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A Memorial to Remember

By Betsy Judge

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Charles Claybaker is one of the lucky ones. Seven years ago he survived when the tilt-rotor aircraft he was in crashed into the Afghanistan countryside at 90 mph. It was his fifth and final combat tour and his injuries were extensive—he has traumatic brain injury, post traumatic stress, his right hip and leg were all but destroyed along with numerous disks in his back—but he was lucky—three people died.

Honoring local veterans who did not make it back alive is a dream of his and a group of local veterans and supporters involved with the Claybaker D.U.S.T.O.F.F. Foundation which he established to provide combat veterans assistance during times of transition and hardship.

The St. Petersburg native says a home from Building Homes for Heroes was part of his inspiration.

“When my wife Kandice and I got our house ... I really wanted to give back to the community that invested in us. I wanted to pay that forward,” says Claybaker. “I noticed that we didn’t have a memorial for Iraq and Afghanistan casualties and so we decided to address that issue.”

They plan to build three memorials in the county with the St. Petersburg Veterans Memorial in Dell Holmes Park the first to be completed. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Jan. 27 at 11 a.m.

This memorial will honor local casualties of all wars beginning with WWI. It has a walkway that leads from the one side of a walking trail into the memorial then back out to the other side of the trail with a 20 foot flagpole in the center. Plaques attached to the walls will list the names of the 106 veterans from the area who died fighting for the country.

“We had to bring it (ground level) up 3 feet, so it actually changed the whole drainage layout of this area,” says Claybaker on a sunny December day at the park. “It joins the walking trail and in the morning, it’s probably one of the better sunrises in St. Pete.”



Charles Claybaker discusses how the plaques with the names of casualties will be fixed to the outside of the walls.

He says the cost will end up being between \$40,000 and \$45,000 which he believes is a bargain.

“That’s actually the most impressive thing. We had a huge amount of volunteer labor. We couldn’t get this done for the price without all the volunteers.”

Booth Design Group and Wanamaker Jensen donated their design skills, JMT where his wife is an engineer helped. Businesses and individuals gave their time, treasure, talent or materials including Tampa Bay Pavers, Keystone Tile, DOMA Home Furnishings, SeaCritters patrons, St. Petersburg West Rotary, the City of St. Petersburg including

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Forward Pinellas Strives to Reduce Fatalities

By Larry Lewis

Publisher’s Note: This is the second article in our series about finding solutions to Tampa Bay’s transportation challenges.

It’s all about being connected. Tampa Bay is on the move as this region grows in population, tourism and new businesses. Increasingly, public and private entities are talking to create a network of sustainable transportation solutions for the coming decades.



Participants in the first Operation Blindspot held in Treasure Island last year walked from the Treasure Island Community Center to the St. Petersburg Lions Club Beach House to raise awareness about pedestrian safety, especially regarding pedestrians who are blind.

Photo from www.bikewalktampabay.org



St. Petersburg native Rodney Chatman briefed business owners on the county’s transportation plans at a Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce hosted event in the fall. He is the planning division manager at Forward Pinellas, the county’s land use and transportation planning agency.

Photo by Larry Lewis.

Rodney Chatman understands this need. The St. Petersburg native is the planning division manager at Forward Pinellas, the county’s land use and transportation planning agency. It facilitates state and federally funded projects and coordinates efforts among the 25 local, independent governments to ensure consistency in planning and regulatory efforts.

“We’re a clearinghouse,” says Chatman. “We strive to improve transportation in the county for all modes of travel, including mass transit, walking and bicycling as well as automobiles.”

In 2016, two cyclists and 45 pedestrians died in Pinellas County. This year, Forward Pinellas created the Vision Zero action plan with the goal of eliminating cycling and walking fatalities via infrastructure upgrades.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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Sunset in Treasure Island just south of the John’s Pass Bridge.



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One For The Birds

By The Old Professor

I'm not a bird man. I don't bird watch, except in the cockney sense of the term. I have no life book. I put out neither seed nor suet. As a kid I did shout "Into the air junior birdmen!" But that was just for fun. I never managed lift off. Bird beaks don't trigger any emotion; I have a pretty noticeable beak myself. Birds just haven't been my hobby of choice.

A memorable bird driven moment did occur on Honeymoon Island many years ago. Good friends from the UK were visiting, and we took them picnicking on the beach. The quite expressive husband gestured broadly with his sandwich bearing hand only to find that his tasty treat had vanished into the maw of a passing gull. That memory has produced laughs for years.

I am certainly aware birds are around. Up north I noticed them flocking south in late fall.

Hard to miss. Occasionally I hear their calls. Some are quite pleasant. Here I have seen groups of white ones with long curved beaks punching the ground for worms or, grubs. They look like some kind of luncheon club. I once had my hat attacked by a crow. I suspect I had walked under the tree where she was nesting.

I have driven through the Ding Darling Reserve on Sanibel in search of the roseate spoonbill. I saw several only to later notice them in ponds on the Pinellas Bayway. I find pigeons and gulls dirty and annoying. But mostly I have practiced peaceful coexistence with my avian neighbors. Shooting doves, quails, pheasants, and ducks, has never tempted me, though I confess to having consumed duck and goose. I don't think turkey should count.

To my surprise, lately birds have come into my

life. Not a great many, nor a variety of kinds, but a few of a rather special lot. We live in an area with an ample supply of trees, a few just outside of our windows. In the last month we have been almost daily visited by pileated redheaded woodpeckers.

Now these are not the small redheaded woodpeckers of my youth. These are as big as crows. Indeed, they are often mistaken for crows when in flight. But crows fly in a straight line while pileated woodpeckers arc.

The large red pointed crests atop their heads make these birds unique. They inspired Walter Lantz's Woody the Woodpecker, who last appeared in 1991. His laugh was like the call of the pileated woodpecker, loud and not especially musical, again a bit crow-like.

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From the Publisher

By Betsy Judge

The New Year is here and with it comes resolutions of all kinds: loose weight, stop smoking, eat healthier or maybe try to be a nicer person.

According to a 2016 Forbes article by Kevin Kruse, only 8 percent of people actually achieve what they set out to do. He offers seven secrets to keeping those pesky promises.

There must be something special in seven, because that is how many ideas Dennis Merritt Jones offers in his article this month to help you exit the old year and enter the new with grace; leaving bad baggage behind for a fresh start. Carol Hollenbeck offers some tips as well; but she prefers not to call them resolutions.

The American Psychological Association offers five ideas for "Making your New Year's resolutions stick." Five is the magic number for USA Today as well, but unlike most tips which discuss setting goals, having a support system and taking small, achievable

stops, they recommend specific activities like flossing, scheduling a physical or going to bed 15 minutes earlier. Those are the kinds of resolutions I think would be fairly easy to keep. They certainly seem easier than quitting that nasty smoking habit.

I have been too busy putting this issue together to throw out any markers in terms of resolutions for 2018; and had I given it much thought, I'm not sure I would commit them to print here.

I am looking forward to new year. We are going to do some remodeling and we have a family wedding in Las Vegas in March. We are not much on gambling. When we do on occasion risk it, we like to play blackjack, we like to sit at the same table, and we hope our chips last until we get our "free" drink. Maybe we'll resolve to just buy those drinks instead.

Happy New Year to all of you and happy January.

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Our visitor began approaching the window where the Professress sits to compute. I thought he must be attracted to my woman. I am too, but I'm not a wife swapper. That's for the birds. But subsequent visitations were by females as well as males. The males have a red slash along the sides of their heads. Sometimes they came in pairs. I then decided they must want to be friends.

So I began going to the window when they showed up only to have them fail to answer my friendly greeting. They just wag their heads from side to side and peck away at the sill, the wall, and even at the glass itself. I know there are no bugs in the glass, only in my software. So why peck at it? They

can be heard all throughout the apartment. My bird friends do eat the berry like clusters hanging from the adjacent fan palms, but there are no berries in the glass either. I would ask them why they do it, but I flunked interspecies communication 101.

One authority says that these feathered folk see their own faces in reflective glass. Ours isn't reflective, but they always come on the south side. So maybe the sun makes it so. What I am experiencing then is not a hello, but merely avian narcissism. I don't need that in a bird; I see enough of it in people.

Pecked by David H. Smith, Ph.D., retired professor.



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Commissioners Charlie Gerdes and Steve Kornell, along with Don Schmidt (D.U.S.T.O.F.F. executive director) and wife Myreen, Ian O’Connell (D.U.S.T.O.F.F. vice president) and Karen and Greg Hunt.

“There are so many others,” adds Claybaker, “we would like to give a special thanks to everyone who contributed and helped make this happen.”

