

Super Bowl Monday Council to Deliberate TPI-FMB April 9



An aerial view of proposed TPI-FMB project.

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When reflecting on receiving its 5 to 2 approval vote from the Fort Myers Beach Local Planning Agency (LPA) for the TPI-FMB Downtown Redevelopment Proposal on Tuesday, February 13, TPI-FMB Chief Investment Officer Chris Flagg said, "today was a big playoff win, but it wasn't the Super Bowl!"

Welcome to Super Bowl Monday on April 9, 2018!

After Hurricane Charley devastated the Downtown Fort Myers Beach neighborhood on Friday the 13th of August 2004; The Great Recession that plummeted property values; the failure of six previous developers; a Town Council election two years ago that basically revolved around this issue; the Fort Myers Beach LPA providing its approval; conflicting Town Staff reports; and uncountable debate, disagreement, dialog, public meetings, yard signs and angst, the five elected Fort Myers Beach Town Council members will finally decide this controversial issue at their meeting on Monday, April 9, in Town Hall at 9 a.m.

Or will they?

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TPI-FMB Meets The VOICE BACA Hosts Cordial Forum

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The TPI-FMB Downtown Redevelopment Proposal has been a lightning rod since its earliest Grand Resorts incarnation, now almost 3 years ago. Various forums at numerous community venues since then led to often overflowing passionate crowds that at times had trouble controlling their emotions. Now that the Town of Fort Myers Beach Council has TPI-FMB on its April 9 agenda for a possible decision, the most recent forum had light attendance with considerably

less tension.

The latest – and depending on Council's decision; possibly last – occurred on Monday evening, April 2, when the Beach Area Civic Association (BACA) hosted an informational meeting at the Fort Myers Beach Shrine Club on San Carlos Boulevard before roughly 30 people. This session featured TPI-FMB and, for the first time, "The VOICE of Fort Myers Beach" opposition group, with a heavy dose of questions from "5 Decide" members who recently formed to support TPI-FMB. Despite the differing opinions, the

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Fort Myers Miracle Begins 2018 Season

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The Boys of Summer are back this spring! While the Minnesota Twins pulled up their Spring Training stakes from Hammond Stadium at CenturyLink Sports Complex a week ago Sunday, and the Boston Red Sox left their Jet Blue home two days later, the 25-man Fort Myers Miracle began their 2018 season last night, hosting the first of their 70 home games. They are back in action again Friday evening, April 6, against the Charlotte Stone Crabs, at Hammond Stadium at 14100 Six

Mile Cyrus Parkway in South Fort Myers, with the first pitch at 7 p.m. Free General Admission tickets to Friday's game are available at any Wendy's location in Lee, Charlotte & Collier Counties, and you can upgrade those to Box Seats for just \$2! The Miracle are the Single A affiliate of the Twins, three steps away from the majors, and are the defending 2nd half champions of the Florida State League's South Division.

As is true of minor league baseball, roughly half of that championship squad is gone, with most of those players moving up to Double A ball in

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New Sheriff in Town Herterick New West District Captain

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There's a new sheriff in Town! Or maybe that should be a new Captain on the bridge!

Captain Matt Herterick took over the Lee County Sheriff's Office West District just under two months ago. The West District is home to Fort Myers Beach and San Carlos Island, goes north to Boy Scout Drive and US 41, then south to Gladiolus Drive, including the HealthPark Medical Campus and Golisano Children's Hospital. "I am originally from Rhode Island," he related, "and moved to Lee

County in 1996. I had a lifelong dream to be in law enforcement, as I always wanted to help other people, so I joined the Lee County Sheriff's Office in 1999. I was a school resource officer for two academic years, then returned to patrol duty for a short time, before working in the sexual offender unit, and that led to becoming a detective against sex crimes where I investigated offenses against adults and children. I returned to patrol, then received a promotion to Lieutenant and a transfer to Bonita Springs, in our South District, where I soon became a Captain."

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John Gucciardo, spokesman for TPI-FMB, summarizes the TPI-FMB project. Photos by Gary Mooney.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

MAKE IT SIMPLE

I am a regular reader of the Sand Paper, an island resident and a voter. And I have found that your coverage of the TPI affair is complete and accurate. My problem, in fact, is that it is too complete. I try to follow what is happening at all of the Councils and commissions but after a page or two of reading my mind wanders off and I cease to care about the arguments. It is for these reasons that I am making the following request.

Please, please, just write a column that lists which of the people we voted into office is going to move this process along and support TPI and which is not. I, and the majority of Island residents, will then know who to vote for in the next election (the TPI supporters), and who to get out of office as soon as possible.

We have seen enough newsprint about this, and I assume you have a good idea of where each relevant public official stands on TPI. I know where I stand; I just need help in cutting through all of the political noise. I know you can help us. Please do that.

Gary Meunier
Fort Myers Beach

Editor's note: We're flattered that you think we can predict how council will vote. Our crystal ball is a bit hazy, but the vote will be held long before the next election.

BRING BACK GOOD OLD DAYS

As a year-round island resident, I implore the Town Council to reject the TPI proposal and put the final nail into the prosperity and future of our island. I am tired of all the tourism, sun worshippers and dollars that they bring.

With the never-ending roadwork and dilapidated downtown area, your rejection of the current proposal to improve our island may be just what is needed to return it to the sleepy little fishing village it once was. No more tourists, no more business, no more cars and no more "outsiders." Let them go (and spend) elsewhere.

I like the look of whitewashed windows, abandoned buildings as you enter the island. It says we don't care and we don't want you here.

Please know that this could be your last chance to put the kibosh on quality development at the north end of the island. The word will soon get out to developers (and other locals) to go elsewhere and take your innovative designs with you.

With your no vote, commercialism can be noosed and we can

again return to the time when we have to go off-island to get services and needed provisions. Ah, the good old days.

So, as a fisherman and retired fish net repairman, I implore you to vote no on any future development and allow me to return to darning nets. BTW, a damn good living a hundred years ago!

Bob Carlin
Fort Myers Beach

A GUY NAMED CHUCK

So a guy named Chuck, who lives in Naples, wrote a letter to the editor that was published by the News-Press on Thursday, March 22. Naples Chuck wants to go have a beer at Point Ybel Brewery and eat at 11:Eleven Café in South Fort Myers, near Gavin's Ace Hardware. The beer is good; 11:Eleven is closed. Guess Naples Chuck hasn't been out there in awhile.

Naples Chuck can't get there anyway because traffic is too heavy on Estero Blvd on a Sunday afternoon in high season in March. Imagine that! Naples Chuck doesn't want to but he is giving up on Fort Myers Beach and is staying home in Naples to "spend my eating and drinking budget in Naples". Therefore, according to Naples Chuck, TPI's request for their development should be denied. (I'm having trouble connecting the dots.)

It's too bad poor Naples Chuck can't get what he wants. For me, I know what I want and that is for my town council to approve the request from TPI on the island paradise where I live, not Naples.

Ron Fleming
Fort Myers Beach

Editor's note: The Island Sand Paper recently received a letter from Chuck Myron of North Naples just as other area newspapers did. We did not print the letter because it was written by an employee of CONRIC PR & Marketing, the public relations firm that is working with Voice of FMB, a stakeholder in the TPI-FMB decision and he did not disclose this connection. He is CONRIC's Communications Editor. We felt his letter had an undisclosed conflict of interest that our readers should know about as they read his letter. We offered to run the letter with his connection to CONRIC and Voice of FMB included and received no reply. CONRIC President Connie Ramos-Williams told us that Myron's letter criticizing the TPI-FMB project was his personal opinion, not a marketing piece and did not necessarily reflect the opinion of CONRIC and was not approved by Voice of FMB. The letter is, however, prominently featured on the Voice Facebook page.

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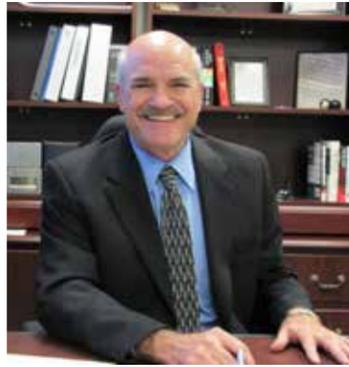
Seashore Dropseed, *Sporobolus virginicus*, is a member of the Poaceae (grass) family. *Virginicus* is fairly common on the beach. It is always found as small partially buried grassy plants growing in a cluster. An erect perennial herb, *virginicus* barely reaches a foot in height. *Virginicus* grows from a lengthy rhizome buried as much as 18" in the sand. Along the rhizome are nodes that produce plants. Leaves are opposite in order on a single stem. A leaf consists of a sheath that is flat against the stem followed by a narrow flat linear blade with a prickly tip that turns away from the stem. Blades that are ¼" wide and 5" long occupy the lower half of the stem. The upper half of the stem is covered by a dense terminal inflorescence of tiny wheat colored flowers. When seeds are formed they simply drop to the sand.

Virginicus is a halophyte that grows in waters of high salinity. Salt is controlled by salt glands underneath the leaves that extrude salt. If salinity gets too high, then the rhizome takes over by using an ion exchange that excludes sodium and chlorine. This is similar to the salt strategy that is used by the mangroves in the Preserve.

Yes, the plants are weedy, but if you look carefully while walking on the beach, this is what you will see.

Guest Commentary: Lee County Irma Response

By Roger Dejarlais



It has been just about six months since Hurricane Irma churned through the center of Lee County, and the start of the 2018 hurricane season is eight weeks away.

Many of Lee County's employees still work diligently day-to-day at Irma-related tasks and we still remember the long hours worked during the event.

I remain incredibly impressed by how well our employees handled the storm and continue to handle recovery efforts. I am not alone.

Lee County on March 28 accepted the 2018 National Hurricane Conference (NHC) Outstanding Achievement Award at the NHC Conference. The award recognizes the County for serving as a model for other organizations in its handling of hurricane-related activities. And in early March, Lee County Emergency Management Director Lee Mayfield and the county received state recognition for Irma-related efforts. The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association presented Mayfield with the Chad Reed Emergency Manager of the Year Award, which is awarded to those who show excellence in their profession.

NHC officials recognized the County's achievement in hurricane-related preparedness in past years as well as 2017, including legislation, public awareness programs, financing mechanisms, sheltering plans, engineering research, warning notification systems and prediction techniques.

"The key word for this award is innovation. We're looking for individuals or organizations who are doing things in a new or better way and who are worthy of emulation by others around the country. The award is not for someone who is simply doing his or her job well," the NHC said in a statement.

It takes the whole community to respond and recover effectively. No one entity can do it all. From individual citizens to the leadership of the Lee Board of County Commissioners, there were so many who helped. Among them: first responders, human services agencies, nonprofits, volunteers and faith-

based organizations, utilities, the school district, hospitals, elected officials, municipalities, special districts, and state and federal agencies. Local media outlets played a role, too.

Irma, which made landfall here on Sept. 10, 2017, was unprecedented in its size and threat, and it was not your typical hurricane.

- More than 100 individuals worked in the Emergency Operations Center during Irma, providing support to responders in the field and determining protective actions, including evacuations and sheltering operations.
- About 300,000 people in Lee County were ordered to evacuate, prompting the largest sheltering operation in the County's history.
- About 35,000 people took refuge in 14 shelters. This was the largest sheltered population of any of Florida's 67 counties. There was no loss of life.
- Sheltering efforts included caring for about 3,550 pets of evacuees – also the largest statewide.

After response operations came to a close, recovery from Hurricane Irma began.

- Contractors and Solid Waste workers have collected 1.75 million cubic yards of horticultural waste and nearly 67,000 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris.
- The County has undertaken an effort, in coordination with partners, to remove impediments from waterways to reduce future flooding.
- Long-term recovery efforts continue today by leveraging partnerships with agencies such as the United Way and many others throughout Lee County.

The fact that Lee County received state and national accolades speaks to a thorough and complete effort by our organization to help our community. There is more to be said here – I know many, many organizations helped in ways that are not reflected in this list of accomplishments. I am grateful for our collective efforts.

And, as we think about the achievements and lessons from Irma, be assured that Lee County governments' employees are prepared for whatever challenges the future may bring.

Roger Dejarlais is Lee County Manager.

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Guest Commentary: Seeing the Light Voice, Conflict of Interest & Dirty Math

By Jay Light

The debate over the TPI-FMB development project has deteriorated into a game of "dueling spin campaigns," with both sides taking out full-page ads in the local press. The primary beneficiaries are the local press, since most minds are probably made up by now.

Since the LPA recommended approval a few weeks ago, more "stuff" has emanated from both sides. Before this goes to the Town Council April 9th, a few points deserve to be made.

The loudest opposition to the project is from a group calling itself the "Voice of Fort Myers Beach." For all their self-righteous, idealistic rhetoric about their "vision" for the good of the town and the need for strict adherence to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code, the one thing they neglect to point out is that the group is made up and funded primarily by the hotel owners for whom the project potentially represents very serious competition. A bit of a conflict, perhaps?

A seven-page manifesto titled "Citizen's Community Staff Report" is being circulated on social media, which details all the same opposition as Voice and offers what it calls "reasonable" alternatives. The version I saw offered no attribution as to the source of the document. What group does it represent? Who wrote it? If the author of the piece doesn't have the coglion to sign his/her name to it, it's worthless.

Months ago, the town hired Bill Spikowski, the planning expert who knows our Comp Plan and LDC better than anybody around since he was one of its principal authors, to study the feasibility of the TPI proposal. The reason given was that the time needed to study it would create a burden on the in-house community development staff. When it became known that Spikowski's report was going to say that the proposal was within the

boundaries of the plan and could be done, a new outside contractor, Jason Green, suddenly appeared who issued a conflicting report. (Under the latest town manager, we no longer have an in-house (planning) staff.)

I'd really like to know where the direction for this action came from. It sounds to me as if someone told him, "Go back and study this and come back with a report that says they can't do it." His first report (there has been yet another negative one) suggested that Spikowski had underestimated the parking need by more than six-hundred spaces. When it came out that Green had calculated it by saying that if a family stayed at the resort, that was one parking space; if they went to a restaurant, that was another one; if they went shopping, that was a third – all for the same car. I don't care what recognized planning formula was used, that's the dirtiest kind of math anywhere. At that point, there was no longer a reason to believe anything Green said.

The bulk of the opposition deals with density – the number of rooms the hotel should be permitted to have. Every opponent has spoken about the danger of "setting a precedent" that would allow other developers to come back and sue the town if they weren't granted the same deviations for a future project. Meanwhile, TPI has published a couple of graphs showing that, in the past, several other hotels – in fact most of the same ones that are the loudest opposition – have been granted deviations, both before and since incorporation, that far exceed those being requested by TPI. TPI's claim is that the "precedent" has already been set.

My take on that is that the Council should be much more concerned about being sued by TPI right now than any worry about a hypothetical case that might arise in the future. To his credit, Tom Torgerson, TPI's CEO, has made it very clear that he doesn't want to go there. Let's hope he isn't forced into it.

Guest Commentary: Voice Doesn't Speak for Community

I attended the Beach Area Civic Association's forum Monday night (April 2, 2018). The goal was to have the Voice of FMB represent their views, and TPI represent theirs so the attendees had a better understanding of the TPI-FMB redevelopment proposal. I learned a great deal, especially from the group who call themselves the "Voice of FMB." I asked a few questions that I'd like to share along with the responses I received. Folks need to know the truth about the self-proclaimed "Voice of FMB."

