



## Calusa Kids Camp *Fun, Water & Science Equal Success*



Participants in the 2018 Calusa Camp pause on the beach.

By Gary Mooney  
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"Get your buckets and sand filters," enthusiastically called out Glen Beitmen to the 12 children in the Mound House's inaugural "Calusa Kids Camp" at Newton Park! "We are going in the Gulf and see what we catch. I bet we find crabs and minnows and sea-shells and a whole bunch of stuff! If we find something alive, put it right back in the water. Anything you discover, look it over and check it out, as you are all the scientists today, and that is what scientists do!"

Glen or "The Super Scientist" or "Mr. Glen," as the kids call him, began running camps in New Jersey, before relocating to Florida in 2005. "I learned a long time ago that if you get kids interested in science at a young age, you have them for life, but unfortunately, many schools do not teach science early enough, so I fill the void." He made the Mound House connection through its Executive

Director, Alison Giesen. "Prior to the Mound House, Alison was with the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, and we ran camps together there. Once she came here, it was only a matter of time before we began one."

Since this is the first Calusa Camp, neither Mr. Glen nor the Mound House knew what to expect attendance-wise. "We set a limit of 15 kids, but to be honest, we would have been happy with 4 to 6 children, just to get the initial word out for next year, but we have 12 and are so happy! While most Campers are beach kids, we have several from throughout Southwest Florida, as far away as Naples, and one from Tennessee!"

### LIVING SCIENCE

On the day the Island Sand Paper visited, the children brought up buckets of material to show Mr. Glen, who explained that "you have an entire ecosystem in there; let's sort out anything

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## Weekly Water Recap FMB Waters Cleaner Than Most

By Gary Mooney  
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Blue-Green Algae and Red Tide concerns are dominating Southwest Florida headlines. Fort Myers Beach, however, continues to avoid the most devastating circumstances. Rae Burns, the Environmental & Stormwater Technician for the Town of Fort Myers Beach, and Rae Ann Wessel, the Natural Resources Policy Director for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), provide their latest updates.

### FMB WATER TESTING

"Not only does the Town do its own water quality testing," said Burns, "but several other agencies test it as well. When you combine field and laboratory work, we have over 30 tests on a weekly or monthly basis. Besides the Town, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Lee County and State of Florida Departments of Health, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the SCCF, and Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve monitor our conditions, and you can find these results online. Various tests monitor blue-green algae, Red Tide, nutrients and other parameters. Not only do you get the latest results, but the FWC works with the University of South Florida to look ahead one week, to forecast Red Tide conditions, and the SCCF equipment monitors conditions

almost to the minute, though the vast majority of their locations are on the Caloosahatchee River, with just one near Fort Myers Beach. The Town primarily tests for nitrogen, nitrogen nitrate, phosphorous, and any other junk that comes from our own stormwater flows, having begun this roughly six months ago."

Should a Fort Myers Beach water crisis develop, "the Lee County and State Health Departments, that work together in our area, would make a joint recommendation to close the beach," said Burns. "The Town in partnership with them would then make a combined announcement. The Lee County Health Department already has the necessary signage, so the Town would most likely post those, but hopefully it never comes to that."

The SCCF noted, however, in its July 17 report, that Fort Myers Beach canals along Primo Drive, Tropical Shores Way, and Delmar and Ohio Avenues have the presence of blue-green algae. "Fort Myers Beach is getting some blue-green algae from the Caloosahatchee River into our canals," reported Burns, "but not anywhere near the number of colonies as the river or Lake Okeechobee, that would necessitate any sort of emergency conditions, alerts or actions, and from what I see, we are nowhere near that point. The DEP is also doing a fine job on monitoring the location of blue-green algae, so it is important for

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## 'Beach Kid' Tyler Spradling Comes Home as Lee Health Resident Physician

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"I moved to Fort Myers Beach 20 years ago, with my family," said Dr. Tyler Spradling, an island resident who last month became a different type of resident – he is one of eight new first-year Family Medicine residents of the Florida State University's (FSU) College of Medicine Family Medical Residency Program through Lee Health! Based at Lee Memorial Hospital, Lee Health created the residency program to abate the shortage of primary care phy-

sicians nationally, and especially in Southwest Florida, due to rapid population growth. Over 1,800 medical students applied for the 8 positions, with Dr. Spradling receiving one of those coveted slots. Medical school graduates are required to complete residency training in their chosen specialty to become independently practicing physicians.

Fort Myers Beach has nothing but great memories for Dr. Spradling, a "beach kid" who is once again an island resident. "We moved here right before my 6th grade year,

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## The Number Ones Lewis, Kirilloff Now Miracles

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The Fort Myers Miracle, the single A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, are roughly one-third through their Florida State League (FSL) 2nd half schedule, just a few games out of 1st place, to qualify for the playoffs. Much of their success for the rest of this year rests on the young shoulders of the Twins 2016 and 2017 1st round draft picks, 19-year-old shortstop Royce Lewis and 20-year-old rightfielder Alex Kirilloff. Lewis joined Fort Myers earlier this week, while Kirilloff came up in late June, both from

Minnesota's Low A club in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

### HAPPY TO BE HERE

"It feels great to be in Fort Myers," said Lewis, the #1 overall 2017 draft pick for all of Major League Baseball; just the second overall #1 to play for the Miracle, and the first since future Hall-of-Famer Joe Mauer in 2002, who is still with the Twins. The Miracle have been waiting for this moment since late May, as Lewis had little left to showcase in Cedar Rapids, hitting .315 with 9 home runs, 53 RBI, and 22 stolen

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# LETTERS to the EDITOR

## LESS GOVERNMENT BETTER

Jay Light wrote a lengthy commentary to those who are talking of un-incorporating FMB because after 22 years the town councils still haven't gotten it right. There is sporadic code enforcement, with much favoritism given to some violators by the town manager or staff members. Some residents get granted variances. Some businesses get sold public parking spaces at a huge profit to the town. Perhaps that is why some like having local government, you are more likely to get special treatment than from a county government!

He warns of why this island incorporated—to stop huge developments like Diamondhead. Yet what did these present Councilors do but grant triple density to TPI, when three of them had promised "government lite". Why didn't they have the strength of character to insist TPI live within the Land Use Code and Comp plan, without granting these variances? Because, government is pretty much the same, whether County or Town, it's just that you have more than necessary on this small island.

It's not like the county government is so out of reach, in this day when many government functions can be done with computer or cell phone connections. Less government in our lives is generally better, and hopefully voters will sign the petition to dissolve the Town and return to Lee County control. It really won't be much different, since the County sheriff is the local police force, we have separate fire and library districts which won't change, Estero Blvd. will continue to be done under the County, maybe with less headaches since the Town Councils have not always been forthcoming with quick funding or approval of road construction. Will some be unhappy under the County? Sure, but we simply don't have enough qualified people to fill all these gov't positions anymore.

Leon Moyer  
Fort Myers Beach

# Garden Club Gathers



Members of the Estero Island Garden Club gathered for lunch at Doc Ford's on July 9th. Monthly lunches will continue through the summer as members enjoy keeping in touch. Regular meetings and programs will resume in October. For more information on the Estero Island Garden Club call 978-460-1814. Photo provided.



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# Lewis, Kirilloff Now Miracles, Cont'd from pg.1

bases in 77 games.

"I worked hard, and feel like I earned the promotion, as the point is to move up, so I am excited. I played in Fort Myers just about this same time last year, with the Gulf Coast League Twins, in the development league, and it is just about how I remembered it, with the heat and humidity." In his short time here, he is batting .400, going 6 for 15.

Lewis said being the #1 overall draft pick last year brings a certain amount of pressure, "but there isn't anything I can do about that, so I just play the game. If there is a drawback, it is all the interviews - no offense - but if that is the worst part, then everything is good! I understand the media has their job to do, just like I do, so you do it, but I am not a fan of all the attention; I would rather just play ball. I want to be a good example of how you treat the game right, because I love it. My favorite player was Derek Jeter, and he carried himself so well, and being the #1 overall pick, there are certain expectations for off the field as well as on, so I want to be true to my word, and I want my word to mean something."

Two other issues are autographs and mail. "I try to sign as many autographs as possible, as I know that is important to the kids in the stands. Sometimes, when you are getting in your work, you just can't and I am apologetic about that. The mail that I receive piles up quick, and I left behind a big stack in Cedar Rapids, but you can only do what you can do, especially after working a 10 to 12 hour day, because you return home completely exhausted, but I try my best."

Royce is becoming known for wearing what he calls a "Humility Chain" around his neck. "My Mom makes them, and I fully support her, though I actually came up with the name! It is important to her I stay humble, and these are a reminder to do that. Once people started hearing about them, Mom produced more, and it evolved into a business for her. We are working with a charity now, to donate a portion of the proceeds." (Humility Chains can be found at bit.ly/HumilityChains)

He is the first #1 overall draft pick to play for the Miracle since the legendary Mauer, who long-time Miracles fans speak of with reverence, almost as much for the way the then-19-year-old, the same age as Lewis, carried himself off the field as he did starring on it. "I've met and spoken with Joe, but we don't compare notes on what it is like to be the top pick. He more gives me advice about life, and is a great guy; I can't wait to know him better!"

As for playing against tougher FSL competition, "Every time you jump a level, the game seems to move a little faster, but I can already feel it slowing down here, after just a few games. One thing that doesn't change is it is just a game, and I try to learn something new every day, as I like to think of myself as a very coachable player. You will make mistakes, as no one is perfect, but if they are aggressive ones, I can live with those."

While the Major League is the obvious goal, Royce is in no hurry. "I was fine being at Cedar Rapids for most of this season, as I keep my feet planted on the ground. I am only 19-years-old, so at this



Royce Lewis, wearing "Humility Chains," recently joined the Fort Myers Miracle and is expected to be a strong contributor to the team's offense. Photo by Gary Mooney.

point in my career, I am almost as excited to see teammates get called up as when it is my turn. Maybe next year, I might think about the Majors, but right now I am happy being in Fort Myers!"

### ALEX IS BACK ON THE FIELD

Three weeks before Lewis' promotion came Alex Kirilloff, the Twins 2016 #1 draft pick and #15 overall that year and is Minnesota's #3 overall prospect. Like Lewis, he had nothing left to prove at Cedar Rapids, batting .330 with 13 home runs and 56 RBI in just 65 games. In last Sunday's "Future's Game" in Washington DC, that featured baseball's best young players, leading up to last Tuesday's Major

League All-Star game, Kirilloff started in right field, hit 6th and went 2 for 2.

"It's fun playing games here in Hammond Stadium," said Alex, "particularly in front of the Miracle fans, and I hope we give them an exciting second half." In his first month in Fort Myers, Kirilloff is hitting .298 with 2 home runs and 16 RBI. In 2016, he played Rookie Ball in Elizabethton, Tennessee, hitting .306 with 7 home runs and 33 RBI to win the 70-game-season Appalachian League's Most Valuable Player Award. With the good, however, came the bad, as he suffered a partial ligament tear in his left elbow, causing him to have Tommy John surgery and miss all of 2017.

