



Margaritaville Zoning Appeal Resident Challenges Town

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A Fort Myers Beach resident filed two legal challenges against the Town of Fort Myers Beach last week just before the clock ran out. On Wednesday, August 8, Chris Patton of 153 Primo Drive, Fort Myers Beach, filed two legal actions against the Town regarding Town Council's May 21 approval of the TPI-FMB project, now known as Margaritaville Resort Fort Myers Beach.

A Writ of Certiorari was filed at 4:44pm on August 8, 2018 against the Town of Fort Myers Beach with the Lee County Clerk of Court. The writ asks the court to quash and reverse the TPI-FMB approval decision for failure to follow proper procedures. It claims that the rezoning approved by Ordinance 18-04 included four deviations from the town's Land Development Code (LDC), three of them inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

A separate Complaint filed a little over an hour later, makes essentially the same claims and

lists at least 79 points about the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Density, Height, Intensity and Floor Area Ratio. It asks the court to find that the Ordinance is not consistent with the Comp Plan and that illegal "contract zoning" occurred because TPI-FMB is donating the Ocean Jewel/Chamber property to the town and the town is swapping the site of the current Canal Street beach access for a larger access further south at the edge of the new project. Patton asks the court to declare the ordinance void, have the town pay her legal fees and order the town to pay any "further relief" as the court determines.

DELAYS AHEAD

Essentially both actions ask the court to toss out the Town's approval of the TPI-FMB project. The 254-room resort project was approved by the Local Planning Agency on February 13, 2018 following a hearing and by Town Council on May 21, 2018 after two public council hearings.

Patton's legal [Cont'd pg.8](#)



Fort Myers Beach Town Hall. File photo.

A "Toxic Puzzle" Water Quality Panel Puts Pieces Together

By Gary Mooney
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The Broadway Palm Theater was filled to capacity on Tuesday, August 14, to view a screening of the documentary film, "Toxic Puzzle: Hunt For The Forbidden Killer." Following the roughly 90-minute feature, a group of water quality experts fielded audience questions. Three of the panel experts were participants in the film, including ALS researcher Dr. Walter Bradley, Dr. Larry Brand, University of Miami and Dr. James Metcalf, Senior Researcher with the Brain Chemistry Labs. The fourth panel member was

Calusa Waterkeeper and biologist John Cassani, with Rae Ann Wessel, Natural Resources Policy Director of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, serving as the moderator.

Florida Representative Heather Fitzenhagen (R-78) assisted in bringing the film to Southwest Florida and introduced the program. "The Blue-Green Algae and Red Tide we have now are startling and eye-opening," she said. "We need to raise the awareness of cyanobacteria on our overall health over the long term, as humans, due to what we see happening to our marine life. We need [Cont'd pg.10](#)

Council Previews Budget & Stormwater Margaritaville Lawsuit Discussed

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach Council on Thursday, August 9, conducted an extensive preview of the 2018-19 Preliminary Budget before a handful of residents. The Management & Planning Session concluded with the bombshell that a town resident is suing the town over its Margaritaville Resort approval. Town Manager Roger Hernstadt projected the Town's 2018-19 Revenue at \$16,822,635 with Expenses of \$16,347,408. Revenue includes Property Taxes, at 0.87-mill rate, of \$2,868,107; with this

rate unchanged from 2017-18. He explained that since the Town is incorporated, it receives through the State of Florida an additional \$2,345,000 from four taxation lines and well as State Revenue Sharing. "We set Revenue conservatively, to not deliver bad news," said Hernstadt, "while scrutinizing every purchase. This allows us to examine Add-Ons or reduce Town taxes." Finance Director Robert Lange described the Town as "very solid financially, with a lean budget, to meet its level of services." Council then asked them questions for the next 4 hours and 20 minutes. [Cont'd pg.16](#)



Lifesavers Recognized

Jim Cessna (L) and Austin Gilchrist, Town of Fort Myers Beach employees, received recognition from Town Council for their successful efforts to save a young female boater who suffered a propeller injury to her leg. On behalf of the Town, Jim and Austin received \$250 Gift Certificates at the Town Council's Management & Planning Meeting August 9. Photo by Gary Mooney.

