.

On the southwest end in the late 1940s and early '50s, the Pier Drive-In was a popular hangout for teenagers. The ground level of the big structure was filled with tourist shops selling Florida goods, ice cream, orange juice squeezed right in front of customers, and every kind of souvenir of the south. Several food entities also popped in and out over time.

A yearly Home Show was a highlight event no one missed. The Wonder Bread bakery always gave away a small loaf of its bread (and you could go by



This photo of the Inverted Pyramid was shot by St. Pete Beach photographer Peppy Emmons. He would go up in two-seater plane sometimes hanging on the wing to get that special shot he wanted.

Photo courtesy of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

for seconds), hardware stores handed out yard sticks and everyone came away with bag full of free "stuff." It was a great place for local high schools to hold proms and dances; it was fun to decorate and the view was wonderful. Another attraction was the pelican house on the southwest side which drew 50 plus pelicans looking for a handout. It was a rather messy place to visit, but the birds were



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very friendly and eager to get the fish purchased by people to feed them.

Fishing off the pier was profitable for anglers. Boat races from the nearby yacht club and sidewalk entertainment made the pier a great place to pass hours in the Florida sunshine. Local TV station WSUN broadcast from atop the pier for many years.

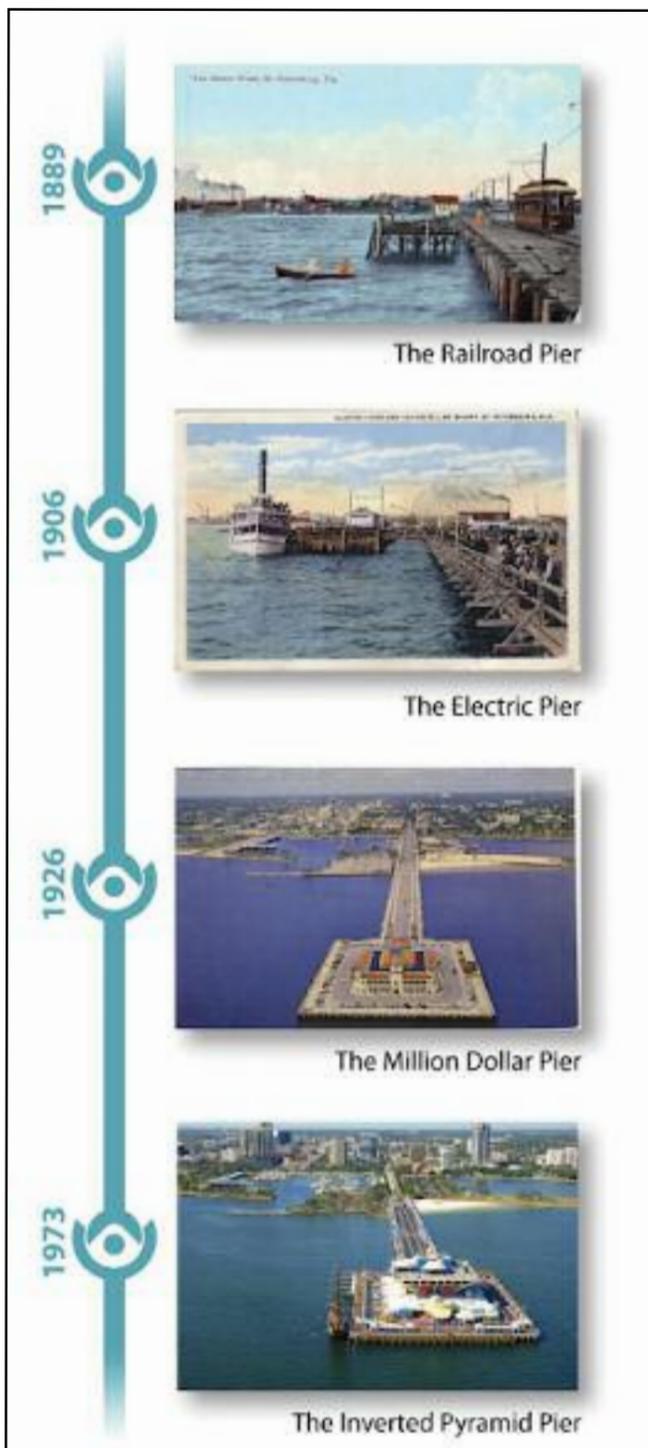
But the pier aged and the salt water and heavy use took its toll so in 1967 it was demolished and an inverted pyramid building was built—over many protests. It opened in 1973 and the traditions continued.

In 1987 an additional 70,000 square feet of retail space was created

with the Columbia Restaurant on the upper floor along with several more casual food places. The pelican corner was still there and fishing remained popular, but the inverted structure never reached the popularity of its predecessor.

In 2004 it was determined that maintenance for the pier and pyramid was no longer cost effective and plans should be made to replace it in 10 years—and the search was on. Building of an initial selection dubbed “The Lens” was stopped by an opposition group and subsequent vote by residents in 2013. The process began again in 2014 and the plan expanded with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to include the pier approach. The new pier will have restaurant and retail space, and many areas to relax along the new approach to accommodate more visitors.

Old traditions always make way for growth, but it is a slice of nostalgia this historic icon leaves with us along with fond memories.



This image shows the progression of piers in downtown St. Petersburg over years. Ground was broken for the new and fifth pier in late June.

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Brother

By Sabrina O'Donnell

Even though Mother always tells me how lucky I am to be able to attend the learning center, sometimes I can't help but let my mind trail off. Today, I listened in on Mike's conversation with Jen, even though Mother always tells me it's not polite to listen to other people's conversations. Mike called the world we are living in "post-apocalyptic," but when I said that word at dinner, Mother's eyes opened real wide and Father yelled that I am never to use that word again. When I asked why, Mother started to board up all the windows and Sister practically begged me to lower my voice.

"Brother please," I could see the tears welling up in the corners of her eyes. "Please hush. Do you want to read a story before bed?"

Usually, I love reading stories with Sister, but tonight I just wasn't in the mood.

"I'm okay tonight."

"Alright," I could tell she was a little disappointed. "Well, at least come to my room; I have a surprise for you."

