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WSUN—A Bright Spot in Our Radio History

Airmen & civilians at WSUN microphone. Identified are Louis Link, Glen Leland, W.E. McEachern, Joe Frobole. circa 1943

A new AM radio station was created in July of 1927 when as partners, the City and the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce bought half ownership in a station owned by the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce. St Pete's half was named WSUN-AM, which unofficially stood for "Why Stay Up North." Clearwater's half became WFLA-AM.

The sales agreement called for a crazy "shared" broadcast arrangement. WSUN and WFLA would each operate three nights per week and alternating Sundays. Both stations used the same transmitter and frequency, but had separate offices and studios.

WSUN-AM began broadcasting on 590 kHz — with its own identity—on November 1, 1927. The inaugural 4-hour broadcast from 7:30 - 11:30 pm originated from their new \$40,000 studios on the second floor of the St. Pete Municipal Pier—a.k.a. the Million Dollar Pier and Casino. Excited crowds surrounded the station listening over the outside speakers.

Due to a major reshuffling of Florida radio frequencies, the station moved to 580 on the dial in January 1928 and to 900 in November before finally settling at 620 in 1929.

In 1932, the stations installed a directional antenna near the Courtney Campbell Causeway. It became the first directional antenna system used in commercial broadcasting in the United States. The tower configuration of two relaying towers, straddling

what is now Route 60/Gulf-to-Bay Blvd., overlooking Tampa Bay, are today on display in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. as they literally revolutionized AM radio engineering.

The dual WSUN/WFLA relationship lasted through decades of costly infighting between the St. Pete Chamber and the St. Pete City Manager, until 1941 when the City of St. Petersburg acquired "both halves." WFLA moved to 940 kHz (and later to today's 970). WSUN stayed on the 620 frequency and began broadcasting full-time.

This was radio's Golden Age...the early days before television. WSUN, as part of the NBC/Blue Network (later ABC), and aired The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet, The Green Hornet, The Lone Ranger, and Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour. By the mid-1950s with the growth of television, radio wisely began focusing more on music. WSUN turned its attention to St. Petersburg's senior citizen crowd, airing music-oriented shows and local programming hosted by its own staff DJs.

"You could go anywhere in St. Pete or Tampa or Clearwater at 5:45 in the afternoon and hear Amos 'N Andy coming out of every radio," a WSUN employee told the St. Petersburg Times in 1957. National commentator Paul Harvey even made a surprise visit to the station in the early '60s.

In 1966, after nearly 40 years, the City of St. Petersburg sold WSUN to Detroit broadcaster Hy Levinson. The same year, the Municipal Pier, where WSUN had broadcast from for decades, was closed and demolished and WSUN moved their studio and offices to 201 2nd Avenue North, across from today's Sundial.

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Inside, you will find articles and local information about the nearby area inside. We call it a Neighborhood Newsletter because it is primarily about your neighborhood, Clearwater Beach. It is mailed to the entire 33767 zip code including Island Estates and Sand Key - a total of about 5,000 households - six times a year.

You can pick up another copy at the Beach Chamber Office, The Beach Rec Center, Island Estates Print Shack, Shorty's Gourmet Deli, Sand Key Realty or the Island Estates UPS.

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter. We want your input. Did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future articles? Call or email us with your comments, or take our online survey at beachnewsletters.com.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| FEBRUARY | | St Patrick's Day | 17 |
| Ash Wednesday | 14 | Great American Clean Up | 17 |
| Chinese New Year | 16 | Bus Driver Appreciation Day | 18 |
| Susan G. Komen St Pete Race For Cure | 17 | Spring Begins | 20 |
| Little League Opening Day | 17 | Wine Walk Belleair Bluffs | 24 |
| Yard Sale Island Estates Community | 17 | Pinellas Schools Spring Break | 26-30 |
| Yard Sale St Brendan Catholic Church | 17 | Safari Camp Moccasin Lake Park | 26-30 |
| Presidents Day Public Schools Closed | 19 | Good Friday | 30 |
| Florida State Fair Closes | 19 | Blast Friday Cleveland Street | 30 |
| Blast Friday Cleveland Street | 23 | CBA Easter Egg Hunt | 30 |
| Sea-Blues Festival Coachman | 24-25 | City Easter Egg Hunt | 31 |
| Antique/Craft Show Clearwater Garden Club | 24 | APRIL | |
| Trash & Treasure Sale CBA | 24 | Easter Sunday | 1 |
| Fashions of Belleair | 24 | Sunday Concert Town Of Belleair | 8 |
| Eco Fun Fest | 25 | Iron Girl Clearwater Coachman Park | 8 |
| MARCH | | Holocaust Remembrance Day | 12 |
| Wild Splash Concert Coachman Park | 3 | Sugar Sand Festival | 13-22 |
| Sunday Concert In Town Of Belleair | 4 | Neighborhood Day | 14 |
| St Pete Grand Prix | 9 - 11 | Paw Fest Largo Central Park | 14 |
| Chemical Recycling Largo Home Depot | 10 | CBA Annual Spring Picnic | 14 |
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NEIGHBORHOOD DAY Celebrate Clearwater Neighborhoods Day Saturday, April 14 when Clearwater staff and elected officials will tour the city and visit neighborhood block parties between noon and 6 pm. If you host your party during those times, city staff will plan to send a vehicle with city officials and the ever-popular Kona Ice shaved ice truck to your party. Clearwater again offers a \$250 grant to each neighborhood that applies, by March 17. More information will be posted soon at myclearwater.com/neighborhood.

FASHIONS OF BELLEAIR Plan to attend the third annual fashion show by the ladies' boutiques of Belleair. Held at the Belleair Country Club on Saturday, February 24 at 11am, it is a luncheon followed by the Fashion Show. This show features the fashions of nine local boutiques. Tickets are \$40 each. All monies go to the Abilities Guild and Veterans Mall to support Home Starter Kits for veterans.

Marsha Uhler of Cassi's and Company is organizing this event for the third year running. Reservations can be made at most local boutiques or by calling Jean Rascher at 585-2478. Reservations are required.

IRON GIRL CLOSES ROADS

Iron Girl of Clearwater returns to Clearwater Sunday, April 8. In only two cities in 2004, Iron Girl has grown to six U.S. cities and six more in other countries. The events have broadened over the past decade, varying from 5K and 10K races and some added half-marathons, mother/daughter races and sprint triathlons.



The 5K and Half Marathon both start at 6:30am at Coachman Park and head west over the Memorial Causeway Bridge. The 5K turns around south of the stop light at Island Estates. The Half Marathon travels through the Roundabout, down South Gulfview, across the Sand Key Bridge to just north of the Belleair Beach Causeway stop light, where they will turn around and return to Coachman Park. Expect road closers and/or delays through 8am. To register and see a course map, visit IronGirlClearwater.com.

and More...

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Clearwater High School Football Program along with the Tornado Strong Football Booster Club is hosting their 6th annual golf tournament Saturday, April 14 at Bardmoor Country Club. It includes a \$10,000 hole-in-one, a full hot lunch, goodie bags, and many prizes. All proceeds are used to support the entire football team so that the safety, security, and well-being of all students who participate in the Clearwater High School Football Program are enhanced. In the past two years, they have a record number of kids receive college football scholarships, including Florida Gators, UCF, Indiana and Tennessee. For information, visit tornadostrong.org/golf-tournament or call 727-222-3479. Sponsorship opportunities are available.



SAND KEY MEMORIES Do you remember Sand Key before the condos were built? If so, we would like to hear from you. We are working on a story about Sand Key—in the 1960s and '70s when it was a party spot. If you have a story to tell, call or email Bob@GriffinDirectories.com.

GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT Did you know Clearwater Utilities delivers more than 11 million gallons of drinking water and nearly 7 million gallons of reclaimed water to customers each day? Water is one of our most precious natural resources, and city leaders have some high-tech ideas on how to make the most of our water through a process called groundwater replenishment.

Working with a team of water engineers, the city has studied and tested a two-step process of purifying recycled water to better-than-drinking-water standards. The Clearwater Groundwater Replenishment Project, co-funded by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, uses a three-part cleaning process to remove impurities and kill germs and viruses in the water, then reintroduces it into the Floridan aquifer to provide a safe, clean water supply to Clearwater and the surrounding communities. Clearwater is one of the first cities in the state to explore and implement this technology in water recycling.

LOOKING FOR PARKING ON THE BEACH?

Don't forget the new North Beach Parking Plaza, that opened on north beach last year at 483 Mandalay Ave. It offers 450 new parking spaces for \$2 per hour on levels 3 to 6. The garage is near the Clearwater Ferry, and multiple Jolley Trolley stops. Beach-goers have quick access to the beach via Baymont Street, and the garage is a pay-as-you-leave facility, so you can stay as long as you would like. Overnight parking is available.



During spring break, city officials also encourage you to park in downtown Clearwater and take the Clearwater Ferry or Jolley Trolley to Clearwater Beach.