New Bay Harbour Hearing Lee Staff Supports Project

By Gary Mooney
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The controversial Bar Harbour Marina Village proposed residential and commercial development received its latest Lee County Hearing Examiner hearing on Wednesday, August 15, in Downtown Fort Myers, with roughly 35 people in attendance. Bay Harbour developers Jack Mayher and Nick Ruland, under the legal title of Southern Comfort Storage LLC, are requesting the rezoning of their 7.47-acre site from Industrial Development, since the Lee Plan began in 1984, to Destination Resort Mixed Use

Water Dependent Future Land Use (DRMUWD FLU).

Hearing Examiner Donna Marie Collins explained the process. "I will accept testimony and evidence, to make a recommendation to the Lee Board of County Commissioners, who make the final decision. The applicants first will speak to their project in detail, followed by County Staff. I will then take Public Comment, where you may speak as long as you like, but you only have one opportunity. Finally, the applicant and staff can respond to any public questions, offer rebuttal and provide concluding remarks." Hearing Examiners [Cont'd pg.17](#)

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Letters to the Editor

LOWER TAXES; BAN FERTILIZERS

As we usually come down in sept and stay until april my property value is going to decrease due to the current water conditions and yet the fire district is proposing a rate increase, seems to me they should be looking to cut back as the present water conditions will decrease revenues to all of ft. myers beach. This is a major event yet we are not considering the long term ramifications. I have owned property in this area since the 1980's and have never seen this degree of damage and destruction to our wildlife and our health.

The governor should be declaring a state of emergency in all of South Florida and a ban on all added fertilizers and nutrients at all levels commercial and residential.

Harry Lefferts
Fort Myers Beach

GOOD GOVERNANCE?

In the news story "Resident Challenges Town on Margaritaville Zoning Appeal" appearing online at FortMyersBeach.news on August 14, 2018, it mentions how the plaintiff in her petition has listed, "at least 79 points about the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Density, Height, Intensity and Floor Area Ratio" and "...the writ asks the court to quash and reverse the TPI-FMB approval decision for failure to follow proper procedures. It claims that the rezoning approved by Ordinance 18-04 included four deviations from the town's Land Development Code (LDC), three of them inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan."

What an interesting response is given by TPI representative John Gucciardo: "with the number of Town legal representatives, TPI-FMB legal reps, Town planners and the author of the Comp Plan and LDC consulting during the deliberations, LPA and Council hearings, it's hard to imagine the Town did not follow its own rules."

Boy, is that good for a laugh! The FMB town council has been running wild practically since it's inception, first doing one thing then reversing or changing course. Recently the mayor was heard to say that TPI did not establish any precedent. A few minutes later she said, "We did it for TPI, we can do it for this case". (in reference to the Dullard rezoning/deviations) Isn't that considered using a precedent?

There was a link at the bottom of the webpage story, titled "Town facing nine lawsuits", dated Feb. 2, 2017. It said: "In looking back five years, we found a total of 19 lawsuits filed against the Town between 2011 and 2017. Nine of them have been resolved. For comparison purposes, we looked at the City of Sanibel for the same period and found a total of 10 lawsuits, 3 active and 7 resolved."

Does this sound like good governance to you?

Leon Moyer
Fort Myers Beach

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Beach Botany by Jim Rodwell



James A. Rodwell

PINE LILY

The Pine Lily, *Lilium catesbaei*, is a perennial herb with a single erect stem that grows from a fibrous root club to height of about two feet. Ascending lanceolate to linear leaves are alternate on the stem. Leaves are longer at the base and becoming shorter going up the stem. Leaves do not have petioles. They are directly attached to the stem. This is called sessile.

At the top of the stem is a solitary flower. *Catesbaei* is a monocot. Monocot flowers have only three petals in their corollas. *Catesbaei* has a calyx of three sepals that support a corolla of three petals. The sepals are larger than the petals. Sepals closely resemble the petals. This is called petaloid (like a petal). Sepal and petal margins are toothed. Both sepals and petals are colored a brilliant red with a bright yellow patch and brown spots at the base. Five orange colored stamens project from the center of the corolla. Blooming occurs in the summer and fall. Fruit is a cylinder capsule containing reddish seeds.

Catesbaei is found in wet prairies and pine flatwoods in most of the counties on the Florida peninsula. There are six species in the genus *Lilium* that are native to Florida. I hunted for this species for a long time. I finally found it in a pine flatwood at the C.R.E.W. Preserve.

