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Some people love Valentine's Day and some people hate it, but the idea of celebrating love has become almost synonymous with February. It's almost impossible not to catch the love bug. I enjoy Valentine's Day because I love, well, love. Love is one of the most precious gifts on earth; it must be taken care of and not for granted. In a perfect world, we would do this every day. Too often does another day slip by without telling the people we care about how much they mean to us.

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As we enter February, I encourage you to let your loved ones know how much they are loved, not only for Valentine's Day but every day!

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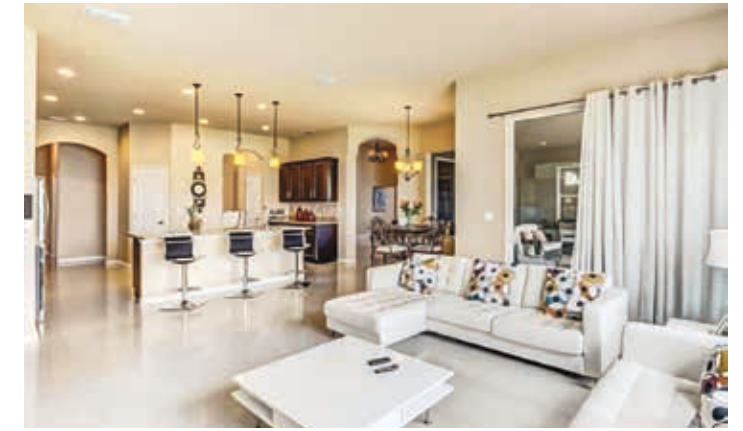
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Venetian Bay Home OF THE Month



3335 West Locanda Circle.

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Would you like to have your home or a special room(s) featured in an upcoming issue or would you like to nominate one of your neighbors? Then send an email to LaBellaVita@n2pub.com.



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The 25th annual Black Heritage Festival will run from 9 am - 7 pm, Friday, February 5, 10 am - 7 pm, Saturday, February 6, and 1 pm - 7 pm, Sunday, February 7, at Pettis Park, 314 North Duss St., New Smyrna Beach. Enjoy live music and entertainment, food, arts & crafts, hair weaving and face painting, cane grinding and syrup making, soap making, storytelling, a school art display and a tour of the Black Heritage Museum. For more information, please call 386.478.1934

Feb. 6: Canal Street Craft Beer Walk

Sample craft beers along historic Canal Street from 1 pm - 7 pm, Saturday, February 6. Tickets are \$20 and include a six-ounce Canal Street souvenir glass and 12 sampling tickets that can be redeemed at 10 locations in the district. The walk is held on the first Saturday of each month. For more information, please log on to canalstreetsnb.com.

Feb. 9: Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Parade & Celebration

Flagler Avenue will host its 9th annual Flagler Avenue Mardi Gras Parade at 7 pm, Tuesday, February 9. The parade will travel from South Atlantic Avenue to turn south on Flagler Avenue and end on Pine Street. Celebrate Fat Tuesday with the parade, Mardi Gras-themed music and food specials at 10 venues along the Avenue. The parade route will be closed to vehicular traffic from 5 pm - 8 pm. Cars also must be moved from the street to accommodate

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Feb. 12: Music Night @ the Hub February 12

On the second Friday of the month, the Hub on Canal hosts Music Night at the Hub. From 6 pm - 9 pm enjoy live entertainment. Member admission is free. The fee for non-members is \$3. The Hub is at 132 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. For more information, please visit www.thehuboncanal.org or call 386.957.3924.

Feb. 13: Canal Street Cruise

Bring your valentine to the Canal Street Cruise from 4 pm - 8 pm, Saturday, February 13, along historic Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. Sponsored by the East Coast Cruisers, the family-friendly classic car show offers food and entertainment in a historic setting on the second Saturday of each month. For more information, please call Pat Teehan at 386.547.7319.

Feb. 27-28: 54th Annual Art Fiesta

The 54th annual Art Fiesta will be held from 9 am - 5 pm, February 27-28, in Old Fort Park, across from City Hall at 210 Sams Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Admission to the fine arts and crafts show is free. For more information, please call the City of New Smyrna Beach Parks and Recreation Department at 386.424.2175, or log on to www.cityofnsb.com.

Venetian Bay Golfer Of The Month

Meet Tommy Stricklin Submitted By Kelly DeSuza



What section of the neighborhood do you live in and how long have you lived in the neighborhood?

