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Moody on The Market

Pat **Moody**

221 Main 'Shuffle' Yields New Bar, Breakfast Café on the Way

Many would say, "The bar has come home to where it belongs," at 221 Main Restaurant & Cocktail House in downtown St. Joseph.

Late last week 221 owners Robert and Tawn Montgomery opened a newly imaged and redecorated bar area on the north end of their 221 Main bar and restaurant complex. The bar returns to the 'Post Office end' of the building, from which it moved several years ago in a total makeover that included adding a full-scale second floor dining room, bar, and outside terrace to the 221 Main experience.

At that time, the 221-bar moved to a smaller space on the south end, at Main & Pleasant Streets. It never quite worked in that location, with fewer seats and a squeezed in feel, while the other 221 improvements thrived. So, when the Montgomery's decided to add a 'nicer breakfast place' under their 221 banner, it just made sense to put the bar back in the available space where it had originally been.

The results are striking! Perfect lighting highlights a roomy but still cozy and comfortable atmosphere that feels upscale but not pretentious. There's a medium-length bar that showcases 221's incredible variety of fine whiskies. Ample dining area in the back for groups of varying sizes who prefer to dine in a pub or informal atmosphere. Intimate 'two-top' tables along the bar wall that are perfect for busy couples enjoying dinner. A 'living room' area with lounge furniture in the alcove by the front door is perfect for casual conversations with a small group.

Two video screens behind the bar allow guests to keep an eye on their favorite team, however it's not a sports bar. It's more about enjoying the people you're with, an excellent cocktail, and a great dinner. 221's main food menu is available in the new bar and throughout both floors of the restaurant.

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Sarah **Spoonholtz**

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September started off as strong as it did with

events and celebrations, we weren't phased in

the slightest. Each opportunity allowed our

team to connect the community and business

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together, which creates something beautiful in the process.

A few of those included the **St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Service Center's Hanes Family Wildflower Trail, BOSS Services 9/11 Hero Climb** honoring those lost 22 years ago and

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The Pet Corner

In the 1950s, a woman named Velma B. Johnston spearheaded a grassroots movement to expose the ruthless treatment of wild horses and burros that roamed our western range lands. "Wild Horse Annie," as she became known, revealed to the public how "mustangers" harvested wild horses and burros and sold them for commercial purposes. A letter-writing campaign to stop the cruel practice included the participation of school children and led newspapers across the country to publish articles about Annie's efforts. Public outcry arose, and the Associated Press said that, "Seldom has such an issue touched such a responsive chord." September 8, 1959 saw "The Wild Horse Annie Act" passed, prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles to capture horses and the pollution of their water sources, but the law did not include Annie's request for Congress to begin a program to protect wild horses and burros from unscrupulous mustangers. Public interest and outrage grew, as the population of wild horses declined, leading to the passage of The Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, an act of Congress signed into law by President Nixon on December 18 of that year. The Act was meant to protect and manage the unbranded and unclaimed horses and burros living on public lands in the U.S.

While we might hope this law led to the protection of wild horses and burros, amendments made over the last 52 years have served to allow means of capture that can only be viewed by anyone who reads the statistics as sanctioned animal abuse. Currently, the government conducts "gathers" across the West, where thousands of horses are removed from their herds and shipped to holding facilities where they are warehoused and put up for possible adoption by the public. During a recent gather, over three thousand horses were captured. Thirty-nine died on site from broken legs, broken necks, colic, and dehydration from running before the helicopters in record high temperatures and heat index. How is this humane? Then there are the overcrowded holding facilities, where horses and burros are housed without shade or shelter from the elements. While the public is sometimes allowed to observe the round ups, the viewing points are usually far away from the actual activity. The holding facilities that are closed to the public are those with the highest death rate among the horses and burros. I have to ask why? I also have to think if Wild Horse Annie were alive today, she would ask why, too. There must be better solutions, more humane answers to controlling the wild horse and burro herds than chasing them for miles in the heat with helicopters until they are too exhausted to fight. We must be their voice and let our representatives in Congress know the promise of the Act passed in 1971 needs to be upheld and kept.