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# Lewis, Kirilloff Now Miracles, Cont'd from pg.5

"That was tough," he reflected, "as you never want to go through any sort of injury, and when you hear you will miss the whole season, that is devastating, then you have to go through the grind of rehabilitation. I am healthy now, so everything worked out for the best. Like good pitchers, life throws you curveballs, and you deal with setbacks as best as you can. As an outfielder, it is not as devastating as it is for a pitcher, but you go through the same exact rehabilitation, so it is a lot of fun to play baseball again. I hope I give Miracle fans a lot to cheer about throughout the second half, as we have a super group of guys on this team."

While Alex is new to the Miracle this season, he is already knowledgeable about Southwest Florida. "I actually know quite a bit about the Fort Myers area, as I did the bulk of my rehabilitation here last year at the Twins training center at the Sports Complex, so that helped familiarize me with the region. It is, however, definitely much better to be back here as a player than a patient!"

When reflecting upon his hitting and playing philosophies, "I try to stay away from highs and lows," Alex related, "working on becoming more consistent on an everyday basis. As for my hitting



Alex Kirilloff joined the Miracle in June and is already a fan favorite. Photo provided by Fort Myers Miracle.

approach, I developed that from working with my Dad, who is a hitting coach. The key thing is to stay within myself, while studying pitchers and what they throw,

as I don't think I am close yet to becoming the best type of hitter I can become. The minute you overanalyze everything, you lose your concentration, so I strive to

stay within myself, to be the best possible player I can be."

You can see Royce, Alex and the rest the Miracle for four of the next six weekends, through the end of the 2018 season on Sunday, September 2. They are home this Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, against the Lakeland Flying Tigers of the Detroit organization, with Sunday an off-day. Fireworks follow both games, and Saturday fans receive a free Tori Hunter bobblehead. Friday's game begins at 7 p.m., with Saturday at 6 p.m. Beginning Tuesday, July 31, the Miracle play 20 of the final 33 games at home. Tickets are \$7.50 to \$12 at [www.milb.com](http://www.milb.com), the stadium box office that opens 90 minutes prior to each game, or telephone at 239-768-4210, with a \$2 processing fee. Monday through Friday contests start at 7 p.m., Saturdays 6 p.m., and Sundays at 4 p.m., with parking \$5-per-car. Hammond Stadium is at CenturyLink Sports Complex at 14100 Six Mile Cyrus Parkway in South Fort Myers, roughly a 15-minute drive from Fort Myers Beach. Attend a Miracle game today, to see the Major League stars of tomorrow!

## Popeye to Sing Miracle Anthem



Mike "Popeye" Dearden, center, is flanked by Shannon Orlandini (L) of Fort Myers Beach Little League and Tim Cherry of Fort Myers Beach Youth Soccer as they present him with plaques of appreciation after Popeyepalooza VIII.

Photo by Sarah List

Fort Myers Beach's own Mike "Popeye" Dearden will sing the National Anthem prior to the Miracle game on Friday, July 20 at Hammond Stadium. Friday is Non-Profit Night at the stadium, with a number of Southwest Florida non-profits showcasing their efforts. Popeye will have a table for Popeyepalooza, the fundraiser he's coordinated for nine years on Fort Myers Beach to support youth sports. Held each spring, the effort has raised over \$32,900 in total, with the support of local businesses, musicians and participants.

Those attending Friday night's game are invited to bring donations of gently used or new kid's baseball gloves for the Miracle Glove Drive, school supplies for the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and canned goods for the Team Up Against Hunger campaign. Friday's game is also "Vs. Cancer" night with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation offering the chance to throw pies at Miracle players after the game. Children from Golisano Children's Hospital will throw out the first pitch and sing God Bless America.

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# Healthy Pursuits Class Offers Comradery



Scott Lendh ( left) serves as moderator and teacher of the Healthy Pursuits class at Cypress Cove at HealthPark Florida. (Photo supplied by Cypress Cove)

Twice each week Scott Lendh, activities coordinator of The Lodge at Cypress Cove, sits in as "moderator, teacher, professor" of a rather unique class limited to no more than 14 residents (all men) from the HealthPark Florida's independent living Life Plan community.

One might initially get the feeling that this bi-weekly class is nothing more than a "good ole boys club or if we were in northern climates - a hot stove club." The chatter, the banter, and good natured ribbing are often - and infectious. A constant jovial atmosphere is the classroom norm.

But the purpose for these classes is taken quite seriously by Lendh and by each participant. "Sure, the classes provide needed fellowship. But they also provide a stress-free environment where exercises are done to help sharpen

our brains," Lendh explains. "Sometimes our program exercises all forms of cognition. But most of the time, I am barely able to get through a quarter of my prepared program because attention is diverted at so many different subjects."

The bi-weekly gathering is aptly named - Healthy Pursuits - and was introduced a few years ago by Cypress Cove's Independent Living Activities Supervisor Amanda Sweeney who created the class for the purpose of providing Cypress Cove independent living residents with an outlet to what sometimes a resident might believe is their idle mind.

"The class also serves as a big support group. For example there might be someone going through a medical crisis," Lendh explains while passing around a bowl of chocolate goodies, "and

the day's program provides relief. Besides, there's always someone ready to lend a supporting hand."

That comradery leads to the levity that prevails throughout the two-hour session and helps make Healthy Pursuits a uniquely successful program. Each class participant has led a successful and varied career. And it's these varied careers that often lead to some entertaining and interesting discussions.

"There's a great deal of satisfaction that comes out of the class," adds resident Ed. "My fellow classmates don't want to miss the class...and neither do I."

"There can be lots of quick-witted moments," explains Healthy Pursuits participant Ralph, "interspersed with a time of learning."

Class participants, notes Lendh, are not individuals who have lost their cognitive skills. "By no means, these are individuals who wish to maintain their abilities." And because of that, Scott is the ideal professor for the weekly sessions having worked in the healthcare activities arena for more than 20

years.

He prepares for each session as if he were putting together a teaching plan for a high school or college class. Class activities are varied and include such things as trivia quizzes, word puzzles, and visual cognition quizzes. Class sessions accommodate any class participant's hearing or sight deficiency - a concept that allows constant interaction by resident classmates.

"It's a pretty tight-knit group," Lendh notes, "and it gives me a great deal of satisfaction that the guys don't want to miss the class."

Bob (one of the newest members of the class) concurs saying "he likes to hear what other people did throughout their life. It's very interesting." And when the storytelling quiets, "the teacher finds something for us to discuss," adds Lee.

Regardless of the reason or need of participation, it is obvious that the class meets the original goal of successfully engaging its "students."



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## KUDOS

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Former Beach School Principal Jeff Dobbins who retired July 1 after 36 years as an educator. We hope he is enjoying a well-deserved retirement!

LeeTran for trying something new in public transportation on the beach this past season with the free, open-air beach trams.

Beach School's graduating 5th graders, who will be starting a new chapter in their education in a few weeks as they begin middle school. Congratulations!

Volunteers with the VFW Memorial Day Poppy Campaign who raised over \$4K for local veteran support.

The volunteers and Visitor & Convention Bureau folks for a successful run at setting a new Guinness World Record for a human shell on National Seashell Day.

Our local and state water watchdogs who tirelessly monitor our water quality and advocate for improvements in how water is managed in Southwest Florida.

Twenty-one Fort Myers Beach Fire District paramedics and EMTs who were honored with Pre-Hospital Save Awards for saving someone experiencing a cardiac arrest. And the entire Fire District for achieving an above-average save rate for cardiac arrests and being awarded the American Heart Association Mission Lifeline Award.

Everyone who watches for pedestrians at crosswalks and stops for them.

The Town Council of Fort Myers Beach for having the courage to take our town forward with the approval of TPI-FMB, now Margaritaville Resort. Their unanimous vote after three years of public input, exhaustive legal analysis and difficult deliberations, struck a good bargain that will benefit the town.

Pedestrians who use crosswalks and the buttons on the flashing lights at crosswalks.

The organizers, donors and participants in fundraisers for Islanders in need. It's who we are as Islanders, and what we do.

The candidates that qualified to run for seats on the FMB Mosquito Board, FMB Library Board and FMB Fire Board. The three Fire Board seats will be on the November ballot, the others were elected when only one person qualified for each open seat.

The dependable and early-rising Turtle Time volunteers who inspect our beaches each and every morning at dawn for new or hatched turtle nests.

Donors and volunteers who labor year round to address the problem of hunger in SWFL via food drives and food banks.

The Public Safety agencies who, while most of us procrastinate, began Hurricane Season by being ready, with lessons learned during Irma, on June 1.

Bill Veach on being named FMB Citizen of the Year.

The Town Public Works and Parks & Rec Departments for coordinating the annual 4th of July Parade, Times Square festivities and Fireworks.

The residents and visitors who respect the turtle nesting season rules and keep the beach dark, fill in holes and remove beach furniture. Also those who give our beach-nesting birds a wide berth and keep dogs off the south end of the beach and away from the birds.

The Semmer family and Ostego Bay Foundation volunteers for hosting the 4th of July Kid's Fishing Tournament.

The FMB Community Foundation and Keep Lee County Beautiful for sponsoring the 5th of July beach clean-up. Also the efforts of the Town Public Works team as they hit the beach very early to get the cleanup started.

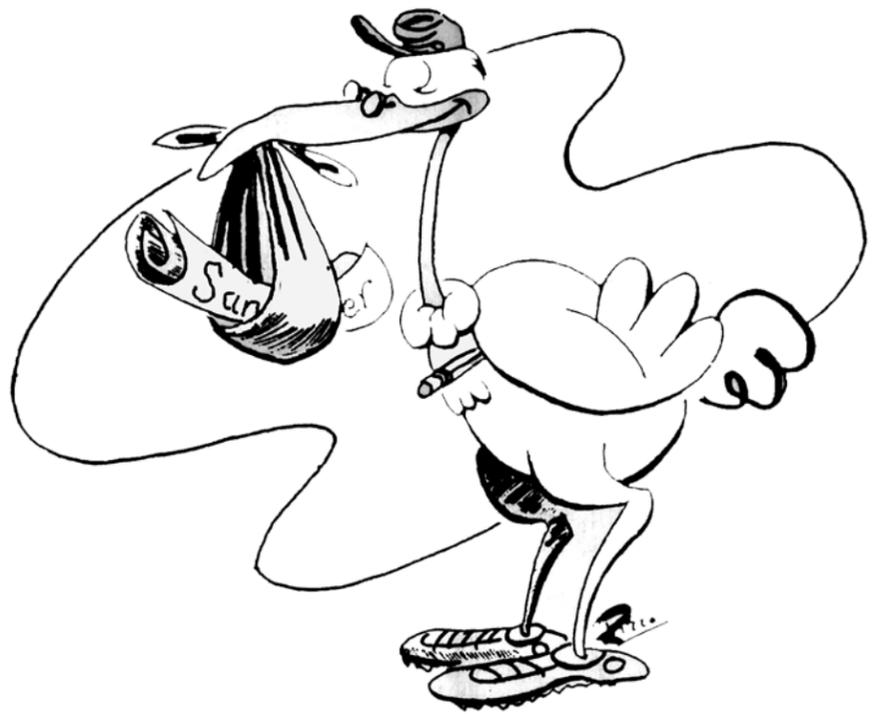
Pastor Jeanne Davis on her retirement from Beach United Methodist Church this summer, and Pastor Lorrie Davison on her retirement from St. Peter Lutheran Church earlier this year. Both long time pastors did much to enrich the spiritual lives of Islanders and we wish them both a long and happy retirement!

