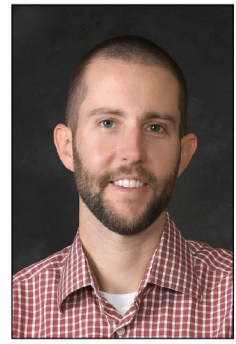


FINANCIAL FOCUS



Avoid these investment mistakes



By Cory Taylor

the most common investment mistakes:

Too much buying and selling

Some people find it exciting to constantly buy and sell investments in the pursuit of big gains. Yet, frequent trading can work against you in a couple of ways. First, it can be expensive — if you're always buying and selling investments, you could rack up taxes, fees and commissions. Perhaps even more important, though, excessive purchases and sales can make it difficult to follow a unified, cohesive investment strategy. Such a strategy requires, among other things, careful construction and management of an investment portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance

and time horizon. Heavy trading can disrupt this strategy.

Failing to diversify

If you only owned one type of asset, such as growth-oriented stocks, your portfolio could take a hit when the financial markets go through a downturn. But not all investments will respond the same way to the same forces — for example, stocks and bonds can move in different directions at any given time. And that's why it's usually a good idea to own a mix of investments, which can include domestic and foreign stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities.

Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility,

it can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

Trying to "time" the market

"Buy low and sell high" might be the original piece of investment advice, but it's pretty hard to follow — because no one can really predict when an investment will reach "low" or "high" points. Also, trying to "time" the market in this way can lead to bad decisions, such as selling investments whose price has dropped, even if these same investments still have good business fundamentals and strong prospects.

Not understanding what you're investing in

If you don't know the nature of investments when you buy them, you could set yourself

up for unpleasant surprises. For example, some companies, by the very nature of their business and the type of industry they're in, may consistently pay dividends to their investors even though their stock prices may only show relatively modest price gains over time. If you bought shares of this stock, thinking it had the potential to achieve quite substantial appreciation, you might end up disappointed.

Making the wrong comparisons

You're no doubt familiar with some of the most well-known investment benchmarks — the S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite. But it might be counterproductive to compare your results

against these indexes.

If you have a diversified portfolio, you'll own an array of investments that won't fit into any single index or benchmark, so you won't get an apples-to-apples comparison. You're better off comparing your portfolio's performance against the only benchmark that really matters — the progress you need to make to help achieve your goals.

Investing will always have its challenges — but you can help make it easier on yourself by staying away from as many mistakes as possible.

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Friday at Forest Capital Park

Display will be open for Heritage Day tours

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handling the transport and set-up for Priscilla.

Although Priscilla is a girl's name, the mastodon was actually a boy, and only so-named because her enormous ribs reminded Serbousek of his childhood pet pig, Priscilla.

Reports reflect that "The girth of this animal brought back a childhood memory, and a good childhood memory. [Serbousek] grew up on a farm, and they had a litter of piglets.

"There were one too many piglets, and I loved this piglet so much he wanted to keep it as a pet, and so he saved the piglet and named it Priscilla.

"From there the piglet turned from being a runt until finally it became a huge sow — one of the biggest ones they'd ever had. And so the wide girth of the mastodon reminded [Serbousek] of his beloved pet pig, Priscilla.

That's how this animal got its gender-confused name."

Standing nearly 14 feet tall, Priscilla is one of the largest mastodons discovered in North America.

Reports show that, although the cause of Priscilla's death can only be speculated — it's been suggested that human hunters may have driven him into a sinkhole — Priscilla was near the end of his natural life, as evidenced by arthritis in his backbone and the fact that his jaw contained its final set of teeth.

Today, Priscilla's original bones reside at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

But thanks to multiple life-size casts that painstakingly recreate Priscilla in minute detail, visitors at museums across the country — from Texas to Florida — can have a close encounter with an amazing creature whose like will never be seen again.

Congratulations

Haven Nichole Grambling (left) and Danny Ray Rudd (right) were recognized with trophies for selling the most ads for this year's Florida Forest Festival Little King & Queen Pageant program.

Support group meets this Thursday

The Perry Alzheimer's Support Group will meet this Thursday, Oct. 26. The meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church, located at 310 Plantation Road, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. "This is a wonderful opportunity for caregivers of those with dementia to share experiences, get to know your fellow caregivers and learn from each other. Please plan to join us and if you know of other caregivers, please invite them to come with you," organizers said. For more information, please call (850) 386-2778. This will be group's last meeting of 2023; meetings will resume in January.