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Bar & Restaurant News

BASIMO MOVES The Basimo Beach Café on Baymont Avenue was damaged during Hurricane Irma causing the owners to move their cafe to the second floor of the Pelican Plaza, in the former site of The Hub. Basimo reopened February 1st. This month, they are also celebrating their second anniversary in north beach and first anniversary for their Sand Key location in the Shoppes of Sand Key.



BADFINS OPENS The new beachfront restaurant at the Wyndham Grand opened the first of December. Facing BeachWalk and the Gulf, there is inside and outside seating. The restaurant serves a Mexican cuisine and a variety of Craft Beers. They are open daily at 8am. See their menu at www.BadFins.com or call 454-5591. Note: This restaurant is not affiliated with the Wyndham Hotel.

BACKWATERS CHILI COOKOFF Pouring rain couldn't keep the standing room only crowd home for this year's exciting chili cookoff. The six judges had a difficult time choosing a winner from the thirty chili entries. This may have been the most competitive of their thirteen year history of sponsoring this event.



There was not only a tie for first, but a tie for third! But, after carefully reviewing the judge's forms, the tie breaking points for flavor were calculated to break the deadlock and Carrie Anne Hillard (center above) won first place for the second year in a row! That is quite a feat when competing with 29 other chili concoctions.

In second place was Marilou Davis (pictured left above) with the same number of points as Carrie, but lost by 2 points when tallying the judge's points for flavor.

Tied for third place was Tom Bush and Rosemary Engelhardt. After applying the tie breaking rules, Tom had the most points for flavor and won third place.

Backwaters on Sand Key is the local seafood and steak house where locals gather, eat and drink on the island for the last eighteen years

HOGAN'S NEW BAR Hulk Hogan already has a store on Mandalay Avenue. Now, he and partners are opening a restaurant & bar at 499 Mandalay Avenue on the corner of Baymont St., across from the Sand Pearl in the site of the former Mandalay Surf Shop, which has been vacant for a few years. It will be called Hogan's Hang Out.

Construction is now only beginning. Look for this to be open in a few months.

BURGER IM This new burger place, located at the new Edge Hotel, with access from the sidewalk, is under construction.

Bar & Restaurant News

NEW OWNER Angelo's Pizza located on north beach, has a new owner and a slightly new name - now Samgelo's Pizza, after new owner, Samantha (Sam).

Angelo owned the small pizza shop for 16 years. Sam worked for Angelo for the last five years.

Pizzas range from \$7 to over \$18 (XL and Stuffed). They have five crusts and many specialty pizzas. They also offer cheese sticks, salads, wings and desserts.

"We have added some new desserts," Sam says. Otherwise there are no other changes. They deliver to Carlouel, Island Estates and Sand Key as well as Clearwater Beach. Samgelo's is located at 650 Mandalay Avenue. Call them at 447-2020.



BEACHCOMBER CERTIFIED OCEAN FRIENDLY

Heilman's Beachcomber and Bobby's Bistro were designated as being an Ocean Friendly business by members of the Suncoast Rise Above Plastics Coalition. They are the first Clearwater Beach business to receive this recognition. To qualify, the restaurants took the proactive steps of decreasing their use of plastics and waste, thus protecting marine life and waterways. To earn the certification, a business must find alternatives to single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam containers, offer plastic lids and straws only upon request, implement a recycling program, and install turtle-friendly lighting where applicable.

The Suncoast Rise Above Plastics Coalition is 17 organizations working to protect our marine environment by decreasing the impact of single-use plastics.

Bob Heilman's Beachcomber also was awarded the Medium Business of the Year by the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce.

BLINKERS Blinkers Beachside Steakhouse opened one year ago on Mandalay Avenue. Owners Gary Ginn and Sandy Meyer's restaurant has a horse-theme because they are from Kentucky, where they still own a successful steakhouse in Covington, Kentucky. Find Blinkers at 478 Mandalay Avenue across from Pelican Plaza Shopping Center.

SALTY'S Salty's Island Bar and Grill, the fifth restaurant opened by Clearwater based Beachside Hospitality, is celebrating its second anniversary. The group also owns Crabby's Bar & Grill and Crabby's Dockside in Clearwater Beach.

Kory Oyler (shown on the right) is the restaurant manager and has been with the group for ten years. Salty's participated in the last two Restaurant Week's and won Best Overall Experience (2016) and Best Appetizer (2017). They were also featured on the Cooking Channel's Beach Bites with Katie Lee for their Dessert Nachos. Find them at 437 South Gulfview Blvd., across from the Opal Sands Hotel.



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TAX REFORM/SIMPLIFICATION? "NO" TAX REDUCTION? "YES"

by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group



Part 1 -

When President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, it represented the biggest change in taxes since the Reagan years.

One of the biggest changes was the creation of a special 20% deduction of pass-through business income (profits, not salary). Pass-through businesses include S corporations, limited liability companies (LLC), partnerships and sole proprietorships. But the deduction comes with complicated rules, which restrict which taxpayers can actually use it. Because the rules apply at the taxpayer level and not the corporate level, it is possible that some owners of the same business will not be able to take advantage of this deduction, while others do.

The baseline rule says that the deduction is applied to the lesser of qualified business income or the taxpayer's taxable income minus any capital gains, but before taking the pass-through deduction. It applies to single taxpayers with taxable income below \$157,500 and married filing jointly below \$315,000.

Susan is a widowed college professor with a salary of \$120,000. She writes novels as a sole proprietor and nets another \$60,000. She itemizes deductions and has taxable income of \$140,000. Because her pass through income is less than her taxable income, she can deduct 20% of her business income or \$12,000, saving \$2,880 in taxes.

Don who is single and has a small tax and accounting business that is also structured as a sole proprietor earns a net of \$120,000 exclusively from the business. He uses the standard deduction and has taxable income of \$108,000. Thus, because his taxable income is lower than his income, he can only deduct 20% of \$108,000.

For taxpayers below the aforementioned thresholds, the occupation/profession of the taxpayer is irrelevant. However, if above the thresholds, there are even more rules. A specialized trade or business (health, accounting, law, financial services, etc.) can no longer take 100% of the deduction. Architectural and engineering firms were exempted from being called a specialized trade or business. There is a phase out of the baseline rule from \$157,500 to \$207,500 for singles and from \$315,000 to \$415,000 for marrieds. After this there is no deduction for a specialized trade or business owner.

We will discuss other businesses in the next issue. Be sure to visit with your tax advisor. If you would like to discuss the planning opportunities, please schedule a complimentary meeting.

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WSUN's old studio at 201 2nd Avenue N. in St. Pete was a RE/MAX METRO real estate office for about 10 years. It recently reopened as the 2nd and Second Café.

WSUN, Continued

Without notice, one morning in 1974, loyal listeners awoke to Johnny Cash coming out of their radios, instead of Lawrence Welk. Plough Broadcasting had bought the station and rebranded it Sun Country. The station ultimately became one of the most successful AMs in Florida.

During the mid-80s, better sound quality lured music audiences to the FM band. After a brief period of ownership by Taft Broadcasting, CBS bought WSUN in 1985 and unsuccessfully flipped it to all news, eventually reverting back to Country. It was under Cox's ownership in 1990 that WSUN switched to a "Hot Talk" format with the "Ron & Ron" syndicated morning show. During most of the '90s, the station format bounced back and forth between Country (AM 620 WSUN Country Classics) and News (News/Talk 620 WSUN). Very briefly, the station simulcast their LA and Miami sister stations, carried Miami Dolphins' games and became the flagship station of the Tampa Bay Lightning. For a short time in 1998, the station adopted a satellite-fed Adult Standards (Sinatra, etc.) format.

In late 1998, the WSUN's call letters were moved from AM-620 to Plant City's AM-910 with 1950s satellite music. The 620 became WSAW all news; today that is the home of WDAE Sports Radio. Religious broadcaster, Salem, acquired the Plant City station and changed the call letters from WSUN to WTWD... effectively wiping the WSUN calls letter off the AM dial.

In January of 1999, WSUN resurfaced as an FM station and went on the air at 97.1 mHz broadcasting from studios in north St. Petersburg. Today it is 97X-The New Rock Alternative. Although WSUN-FM are the 97-X's official call letters, you will rarely hear it said on the air except for the FCC-required station ID at the top of each hour.

You might also be surprised to know there was once a WSUN-TV. It too, was owned by the City of St. Petersburg and broadcast from first floor of the Pier in a 35' X 46' space that was once a trolley turnaround. It signed on in 1953 (Channel 38) as Tampa Bay's first TV station and one of the first UHF's in the country. It was the first station to deliver live programming using a microwave link when it broadcast the 1954 World Series. For two years, it was Tampa Bay's only TV station on the air as the others waged a battle over frequency allocation. Amid new competition and unable to afford competitive programming, the City of St. Pete sold WSUN-TV to Hy Levinson, along with WSUN-AM, in 1966 and the TV station went dark in 1970. ■

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CAPTAIN MEMO'S CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

A *Pirate Looks at 40* is more than a song title by Jimmy Buffet. It also defines Pam Wozencraft, owner of Captain Memo's Pirate Cruise. Pam has owned and operated Clearwater Beach Marina's iconic red pirate cruise ship since 1978—forty years.