Summer camp counselors for their bottomless well of energy, good cheer and patience as they offer kids a fun way to learn new things during the hottest days of the year.

The Estero Island Historic Society for their continuing efforts to navigate the red tape required to eventually move a historic cottage back onto the beach and next to their two existing cottages. Also Joe Orlandini for his work to save, move and restore the cottage.

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# Weekly Water Recap

## FMB Waters Cleaner Than Most, Cont'd from pg.1



Aerial photo dated July 17, 2018, showing cyanobacteria or blue-green algae that has traveled from Lake Okeechobee down the Caloosahatchee River and into canals in North Fort Myers and Cape Coral. Photo courtesy of City of Sanibel.

people to know that.”

To review the latest water news, see the Town website at [fmbgov.com](http://fmbgov.com) and go to the “Water Quality Conditions” link that is prominent on the main page, as that goes directly to the State Department of Health. For blue-green algae, Burns recommends [algaebloomupdate.com](http://algaebloomupdate.com), and for Red Tide, [myfwc.com/redtidestatus](http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus). “The SCCF always has great information,” she added, “at [recon.sccf.org/parameters](http://recon.sccf.org/parameters).”

When Burns provided her update two weeks ago, she ranked area water as a “5 or 6, if 1 is fantastic water and 10 the worst. This week, I would slightly update that to 4 to 5, because there has been a small decrease of algae on the Caloosahatchee and Lake. Hopefully this is a sign that the salinity in the water is starting

to bounce back a bit, because when brackish water gets stronger (saltier), algae blooms do not like that. I do not, however, mean to diminish area conditions, as the Caloosahatchee remains just terrible, and there is no getting around that.”

Fortunately for Fort Myers Beach, “we have nowhere near the amount of blue-green algae or Red Tide as other waterfront communities,” Burns explained, “and best indications are that these will remain away from us. I said two week ago that our water is clean and safe for recreation, and I still sure do feel that way! Blue-green algae is mostly staying away, and we have not had a Red Tide fish kill since April, and that is awesome, so knock wood and go fish! Red Tide continues to mostly be away from us, congregating primarily in Punta

Gorda and north Captiva, and not really hitting us.”

She had simple advice for beachgoers: “Our water is good, but if you, for whatever reason, feel uncomfortable, don’t force yourself to go swimming. Be smart – if you see algae, stay away! Do not swallow or inhale water, and avoid it if you have open cuts, but currently there are no alert conditions on Fort Myers Beach.”

### DIFFERENT RULES

Rae Ann Wessel of the SCCF has a more pessimistic opinion of local water conditions. “Last week, I thought we were in the 8 to 9 range, and it is just as bad this week, with the possibility existing that it can get worse! The algae from Lake Okeechobee is now along all 75 miles of the Caloosahatchee River, and not just along the boundaries, but the main stem, as well as covering 80 to 90 percent of the lake. Unfortunately, the discharges continue, with the Army Corps releasing 3,000 cubic-feet-per-second from the Lake to the Caloosahatchee, and that is one-and-a-half times the harmful threshold, when you include our watershed runoff. We know from our monitoring that the highest loads of phosphorous and nutrient degradation are from above the Franklin Lock, from the agricultural lands 45 miles upriver, and not from us here on the coast.”

Wessel believes that one of the overriding causes contributing to the current water crisis are the different rules and regulations governing urban versus

agricultural areas. “Water experts do not understand why there are two sets of criteria, one for urban regions and another for agricultural interests, as nutrients are nutrients! You should treat nutrients based on the best available science, to prevent pollution from reaching our water, so it makes no sense that agricultural owners get such a pass. They can discharge their stormwater into public waterways and spaces, without having to hold it on their property first, like in the urban corridors.”

Agriculture can have impervious conditions, she explained, “from one end of their property to the other, and do not have to hold stormwater on their land or capture water to reuse it. They do not need stormwater ponds or wetlands to treat water, so what they release back into the system is full of pollutants and nutrients that breeds algae, all under the excuse that if they had to do these things, it would lower productivity, but at the end of the day, dirty water is dirty water, so everyone should have to participate equally in the clean water movement, to hold water on their property that falls from the sky, rather than simply pumping their fields dry to lower their water table without any type of treatment.”

All agricultural businesses have to do is sign a document called “Best Management Practices” and the government assumes they are in compliance. “These areas are low-hanging fruit and should be easy to remedy,” Wessel reasoned, “but water management agencies continue to coddle them, and the longer as we let them operate this

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way, the harder it is to correct. Until we make them change the way they operate, the longer it will take for our water quality conditions to improve, so we need to make agriculture follow the same dictates as urban areas. It is like the old adage: 'If you find yourself in a hole, quit digging!' These are the things that can almost immediately improve our water quality, and they are within our grasp."

## NO SURPRISE

Last week, in the weekly conference call between the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and area water experts, Wessel suggested that the Corps, due to the emergency condition we are in, release Lake Okeechobee water into the non-populated agricultural areas south of the lake, since Okeechobee is 470,000 acres and those parcels are even larger, at 484,000 acres, and the water could spread out across these crop lands, to saturate soils and expedite evaporation and evapotranspiration.

In this week's call, she reported, "There was no reaction to that, and I did not find that surprising, but I will continue to push that as an option, and the SCCF put out a recent 'Call For Action' over this. If you would like to help, see the SCCF website, where we have a draft letter that you can work off, then you simply press the 'Send Button' with your name and email address, and it automatically goes to the Governor's Office, DEP, Florida Congressional Legislation and SFWMD, with a confirmation back to you."

Wessel reported that next week, Sanibel's Mayor Kevin Ruane and its Natural Resources Director James Evans will head to Washington DC to request from the US Congress Federal funding for the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir. "The Office of Management & Budget recently approved the funding," she related, "but that requires Senate approval to add it to the Water Projects Bill, as for the EAA to begin, it requires cofunding from the State and Federal Governments, and the State's is in place. What we hope will be the final result is not only will Congress approve the allocation, but will do so for the totality of the project, without us having to return year-after-year to ask for annual funding. Congress needs to accept the length and total price of the EAA upfront, because the sooner they approve everything we need to make this happen, the sooner this crucial component will be in place and complete, or return trips to Washington DC will just extend the work and take up precious time we don't have, so that decision will expedite the entire process."

## NO SILVER BULLET

Wessel attended the Water Quality Presentation at the Cape Coral Yacht Club on Tuesday evening, July 17. "During the Question & Answer session, one young man broached the topic about using Deep Injection Wells as a possible solution, calling them the 'Silver Bullet' as the quick remedy, and he received quite a bit of pushback, not only from the water experts but the audience, to the point where I felt bad for the poor kid, and he eventually seemed to



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get it. The SFWMD sadly continues to push for this too, and I need to emphasize how bad an idea these are."

Deep Injection Wells push water 3,000 to 4,000 feet underground, effectively removing water forever from the environment. "That may sound like a great idea today, but remember that for half the year, we need every drop of water we have! These wells are expensive, inefficient and can

potentially pollute our underground drinking water sources, rather than rerouting water south to the Everglades for where and when we really need it. There is the question about where we will store the water first, as pumps can only move down roughly 5 cubic-feet-per-second, so they will not solve the problem but create new ones. The Central Florida Water Management District will tell you right now they need more water, as water and not oil is

the most valuable resource on the entire planet, so every molecule is precious, as we cannot exist as a species without fresh water. Deep Injection Wells are not the Silver Bullet; the only Silver Bullet I know comes in a Coors Beer can!"

Wessel reminds everyone that Big Agriculture is not the only problem, nor reigning them in the only solution: "We all must be part of solution, because we are all a part of the problem! The solutions, however, do not need to be overwhelming, so ask yourself what can you do to make a difference. We all drive on the roads and walk our dogs and many of us fertilize our lawns, so make the changes you can make in your individual life to help end this crisis, like writing letters and voting responsibly, as small personal changes lead to huge positive differences, so be a part of the solution!"

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# Calusa Kids Camp

## Fun, Water & Science Equal Success, *Cont'd from pg.1*



Mr. Glen helps campers discover what they found in their individual ecosystems.

that is alive and put it back in the water, then drop the rest into sample jars, to see what we have." Another experiment had the kids lay out a sundial clock on the beach, to tell time by the movement of its shadow, with Mr. Glen explaining, "You don't need a watch or cell-phone to know the time. How cool is that?"

They experimented with flying kites of different sizes, to see which ones work best under beach conditions, even learning

when one of the strings comes up with a seemingly-hopeless tangle. "Think how to untangle things," advised the Super Scientist: "It is just a straight line, so follow the straight line through to the end, just like how you solve any other problem." Later, the kids examined beach sand, with Mr. Glen commenting, "Most of these children grew up on the beach but have no idea what sand is; that it is various minerals and materials we will examine under microscopes. Much of it is from

shells and rocks, some millions of years old, that gradually breaks down into tiny granules over time."

Mr. Glen emphasized, "This is a different type of camp. While we have fun, we incorporate science into almost every activity, so kids think their way through the process of everything we do. They examine things, whether it is what we discover at the beach or the Mound House, by putting it under a microscope, to find out more about it. This is like differentiated learning, where each person makes their own discoveries every day, and studies

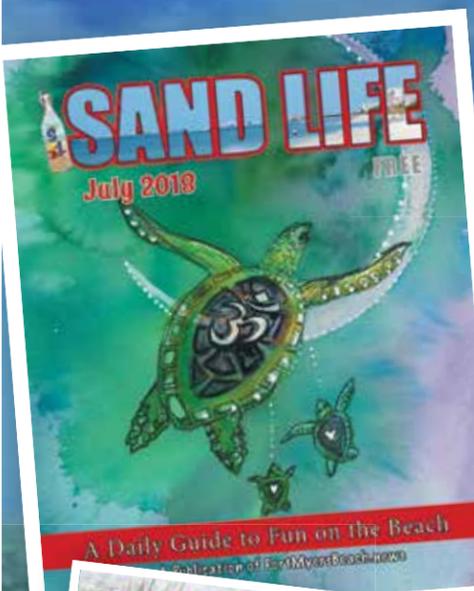
what interests each of them individually. What is wonderful about our campers this session is that, of the 12 kids, eight are girls, and it can be tough to get girls interested in science, so that is great!"

The camp's final activity on Friday afternoon, July 20, is each child creating their own exhibit at the Mound House, "just like a curator does, to show their parents and anyone else who attends what they achieved throughout the week. This is, in a very real sense, living science! All my camps end with the children making presenta-



Kayla (L) and Gabby show off the results of their chalk experiment! Photos by Gary Mooney.

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tions, because speaking in public is a crucial life skill. So many of my former campers have moved on to accomplish wonderful things, and their college advisors tell me their speaking skills separated them from the pack." Presentations begin at 3 p.m., with the public welcome to attend.

