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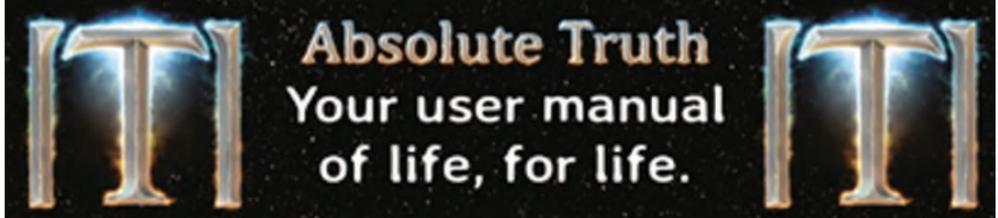
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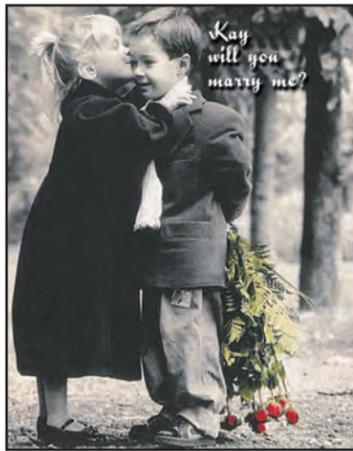
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Acts 6:3: "Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them."
#1. 1 Timothy 2:1-2: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

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Valentine's Day—One of America's Most Popular Days



There's no doubt that Valentine's Day is one of America's most popular days. More than 62% of Americans celebrate by sending greeting cards, flowers, candy, jewelry, or by enjoying a romantic dinner. But the origin of Valentine's Day is surprising. For example, the roots behind Valentine's Day go all the way back to an ancient Roman fraternity fest held in mid-February called Lupercalia. Later, the Christian church chose mid-February for Saint Valentine's Day in order to Christianize the celebration, but who was St. Valentine?

Not much was known about the holiday's namesake. First of all, there was more than one such Christian priest. One thought it was unjust and defied the Emperor and continued to marry young lovers in secret. Emperor Claudius II banned marriage for young

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One Day – Two Fun Events To Support Pasco County Patients

Hittin' the Road for Hospice and Paulie Palooza both scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23



Saturday, Feb. 23 is sure to be a busy but fun-filled day in Pasco County with two community events to support Gulfside Hospice patients.

The organization's 7th annual Hittin' the Road for Hospice is scheduled to tour the county that morning, and then Main Street Zephyrhills will be rocking all night long with the Paulie Palooza music festival. Two events in one day, both raising money to support Gulfside Hospice.

WHAT: Hittin' the Road for Hospice

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9am to 2pm
WHERE: Starting at Harley-Davidson of New Port Richey, and ending at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Zephyrhills

WHY: To raise money for hospice patients and bereavement services for Pasco County residents through Gulfside Hospice

HOW: Registration for bikers and passengers is open at www.HittinTheRoadForHospice.org

Just down the street, the 8th annual Paulie Palooza music festival will start at noon and rock until 9pm on Main Street in Zephyrhills, featuring live music, vendors, auction items and a "wet zone" in partnership with the street's local brewery and bars.

WHAT: Paulie Palooza Music Festival
WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 23 from 12 – 9pm
WHERE: Main Street Zephyrhills

WHY: To raise money for hospice patients and bereavement services for Pasco County residents through Gulfside Hospice

HOW: Registration not required, but recommended online at https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/NDAXOTM

More information and registration for both events are posted online at www.GHPPC.org. For vendor and sponsor information about these events, please contact Leesa Fryer at 727-845-5707 or leesa.fryer@ghppc.org.



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Imagine walking down the stairs and into your kitchen one morning, and not being able to simply hug your parent, sibling, aunt, or grandparent. For our children here at Hope, this is something that they have to work through every day. Valentine's Day is a special day that we want to show our children how much they are loved by everyone here at Hope. The teachers will have parties at the school. In the dorms and cottages, the house parents will give the children special notes, flowers, and will make delicious baked goods for them.

Did you know that you can have a special part in showing love to the children, too? The only way that we are able to care for each of our children is donations from people just like you! Every piece of clothing, toy, furniture, and all the food we eat comes from donations. You can visit our website at HopeChildrensHome.org and see all the ways that you can help our children today.

Oscar Hammerstein once said, "Love in your heart isn't put there to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away." Love is something that we must share with others, and what is greater than sharing your love with a child in need.

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Women-n-Charge February Meeting



Barbara Brekke handing over the gavel to our new president, Mary Adele Cluck of Marry Me Mary.

Join the vibrant ladies of Women-n-Charge on Friday, February 1st from 11:15am-1:15pm at Plantation Palms Golf Club (23253 Plantation Palms Blvd., Land O' Lakes, FL 34639).

The meeting includes lunch, a presentation, and time to network.

We share our talents, build relationships, and share our resources with other women in business.

The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for guests who RSVP by Monday prior to the meeting. Tuesday and after, the cost is \$20 for members and \$23 for guests.

Please register at <http://www.women-n-charge.com/meetings>. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Judy at 813-600-9848 or info@women-n-charge.com.

