

Treasures

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Noyes Treasure



Some have asked how the Noyes gang is doing with the new addition in our lives. All is wonderful! My granddaughter, Makenzie, has just turned six months and Mommy (my daughter Krystal) and Daddy (my son-in-law Dan) are doing a great job spoiling her. Well, Grandpa and Grammy and Uncle Jacob are doing our part as well! Being a father and grandfather is certainly a blessing.

Jacob is doing well! He started middle school (sixth grade) this year at St. Cecelia. I started at St. Cecelia in sixth grade many decades ago. It's hard to believe that he is the same age I was when I walked the same halls. He is active on the school's baseball team and is excited that Fall Ball for Largo Little League is starting up very soon.

Enjoy your family! I appreciate there may be a few nuts in the family tree, but remember that today's mighty oak tree started out as a just a nut that persevered and grew up.

Jewel of Law Enforcement



This edition's Jewel of Law Enforcement is about someone I know well because I watched him grow up to be the gem he is today.

Deputy Elias Karr with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) is another jewel in our local law enforcement. Deputy Karr started his career with the PCSO as an Explorer when he was just 15 years old, and is still with the PCSO today.

In 2008, Deputy Karr became the PCSO's "Explorer of the Year" and proudly served as an explorer under PCSO Deputy Bauman. "The Explorer Program has developed many outstanding corrections and law enforcement officers throughout Pinellas County, and I'm truly honored to be part of this organization," said Deputy Karr.

Most recently, Deputy Karr was recognized for coming to the aid of a citizen when their vehicle broke

down along a busy highway. Although he was off duty at the time, Karr did what any PCSO deputy would do. He made it a priority to help the driver move their vehicle – along with a young child inside – off the highway and to a safe location. And he didn't stop there. Seeing the young lady had a flat tire, he proceeded to change the tire. The driver thanked Sheriff Bob Gualtieri for having fine deputies like Eli. In turn, Deputy Karr received his own letter of appreciation from Sheriff Gualtieri, for going above and beyond and demonstrating outstanding performance.

"My first involvement in youth programs began as a Cub Scout with Troop 417 in Largo, where I earned my Arrow of Light and advanced into the Boy Scouts," said Karr. "While serving with Troop 417, I worked extremely hard to advance through the ranks, earning the top rank – Eagle Scout – in 2010. I look forward to continuing my involvement and being a mentor to the young men involved with the Explorers and Boy Scouts, and helping them realize that there is no limit to what they can accomplish."

This little next-door neighbor kid has certainly grown to be a treasure in our community. A big thank you goes out to Deputy Karr and all the law enforcement who risks their lives every day so we and our families are safe.

Classroom Treasure



I cannot believe it took me over a year to recognize three of the best teachers – and people – I know. Three Classroom Treasures include my mom, my sister and my brother.



My Mom, Mary Noyes, taught at St. Cecelia Catholic School for twenty-six years until she passed away in 2003. She was the music teacher for the entire school, but also taught other classes. Yes, she was my and some of my siblings' music teacher as well as the teacher for many of her grandchildren. She was, and continues to be from Heaven, the best teacher a son could ask for.

My sister, Gabrielle Noyes, teaches at Clearwater Central Catholic High School. She has taught math at every level from freshman algebra to advanced calculus in her 30 years teaching at CCCHS. She also is an adjunct professor at St. Petersburg College in the mathematics department. She is one of the hardest working teachers I know. I think she even taught me how to throw left handed when I was just a boy.



My brother, Dan Noyes, teaches science at Jesuit High School in Tampa. Before teaching at Jesuit High School, he taught at Clearwater Central Catholic High School where he was my Chemistry and Physics teacher. Thank goodness, I had an in for those classes!! Everyone loved and continues to love "Mr. Noyes" class because you never knew what crazy things could happen in the lab. I thank my brother for helping me to still get some of the chemistry questions correct on Jeopardy!



Teachers are truly treasures in the classroom. I am blessed to have these three as teachers in the classroom of life as well! Thank a teacher today!

Jewel of a Joke

Sitting on the side of U.S. Highway 19 waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Florida Highway Patrol Officer sees a car puttering. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies – two in the front seat and three in the back – eyes wide and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit

can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit?" she asked. "No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly... Nineteen miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "19" was the highway number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks.

"Oh, they'll be alright in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 119."

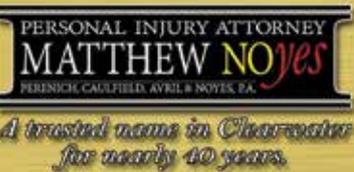
Legal Nugget

A car accident or work injury can cause a bulging or herniated disc. What's the difference between a bulging disc and herniated disc?

Each disc has an outer layer of tough cartilage that surrounds softer cartilage in the center. A bulging disc occurs when at least a quarter if not half of the disk's circumference is sticking out fairly evenly all around – like a hamburger too big for its bun. However, only the outer layer of tough cartilage is involved.

A herniated disk, on the other hand, results when a crack in the tough outer layer of cartilage allows some of the softer inner cartilage to protrude out of the disk. Herniated disks are also called ruptured disks or slipped disks, although the whole disk does not rupture or slip. Only the small area of the crack is affected.

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Focus on Community Riches

Thank you for taking time to read this edition of *Treasures*. As you will see, I have added a new section to my newsletter – Jewel of a Joke. I believe a good sense of humor is certainly a treasure. My Dad had a wonderful, corny sense of humor. That is one memory I treasure most about him. I hope you enjoy this new section.

In a world where negativity is boiling over (because it sells commercials and attracts market share), it is easy to fall into the trap of giving in and succumbing to the negativity surrounding us all. In my world of personal injury litigation, it is difficult to face unethical behavior from some

we deal with while fighting for our clients.

Despite the negativity, I encourage you to continue to seek out the positive in your lives and community and share it with others. Even if no one listens and you can do little to change the negativity around you, focusing on treasures can keep the negativity out. This reminds me of the Garth Brooks' song, 'The Change':

*And I hear them saying, you'll never change things
And no matter what you do it's still the same thing
But it's not the world that I am changing
I do this so, this world will know, that it will not change me.*

Treasure the good in your life and community and seek out more treasures—if not for others, do it for you. Let me know about the treasures so I can share with others in upcoming *Treasures* newsletters.

Matt

Recipe Riches

Candy Corn Bark

The Easter Oreo Bark was a hit so let's mix it up a bit for Halloween

Ingredients:

- 16 Halloween-colored chocolate sandwich cookies, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups broken small pretzels
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1 1/2 pounds white chocolate, broken into squares
- 2 cups candy corn
- orange and brown sprinkles

Directions:

1. Spread the cookies, pretzels and raisins evenly onto a lightly greased small baking sheet. Melt chocolate in a bowl set over a pan of



simmering water, or in the microwave, stirring frequently until melted. Remove from the heat while there are still a few chunks, and stir until smooth. White chocolate burns easily.

2. Drizzle chocolate with a spoon over the goodies in the pan, spreading the top flat to coat evenly. Top with candy corn and sprinkles. Let cool until firm. Break into pieces and store in an airtight container

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