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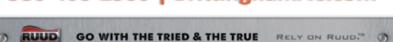
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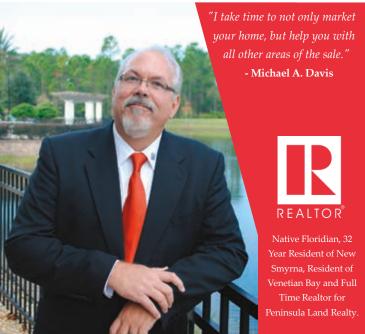






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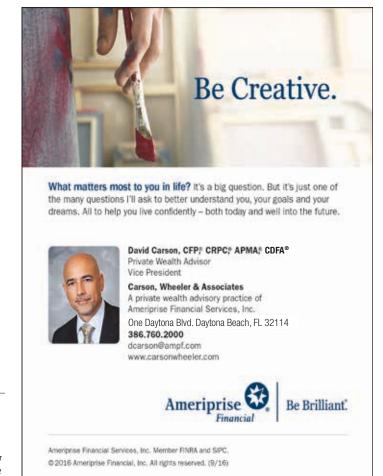
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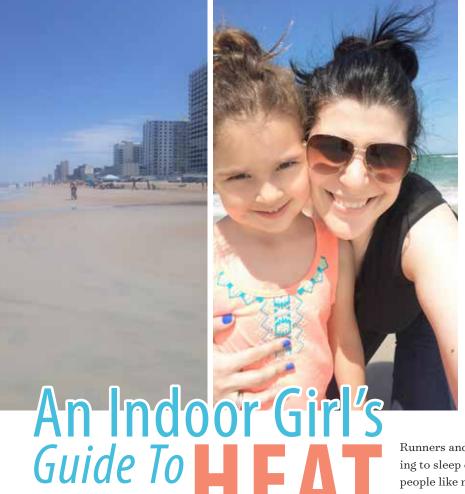
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editor's note

By Resident Audrey Costa

I'm not what you call "an outdoors person." I'm not talking about the camping/mountain climbing variety - oh, heavens, no. But rather, someone who finds being outside less enjoyable because of how uncomfortable the summer heat makes me. My person just wasn't made for prolonged exposure to fresh air. Well, at least not Florida's muggy, buggy, wearing bathing suits in front of people kind. Trust me, I really wish I was that gal who reveled in walks around the neighborhood or hanging out on the patio reading or attempting to resurrect plants that have died by my hand. There are many. My body rejects this climate once it raises a tad bit above 'slightly hot' then it's A/C for me, baby! Well, it's always A/C for me, but you get what I saying. My tolerance is low, so I'll just open my curtains and look outside for the month of July.

Why do I choose to live here then? Florida's sparkling beaches, the smell of sunscreen and Rum

Runners and being able to attain a respectable living without having to sleep on my grandmother's couch. Good climate-sensitive people like me need to navigate summertime in more than just the common ways. We want to participate in all that summer has to offer, too, but simply don't want to be miserable doing it.

So, we know all of the usual tips for summer: wear sunscreen, keep hydrated, find shade, wear hair up, clothe thyself in lightly-colored, breathable fabrics, keep makeup lightweight, etc. But, here are additional ideas that take cooling off up a notch:

- \cdot Keep lotions, moisturizers and other skincare products in the fridge. This adds an extra kick of coldness as you step into the blazing sun.
- · Try wearing a tank top underneath a t-shirt or thin bike shorts under a dress. It captures perspiration before odor and stains set it. Cotton is always the better choice.
- · There's no shame in carrying a good quality hand fan around, even one with a mister. People will be jealous as your hair blows back in the breeze.
- There are cooling gel pads for pets to lay on and cooling gel clothing and hats for you to sport. Bikers might consider wearing gel vests specifically made for the open road.
- · Apply rubbing alcohol on armpits and on the soles of your feet. It neutralizes odor and ensures you're not the one stinking!
- · Even though this is for the home, put bedsheets in the freezer for a while. It will stay chilly long enough to drift off.
- Peppermint essential oils smell fresh and have a cooling effect. Apply some on wrists and back of the neck. Also, try making a peppermint cooling spray (2 oz. distilled water and 3-5 drops of peppermint oil). Witch hazel, lavender or aloe vera can be used instead of peppermint if that's not your thing.