1. The "Voice of FMB" claims to be the "Voice" of the "local community." I asked who are the members of Voice? Bob Boykin, CEO of Boykin Management of Pink Shell, spoke for 7 full minutes yet never answered my question. I had to ask again, this time Charlie Whitehead stated that he had asked for a list of Voice members & the list has 17 names and only 3 are NOT hoteliers on the island. The hoteliers include

the owners/developers/employees of Pink Shell, Matanzas Inn, Harbour House, Edison House and Best Western. They also hired Conric, a PR firm to help them deceive the true FMB community voice. This group is deceiving the public to believe the "Voice of FMB" is just that, when it clearly is not.

2. I also asked if anyone in VOICE knew who produced the "fake" Town of FMB Comp Plan Excerpts document circulated by Paul Malbon on March 14th? Bob Boykin again jumped at the chance to answer my question and what he said was shocking. He stated that the official town watermark on that report was a "mistake." The members of Voice, including Boykin of Pink Shell and Doug Speirn-Smith of Matanzas Inn, led people to believe that this was an official town document, when in fact, it was not.

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GRAB THIS OPPORTUNITY

We have an opportunity to improve FMB. Do not let it get away!
As background for my experience, I have been on Land Planning Boards for 22 years. This includes serving for 19 years in Allen County, IN and 3 years on the Local Planning Agency on Fort Myers Beach.

During this tenure, I have seen many development plans and many developer's presentations. Without a doubt, I have NEVER seen a developer work with a community as hard as TPI-FMB has to attempt to meet the goals of the community and fit their project to meet those goals.

This is a very responsible, local developer whom is doing their best to improve the current eyesore that exists and enhance the beauty of FMB. They should be treated with the same respect as others before them who have asked for approvals with some deviations, as are allowed by our Land Development Code (LDC).

The taxpayers have paid our Consultant, Bill Spikowski, (as I recall \$75,000) for his opinion and he states this project can fit our Comp Plan and LDC. We should listen to him! He is acknowledged as the "father" of our Comp Plan and LDC. His vast knowledge makes him more believable than other lesser-qualified contractors. Do we want to be known as a Town that wastes money on Consultants and not heed their advice?

Town Council, please do what is right. This developer is not asking for anything other developers have not been given. Pass the TPI-FMB project with the requested deviations. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Approve this project to help beautify FMB with a developer who cares about FMB-and chose to live here as proof of his conviction!

Chuck Bodenhafer
Fort Myers Beach

RULES OF THE GAME

Will our Town Council members be able to limit themselves to exercising quality judgement and set aside their personal likes and dislikes when deciding the fate of the TPI-FMB Project? Let us hope so.

Our Local Planning Agency (LPA) has approved and recommended the development of this project (with conditions for variances) based upon the directives defined in our Comp Plan and our building codes.

Unquestionably, the future of our town is, as always, dependent upon the wisdom (or lack of it) possessed by our Council members. Will they find it appropriate to follow what may appear to be the will of the town's populace determined only by the loudest voices? Or, will they

consider all benefits and drawbacks without prejudice or preference to special interest groups?

This new TPI-FMB project has recently been negatively bombarded by a handful of local competitive hotel owners. Unsavory tactics of misleading assertions have been plentiful. Will any reasonable credence be given to such self-serving voices? Or, will the subject be governed strictly by the "rules of the game"? By rules that have been accepted by the town's population and designed to insure that our island town remains desirable.

These questions relating to integrity and appropriate representation will be answered when, and only when, our council members cast their final votes.

Joe Stockton
Fort Myers Beach

KEEP FORT MYERS BEACH

TPI should be called Terrible Project for the Island. It reeks of Trumpism, wolves in sheep's clothing, fox in the henhouse not to mention the Trojan Horse. Two years of construction and worst traffic after that at the heart of our Bridge. Our beautiful view of the island will be changed forever. The pictures of what that view will be given by TPI are unclear and suspect just like everything else in this project such as the parking problem. Why worry about short-term rentals as there may not be any when the island is gridlocked and all the money is sucked off the island.

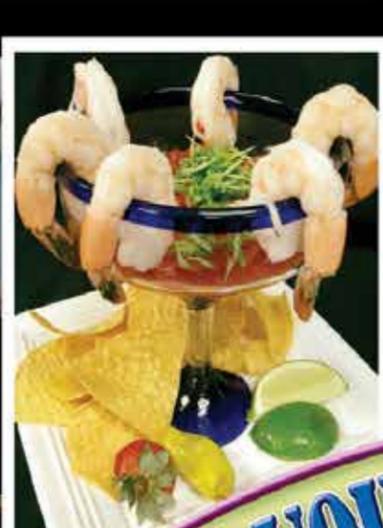
Have you noticed the new real estate office in the "derelict downtown"? This shows what should be done! This area could be an extension of Times Square. Keep Fort Myers Beach, don't throw it away, it will be gone forever!

Ber Stevenson
Fort Myers Beach

CORRECTION:

Fashions for the Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation's Style Show held March 24, 2018 at Fish Tale Restaurant featured styles from Palmetto's in addition to Local Color and The Islander.

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THERE'S ONLY YOU & ME & WE JUST DISAGREE

The LPA voted its approval despite two contradictory Town reports. The first was an 85-page draft by Bill Spikowski, who the Town brought on as a consultant to TPI-FMB in Summer 2017, as he first helped author the Town's Comprehensive Plan in 1999, then its Land Development Code (LDC) in 2004. The second, at 6 pages, by the Town's new Development Manager, Jason Green, a contract employee with Weiler Engineering Corporation of Punta Gorda, came six days before the LPA vote, and contradicted many of Spikowski's opinions. Neither of these, however, took a position in support of or opposition to TPI-FMB, as normally occurs when the LPA examines a Town matter.

When asked about this at the February 20 Council meeting, the first after the LPA vote, Town Manager Roger Hernstadt said, "Jason and Bill are two professionals who read the same material and have two different opinions." Then-Vice Mayor Tracey Gore stated that Staff should have provided a recommendation to the LPA. "The project does not meet all the requirements of the LDC," Hernstadt replied. "It is going to be very difficult for staff to say they recommend the project until those are reconciled."

Then-Mayor Dennis Boback

said, "Based on the information we have, staff should be able to make their recommendation. I want staff to make its recommendation, regardless of Spikowski." Council member Anita Cereceda added, "In every single case before us, staff puts out a report that says, 'approved with conditions' or 'deny' based on an LDC comprehensive review. It is incredibly important for the Town to have a unified voice, so we do not embarrass ourselves, pitting us against each other."

Green then submitted a third Town 6-page report on March 16, stating under "Conclusions," that "Staff cannot recommend approval of the requested deviations as presented, as many of them rely on a best case scenario with no back stop to protect the Town if the best case doesn't occur."

Tetra Tech Engineering issued as well on March 16 its own 5-page report that is heavily critical of the TPI-FMB parking plan, concluding "It is recommended that the Town discuss provisions in the event the applicants planned development proves to be inadequate for the required demands, such as offsite supplemental parking."

Spikowski then weighed in a second time, releasing his own Memorandum on March 28, stating: "I prepared that report (January 26, 2018) as a consultant to the Town, with considerable assistance from the staff and other consultants to the Town. The recommendations in that report were identified as

'staff recommendations' because at the time we didn't anticipate there being a separate staff report. In a few matters, the January 26 report provides opinions and recommendations that differ from supplemental staff reports that were released later; in those cases, the opinions and recommendations in the January 26 report are mine alone."

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE

To further complicate matters, Town Council itself has serious questions over how to legally proceed with the TPI-FMB decision. In the Town's 22-year history, its various Councils decided similar issues via a Resolution that requires a one Council meeting process. The Town's current attorneys, The Peterson Group, strongly recommend, per the State of Florida Statutes, that the Town use a two-meeting Ordinance process, leading Council to defer their decision until The Peterson Group received at least one more opinion.

On March 26, The Peterson Group issued a two-page Memorandum reiterating their belief that Council should follow the two-meeting Ordinance option. "This Memorandum addresses the Town Council's question of adoption of rezoning applications for specific parcels of privately owned real property, or which substantially change permitted use categories,

either through the resolution process or by ordinance, Section 166.041, Florida Statute requires two readings.

"In an abundance of caution, this question was submitted through the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association (FMMA) website to all members who wished to opine on the issue. The consensus from attorneys who practice in local government law, including ones who practice in Lee County, was the two-reading ordinance process is required."

The Peterson Group then provided a description of their recommended preference: Reading of the Ordinance; swearing in of witnesses including members of the public; Council declares any ex parte communications; TPI-FMB and Town Staff make presentations and may briefly question each other; Public Comment; applicant rebuttal; Council begins deliberations including further questions to TPI-FMB and Town Staff; and Council votes on deviations and conditions. Should Council approve, it sets the second Public Hearing date that follows the same steps, before finalizing the language and memorializing it with a separate vote.

Tom Torgerson, TPI-FMB Chairman of the Board, added to the flurry of Memoranda on March 28, estimating that on April 9, TPI-FMB will require two hours for its presentation, with Staff needing roughly 30 minutes for theirs. He believes Council will vote on TPI-

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We Support the TPI-FMB Project

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Council to Deliberate TPI-FMB April 9, Cont'd from pg.7

FMB no later than Tuesday, April 10, and if it is favorable, Council will set its second hearing for one month later. Torgerson rationalized that if TPI-FMB has a positive outcome, the process will take most of April 9 and 10, to approve all of the project's critical aspects, rather than returning to Council monthly to acquire these piecemeal.

WILL THEY OR WON'T THEY?

This means that since the February 13 LPA decision, the Town now issued a third Staff report that recommends against TPI-FMB; Tetra Tech's report; Spikowski's Addendum; and the Town Attorneys Memorandum. Further complicating matters, the Town is upgrading its technological capabilities, including public viewing of Council and LPA meetings, on live-stream and Comcast. The Town website was off-line last weekend, and is to go down again from Friday, April 6,

through Monday morning, April 9. Council member Cereceda, in particular, has been vocal about broadcast disruptions, particularly when it occurred during the February 13 LPA meeting on TPI-FMB. "I have been overwhelmed with anger from many people who took the day off to watch the LPA meeting at home, even throwing viewing parties and the live-stream went down."

Another matter involves Council Chambers in Town Hall, a site that will most likely not be large enough to hold the expected overflow crowd on April 9. This was a concern for the February 13 LPA Meeting, when the Town set up a large tent and monitor outside Town Hall. Approximately 20 people attempted to take advantage of that, but it too experienced broadcast difficulties, leading them to try to jam inside the packed Council Chambers, but could not due to fire capacity restrictions.

"These are unacceptable

ways to engage the public on perhaps the most important topic to this Town since Incorporation," said Cereceda at the February 20 Council meeting. The Town will once again set up an overflow tent for April 9, and will retain that should proceedings extend into Tuesday, April 10, as Council indicated it would settle the issue by meeting on consecutive days. To avoid internal conflict, the regularly scheduled LPA meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 10 has been moved to 9 a.m. on April 17. To view relevant Town reports and information, see fmbgov.com and go to the "TPI-FMB II LLC Rezoned to CPD" main page link to find:

"Staff Report & Recommendation for Town Council" by Jason Green of March 16 at 6 pages that recommends against the TPI-FMB project

"Tetra Tech TPI-FMB Memo" of March 16 at 5 pages

"Spikowski LPA TPI-FMB Report" of January 26 at 85 pages

"Spikowski Addendum" of March 28 at 5 pages

"Revised MCP & Exhibits" from November 15, 2017, at 31 slides explaining the TPI-FMB proposal

"TPI-FMB Parking Calculations" from February at 1 page

"Destination Beach Resort Rezoning Supplemental Traffic Study" by David Plummer & Associates of March 5 at 150 pages

"LPA Meeting Minutes" from February 13, 2018
"TPI-FMB Supplemental LPA Staff Report" of February 7 by Jason Green that substantially disagrees with the 85-page Spikowski report but does not outright recommend against TPI-FMB.

To view the complete TPI-FMB Downtown Redevelopment Proposal, see TPI-FMB.com.

Voice Doesn't Speak for Community, Cont'd from pg.5

3. I also asked Bob Boykin if Pink Shell offered any solutions to the traffic problem, after he said his hotel was part of the traffic problem and suggested that the hotel could offer a discount to guests who use Uber to get to his hotel from the airport. His response, "Uber won't come to the island this time of year. You can't get a driver on the island." I stated that his comment was not accurate as I use Uber regularly from the island to the airport and back. Anyone with an Uber app can tell how many Uber drivers are on the island. There are plenty of Uber drivers who love airport runs, especially when there's traffic as they get a higher fare and this is a fact. Another inaccurate, deceiving answer from Boykin. He never did state that he offered any solution at all to the traffic problem he admittedly helped to create.

My takeaway from the meeting was that the Pink Shell, Matanzas

Inn, Harbour House, Edison House and Best Western owners, developers and business partners, aka "the Voice of FMB" simply do not want this development to happen. Unfortunately, their actions have been manipulative, untruthful and deceiving in trying to stop it.

The true local community members at the BACA meeting clearly support TPI-FMB. You can view the entire BACA forum on the 5DECIDE Facebook page under Videos.

Hopefully all who live on our island will attend the April 9th meeting at town hall beginning at 9AM to hear the real truth about TPI-FMB.

Leah Gregg
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Editorial

THIS IS IT

The biggest issue to face our Town since incorporation finally comes before Town Council.

On Monday, five elected Town Council members will hear the request for a Commercial Planned Development and four Land Development Code (LDC) deviations from TPI-FMB for a downtown development project. This has been a long time coming.

Which is why the way it's been managed by Town staff seems so bizarre. The Town has had the application for well over a year. A couple months after getting the application, staff asked Council to hire a special consultant and they hired Bill Spikowski, a primary author of the documents that the application would be measured against – the Comprehensive Plan and LDC. He came onboard in mid-summer, spent several months analyzing the application, with minimal input from anyone else on town staff. Until he issued a report. Then the interest level skyrocketed. Why? Probably because the Spikowski report indicated that the project falls within the range of the LDC and Comp Plan and could be approved by the Local Planning Agency and Council.

The Town review process then became downright peculiar. LPA members had asked that they have all reports at least 2 weeks prior to their meeting in February and were provided the application, supporting documents and Spikowski's report. Then about a week before the LPA meeting, they received another staff report, this one from Jason Green, contracted last fall to help with town planning services. His review reflected his inexperience with our Comp Plan and LDC and frankly seemed rushed. But it did what it appeared designed to do - contradicted Spikowski's report on several issues and sowed doubt.

The LPA by and large chose to give the late Green input the attention it deserved and voted to approve the application 5-2 on February 13.

The LPA then had an unusual, second meeting in February, they were led to believe, to approve the minutes of their first meeting so the application could go right to council. After the LPA approval vote, however, the pace slowed way down. At that second meeting, the LPA was told that there was no rush; council had a full plate and wouldn't be able to hear the TPI-FMB project until April. Why the sudden slow down? Did council's agenda get really crowded right after the LPA approval?

Maybe it was to allow time for additional staff reports, like the second Green report with a clear NO recommendation or the highly critical Tetra Tech traffic memo that would both show up in mid-March?

The citizens of Fort Myers Beach are not stupid. There is something very wrong with the way the Town has handled this application. It appears that rather than take the traditional neutral position and let it stand or fall on its own merits, town staff, presumably at the manager's direction as he is responsible for all that town staff does, has produced multiple reports aimed at contradicting the one report council said it wanted – Spikowski's.