“It is important that we never forget the sacrifice our veterans made for our city and our country,” said city Commissioner Steve Kornell, who Claybaker said was a big supporter.

“I admired Charles from the beginning as his injuries from the Osprey crash were severe along with PTSD and TBI,” says Schmidt, a fellow veteran.

“He had such a great attitude and wanted to help others making the transition to civilian life. I funded his upfront costs to establish the foundation with the goals of helping homeless veterans, and recognize those vets from St. Pete that had sacrificed their lives serving the country. We recruited Ian O’Connell to



Progress is made on the sidewalk leading to the memorial.



The walls that will hold the plaques take shape at the new St. Petersburg Veterans Memorial. A dedication is scheduled for Jan. 27 at 11 a.m.

head the fund raising efforts and after nearly three years the memorial will be completed. Charles is a dedicated young man that has given so much for his country and still is doing more and wants to continue to help those veterans in need.”

For information go to www.claybakerdustoff.org.



The area where the memorial is being constructed in Dell Homes Park had to be elevated by about three feet before the project could be started. Hurricane Irma put a temporary stop to the effort in September.



This rendition of the St. Petersburg Veterans Memorial shows the walkway leading to the flagpole in the middle of two walls with plaques honoring area war casualties. The blue at the top represents the edge of Lake Maggiore.

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Pride & Joy Walking For Ms. Edie

By Jackie Minniti

Every 66 seconds, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. One in three seniors will die of Alzheimer's or dementia, making it the sixth leading cause of death in our country. Unfortunately, it's a disease that cannot be prevented, cured or slowed. With more than 5 million individuals suffering from this devastating condition, nearly 16 million Americans are finding themselves in the role of caretaker. When Richard "Dick" Holmes married his beloved wife, Edith, he never imagined that he'd become one of them.

Dick, the former mayor of South Pasadena, married the woman he affectionately calls "Miss Edie" almost fifteen years ago after their respective spouses had passed away.

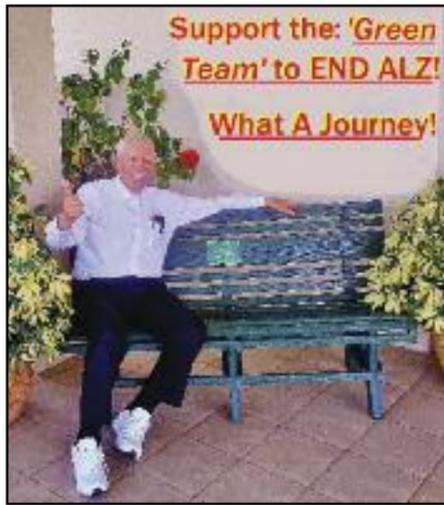
"Edie is such a gracious lady with the most beautiful smile," he says. "She was the 10th first lady of South Pasadena. We had a good life before Alzheimer's. Now she doesn't smile as much as she used to." After Edith's diagnosis in 2009, Dick had to resign as mayor so he could care for her. "This has become my calling," he says. "God only gives us what we can handle, and my Edie is one of God's children."

It is this positive attitude, coupled with his indomitable spirit, that has enabled Dick to channel this personal tragedy into something positive. "I've always been success-driven," he explains. "Once I get started on a project, I can't give up until I succeed. The Lord's been good to me and has given me a good life. For some reason, he's cast me in a leadership role."

As President of the South Pinellas Senior Citizens Club, Dick started the Green Bench Project aimed at returning the iconic green benches to the streets of St. Petersburg in 1991. "I have been a green bench fan since '57," he says. "They took the benches off the streets in the 60s because they thought too many old people were sitting on them and it made the city look like heaven's waiting room." Dick recently sold his

car and used the proceeds to purchase several recycled plastic green benches for his retirement community, the Fountains at Boca Ciega Bay.

Dick has brought this same dogged determination to the fight against Alzheimer's. After joining an Alzheimer's support group at the Fountains, he learned about the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's.



Richard "Dick" Holmes, former mayor of South Pasadena, never thought he would be a caretaker until his wife of 15 years was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2009. Dick now promotes and supports the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association in conjunction with his Green Bench Project.

Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, the walk began in 1989 and has since grown into a nationwide event with more than 50,000 teams participating in over 600 walks. The Walk is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research, with only 6 percent of donations going toward administrative costs.

"I investigated the Alzheimer's Association before I got involved," Dick says, "and I'm impressed with the leadership from the top down." So he decided to approach his support group about throwing their support behind their already established Alzheimer's Walk Team. "Their acceptance of my participation was inspiring," he says. "We partnered with my Green Bench Projects, and our 'Walk Page' with the Alzheimer's Association for our 'Boca Goes Green for the Cure' team earned the title of Grand Champion, with over \$1,000 in donations."

Dick personally participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Clearwater on Oct. 28. Not one to rest on his past accomplishments, he is already planning some special events for 2018. "The first week of October will be set aside to promote Alzheimer's awareness," he says. "On October 1, we're having a birthday party to kick off the Green Bench Stroll, our version of the Walk. We'll also be holding a Charity Ball to End Alzheimer's." He has high hopes that these will become yearly events and has even put money into a trust so that the Stroll and the Ball can

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Most class and activity fees vary from \$10 to \$45 for OLLI members. Many are single session classes.



St. Petersburg volunteer mural tour guide and OLLI member, Marlys Meckler (second from right), points out details of a mural by the Vitale Bros. to Al and Jeanne Danielson, and Peggy and Bob Albury. The mural is part of St. Pete's collection of public art.

Photo by Tom Santee.

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continue after he's gone. "Our future is at risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease," he explains. "There are so many good causes, but if you've had a family member with Alzheimer's, it's a strong motivation. The Walk has made us one big family. It's a good family to join,

and who doesn't want to be part of a good family? I hope people will consider supporting this, not only for Edie, but for all who will follow her until a cure is found."

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The Pink Palace Turns 90, Plans Co

Ninety years ago on January 10, Thomas Rowe, a developer from England, opened the doors of his new hotel, the Don Cesar, named after Don CeSar de Bazan, the hero of the opera Maritana.

Rowe long dreamed of an elegant resort built along the beach. While visiting in 1924 he bought 80 acres of Gulf to bay property for \$100,000, hired architect Henry Dupont to design his "pink castle," and his friend Carlton Beard, a contractor, to start construction. Beard was concerned about the eight story hotel shifting in the sand, so along with Rowe, they developed a concrete pad with a pyramid-type footer to minimize any effects.

They began building in 1926, but after many revisions to the original plans, Rowe ran short of funds. Pass-a-Grille industrialist Warren Webster loaned him the money to furnish the hotel and the first guest checked in that January day. An elaborate, formal opening was held on Jan. 16. Dinner was \$1.30 and a room with bath on the European plan was \$24 per night!

Rowe also developed the surrounding blocks east of the hotel, building duplexes, single family homes, a park, and tennis courts many in use today. This area he named Don Cesar Place with the streets names also based on Maritana.

The Don CeSar flourished through the 1930s with guests like department store owners Gimbels and Bloomingdales, Mayo Clinic's Dr. Walter Mayo, writers Faith Baldwin and F. Scott Fitzgerald, along with many affluent businessmen and their wives, movie stars, entertainers and other wealthy



Open for two years, this image shows the Don Cesar in 1930.



The Don CeSar was the dream of English developer Thomas Rowe (inset photo) and named for the hero of the opera Maritana. He began the hotel in 1926 and the first guest checked in Jan. 10, 1928.

Americans and foreigners.

But the depression took its toll on Rowe's dream. To survive he struck a three-year deal with Yankee's owner Jacob Ruppert to house the team during spring training. This move proved to be the Don's salvation.

Rowe died in his beloved hotel in 1940, and in 1942 his wife sold it to the U.S. Army. The once splendid, luxury hotel served as a convalescent center for WWII pilot's "because it was a quiet, peaceful location along the Gulf waters." The military established itself in the surrounding community and residents gave their time visiting the veterans, planning dinners, dances and joining them to see movies in the grand ballroom.

After the war, it was used as a VA regional office,



In 1942 after Thomas Rowe died, his wife sold the hotel to the U.S. Army. It was initially used as a convalescent facility for WWII pilots as seen in this 1943 photo. It was later used as a regional VA office.



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Celebration

By Sally G. Yoder

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Veterans and their dates cut a rug during this 1944 dance.

remaining so until the property was declared obsolete in 1969. The government moved out leaving everything in disrepair. The old hotel became an eyesore headed toward demolition until a citizens' "Save the Don" committee headed by June Hurley Young swung into action. They got the government to sell it to the City of St. Pete Beach, and they quickly sold it to William "Bill" Bowman, a hotel entrepreneur, for \$460,000.