We moved to Savannah Pointe in Venetian Bay during the summer of 2013.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Mustang, Oklahoma and

attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. I moved to Florida in the summer of 2000, where I have spent the past 16 years.

How long have you been playing golf? I was lucky to have parents that both played golf and thus I started playing golf at the age of four.

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What is your favorite golf pro/teacher/mentor's name? Crazy enough, I have never had a golf lesson in my entire life. I attended a few Jr. Clinics as a child at our Country Club, however, nothing formal. Outside of my folks, my biggest mentor in work, life, and family would be a family friend, John Morris. He is someone I have always looked up to and gone to for advice.

Who do you idolize in the sport? Although we are similar in age, I have always looked up to Tiger Woods and think he is the greatest player of all-time. I'm sure I'm on a short list of people that believe this, but I still think Tiger has a few majors left in him.

How often do you normally practice? While practicing is one of my favorite getaways, these days my practice is only happening when my son and I are out hitting balls or practicing our chipping.

Are you on a team? These days my teams usually consist of whomever I am playing with in a member/guest tournament.

Have you met a famous Golf Pro before? I've met a few golf pros in my golfing days. I was lucky enough to get introduced to "The King" Arnold Palmer this past year. Extremely nice man!

Have you traveled anywhere outside the state to play golf? I have been very fortunate to travel to some great golf resorts and country clubs all over the U.S. A couple of my favorite over the

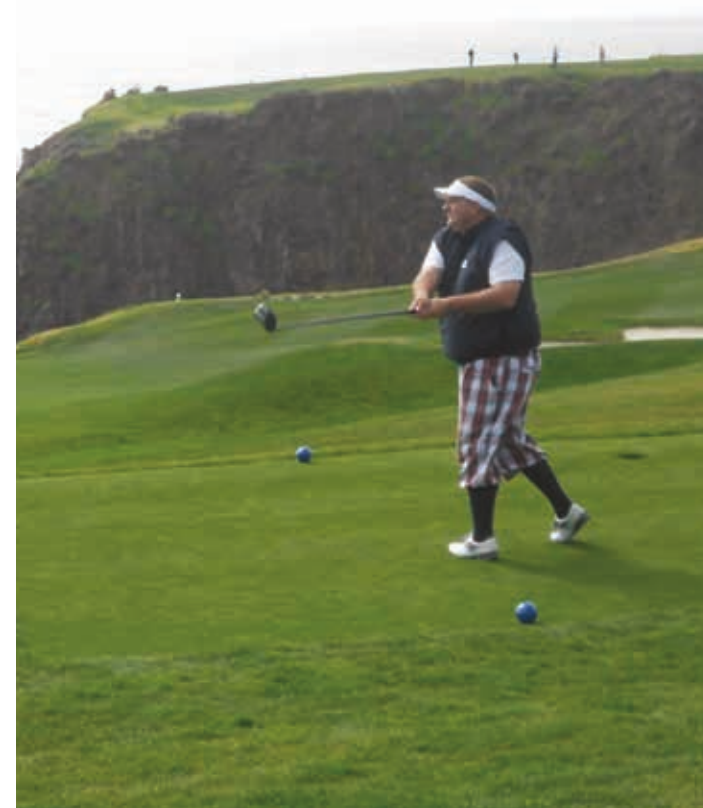
past couple years include: Pebble Beach, Bandon Dunes, Torrey Pines and Firestone Country Club.

What awards or honors have you won? I have won a couple of small one-day events throughout Central Florida. In the summer of 2014, I qualified for the Florida Open where I was one of only 15 amateurs to make the cut. One of my proudest moments is being a three-time Junior Club Champion and four-time Club Champion.

What have you learned from participating in this sport? There are many life lessons I've learned from this great game. Hard work, discipline, dealing with the successes and failures, overcoming adversity, sacrifices and setting and striving to attain goals are just a few that come to mind. I hope to pass down what I've learned to my son, JT, and his little brother of whom will be arriving at the first of the year.

What is your favorite golf moment? While I have played some amazing golf courses, met some amazing people along the way and even had my first ever Hole-in-One this year, hands down, my favorite golf moment was playing golf with my three-year-old son for his first 9 holes this year. It won't be long till he is giving me shots.

Are you a competitive golfer with extraordinary skill, experienced or not very experienced at all and would like to give a positive message, interesting story or golfing tips that may help better someone's game? Email me at LaBellaVita@n2pub.com.