It sure appears that Green was given a directive to write something that cast doubt on Spikowski's report. When that didn't work with the LPA, Green gave it another try, this time with a clear recommendation of NO. Who could have given such an order? Who hired Green? Who could fire Green if they found his work unsatisfactory; say if he didn't come back with the recommendation that his boss wanted?

That would make one very interesting deposition.

We hate to say this but there are enough irregularities in how this has been handled that a legal challenge is not so far-fetched. The fact that multiple reports were produced AFTER the LPA hearing is enough to send even a first year law student scampering for case law. Add in a possible undisclosed conflict issue due to the spouse of an LPA member being a financial contributor to a group opposing the project and there are serious concerns about a legal challenge.

TPI-FMB has invested over \$30 million in land purchases, plus professional planners, architects and consultants over the past three years while working on this project. In the past year they've answered questions, provided additional information, tweaked plans. Torgerson has consistently maintained that TPI is not interested in a legal challenge and wants to work with the town for a win-win. Everyone's patience has a limit though.

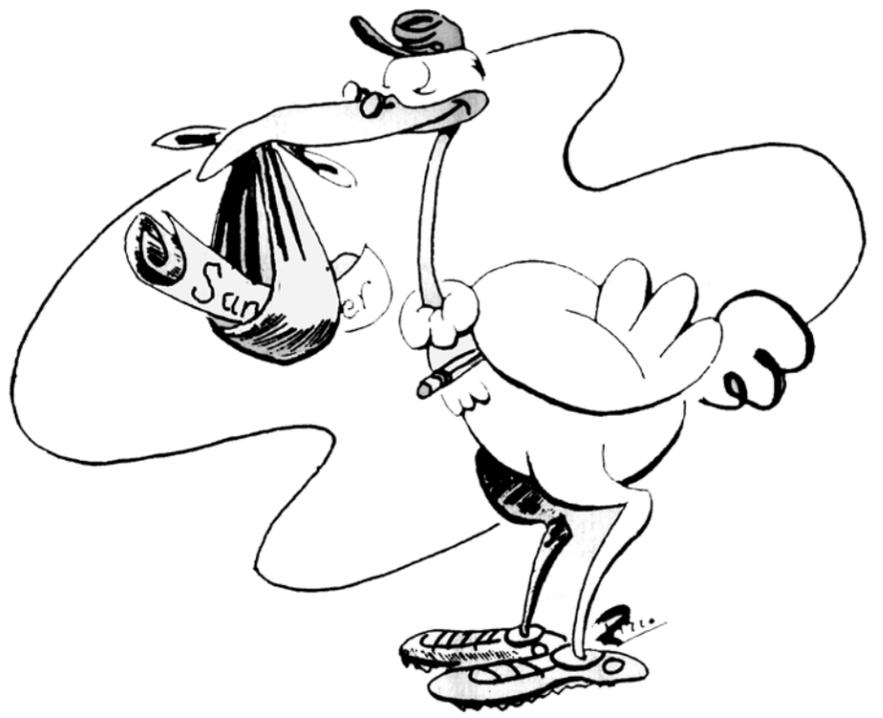
There's also organized opposition to the project, the "Voice of FMB" made up primarily of principals of a handful of hotels on the beach: Edison House, Pink Shell, Matanzas Inn, DiamondHead and Best Western. (Of the 17 financial contributors to Voice, only a handful are FMB residents/voters.) If Council approves TPI-FMB, what are the odds that Voice, whose primary motivation seems to be financial, despite their insistence that it is not, will not consider legal action to stop it?

This would all be good theater, except that it's our taxes that pay the legal bills.

Speaking of legal bills, we hope someone on council asks our Town Attorney whether the TPI-FMB application should go back to the LPA and start over again due to all the extra reports generated by staff since the LPA approval.

Monday in Town Chambers will be a zoo. If you want to speak to council, get there really early. While there's a plan for an overflow tent outside, that didn't work so well last time. Council declined to move the meeting to an alternate location, meaning that a limited number of residents will see firsthand how our elected officials handle this, which is too bad as FMB voters need to remember what happens on April 9 when they go to the polls next March to elect two council members.

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Additional Fire Inspectors Needed FMB Fire District

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The Board of Commissioners of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District met Tuesday morning, April 3, 2018 for a work session that included discussion about a new fire chief employment contract, report formats for operations and financial data and the need for more Fire Inspectors. Four members were present with Ted Schindler absent.

After hearing at a recent Fire Board meeting that Station 31 needs to be replaced, the funding for that major project was discussed Tuesday with the focus on impact fees. Finance Director Jane Thompson explained the collection of impact fees and how it affects the district. While the county commissioners voted several years ago to lower their impact fees, that decision did not affect the fire district, she explained. The fire district impact fees remained the same. She said the district gets about \$7,300 per year in impact fees. Those fees can only be used to mitigate the costs of providing services or new construction and the county must approve the project they are earmarked for. The building of Station 33 and the Station 32 Emergency Operations Center were both approved by the county as impact fee eligible and combined, there remains about \$3.2 million worth of impact fees that can be used toward those projects.

The commissioners dis-

cussed how new development on Fort Myers Beach and San Carlos Island might help the funding of the new station. Chief Matt Love told the board that he and administration staff are working on analyzing available property for the new station between the current location at Donora Blvd and Times Square.

Each month Love provides an Operations Incident Report to the board, citing type of call and vehicle response. He has made changes to the process so that back up vehicles will no longer be treated separately when they are filling in for a vehicle out for repair. If an ambulance from Station 33 responds, the new system will indicate that rather than data for the regular ambulance and the back up ambulance.

Thompson discussed possible changes to how she presents financial data each month with several board members offering their suggestions.

Commissioner Ron Fleming asked for an explanation of absences in the Board Policy Manual, which led to the discovery that a typo had changed the meaning of unexcused absence. Going forward an excused absence refers to any time a commissioner's absence from a meeting is beyond the Commissioner's control.

Fleming had also asked the board to discuss meeting frequency, to consider meeting less than twice a month. Morris said that while she agreed that the board did not need 12 work sessions, it was



easier and less expensive for the board to advertise two meetings a month and cancel any that were not needed, rather than add a meeting during the year. After discussion, Fleming suggested that any change be discussed at the time the 2019 schedule was set.

FIRE INSPECTORS

Executive Assistant Chief and Fire Marshal Ron Martin discussed his research into the feasibility of training firefighters to take on the role of Fire Inspectors. The district currently has two inspectors. The backlog of inspections on residential rental units and the Town's proposed short-term rental ordinance changes that would result in the need for more inspections have been discussed at previous meetings, with some board members asking why firefighters can't be trained to do the inspections. Martin's 20-page report concludes that adding inspection duties to those of firefighters is not a good idea due to the advanced training required and

the experiences of other area districts. Many of them had attempted expanding firefighters' roles and run into problems or abandoned the effort.

Love summarized the importance of inspectors understanding the complex fire codes and mentioned the settlement the district's insurance company urged in a recent case where the Lani Kai Resort had sued the district over fire inspections.

"The Lani Kai case is an example of doing it right and getting sued anyway," Love said. "The point of the case law in the report is to demonstrate the complexity of the code; the need to be up on the code and prevent potential litigation."

Love said that according to Martin's research, the district should have 3.63 people doing inspections. "We are 1.63 short."

Options to cover the increased number of inspections and the costs of hiring additional fire inspectors were discussed with no conclusions reached during this workshop.

During Commissioner's Remarks, Fleming noted that he is now on the Town's Safety Advisory Board that plans to meet in May and said it would be helpful if someone from the Fire District could attend meetings.

The Fire Board will meet again on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Lifestyles to A Better Brain! Duncan Offers BOSS Valuable Tips

By Gary Mooney
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"Our brains are massive computers," said Angel Duncan, a mental health therapist from the Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida to roughly 20 people at the Bay Oaks Super Seniors (BOSS) potluck luncheon program, "Lifestyles to a Better Brain," on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, at the Chapel by The Sea. "Healthy lifestyle factors can help maintain our mental health, to basically keep our wiring normal."

While we all live in fear of Alzheimer's and dementia, Angel cautions against confusing simple forgetfulness with far worse consequences. "The longer we live, the more education we acquire, the more our brains have to store and process, so when we walk into a room and suddenly ask ourselves, 'What am I doing here,' that can be completely normal, as long as we can retrace our steps in a brief time and pull up that answer, so that type of recall is the key. If, however, you forget someone's name with whom you interact with almost daily and cannot remember it, that is more problematic."

Angel stated there are over 50 types of dementia, with Alzheimer's the most common and irreversible, so it receives the most attention from the public. Several outside factors can lead to its onset, such as depression. "If your energy is low, that can produce a state of confusion, and cause you to struggle to remember the simplest things, like did I eat breakfast. Medication reactions can dictate memory loss, particularly if they are for pain, as do a number of other issues, like the lack of Vitamin B12, trauma, heart disease, environmental changes and infections, especially to the urinary tract, so you need to be proactive if you have any of these symptoms. Your heart and brain are interconnected, so take care of your heart to take care of your brain. If your cholesterol and blood pressure are out of whack, take action to correct those before they can start to affect your mental condition."



The BOSS lunch group listens to Angel Duncan's "Lifestyles to a Better Brain" program.
Photo by Gary Mooney.

When you or a loved one suspects there is an issue, "Who is the first person you would generally see?" Angel asked rhetorically: "Your primary care physician! Unfortunately, most of these doctors have little training or education with these diseases, so they either mistreat or dismiss it. That means, fortunately or unfortunately, you have to be your own best health care advocate, as you or your closest loved ones will usually notice that something is different, or you are not feeling well, and it is time to seek out a mental health professional."

THE NUMBERS GAME

She reported there are at least 5.5 million Americans with Alzheimer's, yet this is most likely an underreported number, particularly from the African-American and Hispanic communities. "One in 8 people over age 65 have Alzheimer's, as does approximately half of everyone over age 85, with a new case diagnosed

every 66 seconds. There are more people with Alzheimer's in Florida than any other state except California; we spend more money on it from Medicare and Medicaid than any other disease; and the number of Alzheimer's cases increases every year, while all other leading afflictions in the nation are decreasing. This is why everyone should receive a baseline memory screening around age 50, so you have a number to which you can later compare."

There are some simple steps you can take to offset Alzheimer's and dementia. Get plenty of rest, as poor sleep can increase the risk of Alzheimer's, especially with those people who have sleep apnea. You need as well to exercise your brain, such as working crossword puzzles or learning a new language, to keep your mind active, as education and complex thinking strengthens the connections between nerve cells, to build up cognitive reserves to battle Alzheimer's.

Exercise! Physical activity defends against high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol, all of which can lead to Alzheimer's and dementia. Practice good mental health, as adults who suffer from depression later in life carry a higher risk, as does loneliness, isolation, stress and poor coping skills. Finally, eat healthy. A diet high in fruits and vegetables and low in fat and sugar helps keep the blood flowing in the arteries that leads to the brain. Excess weight can cause diabetes that contributes to the risk of Alzheimer's.

Upcoming BOSS outings include a Koreshan State Park tour on Wednesday, April 11, at \$25-per-person at 9 a.m., and a Bike Trip to Okeechobee on Thursday, April 19, at \$17-per-person at 9 a.m. Advance registration is necessary for all programs, with a minimum number of participants to proceed; to register, for information, or a complete calendar of events, see the BOSS link on the Parks & Recreation page on the Town of Fort Myers Beach website at fortmyersbeachfl.gov or call 239-765-4222.

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TPI-FMB Meets The VOICE BACA Hosts Cordial Forum, Cont'd from pg.1

forum, under the direction of BACA President Charlie Whitehead, produced a mostly civil discussion, with TPI-FMB and VOICE spokespeople sitting across from one-another at the same public table.

GRAND CANYON

Charlie first introduced TPI-FMB Spokesperson John Gucciardo, who gave a brief synopsis of the proposed plan. He explained that the original one from almost 3 years ago little resembles the current proposal that Council will consider on April 9, because it took community input seriously to achieve a collaborative effort. "The number one thing we heard is traffic, with the second being that people did not want a canyon effect at the base of the Matanzas Pass Bridge that would ruin the Gulf view. As such, we put the bulk of our rooms on the Bay side of Estero Boulevard, to preserve the



Doug Speirn-Smith, representing Voice of FMB, speaks at the BACA forum.

Beach side."

Gucciardo explained, "To give up that space and still make the project profitable, we obviously

have to ask for additional density, as a tradeoff for the public benefit. We are giving up Gulf side hotel units at the value of X, and those on the Bay side do not have that value of X, and it should be obvious to anyone there is a clear difference in those values, so we requested more density to make our plan viable. Our density request is not out of whack with current percentages, and our justification is reasonable. I still hold out hope we can get five out of five Council votes, and I guess we will find out soon if we came up with something that everyone can agree on. If you understand that logic, then our requests are understandable."

Doug Speirn-Smith of "The VOICE of Fort Myers Beach" attempted to ask Gucciardo how TPI-FMB attained its current number of 290 requested rooms, but Leah Gregg of "5Decide" interjected a question about the identity of "The VOICE" membership. Whitehead replied that he received a list of 17 members of "The VOICE" and, as best he could determine, all but three are with current Fort Myers Beach hotels. Speirn-Smith owns the Matanzas Inn Resort and is a principal developer of the Harbor House Condominium Hotel. Gucciardo then replied to Speirn-Smith's question, saying it was a difficult determination, even down to deciding if the project were still financially viable just by reducing the rooms from 292 to 290.

Bob Boykin, another VOICE member who co-owns the Pink Shell Resort and is the CEO of Boykin Management, stated, "Developers are just now rediscovering Fort Myers Beach, so pay close attention to this. We can all agree that something needs to be done to redevelop that section of town, but you really need to understand we must get this design right, because if you are wrong, then you are wrong forever. If you do nothing else, read the Town's report from Jason Green about the parking issue. The equivalency factor they are seeking should concern the entire island."

GREAT WALL

Speirn-Smith stated that the Town became an independent community, "with its own Comp Plan and Land Development Code, so you have control over what you want to see. Each of these decisions, over density and intensity and height, are very big decisions. If you are a Crescent Street resident, you may be looking at a 60-foot-tall wall that is 450 feet long, so examine all of these deviations carefully. This is a cascade effect and totally unnecessary, so that is why I disagree with it, as that property is not that big. You have to know what you are getting into when you buy that property, so if you ask me, that is not the way this community should be and why I am so disappointed and feel we can do a lot better. Do not misunderstand me; we are not saying to never develop that parcel, but all properties have unusual characteristics."

Gucciardo stated that prior to Hurricane Charley, Cont'd pg.14

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EFFECTIVE ACTION OR GOOD FEELINGS?

By Bob Franken

There are arguments over the number of those who participated in the March for Our Lives, as there always are disputes over crowd size at these mass demonstrations. Suffice it to say, a bunch of people took part. In Washington, the spat is over just how many hundreds thousands flooded the nation's capital, to say nothing of those who turned out in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the United States and around the world.

The organizers -- rank amateur teenagers who rose up from Parkland, Florida, after the massacre at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School -- did an amazing job. They ignited an outrage-fueled wildfire that spread to students at thousands of schools nationwide. They also captured the imagination of the logistic professionals financed by sympathetic adults. The result was an immense turnout and a well-choreographed and telegenic outpouring of angry frustration at a political system that is unresponsive and unable to cure our nation's illnesses, like the blight of deadly weaponry, that has so infected America.