But her journey did not start here. Pam, originally from San Diego, CA., graduated from San Diego State University with a Master's Degree in Deaf Education. While in College, she met her husband Bill, aka Memo who graduated with a degree in Marketing. They married in 1972. After a few years of Bill working in insurance and Pam with hearing impaired children, they decided to buy a 30' sailboat and head south—to Mexico and Central America.

They lived in on the boat in Panama for over two years hosting private charters for tourists in the area. It was paradise. The Panamanians (who speak Spanish) called Bill by his Spanish name 'Memo' and Pam "Panama Pam"—obviously.

Then, when Jimmy Carter decided to release the Panama Canal Zone to Mexico, they lifted their sails and headed, back to the U.S. A Canadian travel company, who needed an American Captain, invited Captain Memo and Pam to Clearwater Beach to run a soon to be built Pirate Ship.

To get to Florida, they sailed 3,000 miles. "We only had \$50 in our pockets," Pam recalls. But after arriving in Florida, the company did not really have a pirate ship—or a job for them.

They moved to St. Pete Beach's Blind Pass. By day, Pam worked as a cocktail waitress. By night, they took tourists for sunset sails on their boat—a 30' Tahiti Catch, which was also their home.

About 1978, they moved their home and business to the Clearwater Beach Marina. "We were in our 30s when we started our forever careers," Pam chuckles.

To attract tourists, they converted their sailboat into a pirate boat with sails offering trips twice a day. In 1981, they bought an old Tarpon Spring's Sponge Boat. To make it look like a pirate ship, they painted it black and added large brown sails. They named her the *Sea Hogge*. "We used that boat for 12 years, until about 1993," remembers Pam.

When Captain Memo decided to expand their business, he personally designed the boat you see today on the waters around Clearwater Beach. He found a ship building company to build his dream pirate ship that also had to conform to Coast Guard standards and regulations.

When they were done in 1994, the new Captain Memo's Pirate Ship the *Pirate's Ransom* was launch—24 years ago.

In 2009, after 30 years of playing the head-pirate and Captain, Bill, the original Captain Memo, passed away after a five-year illness. In honor of his life and in his memory, Pam has kept the company going. "I have no plans to retire," says Pam, now 69. "I love what we do here."

Captain Memo's was honored as Bright House "Small Business of the Year" in 2016 as well as a "Small Business of the Year" finalists for the Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Captain Memo's Pirate Cruise is one of the most popular attractions in the Clearwater Marina. They sail three or four times a day, weather permitting, hosting thousands of guests each year from all over the world. In addition to public cruises, Captain Memo's hosts birthdays, summer camp groups, weddings and corporate parties.

"We have many examples of children growing up and bringing their children to cruise with us on the *Pirate's Ransom*" says Pam. "In some cases, we've seen fourth generations. We get the most amazing letters thanking us for their experience on our ship. Now, with the advent of the Internet, our reputation has spread far and wide."

Pam employs between 20 and 25 staff, many of whom have worked for her for years. She truly values her staff and what they have contributed to the company's success.

A typical trip has a crew of five—a captain, three pirates (or mates) and a bartender. It lasts two hours. Guests can get lost in the pirates' antics, participate in a treasure hunt, get their face painted, shoot water cannons, hear pirate stories and dance away. They also enjoy complimentary beverages including beer, wine, and soda while enjoying the scenic views of Clearwater and the Gulf of Mexico. The dolphin sightings are free.

Find Captain Memo in Clearwater Beach Marina, along the sidewalk on the west side, slip #4. Daytime Cruises (10am and 2pm) start at \$28 for children and \$36 for adults; Seniors are \$33, juniors \$31, and under 2 are \$11 each. Sunset Cruises (5pm) are at \$31 to \$39, seniors \$33.

For information about birthday, parties, school events, weddings and corporate parties, see their website www.CaptainMemo.com, email info@captainmemo.com or call Pam directly at 727-215-7261 ■



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You can access a 211 specialist in the following four ways: you can dial 211 on your phone, text your zip code to 898211, download the "211 Connects" app and search the 211 database, or search the 211 center database of local charities at 211tampabay.org and select "Need Help" for services.

211 relies greatly upon the contributions from of generous supporters and partners to achieve their mission of providing information and referral resources to the community. There are several ways for you to support their mission, such as donating, volunteering, sponsorship and attending our annual events. Visit www.211tampabay.org for more information.

SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS' WALKATHON

Southeastern Guide Dogs lets the dogs out for its 32nd annual Walkathon on February 24, 2018 at St. Petersburg's Vinoy Park. All well-behaved dogs and their two-legged friends are invited to this family-friendly event. This is their biggest fund-raiser of the year.

Since 1987, Southeastern Guide Dogs has held a Walkathon to raise funds for its superhero dogs, provided at no cost to the extraordinary visually impaired and veterans who need them. Why should the community participate? As one of the most respected guide dog schools in the United States and the only guide dog school in the Southeast, Southeastern Guide Dogs provides all of its dogs and services at no cost to recipients. Yet it costs tens of thousands of dollars to create and support a single guide dog team, including breeding, raising, and training the dogs; purchasing equipment; housing students for in-residence training; and lifetime follow-up for the teams. Walkathon is the major fundraiser that contributes to Southeastern Guide Dogs transforming the lives of people with visual impairments and veterans.

For information or to sign up, and set up Walkathon teams, visit www.guidedogswalkathon.org or call 941-729-5665.

SPEAKING OF HISTORY

Heritage Village (Largo) is offering a series of free presentations by local historians. Join them for a presentation on Sundays at 2pm followed by cookies and punch. The next talks are: March 18: Underwater Archeology, April 15: McMullen Family Members.

Heritage Village is located 3 miles east of the Indian Rocks Bridge, where Walsingham Road meets Ulmerton Road. If you are interested, please call 582-2125.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY - IT IS O'KEEFE'S BIGGEST PARTY

O'Keefe's, which opened in 1961, was started by Irishman, Bill O'Keefe. Originally, it was much smaller, with only one room, called the Tap Room, which could seat 50 people. They were known for their "YUK Burger," which is still on the menu, and a seven course Irish Dinner.

Bill died in 1969, and the family sold O'Keefe's to Joe Smith who expanded the restaurant adding The Cedar Room and enlarging the bar. Then as luck would have it, a truck crashed into the restaurant in 1971, traveling inside at the way to the bar. A pole stopped the truck before it destroyed the bar. Luckily, it happened after hours while the restaurant was closed and no one was killed.

Tony DuQuesnay bought O'Keefe's from Smith in 1980. Tony, with the help of his son Garth and daughter-in-law Terri, ran the restaurant. Tony and Garth started the St. Patrick's Day party.

"In the beginning it was small and held mostly inside," recalls Garth, today's owner/operator. "Then, we moved outside, added a 10,000 square foot tent, more days, and live music." The rest is Irish history.

The DuQuesnay proudly say much of their success comes from their very loyal employees, some of which have worked there for decades. Their chef Mike has run the kitchen since 1978.

Tony died in 2005. But Garth, Terri, their two children and their grandkids, have kept the tradition alive. During the two or three day event, they serve 200 kegs of beer (some green), two tons of corned beef, and sell a lot of shirts and other stuff. This year's St. Patrick's Day celebration will be Friday and Saturday, March 16 - 17. They expect over 10,000 people, weather permitting.

Check out O'Keefe's Irish Pub, located at 1219 South Ft. Harrison Avenue or visit www.OKeefes.com. They are open seven days a week. Call 442-9034 for catering. ■

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DECLUTTERING YOUR MIND.



By Tara Hill, Reiki Practitioner

We all know having a clean home or workspace leads to more peaceful living and productive working. It is just as important, if not more, to declutter our minds, because unlike our homes, we take them everywhere we go. In these busy times, we often search outside ourselves for ways to destress, like massages and vacations; however, going within and clearing our minds will provide us with an unmatched feeling of wellbeing. A cluttered mind will manifest in many ways, including anxiety, stress, feeling overwhelmed, the inability to get things done, and loss of clarity/brain fog.

Choosing what to focus on is one of the best ways to begin decluttering your mind. What we focus on grows, so we must be diligent to focus on the things we want more of, not our problems and worries. If you think about the loss of a loved one, it can make you upset, and can be physically painful, that's how powerful your thoughts are. Worrying about bills and kids, or jobs and your future can unfortunately have these same effects. It is unrealistic to suggest never thinking about your problems, but we can certainly limit their air time.

Is it essential? A good rule of thumb is determining if you can remedy the problem right now. If so, take action. If not, decide to deal with it later when you can. Continually rehashing the problem in your mind only keeps you in "fight or flight" mode, which causes much of our stress, and is what we want to avoid.