### KAYAKING & THUNDER-CLAPPERS

Campers liked different things about camp, though some had common themes. Joshua, age 11, thought "kayaking was best, because of all the things we discovered in the water." McKenzie, 6, "loved making the thunder-clappers out of newspaper!" Yoshe, 10, looked forward to an activity later that afternoon, "when we will make slime!" Kayla, 9, "likes being on the beach and in the water today." Leah, 9-1/2, exclaimed, "Everything! And learning I have the same birthday as Joshua!" For Will, age 9, it is "the Gulf!" Eafon, 7, "likes checking out all the animals," while Eddie, 6-1/2, favors "checking out all the animals with Eafon!" Gianna & Mia, both 10, shout out "everything" in unison. Gabby, 8, said, "pretty much anything we do, but especially if it involves water." For Gemma, 10, it was "the experiments we did at the Mound House."

Mr. Glen's favorite part is "the Mound House! It is magnificent, and I hope the Calusa Camps further promotes it, as more people need to discover it. The kids are fascinated by what they find there, especially the Calusa masks and sculptures." Brandon, 15, is Mr. Glen's volunteer assistant. "Mr. G is funny and cool, and makes everything interesting. I was never in Camp myself, so I am envious of the kids!"

The inaugural Calusa Kids Camp was held this week, July 16-20. The children spent Monday at the Mound House, including kayaking. Tuesday and Wednesday were at Newton Park, then returned to the Mound House on Thursday and Friday. "The Mound House is just the best place to host a Summer Camp," raved Mr. Glen. "It is close to the beach, has boats and a beautiful large yard to run around, so that is perfect!" The Mound House and Mr. Glen hope to expand Calusa Summer Camps in 2019, to spend an entire week on history, the environment, water activities and related interests.

The Mound House at 451 Connecticut, Fort Myers Beach offers a celebrated museum as well as historical, archeological and environmental programs and tours. It recently received nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is \$10 for ages 13 & up, \$8 for students with IDs, \$5 ages 6 to 12, and 5 & under free, with Town residents receiving a 50% discount. It is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call 239-765-0865 or see [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).



Joshua begins his kite experiment in the sea breeze on the beach.

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## 'Beach Kid' Tyler Spradling Comes Home as Lee Health Resident Physician, Cont'd from pg.1

into my undergraduate coursework at the University of South Florida, so I have always had a strong appreciation for medicine. After USF, I graduated with my Medical Degree from Nova Southeastern in Osteopathic Medicine in May, then began with the Family Medical Residency Program last month."

### A PERFECT FIT

While new to this program, Dr. Spradling spent his 3rd and 4th year as a medical student with Lee Health, "and I really enjoyed working here, and the education I received was excellent. When it came time to apply for residency programs, they were a perfect fit for me, as I fell in love with the faculty and facilities. The fact that it was so close to home was icing on the cake, and helped to make my final decision. I knew, however, it was a competitive program to get in, but I had no idea I would be going up against 1,800 other candidates for the 8 slots! Had I known that, I would have been quite a bit more scared! When I learned I was accepted, that was one of the happiest days of my life and career, to be able to stay at home, with the support of my family and the community in which I grew up, along with that of the Florida State University College of Medicine and Lee Health, so that was at once humbling and very exciting for me, and of course my parents were ecstatic to have me so close to home."

Now that he is in the program, "as a first-year student, you do different things at different times at different places," Dr. Tyler related. "That is all a part of the training

to be a Family Primary Care Physician, including surgery and pediatrics and obstetrics and Women's Health. This is a three-year program, primarily headquartered out of the 7th Floor Family Medical Clinic of Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, though we do a great deal of work at HealthPark and Golisano Children's Hospital that are close to the beach. Depending on the week and assignment, I can work from 40 to 50, to 70 to 80 hours-a-week, so you grab sleep whenever you find the time! I cannot thank enough Dr. Gary Goforth, who was the founder of Lee Health's Family Medicine Residency Program and recently retired, as he is just a wonderful guy and one of the main reasons why I want to be here, as he made that decision easy for me. Fortunately, the new program director, Dr. Alfred Gitu, is just as great a person."

### HOME-COOKED MEAL

As a hometown guy, the other seven new Residents envy him! "Two of them are also native Floridians, but one is from Belize and another from Canada, so it is nice that I can actually drive around and know where I am going, without having to be plugged into my GPS system, as well as getting a real home-cooked meal every so often, so I would not say they are jealous of my situation, but definitely envious, especially because they miss their families and the support that comes with that, while mine are right here!"

Dr. Spradling's primary interest is in "Global Health & Wellness, as well as in serving the underprivileged and underserved

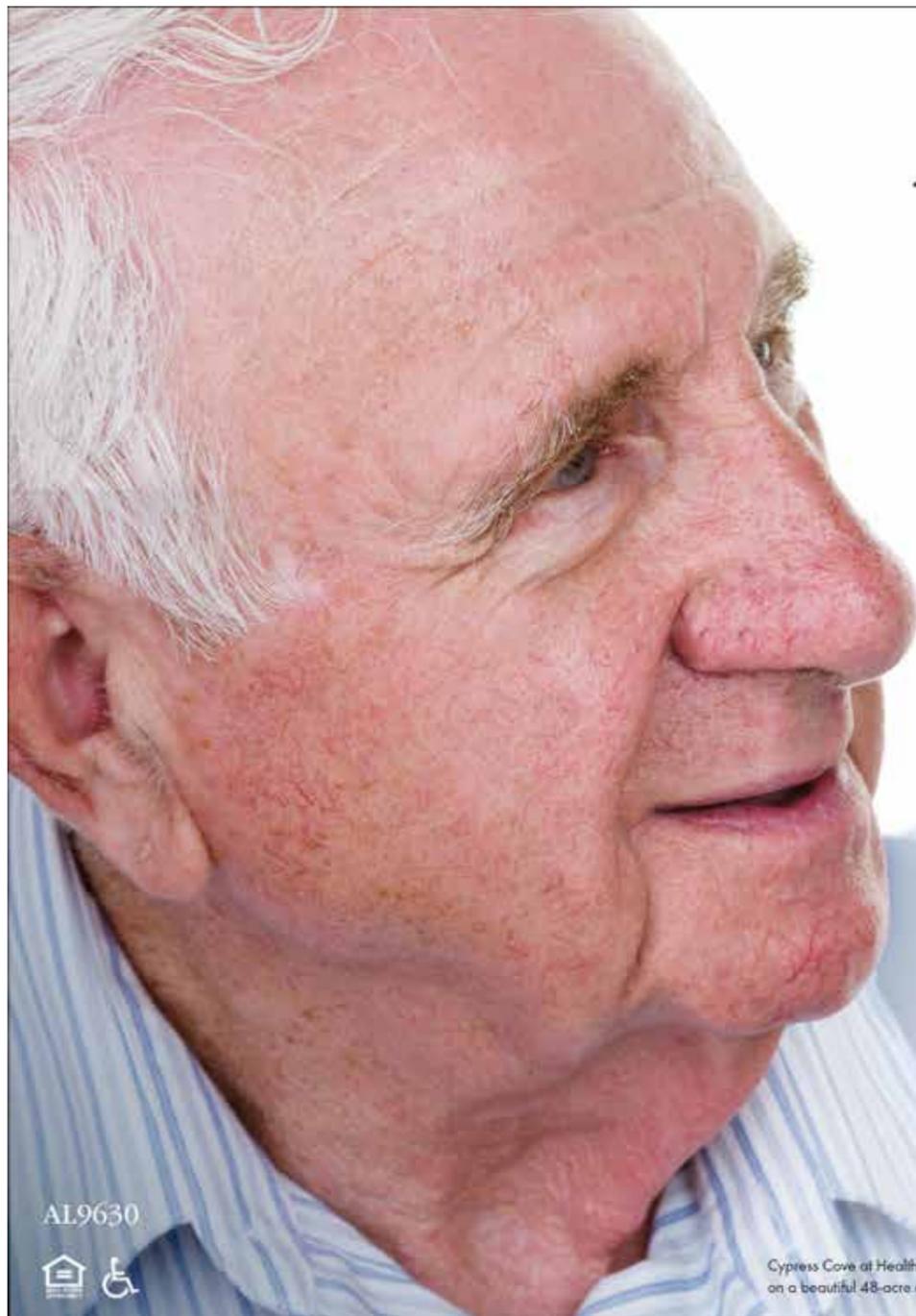
elements of the Southwest Florida community. While I definitely plan to practice medicine in our area for my career, I also intend to make numerous international mission trips. Our program is absolutely a global initiative, where we serve places like Nicaragua and Honduras and a few other locations. Growing up on Fort Myers Beach, I had a first-hand experience with Hurricane Charley, so I know the devastation weather events like that can bring, so I absolutely hope to be of service should we or any of those places sustain a direct hit in the future. I do, however, plan to have Southwest Florida be the primary place of my practice, for the long-term future, as that is one of the goals of the Residency Program. I anticipate practicing medicine in this area for a long time to come, if all goes well, as well as continuing to live on Fort Myers Beach for my entire adult life, if that is at all possible."

While the hours are long and the training grueling, Dr. Spradling could not be happier with his career choice and location. "The support we get from the FSU residency program faculty and staff, as well as from Lee Health, is incredible. My fellow Residents are a great group, and that is important because of the amount of time we spend together. Sure, the hours are long, but so far there are no surprises or any downside, though it is tough to find free time to spend with family and friends or on hobbies, but I am living my dream come true and that is pretty great! Also, after spending all those years in school, I admit I definitely enjoy getting that paycheck!"

so unfortunately I just missed out on attending the Beach Elementary School. I have two brothers, however – Dylan and Logan – and Logan went there. I ended up at Fort Myers Middle School, before graduating from Cypress Lake High School in 2008. My Mom and Dad, Christie and Charles Spradling, still live on the island, and I am back living with them right now. Neither of my brothers are currently here, so Mom is pretty thrilled to have one of us back in the fold!"

Dr. Tyler's first-ever job was at the former Subway store at the Key Estero Shops. "I worked as well as a waiter and bar-back at The Gulfshore and at Charley's Boat House Grill, so I need to give a shoutout to Michael Stanton for getting me going in the restaurant world! I have many happy memories of the Bay Oaks Recreational Center, with flag football and other activities, as well as growing up in such a great community and, of course, a lot of quality beach time!"

His passion for medicine goes back a long way. "I've had an interest in healthcare pretty much my whole life, because Mom is a medical assistant with Lee Health, and she was with the Estero Island Medical Center for about 5 years. I love science and that translated



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# TDC Talks Tourists, Taxes & Water

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The Tourist Development Council met last week to discuss several topics of interest to Island visitors and residents. The TDC is a nine-member advisory board to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners. The TDC oversees the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) and the bed tax fund, composed of a 5% tax on vacation rentals of less than 6 months in Lee County. Allocation of bed tax funds are determined by county ordinance as: 53.6% Advertising and Promotion (VCB operations and Lee County Sports Development operations); 26.4% Beach and Shoreline improvements and maintenance and 20% Stadium Debt Service. Fiscal Year 16-17 bed tax collections were over \$39.7 million. Collections this year are trending 8% higher than last year.

