

Treasures

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Noyes Treasure



A little update on the littlest Noyes (really Brandeis). My granddaughter Makenzie is doing wonderfully. She is two months old now and is so cute (I know, I am a bit biased). Mom (my daughter Krystal) and Dad (Dan) are doing so great in their roles as new parents. We are so proud of them.

Jacob is enjoying this role as Uncle Jacob is well. He loves his little niece and can't wait to tell her more about his baseball games and share his knowledge of baseball and hockey. In this photo, Jacob was telling Makenzie about his baseball game he had just played. It was precious. Also, Jacob just finished his first school drama show. He played multiple parts in Beauty and the Beast. It was a joy to see him on stage.

Treasure your family. I know I do.

Classroom Treasure



I can personally attest that this edition's Classroom Treasure is a jewel inside and outside of the classroom. I know because before she was a classroom gem, she was a gem in my office as a legal

assistant for many years.

Nivia Brito is currently a first grade teacher at Garrison-Jones Elementary School in Dunedin. If being a first grade teacher isn't difficult enough, Mrs. Brito is part of the unique Spanish dual immersion program – that is, she teaches all the curriculum in Spanish. The schoolchildren learn in Spanish for one half of the day and are taught in English the second half of the day. Garrison-Jones Elementary School is the only elementary school in Pinellas County that offers this treasure to its students.

Mrs. Brito believes that the best part of her career is helping children discover their strengths and watching them grow in a joyful and loving learning environment. Mrs. Brito understands that every child is unique and has gifts that differ from other children. Thus, she dedicates herself to discover unique ways to communicate with children in a friendly and positive manner which inspires the willingness in time to take risks and strive to meet their goals.

In addition to being a gem in the front of the classroom, Mrs. Brito has also shined as a student. She recently achieved a second Master's degree in Education with concentration in science and math from the University of South Florida. Mrs. Brito has found that her quest to continue to learn benefits her students by teaching them the love and passion of learning. Mrs. Brito truly believes that knowledge is the power her students need to accomplish great things and that anything is possible if they believe.

I recently was honored to see Nivia (a/k/a Mrs. Brito) again and present her with a Target gift card as a small token of appreciation of her dedication to the teaching community and her hard work with her students. If you know a teacher or student who deserves spotlighting, please let me know at matt@matthewnoyes.com.

Client Crystal

As a personal injury attorney, I meet a lot of great people only after something bad happens to them or a family member. To brighten their life a bit and to say thank you for the opportunity to help them, I try to give back to my clients by providing tickets to them for Tampa Bay Rays games or other events.

One such client was Amanda – a hard worker who was involved in two separate workers' compensation accidents. It is an honor to fight for Amanda as she maneuvers through the complex Florida work comp system. Amanda won the raffle for Opening Day tickets for the Tampa Bay Rays vs. New York Yankees tickets. Her Dad was kind enough to pick up the tickets for her. Fortunately, the Tampa Bay Rays won that game.

Periodically, I will have Tampa Bay Rays tickets available for my clients. If you have not sent me an email to have your

name added to the call list, please do so by sending me your full name, email address and daytime telephone number to matt@matthewnoyes.com. My team will randomly call those on the list when tickets become available.



In the age of attorney television and radio commercials and attorney billboards being plastered up all over our busy streets, I rather spend my time and resources giving back to my clients. Direct referrals from clients are always better than getting a client because of some flashy television commercial.



Community Chest



"They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." You will see this saying throughout my office because I firmly believe that showing your heart is more important than showing your brains. This is something I try to instill in my life and lead by example.

Over the past weeks, we have had opportunities to show our appreciation to those serving our local community. My wife, son and two sisters were fortunate to help serve lunch to the residents at HEP – Homeless Empowerment Program. It is their goal to help as many

people as they can break the cycles of homelessness. Their motto is "Helping People Help Themselves." This is a great program. For information on how you can help, call them at 727-442-9041 ext. 107.

Also, to thank the firefighters in our community on International Firefighter Appreciation Day, my staff and I went to the fire station near our office to thank the firefighters and provide them some treats as a token of our thankfulness. They risk their lives to protect ours.

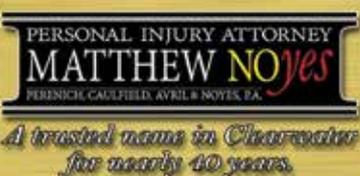
I share these events not to toot our own horns, but to show how easy and simple it can be to give back to the community. Show them how much you care! You can dazzle them with your brilliance later.



Legal Nugget

After a car accident, an injured person must establish that he or she has an "emergency medical condition" in order to be entitled to all the Personal Injury Protection (PIP) benefits they paid for under their car insurance policy.

If you or someone you know needs help fighting the insurance company after a car accident, that's what we like to do. Call us at 727-796-8282 or email me at matt@matthewnoyes.com.



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Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *Treasures*. I appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to read some positivity in our community.

As another May comes upon us, it is a great time to think of the mothers in our lives. Happy Mother's Month to all the mothers! Those who know me know that I treasure my Mom. She was a wonderful role model who dedicated her life to caring for her 11 children and even more grandchildren. She was a music teacher at St. Cecelia School for 26 years before passing away in 2003 from cancer. I am also blessed to have a wonderful wife, Marti, who masters her motherly skills at taking care of our children (and me). This year, I get a new experience of seeing my daughter as a mother to my granddaughter, Makenzie. Watching Krystal excelling in her mother role fills my heart with joy.

Graduations are also in the air. My godson and nephew, Josh, recently graduated from FSU with a double major in Finance and Risk Management. His twin sisters (my nieces), Taylor and Jordan, will graduate from Clearwater Central Catholic High School and take their brother's spot at Florida State. Also, my niece, Melisa, will be earning her Master's Degree from Kaplan University in Education. Congratulations to these graduates and all the grads!

My family and I have been in the Tampa Bay community for over 40 years. We have been blessed to encounter many treasures. If you know a treasure, please tell me about him or her or them. Who knows, maybe they will be in the next *Treasures*.

Enjoy the articles inside and all the treasures in your life and throughout Tampa Bay!

Matt

Recipe Riches

No-Bake Raspberry Cheesecake Jars

No need to turn on the oven this summer to make these tasty treats

Ingredients:

- 1½ package cream cheese
- 3 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 c. heavy cream
- 1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 8 graham crackers
- 12 oz. fresh raspberries
- ½ c. raspberry jam
- 8 glass jars

Directions:

1. Using an electric mixer, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth.
2. Reduce the mixer speed to low and gradually add the heavy cream.



3. Increase the speed to high and beat until thick and stiff, about 2 minutes. Beat in the lemon juice.
3. Spoon graham cracker crumbs into the jars. Top with cheesecake batter, raspberries, and jam, alternating red layers with cheesecake batter. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

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Your referrals continue to be one of the best ways for clients to find our firm.

As you may know, our firm helps those involved in the following:

- Car Accident
- Work Comp Claim
- Social Security Disability

I would be honored to assist your friends and family in any of these areas.