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OLA To Graduate 45 Seniors

Our Lady Academy will graduate 45 seniors at its 35th graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 31. Graduation will be held at a 2 p.m. Eucharistic Liturgy in Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis.

Most Reverend Roger Paul Morin, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, will be the principal celebrant of the Liturgy, assisted by Father Michael Tracey, pastor of OLG, and priests from neighboring parishes.

Sabrina Nicole Bradford will present the Salutatory Address. Sabrina is the daughter of Dr. William and Dr. Judith Bradford of Waveland. Sarah Holland Bacot, daughter of Shannon and Stephen Grannon and John and Ellen Bacot, will deliver the Valedictory Address.

OLA graduates from the Pass Christian area are:

Elizabeth Bourgeois
Caitlin Church
Lauren Felter
Brittany Howell
Mallory Marquez
Kathleen McKissack
Rebecca McNeil
Adriana Vargas
Raven Whavers

Other OLA 2009 graduates are: Sarah Bacot, Taylor Benvenuti, Jessica Boone, Jordan Boone, Sabrina Bradford, Samantha Bradford, Dailey Brannin, Kelsey Cannon, Peepcie Capdepon, Rachel Courtault, Deanna Cuevas, Amber Favre, Ashley Fournier, Lindy Frigo, Tess Goodwin, Morgan Hansell, Katherine Hector, Carly Johnson, Alex Kenny, Tinah Kippes, Katherine Marlowe, Madeleine Michelli, Elizabeth Milner, Jocelyn Mullins,

Lyda Murray, Jacquelyne Pierce, Cady Reinhart, Jennifer Roy, Lauren Seal, Leah Seal, Suzaune Skladzien, Rachel Smith, Sarah Sollberger, Madeleine Vosbein, Kristie Warino and Devon Weston.

The OLA Monsignor Martin Maloney Chapter of the National Honor Society members will wear blue stoles with their white graduation gowns. They are: Sarah Bacot, Taylor Benvenuti, Jessica Boone, Sabrina Bradford, Samantha Bradford, Dailey Brannin, Kelsey Cannon, Rachel Courtault, Deanna Cuevas, Lauren Felter, Ashley Fournier, Morgan Hansell, Brittany Howell, Carly Johnson, Alex Kenny, Kathleen McKissack, Madeleine Michelli, Elizabeth Milner, Jocelyn Mul-

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lins, Cady Reinhart, Lauren Seal, Leah Seal, and Sarah Sollberger.

Members of the Graduation Class will participate in the Liturgy. Madeleine Michelli will read from Scripture, and Deanna Cuevas will give the Prayers of the Faithful. Taylor Benvenuti, Elizabeth Bourgeois, Jennifer Roy and Kristie Warino will present the gifts of bread and wine.

Senior Amber Favre will sing a solo after the Liturgy before the Valedictory Address. Carrie Mullins, 8th grade, and Deana Laureys will be song leaders during the Liturgy.

Following the Liturgy, Mrs. Mary Alice Benvenuti, Senior English Teacher, will call the names of the Class of 2009. Bishop Morin and Ms. Susan Goggins, OLA principal, will present the OLA diplomas to the seniors.

After the distribution of diplomas, six seniors will be named as recipients of the following OLA Awards: the Mary Patricia Schmidt Character Cup, the Principal's Cup, the Spirit of Mercy Award, the American Legion Award, the Chamber of Commerce Award, and the Achievement Award.

Members of the Class of 2009 were inducted into the OLA Alumnae Association and received Academic Awards, Scholarship Certificates, and Participation Awards in clubs and organizations at the Senior Awards Banquet on May 14.

VALEDICTORIAN:

Sarah Bacot

Sarah, daughter of Shannon and Stephen Grannon and John and Ellen Bacot, is an OLA National Merit Finalist and OLA's 2009 STAR Student.

A student at OLA for five years, Sarah is an Alpha Honor Roll student enrolled in Honors and Advanced Placement Curricula (Calculus, English IV, and European History). She also studies Spanish IV, Religion IV, Economics, and World Religions.

Sarah is a three-year member and current president of the OLA Monsignor Martin Maloney Chapter of the National Honor Society and a three-year member of the National Spanish Honor Society.

Class President for four years, Sarah was a Pepsi Student of the Month for four years and OLA's Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Youth Representative this year. She is the founder and president of the local chapter of Junior State of America, and she represented OLA at the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation summer program.

A member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis, Sarah lives in Diamondhead. She has received numerous scholarships from colleges and has accepted a scholarship from Rhodes College, where she will pursue a degree in history.