In no way is this a criticism of the kids who put this together. It is skepticism over whether this immense show of force is enough to overcome the entrenched special interests that will do whatever it takes to protect their prosperity. One of the most perversely successful is the gun lobby, led by the National Rifle Association. Like a threatened monster, the NRA brutally lashes out whenever threatened. It didn't disappoint this time, derisively calling the enormous rallies a "March for Their Lies," heaping scorn on the Stoneman Douglas leaders who've become celebrities, charging that if their classmates had not died, "no one would know your names."

So, the battle lines have been drawn. The problem is, the NRA has always won these battles. Each time the country is shocked to our core after a deadly slaughter of innocents by gunfire, the arms-merchant lobbyists swing into action and stifle any meaningful progress with bullying and demagoguery.

What will it take for the chants of "enough is enough" to become more than just a feel-good mantra? The purity of this outpouring must now dig into the dirt of politics to accomplish anything more than catharsis. Obviously.

So there were voter sign-up spots throughout the rallies, but will those who are easily distracted actually sustain their focus on the campaign process and hold the candidates accountable by slogging nonstop for the several months before the midterm elections? Will they work for candidates who declare themselves in favor of meaningful gun-control measures and, more importantly, against those who receive support from the NRA?

We in the media are fickle. Between gun bloodbaths, there are distractions everywhere. Some of them are consequential, such as the intrigue of the Robert Mueller investigation into whether Trump and his associates sold out the last election and our country to the Russians. There also is our siren song of seedy sex stuff, featuring Stormy Daniels, Karen McDougal and lots of others. The Stormy Daniels interview on "60 Minutes" may have been just unworthy hype, but it got huge ratings. The challenge for the hundreds of thousands who turned out for the March for Our Lives will be to maintain the enthusiasm and public focus on cutting back guns, which are America's real obscenity.

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THE TEENAGE DEMAGOGUES

By Rich Lowry

All you needed to know about student activist David Hogg's speech at the "March for Our Lives" in Washington, D.C., was that he affixed a price tag on the microphone to symbolize how much National Rifle Association money Sen. Marco Rubio took for the lives of students in Florida.

The stunt wasn't out of place. Indeed, it perfectly encapsulated the braying spirit of the student gun-control advocacy in the wake of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting.

These young activists are making our public debate even more poisonous and less civil, and are doing it as teenagers. They are precocious that way.

The Stoneman Douglas students experienced a horrific trauma. No one can deny their grief or blame them for being impassioned. And allowance has to be made for the fact that they are teenagers, who universally believe that they know better than their hapless elders.

Yet none of that excuses their scurrilous smears of the other side in the gun debate. The student activists presume that there is a ready solution to mass shootings that everyone knows, and the only reason why someone might not act on this universally accepted policy is malice or corruption. This makes the other side the equivalent of murderers.

In a video interview with The Outline, David Hogg said that the NRA and its supporters "want to keep killing our children." Not that they inadvertently enable people who carry out school shootings via misconceived policy, but they themselves kill children and want to keep doing it.

Let's he be misunderstood, Hogg added, "they could have blood from children spattered all over their faces and they wouldn't take action because they will still see those dollar signs."

In accusing their opponents of being bought off, the students deny the sincerity and legitimacy of supporters of gun rights. They treat the Second Amendment as an inkblot on the Constitution, and dismiss all counterarguments as transparent rationalizations. This juvenile view of the gun debate ignores Supreme Court jurisprudence, the genuine support of the NRA by millions of people and the serious, practical objections to gun-control proposals, and it removes all possibility of a middle ground.

Tellingly, it is Marco Rubio who is the foremost object of the ire of the students, when he has been notably open and accommodating. He showed up at the CNN town hall to get abused, and has shown remarkable forbearance in handling political attacks that are shameless blood libels. He sponsored incremental school safety legislation that is becoming law, and for his trouble he is deemed a moral monster who doesn't care how many people have to die as long as he gets a few more campaign contributions.

Maybe all of this can be written off as the work of overenthusiastic, underinformed 17-year-olds. But the student activists aren't acting alone. They are promoted and praised by adults who should know better. Since the kids serve a useful purpose in promoting gun control, though, it is practically forbidden in much of the media to dissent from anything they say.

It was hard to believe that our public debate could get even more sophomoric. The student activists are here to say, Yes, it can.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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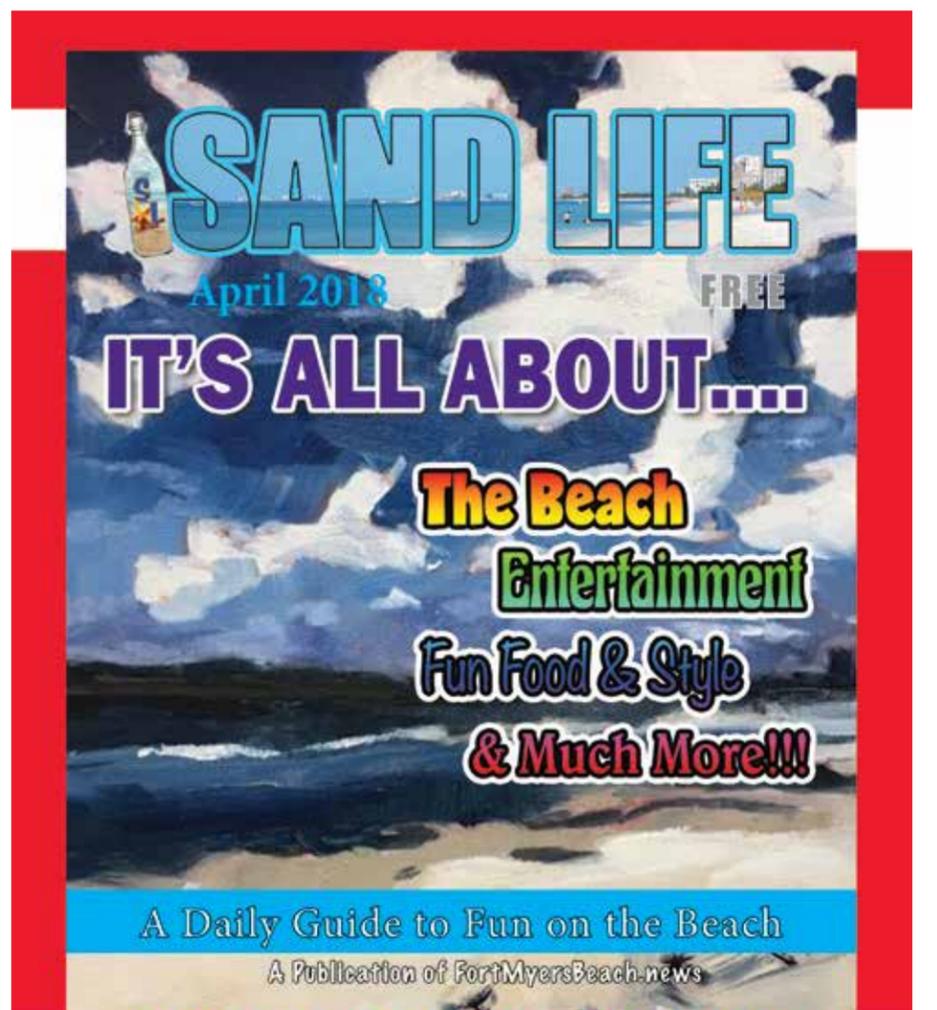

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there were roughly 180 hotel rooms in that area, with approval for another 60, bringing the total to approximately 240 rooms, "so our request of 290 does not seem like that big an increase. Bill Spikowski analyzed the mathematical formula and applied it to the project, and he is a recognized source on Fort Myers Beach. I get your point that this gives you pause, and your concern that this be thought-out right, if there are any deficiencies, especially over parking."

Gucciardo used the 925-person Beach Club as an example: "Remember that 700 of those folks will be our resort guests, and once they park their car, they will not take it out to drive across the street. Spikowski came up with his parking space number of 361 and ours has five more than that. I understand the first Town staff report wanted over 800 spaces, but in the next one, that came down to 600, so we are still working on solutions. After all, if we do not have enough parking, we have angry hotel guests and that does not serve our purpose. You have hotel experience, but Tom Torgerson has that, too! When you realize the value this brings to the community, then we should be able to work out the details."

Boykin, however, wondered if Torgerson's experience may be a negative: "Tom has built a lot of stuff in Minnesota, but they are limited service places that are not very complicated. I am sure he is a good



Bob Boykin of Voice of FMB explains The Voice position.

operator and does well, but down here is different. I developed hotels all over the place, but there isn't any place like Fort Myers Beach!"

PASSING LIKE A STONE

"When you buy a piece of property," Boykin added, "you have to develop it within its constraints. You should know the volume for the space, and what you can fit into that envelope. You can ask for a variance, but you have to be careful because you have to realize you may not get it, and we can soon debate for years over beers if Bill Spikowski was right

or wrong. If you give me 12 times the density, however, I am going to buy the Wyndham Garden, tear it down, and build a 12-story hotel that is comparable in height to its surrounding buildings. If you want your type of increase, then modify the Comp Plan, and once that is done, this is all over." Speirn-Smith added that he has never seen a prospective deviation combining density, height and intensity anywhere in the Town. Gucciardo disagreed, stating, "We do not believe changing the Comp Plan is necessary, and that our plan is an absolutely appropriate use."

He reminded everyone he

was the Town's first Deputy Town Manager for roughly a decade. "TPI-FMB to me is reminiscent of early Town projects, like Times Square. There are still enough of us left who remember when you drove cars through Times Square, and when we first began to discuss closing that off and making it a pedestrian mall, people said, 'This is not us; this is not who Fort Myers Beach is,' and this will not work and you are going to kill businesses, and those conversations went on all the time, but we asked everyone to take a step back and look at the overall plan that would benefit the community, and you would be hard-pressed today to find anyone who wants to go back to the old Times Square. People are anxious about change and the unknown, but we can work it out. Is Times Square perfect today? No, but it is filled with happy people every day, and we can exceed that with Downtown, as that is my perspective."

At the end, Boykin thanked Gucciardo. "He was gracious enough to call me and we chatted, agreeing we have much more in common than differences, whatever the outcome, so I appreciate coming here tonight to have this discussion, and I can't wait for this to pass, and will be glad when it does." The room erupted with laughter, as Boykin quickly caught how his comment might be interpreted. "More like passing like a stone, I mean!"

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WEDNESDAY (APRIL 11)

Mangroves by Kayak: Explore the winding mangrove creeks and hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour is guided by Dexter Norris, biologist, naturalist and

Mound House Environmental Educator. Experience the abundant natural beauty of the ancient realm of the Calusa. Search for birds, fish, manatees and dolphins as you paddle through the Estero and Hell Peckney bays in a tandem kayak. 9 a.m. All paddling equipment provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. Cost: \$45. Museum admission included. Private group tours available. Reservations required. Call 239-765-0865. Maximum of 12 paddlers per tour.

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SATURDAY (APRIL 14)

Mangroves by Kayak: Explore the winding mangrove creeks and hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour is guided by Dexter Norris, biologist, naturalist and Mound House Environmental Educator. Experience the abundant natural beauty of the ancient realm of the Calusa. Search for birds, fish, manatees and dolphins as you paddle through the Estero and Hell Peckney bays in a tandem kayak. 9

a.m. All paddling equipment provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. Cost: \$45. Museum admission included. Private group tours available. Reservations required. Call 239-765-0865. Maximum of 12 paddlers per tour.

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PTSD Coverage for First Responders Senate Bill 376 Signed



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Fort Myers Beach Fire Chief Matt Love, along with members of the FMBFD Command Staff, joined several local Public Safety Leaders as a press event on Monday, April 2, 2018, recognizing the passage of Senate Bill 376. In attendance were members of the Florida House and Senate, along with Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis. Senate Bill 376, which Governor Rick Scott signed into law last week, extends workers compensation coverage for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for Florida's First Responders.

According to the Center for Suicide Prevention, First Responders, which includes law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics, are at increased risk for developing both acute stress and post traumatic stress disorders. The very nature of these professions brings individuals into routine contact with traumatic stressors. First responders experience PTSD at a rate double that of the average citizen and it is estimated that at any given time, up to 20% of first responders suffer PTSD in silence.

Sadly, all too often, first responders suffering in silence results in loss of life. Recent data demonstrates that up to 6.6% of America's first responders have attempted suicide at least once – ten times the rate of the general population.

With passage of Senate Bill 376, our brave First Responders and their families no longer have to suffer in silence. They can seek the help they deserve. The Fort Myers Beach Fire Department offered thanks to local and state elected officials, public safety leaders and labor leaders who helped make this life-saving legislation a reality for the community's brave first responders.

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Herterick New West District Captain, Cont'd from pg.1

approximately two years there, Captain Herterick took on his current West District assignment. "That was just about seven weeks ago. My predecessor, Captain Matt Powell, served the West District and Fort Myers Beach with distinction for years, retiring at the end of 2017. Another Captain briefly took his place for about six weeks, but the Sheriff's Office needed him at his previous assignment, and I received the opportunity."

The Captain did not have much prior Fort Myers Beach knowledge, "other than some basic things. It is obviously a small geographic area, and I knew that islanders had great passion and pride in their community, and I loved the small town feel and vibe every time I was there. After just my short time, my interaction with folks there only confirmed those impressions, and I look forward to building upon existing relationships and establishing new partnerships with residents, businesses and its government, as getting to know everyone as individuals is a key to me. Captain Powell employed that philosophy, so I want to pick right up where he left off. Beach residents do have some unique concerns, especially when it comes to Spring Break and Season, but they share the same issues as most people, in that they want a safe and peaceful community."

SPRING BREAK

Becoming West District Captain seven weeks ago

perfectly coincided with Spring Break, so he had no time to ease into his new job. "I had two huge advantages to help get me through my first Season," laughed Captain Herterick! "Our two Lieutenants, Tim Lalor and Mark Mallard! They served under Captain Powell for a long time and are intimately familiar with Fort Myers Beach, and have vast experience over the issues that come with Season. They had a successful plan in place for island coverage and deputy patrols and assignments that required just a bit of tweaking, so it helps that I can rely so much on them. With Season now winding down, it has been very successful and safe."

His overall law enforcement philosophy focuses on safety and Quality of Life. "Our citizens deserve that, whether they are yearlong residents, seasonals or vacationers, and that must remain consistent, whether we are in Season or the dog days of summer, so that everyone enjoys a pleasurable experience and wants to return year after year."

Not only did Captain Herterick's tenure begin with Spring Break, but it coincided with two significant island issues: Short Term Rentals and TPI-FMB. "I am not yet up-to-speed enough on Short Term Rentals to have a real opinion," he said. "Keeping the peace and maintaining the Quality of Life, however, are things we work on every day and night, and we are here, ready to take an active role as your partner, to assist you and find the best possible solution,

to bring all parties together the best way we can. If you have an issue, even at 3 a.m., we are always here to help, so call. As for TPI-FMB, to my knowledge, we have had no issues with neighbors fighting or calls to maintain order at any public meeting, or even any vandalism to any of the numerous yard signs, so I hope, as that emotional decision draws near, it remains that way."

BEST & SAFEST

For those islanders who will soon leave for the Summer, Captain Herterick advised them to "take as many of your valuables as you can, such as jewelry and things like that, then secure your home as best as possible, so if you have a security system, activate it. If you have a neighbor you trust, ask them to physically check your place at least weekly, and pay attention to it from the outside every day or two if they have time."