- · Choose your alcoholic beverages wisely, because you know you're going to drink anyway. Who are you fooling? If you're not a white wine or rosé drinker, throw some ice cubes in your red wine, no one will judge. For hard liquors, I like vodka and soda water with extra lime. The soda water is hydrating even though the vodka isn't. It balances the heat as well as gets you less inebriated. If you're not a vodka drinker, go for a mojito. Why not, they're delicious?!
- \cdot Head to the beach in the very early morning before the crowds and heat come bulldozing in. Plus, your insecurities and nerve will be less tested.
- · Be unapologetic if you want to go inside to cool down. It's not embarrassing, it's hot!

I continue to seek cooling strategies because being outside is a joy when one isn't smothered by insufferable temperatures. I loathe the feeling of borderline suffocation that Florida's relentless humidity brings. I'm an indoor girl with an outdoor heart. I love reasonable warmth and sunshine. But I have to say, there is nothing like brisk A/C. Unfortunately, we can't always depend on there being any access to it during pool parties or outdoor weddings, so we improvise.

I am proud to say that I love air conditioning – I don't think I've mentioned that yet. I know a lot of us do. We don't have to miss out on fun activities outside our four walls to avoid the sweaty, sticky unpleasantness. These tips have worked for me so I trust some will work for you. Godspeed, my heat-intolerant friends! See you outside.



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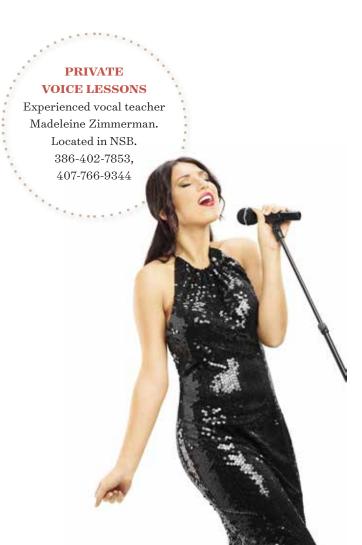
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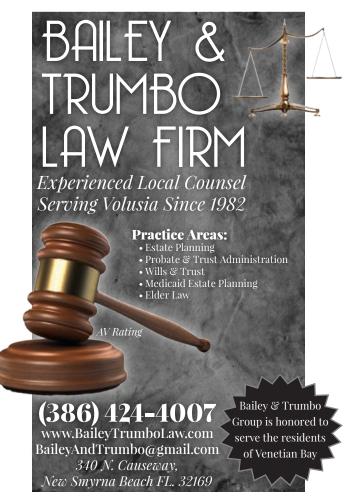
























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Kids: Our grandchildren live with us. My granddaughter, Jennie, is a Volleyball player and plays on the Samsula Academy team, and my grandson, Michael, is getting into Soccer. They both love kayaking,

Profession: Full-Time Realtor for Peninsula Land Realty in New Smyrna Beach

Community Involvement: I belong to Kiwanis, I am a Sponsor of the BUG (Bring Up Grades) program at Samsula Academy. I have sponsored my Grandson's Baseball Team, belong to the Chamber of Commerce and The Board of Realtors in New Smyrna and Daytona Beach. Keeps me very busy!

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TV Shows: Anything on Velocity, Masterpiece on PBS

Music: The Blues ... Joe Bonamassa

Family Dinner ... Baby Back Ribs off the grill ... Mine are to die for ...

Traditions: North in the fall to see the leaves change and to see my grandkids — Leighton, Crew and Maggie — play fall sports. Leighton is a Lacrosse player, Crew is an all-around athlete and Maggie is the Soccer player ... All Athletes like their Dad and Mom. Way(s) to Relax: Well, I don't drink. Spending time with the wife seems to relax me the most. Just talking about the future. We've been together over 45 years now.

Favorite Part of VB: I would have to say, more than one thing. My neighbors are the best you could ask for. When I walk the dogs in the evening, it's like being in the country. You can hear the crickets. And when you drive into the complex it's like driving into a park ... So beautiful ... Who wouldn't want to live here?