On a much lighter and happier note, on Sunday, October 1, Fuzzybutz Pet Bakery will sponsor, as part of Barktober Fest, a Day at the Whirlpool Compass Fountain in St. Joseph. It's a chance to bring your doggie pals to the fountain for a dip before it closes for the season. The fun starts at 2pm. There will be vendors and tons of fun. Let's hope for great weather!



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raising funds for our local first responders, NextGen at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, and our September Business After Hours at Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors.

Next up we are excited to join the City of St. Joseph and St. Joseph Today on the highly anticipated return of the Maids of the Mist **Fountain**! The celebration of the Maids return happens Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 **p.m.** at the Fountain, with beverages and light snacks available at the Veranda at the Whitcomb after the ceremony.

A little history about the Maids of the Mist Fountain: it was constructed 150 years ago, 132 years ago, H.E. Bucklew, who at the time owned The Whitcomb, purchased the fountain, and moved it to its current location. On August 27th, 1892 the Fountain officially began its life in St. Joseph's Lake Bluff Park. Standing at nearly 25 feet high, with a 25 foot in diameter basin, the Fountain has been a staple for the north side of the bluff and saw its first major restoration back in 1974 by Corwin Rife, curator of the Kalamazoo Public Museum

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Next up, on Tuesday, September 19th, we are partnering with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan for a blood drive at Shadowland on Silver Beach Ballroom from 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. Blood continues to be at critically low levels across the state of Michigan, which means when provided with the opportunity to donate, we should!

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Finally, on Tuesday, September 26th we will be back at Shadowland on Silver Beach for the Navaquest Really Smart Marketing Workshop from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. During the seminar you'll learn why your business

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Dave Says Workers and Givers

Dear Dave,

My wife and I have been very fortunate in our careers. We both have six-figure incomes, and as a result we have a little over \$2 million in savings and investments. With this in mind, do you have any advice on how to make sure your kids aren't spoiled as they grow up in a family that's doing well financially?

Gary Dear Gary,

First, don't spoil them! Teach them to work, and teach them to be givers. Oh, and gently remind them every so often that it's you and your wife who are wealthy—not them. Yeah, I know. This probably sounds mean to some folks, but I'm talking about simply explaining to them how you and their mom have worked hard, been smart with your money, and that's why you're in the position you're in.

We taught all our kids, from a very young age, just how important it is to work. Work equals money. When you do that, and kids see it in their parents' attitudes and actions, it makes a big impression. With little kids, it can start with simple things like cleaning up their rooms or clearing the table after dinner. And it should carry over into their teenage years, as well. Every able-bodied child should be working and earning money, whether it's their own entrepreneurial idea, at a fast food joint or babysitting.

Another thing we did was based in our faith. As Christians, we taught our kids that we don't really own anything. It all belongs to God, and one of our jobs is to wisely manage the things He entrusts to us. The first rule is to take care of your own household—the important stuff. After that, it's okay to have some nice things, but it's not all about fun. It's also about thoughtful giving and being generous.

As a parent, your job isn't to be a buddy to your kids. It's not to give them every little thing they want, and make sure they're running around carefree and playing every hour of the day. Your job is to teach them about the important things in life, and over time, mold them into mature, responsible human beings who can survive—and succeed—in the real world. — Dave

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My Fab Tabs

You may not often wonder if you're like me. Heck, you may NEVER WISH to spend any time wondering something so bizarre. Well, today's column may force your hand a little bit to do so.

(Have you ever considered those three little words used in succession like that? -"to do so." In English, is there any other triplet of two-letter words ending in the same vowel that we use together like these three? I can't think of any off the top of my head. I guess after a bad dad joke, one could sarcastically utter "Ya, pa - ha." Or if someone who didn't know you asked you where you could be found, you could reply "He be me." But let's face it, these are questionable examples; someone could argue for them, but they'd be wrong to do so.)