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The Super Bowl

By Dorian Anderson

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This year, Super Bowl 50 will be held in San Francisco California on February 7. With a little help from Sir Paul McCartney, San Francisco closed down Candlestick Park, ending the NFL venue's storied run after more than five decades. Forty miles south, the San Francisco 49ers have a new address...

Say hello to Levi's Stadium!

Located in Santa Clara, the \$1.2 billion, 68,500-seat stadium officially opened its doors on Aug. 2, 2014, with a Major League Soccer match between the San Jose Earthquakes and Seattle Sounders.

If your favorite football team isn't playing for the championship this year, don't get down on yourself. Look at this day as an excuse to have a great time with friends and family.

Eat, drink and party responsibly my friends!

Some Super Bowl Tidbits:

The Buffalo Bills lead the NFL with the most consecutive Super Bowl games played and lost. They played Super Bowls XXV-XXVIII (25-28) and lost them all.

In 2013, the price of a 30 second commercial during the Super Bowl, was over \$4 million dollars.

Super Bowl Sunday is the highest sales day for pizza. Delivery drivers for Domino's Pizza will drive over four million miles on this day.

Venetian Bay ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

MEET ARNOLD DESMARAIS Edited By Karen Green

“My paintings are visual stories that speak to the viewer in quiet and comforting ways of a simpler time that touches deep and private emotions. The challenge of true art is to help the viewer to seamlessly transcend the technical skill and travel to the private and personal places in their mind and heart.”

Our Venetian Bay Artist of the Month is Arnold Desmarais: artist extraordinaire, businessman and professor who recently relocated to Venetian Bay after an inspiring and successful career in the art world. Arnold moved here to Florida to share in the life of his son, his beautiful, intelligent daughter-in-law and his new grandson. In addition to spending time with family, Arnold spends his days traveling the Eastern Seaboard from his home in Florida painting the coastal images that defines his art to supply his prestigious galleries from Maine to Florida.

Arnold was born into a New England family of artists in 1952. As a young child, he was formally introduced to art at the Rhode



experience first-hand the work of the great masters. Among his clients for design are the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Louvre of Paris.

In 1999, Arnold sold his successful commercial business to devote his life to his love of fine art painting and, although he is considered self-taught, he attributes his personal growth to the workshops he has taken with the artists he most admires -- Joseph McGurl, Donald Demers, Jim Wilcox and others.

His love of the maritime imagery comes from a lifetime spent by the sea. Born on an island, his entire life has been spent absorbing the subtlety of the coastal environment. He has honed his skills to capture the moods and atmosphere of an ever-changing Atlantic coastline and paying homage to the vessels of a bygone era. Arnold's advice to his new neighbors is, "To improve and uplift one's life through the appreciation of the arts, especially the visual arts that you can treasure every day in the privacy of your home."

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Resident Recipe

ROASTED RED PEPPER, MOZZARELLA AND BASIL STUFFED CHICKEN

Submitted By Publisher Kimberly Anderson



Serves: 4
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 35 minutes
Total Time: 50 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
8 ounces fresh mozzarella, sliced into 8 slices
1 12-ounce jar of roasted red peppers sliced into 1 inch pieces
(about two whole red peppers if you roast your own)
1 bunch of basil, whole leaves
1/4 cup fresh grated parmesan
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
Salt and pepper for seasoning

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 9x12 casserole dish. Butterfly chicken breasts by slicing into the long side of the breast, stopping just about 1/4 of an inch from the opposite side. Lay chicken breast in casserole dish opened up. Sprinkle the exposed insides of the chicken breast with 1/2 of the Italian seasoning and salt and pepper. Stack the roasted red pepper, basil, and 1 slice of the mozzarella on the bottom side of the chicken. Fold the top flap of the chicken over, tucking in the mozzarella, basil and roasted red pepper as necessary. Sprinkle with the remaining Italian seasoning. Bake chicken for 30-40 minutes (until chicken is no longer pink). Pull chicken out of oven and turn the oven to a high broil. Top chicken with remaining mozzarella slices and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil until cheese is browned and bubbly, about 5 minutes.