SALUTATORIAN:

Sabrina Bradford

Sabrina, daughter of Dr. William and Dr. Judith



Sabrina
Bradford



Sarah
Bacot

Bradford of Waveland, is a three-year member of the OLA Monsignor Martin Maloney Chapter of the National Honor Society, a three-year member of the National Spanish Honor Society, and an honor roll student.

Sabrina has attended Our Lady Academy for six years. She was a Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist in 2009 and a scholar in the Mississippi Governors School in her junior year.

Sabrina was a four-year letterman on the OLA Varsity Track Team and co-captain this year. She medaled at the 3A state meet in the 100m hurdles as a sophomore and was district, regional, and south state champion in 100m hurdles in her junior year. Sabrina was also a four-year varsity player and two-year letterman on the OLA Cross Country Team.

A member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, Sabrina has contributed numerous hours of volunteer service.

Sabrina plans to attend the University of Mississippi, where she has received the Croft Scholarship from the Croft Institute of International Studies, and will major in international studies.

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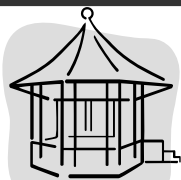
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PASS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Friday, May 29

Pass Christian Chamber Friday Lunch Break featuring Cajun Gourmet Catering, 11am-1pm, Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty office. *RSVP required to PassChristian@MSCoastChamber.com*

Celebrate Pass Christian Downtown Merchants Open House, 4pm-7pm

Blue Skies Gallery, Pass Wine & Spirits, Charbonnet Collection, Lucio's, Pass Christian Books and In Style School & Career Apparel will hold open houses

St. Paul Seafood Festival. *Food, arts & crafts booths, carnival rides. 5pm-11:30pm. Easy Street performs at 8pm*

Christian Summer Concert Series: Jones Unleashed and Center Tree. 7 pm, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, DeLisle.
Info: Fr. Blauvelt at Trinity Church, 228-452-4563

Saturday, May 30

Market in the Park 8am-11:30am,
War Memorial Park
Information: 228-234-8732

St. Paul Seafood Festival. *12pm-11:30pm. Dr. Rock performs at 8pm*

Sunday, May 31

St. Paul Seafood Festival. *Carnival rides only 12pm-6pm*

Words & Music, 4pm-6pm, Oak Crest Mansion. *Friends of the Library annual fundraiser. Call 452-4596 for information & tickets*

Tuesday, June 2

Municipal General Election. Polls are open 7am-7pm.

Pass Christian Library Summer Reading Program: Pinch Pots 10:30 a.m., Library in the Park, 324 E 2nd St

Wednesday, June 3

Board of Alderman Regular Meeting, 6 p.m., Hancock Bank Community Room, Davis Avenue

Thursday, June 4
Pass Christian Library Summer Reading Program: Weaving 10:30 a.m., Library in the Park, 324 E 2nd St

Sunday, June 7
DeLisle YMCA Pool Grand Opening, 1:30 pm invocation at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. Swimming, games and more begin at 2pm at the pool.



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Pass Christian Public School District

Board Of Trustees Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 4 p.m.
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Bay St. Louis Little Theatre Presents Comedy Mystery Dinner Theater

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and the Long Beach Lodge are teaming to present a comedy mystery dinner theater. "Murder is in the Air" will be performed at the Long Beach Lodge following a run that started at Luke's Brisket and Broadway Dinner Theatre in Slidell. An interactive comedy theater, the production is directed by Jim Duggan and features local and Louisiana actors.

Performances are Friday, June 12; Saturday, June 13; Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes dinner and show. The event is BYOB. Reservations should be made in advance by calling 228-363-0300. Seating is limited so call now!

Gulf Coast Health Educators Host "Dancing Under Stars"

Gulf Coast Health Educators will hold its second annual fundraiser "Dancing under the Stars," hosted by the IP Casino Resort & Spa on June 6, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Enjoy a dinner buffet, bar, silent auction, raffle and plenty of dancing, including a ballroom dancing exhibition and a dance contest! Celebrity guests include Miss Mississippi and WLOX anchor Krystal Allan.

WINGS Performing Arts Presents "Murder Mystery on the High Seas"

The Shooting Stars High School Performing Ensemble of WINGS Performing Arts of the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center presents "Murder Mystery on the High Seas" at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

The performance on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. includes dessert and beverage for \$12 per person.

The performance on Saturday June 20 at 7 p.m. includes a three-course dinner prepared by Chef Matt Kallinkos for \$30 per person.

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million dollars in gold and is selected from one of five lucky contestants, all of whom are willing to "kill" for it. The stakes are high (and sharp), so watch out!

Giddy up on out here for a night of suspense, mystery, a few good laughs, an excellent dinner, and of course a couple of dropped bodies!

Purchase tickets online at www.lmdc.org.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Celebrates Pentecost In New Home

Members of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Long Beach will celebrate Pentecost on May 31 in their new home at 310 N. Cleveland Avenue.