I trudged through the dark grey halls, following Sister to her bedroom. Usually, the dark gives me the creeps but I stayed real close behind sister and wasn't too scared.

Once we got to Sister's bedroom, she reached under her bed and pulled out her dark red shoe box. Immediately, my heart started racing; Sister always hid the best surprises in her dark red shoe box.

"Oh boy!" I could barely contain my excitement. "Oh boy Sister what do you have?"

Sister giggled as she slowly removed the lid. At the very last second, she pulled it off quickly, revealing a Kit Kat chocolate bar inside.

"SISTER!"

"Shh," she quieted me down. "Half for you half for me?"

"Sister where did you—"

"That's not important. Do you want half or not?"

"Oh do I!"

I was practically drooling as Sister peeled open the wrapper. She couldn't get the red cov-

ering off the chocolate fast enough. The snap as she broke the candy bar in half was the best sound I'd heard in a while.

"Eat it slowly," she advised. "Enjoy it."

I crunched into the sweet, delicious treat and couldn't help but sigh in satisfaction.

The next day at the learning center, I recalled the sweetness of the Kit Kat. My stomach grumbled as I thought how wonderful it would be to be able to crunch into another one that very moment.

"I'm telling you," Jonathon's voice was trailing in and out in between visuals of Kit Kats in my mind. "I'm telling you! My dad works for The Power. I'm telling you all! They know the no good revolutionaries are planning a riot! I heard him talking on the phone."

"Oh please!" Mike's voice cut in from across the room, shattering the remaining images of chocolate. "No one is rioting. No one is stupid enough."

"See!?" I could tell by Jonathan's tone that he didn't like Mike very much. "It's people like him who are going to end up making trouble for the rest of us."

"I'm not making any trouble!" Mike shouted back. "You've been completely brainwashed."

They went back and forth for a while. Jonathon pointed out that Mike was sitting by himself because no one wanted to be around him. I was sitting by myself too and I felt sad for Mike so I got up and moved next to him. Immediately Jonathon and all his friends began shooting me rude looks.

"Hey," Mike smiled at me. "Thank you."

He waited a second and then added, "do you want to go on an adventure with me later?"

"Sure!" I didn't even have to think about it; I loved adventures. "Where are we going?"

He paused, as if unsure if he should tell me the destination of our adventure.

"We are going," his voice was low and he spoke slowly, "to The Power Center."

(To be continued)

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A Green Bench for Willie

By Betsy Judge

Publisher's Note: The story of Willie Berchau and his ordeal as a ward of a professional guardian is sad, complicated and just one example of how the elderly can be abused. Thank goodness for the people who fought to help him.

A green bench, reminiscent of those that lined the streets of St. Petersburg for 50 years in the 20th century, was dedicated to "Willie" Berchau at the Fountains in S. Pasadena in early July.

It was a synergistic event whose participants included a volunteer for a program that advocates for the elderly, a former mayor with a passion for green benches, a local wood craftsman, a reverend, and a number of caring friends who loved Willie.

The story began in 2011 when Jane Barr, a volunteer Florida Long Term Care Ombudsman was assigned to Willie, 97 at the time, after he became a court-appointed ward of a professional guardian. Jane visited him at the Fountains where he lived and was puzzled.

"I can't figure out why this man at 97 years old even had a guardian because he does everything for himself, he knows everything, he speaks four languages," she recalls.

Willie was a Lutheran so Jane introduced him to her friends Heather and Jimmie Riley so they could all go to church together. Willie and Jimmie both had railroad careers and they all hit it off. They and other acquaintances visited Willie often and even hosted a 99th birthday party for him at their home in 2013.

Later that year his guardian had him placed in an Alzheimer facility despite evidence that it wasn't warranted.

Jane, Heather and Jimmie were horrified. Willie's pastor recalls visiting and said it was pathetic to see him there. They wrote countless unanswered letters to the judge and even the governor, then finally enlisted the help of State Senator Jeff Brandes who heard Willie's story, visited him immediately and got a lawyer to help.

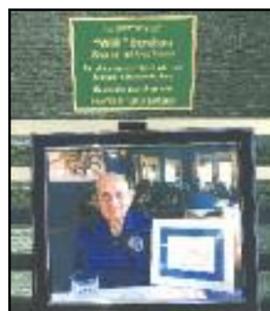
They also told their story to ABC Action News and



Friends of Willie's dedicated a green bench in his honor. From left in back row: former S. Pasadena Mayor, Dick Holmes. Flash Gordon, Pastor David Priebe and wife Judy, Susan Scarvie, Pat and Kelly Conley, Cyndi Floyd and Alan and Lynn Saylor. Front row: Jimmy Riley, Jane Barr and Heather Riley. TIR staff photo.



Jane Barr (left) and Heather Riley pose for a photo with Willie Berchau. They fought for his release from an Alzheimer's facility after he was wrongly placed there by a court-appointed guardian when he was 99. He lived to be 101.



This green bench, crafted by Flash Williamson of Green Bench & More in Clearwater, is one of many purchased by Fountains resident and former S. Pasadena Mayor Dick Holmes. Friends gathered and dedicated it to former resident Willie Berchau in early July.

after a piece aired about his plight, he was moved to a less restrictive area and after six months in the facility he was allowed to move back to the Fountains.

Meanwhile Fountains' resident and former S. Pasadena Mayor Dick Holmes, had been working on a book about green benches and read a news article about a local craftsman Flash Williamson who was making them. Holmes called, they talked, became friends and Holmes started buying the iconic benches for the Fountains complex.

Williamson, who owns Green Benches & More in Clearwater, started building benches in 1983 at the request of a client who had one of the originals from the city. The customer wanted some made for his mobile home community in Dunedin and brought the bench to Clearwater. Williamson made a template, built the benches out of pressure treated pine, and that was that... or so he thought.

"In 1987 he called me, and I recognized his voice immediately," said Williamson. "He said, 'Remember those benches you built for me?' I said, 'Yes,' thinking there was something wrong with them. He said, 'Well I need five more.'"