Our February meeting will feature guest speaker Tiffany Kellog and her topic is, "4 1/2 Network Mistakes (Making the Most of Your Networking)!"

Women's Bible Study/Discipleship

A women's Bible study will be held on the second Tuesday of the month from 7pm - 8pm. It will rotate to different libraries:

February 12th - Bloomingdale Library

March 12th - Jimmie B. Keel Library

Contact Chonta Haynes at 813-299-2742 for more information.

One More Child Backpack Program



One More Child is excited to be meeting the needs of children who are often hungry on the weekends by providing backpacks full of nutritious food for them and their families through its Backpack Program in local schools. One More Child currently provides thousands of meals for children in locations

such as Sleigh Middle School, and we need the help of churches, individuals, and businesses to expand!

Please visit OneMoreChild.org to find out how you can help children and families be happier and healthier on the weekends through your support.

KUMC Golf Classic

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."
 - Proverbs 22:6



Keystone United Methodist Church will be hosting its 14th annual KUMC Golf Classic on March 30th at Silver Dollar Golf & Trap Club, Odessa, FL.

This tournament supports the AXIOS youth and our Children's Ministry. All proceeds from the tournament will be divided between these groups.

The KUMC Golf Classic attracts many attendees, but we depend on the added support of our friends in the community to help us achieve our goals with donations. You may support our fundraiser by any of the following:

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ness - or your individual/family name - will be posted at one of the golf course holes, or you may remain anonymous.

DOOR PRIZES - We are seeking items to be given away as door prizes or presented in an auction throughout the dinner. Gift certificates, rounds of golf, sports equipment and memorabilia, jewelry, home décor, etc. would be most welcome.

UNDERWRITING - Donations of any amount will help to defray the costs of the tournament. Donors will be recognized in the "thank you" acknowledgements at the course, or may remain anonymous if desired.

PLAYERS - Entry fee is \$65, which includes greens fees and cart, lunch, prizes for the three top finishing teams, and contests. Entry deadline is Monday, March 25th.

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 — 1 Corinthians 13:6-8

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A Tip For Your Spirit

February is "Knowing God"

As you start the year, the best place to begin is by truly knowing and understanding there is a God who loves you. The beauty of having a relationship with him is that you no longer have to try and do it on your own! He is with you, and he will help you in every single circumstance.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16

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"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres. Love never fails." — 1 Corinthians 13:6-8

An Act of Kindness: The Good Samaritan



Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he travelled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?"

He said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

—Luke 10:30-37, World English Bible

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The Biblical View of Debt and Borrowing



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1 Peter 5:7

Oh boy, this is either bad timing or good timing today! Our topic in this issue of Biblical Finances is on Debt and Borrowing—and right after Christmas, too. Sorry folks. Honestly, if you went into debt a lot for Christmas, I think you should speak with God about that. He may help you realize your priorities, especially if you are increasing your debt and probably your burden in this life. Hey, don't be one of those people that complain to God about your finances and shortness of money if you are the one overspending. That's not God's fault, now is it?

Yes, I know this whole topic is counter-culture. All the TV commercials, ads in the newspapers, popups on our phones and computers—it's non-stop!! But you and I must control ourselves from "spontaneous spending." We must!! It is the foundation of all of our finances. It really doesn't matter how much you make in itself because it also includes your spending.

Here is a good phrase I actually learned back in the 80's when I was being ordained: "If your outgo is more than your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall." Simple really—don't spend more than you make. Don't do it, it really hurts you. Borrowers are always "indebted" to the lender. No one knows what is going to happen tomorrow and to presume on the future is very risky.

Albert Einstein once referred to "compounding interest" as the eighth wonder

of the world. When we reverse the positive growth of interest to the negative growth of interest owed, it becomes a ravaging beast attacking our home.

I'd like to end with the 7 Principles of Debt and Borrowing:

- 1) Borrowing in itself is not a sin.
- 2) Borrowing may deny God an opportunity to show up.
- 3) Borrowing always presumes on the future. It is not guaranteed.
- 4) Having debt with the inability to repay on a timely basis is bondage.
- 5) Debt is almost always symptomatic of a spiritual problem.
- 6) When we borrow on consumptive wants, it will sentence one to a reduced lifestyle. What takes 6 months to get into debt will take 6 years to get out of debt. The future will be limited in its freedoms.
- 7) Husbands and wives must be in perfect agreement regarding borrowing.

I haven't always done it right, but when I do, it is a very powerful feeling and a pleasurable lifestyle. If we can use our personal disciplines, we will experience personal delight, and we can do this with God's help.

Caring for you and yours,
 Jim

Verses for reference:
 Proverbs 22:7, James 4:13-15, Proverbs 22:26 & 27, Luke 14:28 & 16:11

Flip Side Realty By Design

By Karen McBride



Marla Adams worked for a brokerage firm for eight years before her entrepreneurial spirit led her to open her own firm, Flip Side Realty By Design, three years ago.