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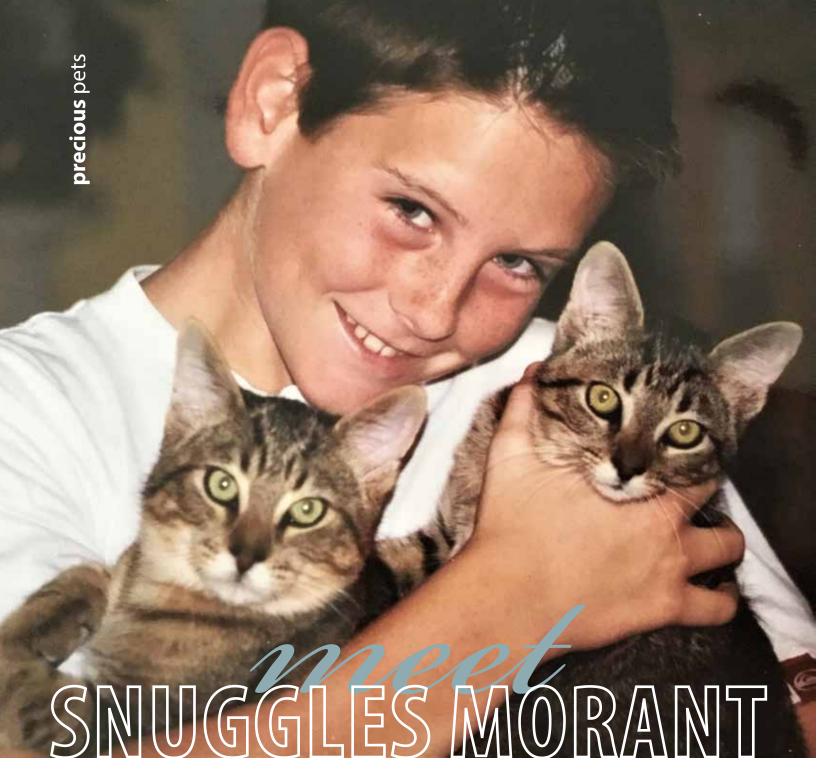
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thrust their paws through the bars hoping I would play with them. I asked the lady if I could open their cage and she said sure. What happened after I did that was the most amazing animal experience I've ever had.

As I eased the door open the tiniest kitten leaped onto my shoulder and began rubbing her face all over my cheek and pushing my jaw with her head. Moments

after that, her brother leaped out of the cage onto her and began rubbing the top of my head. At that point, I had two tiny kittens, one on top of the other, riding high on my left shoulder. I was a little startled at first but it made me giggle like a little girl. In disbelief, I turned to the lady working there and she was grinning from ear to ear. She said that in her 14 years of working the Adopt-a-Pet weekends she had never seen anything quite so precious. She also said, "I hope you realize those kittens have chosen you and they will be going home with you!" I explained that I already had two cats at home and couldn't possibly bring home two more. She just laughed and said, "We will see ... I have 11 of them at home!"

After spending 30 minutes with the kittens on my shoulder and seeing how they were unwilling to go to other customers who were now beginning to arrive, I agreed to take the adorable kittens home **for the weekend** for a trial run to see if I could create a blended family with the cats I had at home. A day or two after the introductions, the four all decided to tolerate each other. The two new kittens behaved

like "Thing 1" and "Thing 2," getting into everything, including the birdcage, the hamster cage and leaping from one piece of furniture to the next. It was utter chaos but the nature show we all got to witness due to their boundless energy and playfulness was priceless!

The smallest of our four cats was the runt of her litter. We named her Snuggles because right from the start she would sleep wrapped around my son's neck all night long. Snuggles is now 16 1/2 years old. She has outlived all of her siblings and has been one of the greatest joys in our lives. She loves to "talk" and every time you ask her a question, she responds with her meow answer. We all agree that she can even say "Mom." Snuggles only weighs 6 1/2 pounds but yet she totally rules the roost (and is more than a little bit spoiled). She will sit on anyone's lap, she is not afraid of anything, she runs to the door to greet guests and she has been known to attack toy robots and the vacuum cleaner on occasion. If you eat cookies in the evening, be prepared because she will try to eat yours. So, we now have to give her her own. She will only drink water from a running faucet or a glass on the coffee table.