Captain Herterick reminds everyone, "I am here to serve our community and respond to your needs, to be as accessible as possible, and we have a team in place that allows me to be successful, from our Lieutenants and Supervisors through our patrol officers, and that includes offering you advice. I do not do much public speaking, as we have an excellent Crime Prevention Specialist in Peggy Lince, but I hope you will soon see me at places like Chamber of Commerce functions and similar events. When I served on Pine Island, I was actually on



Captain Matt Herterick is the new West District Commander for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Photo provided.

the Chamber Board of Directors, so outreach means a lot to me, but a little further down the road, after I get my feet under me."

He relishes his Fort Myers Beach assignment. "It is geographically such a beautiful place, with that fantastic small town feel. Like a lot of people who live in this area, I love the beach, and water is a passion of mine, so I look forward to making this the best and safest beach anywhere!"



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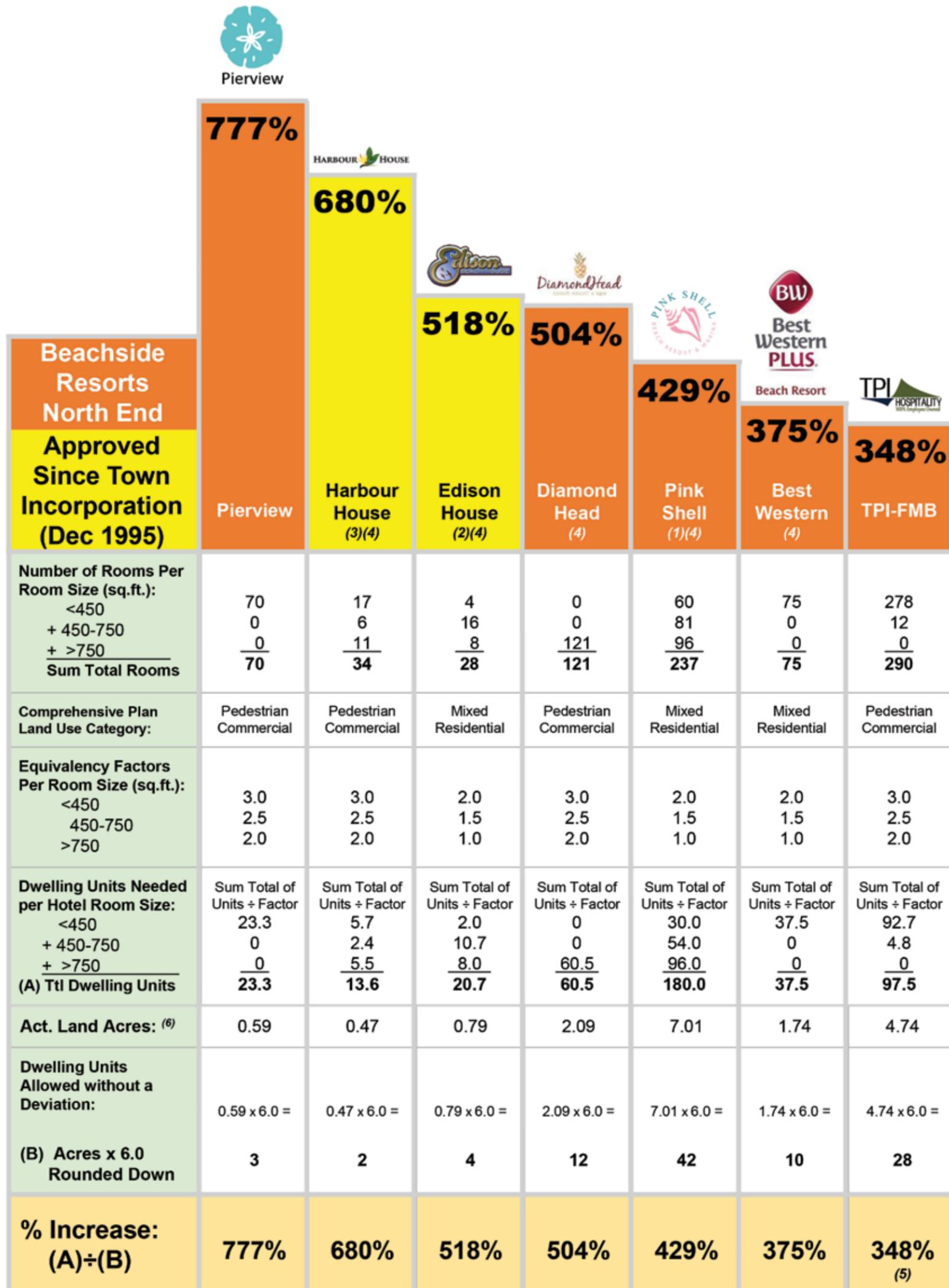
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 2) Edison House land includes a 0.26 acre parcel across Estero that transferred extra density onto the gulfside; includes 4 "lock-out" units they sell and market as standalone units
 3) Harbour House was originally approved at 0.57 acres and later amended to 0.47 acres
 4) Avg. Room Sizes based on estimates and categorized into one of the 3 following categories per the LDC in sq ft: <450, 450-750, and >750
 5) Difference between TPI-FMB's 348% vs. 400% is 348% is an increase to "equivalent-density" without any rounding off, for comparison all others are exact also without rounding
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No. Rooms Per Size			
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450-750 sq.ft.	6	16	12
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Equivalency Factor			
<450	3.0	2.0	3.0
450-750	2.5	1.5	2.5
>750	2.0	1.0	2.0
(A) Dwelling Units Needed per Hotel Room Size	Sum Total of Units ÷ Factor 13.6	Sum Total of Units ÷ Factor 20.7	Sum Total of Units ÷ Factor 97.5
Actual Land Acreage	0.47	0.79	4.74
(B) Dwelling Units Allowed w/out a Deviation	0.47 x 6.0 2	0.79 x 6.0 4	4.74 x 6.0 28
% Increase (A)÷(B)	680%	518%	348%
Public Benefits:	<p>None Indicated</p> <p><i>Harbour House's approved 2001 CPD with 0.57 acres of land calculates to a FAR of 2.1. The CPD was amended in 2006 to 0.47 acres of land calculating to a 2.55 FAR (Bldg. Sq. Ft. includes Pkg. under Bldg.). This compares to the previously approved Seafarer's CPD of 1.77 FAR and the proposed TPI-FMB CPD of 1.55 FAR</i></p>	<p>None Indicated</p> <p><i>CPD approved April 1997 with condition requiring construction of a community TOWN PARK across the road. Four years later, Edison House requested a CPD amendment, approved in June 2001, to change use from TOWN PARK to a for-profit PARKING LOT. In Dec. 2001, Edison House sold the for-profit PARKING LOT for \$225,000.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reinvigorates downtown area that was part of the Comp Plan Vision in 1998 ✓ Restores downtown area 14 years post Charley devastation ✓ Building concentration bayside allows for a permanent grade level Gulf view corridor of approx.. 375' ✓ Building concentration on bayside also avoids restricting Skybridge Gulf view ✓ Two pedestrian bridges which creates access from the skybridge to the beach through the resort, without vehicle conflict ✓ Town owned Canal St. expanded to accommodate up to 26 public parking stalls ✓ Adds a new/additional public beach access ✓ Public access to Gulf side restrooms ✓ All improvements funded by private monies at no cost to the Town ✓ Lowest traffic generation use, Destination Resort, generates almost identical peak hours vehicle trips as the existing use does. ✓ Eliminates 7 vehicle ingress/egress points currently existing along Estero Blvd. ✓ All service and utility vehicle delivers off of Fifth Street and under the building off of the street ✓ Concealed vehicle parking ✓ 168 Bike Racks ✓ Town Increased Revenue Streams from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Property Taxes ▪ Public Parking Revenues ✓ Public accessible venues Gulf side: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aquatics Social Club, pay to enter ▪ One casual bar/restaurant at beach level ▪ One more upscale bar/restaurant second level ✓ Unprecedented Community involvement in generating the project design

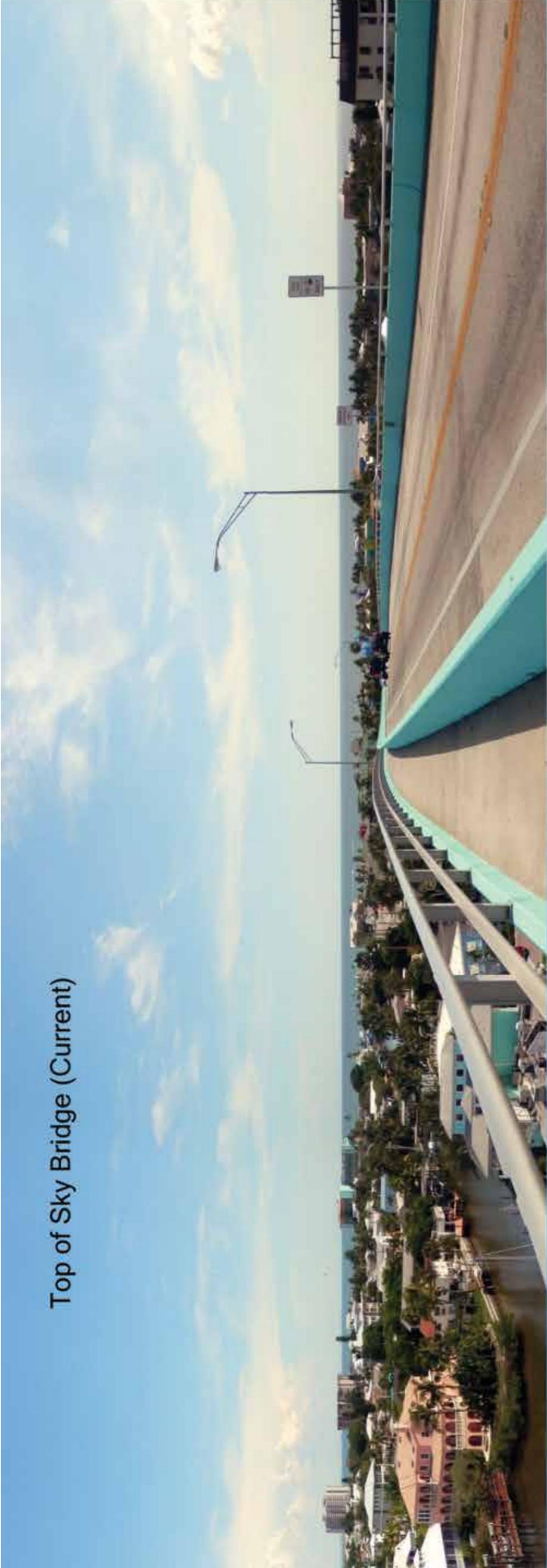
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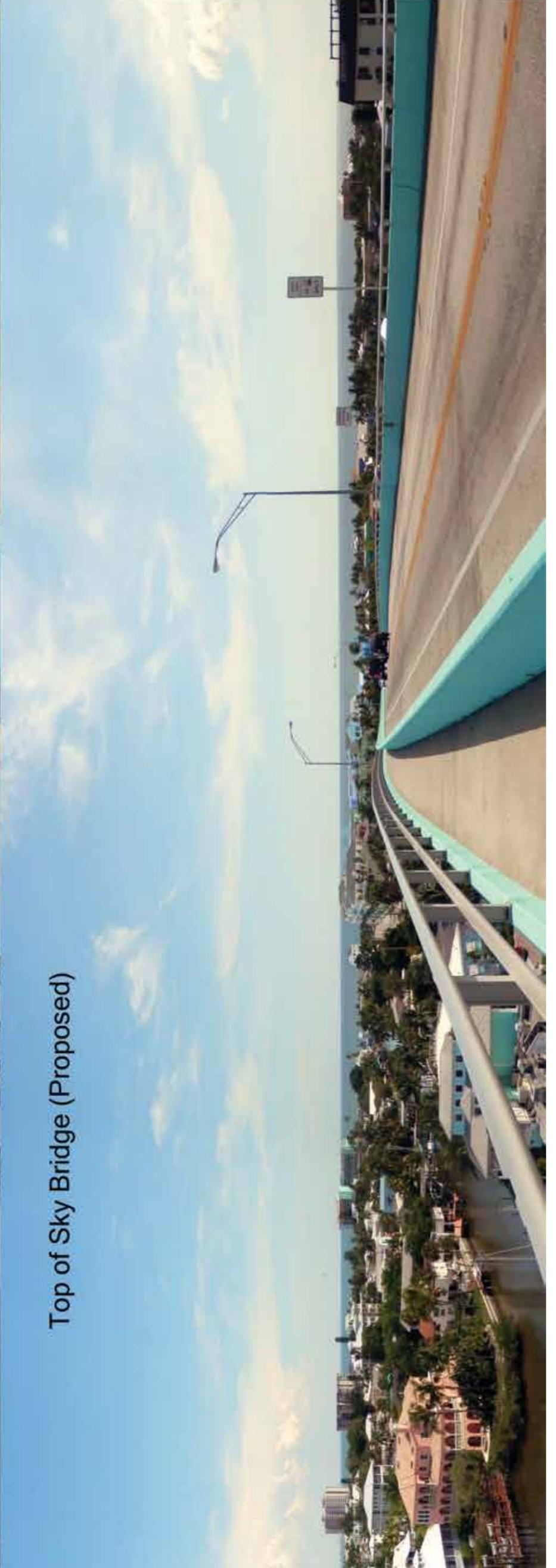
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Not in My Front Yard Connecticut St. Residents Object to Sidewalk Plan



Town Public Works Manager Chelsea O'Riley and Faller Davis Project manager Mark Bayer speak to Connecticut Street residents.

By Missy Layfield
editor@fortmyersbeach.news

Connecticut Street residents objected to the proposed addition of a sidewalk down the south right of way of the street that would connect Estero Blvd with the Mound House. The Wednesday night meeting was the preliminary meeting with Town staff and representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning District (MPO) and Faller Davis, consultants hired to design the sidewalk.

Mark Bayer, Project Manager for Faller Davis, explained that the project began about five years ago, when the Fort Myers Beach Town Council submitted a request for funding to help with pedestrian safety along Connecticut Street. That request went to the MPO, who referred it to the FL DOT. Once approved, the project went on a waiting list for funding. It has worked its way to the top of that list finally and is ready to move into the design phase.

Bayer noted that since Connecticut is currently torn up for a water project, a survey has not yet been done, so the map of the area shown at the meeting was a preliminary estimate.

road that begins at Estero and ends at the Mound House entrance. The sidewalk would be placed at the back side of the right-of-way, keeping pedestrians as far from traffic as possible."

The design period ends in July 2019 with construction of the sidewalk expected in October/November 2019.

About a dozen Connecticut residents voiced suggestions: make the sidewalk only 3 feet wide, eliminate it entirely or widen the road instead and add sharrows.

"I don't know of anyone who would like a sidewalk there," insisted one resident.

Another one said that they don't want the pedestrian traffic any closer to their house than it already is.

Bayer explained that a wider road tends to increase the speed of traffic and residents then asked about adding speed bumps. That would be a road construction issue, not related to the sidewalk plan, he said.

Most residents present agreed that the sidewalk should stop at Shell Mound Blvd, meaning that it would run primarily along Beach Baptist Church property. Some residents were concerned that a sidewalk would impact a newly planted hedge along that property, but Bayer explained that it would not, and would leave space for a swale (ditch) for storm water drainage.