What makes her brokerage firm different from others is the array of services offered. Marla wanted to create a "one stop shop" to help customers with all their property needs. She has been a proven industry expert covering all residential aspects of real estate including buying, selling, relocation, property management, and home renovation and design.

Buyers can benefit from her expertise in specific mortgage programs such as FHA 203K, homestyle, and rehabilitation loans. For clients looking to purchase investment property, Flip Side Realty By Design can perform all aspects of property management, including a tenant verification process that includes credit checks, employment verification, prior tenant history, and much more.

Marla has ongoing experience in flipping houses. Renovations are done on a very large scale with high yield returns on investment. She has well established relationships with contractors and extensive construction knowledge.

She can help customers envision what

improvements can be made to a property, whether it is taking down a wall, expanding existing structures or completely redesigning an existing floorplan.

"There are pros and cons to a privately-owned local real estate brokerage. One benefit is the freedom to choose where to focus our efforts. For example, Homes for Heroes," said Marla.

Having served in the U.S. Navy for 8 years, Marla knew she wanted to help her fellow servicemen and women when it came to purchasing or selling a home. Marla and her agents all share a passion for Homes for Heroes.

This organization began shortly after 9/11 and is the largest nationwide network of affiliate real estate, mortgage, and local business specialists; committed to providing easy ways for heroes to save on buying or selling a home. The organization was established to give back to firefighters, EMS, law enforcement, military (active, reserves & veterans), healthcare professionals and teachers for all they do. Homes for Heroes is a national organization, but it is fully funded by agents and brokers who choose to participate in the program and give a large percentage of their commission of each hero transaction.

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Dental Care For Your Pets

Dental health is very important for your pets overall health. Without routine care most dogs and cats develop periodontal (dental) disease by 3 years of age. Dental disease is the most common health problem in dogs and cats. Periodontal disease starts when plaque (a bacterial film) coats the teeth. The plaque hardens into tartar, a thick yellow or brown layer on the teeth. Tartar can irritate the gums and creates an environment where bacteria thrive. As dental disease progresses, the gums become tender, red and swollen and recede resulting in exposed tooth roots. Once this happens, your pet is at risk for losing teeth. Bacteria can also enter the bloodstream and can create problems for organs such as the heart, lungs, and kidneys.

Some common signs of dental problems are: Bad breath, yellow or brown deposits on the teeth, sensitivity around the mouth, loss of appetite, bleeding or inflamed gums, pawing at the mouth or face and difficulty chewing. Annual veterinary checkups are essential in helping monitor your pet's dental health.

SPECIAL NOTE: February is "Dental Month". During the month of February Sunshine Animal Hospital will be offering discounts on all dental related services.

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Tax Collector's Land O' Lakes Office Receives Heart of Pasco Award

By Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector for Communications & Special Projects



The Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce presented Tax Collector Mike Fasano and the staff of the Land O' Lakes office its "Heart of Pasco" Award. According to the Chamber the award is given to local businesses that work hard to meet the needs of the business community, encourage jobs, and provide community service overall.

For several months during 2017, the current location of the tax collector's office at 4135 Land O' Lakes Blvd. (US 41) was under renovation. For many years the building was home to the central Pasco branch of the county health department, which relocated further north on US 41.

The then-unused building provided the ideal location for a larger tax collector's office, long-needed to serve a growing population in Central Pasco. Assistant Tax Collector for Internal Services Billy Poulos was the project manager, bringing Mr. Fasano's vision for a larger, more customer-friendly office with the latest technology to life.

Another important aspect of the award is the fact that the Pasco Tax Collector's Office has been actively involved in dozens of charitable giving programs since Mr. Fasano took charge in 2013. 58 different charities have received nearly \$600,000 in charitable donations since the campaign began almost six years ago.

In October of 2017 the new office opened and has proven to be a big hit in the community. With a larger waiting room, more space for customer service and overall a much more attractive building, the standalone office caught the eye of the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce, which ultimately led to the receipt of the "Heart of Pasco" Award.

"This award belongs to each and every member of our staff," comments Tax Collector Mike Fasano.

"Their commitment to top-notch customer service, support of the great charities in our community, and an overall desire to provide service that is 'second-to-none' is the reason this award now graces our office. Many thanks to our friends at the Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce for recognizing our commitment to excellence."

Tax Collector Mike Fasano Announces Hourly Starting Salary Increase to \$15.00 at Pasco's Tax Collector Offices

Mike Fasano, Pasco County's Tax Collector since 2013, announces that with the New Year comes a new starting salary for employees. New hires who join the office after January 5 will receive a starting salary of \$15.00 per hour. Any existing employee who may currently be earning less than that amount will be increased to at least the new wage.

Increasing staff salaries was one of the first goals Mike Fasano set when he took over reins of the office 5 1/2 years ago. Appalled at how low many employees, most long-term career staff members, were receiving, he set out on a deliberate course of increasing salaries so that they truly will be a living wage for employees.

"Over the past 5 plus years we've been able

to raise the starting salary by 62%," Tax Collector Mike Fasano continues. "In 2013 the starting salary was \$19,240 per year. Today, it is \$31,200 per year. Professionals who rely on this job for their livelihood deserve to be paid what they are worth. Their jobs are not easy. The transactions we do for local and state agencies are many and require accuracy and precision. It is my belief that to attract and maintain good employees they must be paid commensurate with their skills, abilities, and experience."