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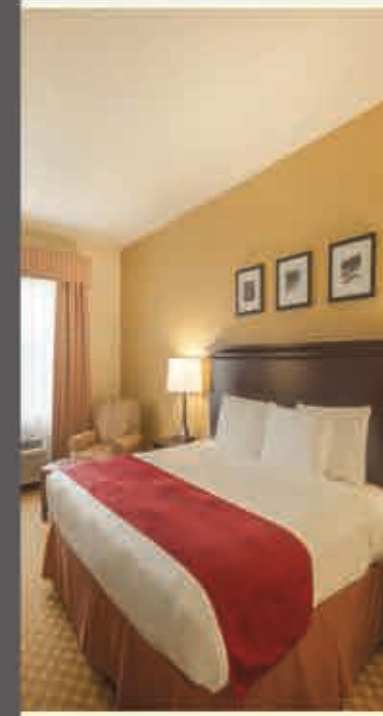
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VENETIAN BAY Athlete SPOTLIGHT

MEET MADISON WYBORNY New Smyrna Beach High School Varsity Volleyball Team

Edited By Jason Anderson

Name: Madison Wyborny


Age: 17

School: New Smyrna Beach High School

Sport/Activity: Volleyball

Position: Outside Hitter/Rightside Hitter

How long have you participated in this sport/activity? Since the age of nine



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What is your favorite teacher/mentor's name? Favorite coach: Jordan Holcomb; Favorite teacher: Erin Everidge, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) teacher

Who do you idolize in this sport/activity? Misty Mae Trainor, retired pro beach volleyball player with three Olympic gold medals and 112 individual championships in domestic and international competition

Where do you normally practice? New Smyrna Beach High School and Top Select Volleyball Academy

Are you on a team? High School varsity player since freshman year; Top Select's national team, 18-year-old category

Have you met anyone famous in this sport/activity? Not yet

Have you traveled anywhere related to this sport/activity? Yes, all throughout the state of Florida, Kentucky, Atlanta, and California

What events have you participated in? I have participated in club/travel tournaments since the age of nine and have participated in a number of beach volleyball tournaments. Because of volleyball, I have participated in multiple charity events, service projects and city parades.

What awards or honors have you won? Player of the week, honorable mention, and top 10 in Volusia County for Aces Athletics Club Volleyball

What have you learned from participating in this sport/activity? Most things that you want in life aren't going to be handed to you. Whether you want to be good at a sport, the best in your



class or land the job most envied, it requires putting in work. Like they say, dreams don't work unless you do.

What do you like the most about the sport/activity? I could name a list of probably 9,384,626 things, but volleyball allows me to have fun while I do what I love ... and if it wasn't for the sport, I would not have met some of the amazing people I've met today. Sometimes you get tired of practices and playing game after game after game, but getting to do what you love with your "family" is something that I wouldn't trade the world for.

What is your favorite moment? My favorite moment/moments of my volleyball career would have to be beating Pine Ridge High School and taking the district title, as well as beating them in the regional semi-finals this past season and advancing to the Regional Final 8 playoffs.

What do you plan on doing after graduating? After graduating high school, I plan on moving out to Southern California to continue my volleyball career in college and majoring in Visual and Performing Arts. I have not yet chosen a school but I am still in the recruiting process with a number of great schools.

One tip for someone looking to get into this sport/activity: This sport definitely takes a lot of time and commitment, but if it's something you enjoy doing, don't let anything stop you from it. When you see that six-foot-girl pounding balls at the 10-foot-line, just remember it probably didn't come easy for her either. Whatever you want to do in life, whether it's a sport or career you want to pursue, never edit your goals.

Hey kids – do you want to be the superstar of the neighborhood? All you have to do is ask your parents to email LaBellaVita@n2pub.com and answer some questions in order to be featured in the next available issue!



Venetian Bay *precious* pets

MEET ABBY,
DUDLEY & NELL

Edited By Karen Green

Family member names: Doug & Lori Willick

Pet's name: Dudley, Abby, Nell

Type of animal/breed: Dudley, Abby, Nell – Greyhounds

Male or female: Dudley – male
Abby, Nell – females

Pet's age: Dudley, 12-years old; Abby, seven-years old; Nell, seven-years old

Where/why did you get your pet? I have wanted to rescue a greyhound ever since I was a little kid growing up in Florida. Dudley was our first greyhound rescue and Abby and Nell were foster failures.

Is there a story behind its name? Dudley is named for Dudley Do-Right of the Mounties, a handsome, brave and daring defender of justice and fair play. We were looking for a Canadian name as Doug is a dual citizen. The name Dudley fits him perfectly. Nell is the female Dudley Do-Right, appropriately named for the fictitious love-interest of Dudley.



Nell



Dudley



Abby



Anything special or unusual about them (talents/quirks)? We started a non-profit organization that raises funds and supplies to help animal rescue and adoption groups with medical supplies, food, transportation and more - "Dudley Doing Right," with Dudley as the inspiration. Abby is a registered therapy dog.