He built the benches and decided during the economic slowdown of 2008/9 to experiment to find other more resilient materials and settled on recycled plastic. He put one in front of his store where it gets hit with direct sunlight and it didn't need maintenance, it didn't even accumulate dirt, and he was reducing waste by recycling. "It was fantastic, so I thought why not emphasize the "green" in the green bench."

Fast forward to 2017 and Holmes is having plaques made for the benches to commemorate the 100th anniversary of their introduction to the city in 1917—he decided to dedicate one to Willie—and that is how a group of previously unassociated people ended up toasting to Willie and his bench by the pond in front of the Fountains. Willie passed away at 101 in 2015.

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Beverage Beat Frozen Drinks for a Hot Day

By Ellen L. Capitosti

Just when the temperature seems to have hit its ceiling, it seems there's always room for "improvement." The few frosty days from February are now just a humid and hazy memory. Long walks on a brisk day are relegated to early mornings, or late evenings, to avoid melting into the sidewalk like a dropped ice cream cone. Ahhh, frozen treats, they are one way to cool down from the inside out! They can also be helpful in hydrating during the dog days of summer. How to improve on a simple solution? Why, the addition of alcohol of course!

There are the standards of frozen drinks: margarita, daiquiri, piña colada, etc... However, if your desires lie a little farther north of the exotic, how about a Hawaiian-style shaved ice piña colada? Make a simple syrup (1:1 parts water and sugar, boiled and stirred until sugar is dissolved, then cooled) flavor with pineapple. Freeze the alcohol overnight to thicken it, Myers Dark Rum is best. Also refrigerate a can of cream of coconut. Freeze the ice and "shave" it using a traditional hand shaver or use a butter knife. Whatever method, the key is to get the ice as thin as possible. Mound the ice into a cup or bowl, pour a little cream of coconut over the ice, add the pineapple flavored simple syrup to the alcohol and pour over top of the coconut. Other unique flavor combinations are cinnamon flavored simple syrup with a bourbon based shave ice or a fresh cherry limeade and Reyka vodka.

Another cooling concoction with no added sugar (except the alcohol) is a banana smoothie. Cut a very ripe banana into "chips" approximately 1/4 inch thick. Freeze overnight on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Remove chips and process until smooth in a food processor or blender, add Myers Dark Rum to taste. Frozen banana "ice cream" is perfect with, or without alcohol. It lends itself well to mixing with other flavors and allows their flavors to dominate. Add cocoa to taste for a chocolate "ice cream." If you add too much cocoa, just add more banana to add sweetness. If you would like to add alcohol, a fine bourbon such as Angel's Envy is a lovely touch.

When it's hotter than the hinges of Hades, beat the heat and relax with a bowl of adult "ice cream" or frozen drink.

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



Florida Author Country Girl

By Jackie Minniti

Maris Soule is a writer with small-town roots. Born and raised in Walnut Creek, California, she spent her childhood exploring the fields and creeks and sitting in her "thinking tree" creating stories. After her marriage, she moved to a rural town in Michigan where she raised two children and began her career as a novelist. Since 2010, she's been a winter resident of Florida where she continues to write stories set in places reminiscent of the small towns that she loves.

"I've always been a reader," Soule says. "My mom used to come into my bedroom to see if I was asleep, and she'd find me reading with a flashlight. I made up stories all the time. They were just there, waiting to come out."

In spite of her interest in writing, Soule went on to graduate from the University of California/Davis with a major in art and a minor in math. After spending eight years teaching, she left to spend more time with her two children. Once they were in school, Soule decided to try writing.

"I finished reading a mystery romance and thought I could do better," she recalls. "I discovered it wasn't that easy. I spent 3 1/2 years learning the craft before I came up with something sellable. And I'm still learning." In 1983, she received a contract for "First Impressions," a romance novel that was part of Harlequin's "Temptations" line. This was followed by an impressive string of 24 category romances published by Harlequin, Silhouette and Bantam.

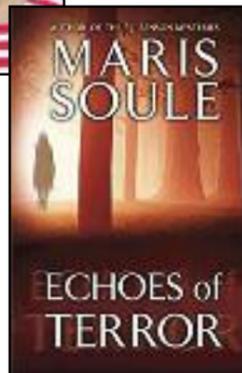
In 2007, Soule decided to write a mystery. The result was "The Crows," the first in what was to become the PJ Benson Mysteries. "The Crows" introduced PJ, a woman who is thrown into situations where she must save herself. In this instance, PJ is walking her dog in the woods when she hears shots. She runs home to find a dying man in her dining room. Then even stranger things start happening. The story is set in a small Michigan town modeled after Climax, the town where Soule lived for 27 years.

Maris Soule always wanted to tell stories, but opted for an art and math path in college and only took up writing when her kids went to school. She has had 25 category romances published and has written for Harlequin Temptation, Silhouette Romance, Silhouette Yours Truly and Bantam Loveswept, plus mysteries for Five Star/Gale/Cengage Learning. Her latest thriller is "Echoes of Terror."



According to the Library Journal, "Romantic suspense just doesn't get any better."

"The Crows" was followed by "As the Crow Flies" (2012) where PJ is given a briefcase by a mysterious old woman who asks for her help. This sets off a series of misfortunes that turn PJ's life upside-down. Book three in the series, "Eat Crow and Die" (2015), has PJ trying to help the man she's dating when he becomes the prime suspect in the death of his ex-wife and her new husband.



Soule's latest release, "Echoes of Terror," is a stand-alone mystery set in the town of Skagway, Alaska. After visiting friends who volunteered for the national

park in Skagway, she decided to set a book there. In 2008, she sent the book to agents, but they didn't like the ending, so Soule set the manuscript aside and wrote two more mysteries. Then, she went back, did some editing, and submitted the story to Five Star/Cengage who published it in March 2017. Inspired by the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart, "Echoes of Terror" has Katherine Ward, an officer on the small town's police force, investigating the disappearance of a billionaire's teenage daughter. Katherine soon learns the girl is being held captive by "The Beekeeper," a psychopath who kidnapped and raped Katherine when she was young. Kirkus Review calls the book "...a hair-raising thriller."

Soule is currently working on another thriller set in a country town. "A Killer's Revenge" is the sequel to "A Killer Past," the story of a 74-year-old woman who was an assassin in her twenties. While Soule's novels have tranquil settings, her stories are anything but. "My books aren't cozies or sweet romances," she says. "I want readers to get caught up in the journey of the main character at a pace where they don't want to stop."