## WATER QUALITY CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Despite multiple Lee County accommodations reporting clear water on their beaches, the subject of water quality ranks high in concerns of the local tourism industry. VCB Executive Director Tamara Piggott reported the VCB is not duplicating any of the tracking or research efforts ongoing by our universities. The latest information on water quality is available to residents, travelers and for all tourism partners at [bit.ly/LeeRT](http://bit.ly/LeeRT)

The page displays the latest links to and information from Mote Marine Reporting Systems, Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission Red Tide FAQ's, Beach Swimming

Conditions & an excellent summary of water quality resources for distribution to visitors. Beach conditions posted as of the July 9 meeting indicated no advisories for beaches from Lovers Key State Park to Bowditch Park.

As the water quality issues of Red Tide, Algae Blooms and releases from Lake Okeechobee vary widely and quickly through the region, Director Piggott emphasized current and accurate information is a must when in discussion with existing and prospective travelers.

## MAY TRAVEL AND BED TAX STATS

May was a good month for Lee County tourism, with 668,665 people traveling through Southwest Florida International Airport, reflecting an increase of 6.3%. Bed tax collections were up 7.4% and occupancy 0.4% from May 2017. These reflect the ongoing upward trend for visitors and travel during the traditional "off" season.

## TDC MARKETING REPORT & FUNDING

TDC approved \$101,500 in marketing funding for various events scheduled over the next fiscal year. The only beach event recipient was the Fort Myers Beach Friends of the Arts award for \$12,000 for the Fort Myers Beach Film Festival held in April 2018.

To put this in perspective, the TDC is budgeting about \$41 million in bed tax receipts for the next year, with the VCB receiving about \$20 million of this total. Of the \$20 million received by the VCB, the \$101,500 approved above plus



\$450,000 for Attractions Marketing Program and \$250,000 for Community Special Events Marketing are about all that is spent locally on marketing and advertising events to tourists already in our area. The balance of the \$20 million is spent on a sophisticated array of efforts to attract visitors to our area, that involve market research, visitor services and advertising and promoting our area via print and digital advertising, social media, national and international travel planning meetings and conferences, communications & promotions.

Promotions like the recent National Seashell Day promotion that broke the Guinness Book of World Records for assembling 1093 people to form a sea shell on June 21 at the Outrigger Resort on Fort Myers Beach. The event generated a total of 82.6 million media impressions, according to Brian Ososky, Director of VCB Marketing. For more information follow The Beaches of Sanibel and Fort Myers on Facebook or go to [leevcb.com/the-vcb](http://leevcb.com/the-vcb).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Becoming China Friendly** – August 1, 2-5pm at Drury Inn & Suites, Fort Myers. Research shows China is emerging as the next big source of travelers and tourism. Economic development and attraction to many things American makes this group a large future marketing target for all potential travel destinations like SW Florida. This 3-hour presentation led by David Becker, CEO of Attract China, will address some do's and don'ts for local businesses. No charge to attend.

**Mullets & Mangroves** – A WGCU TV/PBS 30-minute documentary from local Mail Sail Video Productions on the history of Cayo Costa, one of our remote barrier islands now known for being part of the Florida State Park System, will air this weekend. The history traces the island's inhabitants from its native Calusa origins to Spanish colonization to modern day fishing families and their descendants. Set the DVR for Saturday July 21 at 3:30pm. Check your TV provider for the channel.

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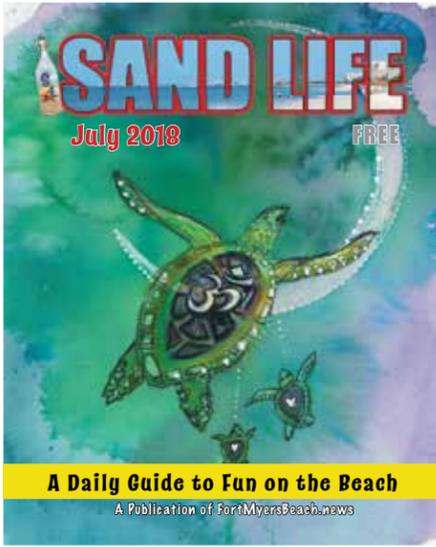
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### SUMMER CAMPS

Last Call for Summer Camp! Bay Oaks still has camp space left for the weeks of July 23 and July 30 for ages 6-13. Cost \$75/week for members and \$100 for non-members. Scholarships available. To register call 239-765-4222.

### HAPPY B-DAY HENRY

The Edison & Ford Winter Estates will celebrate Henry Ford's 155th birthday on July 30 with free cake at 10am and special behind-the-scenes tours of Ford's home from 11am-noon, with history characters, Henry and Clara Ford available for photo opportunities. Regular admission applies. [Edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://Edisonfordwinterestates.org); 239-334-7419.

### END OF SUMMER BASH

Mark your calendar now for Bay Oaks' End of Summer Bash on FR Aug 3 from 10am-6pm (weather permitting) as Bay Oaks Summer Camp celebrates the End of Summer and going back to school on Aug. 10. The fun includes a Water Slide, Water Games, Giant Slip & Slide, Free Ice Cream and Health Checkups. The Panira Health Clinic will offer Annual Wellness Screening or Sports Exams for children at a greatly discounted rate from 3-6pm. Sponsored by the Town of Fort Myers Beach Parks & Rec. 239-765-4222

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Beach Library invites the community to join them in celebrating Christmas in July on WE July 25 and TH July 26 at the library. Pick up a passport as you enter and visit the 8 areas and have it stamped for a chance to win a Grand Prize. Holiday festivities will be held throughout the day including a Seashell Holiday Tree Craft in the 3rd floor Community Room on WE at 10:30am and TH at 1:30pm; a Tomato Cage Holiday Tree Craft at 1:30pm on WE and 10:30am on TH (pre-register for each with small materials fee); Children's Craft Activities for K-Gr 2 at 10:30am each day; Christmas Piano Recital at 1pm both days; a Christmas sale in the Parking Garage from 9am-4:30pm and Library Tours at 9:30, 11:30, 2:00 and 3:30 beginning in the lobby. The movie, "Christmas in July" will be shown each day at 2:30pm in the Community Room on the 3rd floor. Come enjoy all the great aspects of the holiday without the stress. Call with any questions or to volunteer. 239-765-8162

### FREE COUNTY PARKS

Lee County Parks & Recreation will mark National Park & Recreation

### FREE DENTISTRY DAY

Family Dental of Fort Myers will host a Free Dentistry Day on SA Aug 4 from 8am-12 noon at 9011 Daniels Parkway, Suite 105, Fort Myers. Dr. Jordan Teder and team have partnered with local dental practices to offer this free service. A choice of one free cleaning or extraction will be provided per patient that day on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 239-561-2665 or visit [FreeDentistryDay.org](http://FreeDentistryDay.org)

### MORNING MEANDER

Join an experienced Bird Patrol Guide in Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers, on SA Aug 4 at 8am for Morning Meander, an easy walk along clear paths with an opportunity to see birds in native vegetation. Lakes Park is a birding hot spot and crucial nesting area for many birds. Wear comfortable shoes and dress to be outside. Bring water, sunscreen and binoculars. For more information call 239-533-7580 or 533-7576.

### SPIRIT OF '45

On SU Aug 12 the Lee County Spirit of '45 celebration will be held at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort honoring the legacy of service of World War II veterans with dinner and a program including Color Guard, POW/MIA Service, Guest Speakers, Guns 'N Hoses Pipes N Drums performance, several speeches by area veterans, Taps and more. Event is free for WWII veterans & their WWII generation spouses. For all others, the cost is \$25. Dinner at 4:15pm with veterans'

tribute beginning at 5:45pm. Reservations required by Aug 1. For reservations, call Eryka 917-607-4385. Sponsors are urgently needed for this annual tribute to WWII Veterans! Sponsorships start at just \$50. Thank them for their service by sponsoring this great event! For more information, call Eryka at 917-607-4385.

### POOL FUN

The Fort Myers Beach Community Pool is open 7 days a week from 10am-6pm. Located at 2600 Oak Street, near the Beach Library, the pool is a great place to cool off on hot summer days for a nominal fee. The pool offers 7,000 square feet of cool, clear water, a lap pool with accessible lift, a shallow family pool with play structure and plenty of shade. A Water Aerobics class is held every MO, WE & FR at 9am. Entry fees: Bay Oaks members (all Island residents are eligible for free Bay Oaks membership) \$4/adult Bay Oaks members; \$2/child; Non-members: \$7/adult; \$5/child. 239-463-5759

### TALENT SEARCH

Creative Minds Records (CMR), a Fort Myers indie record label is hosting a CMR Talent Search Show on September 18 at approximately 7pm at Broadway Palm Theatre. Enter for a chance to win \$2500 plus a chance to sign a record deal. Artists may register and send a demo to [CMRTalentSearch.com](http://CMRTalentSearch.com) or call 239-980-5674. Submissions must be received by midnight September 8. Artists selected to participate in the

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### BEACH LIBRARY

The Fort Myers Beach Library is a great place to visit. Browse the library's many collections, use the computers, visit the Friends Used Bookstore or the artwork on the 3rd floor. The Library is open MO-FR 9am-5pm and SA 9am-1pm. 239-765-8162. Upcoming programs include:

- SA July 21, 10:30am, Learn Spanish, pre-register
- WE July 25, 9am-5pm, Christmas in July
- TH July 26, 9am-5pm, Christmas in July
- SA July 28, 10:30am, Learn Spanish, pre-register
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- SA July 21 - 10am - Family Adventures Tour; 11am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour
- TU July 24 - 9am - Beach Walk at Newton Park; 10am- Exploring Archeology; 11am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour
- WE July 25 - 10am - Family Adventures Tour; 11am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour
- TH July 26 - 9am - Mangroves by Kayak Tour
- FR July 27 - 7:30pm\* - Full Moon Kayak Tour
- SA July 28-9am - Family Fun Kayak Tour; 10am Garden Walking Tour; 11am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour

### LOVERS KEY STATE PARK

Guided nature programs are offered in the park. All programs require registration, are free with park entry and take place at 10am. To register call 239-463-4588. Upcoming programs include:

- FR July 27 - Black Island Bike Tour
- FR Aug 3 - Sea Turtle Talk
- FR Aug 10 - Manatees Talk

### MAN IDENTIFIED

The Lee County Sheriff's Office has identified the deceased man found near Matanzas Pass on July 8, 2018, as Timothy Pfister of Cape Coral.



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## GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7/24	6:00pm	Fire Board (meeting at Beach Library, 2755 Estero Blvd, FMB)
	6:30pm	Library Board, 2755 Estero Blvd, FMB
Thursday, 7/26	3:00pm	Town Cultural & Environmental Learning Board (CELCAB)

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](http://fmbgov.com).

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# Scott Fights Financial Disclosure

By Lloyd Dunkelberger  
News Service of Florida

A lawyer for Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday asked a state appellate court to block a lawsuit seeking to force the governor to disclose more of his financial assets.

A Leon County circuit judge in February rejected Scott's request to dismiss the case, which was filed by a Tallahassee attorney seeking to require Scott to provide more disclosure, including details of a blind trust. Scott is the richest governor in state history and had a December 2017 net worth of \$232 million, with \$215 million in the blind trust.