Make some decisions! Sometimes we have unnecessary thoughts going around and around our minds, like whether we are going to attend a certain party, or which vendor would be better for a project. The best thing we can do is decide. Decide comes from the Latin word meaning "cut off." When you make a decision, you are cutting off the rest of the options. What this means for your mind is that you will no longer have all the choices swarming around, as they have been cut off, leaving you with a little more cleared space.

Come back to now! Being present, or "living in the now," is a great way to instantly clear your mind. If we aren't focusing our thoughts intentionally, we will often find ourselves thinking about things that have happened in the past, rehashing mistakes we made or imagining things we could have said or done differently. If we aren't reliving the past, we can be busy worrying about the future, stressing about if we are going to get this thing or that, what it will be like if we don't, etc. A sure-fire way to avoid living in the past or the future is to only pay attention to what is in front of you now, at this moment.

Another great method to help clear the mind is "info dumping." Get out a notebook and write as much as you can on paper. Get all those ideas and things you need to do out of your mind. No need to evaluate the ideas, write pros and cons, or makes complete lists, just get everything out on paper, so you no longer have them swimming around your mind, trying not to be forgotten.

Calm the mind, and the body will follow. Peace.

IT'S COOKIE TIME!

by Bob Griffin Publisher

It's that time again - time to buy your Girl Scout cookies.

The Girl Scouts were started Savannah, Georgia 106 years ago by founder Juliette Gordon Low. They were first called as Girl Guides, but changed their name to Girl Scouts in 1913.

Girl Scout cookie have been selling cookies for over 100 years. The sales are the local scout troops' major fund-raiser. Cookie sales were started by a troop in Oklahoma. In 1922, the Girl Scout magazine, "The American Girl," suggested cookie sales to other troops and provided recipes. The girls baked their own sugar cookie cookies and then sold them. In 1933, the Girl Scouts organized an official sales effort, selling homemade cookies through the windows of local utilities. In 1933 each box held 44 either vanilla or chocolate cookies and cost 23 cents. Customers were limited to two boxes per family. In 1936, to keep up with demand, they started licensing commercial bakers to produce their cookies in mass production.

In 1944, due to World War II rationing of flour, sugar and butter, Girl Scouts sold calendars as an alternate method of raising funds.

In the past, Girl Scouts sold cookies to relatives, friends, and neighbors. In recent years though, because of safety concerns, an increased emphasis has been placed on cookie booths, allowing girls to sell cookies from tables in public areas under the supervision of adult troop leaders or parents, rather than going door-to-door.

Each Girl Scout Council operates its own cookie sale. Approximately 70% of the proceeds stay in the local Girl Scout Council, including a portion that goes directly to the group selling the cookies. Revenues at all levels are used to pay for Girl Scouts events and activities, maintenance of the councils, Girl Scout camps and other things.

Today, Little Brownie Bakers (owned by Keebler, who is owned by Kelloggs), and ABC Bakers, a subsidiary of InterBake Foods, make and box most of the cookies nationwide.

Thin Mints make up 25% of their sales. Other cookies in order of popularity are Samoas®, Caramel deLites, then it's Peanut Butter Patties®, Tagalongs®, Peanut Butter Sandwich and Do-si-dos™. Debuting last year, Girl Scout S'mores® became the most popular flavor to launch in the 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies!

This type of fund-raising is intended to teach Girl Scouts valuable skills in planning, teamwork, finance, organization, communication and goal setting. Nationwide, the Girl Scouts sell over 200 million boxes per year. Many troops send cookies to our troops overseas.

The Tampa Bay area is part of the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. If you want to join the Girl Scouts locally, go to www.GSWCF.org or call 1-800-881-4475.



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TAX REFORM ACT - HOW MIGHT IT AFFECT PINELLAS HOME SALES?

By Tom Smith Owner of GHD Construction Services

It was certainly a long battle in Washington, but Federal Tax Reform was approved by Congress and will go into effect for Americans in 2018. Whether or not you approved of this legislation, this tax reform bill will definitely have an impact upon Pinellas home sales.

Just what effect might the new tax act have to motivate consumers to buy Florida real estate now? For one thing, the Baby Boomers born from the 1946-1964 are coming to Florida in record numbers. Did you notice the large increase in traffic each year these past few tourist seasons? This demographic group has generally delayed their retirement, years beyond past generations. They are healthier and have much more spendable income than past generations. For many, it's just plain time to relax and enjoy their retirement years. What better place than the beautiful beach communities along Pinellas County.

Also fueling the home buying surge is somewhat due to the new tax law not allowing a deduction for states with high state income taxes. We are hearing that statement weekly at our model home. These customers are already tired of being burdened by state income taxes, which Florida doesn't have (absolutely no state income tax in Florida!), but now they can't even deduct that excess state tax from their federal income tax. Straw on the camel's back some say!

Two other factors come into play now that 2018 is upon us. Every customer that is considering a new Florida home is reading about how prices will increase due to the harsh hurricane season that we just witnessed. There is only so much capacity to manufacture more plywood, sheetrock, doors, windows, etc., and due to the Supply & Demand equation, prices might rise a good deal for

the coming year. That \$600,000 new home could easily cost \$660,000 in another year. People understand that reality. Also, many of our customers are also remarking about their percentage increase in their IRAs and Pension Plans this past year. One of our customers we met with yesterday was touting an 18% increase in their retirement fund in 2017, much higher than they ever realized with the low increases these past 10 years. Their comment was "We are ready to enjoy the American Dream due to our savings from our IRAs." America, what a country!!



No matter what side of the isle you favor in Washington, the United States economy and stock market are both in very strong positive directions for Americans. Pension Plans and IRAs are at record levels, with more spendable income in the pockets of Americans than ever before. Coupled with more cash in their hands with each pay check, even working families are feeling confident about purchasing a new home. Just maybe early 2018 will prove to be the best time to buy a modern new energy efficient home, raised to FEMA standards, with all the new Florida building codes protecting against hurricanes. Hey.... maybe it's time for a New Year's Resolution to finally buy the home of your dreams!!

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100 WOMEN WHO CARE

100 Women Who Care of Pinellas County presented Caregivers Support Network a donation of \$11,400, January 11th. The mission of Caregivers Support Network is to bring the community together to recognize youth caregivers, as well as to provide scholarship funding for youth who sacrifice their educational advancement to care for a loved one.

100 Women Who Care of Pinellas County is a philanthropic group that allows women to bring financial support to local, charitable organizations that have a 501(c)(3) status. Members commit to one meeting per quarter and pledge to donate \$100 to the elected charity at each meeting. Members have the opportunity to nominate organizations, then three nominated organizations are randomly selected to give a 5-minute presentation, a vote is taken, and checks are written directly to the winning charity.

Since 2013, they have given \$159,300 to local charities. The next meeting is 7-8:00 pm, Tuesday, February 20th at Cove Cay Golf Club at 2612 Cove Cay Drive in Clearwater. For information, contact Brenda George at 727-515-1868 or on Facebook.

YELLOW JACKETS SWARM TO FEED NEEDY

Saturday January 27, swarms of yellow and black clad walkers took off from the Palm Pavilion headed toward Pier 60 to kick off the 9th Annual Beach Walk/Walk. The Beach Walk is sponsored by Chapel by the Sea in conjunction with RCS (Religious Community Services) to provide food and care to the needy of Pinellas County. All proceeds go to the RCS Food Bank and The Haven For Domestic Violence. Since its inception in 2010, the Beach Walk/Walk has raised over \$100,000 in support of RCS.

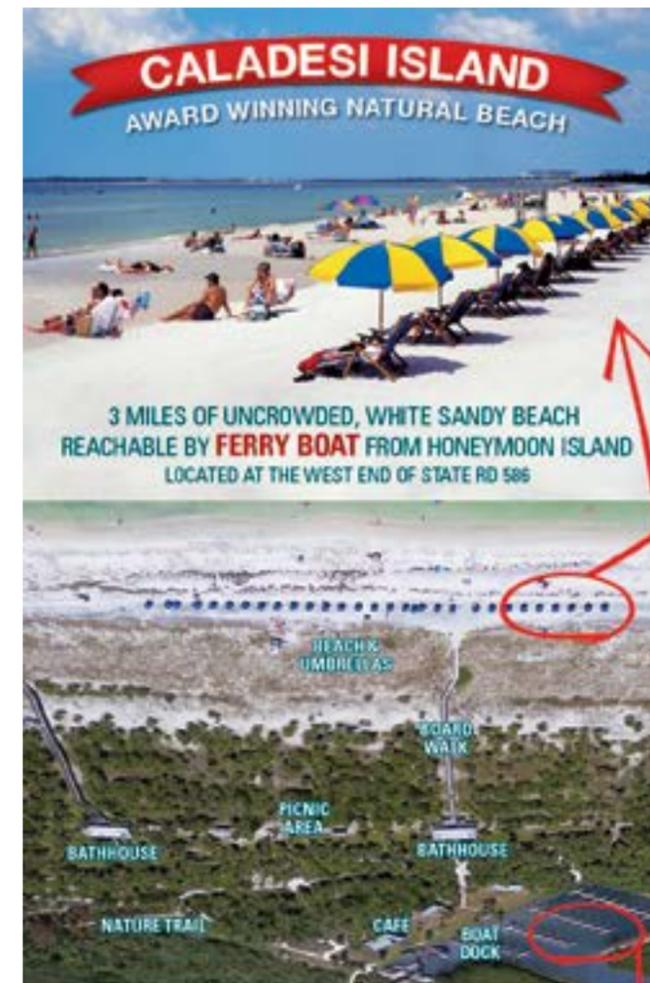
Walkers and participants accompanied by Hooters' Hootie the Owl were treated to a pristine day for the two mile walk along Clearwater Beach. A pancake breakfast was provided to all by Clear Sky Café followed by a robust silent auction and the music of Bill and of Sunni Probst.