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ELVIS continued from front page

After doing two songs with his backing duo of Scotty Moore and Bill Black, Elvis was known to sit in the audience to watch the show, chatting with new fans. Says Kealing, "Elvis Presley's early shows in Tampa were channel markers for his rapid ascent to fame in those watershed years."

Proof of this soon arrived when Elvis, now opening for Andy Griffith, returned to Hesterly a few months later for twice the pay, under the growing influence of manager "Colonel" Tom Parker; himself an illegal Dutch immigrant and Army deserter with an assumed name and strong Tampa ties. Here, he'd worked as a carny and a dogcatcher with the Hillsborough County Humane Society. "Tom Parker felt particularly at home at Homer Hesterly because that's where he promoted his first concert, before he ever met young Elvis," notes Kealing.

He adds, "Hesterly is also where (local photographer) Red Robertson took the classic photo of the young Elvis, July 31, 1955. Far more than just an oft-used publicity photo, it is also the definitive portrait of 20-year old Presley, the cultural change agent, sex symbol and epitome of cool." Today, this Tampa photo is seen as the archetypal image of the hillbilly cat and original show posters using it can sell for tens of thousands of dollars. This is the Tampa Bay show that Kealing would have attended, had he a time machine, he says.

By early 1956, Presley had sparked the music and cultural worlds like an H-bomb. Now with RCA, which bought Elvis' Sun contract for \$35,000, he was a newly minted phenom thanks to his hit, "Heartbreak Hotel" and early national TV appearances. This was his breakout period and he returned to the armory in Tampa as a headliner for three shows on Feb. 19, still riding a wave that was to crest later that year.

The tsunami struck the nation full force by that summer, as Elvis embarked on a 9-day Florida tour with two stops in Tampa Bay including a fourth visit to the Hesterly Armory on Aug. 5 and his first foray into St. Petersburg's Florida Theatre, at the corner of First Avenue South and Fifth Street, on Aug 7. Imagine Elvis Presley driving his new Lincoln Premiere south on the Gandy Bridge and entering St. Petersburg via Fourth Street, headed downtown. The glances traded at red lights must have been eye-popping.



Elvis on stage at the Florida Theatre. St. Petersburg Time's reporter 20-year-old Anne Rowe, sits to the left.

Photo courtesy Robert Gordon's "The King on The Road."



The Florida Theater in St. Pete the day of the show. Patrons began lining up at 4:15 a.m. to see Elvis. The Florida Holocaust Museum is on this footprint today.

Photo courtesy Robert Gordon's "The King on The Road."

Dating to 1926, this grand dame venue was the city's first air-conditioned building; a feature fully taxed over three shows played to 6,500 worshippers, in total. Fans staked spots in line at 4:15 a.m. and were allowed in early due to drenching rains in the late morning. When Elvis hit the stage in his Kelly green sport coat and dark pants, the shrieking slammed the walls, non-stop. Notes Bob Kealing, that dynamo who'd once opened for Andy Griffith in 1955, "was now the supernova headliner."

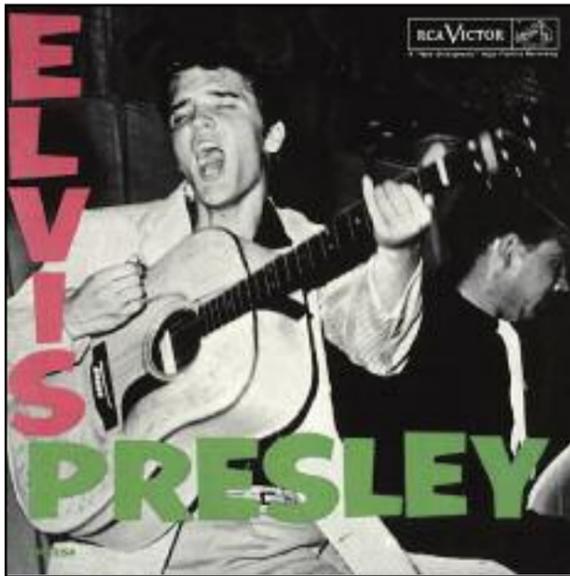
Anne Rowe was a 20-year old reporter for the St. Petersburg Times and one of a few female Florida journalists who, unlike most of their male counterparts, filed what Kealing calls, "more in-depth, detailed stories" on Elvis. "They were never harsh or obviously condescending." In her positive review the next day, Rowe's headline declared, "Rock 'n Roll King Rules 'St. Presleyburg.'" Four weeks after St. Petersburg, Elvis debuted on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Today, all but one of the theaters Presley packed during that sweltering August tour of seven cities still stand. The Florida Theatre was demolished in 1968 and the Florida Holocaust Museum now occupies that footprint. After a lengthy hiatus, Elvis resumed touring in the 1970s and played Tampa Bay on five more dates. Both venues, Tampa's Curtis Hixon Hall and St. Petersburg's Bayfront Center, have also since met the wrecking ball.

St. Petersburg holds the distinction of being the city where Elvis Presley gave his final Florida concert, on Valentine's Day of 1977. Six months later, he passed at home in Memphis at age 42, 40 years ago this month.

"I don't think there was a better time and place to be a teenager than in Florida in the 1950s," said former Florida governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham to Bob Kealing. "It was such a magical place. Elvis is what contributed to that excitement."

Bob Kealing is an Edward R. Murrow and five-time Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist who has appeared on Dateline NBC, C-Span, the Today show, CNN, MSNBC, and CBS This Morning. "Elvis Ignited" is Kealing's fourth book and is available at retailers and www.amazon.com.



This image of Elvis that graces the front cover for the LP Elvis Presley (1956) was taken on July 31, 1955, at the Fort Homer Hesterly Armory in Tampa. The cover art copyright is believed to belong to RCA/BMG. The photographer has been identified as William V. (Red) Robertson.

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Sirata Celebrates

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Photo courtesy of the Sirata.