For more information regarding the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office and the services it provides, please visit our website at www.Pascotaxes.com.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13



Tax Collector Food and Donation Drive for United States Coast Guard

Due to the ongoing federal government shutdown, the Pasco Tax Collector's offices are accepting donations to help members of the United States Coast Guard and their families. Donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, gift cards and cash can be made at any of the five offices listed below. Cash and gift cards will be accepted at the front counter, the first stop in each office. Food items can be placed in the collection box which will be located in the front lobby of each office.

"While Washington plays politics with the federal budget, the reality back home is that the brave men and women who patrol our shoreline, catch drug smugglers, help stranded boaters and perform a host of other tasks to keep us safe are going without pay," states Tax Collector Mike Fasano.

"Even though the paychecks have stopped coming, the rent and mortgage bills, car payments, childcare expenses, groceries bills and the whole litany of expenses we all deal with on a daily basis have not stopped. It is our hope to make this difficult time a little easier for the members of the Coast Guard and

their families to endure." The following is a list of tax collector offices in Pasco County that will be accepting donations:

Gulf Harbors Office – 4720 U.S. Highway 19, New Port Richey 34652

Tax Collector's Office in the West Pasco Government Center – 8731 Citizens Drive, Room 120, New Port Richey 34654

Land O' Lakes Office – 4135 Land O' Lakes Blvd (U.S. Highway 41), Land O' Lakes 34635

Wesley Chapel Office – 4610 Pet Lane, C-101, Lutz 33559

Tax Collector's Office in the East Pasco Government Center – 14236 – 6th Street, Dade City 33523

For more information regarding the collection campaign, directions to any of the offices or other related questions please visit the Pasco County Tax Collector's website at www.Pascotaxes.com, call Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano's direct line at 727-847-8179, or contact the Centralized Call Center at 727-847-8032, 813-235-6076, or 352-521-4338.

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GFWC Fashion Show



GFWCLutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club will host its fun-filled Annual Flea Fashion Show, themed "Anything Goes" on Thurs. February 28, 2019 beginning promptly at 11am at Lutz Community Center, 101-1st Ave. NW, Lutz 33548 (beside Lutz Library).

This hilariously unscripted event will feature some lovely as well as some zany outfits modeled by club members with many laughs thrown in. The fashions are pulled from donations made to the club's upcoming BIG Flea Market at the Old Lutz School on March 1st and March 2nd. More fun is added with a lively auction opportunity to buy these fashions literally off the backs of the models. A fundraiser buffet luncheon including sand-

wich platters, salad dishes, desserts and beverages will be served for a donation of only \$7, with all proceeds benefitting Arts For All, which provides art supplies and art projects for special needs school children.

The public is most welcome, so bring a friend and enjoy the fun. For more Fashion Show information, please call Chair Cheryl at 813-382-4259.

This Fashion show serves as a kickoff to the big Woman's Club Annual Flea Market (3/1 and 3/2 from 8am - 2pm) at the Old Lutz School. Don't miss this very popular event with the BEST bargains in the area.

For Flea Market info, call Chair Annette at 813-482-8183.

GFWC Supports Troops

GFWC Lutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members regularly volunteer at the Wesley Chapel warehouse of the "Support the Troops" and work to pack many boxes of needed items to be shipped to military serving overseas. The club women find it very rewarding to help send goodies to those serving abroad on our behalf. The Woman's Club has for many years supported this organization through donations and volunteer hours. For more information on membership opportunities, please visit at www.gfwclutzlandolakeswomansclub.org or its Facebook page.



Woman's Club members Dee Knerr, Nancy Taylor & Nat Cunningham

GFWC Preparing for Flea Market



GFWCLutz-Land O'Lakes Woman's Club members are beginning prep work for its Annual Old Lutz School Flea Market (Mar. 1st & 2nd). Community donations will be accepted each Mon. and Wed. between 9 and 11am, beginning on Mon. Feb. 11 and Wed. 13 at the Old Lutz School, 18819 US41-N. The club welcomes community donations of clothing, shoes, household items, small appliances, kitchen wares, books, accessories, décor items, antiques & collectibles, tools, toys, baby equipment, etc.

All items must be clean and in working order. Larger furniture may be dropped off in the last week of February but large appliances, huge TV's, or sleeper sofas cannot be

accepted. Note: Additional Saturday collection dates have been added: Sat. Feb. 16 and Sat. Feb. 23 from 9am to noon.

FLEA MARKET DATES: FRI. MARCH 1ST & SAT. MARCH 2nd - 8am to 2pm

Flea Questions: Call Chair Annette at 813-482-8183

Please help the hardworking "Green Shirt" ladies raise funds through your donations for this very popular Flea Market, proceeds of which ultimately come back to our community and benefit scholarships and many other contributions to and in support of local charitable groups and non-profits. The Woman's Club has been serving our community since 1960. Help us to help the community!!