How spoiled is your pet? They run the house.

What else should we know about your pet and/or how your pet has enriched your home/family? I have never been without an animal my whole adult life. During my childhood, I always brought strays home. I cannot imagine not having an animal waiting when I get home.

Dudley Doing Right is a (501)(c)(3) all volunteer organization that raises money and supplies to help Greyhound and other animal rescues and adoption groups. All monies and supplies are given directly to these groups to help with medical, food, transportation and more.

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Submitted By Frank Laureano

First Drive

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High-tech, luxury flagship sedan poses a stiff challenge to Mercedes-Benz S-Class

Overview

Among large, ultra-luxury sedans, the BMW 7 Series has always played second fiddle to the Mercedes-Benz S-Class. In sales figures, prestige, and ride comfort, the Mercedes is king. BMW has tried to change that with the all-new 7 Series.

Fully redesigned for 2016, the new BMW 7 Series gets a lighter-weight chassis that makes extensive use of carbon fiber, in an effort to make the car both more agile and improve fuel efficiency. The cabin is loaded with high-tech wizardry, the highlight of which is gesture control. This allows you to adjust audio volume or answer your phone with a mere sweep of your hand. On top of that, the BMW can steer itself down the highway, but you need to keep your hands on the wheel.

Starting at \$81,300, the 740i is the least expensive version, powered by a 320-hp, 3.0-liter turbocharged six-cylinder. But most customers, according to BMW, opt for the \$94,400 750i, which has a 445-hp, 4.4-liter turbocharged V8. Adding all-wheel drive costs \$3,000.

CR's Take

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We've recently bought an all-wheel-drive 750i, which with typical options rang in at \$110,645. For that kind of price, you expect the world, and even before we've finished testing it, we can say the new BMW 750i impresses on several levels.




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Hello Fashion

Less Is More: 3 Keys To A Chic Minimal Look

Article Source: www.hellofashionblog.com | Submitted By Resident Patricia Hunt

DETAILS: White Blazer || White Tank || Distressed Denim || Nude Heels || Blush Clutch || Sunglasses || Earrings || Gold Bracelet

I am a firm believer that a lot of times less is more when it comes to fashion. Minimalism is the ticket to pulling this look off. Here are three easy ways to hit that perfect, basic minimal look:

Start with crisp, clean whites or a classic white & nude or black & white color combo for a quintessential minimalist look.

By simplifying all other features in a minimalist look, the structure and cut of a piece becomes the focal point of a look. The biggest key to putting together a successful minimalist look is sharp lines – it makes the minimalism look intentional instead of accidental. I love the cut and lapel of this white blazer – the structure and crisp white look is understated but elegant. Also, loving this long sleeveless vest for spring and summer.

Just because accessories are your thing, don't count yourself out of the minimalist game! Simple accessories like a dainty, stackable rings, or other understated jewelry puts the finishing touches on any minimalist look.

Residents! If you have any fashion tips or ideas that you would love to have featured, please email us siting your source for information along with photos. Also, if you have some tips of your own, regarding fashion, make up, etc. We would love to hear from you. Send to LaBellaVita@n2pub.com.



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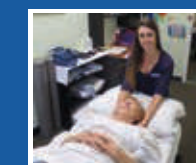
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The Teddy Bear

**FROM POLITICAL PROPAGANDA
TO A TIMELESS TOY PHENOMENON**

By Jason Anderson



**"NOBODY CARES HOW MUCH YOU KNOW, UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE."
—THEODORE ROOSEVELT**

There's something to be said about a large, masculine man with a soft side. Often, we hear of women stating something along the vein of, "Sure, he may seem scary, but he's really just a big teddy bear." Teddy bears have provided boys, girls and adults alike with joy for generations. They are given as gifts to children (and women through courtship), used in logos and have been the inspiration for fictional characters like Winnie the Pooh, Teddy Ruxpin, the Care Bears, and the recent film, Ted. Although there's no universal rule for what makes a man a "teddy bear," knowing precisely how the teddy bear came to be can provide an illuminating perspective.

The tranquility of the hardwood forests of the Mississippi Delta was interrupted by the emerging sound of hound dogs giving chase from nearby. Hunting guides quickly scattered to follow the barks and growls, muffled by the flesh of captured prey. The dogs required assistance, however, for they had engaged a black bear cub that was defending itself admirably. The guides aggressively clubbed the bear cub into submission and tied it to a nearby tree. The President, who had been unsuccessful with hunting thus far, was summoned to the location by the hunting guides.