Tradewinds Shows its Colors

In a show of symbolic support for troops TradeWinds Island Resorts used 975 colored towels to create a giant 13-star flag mosaic - the original Betsy Ross flag - along the beachfront behind the resort in early July. The tribute is the brainchild of retired TradeWinds employee and veteran Bob McManaway. Guests assisted in placing the towels and younger guests posed as the stars on the flag representing the original 13 colonies. www.tradewindsresort.com.

Photo courtesy of Tradewinds.



Jones & Hitt Recognized

Jones & Hitt Attorneys at Law PA was recently profiled in the Best of Tampa Bay 2017. Business are nominated to be featured. Jones & Hitt was founded in 1948 and is the oldest law firm in continuous practice in St. Pete Beach. Attorneys Victoria Jones and F. Richard Hitt specialize in the areas of estate planning, probate and trust administration. www.jonesandhitt.com.



Best of the Beaches

The Best of St. Pete Beach Business Awards were announced at the July 60th Anniversary Brunch at the Don Cesar Hotel. The following advertisers in TIR were recognized in the following categories: The Tradewinds Island Resorts - Large Business; Bamboozle - Retail Shop; Rumfish Grille - Craft Beer. Also recognized were St. Pete Beach Support Our Troops, Tampa Bay Watch and the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum for best nonprofits.

Notable Achievements

TI Proclamation Issued

Treasure Island resident Samantha Singh makes remarks after Mayor Bob Minning issued a proclamation supporting her trip to Washington D.C. with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in late July. She went to lobby Congress and local legislators for research funding. Samantha has Type 1 Diabetes and is actively involved in advocating for awareness and a cure.

TIR staff photo.



Rotary Donates to Veterans

St. Petersburg Rotary West members presented checks of \$10,000 each to the Claybaker D.U.S.T.O.F.F. Foundation and Heaven on Earth for Veterans. They raised the money at their annual Casino Royale which they held at the Armed Forces History Museum in Largo.

Photos courtesy of St. Petersburg West Rotary.



Mad Beach Lights Up John's Pass

City of Madeira Beach Commissioners gathered for the official lighting of John's Pass Village.

Funded through State of Florida Appropriations, the estimated \$310,000 project provides energy efficient lighting and electric power drops consistently down Village Blvd.

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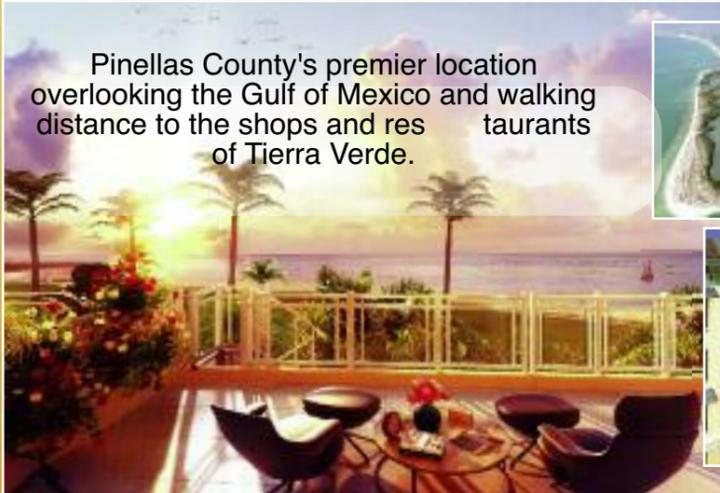
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A Memorial to Make a Dream Come True

By Betsy Judge

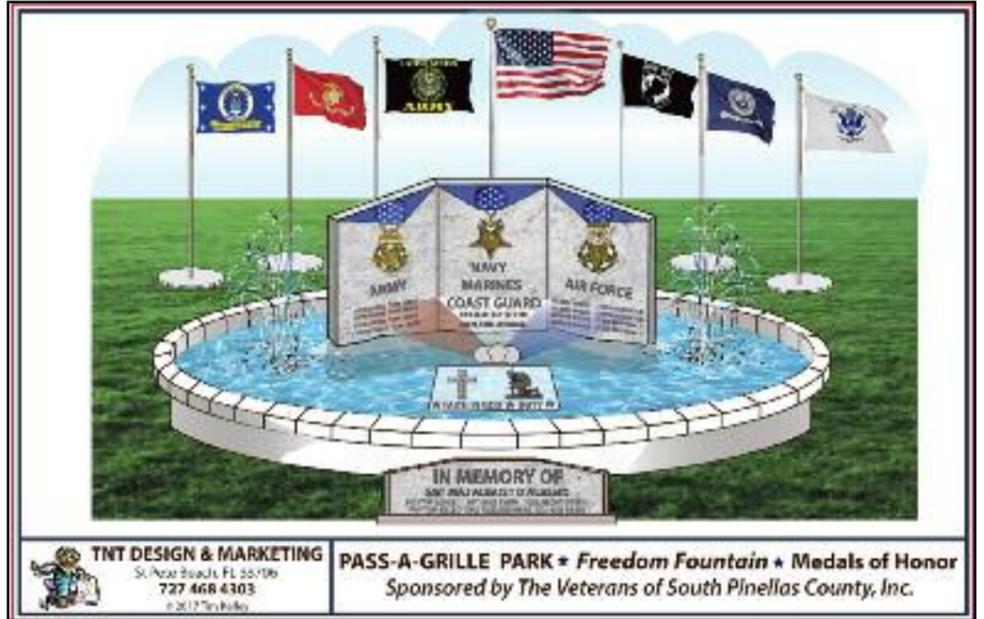
In August 2013, retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Augie D'Alessio called. "I've got a scoop for you," he said with a great deal of delight. "But you can't do anything with it yet; I have to get a few more things lined up." His scoop was about a project he called "Freedom Fountain," and he had hand selected fellow veteran and St. Pete Beach resident Harry Metz to make it a reality.

"We were sitting and talking and he says, 'Uhh Harry, here's another project I want you to do,'" recalls Metz. "When he passed (Oct. 30, 2013), I thought I better get off my butt and do it, because I'll catch hell when I get up there," he says pointing skyward and laughing.

