

# Treasures

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## Client Crystal



It's that time of year – baseball season!!

Although I am a diehard Chicago Cubs fan, I have been a season ticket holder for the Tampa Bay Rays since Day One. I love taking my son, Jacob, to the games as well as my wife. I hope to be able to take my three year old granddaughter, Makenzie, to a few games this year.

However, I cannot make it to all the Rays games. That's where you come in! In appreciation for your trust in me and my team, I want to give you the opportunity to use my two tickets. If you are interested in going to a future Rays game, send me an email at matt@usalaw.com or matt@matthewnoyes.com and we will add your name to our call list. When

tickets become available, my team will call those on the call list to see if you can use the available tickets. I believe the Rays are going all mobile now so we will have to forward the tickets by telephone or email.

Thank you for your referrals and your confidence in us! Enjoy a Tampa Bay Rays game this season on me! We never know how long they will be here!



## Classroom Treasure



Pinellas County's 2020 Teacher of the Year – how cool is that? It's even cooler when the Teacher of the Year – David Martinez-Cooley – was taught music by my Mom in grade school and attended and taught at my high school alma mater – Clearwater Central Catholic High School (yes, many years after I attended there!).

David Martinez-Cooley is the music teacher at Leila G. Davis Elementary School. Before that, he taught music at Belleair Elementary. In all, he has worked for 13 years in Pinellas public schools. He also taught math and music at Clearwater Central Catholic High School where he graduated from in 1991.

Leila Davis' principal describes Mr. Martinez-Cooley as "driven, relentless and caring teacher-leader who exemplifies excellence."

In 2018, the chorus led by Martinez-Cooley was asked to perform at Pinellas' Secondary All-County Music Festival. Since starting at Leila Davis, he has seen 12 of his students selected to perform in the Florida Music Education Association's Elementary All-State Chorus.

Mr. Martinez-Cooley says that his favorite part about teaching is helping kids understand things that might seem hard at first. He adds that his ultimate goal is to pass on his overwhelming love of music to kids who might grow to love it that much.

Mr. Martinez-Cooley is truly a gem in our community. I am sure that my Mom is looking down from Heaven and singing praise for him. We all are blessed to have the treasures of passionate teachers like Mr. Martinez-Coley in our classrooms.

Thank you, Mr. Martinez-Cooley for all you do!



## Dixie Dee's Diamond Advice

Even dogs like Dixie Dee love Spring Break. The weather is nice; there are more squirrels to chase in the backyard; and it is time for a fresh grooming to start the new season. However, Dixie Dee knows that Spring Break brings spring breakers who often drive around in rental cars. Because Lorrie has told Dixie Dee what danger rental cars bring to Tampa Bay's traffic, she wanted to share it with the *Treasures'* readers.

Dixie Dee wants you to know that if you are injured in a car accident caused by someone driving a rental car, there may be limited insurance coverage to pay for your medical bills, lost wages and other damages. That is because rental car companies get favored treatment under the law. Typically, the owner of a vehicle is liable

for the actions of anyone who drives their vehicle. However, under the Graves Amendment, a rental car company will not be held liable for the negligence of the driver of a car that the company owns, rents, or leases to an individual, regardless of whether the driver is an insured motorist. So if a spring breaker in a rental car causes a car accident, there may be no or little insurance coverage. This is why uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage is so important. Dixie Dee wants you to check your policy before the spring breakers get here.

If you see Dixie Dee sticking her head out the window in her red sports car (she just lets Lorrie believe it is Lorrie's car) enjoying the Spring weather, give a little honk to say hi!



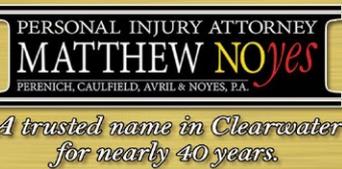
## Jewel of a Joke

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, a New Yorker found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that New Yorkers already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorker, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet before finding traces of copper wire dating back 250 years. He proudly

proclaimed that California is better because it had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than New York.

After reading these reports, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist in Texas, dug to a depth of 33 feet. He found nothing which prompted him to run to the media and proclaim that Texas is the best because 250 years ago, Texas had already gone wireless.



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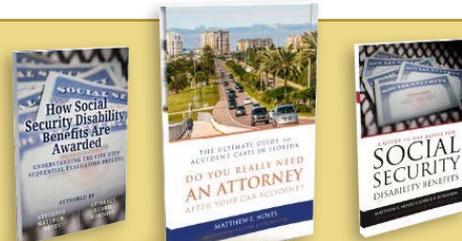
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## Bookshelf Treasures

Did you know that we have written a book on car accidents and two books on social security disability? If you would like a free copy of any of the books, avoid Amazon and send me an email at matt@usalaw.com.



## Focus on Community Riches

Happy Spring! Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of *Treasures*. I know the Spring season brings new tasks to complete so I truly appreciate you taking a few minutes to read some positive news in our community.

Inside, you will meet the 2020 Teacher of the Year. When I met him, his love for music and passion for teaching shined through. He is truly a treasure in our community. Also, Dixie Dee gives you some dog wisdom on to protect your family as spring breakers invade Tampa Bay in rental cars. Lastly, check how you can enjoy a Tampa Bay Rays game in the front row of left field for free this season.

Each morning, our accounting department and I start the day playing (not singing) a song based on that month's theme. Music is a great way to start the day. I recently chose *We Are the World* and was reminded how powerful the lyrics are:

*When you're down and out, there seems  
no hope at all*

*But if you just believe there's no way we can fall*

*Well, well, well, well let us realize*

*Oh, that a change can only come*

*When we stand together as one,*

*yeah, yeah, yeah*

*We are the world*

*We are the children*

*We are the ones who make a brighter day,  
so let's start giving*

*There's a choice we're making*

*We're saving our own lives*

*It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me*

We all have days that we are "down and out" and know others that do. I encourage you remember that we can make a brighter day for us and for others by standing together.

Enjoy this *Treasures* and the beginning of Spring. Give thanks to the treasures in your life and throughout the community! Lastly, sorry that you will be singing *We Are the World* for the rest of the day!

Matt

## Recipe Riches

### Easter Dirt Cupcakes

**YOUR LITTLE BUNNIES WILL BE SO "HOPPY" YOU MADE THESE FOR THEM.**

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 chocolate cake mix
- 1 - 3.4 ounce package instant chocolate fudge pudding
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 - 16 ounce container chocolate fudge frosting
- 5 Oreo cookies, crushed
- 24 marshmallow Peeps bunnies
- Easter candies

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a muffin pan with 24 cupcake liners.
2. Make the cake batter according to the package directions. Spoon into the liners. Bake for 18 minutes. Remove and cool completely. Cut out the center of each cupcake.
3. Whisk together the pudding mix and milk. Refrigerate for 5 minutes.
4. Spoon the pudding into the centers of the cupcakes. Frost the tops of the cupcakes with the fudge frosting.
5. Place a bunny in the center of each cupcake. Sprinkle the tops of the cupcakes with the cookie crumbs. Add some candies to each cupcake. Store in a tightly sealed container in the refrigerator.