ESTERO TO MOUND HOUSE SIDEWALK

"We are planning a six-foot sidewalk along the south side of the

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FMB Chamber Hosts Mini-Masters April 19

By Gary Mooney
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While golf fans all over the world focus this weekend on Augusta, Georgia, to see how Tiger and Phil, Rory and Bubba fare in The Master's Golf Tournament, Fort Myers Beach islanders will hone their putt-putt skills in preparation for our own championship, the 6th annual Mini-Masters Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, at Jungle Golf on Thursday, April 19. Festivities begin, and then conclude with the 19th Hole at Pinchers Crab Shack at 18100 San Carlos Boulevard, with registration at 3 p.m.

"The Mini-Masters is popular and a really great time," gushed Jacki Liszak, the Chamber Executive Director. "It kicks off the time of year when Spring Break is over, providing residents and business owners an outlet to celebrate the end of season, when we reclaim our island! It is an outstanding showcase for local businesses, where everyone takes a deep breath after a very busy season, to reconnect with friends." The Chamber fundraiser is \$150 for a 5-person team, with a limit of 18 groups. Golfers check in at Pinchers, where they buy mulligans and raffle tickets for fantastic prizes, including the ever-popular "Bucket of Booze," before enjoying Majestic Transportation service to Jungle Golf, with tee-times beginning at 4 p.m. "If you are an individual golfer



Participants in last year's MiniMasters Golf Tournament enjoyed the competition and 19th hole at Pincher's.
Photo provided by the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.

or do not have enough to form your own team, sign up anyway, as the Chamber will match you with other competitors," encouraged Jacki. "This is a wonderful way to meet and make new friends. If you have family or guests who want to watch you compete, or for those who just want to mingle and network after, there is the \$5 Spectator Fee."

Following golf, the 19th Hole features hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. "The Awards ceremony begins at roughly 8 p.m.," Jacki related, "where we distribute prizes for the lowest team and individual scores, the secret 'Hole-in-One' prize, and the coveted Green Jacket! Sponsorships are still available, as are hole and tee banners at \$40 each or three for \$100." Sponsors include Crown Trophy, Majestic Transportation, Jungle Golf, Pierview Hotel & Suites, Pinchers

and Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina. Hole sponsors are A Better Bugman, Bennett Chiropractic & Wellness Center, GulfWind Beach Resort, Iberia Bank, Pointe Estero Resort, RAL Resort Property Management and Sea Gypsy Inn. "We still need gift certificates and raffle prizes," added Jacki, "and you can donate those right up to the outing's start."

To register, be a sponsor, donate prizes or for more information, contact Christi at the FMB Chamber at 239-454-7500 or at events@fmbchamber.com, with registration by Friday, April 13. Coming Attractions!

With season winding down, Chamber monthly meetings return to a luncheon format on Thursday, April 12, at Charley's Boat House Grill at 6241 Estero Boulevard, with a buffet and salad bar from 11:30

a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost to Chamber members is \$25-per-person, with non-members \$35-per-person. April's speaker is Debbie Voorhees from Friends of Lovers Key State Park (FOLKS), who discusses the new Welcome & Education Center that will break ground this year.

The 23rd annual Taste of The Beach is Sunday, May 6, on Old San Carlos Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring tasty samples from local restaurants and great live entertainment. Admission is \$5 adults and children age 12 & under free, with food tickets at \$1 and an average of \$5 per taste serving, and the Chamber is still accepting food vendors. For information on these or other upcoming events, contact the FMB Chamber at 239-454-7500 or at events@fmbchamber.com.

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Not in My Front Yard Connecticut St. Residents Object to Sidewalk Plan, Cont'd from pg.23



Residents of Connecticut Street discuss the right-of-way map for the street.

Residents suggested major changes to the project, Chelsea O'Riley, Town of Fort Myers Beach Public Works Manager, explained that if the scope of the project was changed too much, the town would need to start all over by asking the MPO for funding, then the DOT, followed by a likely 5-year wait for funding.

Vice-Mayor Joanne Shamp asked, "To even reduce the scope means it has to be totally redone?" Bayer responded, "If you keep the sidewalk, you don't need to restart. You can reduce it but not change it to a sharrow."

"If they decide to stop the sidewalk at Shell Mound, what would be the next step?" asked Mayor Tracey Gore. Bayer explained that the project would need to be approved by the town and the MPO.

O'Riley suggested that residents share their thoughts on the project with Town Council members. She said she would ask for council's direction.

Gore told the residents that no one on the current Town Council was on the council that requested this project and she guessed that residents weren't asked for their opinion on it at that time with several residents agreeing. "It's very important that the residents are included," Gore said. "That's your neighborhood."

A 45-year resident spoke up toward the end of the meeting. "The sidewalks are all about the Mound House, but since 2011, the neighborhood has gone from residential to vacation rental. This is a pedestrian safety meeting. There are so many people going from those rentals to the beach. We need a sidewalk, at least six-feet, if not eight-feet, from Shell Mound to Estero. If we're talking pedestrian safety, we need a sidewalk. Let's not forget, it's the (public) right-of-way. If I planted trees in the right-of-way, it's my fault. We all know that the first 10-15 feet from the road is not ours."

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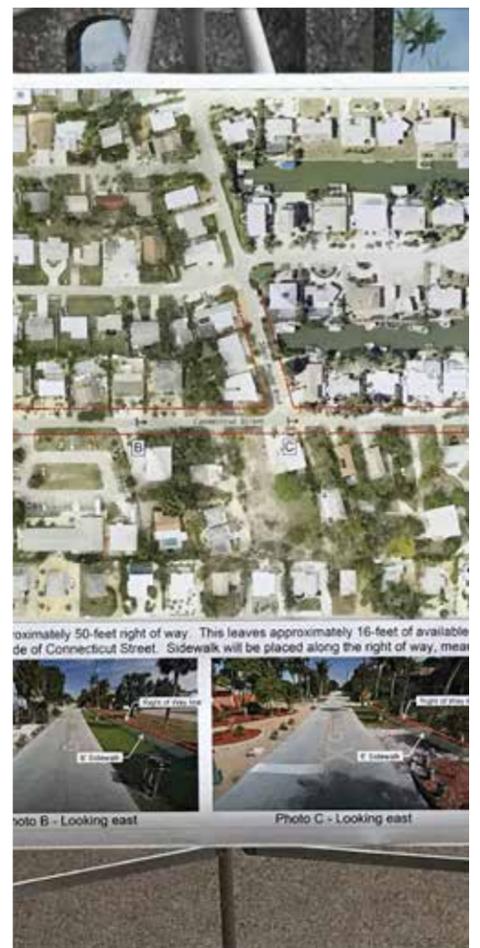


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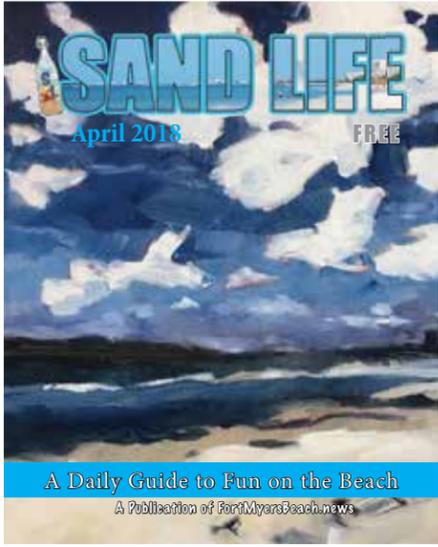
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Preliminary right-of-way map for Connecticut Street sidewalk project. Photos by M. Layfield.

AROUND AND ABOUT THE ISLAND



Each week Around & About features community announcements and events held by charitable and non-profit organizations that are open to everyone. Check the events listed here and pick up a copy of SAND LIFE entertainment magazine!

CRUISER APPRECIATION DAY

The Town of Fort Myers Beach and the Anchorage Advisory Committee will host Cruiser Appreciation Day on SA Apr 7 from 12-3pm at Matanzas on the Bay. The Town's mooring field offers a safe port and easy access to one of the world's finest beaches. Cruisers are an important part of our Town's culture and are celebrated each year with this party. Food, beverages, live entertainment, giveaways, raffles and more. Free for cruisers. Open to the public. Stop by and meet some of our cruisers!

STUDENT ART SHOW

Fort Myers Beach Art Association presents a Student Art Exhibit from April 7-12 and invites the public to support local arts

and student artists by attending the show and the Awards Reception on SU Apr 8 from 1-3pm. The show and reception are open to the public and free. Artwork from college bound seniors from Cypress Lake Center for the Arts and Cypress Lake High School plus artwork from 6th - 8th graders from Cypress Lake Middle School will be on display at the gallery at 3030 Shell Mound Blvd, just down the road from the fire station at Estero & Donora Blvd. The gallery will be open from 10am-3pm MO-SA through Apr 14. Summer hours go into effect Apr 15, when the gallery is open WE and TH from 9am-noon. 239-463-3909.

DELMAR FIRE FUND

Beach Baptist Church has set up a fund to support the Tally Family following the loss of their home to a fire on Delmar Ave. on March 13. The family includes a child who attends Beach Elementary. Monetary gifts can be dropped off at or mailed to Beach Baptist Church, 130 Connecticut St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. The church office, located in the rear of the church, is open MO-FR from 9am-4pm. Checks should be written to "Beach Baptist Church" with a note indicating Tally Family Fund. Call 239-463-6452 for more information.

BEACH LUAU

Wrap up another glorious season with a Beach Luau with the Friends of Lovers Key! WE Apr 11 from 5:30-8:30pm join in the Hawaiian fun at the Luau on the Beach, a Hawaiian themed evening of good times with themed food by Truly Scrumptious and music by Steely Pan. Hawaiian shirt contest, limbo and the hula will be part of the evening. Tick-

ets \$50/person includes park entry and 2 fruity drinks. FOLKS members \$45. Proceeds benefit the new Welcome & Discovery Center. For more info call Judy 708-359-0466.

LUNCH & LEARN

Chapel by the Sea and the National Cremation Society will host a conversation about dying well on WE Apr 11 at 11:30am. Learn about funeral planning, advanced directives and cremation. This free and gentle lunch and learn workshop will discuss individual choices and options. Speakers will be Rev. Dr. Stephen Adkison, Parish Nurse Ann Fossum and Leslie Fowler of the National Cremation Society. RSVP to chapel@chapelbts.org or call 239-463-3173 x 20.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church hosts its monthly Spaghetti Dinners on SA Apr 14 from 5-7pm. The entire community is invited to share this meal together. On the menu will be Spaghetti & meatballs, Spicy Sausage and Peppers & Onions, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and beverages. Tickets \$10 adult/\$5 Public Safety personnel/kids 10 and under free.

BEACH KIDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Beach Kids Foundation is now accepting applications for its Scholarship Program. Applications are available at Fort My-

ers Beach Century 21 offices at 2001 and 5689 Estero Blvd and at the Red Coconut RV Park office. The deadline to return applications is April 11. Winners will be announced in May.

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Estero Island Taxpayers Association will meet on TU Apr 17. Social time begins at 6pm with the meeting at 6:30pm at the Beach Baptist Church. This month's topic of discussion will be Community Development with Guest Speaker Town Manager Roger Hernstadt and other Town staff. The Town is bringing permitting in house and will no longer send permitting through Lee County. Hernstadt will discuss what this means for our community.

LIONS' SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fort Myers Beach Lions are soliciting candidates for their 2018 "WE SERVE" scholarships. Cash awards for college or vocational educational assistance are given to local students who demonstrate ability, need and a solid record of community service. Applications for this year's students can be found on the Fort Myers Beach Lions Website: fmbliions.com. Please make sure you receive an e-mail confirmation after you send in the application. All completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2018.

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AROUND AND ABOUT THE ISLAND

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LOCAL ARTIST SHOWCASE

The Fort Myers Beach Friends of the Arts Winter Concert Series will wrap up the season with a spectacular closing concert on Thursday, April 19 from 7-9pm at the Fish-Tale Marina Propeller Lounge with several outstanding local musicians. Headlining will be Sheena Brook, who was seen on The Voice last season. Also performing will be Jo List, whose musical talent is well known among Islanders and the Pearl Street Band, featuring a number of local musicians. Tickets are \$25 and available at FMBArts.org or by calling 239-463-3600.

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Keep Lee County Beautiful

will host the 20th annual Great American Cleanup at over 25 locations throughout Lee County on SA April 21, 2018 from 8-11am. Local sites include FMB Elementary School, Bowditch Point Park and Dog Beach. The FMB Community Foundation will assist at the school site, providing gloves and bags to all volunteers. Help make a difference in the community and environment! Volunteers can register at klcb.org.



MUSIC ON THE MOUND

Make plans now to attend Music on the Mound featuring Sheena Brook on SA Apr 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Mound House. Bring your chairs or blankets. Food and beer available. No coolers allowed. Parking at 216 Connecticut St. or Beach Baptist Church. \$15 non-members/ \$10 MH members. Tickets available at the gate or by calling 239-765-0865.

BONSAI

The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida, Inc. will conduct a public auction of bonsai trees, pots and related materials beginning at 10am on SA Apr 21 at the Berne Davis Garden Center, 2166 Virginia Ave. in Fort Myers. A free buffet lunch will follow the auction. The public is invited; free parking available on Larchmont Street, just east of the Edison Home Garden Shop. For more information, contact Sam Wollard at sswollard4@aol.com.

FILM FESTIVAL

The Fort Myers Beach Film Festival will be held April 25-29. Opening Ceremony will be held at 2pm on WE Apr 25 at the Beach Theater. Independent films, selected by the Film Festival Committee will be shown

at 3, 6 & 9pm from WE-SA. The Festival concludes with the Awards Ceremony at 2pm SU Apr 29 at Fish Tale Marina, followed by screenings of winning films at 3 and 6pm at the theater. The Free Family Movie on the Mound will present "Coco" at the Mound House at sunset on SA Apr 28. For more details see fmbfilmfest.com.

LOST & FOUND

The FMB Chamber of Commerce is now serving as a depository for lost and found items on FMB. Anyone who has found an item is asked to bring it to the Chamber office at 1054 5th St. MO-FR 8am-4pm. Their phone number is 239-454-7500. After 30 days, items will be turned over to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Monday, 4/9	9:00am	Town Council (TPI-FMB, Final Dock Ordinance)
	3:00pm	Community Resource Advisory Board, Newton Park, 4650 Estero Blvd
Wednesday, 4/11	4:30pm	Marine Resources Task Force
Thursday, 4/12	9:00am	Council Management & Planning

All meetings take place in Town Hall, 2525 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach unless otherwise noted. Meeting times are accurate as of press time. Town meetings can be confirmed at fmbgov.com.

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Fort Myers Miracle Begins 2018 Season, Cont'd from pg.1



Ramon Borrego is the new Fort Myers Miracle manager.

and Aaron Whitefield joining him to cover Hammond Stadium's broad green expanse. The most interesting aspect of the roster is it contains no pure shortstop; what makes this more unusual is major league scouting programs consider shortstop the most talented and deepest position in the Twins minor league system.

The 25 players range from 21 to 25 years old, with 21 members playing college baseball at some point. The highest draft pick is Blankenhorn, who the Twins



Miracle starting pitcher Brady Anderson played collegiately at FGCU

Chattanooga. Of the 2018 Miracle, however, 13 of the Opening Day roster players were with Fort Myers in 2017. Returning right-handed starting pitchers Cody Stashak, Sean Poppen and Brady Anderson lead the rotation, with Anderson right at home, as he played collegiately at Florida Gulf Coast University. Bullpen stalwarts Tom Hackimer and Andrew Vasquez are back as well; the right-handed Hackimer known for his distinctive sidearm delivery, while it is impossible to miss the imposing 6'6" frame of the left-handed Vasquez.