Bowman's engineers found the structure sound as a fortress. After spending \$3.5 million over 18 months, he opened the totally refurbished hotel in November 1973 with much of the original décor

helping to establish that elegant look of the 1930s. In 1975 it was placed on the National Historic Register as an official historic landmark.

The towering structure has been and is a permanent marker for boaters. It can be seen for miles east and west and has its place on nautical charts. It has retained its pink color for most of its 90 year existence going from light pink to a darker hue, but its title the "Pink Palace" has become a trademark name.

The elegant resort and spa is currently owned by Host Hotels & Resorts. And Rowe's dream is still strong as ever.

"For years, The Don CeSar has been a place for generations to gather with their families and loved ones to celebrate," said Interim General Manager Jim Gross. "We're thrilled to reach this milestone and look forward to continue serving the community and guests alike with our signature brand of hospitality."

They will celebrate the 90th anniversary with a "An Iconic Celebration of History and Community, 90 Years in the Making," a black-tie gala on Jan. 19. The soirée will feature food, drinks and entertainment exploring The Don CeSar's rich history throughout the years. Ticket price includes an open bar and hors d'oeuvres from Executive Chef Mike Molloy. Z Street Speakeasy Band will provide the classic and contemporary hits. Tickets are \$175 (plus tax and gratuity), and are available at don90thgala.eventbrite.com.



The got a Gulf Boulevard "Bridge" built by William "Bill" Bowman, when he did a \$3.5 million renovation of the building after buying it from the city in the early 1970s.
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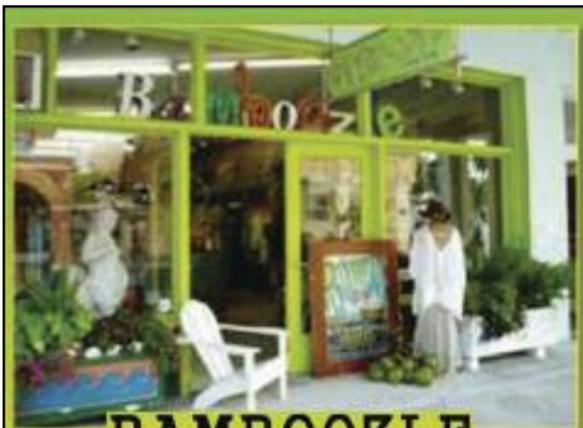
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Encouraging Words Seven Steps to a Happy New You In the New Year

By Dennis Merritt Jones

"Life is a blackboard upon which we consciously or unconsciously write those messages which govern us. We hold the chalk and the eraser in our hand but are ignorant of this fact. What we now experience we need not continue to experience but the hand which holds the eraser must do it's neutralizing work." ~ Dr. Ernest Holmes

I love the sentiment of this quote because it illustrates that the content of our mind determines our experience in life. Using the metaphor of the blackboard, chalk and eraser, Holmes also points out that it is we, and we alone, who have absolute control over the content of our mind and, therefore, how our thoughts and beliefs out-picture themselves in our daily life. Below are seven practices that I have established for myself as I enter the new year. I invite you to consider trying them for yourself. Take what works and work it, and discard what doesn't. As Holmes infers, if we don't want to drag the past year into the new year we don't have to. However, we have work to do because no one can alter the content of our minds—it is an inside job. We, and we alone, hold both the eraser and the chalk in our hand. How we use them will determine what our experience of the upcoming year shall be.

Open your mind to the new possibilities that lie in the unknown. Be willing to try new things. Make a conscious effort to get out of your comfort zone. This can include pursuing a new career or job opportunities or learning a skill. It can also include new relationships or new types of food and entertainment. With the right perspective you can step outside of your box.

Forgive. As long as you live in a human skin, forgiveness is the one practice that you'll need to master because nothing will keep you stuck in the past more effectively than resentment and non-forgiveness. What (or who) you don't forgive, you drag into the new year. To forgive is to erase the negative energy. This includes forgiving yourself as well.

Set realistic goals and write them down. Goal setting is a vital component for creating anything new. However, it's important not to set yourself up for failure by declaring goals that are so lofty that you know in your heart they can never be reached. Take small, achievable steps that allow you to see the possibility of arriving at the finish line. Writing out your goals helps to kinesthetically "inscribe them on the blackboard" of your conscious and unconscious mind.

Observe and challenge old habit patterns that keep you stuck in the yuck. All habits are simply mind-energy set in motion through a certain type of behavior. In and of itself, habit energy is not necessarily bad. The key is to be conscious enough of your habits, that when they don't serve your wholeness, to challenge them. With awareness you can make an effort to intentionally redirect habit energy in a new direction—one that serves you well in the new year. This is using the "eraser and chalk" in a powerful way.

Practice mindfulness. Mindfulness is the experience of bringing your thinking mind into alignment with your body; to be aware of what is happening around you and in you in the present moment. This is important as you enter a new year because the present moment is always where life is unfolding. Practicing mindfulness places the eraser and chalk in your hand where your true point of power is found.

Seek a cheerleader who will support you in reaching your goals. Doing some or all these things can be a daunting task to take on alone. Enlist the support of a trusted friend or mentor who is able to support you moving toward the vision you hold for the new you in the new year. However, also be sure that person is someone who can and will hold you accountable for doing what you say you are going to do.

Set aside time daily to spend in the presence of your higher power. When you make room daily to partner with your higher power (or whatever name you use) doing all these practices seem to flow with grace and ease. Why? Because you are one with the source of all that is good and you can trust that It knows what you need to know, when you need to know it. The practice is to trust It and follow Its lead...and have faith that the upcoming year will be the best year of your life.

The blackboard of 2018 has yet to be inscribed and it awaits your mental, emotional, and spiritual imprint. May your exit from 2017 be gentle and complete and may your entry into the new year be smooth and intentional. May you always remember that you, and you alone, hold the eraser and chalk in your hand. Now the adventure begins! Happy new you, my friends.

Dr. Dennis Merritt Jones

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City Crews Work the Bayway

By TIR Staff

Maintenance responsibility for the Pinellas Bayway has been assumed by the City of St. Petersburg.

The process to make the move from a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) contractor to the city began at a June 2014 meeting with members of the Alliance for Bayway Communities (ABC), FDOT and other state and city representatives. It was the late Bob Rogers, an original member of the ABC who noted, "The Pinellas Bayway is our front yard, and we are not at all happy about how it's being maintained."

Since then, the ABC has worked in collaboration with Eckerd College to improve the condition of the landscaping. Initial discussions with FDOT and the contractor resulted in some improvement to conditions, but not to the level



Pictured from left are Kevin Sunderman, Isla Del Sol Y&CC Course Superintendent, Saint Petersburg landscaping crew Supervisor Cheryl Volkman and crew members James Walker, and Charlie Williams, and Ken Wolfe, ABC principal. Photo courtesy of ABC.

expected by ABC and Eckerd College.

During the fall detailed discussions were held with and between the city and their contractor to achieve the needed improvements and the city assumed responsibility effective Dec. 1.

According to Ken Wolfe, the ABC Principal coordinating implementation with the city, the grass will be mowed once per week during the rainy season and once every two weeks during dry season. The city's responsibility includes shrubs and trees. They are aware of the condition of the royal palms, have extended the warranty period for these trees and some have already been replaced. Additional trimming and edging along the bike paths will be done and there will be increased attention to landscape lighting.

Bill Blazowski with ABC contributed to this story.

Fitness

Improved Health & Fitness in the New Year

By Carol Hollenbeck

Today it seems as though few people can keep a commitment. Fewer people are committing to marriage, and many people jump from job to job searching for a better position or more money not wanting to work their way up the ladder. Rare is the person who stays at a job for 20 years or more.

Part of the problem could be the digital era we live in where people want instant gratification and results. We have become impatient en masse.

This noncommittal behavior could be why it is so hard for many people to keep their New Year resolutions.

This year rather than making resolutions look at it another way. It's a new beginning to a positive change in your life. Instead of making a goal to lose 15 pounds, live day to day trying to exercise and eat healthier every day. Each day think about what you can do to improve your general health over the next 24 hours. Maybe take a long walk, watch less TV, stand more during the day, eat fruit or unsalted nuts for snacks, or pack a healthy

lunch rather than dining out. Then implement these small changes on a daily basis.

After a few weeks you'll get used to some of these changes as they become routine. You will have permanent healthy lifestyle habits and, as a result, probably getting stronger and losing weight without that as your main focus. Now you can try setting reasonable goals to fine-tune your program or get specific results. Maybe you want to lose 10 pounds or walk 2 miles without resting. Break it up into chunks with short-term goals. This will help you keep focused and work toward the long-term goal.