President Theodore Roosevelt was in the region hoping to negotiate a resolution to a border dispute between Mississippi and Louisiana in 1902. The rugged outdoorsman he was, he did not wish to pass on the opportunity to hunt while in the region; after all, hunting was to Roosevelt as golfing is to contemporary presidents. He arrived to the location surprised to find the incapacitated black bear cub tied to a tree. The guides figured he could shoot it and avoid leaving the expedition empty-handed. They had dramatically miscalculated the President's character.

President Roosevelt, a man of virtue and conviction, believed, "It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things." Painful effort was an understatement. As a former police commissioner, state legislator, governor of New York, Dakota rancher, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Rough Rider in the Spanish-American War, author of 35 books, reader of thousands,

explorer and President of the United States, it is not surprising that he was a hunter, as well.

The president refused to shoot the cub because he felt it would be unsportsmanlike to kill a defenseless animal. He thereby ordered the guides to relieve the bear cub of its misery quickly and humanely. News of the incident rapidly spread across the country. Clifford Berryman, political cartoonist for The Washington Post, authored a cartoon, titled "Drawing the Line in Mississippi," which portrayed Roosevelt refusing to kill the cub. It represented a humorous play on Roosevelt's attempt to establish state borders, while "drawing the line" on animal cruelty.

Berryman's cartoon inspired a Russian immigrant from Brooklyn and candy store owner/shopkeeper, Morris Michtom, to stuff a bear made of fabric in the president's honor. After acquiring permission from Roosevelt, he and his wife, Rose, named it "Teddy's Bear" and established a successful toy company—the Ideal Novelty and Toy Company—around the theme.

The Michtoms cannot be solely credited with the invention of the teddy bear, however. Meanwhile, in Europe, a German toy company named Steiff began making stuffed bears. Margarete Steiff, a Deutsch seamstress from Giengen, was anchored to a wheelchair due to a childhood contraction of polio. She later began the hobby of making stuffed animals as pincushions. They turned out to be more popular with children than with other seamstresses, so she began creating stuffed animals of various types and founded Margarete Steiff GmbH in 1880.

Steiff's first stuffed bear was designed by her nephew, Richard, who used live bears at a zoo as his inspiration. Richard completed his sketch design in 1902 and it was unveiled at a German toy fair in 1903. They were named "Steiff bears" soon after, and their worldwide popularity compelled a U.S. toy company to order them in bulk. By 1906, Steiff bears became known as teddy bears and, thus, began a global toy phenomenon.

So men, while on the hunt for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your significant other, consider a teddy bear and a history lesson. Flowers and candy are beautiful, delicious, and temporary (not to mention expected), but the addition of a teddy bear will serve as a constant reminder of your balanced virtuosity, perhaps for years to come. Bears are equal parts gentle and vicious



by nature; Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Courtesy is as much a mark of a gentleman as courage." Gentleman—perhaps that is precisely what is meant by those who refer to a man as a teddy bear: a gentle man equal in both courtesy and courage.

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Chase and Star have known each other for 22 years and merged their insurance businesses 15 years ago, which has expanded to



seven locations. "Like many parents, we work more than we would like," Star stated. "But when we are off, we spend quality time with our family and friends. As a working mom, I can appreciate moms that work both inside and outside the home while raising children. It's challenging to obtain that perfect balance."

The Herbig family supports numerous local charities and organizations and is known for their benevolent offerings and time given to those in need. "We have been so blessed and enjoy helping whenever we can," Star said.

Their two kids, Stone and Skye, attend Father Lopez and Sacred Heart schools and, like most kids, love and excel at various types of sports. Stone, 14, loves the challenges of skateboarding and surfing, as well as intellectually stimulating activities. Skye, 12, loves competing in pageants and has achieved both state and national titles and is the current reigning Miss Florida Pre-Teen and Miss Sunshine State. "Holding a title helps me open many doors when helping many good charitable causes," Skye said. She was in the recent New Smyrna Beach Christmas Parade and Port Orange Parade, where she had the honor of riding with Port Orange Mayor Allen Green. She loves inspiring kids and teaching them that anything is possible and that they too can achieve their hopes and dreams.

Chase is a native of Daytona Beach and a supporter of all military veterans and said, "One of my most wonderful experiences



was the opportunity to serve for three years in the United States Marine Corps. I had an opportunity to train recon, pilots, and all Marines in water survival and spent time in military intelligence." Chase graduated from Daytona State (DBCC), University of Central Florida and American College, as a chartered financial consultant and chartered life underwriter, where he achieved Merrill Lynch's Certified Financial Manager designation. He currently serves on the city's Economic Development Advisory Board and said, "I knew our city employees and city leaders worked hard, but it has been a real pleasure to work beside them as their objective is with compassion and dedication to do the right thing for us, the tax payers."