He's been working behind the scenes with Medal of Honor recipient retired CSM Gary Littrell along with local businesses to get things going

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This rendition of the Freedom Fountain was donated by Tim Kelly owner of TNT Design & Marketing. He specializes in product design and development for major theme parks and attractions and locally for St. Pete Beach, Redington Beach, and the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum. He also does commissioned art for the Tampa Bay Rays and The Dali Museum.



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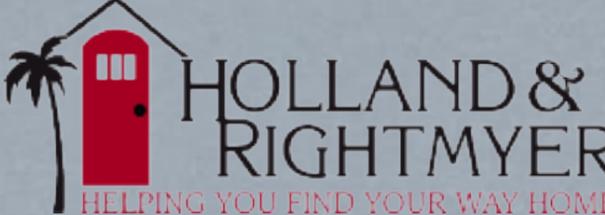
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Big Eclipse... They're Out There... Lobster Pain... and More...

By Wayne Shattuck

Big Eclipse... The first total solar eclipse across the continental U.S. in a century is expected to spark watching parties and traffic jams as it darkens skies from Oregon to South Carolina later this month (August). During the Aug. 21st eclipse, the moon will pass between the sun and Earth, blocking the face of the sun and leaving only its outer atmosphere, or corona, visible in the sky. It is the first coast-to-coast total eclipse since 1918. Weather permitting, people can watch as the moon's 70-mile wide shadow crosses through 14 states from 10:15 PDT around Lincoln Beach, Oregon, to 2:49 EDT in McClellanville, South Carolina. With 200 million Americans within a day's drive of the path, national parks and highways officials are bracing for a travel surge. All of North America will experience a partial eclipse, though the difference between a full and partial eclipse is "literally the difference between night and day," says astronomer Rick Fienberg of the American Astronomical Society. He noted that even a 99 percent eclipse will not reveal the sun's corona, and during a total eclipse, the temperature drops and the horizon is ringed by

the colors of sunset. Experts caution that the only safe time to look at the sun without special eclipse glasses is during totality when the surface of the sun is completely blocked by the moon.

They're Out There... Astronomers have added 219 candidates to the growing list of planets beyond the solar system, 10 of which may be about the same temperature and size of Earth, boosting the chances for life. Scientists found the planet candidates in a final batch of NASA's Kepler Space Telescope observations of 200,000 sample stars in the constellation Cygnus. The candidates include 10 newly discovered rocky worlds that are properly distanced from their parent stars for water, if it exists, to pool on their surfaces. Scientists believe liquid water is a key ingredient for life. During a four-year mission, Kepler found 2,335 confirmed planets and another 1,699 candidates, bringing its tally to 4,034. That number includes about 50 worlds that may be about the same size and temperature as Earth.

Lobster Pain... Italy's highest court ruled, late this spring, that lobsters must not be kept on ice in restaurant kitchens because it causes them unjusti-

fiable suffering before they head for death by fine dining. Judges accepted a suit by an animal rights group against the owner of a restaurant near Florence who kept live crustaceans on ice, ordering him to pay a €2,000 fine (\$5,593) and a further €3,000 in legal fees. Upholding a sentence by a lower court, the Cassation court ruled that the fact that lobsters are usually cooked while still alive does not mean they can be mistreated beforehand. "While the particular method of cooking can be considered legal by recognizing that it is commonly used, the suffering caused by detaining the animals while they wait to be cooked cannot be justified in that way," the judges wrote.

But That's Not All... Showboats were floating theaters built on a barge that were pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" they did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why it is sometimes said that a person who is being the life of the party and getting all the attention is "showboating."

Book Brings Gulf Beaches History to Life

Story and photos by TIR Staff

Author R. Wayne Ayers presented copies of "Pioneer Days on Tampa Bay's Gulf Beaches," to TIR contributor Sally Yoder, director of collections at the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum in St. Pete Beach, and Lance Peterson, president of the Friends of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum.

The book is an eyewitness account of the settlement and development of the barrier islands and Pass-a-Grille (PAG) based on a manuscript written by George Lizotte who opened the first hotel in PAG in 1901. Ayers, who edited the manuscript for publication, notes Frank T. Hurley, Jr. and others wrote some excellent historical works, "but this is an eyewitness account of the beaches, this is someone who experienced it. He was here in the late 1800s when there was one cabin that Zephaniah Phillips lived in."

Ayers, a reporter and feature writer for Tampa



Ayers thanks Sally Yoder for her support and inspiration before giving her an inscribed copy of the book.

Bay Newspapers and author of a number of local historical works also serves on the board of directors of the Pinellas County Historical Society, and is a member and past president of the Indian Rocks Beach Historical Museum board. He is an appointed member of the Pinellas County Historical Commission.

"I am very excited to see what the University of Tampa Press came up with for this book," said Ayers. "The care that they put into selecting every part of this book, I think, is really a tribute to Lizotte; we found the right publisher with the University of Tampa."

He credits Peterson for his interest in the Lizotte manuscript. "And Sally was really an inspiration for this thing, because the way she talked about history and Lizotte. She knows all about him."

He wrote, "To Sally. Your passion and support for PAG history, and the role that Lizotte played, was an inspiration to me. Your help and support were critical to making this book possible."

The book is available from University of Tampa Press and on Amazon.



Lance Peterson (left), president of the Friends of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum holds the Lizotte manuscript. R. Wayne Ayers holds the book which he inscribed for Peterson.

ISLAND TOONS *By Bruce W. Norris*



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since and presented the idea officially to the St. Pete Beach City Commission, July 11.

Freedom Fountain is a monument to recognize Medal of Honor recipients. Augie planned it for Pass-a-Grille Park. The design presented to the commission was done by Tim Kelly of TNT Design & Marketing based on an initial design hand-sketched by Augie in 2013 and input from Harry.

The monument has a 20 by 30 foot pool with three granite panels, each of which will hold one version of the medal along with the names of the services to which it pertains and the names of the 13 Florida recipients who received it. There will be an American flag in the center behind the memorial flanked by flags of the services and the POW/MIA flag. The drawing has a soldier with a rifle and helmet kneeling and praying to a white cross in the pool. It will be dedicated to Augie and have a path to it and around it for visitor access.

Harry pegs the cost around \$35,000 and plans to seek funding from the city, county and possibly the state.