This is the 300th wildflower article Jim Rodwell has shared with Island Sand Paper readers. Since August 2011, Jim has generously shared his knowledge and love of Florida wildflowers and beach plants.

TDC Approves More Clean Up \$\$

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The Tourist Development Council (TDC) met in regular monthly session on Thursday August 9 and rapidly approved additional funding for beach and water clean-up efforts in Lee County. In addition, major tourism reports were presented by Lee County Tourism research and marketing partners.

In three separate motions, the Council first gave quick approval for funds to purchase two Surf Rake machines to be used for beach and shoreline clean up. Estimated costs are \$122,000 and should be deployed locally within 10-14 days. These machines are towed behind a tractor or truck and discharge solid debris to a following dump truck or trailer. Requested by Lee County Parks and Recs Dept, these machines will improve the quality and efficiency of beach clean-up efforts now and in the future. Reports indicated about 2,500,000 pounds of debris have been removed from Lee County beaches since July 2018. The Caloosahatchee River discharges has brought a record blue-green algae blooms, as well as a corresponding record presence of Gulf Red Tide bringing dead marine life and red drift algae to the coastal shores. Officials have admitted a high percentage of the debris removed as being sand, using the existing equipment and methods. This is a small percentage of the same beach sand provided as part of recent TDC funded beach restoration projects across Lee County.

The second motion approved by the Council approved

funds for continued emergency beach clean-up through September 30. Funds will be available to the County and Municipalities on a reimbursement basis for qualified clean-up efforts, without limit or open-ended for this historic environmental disaster clean up. Clean up funds disbursed thus far have come from the Beach Re-nourishment account of the TDC, which has been depleted. Future funding will come from the approximate \$11,400,000 emergency reserves fund held by the TDC.

The third motion approved by Council approved funds for \$1,000,000 emergency or additional marketing efforts. This campaign will be additional to the approximate \$14,000,000 annual market campaigns already in place. The emergency campaign will commence after the water quality and beach conditions have improved and stabilized, hopefully later this fall.

In other business, Clayton Reid, CEO of MMGY Global reported a softening in the leisure travel market trends for the next one to two years, while business travel and combination "bleisure" travel is on the rise. MMGY is a large international travel and tourism research and marketing organization with offices around the world including Ft Myers. MMGY research supports focus on millennial families, whose spending and interest levels appear to be becoming more similar to their parents and grandparents, favoring destinations like SW Florida. Besides beach and water activities, this group favors eco-tourism and authentic food and

drink experiences. In addition, Reid forecasts that Amazon will enter the travel business within the next 12-24 months, offering organized travel experience packages. Given the impact Amazon has had in other industries it has entered the last few years, Reid expects a major impact on existing Online Travel Agencies (OTA) like Google, Travelocity, Priceline, Kayak, etc. Travelers and businesses serving tourism should monitor and alter strategies to capture this market shift in how travelers will decide and book their travel in the future.

As a positive contrast to current local conditions, Bob Domine of Davidson-Peterson Associates, offered a strong visitors report for the months of April, May, and June 2018. This regular quarterly report is based on about 1,000 individual surveys with travelers, while in Lee County during this time period. Of those 1,000 interviews, between 200 and 250 were conducted on Fort Myers Beach. Visitor statistics for both visitation and spending were up over 2017. Boston and Chicago areas were the leading domestic visitor origins, with Germany bringing the largest share of international visitors. Guest satisfaction remained high at 95%, with strong area referral numbers, as well as plans to return to the area. 65% of these travelers were couples traveling without children, which makes sense since school is mostly in session for most of this quarter. Least liked features of their trip in descending order were traffic, insects, red tide, beach seaweed, and weather, but 35% of surveys indicating nothing at all was disliked.



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Ed Scott Library Artist of The Month

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WRITER'S CRAMP

The Fort Myers Beach Library did not look far for its August "Artist of The Month" – Edward Scott is one of the seven members of its publicly-elected Board of Directors!