Reward yourself or acknowledge when you meet the short-term goals. It should be easier for you to stay committed since you have incorporated exercise and eating healthy into your daily routine.

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"I am confident that crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists will continue to drop," Chatman claims.

Forward Pinellas relies heavily on citizen input and public involvement to guide its plans and programs. And Julie Bond understands this need. The program director at Bike/Walk Tampa Bay, describes her two-year-old group as, "a regional coalition of citizens, advocates, professionals and organizations created to make walking and bicycling the preferred modes of transportation in the Tampa Bay region." Their partners include over 100 government and private groups, including the Downtown St. Petersburg Partnership, Forward Pinellas and the state's Department of Transportation. The group is allied with USF/Tampa and its chair Jane Castor, Tampa's first and now retired female police chief.

If it's about cycling and walking, Bond can promote it. "I live in Temple Terrace, but my husband and I cycle to (southern Pinellas) a lot. We cycle down Gulf Boulevard. We love Pass-a-Grille. And we spend money." Her group's comprehensive approach advocates not only for increased use of these activities but to make them safer, through broad education and infrastructure improvements.

Members have given safety presentations to more than 40,000 people in all walks of life, including the homeless in shelters. Says Bond, "We're trying to educate that group of people who walk very frequently and have high exposure."

Through WalkWise Tampa Bay they partnered with the Rotary Club of the Gulf Beaches and the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce to distribute signs and cards reminding drivers, pedestrians and cyclists that safety is a shared responsibility. More than 100 businesses displayed the signs and 170,000-plus "Key To Safety" cards have been included with room keys in hotels.



Last summer was the fifth year of the Tampa Bay Key to Safety program, part of Bike/Walk Tampa Bay Coalition's effort to educate the public about traffic.

Partners include the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR), and the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce.

Photo from www.bikewalktampabay.org.

Hotel staffs are also encouraged to raise further awareness with guests.

Last February, BWTB volunteers took part in St. Petersburg's Complete Streets program which audited six streets, evaluating usage aspects to focus upon improvements in areas with multiple travel modes. Last March, BWTB held its first Operation Blindspot event in Treasure Island, in conjunction with the Lions Club. Participants learned the risks of being a sightless pedestrian. Bond summarizes BWTB's tenacious efforts, "Every week starts to make this area safer for walking and bicycling."

How popular is this area for cyclists? The Pinellas Trail's 49 miles (in Pasco and Pinellas counties) is one of the most heavily utilized trail systems in Florida and nationally recognized. Over 5,000 cyclists and walkers use it daily and many use Strava, a website and mobile app that tracks athletes activities including cycling and running via satellite navigation. In addition, St. Petersburg has 117 miles of on-street bike lanes and shared use trails and cycling is rapidly on the rise.

Not only is the activity healthy; it brings an economic windfall, Bond notes. And BWTB works with the national League of American Bicyclists to certify local firms as Bicycle Friendly Businesses, recognizing employers providing a welcoming atmosphere for cycling employees, customers and community members.

Pinellas continues to attract talented millennials who "want accessibility and bikeable, walkable livability," says Chris Steinocher, CEO of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. To this end, St. Petersburg began its Coast Bike Share program in 2014 with 30 stations in the downtown St. Pete area, around USF and extending along Central Avenue.

Managed by national implementer CycleHop, Coast's "social bicycles" are shared by individuals on a short-term basis. The bikes can be unlocked from one station and returned to any other in the system making bike share ideal for short, one-way trips. For an added fee, a bike can be locked at non-program stands for later pickup by Coast. Registered users reserve bikes via a mobile app or the keypad on the bike's solar-powered GPS. Occasional users need only a credit card. The fee is \$8 per hour (prorated), \$15 per month or \$79 annually, with student discounts available. The bikes are geared but use no chain and include baskets and an integrated stand lock.

Coast Bike Share has hundreds of bicycles in its network and also operates in Tampa. It's an efficient use of clean technology to promote a healthy lifestyle while commuting to work, school, running errands or just having fun on St. Pete's trails and streets.

The pedals are turning to reduce Pinellas traffic. For more information go to www.forwardpinellas.org.



Mayor Rick Kriseman takes advantage of the Coast Bike Share program during an Open Streets St. Pete event. Open Streets St. Pete is a group of residents looking to make the city healthy, fun and safe. Photo from www.facebook.com/CoastBikeShare.



Bike/Walk Tampa Bay (BWTB) hosted its Fall Regional Summit at the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Education and Conference Center in St. Petersburg to celebrate recent accomplishments and plan next steps. Photo from www.Facebook.com/BWTB.



Coast Bike Share bikes are parked at 30 stations in an around downtown St. Petersburg. Inset photo is the solar-powered keypad & GPS where riders can reserve the bike. Photos by Larry Lewis.

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Florida Author Sci-Fi With a Sense of Humor

By Jackie Minniti

With three older brothers and a younger sister, Christopher Cobb often felt like the lost child, so he started writing stories.

"My mom said she always heard the tapping of a typewriter coming from my room," he recalls. While he began writing for himself, he eventually discovered that he had a knack for it and is now the author of two highly entertaining science fiction novels that combine imaginative plots with his unique brand of quirky humor.

Cobb, a native Floridian, earned an associate degree from Florida School of the Arts and went to New York City to pursue an acting career. While he scored some off-Broadway roles, he decided to leave the hustle of the Big Apple for the tranquility of the Appalachian Mountains in northern Georgia. He spent four years decompressing before returning to Florida to go back to school. Cobb received a bachelor's degree in social science from Florida Atlantic University and now works as a producer and marketing specialist with the Palm Beach County Film and TV Commission. His favorite part of the job is working on the Student Showcase of Films, a juried competition for Florida high school and college students pursuing careers in the film industry.

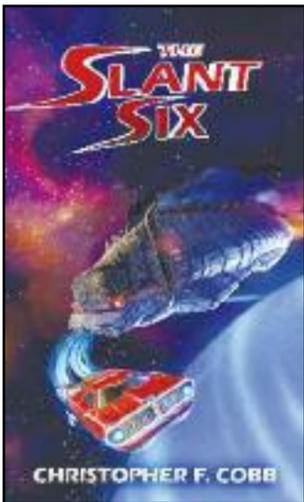
But Cobb never lost his desire to write. "In high school, I had English teachers who encouraged my writing, and this had a profound effect on me," he says. "Writing was a creative outlet that I wanted to explore." So Cobb decided to attempt a novel. He chose science fiction because of the influence of authors like Piers Anthony, Kurt Vonnegut, H.G. Wells, Robert Heinlein and Ray Bradbury. "I always loved the literature, TV shows and movies, so the eventual progression into creating my own sci fi/fantasy universe was natural," he says.

His first novel, "A Moon Called Sun," combines history, romance and time travel in a story that shows

how something with good intentions can be twisted and perverted for evil. "The collection of characters from different worlds, so diverse and unique, all have something in common - " he says, "the need to belong, to be loved and most importantly, to be validated." Piers Anthony, a writer who was a major influence on Cobb, described the book as "...interesting and well told, with a considerable range of imagination."



Author Christopher Cobb holds a copy of his first novel, "A Moon Called Sun." His latest work, "Slant Six" was inspired by the Stephen Spielberg movie "Duel" and Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."



For his latest novel, Cobb decided to try something different. "I got the idea from the 1971 Stephen Spielberg movie, 'Duel,' the story of a traveling salesman terrorized by an old Peterbilt semi," he says. "I thought it would be fun to set this story in outer space." The result was "Slant Six," a story that merges "Duel" with Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman." Set in 2252, "Slant Six" is the tale of Loman Phin, a burnt out spaceship racer inspired by Miller's Willie Loman. When Phin agrees to deliver a mysterious woman to Pluto's moon, he becomes embroiled in a hazardous series of misadventures. "I like to take pop-culture references and twist them into something futuristic," Cobb explains. "When I got the idea to model all the spaceships after classic cars, it opened the floodgates. I knew I could do a lot of wordplay and have a lot of fun with it. I wanted readers to feel like they're on the right side of an inside joke." The book was praised by Sci-Fi and Scary as "...an exercise in naughty, punny action fun...entertaining from start to finish."

Cobb has already started on a sequel to "Slant Six." Titled "The Wicked Split," the story will center on a vampire and android that team up to look for revenge. "These books were so much fun to write," he says. "I hope readers will finish them and say, 'That was a helluva lot of fun, and I want to read more.'"

For more information, go to www.chrisfcobb.com.

Today is the Day (Part 3)

By Sabrina O'Donnell

My heart beat quickened and I felt the blood rush from my face. I read the note over and over in disbelief. "I told you kid, today is the day."