He has already gotten help from area businesses. Kelly donated his time on the drawings, H. Neuman Plumbing has offered to donate labor related to plumbing, and he believes a Bradenton company will provide the concrete for the pool. Commissioner Rick Falkenstein offered to provide a solar contact.



Retired Marine Sgt. Maj. Augie D'Alessio from St. Pete Beach dreamed of a monument to Medal of Honor recipients. This is his original sketch from 2013. Harry Metz, president of the Veterans of South Pinellas County is leading the effort.

The goal is to have the monument completed in time for the 2019 Medal of Honor Convention being held in the Tampa Bay area and have them attend a dedication.

It has been a long time coming. City Commissioner Terri Finnerty remembers Augie discussing it in 2006 when he was on the board for SPB Support Our Troops. "He was talking about it way back then and right up to the day he passed. He kept pushing and pushing, and that original design is etched in my memory," she said.

"I think we have a consensus here that we should support it," said Mayor Al Johnson. Andrew Dickman, the city attorney, offered his help to review cases related to use of religious symbols on public land to avoid litigation. Commissioner Melinda Pletcher, District 4 which includes Pass-a-Grille, says she still misses Augie and knew how much he wanted it at that park, but suggested Horan Park be considered. Vice Mayor Ward Friszolowski noted it would need to go through parks and recreation and has to fit within the greater whole, no matter where it is.

"This will be the first Medal of Honor Memorial in the state of Florida or in any other state that I have checked," said Metz. "It's not only a memorial for the Medal of Honor recipients, it's a memorial for everybody."

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- 5 Cause to wither
- 10 Pond cover
- 14 1997 film, "_____ is Beautiful"
- 15 Commotion
- 16 Live wire, so to speak
- 17 Showy bloom
- 18 Egyptian president of the 1970s
- 20 Sensed by touch
- 22 Hot, in a way
- 23 Minute amount
- 24 Invoice word
- 25 Doctor of sci-fi
- 27 More than mean
- 29 "Way to go!"
- 32 Mother _____
- 33 Gardener's need
- 34 Bare
- 36 Prayer leader
- 38 Ziti's cousin
- 40 Therefore
- 41 Title for Marie Tussaud
- 43 The best
- 45 Will Ferrell film
- 46 Stem joint
- 47 Outfit
- 48 Track transaction
- 49 La Guardia was one
- 51 Blue Devils university
- 53 Household cleaner
- 56 Spanish nobleman
- 59 Yuletide plant
- 61 Raindrop sound

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- 62 Cobbler's concern
- 63 Smallest in degree
- 64 Like driven snow
- 65 "Electric Avenue" singer Grant
- 66 Not too bright
- 67 Final word
- 6 Choice
- 7 Skirmish
- 8 One of many in Vegas
- 9 Girl group?
- 10 Able to conform
- 11 Valuable deposit
- 12 Duds
- 13 Bohemian
- 19 Part of a book
- 21 Cast wearer's problem
- 24 Go back in
- 25 Passing fancy
- 26 Studly fellow
- 28 "What's the _____?"
- 30 Balance control
- 31 Top scout
- 34 Disavow
- 35 Room at the top
- 37 Frivolous funds
- 39 "_____ so fast!"
- 42 Stands for
- 44 Idaho crop
- 47 Col. Sanders feature
- 50 Submit
- 52 Key letter
- 53 Altar area
- 54 Atmosphere
- 55 Weather word
- 56 Blow off steam?
- 57 Horror film staple
- 58 Dentist's directive
- 60 "Saving Fish from Drowning" author

Sudoku

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

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Trivia

Endangered Animals

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1. What wild canine lived in much of the southern U.S., but today has only a fragment of its former range? (a) Red Fox (b) Coyote (c) Red Wolf
2. What wildcat once roamed southern forests, but now only a handful survive in the wild? (a) Florida Panther (b) Bobcat (c) Lynx
3. What is one of the few endangered hoofed mammals? (a) Columbian Whitetail Deer (b) Moose (c) Southern Mule Deer
4. The addition of what animal to the ranks of endangered and threatened species in 2000 caused controversy in Montana? (a) Gray Wolf (b) Lynx (c) Cougar
5. What bird symbolizes the conflict of over enforcement of the Endangered Species Act to many people? (a) Peregrine Falcon (b) Bald Eagle (c) Spotted Owl
6. What bird's plight played a role in ensuring protection of its home? (a) California Condor (b) Marbled Murrelet (c) Brown Pelican
7. What mammal, a denizen of prairie dog towns, is a relative of the European Polecat? (a) Black-Footed Ferret (b) Jaguarundi (c) Yellow Bellied Marmot
8. Which of the following organizations does NOT work to protect endangered species? (a) Sierra Club (b) Audubon Society (c) Wildlife Legislation Fund of America
9. What is the primary reason that most threatened species in the U.S. have become endangered? (a) Trapping (b) Habitat loss (c) Pollution
10. What tiny songbird played a role in habitat protection in Southern California? (a) Least Bell's Vireo (b) Kirklands Warbler (c) Painted

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

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

Word Search

Half is Better than Nothing

- BACK
- BREED
- CENTURY
- DOLLAR
- FARTHING
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- HOUR
- MAST
- MOON
- NOTE
- PENNY
- PRICE
- SOLES
- TRUTH
- WITTED
- BAKED
- BROTHER
- CROWN
- DOZEN
- GAINER
- HITCH
- LIFE
- MILE
- NELSON
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- TIME
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Local Events, Activities & Announcements

Gulfport

Aug. 4 & 19: Gulfport Art-Walk, 6 - 10 p.m. Beach Blvd. S., Waterfront District.

Aug. 12: GeckoCrawl, 4 - 9 p.m. Usher in "Gecko Season" and sample drinks at six locations followed by an after party at 9 p.m. \$20 gets you a free beverage at participating bars and restaurants. Gulfport Historic Waterfront, Beach Blvd. S. Info at www.geckofest.com

Aug. 26: GeckoStock, 6 - 11 p.m. Ninth Annual Gecko Ball celebrating hippie culture and the legendary 1969 Woodstock Festival. Over-the-top décor, full cash bar, geckotinis and other cocktail specials, passed hors d'oeuvre and tapas. Live music by the Throwback Band. Tickets \$35. Gulfport Casino, 5500 Shore Blvd. S. Into at www.geckofest.com.