Star has a B.S. in Finance from Florida Southern University, holds the prestigious Certified Risk Manager (CRM) degree, and is one of only 3,700 insurance professionals in the world. She is also certified by the state of Florida as a Community Association Manager (CAM) as a continuing-education trainer, has written many articles on condominium associations, has received her professional certification as a Community Association Service Provider (CASP), and insures hundreds of associations in Florida.

"Venetian Bay is one of the most unique developments in Volusia County," Chase said, "and we have many friends and customers here and participate in many events in the community. It's the best of both worlds for all ages, with the ocean within a few miles: boating, fishing in the back waters or off-shore, surfing, The Loop, multiple golf courses, tennis, paddle boarding, beautiful sunrises and sunsets and almost every week there is something happening on Flagler, Canal St. or on the beach." Chase humorously believes the local area keeps the youth young and the young-at-heart healthy.



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LEGALLY *speaking*

By Becky Cholewka



Will Your Heart Outlast You?

I was born in February so my birthday parties always incorporated hearts. A red heart cake, pink confetti hearts, heart-shaped balloons. My family has heart problems; weak ones as it turns out.

- My dad died from his second heart attack—four days after his 47th birthday.
- My mom happily survived her second heart attack this summer.

- My paternal grandfather died of a heart attack.
- Six paternal great-uncles had heart attacks.
- Both my paternal uncles had heart attacks.

That is a lot of weak hearts. I pretty much know what health crisis I may be looking forward to in the future.

Even though both of my parents had physical problems with their hearts, they both had an everlasting capacity for loving and protecting their children. Both of my parents had created their will, healthcare documents, and powers of attorney.

If your family has never experienced a gut-wrenching sudden loss, or a terrifying health care crisis complete with a Life Flight, multiple trauma teams, and 21 days in the intensive care unit, you might not understand how deeply my sister and I appreciated these gifts.

These documents kept us out of court in a time of extreme chaos and high emotional stress. My dad left me personal mementos- items I still treasure- such as his baseball jacket, citation patches from his years in law enforcement, and a framed picture of him in his ball cap blowing a big huge bubblegum bubble. Not much, but everything at the same time.

The number one excuse I hear from people who think they do not need to create an estate plan is: "I don't have much." My reply is always the same, "You have a family and they are priceless." Estate planning documents are not for you. They are for your loved ones. Neither one of my parents owned much, but they both had very large hearts. In the end, it didn't matter that their hearts were weak. It was how they showed my sister and I they loved us while they were alive and well that mattered.

Will your heart be everlasting for your family?

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Welcome to the beautiful west coast of British Columbia, Canada. Here in this island paradise, covered by untouched rainforests and surrounded by the pristine waters of the Pacific Ocean, you will find an experience of a lifetime. Whether you prefer fishing or viewing whales off the coast, or taking part in an eco-tour in the vast old growth forests, a visit to Vancouver Island will leave you with memories that will last for a long time.

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Vancouver Island is truly a unique destination for all visitors. Every year hundreds of thousands of people travel to the island from all over the world. Off the coast people can view various species of marine life and whales from Grey Whales to Orcas (Killer Whales) with one of several whale watching tour operators in the region. The island is also home to some of the best world class scuba diving sites in the world. And no place on earth provides for better salmon fishing than off the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

For those who like the natural beauty of the island, many make their yearly pilgrimage here to view some of the largest old growth trees in the world, still left untouched by society's growth. The temperate rainforests are renowned around the globe and truly are remarkable to see. Bird watchers and nature hikers love the plethora of protected provincial and national parks located all over the island including: Pacific Rim National Park, Strathcona Provincial Park, Horne Lake Provincial Park, Cape Scott Provincial Park. With lots of camp sites and hotel accommodations on the island it is certain that you'll have a comfortable stay whatever your personal preference.

If surfing is your thing, let some of the best surfers in Canada show you how it's done. The west coast of the island plays host to exhilarating breaks and beautiful sand beaches, but be ready to strap on a wetsuit; even though it's year round surfing here, it can be a bit chilly in the winter months. Speaking of winter

months, for those who travel the world chasing storms I'm sure Vancouver Island needs no introduction. World famous for storm watching, dozens of beach front resorts now cater to unique fans of this specific Vancouver Island adventure industry.