The Beach Walk/Walk has become a Clearwater Beach tradition. Over 300 participants and 54 sponsors combining to make this year's event one of the most successful in its nine year history. According to Walk Director, Rick Owens, "We went through the roof this year. We ran out of goody bags and are generating a reorder on the yellow jacket shirts. We're still crunching numbers but it appears that we'll have another banner year in support of RCS."

CLOTHES TO KIDS CLOTHES MATTER FUNDRAISING EVENT

Clothes To Kids "Clothes Matter Fundraising" Luncheon will be held at the St. Pete Coliseum on April 5 from noon to 1 pm with a theme of "The Power of the Purple Coat." Tickets begin at \$50 (the cost of a weekly wardrobe) and table sponsorships at \$500 (which provides wardrobes to 10 kids) for you and seven friends.

Clothes To Kids began with coat! That coat was purple. Come see all that we have to share about - The Power of the Purple Coat. Clothes To Kids provides a weeks worth of clothing to low-income, school age kids, all free of charge. Sponsoring the luncheon means kids in our community will get a wardrobe from YOU! Call Jennifer at 727-441-5050 Ext. 122 to discuss sponsorships and attending this most special event. Visit www.ClothesToKids.org.



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BOOK DESCRIBES EARLY CLEARWATER BEACH ADVENTURES

By Anne McKay Garriss

In the 1940s, Clearwater Beach was a place of discovery and adventure for "city raised" Clifford Anderson McKay, Jr. When the nine-year-old's family moved to Clearwater Beach in 1942, he embraced roaming free in the fascinating environment of sand and Gulf. His recently published book, *Growing Up Wet On Clearwater Beach*, describes himself as "a free-range, adventure seeking boy with only a bathing suit for armor."

In his book, Cliff describes the ways he and his friends enjoyed the Gulf, the beach, and even the plentiful sand spur infested vacant lots. He shares the secret of swimming underwater with your eyes open so you can observe the fish and other sea life.

"When I swam underwater with my eyes open," he writes, "the salt water did a number on them. They began to burn and sting." However he and his friends discovered that what they saw was well worth the pain, citing the fascination of finding live sea shells and

CLEARWATER GAS SYSTEM CELEBRATES 95 YEARS

A milestone is fast approaching for Clearwater Gas System, as it celebrates its 95th anniversary, which is officially on March 18.

Several anniversary celebrations and events will be planned throughout the year in honor of Clearwater Gas System's long-standing history and community involvement.



Clearwater Gas System was established in downtown Clearwater in 1923 by the American Gas Construction Company who later sold the gas company to the city of Clearwater. During the early years, mains serviced the business district and most of the residential section of town. A separate gas line connected the Myrtle Avenue gas plant with the town of Belleair and the Belleview Hotel. Eighteen gas meters were connected and ready for use during that time. Natural gas lines soon arrived in the early 1950s and replaced the manufactured coal process. Today, Clearwater Gas System is proud to serve more than 21,000 industrial, commercial and residential gas customers.

"Clearwater Gas System is proud to provide cost-saving and environmentally sustainable services that our residential, commercial and industrial customers desire," said Chuck Warrington, Clearwater Gas System Managing Director. "We also provide an economic catalyst that helps attract businesses to the Tampa Bay area. We are a full-service utility, which makes it easy for customers to acquire service. Our local ties to the community make us accessible and easy to work with."

Clearwater Gas System, a municipally-owned gas utility, provides clean, safe, economical and reliable gas energy to residents and businesses in our service territory in north Pinellas and Pasco counties. The department thanks its customers for supporting Clearwater Gas System, and the team looks forward to continuing to deliver safe, reliable natural and propane gas into homes and businesses.

For more anniversary information and upcoming events, visit clearwatergas.com or [facebook.com/gasutility](https://www.facebook.com/gasutility).

watching fish, including sting rays, cruise by.

When Cliff's father returned from overseas duty with the Army Air Corps, the family decided to remain in Clearwater Beach rather than return to Georgia. His father made his love of fishing the excuse for buying an old row boat, which led to more adventures in the Gulf of Mexico for Cliff and his friends.

Cliff enjoyed hanging out at the Clearwater Yacht Club, making himself useful by diving for items lost overboard. He recalls his first sailing experience in a fast moving boat on a windy day.

He became a part of history when he was the first skipper to sail the "boy sized" Optimist Pram, designed by a Clearwater boat builder, and now famous throughout the entire world. Cliff went on to larger boats and bigger races, and at 16, was a member of a seasoned crew to sail to Havana.

Growing Up Wet is self published. Copies are available, locally, by calling Anne McKay Garriss at 727- 446-4410.

GAIN CONFIDENCE ON THE WATER!

MarineMax's exclusive Women on Water (WOW) courses are designed to get women behind the helm. These small group seminars, for women only, are designed to build confidence by presenting information in an active, fun and supportive environment. Each three-hour class is split in two parts: a classroom session and a practical, on-water session. The laid-back approach we take to educating female boaters helps to build confidence that they can be the captain of their own ship - no matter how large or small their boat may be.



The WOW class takes place at MarineMax Clearwater, the second Wednesday of every month from 9am - 12pm. They are free and open to the public, but you must register in advance. To register visit www.marinemax.com/clearwater events page or email diana.decarvalho@marinemax.com with any questions you have.

DOWNTOWNCLEARWATER.COM

To help make a visit to Downtown Clearwater a success, the city of Clearwater's Community Redevelopment Agency launched DowntownClearwater.com. It pinpoints entertainment, culinary and business opportunities in Downtown Clearwater. The interactive, state-of-the-art and easy to navigate website features calendars and itineraries with information for fun things to do. The site's Ready, Set, Explore feature allows users to find their shopping and restaurants on an interactive map and includes information on upcoming projects including: Coachman Park Enhancement Plan, Development of the North Marina Master Plan, neighborhood improvements and streetscapes.

ECO FUN FESTIVAL

Pinellas County Solid Waste is hosting the Eco Fun Festival on February 25, from 11 am to 4 pm, at Bridgeway Acres Commons at the solid waste facility, located at 11418 34th St. N., in Clearwater. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public with tours of Pinellas County's Solid Waste Facility, environmentally-themed exhibitors, equipment demonstrations, giveaways, food vendors and the Touch-a-Truck exhibit. Visit pinellascounty.org/ecofunfest.

BBA WINE WALK RETURNS

The Bluffs Business Association will host the Bluffs Wine Walk on Saturday, March 24 from 4 to 8pm. Guests will pay \$20 in advance or \$30 day of event for the opportunity to taste wine and appetizers at over 50 businesses in the Belleair area.

Guests check-in is at one of three sponsor locations: Belleair Market at 510 Indian Rocks Road, Creative Design Team at 321 Indian Rocks Road, or Radiance Medspa at 2894 West Bay Drive. There, guests will receive a souvenir wine glass, 25 wine tasting tickets, a wristband and a map showcasing the wine walk stops. The Jolley Trolley will shuttle guests to participating merchants on Indian Rocks Road between West Bay Dr. and Mehlenbacher Road and on West Bay Drive from Indian Rocks Rd. west to Sunset Blvd.

Wine walk tickets are only available for purchase in advance online at BluffsBusinessAssociation.com. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event with a credit card only at the Creative Design Team check-in location. Free parking is available throughout Belleair Bluffs. See the website's map for parking and wine stops.

The mission of the Bluffs Business Association is to help businesses connect with the community and each other through involvement in local events, business to business networking opportunities and cooperative advertising programs. For more information, visit BluffsBusinessAssociation.com.



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DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

March 18th is Driver Appreciation Day! To support the Jolley Trolley drivers, also known as "Our Concierges on Wheels," hop on board March 18th and ride the Jolley Trolley to let our drivers know how much you appreciate them! This month, the Jolley Trolley is excited to highlight two drivers:

Kathleen, from Salt Lake City, has been with the company for over a year. While driving the trolley, she enjoys, "Meeting the nicest people from all over the world - they love our beautiful beaches and friendly and knowledgeable drivers. It's the best way to see the sights."