Scott asked the 1st District Court of Appeal to overturn the circuit judge's decision and issue a "writ of prohibition," blocking the lawsuit filed by Donald Hinkle, a lawyer and Democratic fundraiser.

Daniel Nordby, a lawyer for Scott, said compliance with the state's financial-disclosure laws should be decided by the Florida Commission on Ethics and not by the circuit court. Hinkle has filed complaints with the ethics panel alleging Scott is not making a full disclosure of his financial assets, but the complaints have been dismissed.

"This court should issue a writ of prohibition because the circuit court is attempting to exercise jurisdiction that the law assigns to the Commission on Ethics," Nordby told a three-member panel of the appellate court.

But Hinkle said there needs to be "mechanism" to appeal financial-disclosure decisions by the ethics commission. "It was dismissed. We cannot appeal. That's the end of the road," Hinkle said. "Is there to be no opportunity to review the disclosures of any elected official, every constitutional officer in this state?"

Hinkle has alleged that Scott should be disclosing more of his blind-trust assets and assets in a revocable trust under First Lady Ann Scott, because the governor has knowledge or control over some of those assets. Under state law, public officials do not have to disclose assets owned by their spouses

in annual financial-disclosure filings.

A financial-disclosure report filed late last month showed Scott's net worth rose \$83 million in 2017, but the disclosure provided few details. The disclosure showed his blind trust rose from \$130.5 million in 2016 to \$215 million and produced \$120 million in income last year.

The joint Tallahassee bureau of the Miami Herald and the Tampa Bay Times reported the rise was related to an \$825 million sale in 2017 of a Michigan-based plastics components company in which the Scott family had a major ownership interest.

Hinkle said more of those details need to be disclosed to the public under the state's "Sunshine Amendment," which was passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1976.

"I urge the court not to allow the Commission on Ethics to say we're not considering this and that be the end of the road," Hinkle said.

Nordby said the ethics commission reviewed Hinkle's allegations "and concluded that

the disclosures filed by the governor reflected, quote, compliance by the governor with the financial disclosure requirements of the Constitution and related statutes."

"So the suggestion the ethics commission said we're not going to look at it is simply belied by the record in this case," he said.

The appellate court did not rule Tuesday. But regardless of its decision, the debate over Scott's financial disclosures will continue later this month when he must file another report as part of his campaign for the U.S. Senate. Federal disclosure laws are broader than the Florida requirements, meaning Scott will have to provide more details on his finances.

Appellate Judge Ross Bilbrey asked whether the fact that Scott would be making those federal disclosures would cause a decision in the state litigation to be "moot."

"I don't think it's moot at all," Hinkle said. "This applies to every office-holder, not just the governor."

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# Judge Weighs Campus Early Voting Sites



By Dara Kam  
News Service of Florida

Florida elections officials were wrong to block on-campus early voting sites in Gainesville and Tallahassee, lawyers for the League of Women Voters of Florida told a federal judge Monday.

But attorneys representing the state argued there was no indication that college students --- or anyone else --- would have voting rights abridged due to an advisory opinion under scrutiny in the federal lawsuit filed this year by the League of Women Voters and other plaintiffs.

U.S. District Judge Mark Walker gave no indication how he would rule after hearing nearly three hours of arguments Monday in the case, which involves the state's position about early voting locations at the University of Florida and Florida State University.

The controversy is

centered on whether the constitutional rights of students were violated by an interpretation of a state law by Secretary of State Ken Detzner's office.

Detzner's office in 2014 found that a student union on the University of Florida campus did not meet statutory guidelines for early voting sites, which are limited to government offices, such as county courthouses, and voting offices, along with government-owned community centers and convention centers. The law also allows county elections officials to choose one "wild card" locale.

The lawsuit alleged the state was placing "an unjustifiable burden on the voting rights of hundreds of thousands of eligible Florida voters" and that Detzner's policy "disproportionately" impacted the state's younger voters.

But lawyers for the state argued that the advisory opinion, authored by Department of State Division Director Maria Matthews, has not done any harm.

"There has been no claim whatsoever that one person has been denied the right to vote," Mohammad Jazil, a private lawyer representing the Department of State, told the judge during arguments Monday. But lawyers for the plaintiffs argued that the early voting site at the J. Wayne Reitz Union on the University of Florida campus meets the threshold of a government-owned facility eligible to be an early voting site

and that the site was necessary for students and workers who could not vote elsewhere because they were tethered to parking spots snagged after they arrived on campus in the morning.

About 68 percent of Gainesville voters work at or attend the university, and the nearest early-voting site is about a mile away, lawyers for the plaintiffs said.

Walker queried both sides on the issue during Monday's arguments, asking lawyers for the state why allowing the early voting site on campus would not give more access to students and others.

Lawyers for the state said elections officials could choose a "wild card" location, permissible under state law, if they wanted to use sites such as Reitz Union.

But Elisabeth Frost, who represents the plaintiffs, said that, in Alachua County, the "wild card" spot had already been allocated to a church more than 20 miles north, to accommodate minority voters in the rural area. She argued that the advisory opinion would keep young voters from being able to cast ballots. "There's a shadow cast that is keeping supervisors from putting early voting sites where young voters are," Frost said. "At a certain point you have to call a banana a banana."

The judge pressed the state to explain what its position would be in the future, should he agree that the secretary of state's advisory opinion didn't

amount to irreparable harm, as the plaintiffs are seeking.

And he questioned whether requiring students to walk a mile to cast their ballots was equitable.

"Florida's young population is going to have trouble getting to early vote," the judge noted. "At some point, common sense has to come into play."

Walker angrily demanded an answer from the state's lawyers, asking if the state would allow supervisors of elections to allow early voting on campus sites such as the Reitz Union.

"It's a bit of a difficult question for us to answer," Florida Department of State General Counsel David Fugett said. "I can't imagine why we would say no to that, but there's lots of things I can't imagine."

Ion Sancho, who served as Leon County elections supervisor for nearly three decades, told reporters that universities like Florida State and UF have "large, dense populations of basically captive citizens."

"Quite frankly, if you are charged with making voting accessible, what you do want to do with early voting locations is put them in dense residential areas where people lack transportation," he said. "I believe it's simply part of the partisan politics of our culture. Quite frankly, Republicans don't want young people to vote today."

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by Dave T. Phipps



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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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by Jeff Pickering



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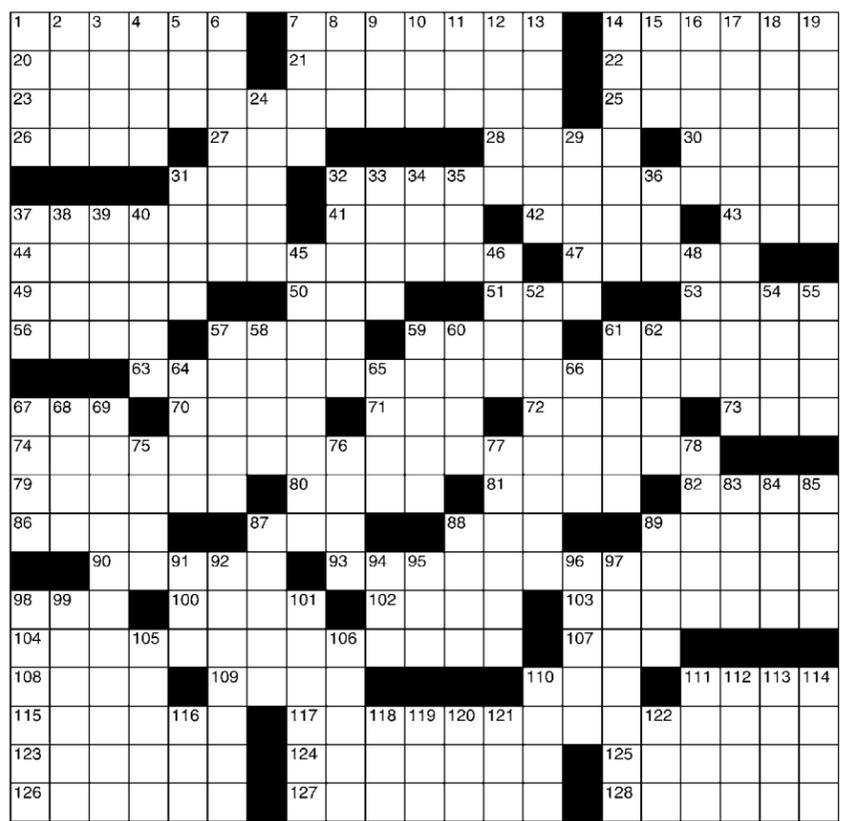
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- 1 Greek letters after rhos
  - 7 French country house
  - 14 Classic game consoles
  - 20 Vain type
  - 21 Loud warning gizmo
  - 22 With 71-Across, pre-talkies time
  - 23 Valuable desert plants?
  - 25 Graf of tennis
  - 26 "Leave it in"
  - 27 PC-to-PC hookup
  - 28 Shuttle org.
  - 30 Chalk out
  - 31 Pine cousin
  - 32 Test of one's holiness?
  - 37 Most gross
  - 41 Twistable cookie
  - 42 Legal title
  - 43 Dollar or euro divs.
  - 44 Really bad-mouth a physician?
  - 47 Good (at) wood shop
  - 50 Walk- (tiny parts)
  - 51 Iowa's tree
  - 53 Slim, slithery fishes
  - 56 Voting "no"
  - 57 Really small
  - 59 Tennis' Korda
  - 61 Jet boat model
  - 63 Rehearse with great enthusiasm in Britain?
  - 67 Poker prize
  - 70 401(k) cousins
  - 71 See 22-Across
  - 72 Itsy-bitsy bit
  - 73 Suns' org.
  - 74 Scandal over legal agreements in Tehran?
  - 79 Tea varieties
  - 80 Trial pledge
  - 81 Huck's craft
  - 82 Acclaim
  - 86 Give out
  - 87 James Bond, e.g.
  - 88 Mom's skill, for short
  - 89 Suit material
  - 90 Far Eastern mercenary
  - 93 Oil-anointing rite in old Russia?
  - 98 Chillax
  - 100 Without, in Paris
  - 102 Bank holding
  - 103 Ballet garb
  - 104 Draw out feta or Brie?
  - 107 "Uh-uh," rural-style
  - 108 Elisabeth of "Molly"
  - 109 Boxing wallop
  - 110 Kit — bar
  - 111 Re
  - 115 Ones giving GIs orders
  - 117 "That bee just ingested poisoned plant fluid!"?
  - 123 Warming current
  - 124 Hastened
  - 125 Cornell's city
  - 126 Abate
  - 127 May's gem
  - 128 Enthusiastic about
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Stitches up
  - 2 "— it!" (sandlot cry)
  - 3 Ex-veep Al
  - 4 Pol Romney
  - 5 Bat wood
  - 6 Fashionable
  - 7 "Elf" actor
  - 8 Big name in fruit drinks
  - 9 Actor Carney
  - 10 Fri. preceder
  - 11 Goddess of the dawn
  - 12 Lack life
  - 13 Not voiced
  - 14 Evaluated
  - 15 Little bird
  - 16 First Hebrew letter
  - 17 Outwardly shown by
  - 18 Actually
  - 19 Is lousy
  - 24 — blanche
  - 29 Surf and turf's "turf"
  - 31 Big bash
  - 32 Woody Allen's wife
  - 33 Curved lines
  - 34 Post-taxes
  - 35 Talk lovingly
  - 36 F preceders
  - 37 Mallorca, por ejemplo
  - 38 Tribal bunch
  - 39 Actor William or Nicky
  - 40 "Gotcha," to a jazz cat
  - 45 "Keep it up"
  - 46 Pictorial paper part
  - 48 Highest point
  - 52 Excavation discovery
  - 54 Lisa of pop music
  - 55 Sammy of the diamond
  - 57 Poi plants
  - 58 Confident cry
  - 59 Roost
  - 60 Floride, par exemple
  - 61 Tuned to, as a dial
  - 62 Hollywood's Morales
  - 64 Basmati, e.g.
  - 65 Usher in
  - 66 "The Tao of Pooh" author
  - 67 Benjamin
  - 68 Provo's neighbor
  - 69 Alternating
  - 75 Curt denial
  - 76 Light shafts
  - 77 Dahl of film
  - 78 Butler played by Gable
  - 83 "Eri tu," e.g.
  - 84 Monster-film lab assistant
  - 85 — lease
  - 87 Christmas Eve visitor
  - 88 Bonds
  - 89 Garbage-hauling boat
  - 91 Covert org.
  - 92 "Bad" singer
  - 94 Bullring call
  - 95 Contend
  - 96 Lower arm bones
  - 97 Clean freak
  - 98 Artery, e.g.
  - 99 Breathe out
  - 101 Reaper's tool
  - 105 Former TV host Philbin
  - 106 Boring
  - 110 NBA's Jason
  - 111 Dull pain
  - 112 Getz of jazz
  - 113 Fiesta snack
  - 114 Algerian city
  - 116 Compass dir.
  - 118 Before
  - 119 Fumble
  - 120 Vardalos of the screen
  - 121 Playa — Rey
  - 122 Summer, to Yves