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How do you feel when you wake up in the morning? How do you feel when you look in the mirror? Or when you stand in your closet once again, finding nothing that "looks right"? By the end of the day when you want to spend time with your family, are you too tired?

One of the most common things women tell me is that they just don't feel good. They know something is not right and they don't want to feel that way anymore.

How you feel about your body can affect every area of your life: your confidence in your career, your intimacy with your spouse, or becoming a homebody because you don't want to be seen by others.

It breaks my heart when I hear women share these things because I know I can help them change that. I don't believe God created us to hide from the world or hide from ourselves and when you don't feel good, you aren't typically as involved in life.

I even had a woman recently tell me that her family came in from out of town and they wanted to see Clearwater beach, but after 30 minutes of trying outfit after outfit on, she felt she looked frumpy and fat in every one of them.

So she lied to her family and told them she couldn't go. As they were out enjoying life at the beach, she was at home in bed crying because she just couldn't believe how far out of control her body had gotten.

I don't know if you can relate to that or not but it's a very common thing women

deal with. I also find that most people don't realize how bad they truly do feel until they start to feel better. Then they realize by how great they feel, that they felt bad physically and emotionally before.

When people start to eat healthier and take care of their bodies, they find the mental fog has lifted, they are mentally clear, have so much more energy, sleep better, and the food cravings are completely GONE! After a few weeks of this, they feel like a dark cloud lifts from their heads and bodies!

I think many people really underestimate how what they eat on a daily basis affects how they feel inside and out. I have seen that even depression, in some people, can diminish greatly or disappear when someone balances out their nutrition.

I pray you take this article as a sign that its time to really start doing something about your health and fitness so you can feel great, have abundant energy, and not feel older than you are. The best place to start is with a Body Transformation Analysis.

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A Need for Wisdom

for the one who doubts is like a billowing surge of the sea that is blown about and tossed by the wind. For such a person ought not to think or expect that he will receive anything [at all] from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable and restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels or decides.]”

You will notice from these scriptures that the Lord won't chastise you for asking for His wisdom, but He does ask for us to come believing He will answer, not doubting His willingness to help. Do you know what often happens? People either wait till they are in a crisis, or don't stop to think that God would graciously grant them help if they would but ask. Thus, their experience is not full of confidence that God will answer but instead they are full of fear.

We know, according to I Timothy 1:7, that "God did not give us a spirit of fear." We can conclude therefore, that an enemy force tries to tempt us to be fearful, doubting, and double-minded to keep us from hearing and perceiving God's will for wisdom. Simply put, it's not God's fault if we can't receive. In fact He is more willing to grant you wisdom for your situation than you can imagine. God is always good and His plans are good. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you, says the LORD, plans of peace and well being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

The problem is in our believing He will answer!! I don't know what you may be facing now or in the future, but I do know this: God's wisdom is available and according to Proverbs 8:34 there is much blessing for the one who watches and listens daily for it!! In fact, the entire book of Proverbs has much insight into wisdom and its blessing. So just ask!!

Food for thought!
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I feel impressed that wisdom will be essential for 2019. There will be many decisions and changes to be made in areas for new direction in your life. These decisions will need to be made regarding health, finances, and spirituality even in times of crisis. When I speak of wisdom, I am describing the God-given ability to make the right decision after attaining knowledge and understanding for the choices you need to make.

In Proverbs 24:3 (AMP) it says, "Through (skillful and godly) wisdom, a house (a life, a home, a family, a business) is built, and by understanding it is established (on a sound and good foundation)."

I like the way the LB translation puts it, "Any enterprise (undertaking, endeavor, venture, pursuit, operation, a life, home, family, deed, action, business, or plan) is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts."

It seems God wanted every area of life governed by His wisdom. In Proverbs 8 it speaks of wisdom being there before the beginning of creation. "It was daily beside God as a master and director of His work and was daily His delight!"

At the end of this chapter, it says we could forfeit heeding wisdom, in any given situation, injuring ourselves and our course in life.

If God so valued wisdom, even before creation, He also knew how needful it would be for us to heed as well. In fact, in James 1:5-8 (Amp), it says this: "If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him. But he must ask [for wisdom] in faith, without doubting [God's willingness to help],

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7 Good Bible Verses for Our Government

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We may not feel like it or we may not believe that they are doing the best that they can, but we are commanded to pray for those who are in "high positions" and that most certainly means praying for governmental leaders and politicians. As bad as they may seem or as corrupt as we might believe they are, this does not relieve us of our responsibility to pray for those who are over us.

#2. Romans 13:1: "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

We are subjects of the government of the land. This means that we are to be under their authority, and this means that we should obey those who rule over us, no matter what we feel about them. God has established those in positions of authority as it pleases him and so we ought always to "be subject to the governing authorities."

#3. Daniel 2:21: "He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

We might think that we have control over who runs the government, but God is the one who plucks up and puts down leaders. He is the one who removes and sets up kings and kingdoms, including those who have authority over us. Their day of justice will come, so we must trust God to execute His righteousness in time and not take it into our own hands.

#4. Romans 13:7: "Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."