Paul is from Memphis, and has been with the company for almost two years. He has recently taken the position of Assistant Trainer. While driving the trolley he enjoys meeting new people and the beautiful Clearwater Beach scenery. He knows his passengers like the friendly drivers, open air trolleys, and the beach views.

The Jolley Trolley's humble beginnings date back to 1982 with a mission to alleviate traffic congestion and emissions on Clearwater Beach with two trolleys directed by a volunteer group of local civic and business representatives. 36 years later the mission remains the same, "Leave your car where you are, Ride the Jolley Trolley."

Operating seven days a week, 365 days a year, The Jolley Trolley expanded its reach and serves Downtown Clearwater, Dunedin, Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs seven days a week. It operates 26 ADA equipped trolleys with an annual ridership of over 400,000! The beautiful trolleys are available for private charters.

The Jolley Trolley is an independent non-profit company remaining dedicated to our long-term mission of reducing traffic congestion and emissions. They continue to bring new business to our surrounding areas, entertain tourists, and provide reliable transportation that is completely unique.

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ALLBRITTON, LEADERSHIP FOR CLEARWATER

David Allbritton doesn't have to imagine Clearwater's future; the life-long resident has been such an integral part of its past and its measured evolution, that the 67-year-old former building contractor is part of the city's DNA. "There's much to be said for having been a long-time participant in Clearwater's healthy renaissance from a sleepy gulf-side village to today's vibrant, world-class destination," Allbritton said.

A candidate for Seat 4 in the March 13 election, David helped guide Clearwater for the last two decades, serving on multiple municipal boards and committees. A fifth-generation member of the Clearwater community - his father, Owen, was a Circuit Court judge - David and his wife, Maryhelen, have long been a communing part of the city's business and social fabric.

"I know what it's like to live and work in Clearwater," he says. "I believe it's important that the city's rules and processes are transparent, easily navigable and apply to everyone, equally," Allbritton say of his manner of governing. "The city's priorities are its magnificent islands and keeping them pristine for future generations; we must be receptive and cooperative in these efforts."

Embraced by residents from Countryside to the beach, Allbritton has already been endorsed for the March election by the 8,000-member Pinellas Realtor Organization, the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce and Clearwater's Fraternal Order of Police. And two former city mayors, Brian Aungst Sr. and Frank Hibbard, are on Allbritton's steering committee.

"Progress and prosperity are in Clearwater's future," said the Island Estates resident. "It's up to us to be good stewards of our resources and to capitalize on the many advantages we have in this remarkable community."

For the city to do something, it's necessary for the citizens to do something: vote for David Allbritton on March 13 - bringing the leadership Clearwater deserves.

Political advertisement paid for and approved by David Allbritton

TURTLES GET COLD, TOO!

by Julia Anderson, Clearwater Marine Aquarium

The weather has been very chilly over the last few weeks, with temperatures dropping into the twenties here in Pinellas County at times. Humans are warm-blooded, so we're able to regulate our own body temperature, despite the outside temperature. We can put on hats, gloves, sweatshirts and coats to stay warm, but sea turtles aren't able to do any of that.

Sea turtles are cold-blooded, meaning their internal body temperature is reliant on their external surroundings. As the temperature outside drops, the turtle's body temperature drops also. When sea turtles are exposed to frigid water temperatures over several days, their circulatory systems slow down and the turtles become lethargic - floating in the water or washing ashore, unable to swim or function properly. These cold temperatures can lead to shock, pneumonia and sometimes even death. For turtles that are already immunosuppressed or sick. For turtles with Fibropapillomatosis (FP), these symptoms can set in quicker than in healthier turtles. This is often why we see the turtles with FP wash up during cold weather events before healthier turtles. FP is a disease specific to sea turtles. The condition is characterized by benign but ultimately debilitating epithelial tumors on the surface of biological tissues.

Almost all the turtles we've had strand over the last couple of weeks have not been cold-stunned, but rather are considered to be just "cold." To be cold-stunned, their body temperature needs to be lower than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, which we mostly have not seen recently.

In 2017 Clearwater Marine Aquarium had a total of 80 live sea turtle intakes all year. So far in 2018, we have already had 75 live sea turtle intakes from Pinellas and the surrounding counties. Most of the intakes were due to the cold weather. Clearwater Marine Aquarium's goal is to rehabilitate these turtles for a hopeful release back in to the wild.

SPRING TRAINING MADE EASY

Are you ready for some baseball? Here is a short list of some of the games being played in the nearby area by The Rays, Phillies, and Blue Jays:

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- Mar 26: At Yankees (Tampa)
- Mar 31: At Phillies (Clearwater)

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES Played in Clearwater

- Feb 25: Yankees
- Mar 22: Yankees
- Mar 30: Yankees
- Mar 31: Tampa Bay Rays

TORONTO BLUE JAYS Played in Dunedin

- Feb 26: Phillies
- Mar 2: Phillies
- Mar 3: Yankees
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- Mar 16: Yankees
- Mar 18: Rays
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MARCH 1993's NO NAME STORM WAS 25 YEARS AGO

by Bob Griffin, Publisher

Where were you 25 years ago, March 13, 1993? If you lived in Pinellas, and near the beaches, you probably remember. It was the night that while everyone slept, a big storm hit our area. It was not a hurricane, but it sure felt like one with wind speeds of 100 MPH in many parts of Central Florida and 110 MPH in the Florida Panhandle.

It put a 7 to 9-foot flood surge into low-lying neighborhoods from Tarpon Springs to Pass-A-Grille.

I had moved to Indian Rocks Beach six months earlier. Most of the homes and streets on the east side of Gulf Blvd were flooded. It is certainly more flooding than I have seen since, in my 25 years of living here.

In a state where bad storms get names such as, Andrew, Charley, Opal, Wilma and now Irma, you would expect this storm to have a name. Nope. Since no one knew what to call it, in Florida it is for ever known as the "NO NAME STORM of 1993."

The storm covered the entire Eastern Seaboard, so other parts of the country gave it be different names including: "The Storm of the Century," "The '93 Super Storm," "The White Hurricane," "The March Blizzard," and "The Great Blizzard of 1993." The last big storm to earn a similar name was "The Great Blizzard of 1899."

Technically, it was a Subtropical Derecho or Cyclonic Blizzard, more commonly called a Nor' Easter. It formed on March 11th when a northern arctic high collided with low pressure moving north out of the Gulf of Mexico, and turned into a massive storm over the central United States. At its peak, the storm stretched from Canada to Central America. It lasted four days, before it dissipated over the Atlantic Ocean.

This storm was the first time forecasters had computer models that were able to predict a storm five-days in advance. The problem was—weathermen did not believe those computer models. None of them advised people to evacuate.

Thousands of people were isolated by record snowfalls. For the first time, every major east coast airport was closed. All interstate highways north of Atlanta were closed. The Coast Guard rescued 160 people in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean and a freighter sank in the Gulf.

Florida temperatures were typical for early March. Many local TV news stations were reluctant to broadcast the extreme, and many thought unbelievable, forecast predicted by their computers models. But in the end, the computers were right.

Besides producing record low barometric pressure, and one of the nation's biggest snowstorms, the front produced a potent squall line that moved into Florida and Cuba around midnight, producing straight-line wind gusts up to 100 MPH throughout Florida. Wind gusts were 96 MPH in the Tampa Bay area.

A substantial storm surge from 9 to 12 feet above normal started in the panhandle continuing to south of Tampa Bay. Many Pinellas coastal residents were awakened to the sound of water lapping at their doors and the Gulf of Mexico rushing into their homes.

The storm surge was higher in Northern Florida. Apalachee Bay (near Tallahassee) and most of the Nature's Coast, reported tides 11-12 feet above normal. Cedar Key had 9.5 feet, Hudson 9.0 feet. Tarpon Springs recorded 6.5 feet and Indian Rocks Beach recorded 7.0 feet above normal. Offshore, waves were reported to be over 60 feet.

Behind the front, six inches of snow fell in the Florida Panhandle during hurricane force winds. Record low temperatures were recorded in the Tampa Bay area with an immediate drop of nearly 30 degrees. All of the area's power companies experienced power failures due to increased demand, and high winds. Thousands were left without power for a few days.

In total, the storm killed 270 people with nearly 50 people reported missing or lost at sea. Florida's death toll was 44, seven of which were attributed to storm surge. In addition to wind damage and flooding, The No Name Storm also produced eleven serious tornadoes, which killed dozens. Locally, tornadoes struck in Treasure Island, Largo and Tampa, killing seven and injuring nearly 80.

This storm following Andrew in 1992 led the State of Florida to change many



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insurance programs and support systems including creating joint underwriting associations - the forerunner of Citizens Property Insurance. The state fortified their Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and added an additional annual surcharge of \$2 on homeowners' and \$4 on commercial insurance policies to help hire and train local emergency managers and to buy related equipment.