But what about you winter sports enthusiasts? One of the west coast's best ski mountains, Mount Washington – renowned for its record snow falls and beautifully kept runs – is a winter wonderland playground for everyone no matter whether you ski, snowboard or cross-country ski.

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Setting Financial Goals For The New Year

By Resident David Carson

The start of a new year is a good time to dream big and set new goals. This is also a prime opportunity to step back, review your own financial situation and make sure your finances are on track to help you achieve your goals. Here are three fundamental steps to think through as you begin a fresh start in 2016.

Step one: Set concrete goals

One of the best ways to enhance the potential for building wealth and ensuring long-term financial security is having clearly defined financial objectives and a plan to pursue them. Typical goals include:

- Providing for your children's education
- Purchasing your first home or a vacation property
- Having enough money to retire comfortably at a specific age
- Setting money aside to start a business

Contemplate what's important in your own life and try to put a timeframe and priority on those goals. Next, consider the amount of time available for you to save for each goal and how much money will be required. For some goals, like saving for a down pay-



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ment on a house, it may be easier to determine the amount needed and the timing of your planned purchase. For other goals, like education, saving for retirement, more variables can come into play. Having a formalized financial plan can help you see how you're progressing toward multiple goals over time. You can then adjust your strategies or priorities to stay on track.

Step two: Match your spending to your goals

The decisions you make with your money every day can make an impact on your long-term goals. Yet it can be challenging to balance the comforts you want today with your big dreams for tomorrow. Evaluate your typical spending pattern. How does your spending relate to the goals you established in step one? As you evaluate, consider the following questions:

- Are there ways to run your household more efficiently?
- Do you know how much you're spending on your children's education, activities and daily needs? Many of us underestimate the amount spent in each of these categories.
- Are you mindful in making little purchases each day or week?
- Are you strategic in how you pay down student debts, borrowing or your mortgage?
- Do you make impulse purchases without carefully considering how these items fit with your long-term goals?

This year, resolve to periodically evaluate your spending every few months. Doing so will allow you to make adjustments where necessary to stay on track with achieving your goals.

Step three: Boost your savings

The most important way to improve your long-term financial position is to begin saving more and doing so consistently. Here are some specific priorities to consider:

- If you can participate in a workplace savings plan, you should do so. If your employer offers matching contributions, make sure you save enough to take full advantage of that valuable benefit. If you already participate in a plan, consider boosting your savings.
- Build up your emergency fund, cash that is easily accessible in a bank or money market account, so it matches at least three-to-six months of your income.
- Consider opening an IRA to build up personal retirement savings in a tax-advantaged way.

Try to establish monthly contributions for each of these purposes, and set a reachable but meaningful goal for each.

When setting goals for the New Year, many of us forget to consider the financial side of those goals. Think about how you'll feel when you reach one of your goals, and then how it will feel to be right on track financially for your next goal. That feeling should inspire you to get started goal planning today.

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SIZE

Consider how much space you have available, the amount of time you can realistically spend in the garden and how much produce you would like. Don't overplant! A common mistake is underestimating the amount of work that goes into gardening, so start small. For a beginner, a good size vegetable garden to feed a family of four is 10x16 feet.

LAYOUT

Planning your garden ahead of time enables you to make the best use of your land and yield a more successful crop. Using graph paper and measuring to scale, draw a map of your garden. Include each vegetable's location, the length and width of the rows and approximate planting dates. When selecting spots for your plants, first place any perennial crops on the side of the garden, since they will stay in the same location each year. If you have planted before, rotate crops so that you do not grow a vegetable in the same spot more than once every three years. Rotating crops helps preserve the soil's nutrients and guard against diseases. Also consider the height of your crops, planting the tallest crops to the north or east of shorter crops so the little guys get enough sunlight. Another consideration is each crop's growing season; plant your full season crops separately from your quick growing crops so that the latter's space can be reused for mid or late season vegetables.

By preplanning your garden's crops, location, size and configuration, you can maximize the efficiency of your garden and reap the benefits come harvest time!

PLANNING YOUR SPRING VEGETABLE GARDEN

By N2 Staff Writer, **Amy Lynne Howlett**

Winter is a slow season for gardeners, so why not make the most of this time by planning your garden? Planning ahead results in gardens that are easier to care for and more productive because plants are carefully chosen and thoughtfully arranged. Plan now so that you'll be ready to go when planting season arrives!



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