Since losing its beachfront facilities in Hurricane Katrina, the congregation, led by Reverend J. David Knight, has worshipped at Coast Episcopal School; Grace Lutheran and First Methodist churches; and Camp Coast Care.

Holy Eucharist service will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch at 11 a.m.

For more information, please call the office of St. Patrick's, 228-863-7882 or visit the website www.stpatrickslongbeach.org.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS: Investment Ideas For Newlyweds

June is a popular month for weddings. If you're getting married this month, you have a lot to think about, but after the wedding — well, you'll have even more to think about. And one of those topics should be your investment strategy. In these days of economic uncertainty, it's important that you and your spouse make investment decisions today that will help you reach your long-term goals.

Of course, the investment process can seem confusing to just one person, so you might think it will be twice as difficult for the two of you. But that's not necessarily so. You can launch an investment strategy that can serve you well throughout your lives together by following these few basic steps:

- **Identify your goals.** When you start out, you may have short-term goals, such as saving enough for a down payment on a house. As you move through the years, your goals will become longer-term in nature.

For example, if you have children, you might set a goal of helping them pay for college. And you will



need to establish a goal of saving for retirement. Your first step toward achieving all these goals is identifying them.

- **Commit to regular investing.** When you begin your careers, you and your spouse may not have a lot of disposable income, but you still need to commit yourselves to putting aside some money each month — even if it's only a small amount — for investment purposes. If you each have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, contribute as much as you can afford.

- **Reconcile your investment styles.** You and your spouse may have different orientations toward investing. By nature, you might be an aggressive investor, while your spouse could be more conservative, or vice versa. This divergence does not have to be a problem, but you should communicate your preferences clearly to each other when choosing investments together.

If you and your spouse each compromise a bit, you can come up with a joint portfolio that works for both of you. At the same time, when you each have an account, such as a 401(k), you may not want them to look alike by containing duplicate investments. Instead, consider building portfo-



lios that complement each other and that can help fill in any gaps that exist in your joint investment strategy.

- **Be co-managers.** You probably know many married couples in which one spouse handles all the finances and investments. This isn't necessarily a good model to follow.

You and your spouse will benefit if you both are familiar with your investment situation and capable of making decisions. Nobody knows what the future will hold, and if one spouse suddenly finds himself or herself in charge of the family finances, with no preparation, it can lead to troubles.

By following these suggestions, you can make long-term investing a rewarding part of your marriage. And the sooner you get started, the greater those rewards can be.



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HORT HINTS BY SYLVIA McLAURIN

Gardening By The Book

For decades the Southern gardener seemed overlooked by garden publications. It has been only recently (1998) that the American Horticultural Society published heat zones to parallel the low temperature zones standard since the USDA Hardiness Zone map published in 1960 (updated in 1990).

Yet Southern garden books were written, if not readily available; for example, Wilhelmina Greene and Hugo Blomquist, *Flowers of the South*; Hamilton Mason, *Your Garden in the South*; and the charmingly titled 1922 *The Blossom Circle of the Year in Southern Gardens* by Julia Lester Dillon.

Dusting off my own collection of garden books, I noticed Ben Arthur Davis' *The Southern Garden*. Published in 1971, this rather thorough volume includes the usual tips on propagation, plant diseases, lawns, as well as specialty chapters on roses, camellias, and daylilies. But my favorite feature relative to Deep South gardening is the section on what to do when, and his advice is generally sound.

What is to be done in June, the transitional month between the invigorating cool breezes of spring and the energy-sapping, motionless air of summer? Pen poised

above the calendar, I try to organize garden chores. In a condensed version Mr. Davis suggests the following:

- ✓ Seed or sprig bare spots in lawns and keep the repairs well watered.
- ✓ Plant irises, canna, lycoris, and, of course, caladiums.
- ✓ Butterfly bush, cassia, duranta, and plumbago can be moved if kept watered.
- ✓ In the vegetable garden clear out old crops and plant more beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, eggplant, and sweet potatoes; plant seeds a little deeper than earlier as the soil is warm.
- ✓ Prune spring flowering shrubs. Dying branches in azaleas could be due to split wood; prune

these out, too.

- ✓ Fertilize everything; annuals and perennials will benefit from liquid fertilizer
- ✓ Deadhead roses and water regularly.
- ✓ Apply pesticide and herbicide as needed to keep a jump ahead of those pernicious summer weeds and insects. Pay particular attention to camellias as they usually require an application of horticultural oil about now to check scale insects.

I look over the garden books accumulated since the storm. What can anyone write now that hasn't already been written about gardening? Any more, I'll have to stack them on the floor. I decide "no more gardening books." Who am I fooling!

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