The storm affected 26 states and about 50% of the nation's population. Total damage (both insured and uninsured) exceeded \$6 billion, making the No Name Storm the fourth costliest storm in U.S. history. ■

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Business Briefs

NEW NAIL SPA Island Nail Spa on Island Estates, is now Colour Nail Spa. Island Nails open for 11 years, was bought by Lin and Mylan in November. Lin has 15 years experience in this business. All the employees are new to this location and they installed all new equipment. They offer all types of manicures, pedicures, waxing and eyelash extensions. The spa is open seven days a week and accepts both walkings and appointments. Find them at 290 Windward Passage, next to the Beach Print Shack. Call 442-4555.



BIG MAN'S MOVING CELEBRATES 1 YEAR One year ago, we introduced you to local newlyweds Josh and Brooke Anderson, who used their marriage gifts to partially fund their first 26' moving truck and start Big Man's Moving Company. After successfully completing nearly 500 moves during their first year, the Andersons would like to thank the community for its support. "We are so fortunate to live in a community where the residents support each other! Many read our story in this newsletter, saved the article, and called us when they move."



What's next for the couple? In 2018 they hope for continued growth. They know, the most important part of any business is customer service, and recognize their employees are an important part of that. "It's all about finding the right movers with good attitudes," Josh says. Big Man's is licensed for local and out of state moves. E-mail info@bigmansmoving.com, call 727-772-3458, or visit Bigmansmoving.com for information.

GOLF COURSE STATUS Work on the Pelican Golf Course, formerly known as the Belleview Golf & Country Club, started demolition in mid-July. "We are passed demolition and working on the infrastructure and the Grill and Pro Shop," says Johnny Patronis, Supervisor for Triton Building Group LLC. "We are also plan to start planting grass this month." The Golf Course is projected to open next Spring.

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT The Financial planning team of Rogan & Associates was honored to become a business member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, a charitable organization that helps to foster the effectiveness of the Office of Sheriff. It is made up of the 67 Sheriffs of Florida, approximately 3,500 business leaders and 70,000 citizens throughout the state. This organization has been supporting our sheriffs in their mission to protect and serve Florida's citizens and visitors since 1893. Reach Rogan and Associates at 727-712-3400 or visit roganfinancial.com.



Business Briefs



THIRD BELLEVUE PLACE CONDO BUILDING NOW FOR SALE Belleview Place's first of four buildings of Mid-rise condominiums has been sold and is "topped off." The second building is under construction with more than 60

% sold. The Sunset building, the third of the mid-rise condominium buildings is now selling and about 25% sold. The first three buildings of Carriage Homes are well underway, and the first model will be completed this spring. Stop in at 275 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, visit belleviewplace.com or call 727-469-7070.

CLOSINGS At one point, this column ran in every issue, but in the last few years there have been very few closings to report. However, the first of the year brought a rash of them.

WILD FIELDS: This gourmet grocery store in Belleair closed December 25th. They first opened as Surf & Turf 10 years ago, then converted to Wild Fields in 2013. The store lost all their perishable inventory during the power outages following Irma and financially couldn't recover

BELLE'S OLIVE BRANCH: Located on the north end of The Plaza 100, it opened a year ago and closed last month.

COOK'S COTTAGE (previously known as Beans About Cooking) closed in January. They too were located in The Plaza 100. Owner Pam will be managing the Wildflower Market/Take-out side. She will be stocking the market with Cook's Cottage favorite goodies including their Coffee beans, Caspari Napkins, and greeting cards. The Wildflower Cafe and Market are located at 1465 S Ft Harrison Ave, Clearwater.

FORTY-THREE AND COUNTING The Sheraton Sand Key Resort is celebrating their 43rd anniversary this month. Russ Kimball, on staff from day one as Assistant Manager became the GM within 6 months, and has lead the team ever since. Rusty's Bistro is actually named after him. "Yes, Rusty has always been my nick name," says Mr. Kimball. Russ is very proud of the top rankings and Golden Spoon awards the culinary team has been awarded as well as the food and beverage offerings they present to their guests. Congratulations to the Sheraton Sand Key Resort!



CELEBRATING FOUR YEARS Kilwin's Chocolates opened on Mandalay Avenue four years ago. Owners Kate and Todd LaBonte want to thank the Clearwater Beach locals for supporting them. Kilwin's does more than sell chocolates by the piece. They have special packages for birthdays, anniversaries, and special events. Check out their chocolates at www.Kilwins.com or visit them at 391 Mandalay Avenue, near Hooter's. Call them at 400-6802.

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CLINIC MOVES

The Clearwater Free Clinic is thrilled to be operating in its new larger, more accessible location at 1218 Court Street in Clearwater. This critical move marks a new era for the Clinic, a nonprofit, nongovernmental healthcare facility that just celebrated its 40th year serving uninsured families in the community. More accessible and centrally located, the Clinic is able to offer its expansive services to more needy patients than ever. Much needed space is now available not only for specialty patient care, but for community gatherings, patient education, and equipment to facilitate new programs. These major updates to the operation of the Clearwater Free Clinic leads to higher patient success and a lasting impact on the health of the community.



JW MARRIOTT CONSTRUCTION TO START "Dream View Hotel is likely to close in June or July and then we will start the JW Marriott project," says Uday Lele, owner of the Dream View Hotel and developer of the \$120-million project. The development will be part hotel and part ownership / rental units.

"We only have four left to sell, before we can start," Lele says proudly.

The project includes 166 hotel rooms and 36 one, two or three bedroom penthouse condos on the top. Owners are only allowed to live in them 30 consecutive days, the rest of the time, they are part of the JW Marriott vacation rental pool. Units start at \$565,000, with one listed at \$1.365 million. 12 of the 36 penthouses are under contract.

The new hotel will include two restaurants - an upscale, big-name restaurant, and a more casual one. With this new construction, the hotel will expand its usable beach area.

The project is at 691 South Gulfview Blvd in South Beach. Call 727-443-0321 for sales information. See their web site on www.JWMarriott.com.

MR CLEARWATER The Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce named Ray Ferrara, of ProVise Financial Group, 2017 Mr. Clearwater.

"The Mr./Ms. Clearwater is truly a humbling honor, especially given those that preceded me," Ferrara says. "I along with those other winners recognize that we simply carry the mantle for all the community citizens that serve by volunteering each and every day. There are many people to thank for this recognitions and singling out two - the team at ProVise Management Group and my wife of 47 years, Kim, both of whom made sacrifices to give me the opportunity to work outside of the office and home."



LARGE CHARITY OF THE YEAR RCS Pinellas has been named 2018 Large Charity of the Year for the Clearwater Regional Chamber's Business of the Year Awards. The award winners were announced at the Clearwater Regional Chamber's 96th Annual Meeting on Jan. 25th.

RCS Pinellas has provided help & hope to people in need for 50 years. RCS's mission is to feed the hungry, help families facing homelessness return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence. Over 130,000 Pinellas County individuals are served annually with dignity to accomplish this mission at the RCS Food Bank, the RCS Grace House, The Haven of RCS, and the RCS Thrift Store.

THE WEISS FAMILY, DOCTORS AND MUCH MORE

Most of the people who knew the Weiss family, who moved to Belleair from Philadelphia in 2004, knew them for their work outside their medical careers.

Drs. Mitchell Weiss and wife Leslie, daughter Hannah (19) and son Ari (16) died in a small plane crash on New Year's Eve, while vacationing in Costa Rica. Eight others also died in that crash including the pilot. The cause of the accident has not been released. The planned flight was from Punta Islita on the northwest of Costa Rica to San Jose. In total, 12 people died. Dr. Mitchell M Weiss, MD practiced at Morton Plant Hospital for more than fifteen years. He was head of Interventional Radiology for Radiology Associates of Clearwater.

Dr. Leslie Weiss, MD was a pediatrician at Morton Plant Hospital and since 2004 had served as a neonatal hospitalist. She was employed by Pediatrix Medical Group, which is a part of MEDNAX, Inc., a national health group solutions group.

Hannah, 19, who previously attended Shorecrest Prep in St. Petersburg was earning a joint degree at Columbia University and List College, an undergraduate school of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She was studying sustainable development and Jewish ethics. "She was driven by a real sense of social justice," said her dean Shuly Rubin Schwartz.

Ari, 16, who attended Shorecrest, was a dedicated singer and actor who audiences loved to see at school venues. "He was such a good person, everybody loved him," said a friend at Shorecrest.

"Our hearts are very heavy now. They were all very nice people," said St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman, whose daughter attended Shorecrest with Hannah.

The whole family was very active at their synagogue, the

Congregation B'ai Israel of St Petersburg, where they worshiped. "It is a tragedy and a horrible loss," said Rabbi Jacob Luski. "They will be missed."