Other returning pitchers are right-handed Clark Beeker along with southpaws Anthony Marzi and Alex Robinson, with righty newcomers Adam Bray, Colton Davis, Hector Lujan and Tyler Wells along with lefty Charlie Barnes filling out the 13-member pitching roster.

Fans will find a very familiar feel to the Miracle infield, with catcher Mitchell Kranson, 2nd baseman Alex Perez, 3rd baseman Brandon Lopez and utility man Nelson Molina all returning, along with catchers Caleb Hamilton and Taylor Grzelakowski, 1st baseman Lewin Diaz, and 3rd baseman Travis Blankenhorn joining the squad. The outfield, however, has a different look, with right-fielder Jaylin Davis the lone returnee, with Jared Foster, Jimmy Kerrigan

selected in the 3rd round of the 2015 amateur draft, while Lujan is the longest shot, coming from the 35th round of that same year. Seven players began as Free Agents, while Bray came to the organization from a trade with the Los Angeles Angels. Diaz is the highest-ranked Twins prospect on the Miracle, at the #10 spot, followed by Blankenhorn at #14.

THE NEW SKIPPER

While half the Miracle roster is new, so is their manager, although not to Fort Myers! Ramon Borrego spent the past seven seasons managing the Gulf Coast League (GCL) Twins, who play as well at

the CenturyLink Sports Complex. GCL teams are made up of first-year players from the previous Major League Draft, who have a 60-game season from mid-June to late-August, with an emphasis on skill development rather than competitive play.

Borrego enters his 22nd season with the Twins organization, with his 2017 GCL team winning the South Division title with a 35-23 record. The Twins signed the Venezuela native as an undrafted free agent in 1995, and he played in their system from 1996 to 2002, before beginning his coaching career with them in 2004. He takes over from Doug Mientkiewicz, who parted company with the Twins and now manages the Triple A Toledo Mud Hens. Joining Borrego on his staff are 3rd-year pitching coach Henry Bonilla and 2nd-year hitting coach Steve Singleton, with Steve Taylor in his first year as the Miracle trainer and Jacob Dean in his second as strength and conditioning coach.

Following tonight's home game, the Miracle go on the road for Saturday and Sunday games, then return to Hammond Stadium to begin a 7-game home stand, from Monday, April 9, through Sunday, April 15, with the first four against the Florida Fire Frogs from the Atlanta Braves system, and the last 3 against the Tampa Tarpons of the New York Yankees organization.

As this homestand covers Monday through Sunday, Miracle fans can take advantage of each daily special offering. Mondays are "Dollar Dog Days" with hot dogs for \$1; Tuesdays are "2-for-1" tacos, domestic beers, and sodas; "Winning Wednesdays" features prizes from the Miller and Moulton sports broadcasting team; "Thirsty Thursdays" has \$2 12-ounce beers, live music, and College Night with \$5 tickets; Fridays offer Happy Hour from 6 to 8 p.m., with



Infielder Travis Blankenhorn is the Minnesota Twins #14-ranked prospect. Photos by Gary Mooney.

post-game fireworks; Saturdays are giveaways, with the Brian Dozier Bobblehead on April 14; and Sundays are "Youth Baseball Day" with kids in their team shirts receiving a free ticket, with a pre-game catch on the field and running the bases after the game. Unfortunately, due to our extremely dry Southwest Florida conditions, the Miracle has canceled fireworks on Friday, April 6, and may do so on other upcoming Friday games until rainy season begins.

Advance Box Seat tickets are \$9.50, and \$11 on game day, with an additional \$1 on fireworks nights. Advance General Admission & Lawn Seating are \$7.50, increasing to \$9 on game day, with an additional \$1 for fireworks, with various Season Ticket and Group packages available. Purchase tickets on-line at www.milb.com, at the Hammond Stadium box office that opens 90 minutes prior to each game or over the telephone at 239-768-4210, though that comes with a \$2 processing fee. Monday through Friday contests start at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m., and Sundays at 4 p.m., with parking \$5-per-car. The Miracle play a 140-game season, from April 5 through September 2, divided into two 70-game halves.

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Connie Ramos-Williams of CONRIC PR & Marketing recently revealed the names of those who have financially supported the efforts of the Voice of Fort Myers Beach. Voice of FMB defines itself as a “platform solely for residents, business owners, and tourists who live, work, and play on Fort Myers Beach who want to (1) protect the island from overdevelopment, (2) believe the Town’s comprehensive plan should be enforced, and (3) believe TPI Hospitality should reduce the overall density of its proposed development to comply with the comprehensive plan.”

Those individuals include: Doug Speirn-Smith (Matanzas Inn owner, Harbour House developer); Paul Malbon, Tim Malbon, Jeff Malbon (owners Best Western Beach Resort); Robert Boykin, Jack Boykin, Waichulis Consulting, Neil Praznik, Peggy Scarpati, Robbinn G. Jordan, Gary D. Lee, Sandpiper Gulf Resort (Boykin Management/Pink Shell Resort); Neil Hopgood (DiamondHead); Ellis Etter (formerly with Pink Shell and Wyndham Garden); Larry Yax, Justin Yax (Edison Beach House) and Colleen Tallen (Hendrickson).

Ramos-Williams shared the information with Charlie Whitehead, President of the Beach Area Civic Association, in advance of the BACA TPI-FMB forum. Several readers have contacted the Sand Paper asking for information on the membership of Voice of FMB. For more information on Voice, visit voiceoffmb.com or find them on Facebook.



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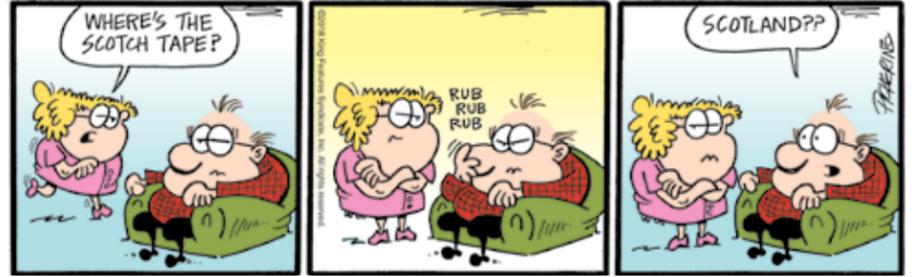
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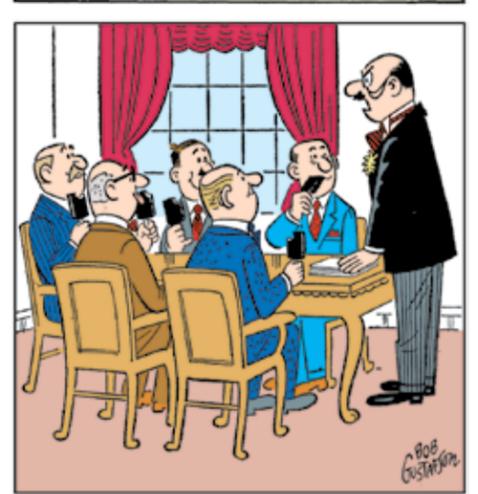
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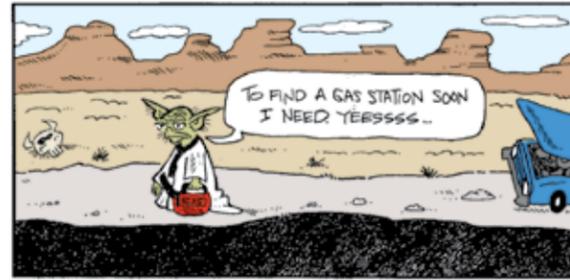
“Balloon bondage gone wrong..”
Alice Dickson

“I should have used waaaayyyy more balloons! This is gonna hurt.”
John Malchow

Every weekend I draw a cartoon and put it up on my FB page, and ask my friends to contribute captions for the cartoon. I also ask they vote for the ones they think are funniest. ('Like' as many as you like). (The uncaptioned cartoons can be found on the FB pages of Mark List.)

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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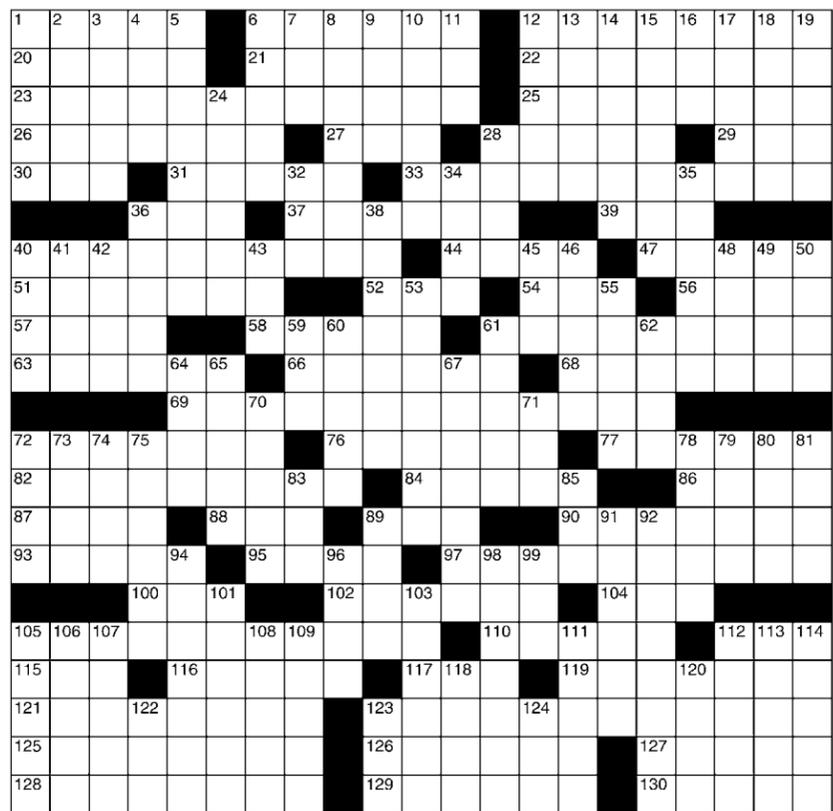
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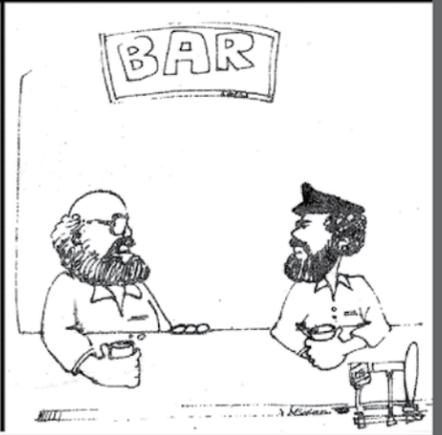
Super Crossword

WEE BEINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pre-Easter seasons
 - 6 Confront boldly
 - 12 Entrée accompanier
 - 20 Into pieces
 - 21 "— & Greg" (old sitcom)
 - 22 Baseballer Roberto
 - 23 Style for Twiggy or Halle Berry
 - 25 Turned away from sin
 - 26 Remove with a dustpan, say
 - 27 Mate of Mom
 - 28 Dead duck
 - 29 Jestful sort
 - 30 Kin of -ette
 - 31 Prelude
 - 33 Kitschy lawn decoration
 - 36 Blasting inits.
 - 37 Matador
 - 39 Low mark
 - 40 Diet Coke alternative
 - 44 Banjos' cousins, in brief
 - 47 Boxer Roberto
 - 51 Duncan of dance
 - 52 L.A. winter hrs.
 - 54 Bit of web video gear
 - 56 Burrito kin
 - 57 "American Pie" actress Reid
 - 58 Aesop's language
 - 61 Robert Louis Stevenson short story, with "The"
 - 63 POW's place
 - 66 Difficult trial
 - 68 Prize taker
 - 69 Credits for currying favor
 - 72 World Series month
 - 76 Goal
 - 77 Yard dividers
 - 82 Grimm story
 - 84 Born earlier
 - 86 Roof edge
 - 87 Took a plane
 - 88 — Z (the works)
 - 89 Part of 55-Down: Abbr.
 - 90 One issuing a revision
 - 93 Deer daddies
 - 95 Film's Kazan
 - 97 Cookie baker in a tree
 - 100 Part of UNLV
 - 102 Least confined
 - 104 Horace's "— Poetica"
 - 105 Swimmer with a long, flattened snout
 - 110 Singer — Marie
 - 112 Destroy the inside of
 - 115 Lacto- — diet
 - 116 Like some perfect games
 - 117 Wide shoe spec
 - 119 With regard to pitch
 - 121 New film's initial showings
 - 123 Spago restaurateur
 - 125 Licorice-tasting liqueur
 - 126 One way to serve café
 - 127 — Lauder
 - 128 Alcoves
 - 129 Surgical inserts
 - 130 Performers
- DOWN**
- 1 Little slip-up
 - 2 Sweeping stories
 - 3 Greek island
 - 4 Duet + one
 - 5 Enter by foot
 - 6 Change to fit
 - 7 Greek letter
 - 8 One of four on a sedan
 - 9 Kind of whale
 - 10 Smear mark
 - 11 Design on skin, in brief
 - 12 Atlantic fish
 - 13 Actress Graff
 - 14 Rely
 - 15 Appeared
 - 16 Woodsy lair
 - 17 Bisected
 - 18 Iron output
 - 19 Bush row
 - 24 Stalking sort
 - 28 Totally get
 - 32 Artery: Abbr.
 - 34 In — (mired)
 - 35 Fix, as a dog
 - 36 — wave
 - 38 Lured
 - 40 Is in session
 - 41 Jr.'s exam
 - 42 — avis (oddy)
 - 43 Sharp turn
 - 45 Green start?
 - 46 The Devil
 - 48 Police action
 - 49 Crest
 - 50 "Negative"
 - 53 BBQ pest
 - 55 Weekday letters
 - 59 Propel a boat
 - 60 Golfer Els
 - 61 Tow-headed
 - 62 Emit coherent light
 - 64 Big name in advice
 - 65 Garbo of film
 - 67 Hulking and dumb, maybe
 - 70 Elocute
 - 71 Mineral suffix
 - 72 Does in
 - 73 City in Colombia
 - 74 Arena area
 - 75 "1984" writer
 - 78 Gets closer
 - 79 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"
 - 80 Stunt puller
 - 81 Toiler of yore
 - 83 Online "Ha!"
 - 85 Wipe
 - 89 Jamie of TV
 - 91 Intend to do
 - 92 Crazy
 - 94 Holy French ladies
 - 96 "— all possible ..."
 - 98 Singer Gloria
 - 99 Summer, in Savoy
 - 101 Hog noises
 - 103 Just manage
 - 105 Really succeed
 - 106 Like lambs
 - 107 Of the fifth element
 - 108 Novelist Nevil
 - 109 Tap-dancer Gregory
 - 111 Les — -Unis
 - 112 High-rotating muscle, informally
 - 113 Peptic disorder
 - 114 Moppets
 - 118 Her, to Henri
 - 120 Lhasa — (small dog)
 - 122 Wind dir.
 - 123 Used to be
 - 124 "Shoo!"



BARSIDE (George)

Oh, come on, who cares if you pee in the shower?

Apparently, the bride and all her guests.