Sept. 2: Mark Your Calendars: Geckofest, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. A full day of free, family-friendly fun with live music on two stages, food, art and craft vendors, kids' activities, and up close and personal street performances by acrobats, magicians, daredevils, dancers, aerialists, escape artists, fire eaters, balloon artists and costumed characters. Beach and Shore Boulevards. Info at www.geckofest.com.

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

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

Aug. 4: 5K Sunset Series, 7 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. John's Pass Park, 12901 Gulf Blvd. Info at www.madbeachfun.com.

Aug. 19: 5th Annual Monte Carlo Casino Night, 6 p.m. Glitz, glamour, and casino-style gaming hosted by the Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber. \$50 per person for \$2,500 in gaming money. Live auction. Mad Beach Community Center, 200 Rex Place. Info at www.islandneighborschamber.org.

S. Pasadena

Each Week

Sundays: Griefshare, 4 - 6 p.m. New grief support group begins Aug. 27 for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one or friend. Tradewinds Presbyterian Church, 6740 Park St. S. Info at www.griefshare.org or 727-344-1501.

St. Pete Beach

Aug. 18: 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

Aug. 8: Garden Club Events: Garden Club of St. Petersburg, 500 Sunset Dr. S. Info at 727-381-8920. 1 p.m. "Dig In," preparing your garden for fall vegetables with Ray Wunderlick, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and community garden expert. 6:30 p.m. "Creative Ways to Mount Tilansias," with Kathi Gorman. \$5 for guests.

Aug. 9: Hands-Only CPR Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. 30-minute training on life-saving skills. Hands-on practice presented by the American Heart Association and SunStar Paramedics. Northside Hospital Auditorium, 6006 49th St. N., Suite 230. Info at www.northsidehospital.com.

Aug. 11: 9 and Dine Golf Tourney, 2:30 p.m. registration opens; 4 p.m. start. Nine holes of golf with longest drive, closest to the pin and other opportunities to win. \$60 per player includes cart, hamburger/hotdog w/cash bar. Supports St. Petersburg West Rotary charities. Isla del Sol Yacht & Country Club. Info at www.stpetewestrotary.org.

Aug. 12: Second Saturday Art Walk, 5 - 9 p.m. Take in the St. Pete arts scene after hours. Info at www.stpeteartsalliance.org.

Aug. 26: Innocent Souls Opening Reception, 5 - 9 p.m. An exhibition of images captured by 1st Lieutenant Glenn Hoover in the Republic of South Vietnam - 1968. Runs through Oct. 28. Sponsored by Veterans Art Center Tampa Bay. 6798 Crosswinds Drive N. Info at www.vactb.org.

Sept. 16: Mark Your Calendars: Glitter Queens' 6th Annual Royal Ball, 7 - 11 p.m. An evening of dinner, dancing, silent auction, entertainment, live music and cash bar. Benefits the Beth Dillinger Foundation. Theme: "Mod" about the 60's. Peace, love & music. Requested attire: cocktail or 60's Mod. \$75. St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd. N. Info at www.stpeteglitterqueens.org

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

Aug. 26: Great Bay Scallop Search, 9 a.m. - noon. Tampa Bay Watch needs 200 volunteers to snorkel and count scallops and document population trends. Shallow draft boats needed. Limited spots nearshore for canoes and kayaks and some requirements for volunteer snorkelers who do not have boats based on registered volunteer boaters having space for additional passengers. Family-friendly and open to all ages. Info at www.tampabaywatch.org.

Treasure Island

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.

Aug. 1: Powering Your Boat, Aug. 8: Lines and Knots, Aug. 15: Weather, Aug. 22: Your Boat's Radio, Aug. 29: Which Boat is for You?

St. Pete Sail and Power Squadron Seminars. Students must be 12 or older and pre-registration is required. Maximum of 20 students per class. Classes are held at the St Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Ave SE, Demens Landing. Class details and registration at www.boating-st.pete.org under Seminars.

Aug. 14: America's Boating Course, 7 - 9 p.m. Seven week course. Graduates qualify for a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and may qualify for insurance discounts. Materials \$40 per family.

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

TIMB Chamber Seeks Volunteers: Treasure Island & Madeira Beach Chamber of Commerce is looking for computer savvy people with the 'gift of gab' to coordinate meetings, special events, connect with members by phone, track information, greet visitors and answer questions about the area. Shifts are from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., or 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Volunteers may fill one or more shifts per month. Info at 727-360-4121.

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Top Chef Event a Rousing Success

PARC held their third annual Top Chefs event at The Birchwood mid-July. The fundraiser also creates awareness for PARC's Culinary Arts Program. Everything is donated...the venue, the food by Birch & Vine, Guppy's, Rusty's Bistro, 1200 Chophouse, Clear Sky on Cleveland, and Tryst. Dessert was provided by LeAnn's Cheesecakes and open bar by Breakthru Beverage Group. Jenn Holloway, from WFLA News Channel 8 emceed the evening. All six of the PARC clients with special needs who were paired with the chefs are currently employed with the help of PARC's Supported Employment program. Photos courtesy of PARC.



Celebrating Independence

Tierra Verde residents and friends came out in force to celebrate Independence Day decked out in red, white and blue. Photos by Dennis Adair.



TI Residents Sow Oats

Treasure Island mustered about 30 people to plant sea oats provided by Pinellas County to help protect the coast. They finished planting the 5,000 sea oats by 10 a.m. Photos courtesy of the City of Treasure Island.



Volunteers Help TBW

Tampa Bay Watch (TBW) had a record 450+ volunteers register to participate in the Mid-Summer Coastal Cleanup. They made a huge impact in just one morning. Cigar City and Coppertail Brewing companies donated beer and Hubert's Lemonade for the post-cleanup party. They also donated re-purposed grain bags and Skyway Supply donated recycled trash bags. More than 100 additional volunteers helped remove 228 abandoned crab traps. Thanks to Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful and Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources Department too. Photos courtesy of TBW.





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