There's just no way. My mind was going 100 mph. There is no way.

I ran through the possibilities ... Aliens. I crossed into another dimension. I've finally lost my mind. It's a trap. It's a prank. They've all been taken. It's...taken. They could have all been taken.

The people who took us over know we live in the tunnels, but they never bothered us before. They never once came down into our bunkers, but what if that's what finally happened? What if they came down and took everyone—took them to prison... or worse?

I sat down and told myself to breath. I don't know much about the human brain, but it can't be good for it to move this quickly.

Okay. Deep breaths. The chances of the tunnels being stormed by guards and taking everyone are extremely low. The chances of the tunnels being stormed by guards and taking everyone and actually stealing my cat, Stickers, are next to none.

I stood up and crawled back into my room; I just couldn't look at Old Nick's note anymore. I collapsed onto the floor and my thoughts ran away.

My eyes got hot and a lump formed in my throat. I couldn't stop the tears. Before I knew it, I was breathlessly sobbing, hugging my knees trying to calm down. I couldn't stop crying no matter how many times I told myself, "It will be okay."

Because what if it isn't going to be okay? What if they're all gone? All dead? What if I'm the only one left down here? What if they come for me next?

The quicker my mind raced, the quicker my breathing got and, before I knew it, my vision was going black around the edges. I took one deep breath ... Then another ... Then another, but it was too late. I laid down on my back; I was going to pass out. I felt the cool tiles against my skin. I pictured Stickers there with me, curled up into my side. I closed my eyes and kept breathing.

When you come to, I told myself, you've got to handle this situation better.

"Hey! Hey! Can you hear me?" My vision hadn't returned, but I could hear someone with a deep voice yelling. Was he yelling at me?

"Can you hear me?"

He was yelling at me. As my memory returned, I realized it must be the guards.

I started to get up; I couldn't be weak and wobbly if I was going to fight.

"He's moving, let's get him up."

Get me up?

I fought off another surge of panic as my vision returned in slow blurry patches. I blinked rapidly as the blobs of color took shape.

Two sets of hands grabbed either side of my body and began to lift me up.

"Let go!" I yelled at the guards as they dragged me away. "Let me go!"

"Let him go for a minute," a familiar voice said behind me. As soon as the hands let go I spun around.

I gasped.

I stared at Old Nick's grin as I tried to piece together this turn of events.

"What are you, but..." I turned and looked at the men who had grabbed me, I had never seen them before.

Old Nick laughed as Stickers ran up from behind him and rubbed against my leg.

"I..." I was at a loss for words.

"I told you kid," Old Nick laughed and motioned to the pilot vests the men were wearing. "Today is the day."

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Area Bartenders Compete for Cayman Spot

Story and photos by TIR Staff

Some of the best bartenders in the Tampa Bay area displayed their skill at a recent cocktail competition dubbed, St. Pete - Chased with a Taste of Cayman at Hotel Zamora on St. Pete Beach.

The event was one of several hosted by the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism (CIDT) in the U.S. and U.K. leading up to the grand challenge during the Taste of Cayman Food & Drink Festival at the end of January where the winner of the regional competitions will vie for the title "Mixologist of the Year."

The bartenders were tasked to feature Seven

Fathoms Rum which is aged in American white oak bourbon barrels at secret locations in the Cayman Islands seven fathoms (42 feet) under the sea to create a flavor reminiscent of when rum was transported on ships rolling with the ocean waves in the cool of the cargo hold.

Pass-a-Grille resident Cile Moreno, co-owner of Sea Tow Tampa Bay and president of Preferred Brands was hired by the importer of Seven Fathoms to manage the brand. Along with securing distributors, managing pricing, inventory and sales training, she works with

CIDT's public relations agency to secure bartenders for the competition.

Each contestant had a table draped in black and discussed their cocktail with the judges as they made it. Bartenders Juan Rincon from Zamora's 360 Rooftop Lounge and Suzy Pease from Rumfish Grille represented the beaches. There were three bartenders from Tampa, but it was Angela Galecki from Bella Brava in St. Petersburg who took top honors and will be working her magic again in Cayman come January 27. For info go to www.tasteofcayman.org.



Winning bartender Angela Galecki from Bella Brava wowed the judges with The Grand a'peel. It includes rum, Harissa honey syrup, banana tahini purée, Bonal gentiane, coconut white balsamic and angostura bitters.



Suzy Pease competed from Rumfish Grille on St. Pete Beach.



Juan Rincon from 360 Rooftop at Zamora puts a flambé finishing touch on his competition cocktail.

Reducing Your Risk of Heart Attack

By NAPS

While death from heart attack is highest during the winter holidays, you can protect heart health with diet, exercise and taking prescribed medication.

Juggling all the extra pressures of a busy holiday schedule can wreak havoc on your healthy habits, but it's one of the most dangerous times to lower your guard. Research shows deaths from heart attacks peak during December and January.

"Changes in diet and alcohol consumption; stress from family interactions, strained finances, travel and entertaining; and even respiratory problems from burning wood are all possible reasons for the increase in heart attacks during the holidays," explains John Osborne, M.D., Ph.D., a preventive cardiologist for State of the Heart Cardiology.

If you've had a heart attack, it's especially important to maintain a healthy diet, stick to an exercise plan and take medicines as prescribed. About 20 percent of heart attack survivors over the age of 45

will have another heart attack within five years of their first.

"Making lifestyle changes can be difficult," adds Osborne. "Many of my patients use mobile apps that provide education and electronic reminders to help stay focused on how to protect their heart health and minimize risks."

One such app is My Cardiac Coach, a free and easy-to-use mobile app developed by the American Heart Association that empowers people to take control of their heart health using interactive tools to learn about their condition, track medications and closely monitor any changes.

For example, Lex Roulston overhauled his diet and increased exercise after having quintuple bypass surgery in 2001, since all five of his coronary arteries were blocked. Roulston said he "never thought about what he ate or worried about his health," and that his bypass surgery "was a big wake-up call" to

take his health seriously and protect his heart health. Roulston, now 84, relied on in-person resources through a cardiac care program following his bypass surgery, but said mobile tools such as My Cardiac Coach can provide the support, as well as access to medical information, that proved so crucial as he made significant lifestyle changes.

"It's just another tool to help you make a lifestyle change," said Roulston, who, with his wife, funded the Lex and Eileen Roulston Lifestyle Change Initiative and Lee County Support Network for Survivors and Caregivers to provide a local support network to people in Lee County, Fla. "Having the tools to support you makes it a lot easier to make changes, especially as you face challenges."

For further facts about My Cardiac Coach and to download the app for Apple or Android mobile devices, go to www.heart.org/MyCardiacCoach.

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The Perfect Running Event is Back

By Betsy Judge

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Keeping it local is the mantra for this year's St. Pete Beach Classic; a series of runs hosted by the Sirata Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach that combine to make a marathon.

"We're trying to keep it all local as much as we can this year," says Al Johnson, race director. "We're using a local t-shirt guy, local beer. It's a little tougher when you do more local, because you rarely find someone that can do the whole event, you get small pieces here and there, but that's what we want to do."

Billed as the perfect running event, the weekend kicks off January 12 when the Health and Fitness Expo opens at 11 a.m. It is free and open to the general public.

Attendees which include local residents, tourists and runners will be treated to a wide array of vendors, health care professionals and service providers. Great deals can be found on health and fitness related products and gear as well as information concerning life-improving services. It closes at 7 p.m. Friday and re-opens at 6 a.m. on January 13 for race packet pick-up and late registration.

Runners take your marks at 7 a.m. Saturday for the Classic 10K and the Waste Connections Duo (the 10K and 5K as one race), followed by the Synovus Kids' Classic and the St. Pete Running Co. 5K start. The awards and post race party are at 10:30 a.m. and the expo is open from then until 5 p.m. when the Classic Beach Fun Run kicks off. On Sunday the Maddie Zolfo Half Marathon begins at 6:45 a.m. with 10 a.m. awards.

"We have the Big Brother Band coming back for entertainment on Saturday night after the bonfire," says Mimi Chavin, director of "Run, Fun and Happy," about the concert at 6 p.m. which is open to the public. They have a kids band or two warming up the crowd before Big Brother in following their keep it local theme. "We are very excited about the St. Pete Beach classic this year."

The Sirata is looking forward to it. "As always the Sirata is honored to sponsor the St. Pete Beach Classic," says Cricket Wagner, Sirata's director of sales. "We are looking forward to runners staying in some of our newly renovated rooms along with getting to show off our newly renovated ballroom. This year everyone started early and we have exceeded the number of runners staying with us. It's an unbelievable site to watch hundreds of runners take off" - I will be there and I hope lots of residents come out for the free events and to cheer on the runners."