In Memory: Gary Worman: 1947-2007. Long time beach resident & Rock Pack Member, Gary often supplied the Sand Paper with humor gathered while drinking in any pub that would have him. Gary is now drinking in a better place. Through Bar Side, his memory lives on.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		3	1	2				8
9				6				5
	4				9	1		7
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	2				4			7 3
3			9		8	6		
		2		8		9	3	
1	9		7					5
5					6			1

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate
◆◆ Challenging

◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals L

R ZWFAU AWGJ XW IJ M

CJMGKZJRBCX TCMQY EWQJUMK,

IFX YJWYAJ XJAA QJ RX'E WOAK

M NRBCX WN NMOTK.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Lithe

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Swish

ULSTER _____

Descent

GULPEN _____

Chafe

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TODAY'S WORD

Wishing TPI continued success as they strive to move ahead with the FMB project!

Let's turn the page and start the next chapter!

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Kiwanis Club Donates World Atlases to Students *Dining Discount Books Available Now*

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Gateway to the Islands recently purchased World Atlas books for all the third or fourth grade students at Heights Elementary and Rayma C. Page Elementary Schools in the Lee County School District. The annual project at Heights for the past five years has resulted in over 1000 youth receiving their very own World Atlas and more than 425 youth at Rayma Page have received their free atlas from the Kiwanis Club. The World Atlas includes facts and profiles, such as climate, population and geographic features for all the countries in the world, along with flags and maps.

Another Kiwanis project, the annual free Book Fair for every student in both schools, near the end of the school year, will result in a total of over 2500 books for the two schools this year. Each student has about 10 minutes to choose their book to keep and take home. Heights Media Specialist Katie Riemenschneider, named Lee County's 2016-17 Teacher of the Year said, "What a terrific way to start the summer and encourages the children to continue reading."

Funds for these two signature projects and many more service endeavors are made possible by many generous Lee County restaurants and community support for the organization's only annual fundraising effort, the Delicious Dining Discount (BOGO) Book. The 2018 off-season discounts feature 59 giving, caring dining establishments, not to mention a lot of great food, all for just \$25. Fort Myers Beach restaurants include Bayfront Bistro, Chloe's, Doc Ford's, Original Shrimp Dock, Parrot Key and Beached Whale. Additional area restaurants include Big Hickory Seafood, Bistro 41, Cibo, Edison and Fish & Vine. Purchase options may be found at Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce fortmyersbeach.org by clicking on home page center hexagon photo. Discount Dining Books are also available at the FMB Chamber office, FMB Kiwanis Thrift Shop, Gavin's Ace Hardware and UPS Store(Summerlin & San Carlos Blvd).

"Kids Need Kiwanis" exemplifies what Kiwanis can do for Kids, remembering the Kiwanis' motto "Serving the Children of the World." Gateway to the Islands Kiwanis Club is comprised of professional men and women and is looking for more service-minded individuals and business professionals to impact the community through volunteering. The club meets Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 am, mixing fun and fellowship, while embracing the Kiwanis defining statement of improving the world one child and one community at a time. For more information visit bit.ly/KiwanisFB email KiwanisGTTI.Dining@gmail.com or call 239-218-5768.



Heights Elementary students dive into their new World Atlas books after receiving them from the Kiwanis Gateway to the Islands Club. Photo provided.

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	6 Low	9:25 AM	1.3	7:47 PM	Set 11:41 AM	
	6 High	4:30 PM	2.6			
Sa	7 Low	12:37 AM	0.0	7:12 AM	Rise 1:33 AM	64
	7 High	5:20 PM	2.4	7:48 PM	Set 12:28 PM	
Su	8 Low	1:49 AM	0.0	7:11 AM	Rise 2:20 AM	54
	8 High	6:32 PM	2.3	7:48 PM	Set 1:18 PM	
M	9 Low	2:58 AM	0.0	7:10 AM	Rise 3:05 AM	45
	9 High	11:37 AM	1.8	7:49 PM	Set 2:09 PM	
	9 Low	2:18 PM	1.7			
	9 High	8:11 PM	2.2			
Tu	10 Low	3:55 AM	0.0	7:09 AM	Rise 3:48 AM	36
	10 High	11:53 AM	1.8	7:49 PM	Set 3:01 PM	
	10 Low	3:48 PM	1.5			
	10 High	9:43 PM	2.2			
W	11 Low	4:42 AM	0.0	7:08 AM	Rise 4:29 AM	27
	11 High	12:09 PM	2.0	7:50 PM	Set 3:55 PM	
	11 Low	4:45 PM	1.2			
	11 High	10:51 PM	2.2			
Th	12 Low	5:20 AM	0.1	7:07 AM	Rise 5:08 AM	18
	12 High	12:24 PM	2.1	7:50 PM	Set 4:49 PM	
	12 Low	5:29 PM	1.0			
	12 High	11:45 PM	2.2			
F	13 Low	5:53 AM	0.2	7:06 AM	Rise 5:45 AM	11
	13 High	12:38 PM	2.2	7:51 PM	Set 5:45 PM	
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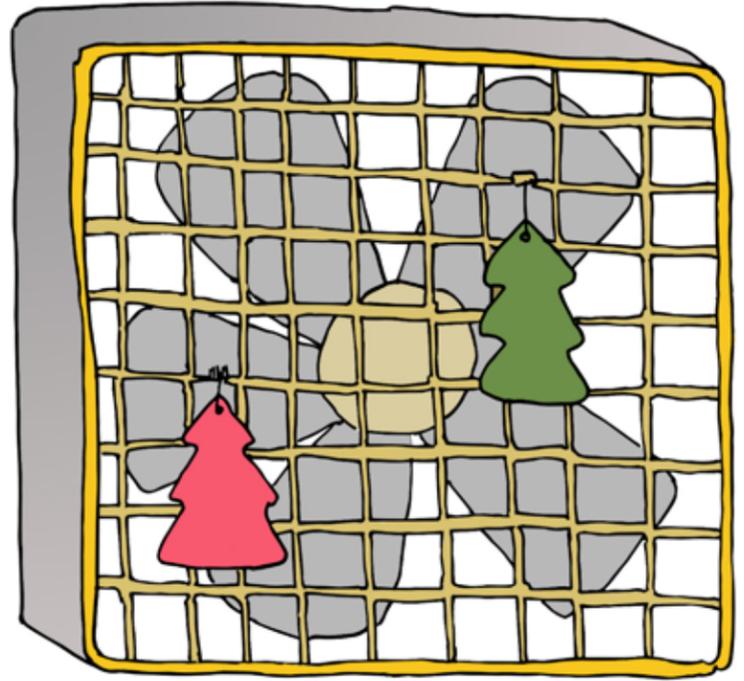


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Emergency Air Freshener



Any fan will do in a pinch

List

CryptoQuip answer

I would love to be a heavyweight champ someday, but people tell me it's only a fight of fancy.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

7	6	3	1	2	5	4	9	8
9	8	1	4	6	7	3	5	2
2	4	5	8	3	9	1	6	7
6	1	7	3	5	2	8	4	9
8	2	9	6	1	4	5	7	3
3	5	4	9	7	8	6	2	1
4	7	2	5	8	1	9	3	6
1	9	6	7	4	3	2	8	5
5	3	8	2	9	6	7	1	4

SCRAMBLERS

solution

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- Rustle;
- Plunge;
- Scrape

Today's Word
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Eggs, Eggs, Eggs



The Easter Bunny made an appearance last Saturday morning, much to the delight of Island children who waited patiently at Bay Oaks Recreation Center with their baskets and bags for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This annual Island event is supported by the Bay Oaks Recreation Center, Beach Kids Foundation and Fort Myers Beach Firefighters Local 1826. Egg Hunts were also held at Chapel by the Sea and the Lani Kai. Photos by Sarah List.



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Blockers
[R] 2:00 6:45 9:00

When three parents stumble upon their daughters' pact to lose their virginity at prom, they launch a covert one-night operation to stop the teens from sealing the deal.

Starring: John Cena and Leslie Mann



The Leisure Seeker
[R] 3:00 6:00 8:45

A runaway couple go on an unforgettable journey in the faithful old RV they call The Leisure Seeker, traveling from Boston to The Ernest Hemingway Home in Key West. They recapture their passion for life and their love for each other on a road trip that provides revelation and surprise right up to the very end.

Starring: Helen Mirren and Donald Sutherland



I Can Only Imagine
[PG] 2:45 4:15 5:45 8:30

The film brings to life the true story behind the song of ultimate hope, 'I Can Only Imagine.' A transformed relationship with his troubled father inspired Bart Millard, the lead singer of the Christian band MercyMe, to write what is now the most-played radio single in Christian music history. The story beautifully illustrates that nobody is ever too far from God's love -- or too far from an eternal home in Heaven.

Starring: Dennis Quaid and Michael Finley



Ready Player One
[PG-13] 2:15 5:30 8:30

When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he releases a video in which he challenges all OASIS users to find his Easter Egg, which will give the finder his fortune.

Starring: Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke and Simon Pegg

Ticket Prices: - Matinee - \$9.50 (\$12.50 3D) - Adult - \$12.00 (\$15.00 3D) - Senior (65) & Child (12 and under- \$9.50 (\$12.50 3D)

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CLUB	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
BEACHED WHALE 1249 Estero Blvd 463-5505	OBE GONZALEZ 6-9PM	TOMMY VAN OYER 6-9PM	MEGAN ROSE 6-9PM			ROGER YOUNG 6-9PM	JORY LYLE 6-9PM
CASTAWAYS Santini Marina Plaza 463-4644	BACKLASH 8-MIDNIGHT		KARAOKE 8-MIDNIGHT	N2L TRIO 8-MIDNIGHT	WAYWARD SOULS 8-MIDNIGHT	ELECTRIC LIPSTICK 8-MIDNIGHT	TORCHED 8-MIDNIGHT
SHUCKERS/COTTAGE Gulfshore Grill 765-5440	ROGER YOUNG 4-7PM STEVE FARST BAND 9PM-1AM	CHRIS CASDIA 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9PM-1AM	RENEE MASSIE HOSE 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9-1PM	STEVE FARST 4-7 3 CROOKED STEPS 9PM-1AM	WENDELL RAY 4-7PM BAD BANDITOS 9PM-1AM	CHARLIE MOON 4-7PM STEVE FARST 9PM-1AM	JOHN HOUSLEY 4-7PM THE NEW VINYLs 9PM-1AM
CRACKER BOX 16910 McGregor 466-4344	CRACKER BOX BAND 7-10PM	WOLFMAN DUO 7-10PM			JESSE ALLEN 6:30-9:30	JAM SESSION 6:30-9:30	FRANK & IRIS 6:30-9:30
DIXIE FISH CO. Fisherman's Wharf 233-8837	MARK WESLEY 5:30PM-9:30PM	MIKE O'NEIL 1-4PM ANTHONY WAYNE 5:30PM-9:30PM		TEQUILA TOM 5:30-8:30	CHRIS CASDIA 5:30PM	ANTHONY WAYNE 5:30-8:30PM	BOBBY BLAKEY 5:30-8:30PM
DOC FORDS 708 Fishermans Whf. 765-9660	HIGH VOLTAGE 6:30-9:30		HIGH VOLTAGE 1-4PM		STEVE McDUGALL 6:30-9:30PM	GIRL MEETS BOY 6:30-9:30PM	KAPO KINGS 6:30-9:30PM
MATANZAS on the BAY 414 Crescent 463-3838	WAYNE DELORIA 12-5PM DANIEL D 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 12-5PM MARY WINNER 5-9PM	GREG WATTS 12-5PM SAILOR LARRY 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 5-9PM	SAILOR LARRY 5-9PM	PETE BEARD 5-9PM	MARY WINNER 5-9PM
NERVOUS NELLIES 1131 1st St 463-8077	RASHIMBA 12-4 OLD SCHOOL CHARLIE 6-10PM	KEVON 12-4pm OLD SCHOOL CHARLIE 6-10PM	SMOKIN BILL 12-4PM HIGH TIDE 6-10PM	MICHAEL ANTOINE 12-4 SMOKIN BILL 6-10	TERRY CLEMSON 12-4 KEVON 6-10PM	HAZY, HOT & HUMID 6-10PM	MIKE GLEAN 12-4 MIKE GLEAN 6-10PM
OUTRIGGER 6200 Estero Blvd 463-3131	ALAN SMALL 5-8	MEAGAN ROSE & SMOKIN' BILL 2-5PM	SMALLTOWN 2-5PM		MEAGAN ROSE 5-8PM	ENDRE D 5-8PM	TWO HANDS 5-8PM
PARROT KEY Salty Sam's Marina 463-3257	ANGEL LEWIS PROJECT 7-10PM	FRANK TORINO 7-10PM		FRANK TORINO 7-10PM	GAITLIN 7-10PM	GAITLIN 7-10PM	FRANK TORINO 7-10PM
PETE'S TIME OUT Time Square 463-5900			DAVE COLLATON 6-10PM	DAVE COLLATON 6-10PM	FRANK THOMPSON 6-10PM	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM
PIERSIDE BY TOWN PIER 765-7800	SHERRIN 1-5 JEFF WHIDBY 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 1-5 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 1-5 BILL ZINK 7-10	ANTHONY WAYNE 1-5 GREG WATTS 6-10	BILL ZINK 1-5PM JEFFREY WHIDBY 6-10	BILL ZINK 1-5PM MARY WINNER 6-10PM	BILL ZINK 1-5PM ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10PM
PINCHERS TIKI BAR 6890 Estero Blvd 463-2909	DEB BIELA 6-9PM	OLD SCHOOL 6-9PM		SHAWN RUSSELL 5-8PM	SAM DeARMOND 5-8PM	AARON SEYFFERTH 5-8PM	N2L 5-8PM
SALTY CRAB 1154 Estero Blvd 233-8224	ANTHONY WAYNE 12-4 BERNIE HYLAND 4:30-8:30PM	AWESOMESAUCE 1-5PM AARON SEYFFERTH 6-9PM			BUSTED STUFF 5-9PM		JEFF GREENE 1-5PM CHRIS KEMP 7-10PM
SHARK BAR & GRILL 17979 San Carlos Blvd 313-6012	NEXX LEVEL 6-9PM	BITE THE BULLET 6-9PM	KARRIBEAN GROOVES 6-9PM	RASHIMBA 3-6PM COLLABORATION BAND 7-10PM	MARY WINNER BAND 2-5	MARTY KEANE 2-5PM	LAURIE STARR DUO 3-6PM BRENDA'S KARAOKE 7-10PM
SOBs Old San Carlos Blvs 463-3474	DAVE COLLATON 1-5PM ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10PM	ANTHONY WAYNE 1-5PM DAVE COLLATON 6-10	WILL KAISER 1-5PM LEE HAGAN 6-10PM	WILL KAISER 6-10	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 6-10	SHAWN RUSSELL 1-5PM DAVE COLLATON 6-10
SUNSET BEACH FMB TIMES SQUARE 463-1028	BARRY LAWRENCE 8-11PM	CHRIS KEMP 2-5PM CLIVE LIVE 8-11PM	BARRY LAWRENCE 1-5PM JENNY VE 8-11PM	MIKE GLEAN 8-11PM	CLIVE LIVE 8-11PM	DANNY D 8-11PM	SHERRIN McCUNN 8-CLOSE
SURF CLUB 1167 Estero Blvd 765-0644	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM	THE REGULARS 6-9PM			SHAWN RUSSELL 6-9PM		KARAOKE WITH CAM 6-9PM

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