This cat has traveled by plane to many places, she's spent endless hours on my lap in the car and loves taking walks on her leash. She has lived in Canada when it was -21C but for this Florida feline, nothing compares to being back in her birthplace, sunny Florida. Snuggles is loving her new home in Venetian Bay, watching all the wildlife around the lake and basking in the glorious sunshine on her lanai.













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Part One

We have all had a "Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda" in our lives. That one thing if you had the chance, you would "take it back". I have had many in my career but what I would like to share what I think about often as my biggest "Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda".

This is part one of an article about Anita Bryant. Part two will be published next month with the title "Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda". What happened at a Cadillac Dealer convention in Orlando in 1974 with Anita Bryant in concert under my musical direction?

Anita Bryant - Singer, Crusader and Activist.

Anita Bryant, as the late 60's and early 70's began, was an American songbird, a celebrity in her chosen hometown of Miami, and a kind of national icon, treasured not just for exceptional good looks and a better than average talent, but also for the use to which she put them. For a generation since emerging as Miss Oklahoma in 1957 and finishing as a runner up in the Miss America contest in 1958, with her dark Auburn hair, a rich clear voice and a flashing smile, she had reached out to the nation in things that were wholesome and basic. Voted "Most Admired Woman in America" by Good Housekeeping Magazine three years in a row, she parlayed her wholesome image into a successful career with the Florida Citrus campaign, "Breakfast without orange juice is like a day without sunshine." She exemplified everything that was American. She was passionate, a faithful Christian, strong and moral.

It was a path she had taken at the age of eight, when she accepted Jesus Christ and said to her family, "Jesus told her to become a singer".. As a devout Southern Baptist, deeply patriotic rather than political, she, like the Reverend Billy Graham in that period, had an American presence that spoke for what was considered the moral majority of that time. She was a symbol of national faith, family and morality. Seeing the conflict in Vietnam as "a war between atheism and God", she was invited to entertain the troops on numerous trips with Bob Hope and she was invited no less than fourteen times to the White House by President Lyndon Johnson. She sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic and God Bless America at the Democratic and Republican national conventions. She was the spokesperson for the new generation of American Woman.

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By January, 1974 she was settled with her husband and children into a 33-room mansion on Biscayne Bay from which she would emerge to perform at conventions and do television and radio commercials as the official spokesperson for Florida Orange Juice.

The Florida resident was poised for a lifetime of commerciality and musical success. Instead, she is remembered today for the campaigns which destroyed her career but helped build the two great social movements of the last two decades: conservative Christianity and the pursuit of gay rights.

Anita's biggest concern was homosexuals on the teaching staff of public schools in Metro - Dade County. She was concerned that in 1974 gay activists had succeeded in electing a majority of the Metro- Dade Commission. Her concern and fear centered on the growth of homosexual influence in urbane politics. I quote from a letter to the commission: "What these people really want, hidden behind obscurely legal phrases, is the legal right to propose to our children that there is an acceptable alternative way of life". She continues: "I will lead such a crusade to stop it as this country has ever seen before." (And she did). She founded an organization entitled "Save Our Children". This was the start of an organized opposition to gay rights that spread across the nation and the beginning of what came to be known as the "Religious Right". In 1977, the Reverend Jerry Falwell came to Miami to help her, but it was Anita Bryant who first led fundamentalist Christians into politics under the banner of a domestic social issue. Her personal attacks on homosexuals drew tens of thousands of new recruits into the movement and made her the object of scorn. Homosexuals and conservative Christians are now prominent on the national stage and Anita Bryant has disappeared from sight and has become very obscure.

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It all starts to come apart

Her marriage to Bob Green failed and in 1980 she divorced him, although he reportedly has said that his fundamentalist religious beliefs do not recognize civil divorce and that she is still his wife in God's eyes.

Some observers feel that her husband pushed her to get involved in the political activism that eventually led to her downfall and loss of income. Kathie Lee Gifford, who worked as a live-in secretary/babysitter for the Greens in the early 1970's said in her autobiography that Green has a ferocious temper and that Anita was not very happy.