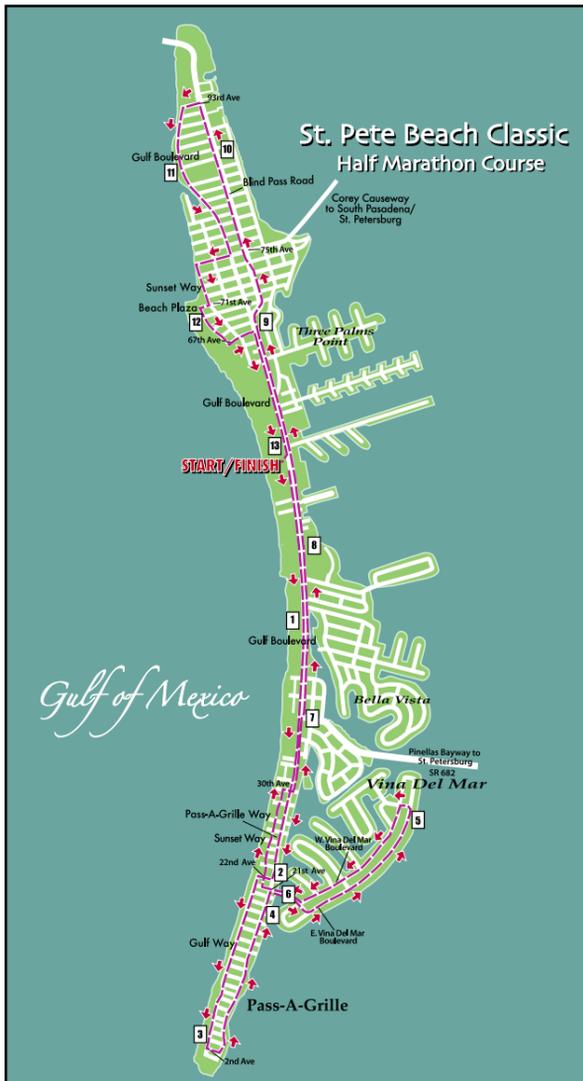
Governments and area businesses should be excited as well. A 2016 post-race economic impact study



Runners hit the beach for the Classic Beach Fun Run. Runners can get a total of 26.2 miles for a marathon if they run the Waste Connections Duo, the fun run and the half marathon.



The Rays mascot Raymond help kids warm-up for the Synovus Kids' Classic, a free series of dashes for kids 8 years old and younger.



This map shows the roads that may be impacted by the half marathon which starts at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 14.



Runners take a selfie or stretch-out as they wait for the start of a 2017 race.

put the total impact at \$840,650 with an estimated tax revenue for state and local governments at \$73,600, reports Johnson. "For 2017 we did not do a formal study, but the Sirata says they sold 383 room nights because of the race, generating \$51,000-plus in room revenue alone. That's up from 2016."

Weather can be dicey in January. "I try," says Johnson when asked if he's ordered good weather. "I keep telling Doug from the chamber (Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce) it's his job. It's the chambers job," he says laughing.

As is always the case, it takes hundreds of volunteers to put on a successful race.

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Wayne's World

Do Not Resuscitate... The Good Parts... Golfers Rejoice... and More...

By Wayne Shattuck

Do Not Resuscitate... Consumers are often told to, "Get it in writing." But in the case of a hospitalized South Florida man facing death, displaying his wish by having it tattooed on his chest wasn't good enough. Doctors agreed that publishing a resuscitation preference via a tattoo is not the best idea compared to having a living will or healthcare directive readily available. The 70 year old in question had "Do Not Resuscitate" on his chest, complete with an apparent signature and "not" underlined. But that failed to convince doctors to withhold treatment after he was brought to Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital drunk, dying and unconscious. Part of the doctors' concern over the tattoo was that it was just a bit too permanent, fearing the patient may have changed his mind sometime after getting the ink. Another concern was whether the tattoo was done when patient was drunk, or acting on a whim. In this case, eventually another do-not-resuscitate form filled out by the patient was located, and he was allowed to die without extraordinary efforts being made.

The Good Parts... Lovers of romance novels can now get to the romance without all the tedious stuff like plot and character development getting in the way. Audible has launched a new feature for some of its romance audiobooks. It's called, Take

Me to the Good Part. First Meeting, is one of 10 romantic categories among which you can skip around. Others include: Kiss; Hot, Hot, Hot; and Trouble in Paradise. Audible says it used machine learning technology to scan the books for keywords and phrases to find and identify the good parts. Human editors then vetted the selections, going over the good parts—over and over again.

Golfers Rejoice. Imagine a golf ball that's next to impossible to lose. Hit it in the high grass and track it with your smart phone. Slice it into the woods and you can go after it with a reasonable chance to find it. Such a ball may be closer to reality than you think. OnCore Golf, a relative newcomer in the tough golf ball market, is developing a ball with what amounts to a micro-computer inside of it, capable of transmitting all kinds of information back to a smart phone, including its location after you hit it. It's appropriately named the Genius ball, and while it's highly doubtful such a ball will be allowed in competition anytime soon, it opens up all sorts of possibilities, including data currently offered by launch monitors and other equipment. The cool part about it is all the data such as ball speed, time in air, and carry and roll are not just estimated, but they'd be exact because the figures are coming from the ball itself. The difficulty in

developing a smart golf ball, besides building the electronics small enough, has been how do you protect the sensors and chips inside the golf ball when it's being blasted time after time with a golf club? OnCore claims it has solved this issue utilizing an advancement of its patented hollow metal core technology, which provides a protective housing for the electronics. The Genius ball's embedded electronic sensor and measurement systems include a GPS chip that will determine a wide range of data for each shot, including the ball's distance, flight path, velocity and spin rate. Using Bluetooth, it's then communicated to a player's mobile devices in real time. I know what you're thinking... "What if I hit it in the water?" Well, the company claims that even if you hit it in the water, the electronics will still work. But retrieving it might be a different story. The cost of the balls are expected to be around \$20 to \$25 each, at least initially, and delivery to retail stores is expected sometime in the second quarter of this year.

But That's Not All... "Hogwash" Back in the day, steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that washed off was considered useless "hog wash."

Beverage Beat

Waiter There's Oxygen in my Wine

By Ellen L. Capitosti

Oxidation is all around us. The browning of a freshly sliced apple is the result of the oxidation process. Oxidation occurs when the oxygen state of a molecule, atom or ion is increased. In the case of the poor apple, it is the beginning of a slow process, known as "The End."

A similar process can occur when too much oxygen is introduced to wine. Oxygen is a critical component of the winemaking process; however, once wine has been exposed to too much oxygen, much like the apple, it begins to break down. The once fruity notes become muddled, or cooked tasting, and even the color can turn to an off-putting brown. This is one reason for properly storing wine bottles on their sides. By doing this, the cork is kept moist and

it will not dry out and contract which allows oxygen to creep into the bottle and destroy the wine.

Oxidative wine, on the other hand, is when a generally white wine is intentionally exposed to oxygen under very controlled conditions. While preventing oxidation highlights the fruit and freshness of a wine, oxidative wines can accent the earthy, nutty, and savory notes and flavors. The key to this process is strict controls; too much oxygen and the wine is ruined.

One of the most common forms of oxidative winemaking is sous voile which is used for vin jaune, "yellow wine," and is the quintessential wine of the Jura region of France. Sous voile gives this wine its distinctively darker hue and rich flavor. It is made from 100 percent Savagnin grapes and aged in oak

barrels. When the wine begins to evaporate, no additional wine is added and this is when the magic of the oxidative process begins. A veil of yeast forms on top of the wine and protects the wine from over oxidation to a certain degree, but the wine can still be overexposed to oxygen, so it must be closely monitored by the winemaker. Because of the labor intensive monitoring during the winemaking process, vin jaune wines can be very expensive. The label may not denote the use of this technique, so some homework may be necessary.

Be emboldened—try a new oxidative wine and add it to your repertoire.

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

RACE continued from page 17

"You can't do a race without volunteers," says Chavin. "The runners think it's all about them, but it's really about the volunteers. We try let them know how much we appreciate them. We throw a great volunteer party the week after the race and take care them all weekend; there's always plenty of food and fun. We try to let them know that without them we couldn't do it." Volunteers get a special shirt too.

"We get a lot of repeat volunteers and most of them are local," says Johnson. About 80 percent come from the 33706 zip code.

They need help stuffing the goodie bags, setting up the expo, feeding the runners and keeping them on the course. There is also clean-up and expo tear down. Volunteers must be 15 years older or accompanied by an adult.