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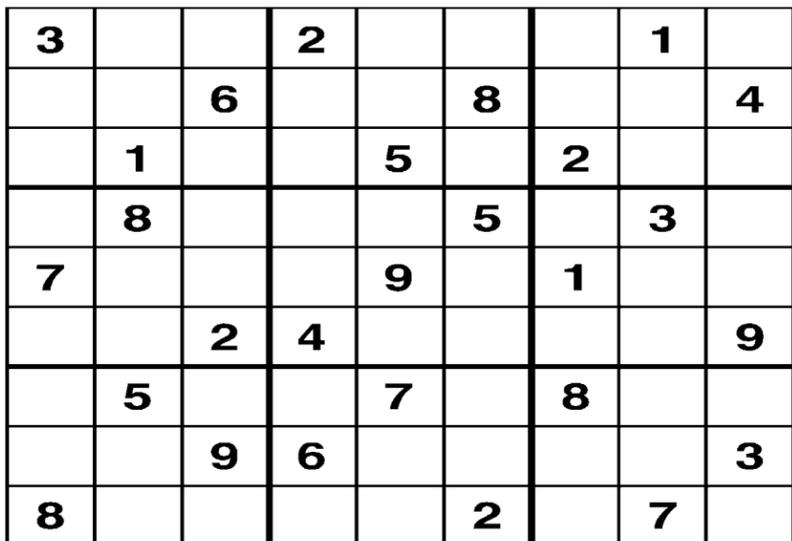
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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**TODAY'S WORD**

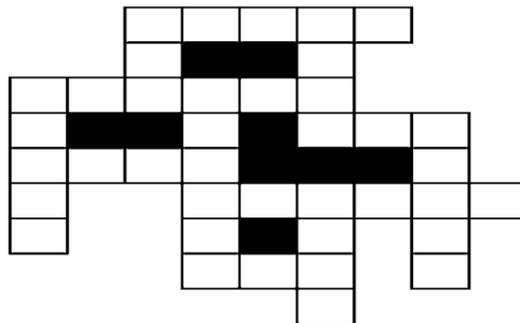
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## FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- URC
- CUBKPA
- IDCEM
- PKLE
- MICBIA
- ♥BDU
- RADC
- ♥EACUS
- ♥PSU
- ♥DAMLIE
- ♥KREBA
- MODR



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# VIEWPOINTS

## ACRONYM CREATION TACTICS

By Bob Franken

For those who thought “acronym” was a city in Ohio, it is not. According to my handy dandy online dictionary, an acronym is “a word formed from the initial letters or groups of letters of words in a set phrase or series of words and pronounced as a separate word,” as in WAC from Women’s Army Corps or OPEC from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Or MAGA, as in Make America Great Again, the Donald Trump campaign slogan splattered across red baseball hats worn by millions of Americans, mostly white, mostly intolerant, who have bought into the Trumpster’s garbage that America should return to the glory days where their rigid biases oppressed everyone else. Actually, the Trump cabal is already hard at work on his re-election effort, and that means a new slogan for 2020, something that captures the regressive spirit of his first term and, more importantly, fits on a red baseball hat.

In case you were wondering, the caps are red because that’s what Vladimir Putin wants. That’s totally false, of course, entirely made-up, fake news. Putin couldn’t care less about such paraphernalia or such minute details. He’s more of a big-picture guy when it comes to controlling the 2020 election, just like he was in 2016.

Those details will be left to the American wordsmiths, who are already toying with Keep America Great. There are a few legal problems with that one (when are there not a few legal problems?), and there is some uneasiness over whether it’s such a great idea to have a slogan that will shorten to KAG. Of course, it certainly would be better than Grow America Greater, or Heighten America’s Greatness. Imagine how much fun we’d all have with GAG or HAG.

All the Trump wrecking crew has accomplished thus far is antagonizing just about every nation that has been woven over generations into the tapestry of commerce agreements that govern the way we buy and sell each other’s products. Without a doubt, the United States frequently has been taken advantage of as these tangled rules and regulations have evolved, and without a doubt, Americans sometimes take a bath. But you know what they say about babies and bathwater. Thus far, when it comes to trade, our current chief executive seems Hellbent to Annihilate the Very Orderliness of Civilization (HAVOC). In the process he’s Antagonizing Real Simply Everyone.

Except for his base; those in this country who have been left behind by changes over the decades are particularly receptive to the oppressive nostalgia of Make America Great Again. The trick for Republicans will be to sustain their resentments so that they’ll continue to turn out at the polls in numbers exceeding those on the other side who are infuriated at the entire Trump experience.

Given our attention spans, it will be a battle of the slogans. Continue America’s Trends against those who are Disgusted Over Grossness. It could be a CAT and DOG battle -- but it could end with a whimper. It would not be the first time the Trump resisters stayed home on Election Day, intimidated to Wallow Uninspired Scared and Submissive, in other words, a WUSS.

*Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN.*

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## DON’T CRY FOR ANGELA MERKEL

By Rich Lowry

Angela Merkel is, her supporters like to gloat, the leader of the free world. Just don’t ask her to spend as if she is.

Donald Trump has made the German chancellor one of his favorite rhetorical targets, especially over Germany’s anemic defense expenditures. This has led to worries about the future of the trans-Atlantic alliance, and reflexive support for Merkel among the American political elite.

Trump shouldn’t openly mock Merkel, or suggest that there have been annual dues to NATO that Germany has failed to pay. Trump tends to view foreign countries like contractors trying to scam him in a development deal. This scants history, geo-strategy and the national pride of other countries -- as usual, Trump would benefit from at least a gesture toward statesmanship.

Yet Germany’s defense spending, or lack thereof, is a disgrace. One would think the country would have been embarrassed onto a different trajectory after German troops -- Panzergrenadierbataillon 371, to be exact -- had to use broomsticks instead of guns in a NATO exercise in 2014. But Germany evidently doesn’t embarrass easily.

NATO countries, after a long vacation from history after the end of the Cold War, agreed at a summit in Wales in 2014 to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense annually within 10 years.

It is the biggest economy in Europe and fourth largest in the world that is the serious laggard. Germany spends all of 1.2 percent of GDP on defense. As Elisabeth Braw points out in Foreign Policy magazine, its military is short on tents and winter clothes, most of its tanks aren’t battle-ready and it has a shortfall of about 20,000 officers and NCOs. It is promising to get to 1.5 percent GDP ... by 2025 (when a Trump second term would be ending).

Merkel is happy to browbeat other EU countries over their fiscal and migrant commitments, but please don’t bother her to spend on her own defense.

The old saw is that NATO exists to “keep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in, and the Germans down.” But the last item, given the deep streak of pacifism in postwar German politics, is no longer apt. The EU, not military conquest, is now Germany’s tool for European influence.

Germany still has a gauzy view of what matters. Its foreign minister has argued that its development aid should count against its goal for military spending, fundamentally confusing soft and hard power.

Needless to say, if Vladimir Putin is tempted to challenge NATO somewhere on its periphery, he’s not going to be dissuaded by Germany’s foreign-aid budget or its openness to Middle Eastern migrants.

It’s not clear how seriously Germany takes the Russian threat (although it sent some troops to Lithuania last year). Germany has been supportive of the proposed Russian pipeline, Nord Stream 2, that would make Europe more dependent on Russian natural gas and bypass Ukraine. It’s Trump, the alleged tool of Putin, who has been complaining bitterly about the project.

With Putin looming to the East, NATO remains a vital tool of Western power. It’s not an imposition to ask that Germany act like it.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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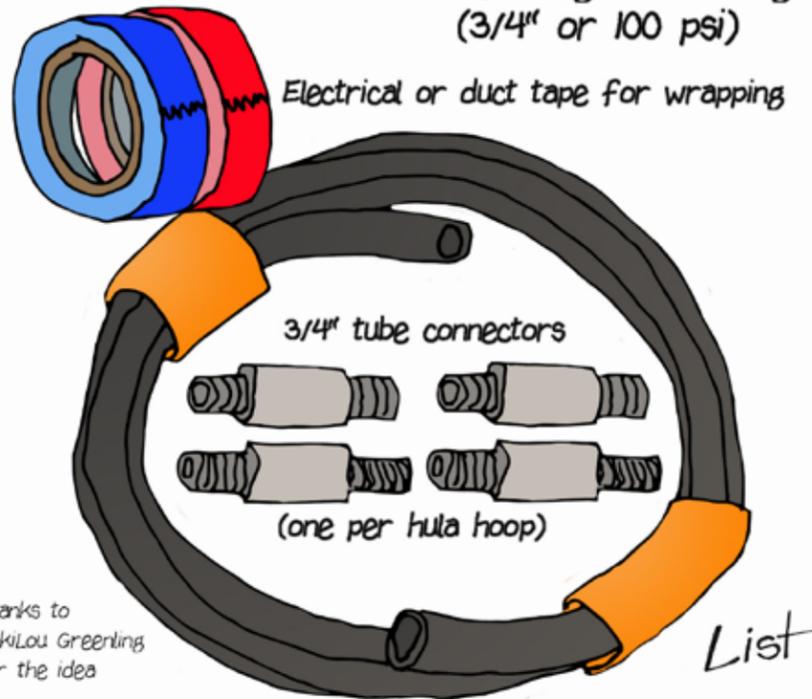
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## D.I.Y. Hula Hoop



Thanks to VickiLou Greening for the idea

List

Regular hula hoops measure from the floor to above the waistline

### CryptoQuip answer

If an insect had a powerful impulse to roam about closing things, would it be a shutter bug?