Anyway, as I was saying. Are you perhaps like me in this one respect?: Do you eagerly - and perhaps, to be honest, sometimes mindlessly - surf the internet for knowledge, factoids, argument solvers, or argument starters, and then leave the browser tab open? Do you do this so often that you wind up with quite a few open tabs?

Apparently, I tend to do this, and to a "ridiculous degree," at least in the opinion of my wife. We share the same personal computer, and she grumpily compares the state of open tabs on our web browsers to the

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clothes/shoes/electronics/towels/dishes/dishware/empty food wrappers/etc./etc./etc. strewn about a teenage boy's bedroom. Well, I think it's fair to ask, how many

open tabs is "too many"?!? Let's investigate. Starting with my tablet: I have 26 open Chrome tabs. And yes, some of them have

been open for months. And months and months. For example, I never close my Wordle tab, nor my Quordle tab. Whenever I don't forget to play, those tabs are ready.

I presently have a tab listing all the books in the "No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" series. These are enlightening slice-of-life + mystery stories set in Botswana. I learned about them from, yup, another of my open tabs: a video "lecture" about the history of tea wherein the presenter briefly discusses rooibos tea, and mentions that the main character of the "Ladies' Detective Agency" books drinks a LOT of rooibos tea.

I like tea a lot If I ever live in a culture where every person MUST sport at least one tattoo, I'd have the Chinese symbol for tea inked on me somewhere. I know exactly what it looks like because another of my open tabs displays the results of my search for "Chinese symbol for tea."

I do lotsa web-searching in order to bring you diverting and beguiling columns each week. This explains why one tab features the "Happiness Revival Guide" from Time magazine. I theorize that I could amuse and uplift you by summarizing this. Or at least find ways to feel better if you tell my summarization stinks. Or if Time magazine comes after me for plagiarism. Geez, maybe I'll be happier if I just don't write about the "Happiness Revival Guide."

Wow, I'm up against MailMax' word count limit! I haven't even mentioned my open Safari tabs! Or the tabs on my phone! Or computer! Well, no worries - in future columns, I'm sure to do so!



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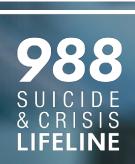
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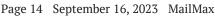
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All Things

In all things God works for the good of those who love him. Romans 8:28

It was the last night of a Christian retreat, and Paul Lim felt immense relief. As far as Paul was concerned, the entire retreat so far had been awful-awkward company, poor quality music, and even the food was bad. Besides, Paul was an economics major at Yale, and his worldview was completely secular, even atheistic. With the end of the retreat in sight, Paul sat towards the back of the room for the final session.

As he did, the band got back on stage. It then played a song Paul had never heard before. And there was something about that song-something in the words that struck Paul's heart. And Paul Lim began to sob. Before long, Paul professed his faith in Jesus as his Savior.

Fast forward to Paul's next semester at Yale. If one were writing a feel-good movie, the script would call for Paul Lim to feel happy and satisfied now that he had become a Christian. But that was not the case. An immediate consequence of his Christianity was extreme loneliness. His friends were, abruptly, no longer a part of his life. But, as Paul later admitted, it was the loneliness that drove him

to read the Bible. In fact, in that one semester, Paul Lim read through the entire Bible seven times. And it was during those difficult days that Paul Lim began to get truly acquainted with the person of Jesus Christ.

In our Bible reading today it says, "In all things, God works for the good of those who love him." For some of us, these words have become almost a cliché, a throw-away line we use to assure ourselves that everything is going to be okay. When we do, however, we often overlook God's promise to be at work in our darkest moments.

Today, Paul Lim teaches history at a major university. He is also openly Christian, inviting his students to ask questions. By the power of the gospel, he knows what Jesus did on the cross to wash his sins away. He also knows how God uses even dark times for profound good. That's how the Lord works-in your life and mine too.