In addition to volunteers, sponsors are also key to a successful race event. Johnson pegs the total race cost between \$160,000 and \$180,000. He says he heard a long time ago at a race conference that registration will only every cover about half of the costs. "Everything else has to come from sponsors whether it's cash or in-kind," he adds.

Good sponsorship support also benefits local charities. Back when Walgreens was the title sponsor they gave away about \$15,000 to local nonprofits.

There are monetary sponsors and in-kind sponsors like Fit Life Foods, The Hurricane, Skidders and Leverocks and Cody's Roadhouse who donate food.

"We also have Palm of Pasadena hospital coming in and providing the medical people," says Johnson, "and the city (St. Pete Beach) has increased their support." As the sitting mayor, he recuses himself from any votes related to the race.

New this year are virtual runners. "It's all the fun without the run," adds Chavin. Virtual runners pay a reduced fee and get the T-shirt, goodie bag and finisher's medal. "Virtual runners do not come to the venue, they just put on Facebook that they were virtual runner. It's becoming quite the thing," she says.

"We want everyone to have a good time. We want everyone to know what a wonderful community we have. We want everybody to really just enjoy," says Chavin.

For more information go to www.stpetebeach-classic.com.



Runners recuperate after a race. Much of the food is donated by local restaurants.



Big Brother Band sets up for last year's free, public concert on Saturday evening. Local kids bands will warm up the crowd for them again this year.

Business News

Boardwalk Gets New Owners

Big things are happening at The Boardwalk at Isla Del Sol now owned by Joe and Nez Tenaglia, James Beyor and Mike and Cathy Burk. They will be renovating the restaurant, keeping the old menu and adding fine dining high-end notes like a lobster tank, fresh seafood, and prime cuts of beef and chops. There will be live entertainment Tuesday through Saturday, and they are adding a '50s and '60's themed lounge, a speak easy room and dining alcove. 5901 Sun Blvd. St. Petersburg. www.boardwalkpastaandseafood.com.



Always Fresh Fare

Ricks Reef, home of the "Best Bloody Mary bar in Florida," and endless mimosas and sangria, serves breakfast seven days a week. The dog friendly bar and restaurant also offers daily specials, lunch, happy hour, dinner and late night fare. Using only fresh ingredients, they prepare each item by hand. There is no microwave oven or heat lamps and all sauces and dressings are made by hand each day. 6712 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach. www.ricksreefstpetebeach.com.



Mexico Comes to St. Pete Beach

The Grand Hacienda offers authentic Mexican Cuisine from different regions of Mexico made with the highest quality ingredients. Originally from Mexico, the partners have brought decor to showcase art from their homeland. They make guacamole fresh at the table and in addition to tropical fajitas, ceviches, street tacos and more, they will be adding recipes of Mexico during the Spanish and French periods to show the culinary variety of their cuisine. They are also opening a second location at 399 4th Ave. N. St. Pete. 4393 Gulf Blvd., St Pete Beach. www.hmexrestaurant.com.



Memorial Park Turns 80

Staff of Memorial Park Cemetery and members of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 80th anniversary its founding with a ribbon cutting. The cemetery encompasses 104 acres with two mausoleums, cremation gardens, cremation niches, a columbarium, numerous garden sections, and "The Life of Christ Chapel," showcasing 12 priceless mosaics depicting the Life of Christ. 5750 49th St. N. St. Petersburg. www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com



Notable Achievements

Masons Make Deliveries

Members of the Gulf Beach Masonic Lodge in Madeira Beach helped bring holiday cheer to eight local families in need by making and delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to less fortunate families in the area (left). The lodge also recently took part in the Pinellas County Adopt a Teacher/Class program by adopting Ms. Krista Rutkis's 4th Grade class at Madeira Beach Fundamental School and presented a check for \$150 (right).



VFW Honors WWII Vets



The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4256 in Madeira Beach held a Pearl Harbor Day remembrance at the John's Pass Bridge Dec. 7. Mel Smith, a WWII Navy veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, threw a ceremonial wreath off the bridge and into the channel. Among the participants was Smith's 7 year-old great-granddaughter and one of his five great-grandchildren.

Chamber Selects Volunteer of the Year

Amanda Page, event manager at the Sirata Beach Resort was presented with the Charlie Indingaro Volunteer of the Year Award at the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held in December at the Grand Plaza Hotel. Nominees must be actively involved with a committee, event or other volunteer service of the chamber and devote significant volunteer time. Congratulations.



TVBP Gives Back

Members of the Tierra Verde Business Partnership presented a check for \$5,500 in December to Kids with Cancer Holiday Party, Inc. raised during their annual Octoberfest. The TVBP also presented annual awards to: Noemy Gonzalez and her staff at TD Bank (Tierra Verde business of the year), Jerry Frulio (Tierra Verde person of the year), Rick Bryant (Tierra Verde community appreciation award) and Dan Reichard (TVBP President's Award).



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The Crossword by Margie E. Burke

- ACROSS**
- 1 In the cards
 - 9 Energetic sort
 - 15 Succotash ingredient
 - 16 Page size
 - 17 _____ Park, KS
 - 18 Low pair
 - 19 Perfect score, sometimes
 - 20 Venomous viper
 - 22 Fern-to-be
 - 23 Farm structure
 - 24 Hardly wimpy
 - 26 Butter up?
 - 29 Hamlet, e.g.
 - 33 Kind of code
 - 34 Official mandate
 - 35 Windy City athlete
 - 36 Molasses yielder
 - 38 Style seen in "The Great Gatsby"
 - 40 Easily tamed bird
 - 41 Post-vacation task
 - 43 Parade stopper
 - 44 Inlaid with gold or silver
 - 46 Hunky-dory
 - 47 Treasure holder
 - 48 Corn's core
 - 49 A deadly sin
 - 52 Gripper
 - 54 Kind of gun
 - 57 Exit, in a way
 - 59 Poison ivy aid
 - 61 Arrival en masse

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- 62 Parrot
- 63 Cut molars
- 64 Silent party at a will reading
- DOWN**
- 1 Connive
- 2 Tear to pieces
- 3 Sign of trouble
- 4 Keep out
- 5 Remove by erosion
- 6 Like some eyes
- 7 Touch down
- 8 Indigenous
- 9 Pea jacket?
- 10 Arctic cover
- 11 Daze
- 12 Fiesta fare
- 13 Part of OTC
- 14 Come in last
- 21 Grind
- 23 Doe's mate
- 25 Counter worker
- 26 Stationed
- 27 Cooking smell
- 28 Red Cross supply
- 29 Violent storm
- 30 Poseidon's place
- 31 Clear
- 32 Dark wood
- 34 Kind of cap
- 37 Secret
- 39 Lackluster
- 42 Alka-seltzer, eg.
- 45 Rebel, in a way
- 46 Be generous
- 48 Infant's illness
- 49 Crack
- 50 Word in Texas' nickname
- 51 Storybook monster
- 53 Unconvincing
- 54 Commend
- 55 Ever and _____
- 56 Sassy
- 58 Not just any
- 60 Certifiable

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

Sudoku

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Trivia

Bad Eggs

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1. What reptile found in Australia, southeast Asia and the east coast of India is thought to be descended from dinosaurs?
(a) Saltwater crocodile (b) Komodo dragon (c) Green anaconda
2. What fish was touted by Theodore Roosevelt as "the most ferocious fish in the world?" (a) Pacu fish (b) Great white shark (c) Piranha
3. The Brazilian wandering spider, branded as the world's most venomous spider, is known by what common name? (a) Trap door spider (b) Banana spider (c) Tarantula
4. Which innocuous sounding snake is highly aggressive, highly venomous and a native to Australia? (a) Eastern brown snake (b) Sand snake (c) Green tree snake
5. What marine creature sports iridescent markings when agitated and is capable of killing a human within minutes?
(a) Electric eel (b) Blue-ringed octopus (c) Stringray
6. Prized for its shell, what marine creature uses a barbed radula tooth as a harpoon in order to poison victims?
(a) Conch (b) Hermit crab (c) Cone shell
7. This creature is dangerous to both humans and livestock as a source of disease transmission. Which one? (a) Mosquito (b) Sand fly (c) Midge
8. What insects, the result of an experiment gone wrong, are capable of delivering up to 500 stings in 30 seconds?
(a) Giant Japanese Hornet (b) Africanized honey bee (c) Fire ant
9. Which fly lays its eggs on mosquitoes for transfer to humans or other animals where they hatch into parasitic larvae?
(a) Tsetse fly (b) Horse fly (c) Human botfly
10. What venomous fish can live out of water for up to 24 hours and can leave a victim in severe pain? (a) Stonefish (b) Monk fish (c) Dragonfish

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10

Word Search

Pick a Pasta

- CANNELONI
- ELBOWS
- FETTUCCHINI
- FUSILLI
- GNOCCHI
- LINGUINE
- MANDU
- NOODLES
- PASTINA
- PICI
- RIGATONI
- SPAGHETTI
- TORTELLINI
- ZITI
- CAPPELLE
- FARFALLE
- FIORIETTINI
- GEMELLI
- LASAGNA
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- MANICOTTI
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- PENNE
- RAVIOLI
- ROTINI
- TAGLIATELLE
- VERMICELLI

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Local Events, Activities & Announcements

Gulfport

Jan. 5 & 20: Gulfport Art-Walk, 6 - 10 p.m. Shop, eat and enjoy more than 35 unique businesses, boutiques, galleries, bars, and restaurants along with arts and craft vendors. Beach Blvd. S., Waterfront District.