Alzheimer's PROJECT
ForOurCaregivers.com



Episodes of "Lost In..." will air on Destination America on back-to-back Thursdays, Oct. 26, and Nov. 2.

Watch party Nov. 2

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Each installment takes DJ BBQ to a cool location around America full of fun activities and local flavor just waiting to be discovered.

Recently, the "Lost In" crew spent some time visiting Florida's Nature Coast, taking a deep dive into "Old Florida" and enjoying some of the last natural, undeveloped coastline in the Sunshine State.

During their time getting "lost in" Taylor County, DJ BBQ took a golf cart ride through Steinhatchee,

his first-ever airboat ride, courtesy of PB Airboats, and went on a scalloping trip.

After taking in the outdoors and nature, the Lost In cameras followed Stevenson as he sampled some of the great food Taylor County has to offer, making stops at Deal's Oyster House, Johnson's Bakery, Fiddlers Restaurant and Resort, Roy's Restaurant, Sea Hag Marina and Iron Horse Mud Ranch.

Fiddler's Restaurant will host a watch party on the big screen at "The Dive" for both episodes starting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2.

NOTICE

The 2023 Tax Roll will be open for collection on November 1, 2023

Discounts will be allowed for early payment

2023 Schedule of Discounts:

4% November 1 thru November 30, 2023

3% December 1 thru December 31, 2023

2% January 1 thru January 31, 2024

1% February 1 thru Feb 29, 2024

Net tax is due by March 31, 2024

Taxes will become delinquent on April 1, 2024

Unpaid Ad Valorem and Non Ad Valorem Tax will be advertised in May 2024

The **Property Tax Department** is located on the 2nd floor of the Taylor County Courthouse and can be contacted at 850-838-3580 ext 1.

The **Motor Vehicle & Fish & Wildlife Department** is located on the 1st floor of the Taylor County Courthouse and can be contacted at 850-838-3517 ext 3.

Office Hours Courthouse

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

Full Service Branch Office located at 2275 U.S. 19 North

Drivers License Office

(Old Florida Highway Patrol Building)

Telephone 850-584-2089 ext 2

Office Hours

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday

Closed for lunch 11:45-1:00

Tax information may be accessed through our website www.taylorcountytaxcollector.com

Mark Wiggins
Taylor County Tax Collector

LEGALS

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STREET to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1J4FT68S3WL227307 1998 JEP

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 22000600CAC
NEXBANK, Plaintiff, vs.
PETER B. BENNETT A/K/A PETER BENNETT; MELISSA L. BENNETT A/K/A MELISSA BENNETT AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 18, 2023, in the Circuit Court of Taylor County, Florida, GARY KNOWLES, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Taylor County, Florida described as:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF TAYLOR, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT: COMMENCE AT THE NE CORNER OF THE NW. OF NE. SECTION 10, T4S, R7E; AND RUN N 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 36 SECONDS, W. ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF GAS PLANT ROAD (BEARING BASE), 765.3 FEET; THENCE RUNS 00 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 06 SECONDS W, 40.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH R/W LINE OF SAID ROAD AT THE NW CORNER OF THE FLETCHER PROPERTY AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE S 00 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 06 SECONDS W, 844.87 FEET TO THE SW CORNER OF SAID FLETCHER PROPERTY; THENCE RUN N 88 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 00 SECONDS W, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE HALE PROPERTY 156.18 FEET OF THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE ISRAEL PROPERTY; THENCE RUN N 00

DEGREES 14 MINUTES 32 SECONDS E ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY, 105.00 FEET; THENCE RUN N 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 28 SECONDS W, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID ISRAEL PROPERTY, 391.56 FEET TO THE EAST R/W LINE OF THE MCDANIEL ROAD; THENCE RUN N 02 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 25 SECONDS E, ALONG SAID R/W LINE 276.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 5769.58 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE WEST; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 177.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E, ALONG SAID R/W LINE, 238.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 50 FOOT RADIUS CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 51 SECONDS, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 77.59 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE ON THE SOUTH R/W LINE OF GAS PLANT ROAD; THENCE RUNS 88 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 36 SECONDS E, ALONG SAID R/W LINE, 490.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LOCATED IN THE NW¼ OF NE¼ OF SECTION 10, T4S, R7E, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA. and commonly known as: 2433W GAS PLANT RD, PERRY, FL 32347; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the front steps of the Taylor County Courthouse, on February 20, 2024 at 11 :00 A.M. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 23rd day of October, 2023. Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary Knowles By: Kathryn Lago Deputy Clerk