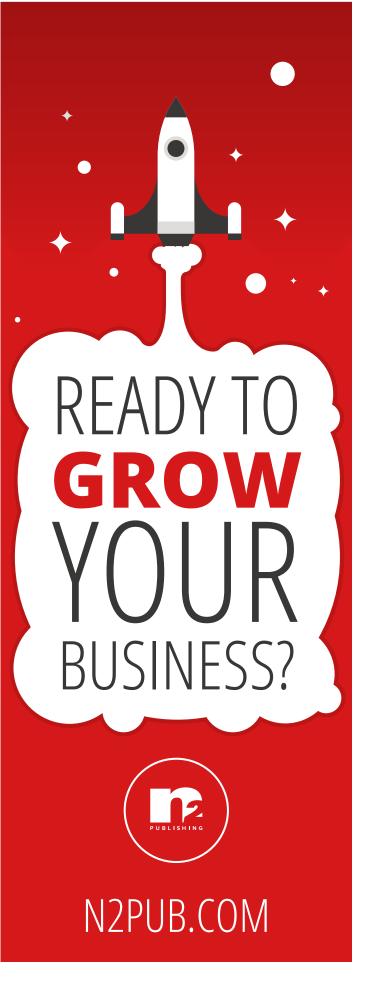
Because of her divorce, many fundamentalist Christians shunned her and no longer invited her to appear at their events, which also caused her to lose an income source. She moved with her four children from Miami to Selma, Alabama, and later to Atlanta, Georgia. In a *Ladies Home Journal* article she said, "The church needs to wake up and find some way to cope with divorce and women's problems."

She married her second husband, Charlie Hobson Dry, in 1990, and they tried to reestablish her career in a series of small venues, including Branson, Missouri, and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Commercial success was elusive, however, and they left behind them a series of unpaid employees and creditors. They filed for bankruptcy in Arkansas (1997) and in Tennessee (2001).

Anita Bryant returned to Barnsdall, Oklahoma, in 2005 for the town's 100th anniversary celebration and to have a street renamed in her honor. She returned to her high school in Tulsa on April 21, 2007, to perform in the school's annual musical revue. She now lives in Edmond, Oklahoma, and says she does charity work for various youth organizations and heads Anita Bryant Ministries International. Next month - Part two: the "Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda" with Anita Bryant.



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It's that time of year when hardworking students of all ages reap the fruits of their labor. It's graduation season, and whether it's our children's or our own, it is the ceremonious signaling towards the next step in life. Successfully completing a busy year of assignments, homework, tests, and grasping new wisdom is praiseworthy. No one knows true success until they've completed something. It takes discipline and focus to earn the right to wear the cap and gown.

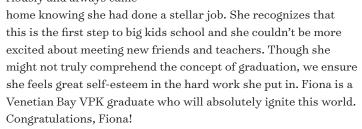
Our Venetian Bay students should be immensely proud of what they've accomplished, as should their families. For VPK alumni, the party has just begun. They've worked hard while still having fun! And what better way to expound upon graduation then starting with our VPK'ers. VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) is the first graduation our Florida kids experience before going into the school system involuntarily. They've paid their dues just like college graduates but in the most fundamental way. With the introduction to science, arithmetic, writing and much, much more, you can see the pride they have with themselves as family, friends and former teachers witness their official completion of school. Their brains have been conditioned to prepare for what lies ahead.

I know there are many VPK students in Venetian Bay and we're so proud of each and every one of you! We know you're about to take the world by storm, one grade at a time. For these two little ladies, it's been a year of imagination, friendships, learning the basics in preparation for kindergarten and participating in extracurricular activities – in their case, karate.

Fiona and Elsie, two school friends and karate students, walked down their school's adjacent sanctuary with smiles, dimples and chins up. It was such a pleasure to see them understanding for the first time that there is pride in working hard, pride in showing up for school with enthusiasm and an open mind. Each of the two VPK classes at their day school sang songs like parting anthems bringing tears our eyes.

Fiona is the epitome of pure joy. She's a girl on fire with an intense love for all animals – especially sea creatures. She loves all of her teachers she is leaving behind. They've imparted knowledge to her that molded her into a person sparked by great curiosity about what life has to offer. She learned how to write, sing songs about various subjects to master the information and learned how to navigate social issues with kindness and respect.