Feb. 25: Mark Your Calendars - Gulfport Get Rescued, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Animal pet rescue festival and fundraiser featuring animal rescue organizations, adoptable pets, animal-related vendors, arts & crafts, pet parade, education and services. Pet food and supplies drive plus free samples, training demos, food, music and more. Well behaved pets and their leashed people welcome! Info at www.gulfportsgetrscued.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. Sept. 12 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.

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.

St. Pete Beach

Jan. 12 - 14: St. Pete Beach Classic, Times vary. Four races, free Health and Fitness Expo and free bonfire and concert with Big Brother Band Saturday night. Details on page 17. Sirata Beach Resort, 5300 Gulf Blvd. info at www.stpetebeachclassic.com.

Jan. 20: Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Shop over 75 vendors at the Community Center. Vendor space is \$15 and limited. 7701 Boca Ciega Dr. Call 727-363-9245 for information.

Jan. 27: Keyboard Extravaganza, 4 p.m. Community concert featuring organist, Dale Williams and assistant organist, Larry Farr performing solo repertoire as well as some four-hand piano arrangements and organ/piano duets. Tickets are \$10 with light refreshments. Proceeds support mission projects. PAG Beach Community Church, 107 16th Ave. Call 727-360-5508 for info.

Each Week

Corey Avenue Sunday Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Up to 75 vendors with locally produced and home-made items, ready to eat foods and hand crafts. Live music. Info at www.TampaBayMarkets.com.

PAG Thrift Shop, 9 a.m. - noon, Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday. Shop quality new and used items. Supports local charities. 17th Ave. and Pass-A-Grille Way. Info at 727-360-5508.

All month:

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

Honor Walk Brick Campaign. The 2018 Brick Campaign is on through March 19. Installation of the bricks will occur early summer. Call 727-363-9232 to order.

St. Petersburg

Jan. 13: Second Saturday Art Walk, 5 - 9 p.m. Take in the St. Pete arts scene after hours. Info at www.stpeteartsalliance.org.

Feb. 24: Mark Your Calendar - St. Petersburg Walkathon, 8:30 a.m. Annual fundraiser for Southeastern Guide Dogs. A 3K walk, live music, local vendors, Southeastern Guide Dog Gift Shop and family-friendly fun. Info at www.GuideDogsWalkathon.org.

Each Week

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

All Month:

Soup-er Bowl Food Drive, Help CASA provide healthier, home-cooked meals for victims of domestic violence. Donations and sponsors needed. Information at www.casa-stpete.org.

Tierra Verde

Jan. 11, 16, 18, 24, 26 and 30: Build Oyster Domes at TBW, 9 am - Noon. Tampa Bay Watch needs 10-20 hard-working volunteers to help build oyster domes. Volunteers pour marine-friendly concrete into fiberglass molds to create oyster domes and un-mold other domes. Minimum age is 16. Marine Center, 3000 Pinellas Bayway South in Tierra Verde. Visit www.tampabaywatch.org.

Feb. 23: Mark Your Calendar - Bay Life, 4 - 9 p.m. Exhibit by distinguished Florida wildlife artists. A portion of proceeds benefit Tampa Bay Watch. TBW Community Room, 3000 Pinellas Bayway S. Info at www.tampabaywatch.org.

Treasure Island

Jan. 13 & 14: Sport Kite Competition and Kite Festival, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Enjoy kite flyers performing to music and dual-line and multi-line sport kite flying in a wide array of disciplines, plus large show kites and giant bubbles. Hosted by Windworks and Eastern League Sport Kite Association. T.I. Beach behind Thunderbird. Info at 727-320-9463.

Jan. 31: Hooray for Hollywood Concert, 7:30 p.m. Free concert with selections to celebrate Tinseltown performed by the South Pasadena Community Band. Community Center, 1 Park Place & 106th Ave. Info at www.southpasadena-band.com.

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. Community Center 1 Park Place and 106th Avenue.

Friday Morning Market, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Open air market featuring local art & crafts, produce, plants/flowers, independent distributors, fair trade, and interesting flea items. Free. Community Center Park, 154 106th Ave.

Seminars, Classes and Announcements

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 78 Safe Boating Classes, 7 p.m., each Tuesday. A 12-week continuous cycle of classes; start anytime; includes 400 pages of materials. Initial registration is 6:30 p.m. \$45 for 12 weeks (\$60 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.

Jan. 2: Handling Your Boat, Jan. 9: "Your Highway Signs," Jan. 16: Rules of the Nautical Road, Jan. 23: Boating Safety, Jan. 30: Boating Safety.

St. Pete Sail and Power Squadron Seminars, Students must be 12 or older and pre-registration is required. Maximum of 20 students per class 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.

Jan. 8: 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 \$45 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

The Treasure Island Art Guild (TIAG). The TIAG, is the oldest non-profit art guild in the state, incorporated more than 50 years ago. Meetings are held September through May on the second Saturday of the month and they offer painting workshops and portrait classes working in all mediums as well as prized art exhibitions throughout the year. Email judithvo@sbc-global.net for information.

Bay Sailors, a sailing club for singles celebrating 25 years of fun and sailing is looking for a few good skippers with sailboats. Info at www.baysailors.org.

He Spoke to Me

By Nelson Perkey, St. Petersburg

*As the darkness faded and the
Sun began to crest on the horizon
He spoke to me*

*As the sun filtered thru the clouds
And lit up the blue sky
He spoke to me*

*As the sun's rays touched the lake the
Water began to glisten, sparkle and
dance
He spoke to me*

*As the rays sifted thru the leaves
And into the forest it became alive
He spoke to me*

*As the gentle wind brought the
Freshness of the forest into the air
He spoke to me*

*As the birds song and fluttered about
And the hawk soared above
He spoke to me*

*As the osprey with his eagle eye
Swept over the lake looking for prey
He spoke to me*

*As I thought how glorious and
Majestic a snow capped mountain was
He spoke to me*

*As all my senses were filled with
The beauty and wonder of nature
And as I felt the serenity and peace
He spoke to me*

*And he said
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Bikers Hit the Beach

The TradeWinds Island Resorts hosted the first-ever St. Pete Beach BikeFest – a four-day celebration of motorcycles, live music and sunshine. There were daily poker runs, a Baddest Bagger Competition and Bike Show, a motorcycle auction, a nightly beach bar crawl and bikini contest, and free nightly concerts on the beach. Photos courtesy of TradeWinds Island Resort.



Pancakes for a Cause

Members of the Gulf Beaches Rotary and Middle Ground's Grille cooked 70 pounds of sausage patties and hundreds of flapjacks for the famous Robby's pancake breakfast. The annual fundraiser is a Treasure Island favorite. Photos courtesy of Mitchell Shenkman.



Annual Tree Lighting is Big Hit

Downtown Terra Verde turned into a Christmas wonderland for the Terra Verde Business Partnership's (TVBP) Annual Tree Lighting. TV personality Wayne Shattuck emceed this event with snow sledding, Santa, elves, pet parade, face painting, balloon making, live music and local businesses. Photos courtesy of TVBP.



ISLAND TOONS

By Bruce W. Norris





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NEW LISTING



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! Many upgrades to this elegant and spacious 3600+ sq. ft. custom built BR/3.5BTH. Two Levels. Well equipped kitchen with granite counters, Jenn Air stainless appliances, solid wood cabinets and walk in pantry. Master suite with two walk in closets. Screened patio with custom designed pool and spa in a private setting. Convenient to everything! \$575,000. Contact Sam Bennett, REALTOR 727-710-1334

NEW LISTING



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NEW LISTING



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- 2) Large Park St Lot. \$350,000.
- 3) Lakefront Lot, Oceanview Dr. \$650,000.
- 4) Fabulous Greenland Preserve, 1.3 Acre lot w/ covered boatslip, \$1,250,000.

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