Those governmental employees with

the IRS deserve the same respect as those in the judicial system, in Congress, and in the White House. We should give them the honor to which they are due. If respect, then give respect, if honor, then give honor, and if taxes are due, pay them and by doing so, we are living in obedience to God.

#5. Psalm 75:7: "But it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another."

God does use men and women to help establish governmental powers but, in the end, God is the one who will execute the final judgment on all who have been given much responsibility. It might even be us. He is the one who sets up kingdoms and tears them down, He exalts one and brings others down, always according to His will.

#6. Proverbs 8:15-15: "By me, kings reign and rulers issue decrees that are just; by me princes govern, and nobles—all who rule on earth."

Whoever is in power in a nation, it is by no accident. Even issued decrees are under God's rule. It is by God that princes govern, nobles rule, kings reign, and issues are decreed. Our job is to simply obey.

#7. Romans 13:4: "For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer."

"If you pay your taxes, obey the laws, and give respect to those in authority, you have nothing at all to worry about but if you do not, then be afraid," says Paul. God's servants don't bear the sword (authority) for nothing but are God's agents doing His bidding.

Conclusion

I hope these verses have helped you see

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that the governmental authorities are decreed by God for our own good and not for our harm and even though it is hard to trust any politician or even government employees, we are commanded to show them respect and live a life of obedience that is pleasing to Him because "whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment."

Romans 13:2

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Remember, Act 6:3 says choose men filled of the Holy Spirit and wisdom (Not evildoers) and He (God) will turn his responsibility over to them. It means government and law never override God's Law. "Ten Commandments." Matthew 5:17 Jesus said, "I did not come to destroy the Law but to fulfill the Law."

Valentine's Day—One of America's Most Popular Days

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Roman men, thinking single men made better soldiers

Eventually, the Emperor caught on to the priest's actions, and he was arrested and sentenced to death. Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as the date honoring Valentine's Day near the end of the 5th century. It wasn't until the 1300's that the holiday became associated with love and romance.

Back then, people believed that February 14th also was the beginning of the birds' mating season. The first written Valentine greeting appeared in the 15th century, and by the 17th century people in Great Britain had begun a tradition of exchanging Valen-

tine cards or letters.

Valentine's Day soon caught on in the U.S. as well. The first mass-produced holiday cards emerged in 1840, and Valentine's Day soon exploded into a major consumer holiday. Today, an estimated 1 billion Valentine cards are sent each year, more than any other holiday except for Christmas. More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold, and 220 million roses produced for the holiday in a year.

Altogether, Americans spend around \$20 billion on Valentine's Day, an average of \$130 dollars per person per year. While the most popular gifts were candy and flowers, nearly 20% of Americans splurge on jewelry, shelling out \$4 billion annually.

Those who prefer the ultimate romantic gesture are definitely not alone. A recent survey reveals at least six million couples are likely to get engaged on February 14th.

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- * God loves everyone but probably prefers “fruits of the Spirit” over nuts!
- * The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes came close.
- * Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever.
- * Quit griping about your church! If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- * If your church needs a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.
- * The best mathematical equation is 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- * God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he's dead. So why should you?
- * Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
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By Erik Groenendijk

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We, like everybody else, just went with the flow of what everybody else was doing. The common practice was to use a water softener and if you wanted good drinking water you needed reverse osmosis.

So we did all of that, and still the water

tasted bad from the tap, we still had dry skin, and we never liked the water from the reverse osmosis system. Ugghhh.

Then in the late 1990's, bottled water was getting really popular. Because our water was so bad, that sounded like the way to go. So we got trays and trays of bottled water. Some tasted good, some not.

If the bottles were in a hot car or delivery van or sat in the sun, the water gets too old and it gets a “plastic” taste. Chemicals are leaching from plastics into the water. BPA, or bisphenol A, is often found in disposable water bottles and babies' milk bottles and cups. BPA is being phased out of plastic packaging due to fears it may disrupt our hormones – but a replacement for it may be just as harmful –ouch!

I have been on a personal quest for the last ten years to solve my water issues in an af-

fordable manner, taking advantage of my engineering and chemistry background. I never felt like spending \$5,000 or more for water treatment systems offered by the big companies Kinetico and Culligan.

After trying multiple systems at my house over the years, I finally figured it all out. I love my water now. We drink it from any faucet. The water tastes great - no more chlorine taste, no “plastic” chemicals, love my showers, the water feels great and our skin feels soft. This is what water should be! Everyone should have this quality of water, and it is really affordable, less than \$1 per day for great quality water from every faucet! This is a system everybody needs! Hence, this motivated me to start my own company: Smarter Water Solutions LLC.

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AllPro Tree and Landscaping

By Karen McBride

Florida landscaping has taken a beating this past winter. The ever-changing temperatures may have left your trees and landscaping looking dried and haggard.

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Services provided include trimming, removals, stump grinding, and clean ups. If you have been contemplating a new look for your lawn, computer generated designs can provide you with different options so that you can actually see what the new landscape design will look like.

The professional designers go beyond the basics of landscape design while making every effort to stay within clients' budget limits.