We cannot tell you how much artwork she brought home. If I were to describe it, it would be like a daily tsunami of papers of tracing the letters of her name, paintings of blobs of color and mostly picture stories of herself enjoying time with her family and friends. She took the jobs she was assigned — like line leader, light switch operator and clean-up assistant — seriously and always came



Elsie is another example of a beautiful child who has welcomed the wonders of learning. It's a long, long road ahead, and it's such a privilege as parents to see that their first step be with utter joy. Elsie has learned colors, different careers grownups can have and started to read. She has been an impressive student - and might I add, a kick-butt purple belt in karate — and has always lent a helping hand to her fellow VPK'ers. Her heart is big, and though she has a quiet demeanor, she explodes with laughter and love when she's around her pals. We watched Elsie accept her diploma with sweetness as her parents and younger sister looked on and went "ham" on taking pictures, rightfully so! Just like Fiona, though, she seemed more interest in the graduation cake their teachers promised after the ceremony. Who could blame them? It was a delectable cake! Nevertheless, you can see that Elsie knew she had done something great. And it is evident that she is destined to make a great impact on this world. Congratulations, Elsie!

All graduates are on the path to changing the course of life. From middle school to high school to college and for some beyond that, our community is extremely proud of you! I know a lot of them are relieved that portion of their education is done and they can finally enjoy summer. They've earned it. Just remember that in life if you aren't learning or growing, you are failing. Never stop even though there aren't teachers requiring you to do the work. Set your own goals and stick to them with unrelenting passion. And I promise you, your goals will come to fruition.

Driving through the development the other day, I saw a family getting into their car with their teenage son holding a graduation cap with a 2018 tassel. In that moment, I was reminded of how it felt when I graduated all those times, especially from college. Even if

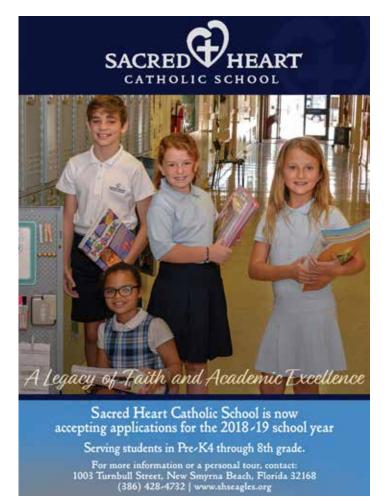






you failed tests, had to get a tutor, struggled with a subject that just wouldn't sink in no matter how many hours you studied – regardless of all that, our VB students overcame and did it!

As a community, we hope to celebrate many more graduations. Let's continue to encourage our children – and if you're the one back in school – encourage yourself to achieve your aspirations. This neighborhood is darn proud of you, graduates! May the road that lies before you take you to wondrous places and make way for goodness in your lives. Congratulations. Here's to many more triumphs to come



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FAMILY Golf Night

With The Stricklin & Eckelbarger Families

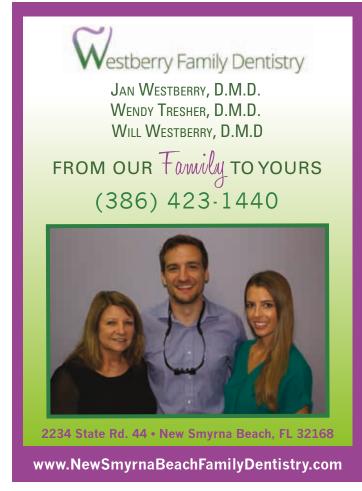
The Stricklin and Eckelbarger families meet every Wednesday night at the Venetian Bay driving range for a relaxing family night with their kids. They pack some food and snacks & picnic while their sons master their golf skills as junior golfers. The fathers also like to play golf here in Venetian Bay & really enjoy the course.

The two couples met at a wedding in St. Augustine & after talking a for a while were surprised to find out they lived in the same neighborhood.

They've been great friends ever since.

When asked what they like about living here they said they really love living in Venetian Bay because it's a family-oriented community and they love the beautiful golf course and all of the nice amenities in Venetian Bay, especially the Happy Deli and Snap Fitness.









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