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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### SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Falter; 2. Feral;
3. Drawn; 4. Belong

Today's Word  
**AFFORD**

### FEAR KNOT

answer

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# Rockin' for Dave



Pete's Time Out was packed during the Rockin' for Dave benefit held Saturday, July 14, 2018.



A number of local musicians took the stage during the benefit.

Friends and fans of local musician Dave Collaton, along with a number of fellow musicians, turned out last Saturday afternoon, July 14, 2018, for a benefit to support him as he undergoes treatment for colon cancer. The benefit, held at Pete's Time Out, was a

success, despite the rain, and raised funds for Dave & his family. Anyone unable to attend can help support Dave via Dave's Chemo Meds at [GoFundMe.com](http://GoFundMe.com) ([bit.ly/CollatonHelp](http://bit.ly/CollatonHelp)).



Dave Collaton with local musician Jo List.



Raffles and prizes and great music filled the afternoon. Photos by Mark List



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**Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again**  
[PG-13] 2:00 4:15 6:20 8:45

Discover Donna's young life, experiencing the fun she had with the three possible dads of Sophie. Sophie is now pregnant. Like Donna, she'll be a young mother, and she realizes that she'll need to take risks like her mother did.

Starring: Lily James, Amanda Seyfried and Meryl Streep



**Leave No Trace**  
[PG] 2:00 6:30 8:30

Will and his teenage daughter, Tom, have lived off the grid for years in the forests of Portland, Oregon. When their idyllic life is shattered, both are put into social services. After clashing with their new surroundings, Will and Tom set off on a harrowing journey back to their wild homeland.

Starring: Ben Foster and Thomasin McKenzie



**Skyscraper**  
[PG-13] 3:00 5:50 9:00

U.S. war veteran Will Sawyer, who now assesses security for skyscrapers is on assignment in China when he finds the tallest, safest building in the world suddenly ablaze, and he's been framed for it.

Starring: Dwayne Johnson and Neve Campbell



**Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation**  
[PG] 2:45 5:30 8:00

While on a vacation with his family, Count Dracula makes a romantic connection.

Starring: (voices) Mel Brooks, Adam Sandler and Selena Gomez

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CLUB	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>BEACHED WHALE</b> 1249 Estero Blvd 463-5505	STEVE McDOUGALL 6-9PM	TOMMY V 6-9PM	SAM DEARMOND 6-9PM			ROGER YOUNG 6-9PM	TYLER KLUSNER 6-9PM
<b>CASTAWAYS</b> Santini Marina Plaza 463-4644	WILDFIRE 8-MIDNIGHT	ROCKER 8-MIDNIGHT					ELECTRIC LIPSTICK 8-MIDNIGHT
<b>SHUCKERS//COTTAGE</b> Gulfshore Grill 765-5440	ROGER YOUNG 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9PM-1AM	CHRIS CASDIA 4-7PM BAD BANDITOS 9-1AM	RENEE HOSE 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9-1PM	STEVE FARST 4-7 3 CROOKED STEPS 9PM-1AM	BOBBY BLAKEY 4-7PM BAD BANDITOS 9PM-1AM	STEVE McDOUGALL 4-7PM STEVE FARST BAND 9PM-1AM	JOHN HOUSLEY 4-7PM THE NEW VINYLs 9PM-1AM
<b>DIXIE FISH CO.</b> Fisherman's Wharf 233-8837	MARK WESLEY 5:30PM-9:30PM	SOME LITTLE FISH 5:30PM-9:30PM	MEGAN ROSE 4PM		TEQUILA TOM 5:30PM	JEFF LYONS 5:30-8:30PM	GIRL MEETS BOY 5:30PM
<b>DOC FORDS</b> 708 Fishermans Whf. 765-9660	HIGH VOLTAGE 6:30-9:30	GIRL MEETS BOY 6:30PM	DEB & THE DYNAMICS 1-4PM			GIRL MEETS BOY 6:30-9:30PM	KAPO KINGS 6:30-9:30PM
<b>MATANZAS on the BAY</b> 414 Crescent 463-3838	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
<b>NAUTI PARROT</b> 19001 San Carlos Blvd 314-5667	JENNY 1-5 CJ & FRIENDS 6-10PM	BUBBA LOVE 1-5PM DVS DUO 5:30-9:30PM	CLIVE LIVE 1-5PM MIKE O'NEIL 5:30-9:30PM	BUBBA LOVE 5-9 MUSIC MONDAYS 9-2AM	PETER TAYLOR 1-5PM FAWNY FROST 5:30-9:30PM	JEFF WHILBY 1-5PM DEB & THE DYNAMICS 5:30-9:30PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 1-5PM LONZA BARLETT 5:30-9:30PM
<b>NERVOUS NELLIES</b> 1131 1st St 463-8077	KEVON 6-10PM	KEVON 12-4pm SHAWN "HUSTLE" RUSSELL 6-10PM	SMOKIN BILL 12-4PM HIGH TIDE 6-10PM	JEFF JOHNSON 6-10	SMOKIN BILL 6-10PM	MICHAEL ANTOINE 6-10PM	RaSHIMBA BLOOM 6-10PM
<b>OUTRIGGER</b> 6200 Estero Blvd 463-3131	ALAN SMALL 5-8	MEAGAN ROSE & SMOKIN' BILL 2-5PM	PRINCESS & SMALLTOWN 2-5PM		MEAGAN ROSE 5-8PM	ENDRE D 5-8PM	TWO HANDS 5-8PM
<b>PARROT KEY</b> Salty Sam's Marina 463-3257		FRANK TORINO 7-10PM					FRANK TORINO 7-10PM
<b>PETE'S TIME OUT</b> Time Square 463-5900				DANNY SHEPARD 6-10PM	AARON SEYFERTH 6-10PM	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM	JAMES GRAGG 6-10PM
<b>PIERSIDE BY TOWN PIER</b> 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 SHERRIN 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
<b>SALTY CRAB</b> 1154 Estero Blvd 233-8224	ANTHONY WAYNE 12-4 BERNIE HYLAND 4:30-8:30PM	AWESOMESAUCE 1-5PM AARON SEYFFERTH 6-9PM					JEFF GREENE 1-5PM
<b>SHARK BAR &amp; GRILL</b> 17979 San Carlos Blvd 313-6012	NOSTALJAH 6-9PM	TWINKLE & ROCK SHOW 6-9PM		RASHIMBA BLOOM 3-6PM COLLABORATION BAND 7-10PM		SHELLEY WATSON 6-9PM	BRENDA'S KARAOKE 7-10PM
<b>SOBs</b> Old San Carlos Blvs 463-3474	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10PM	DAVE COLLATON 6-10	LEE HAGAN 6-10PM	WILL KAISER 6-10	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 6-10	DAVE COLLATON 6-10
<b>SUNSET BEACH</b> FMB TIMES SQUARE 463-1028	BARRY LAWRENCE 8-12PM	JENNY VE 2-5PM CLIVE LIVE 8-12PM	BARRY LAWRENCE 1-5PM		CLIVE LIVE 8PM		SHERRIN McCUE 7-10PM

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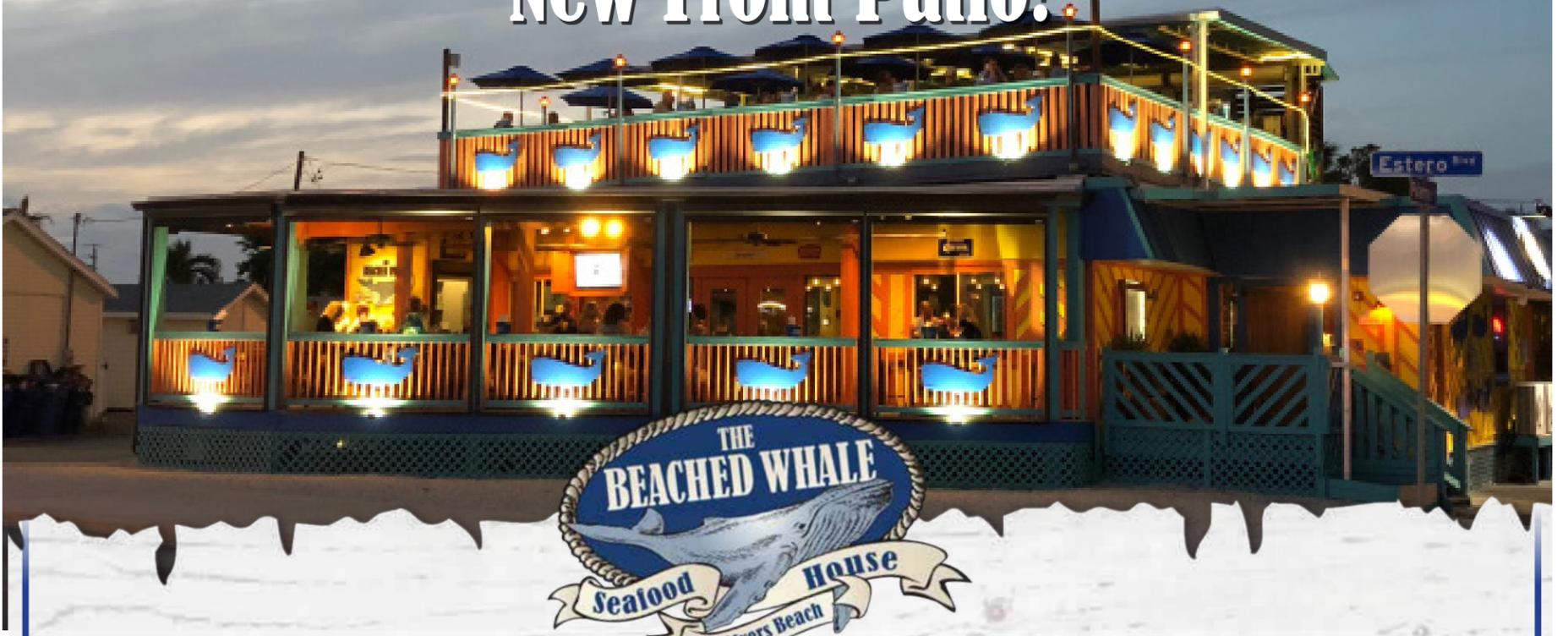
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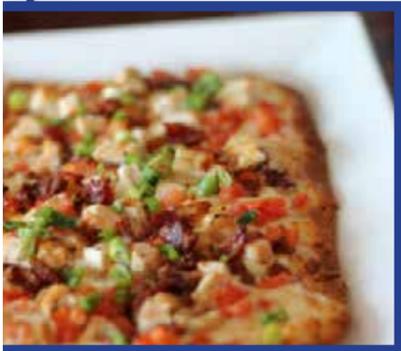
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