A spokesperson for Morton Plant Hospital released the following statement: "We were deeply grieved to learn of the deaths of two beloved members of our team - Drs. Mitchell and Leslie Weiss," said Kris Hoce, president Morton Plant Hospital. "Their lives and medical skills have touched so many in and around our community, and we are forever grateful to them. Our sympathies go out to their extended family and many friends who are also trying to process this tragic news."

"The sudden loss of Leslie, our colleague and valued team member, leaves all of us grief stricken," said Douglas Koppang, director of operations, MEDNAX. "No words will ever express how much we will miss her compassion and talent she displayed as she served others."

"Mitch was a tremendously skilled interventional radiologist who will be sorely missed by his partners, his medical team and the patients whose lives he touched. It was an honor to practice medicine with him," said John Fisher, MD, president, Radiology Associates of Clearwater. "We all grieve for the tragic loss of not only Mitch but his wife Leslie and his children Hannah and Ari."



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They are a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life on Sand Key by researching issues, distributing information and representing members' views and positions. They participate in The Barrier Island Government Council, The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Assn., and maintains contact with city and state departments impacting Sand Key. Meetings are the first Wednesday at 7pm in The Sailing Center and are open to all residents of member condominiums and businesses. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Brian Pelfrey who also owns Sand Key Realty, is the new President and they are excited to have a new board, a new website is coming soon, lower condo membership fees, and bylaw changes have been made. They are eager to start new plans to enhance our neighborhood. E-mail the President at skcainc@aol.com.

ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Members are Island Estates residents and business owners, with a mission to promote the safety, welfare, spirit, and unique lifestyle of the Island Estates community. They meet monthly on the second Monday. It is time to renew your membership for 2018. Membership is \$50 per year and you will receive discounts at dozens of nearby businesses and free admission to the Spring and Winter Socials. Visit www.MyIslandEstates.org/Membership.

Upcoming events include:

April 28: Neighborhood Block Party (4-7pm)

May: Spring Social (Date to be announced)

Contact President Mike Anderson at 777-2787 or at President@MyIslandEstates.org, or visit myislandestates.org, for information.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY WOMAN'S CLUB

Their 47th Annual Daisy Grants Fashion Show and Grants Luncheon is April 19 at the Belleair Country Club. There, the Club will issue 2018 grants, up to \$2,000 each. The theme of this year's show is "Spring Into Summer" and will feature fashions from MJ Fashions of Dunedin, followed by a gourmet luncheon. For information or to make a reservation, call 954-303-8414 or visit ClearwaterCWC.org.

The Clearwater Woman's Club is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The volunteer service club was established more than 40 years ago. General Meetings are held the third Tuesdays of each month, at 11am, at the Clearwater Downtown Library. Lucile Casey is the 2017 President. For more information about the club, contact Martha Hickey at 813-765-6219.

CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION

They meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Chapel By-The-Sea. All members, or those wishing to join, are welcome to attend. Visit clearwaterFLBeachAssoc.com.

February 24: Trash and Treasures Big Sale is in conjunction with their Annual Chili Contest

March 30: An Easter Egg Hunt at Mandalay Park (6pm)

April 14: Annual Spring Picnic at Triangle Park

This neighborhood association promotes projects of a civic, recreational and entertainment nature. Membership is \$25/ household and checks can be made payable to CBA and mailed to 294 Windward Passage, Suite 408, Clearwater, FL 33767. Contact Beth Prast at esphome@yahoo.com or David MacNamee DMacNav@TampaBay.RR.com, or visit clearwaterFLBeachAssoc.com for more information.

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There have been a series of delays at both the state local level, but they continue to work toward a Summer 2018 opening of their new home, the South Ward School. A contractor has been chosen and plans are now finalized for an access ramp and other ADA improvements

The Spring Fish Fry is on May 5th. Full fish dinners are served with a donation of \$12. It is open to the public.

Their Thursday Tours continue on the first and third Thursdays (all year) from 9am to noon.

If you want to help with the renovation process or to be on one of many committees, please call Bill Wallace 446-2676. Visit ClearwaterHistoricalSociety.org.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Clearwater Chapter meets monthly on varying dates at the Belleair Country Club. Social hour begins at 11am followed by lunch at 11:30am. Everyone is invited to join.

RSVP Meetings with Diane Richardson at 871-9773 or BradSkate@AOL.com. Contact Cathy Athanson at 510-7135 or Dubinwv41@Gmail.com.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

The Island Estates Yacht Club is a social club on Island Estates and 43 years ago they established the Clearwater Memorial Holiday Boat Parade. They also have various entertaining social events throughout the year for club members on and off the island.

In February there will be a Dinner and Blind Auction for White Elephant gifts, which is one of the group's most favorite parties. March they are having a 1940's Canteen Dance Party followed April's Low Country Seafood Boil at Clearwater Yacht Club.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Vice Commodore Gary Bernard, for membership information at 727-366-5861 or gbernard637@yahoo.com.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

The Clearwater Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars meets for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at the Belleair Country Club. Social hour begins at 11:30am followed by lunch and a short program. Members are retired active duty Military Officers and their spouses or widows. To RSVP for lunch, or to consider joining, call LTC. George Smith at 786-5578.

ISLAND ESTATES WOMAN'S CLUB

They meet monthly from September-May. Socials include lunch with guest speakers, entertainment, fund-raisers, field trips and monthly happy hours. February 20th they will meet at Bon Appetit with Jennifer Baer who will speak on Aging and Hormone Therapy from Lifeworks Wellness Center. February

March 20th is the Annual Scholarship Fund-Raiser Fashion Show at the Belleair Country Club.

Scholarship applications are being accepted from female students who attend Clearwater High School. Applicants must attend CHS and have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Commitment to service and financial need are part of the criteria. To apply, e-mail IslandEstatesWomensClub.org or call Alycia Gould at 845-341-3790. Deadline is March 15th.

The Club is open to all women in all communities - residents, visitors and snowbirds - they welcome one and all. Dues are \$20. For membership information, call the Membership Chairperson, Joan Landreth, at 812-8078 or visit islandestateswomensclub.org. Reach Club President, Lynne McCaskill at 430-1911.



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Organizational News...

CLEARWATER GARDEN CLUB

February 17: Building Wood Totem Workshop. \$5 members or for \$8 non-members, to cover materials. Bring plants and cuttings for the grow and share.
 February 24: Antique Fair and Craft Show (8am-3pm)
 March 19: Evening in the Garden Wine & Cheese Social
 March 24: Jewel Encrusted Luminaria Workshop (10am)
 Please RSVP for all these events.

The Club meets twice a month (October through May) in Clearwater at 405 Seminole Street. They also hold demonstrations on the third Saturdays of the month. Garden Call 316-5504, email ClearwaterGardenClub@gmail.com or visit ClearwaterGardenClub.org.

FRIENDS OF THE BEACH REC CENTER & LIBRARY

They meet monthly to plan new activities for Clearwater Beach. Anyone who enjoys working with people to put together special events and programs is invited to join.

The next Then and Now Lecture Series at the Beach's Rec Center is March 7. Speaker Dennis Kellenberger, the first director of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium when it moved to Island Estates, is the speaker. Learn about the Aquarium's beginnings and how Kellenberger, who is credited with the early steps including painting the old sewage plant himself, personally rescued the Aquarium's first dolphin - Sunset Sam.

The Friends of Clearwater Beach, Library, Recreation Center and Pool meet the third Tuesdays at the Rec Center. The next meeting is February 20. Contact Linda Owens 260-894-0270 or the Library at 562-4970, or email them at FriendsOfClearwaterBeach@gmail.com.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Clearwater Chapter meets monthly on the third Wednesday at the Dunedin Golf Club, 1050 Palm Avenue at 11:30 to socialize. Lunch begins at noon. Their programs normally pertain to the Constitution or Revolutionary history. New members and guests are always welcome. Call Jim Phillips at 447-1616 or email to JPhillips1936@icloud.com.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF UPPER PINELLAS

Established in 1940, the Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas County (DWCUP) has the distinction of being one the first Democratic Women's Club in the U.S. Meetings are generally held on the fourth Monday of the month, with dates adjusted for holidays and other special events. Monthly meetings start at 11:30 am, with the business segment and presentations starting approximately at noon. A light lunch is available for \$5. Visit dwcup.org for information.

CLEARWATER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

This all volunteer, non-profit organization teaches boating safety skill courses. One of the best ways to have a fun boating experience is to "know before you go." Consider taking a boating course or attending a seminar. Email Peter Losi, Education Officer, loseas13@gmail.com.

NEWCOMER CLUB

This is a social club to help relocated residents develop new friends, but you do not have to be a newcomer to join. The ladies meet monthly at different locations for lunch with guest speakers. Leisure activities vary from card games to field trips and theater shows. The March 6th meeting will be at the Bayou Country Club. Please RSVP with Ginny by calling 365-3493 or Mary Jane at 352-263-5518. Visit WelcomeNewComerClub.com.

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