Hurricane season starts June 1, so be sure your yard is free from debris. Tree branches and other debris can become missiles and cause further damage to your home when a hurricane hits. For more information, go to <https://www.myallpro.com> or call 813-244-9234 or 727-409-3315 for an estimate.

Lori Cain, Local Real Estate Agent

Written by Samantha Yates

Lori Cain is a real estate agent here to take the stress off others when it comes to buying or selling property. Specializing in probate and divorce, she's certified in both and has a team of helpful vendors like movers, cleaners, landscapers, etc.

She's familiar with probate from dealing with family passing; also knowing that couples going through divorce may be quick to sign papers and move on, she tries to be there for both sides to move forward without messing up each other's credit.

Lori started her professional life in law enforcement for 28 years serving USF for 3 and Hillsborough County for 25 years. She wanted to serve and help people. She retired and took a couple years off building a portfolio of rental properties and decided she liked having another aspect of helping people.

Lori spent 2 years buying, renting and remodeling homes to rent making her familiar with the guts of homes. She's been a sales agent for 4 years totaling 6 years now in the business, specializing in Hillsborough County and Wesley Chapel.

Visit her website, TimeToMove.Today, for more information about Lori and her business!

Just Palms – For All of Your Gardening Needs

By Karen McBride

Just Palms, a veteran-owned company, not only specializes in the care of palm trees, small trees, and hedges, but can assist you with all of your gardening needs.

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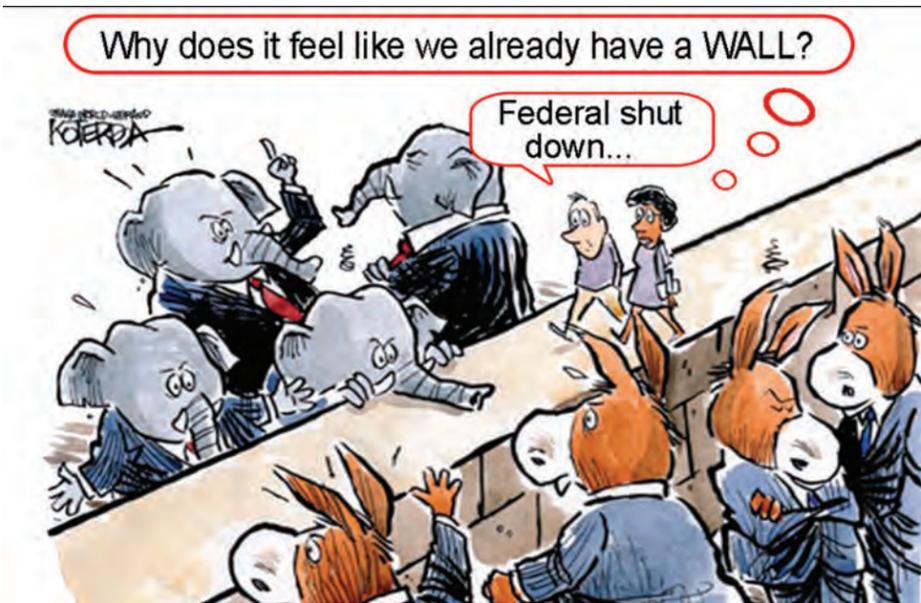
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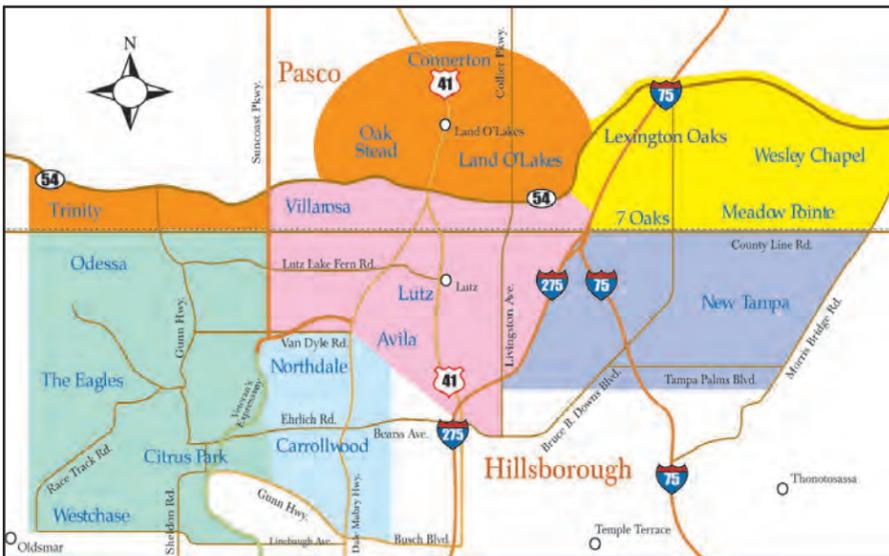
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Samantha Taylor Fitness

Samantha Taylor

When my personal training career started in this area over 17 years ago, Mark Dunn called me and asked if I wanted to be a part of it. I was new in business here but knew I had to get my name out there, so this was the first media outlet I had ever advertised in. As people started to hear about what I offered, through THIS paper, my name started to get out in the community, and in a few years I became the #1 producing personal trainer in the large gym I was in, out of 2,000 trainers!