Prayer: Lord, in my difficult times, remind me that you are at work. Carry me through. Amen.

> Submitted by Pastor Glenn T. Rosenbaum Administrative Pastor Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Originated by: www.What AboutJesus.com









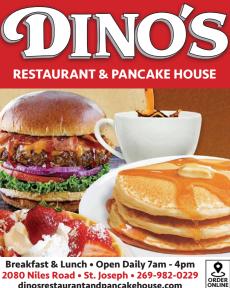
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221 Main is open from 5 pm, Thursday-Sunday. Reservations are available at 269-982-4000.

With the bar now settled in its new, but familiar location, the Montgomery's turn their attention to creating the new 'Copper Pot Breakfast Café', to be located at the corner entrance at Main & Pleasant Streets. The Copper Pot will offer breakfast for any taste or schedule, but will focus on a 'nicer breakfast, perhaps a more leisurely breakfast than the average breakfast spot...a perfect place for a business breakfast or 'catch up time' with an old friend.

Robert and Tawn say the Copper Pot project is step by step. First the bar move, now redecoration of the corner building space: a brighter, fresher look, followed by

September 16, 2023 MailMax Page 17 new furniture more appropriate for breakfast. And Tawn's new menu is taking shape: the basic egg and pancake items, plus 'specialty benedicts', Lox Bagels, and house-made coffee cake. Robert points out that 221's on-site liquor license will allow the Copper Pot to feature mimosas, bloody marys and espresso martinis.

The target date for the opening of the Copper Pot Breakfast Café is mid-November. The hours will be Thursday-Friday 7-11 am, and Saturday-Sunday until 1 or 2 pm to accommodate brunch.

We asked Robert Montgomery about the on-going 'evolution' of 221 Main, from a Sports Bar called 'Players' in late 2012 to a major 'casual upscale' bar and restaurant. As he sees it, the transformation has been a product of 'front-line owner involvement every day'.

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"We talked to the customers every day," Robert said. "They told us what they wanted, and we just gave it to them. It turns out they didn't want another sports bar. They wanted a nice dinner place, not pretentious but elevated, not just ordinary."

He believes they've achieved an atmosphere at 221 that is "nicer, but approachable and comfortable" for customers. He says patrons tell him that every night as he welcomes and seats them in the dining room. It's that customer contact that Robert believes is the 'secret sauce' of 221 Main's success and continued growth.

By Gayle Olson, MoodyOnTheMarket.com Contributor



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New Grand Piano to Honor Memory of Dennis Bowen at SJHS

The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation is raising funds for the purchase of a new Steinway concert grand piano to honor the memory of longtime St. Joseph High School Choral Director, Dennis Bowen. The foundation's Bob Ehrenberg told us after Bowen died this year, students who were mentored by him started talking about ways he could be honored.

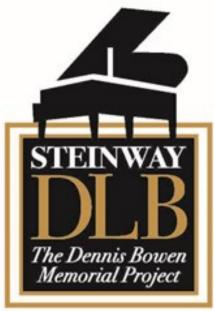
"When it came down to it, we realized that the concert grand piano on the high school stage is almost 60 years old, and it's got a muffled sound and has needed many repairs over the years," Ehrenberg said. "This piano was his baby, so to speak. He took care of it with kid gloves. We thought it was most appropriate to honor him by replacing that piano with a brand-new grant concert piano

Ehrenberg said the new Steinway will cost around \$200,000. The foundation is now collecting donations so it can be bought to replace the old piano that Bowen so diligently maintained. The goal is to have the new piano in time for the annual Christmas concert on December 18. Ehrenberg says with

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Bowen having mentored hundreds of students over the years, he suspects it won't take long to raise the money. Anyone can donate at SJPSFoundation.org or by calling the foundation.



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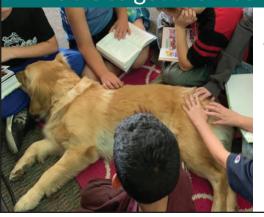
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