When it was time to go out on my own, God used THIS paper to give me the confidence that I could find clients outside of that gym. I knew I must, because I wanted to create an environment for women that didn't want to be in a gym. That wanted a safe place they could work out and not feel judged. I also enjoy catering to Christian women who liked that our studio cared about that.

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I thank God for bringing this paper into my life, and I am SO grateful, for they helped give me the original confidence that I could build this business, and look what its turned into and the amount of people we serve! The owners, Mark and Kay, are some of the nicest, most genuine people you'll ever meet and I appreciate how they honor Jesus Christ in this paper. It's such a blessing to partner with them, and I'm happy to know that I am the longest advertiser in the last 17 years!

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The Great Florida Outdoors: The Calusa Heritage Trail

Dr. Robert Norman, Clinical Professor, Dermatology, Nova Southeastern University



Enter an internationally significant archaeological and historic Calusa site!

Along with a visit to the Randell Research Center, you can travel on the Calusa Heritage Trail. The 0.9 mile interpretive walkway will lead you through the mounds, canals, and other features of the Pineland archaeological site. Along the way you will get detailed information regarding the Calusa Indians who inhabited the Pineland site. Highlights include learning about the Calusa culture and environment and a trail with observation platforms atop the site's tallest shell mound. Trail-side benches and a boardwalk and bridge provide access over low-lying areas.

For many centuries, the mighty Calusa accumulated huge shell mounds, engineered canals, and sustained tens of thousands of people from the fish and shellfish found in the rich estuaries west and south of Fort Myers. Here in the estuarine landscape between Charlotte Harbor and the Ten Thousand Islands region of the Everglades are the small number of remaining shell mound sites.

On the Calusa Heritage Trail, visitors can tour an internationally significant site and learn about Calusa culture and their environment. Museum-

quality interpretive signs along the Trail provide visitors with detailed information regarding the Calusa Indians who inhabited the Pineland site, their culture and environment, and the history of Southwest Florida after the Calusa left. The trail also features observation platforms atop the site's tallest shell mound, in addition to benches and a boardwalk and bridge over low-lying areas.

Why is this site so significant?

For over 1,500 years, the site near the waters of Pine Island Sound was a Calusa Indian village. Perhaps you can imagine the many centuries of Indian village life as you examine the remnants of the village and the ancient canal that reached across Pine Island. Early Florida pioneer history is reflected in historic structures. The native plants and animals characteristic of pinelands, coastal hammocks, and wetlands can be found during your exploration.

Archaeological and ecological importance seems to fill the air. The remains of centuries of Calusa daily life reveal a fascinating, complex world that existed before the arrival of Europeans. Waterlogged deposits preserve ar-

tifacts not found in dry sites and include ancient botanical remains found nowhere else in North America. Pineland provides a key to un-

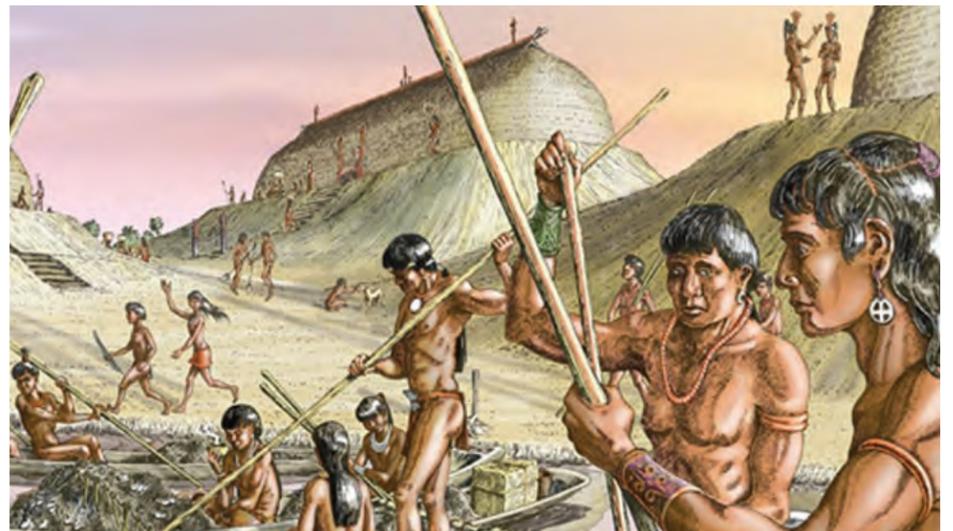
derstanding larger, global issues; accumulated deposits hold information on sea-level fluctuations and climate changes that scientists all over the world can study and add to the earth's environmental history. The site has proven to be an ideal location for teaching students and the general public about Florida's environment and history.

The motto of the Randell Research Center on the Calusa site is “As We Learn, We Teach.” The Randell Research Center (RRC) is a program of the Florida Museum of Natural History and has conducted research and education programs in Southwest Florida since 1983. The Randell Research Center (RRC) is a permanent facility dedicated to learning and teaching the archaeology, history, and ecology of Southwest Florida.

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