"My wife Gayle and I have been visiting Fort Myers Beach for over 45 years, becoming full-time residents about 10 years ago," Ed related. "We were regular Library users, and when the community conflict arose over the new additions, I sided with those who felt we deserved the best library possible, leading me to ultimately run for the Board, as the island has an incredible library, in my humble opinion. We've seen lots of changes over that time, and not to just the library. When we first came here, we crossed the old swing bridge and there was no such thing as the Lani Kai! We rented for many years as Snowbirds, and for the first few years after that, until buying our own little corner of Paradise in near-Downtown. We couldn't be happier and love it here."

Ed's artwork has graced the walls at the library before. "This is, I believe, my fourth showing, and it has been a strange journey. The first time I begged to get on the schedule, with about a two-year wait. Each successive time became shorter, and this one rolled around quick. I think that Dr. Leroy Hommerding, the Library's excellent director, had a cancellation, and knew I could fill it for him fast!"

Art always interested Ed, but having to work since an extremely young age prevented him for exploring it for most of his life. "Dad died when I was 12-years-old, and I worked to help the family. As a kid, I delivered newspapers and was a pin setter, and worked in a gas station and on railroad cars. As I got older, I was in manufacturing, then with IBM for 12 years. I had stints selling stoves and appliances, then had my own real estate business. Once we had a kid in college, I returned to IBM, until finally retiring 15 years ago, allowing me to finally explore art."

"I began by doing paintings in wax pencil, but that gave me writer's cramp! You also went through those pencils too fast and they are expensive, so I shifted to paint, specifically acrylics. I took art classes from Lisa Grinter, a renowned island artist who still teaches and is so knowledgeable, and I give her a lot of credit. There are so many wonderful artists on this island and the Fort Myers Beach Art Association is a fantastic organization. I am not a member, however, just because I am not a 'joiner,' but they have a great group there!"

Acrylics is the only format in which Ed works now. "I briefly experimented in oils, but they take up to one month to completely dry, so how do you carry one, because you can't tuck it under your arm or it gets all over your clothes, or put it in your car to drive home, so it was too inconvenient, while acrylics dry fast."

Ed paints for personal enjoyment and relaxation; not for profit or sales. "I don't have a website or travel to shows, as I do this as a hobby and not a profession. Years ago, however, a gentleman coming back from the former 'Big M' gambling boat down the street saw my paintings, and liked them so much he bought about 35 of them, all at once, so that was thrilling. Sometimes, friends have specific requests, and if they buy the canvas and frame, I accommodate them, as long as they understand I work at my own time and pace! A lot of my own paintings I do not frame, painting them instead right to the edges. I don't think the average person understands how expensive a frame is; much more so than the cost of the paint, so this is not an inexpensive hobby."

MY OWN PACE: MY OWN PLACE

"I didn't take up painting to get back into the labor force," Ed emphasized! "When I first began, a friend convinced me to paint a 4-by-8 foot canvas the size of a table, but that was too much like work. I also don't do plein air art-



Ed Scott, with two of his paintings. The bottom one is his first-ever, done in wax pencil.

works or displays because I prefer to work in my air-conditioned home, at my own pace, in my own place, when I want, though I do paint every week, and almost every day, when Gayle doesn't have me working in our garden."

Ed doesn't have a favorite painting, "though there are some I like and they are on our walls, but there are others I don't, and they are in a storage box! Basically, when something peaks my interest, I paint it. Some satisfy me, some I think are junk, and some I simply paint over! To be honest, most times Gayle makes the final decision on what goes up on our walls and what goes outside. I get many ideas and inspirations from art books and old calendars or similar resources, thinking to myself, 'that will be good.' If I hit the mark, I keep going. If Gayle sees something she likes, I work off of that as well."

He has 30 to 35 paintings in his exhibit. "I gave Dr. Leroy a little more than he needed, and allowed him to make the final selections as to which ones he incorporated into the show. Nature and wildlife are favorite subjects of mine, though it is really the colors that appeal to me more than anything else."

To view Ed Scott's artwork, visit the Fort Myers Beach Library's 3rd Floor Exhibit Gallery throughout August. The Library is at 2755 Estero Boulevard, with hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and closed Sundays and holidays. For information, see www.fmb.lib.fl.us or call 239-765-8162.

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LPA Approves Duplex Condo

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LDC REVIEW BEGINS

During their August 14, 2018 meeting, the Fort Myers Beach Local Planning Agency approved a request to allow a duplex at 3102/3104 Estero Blvd. to be divided into two condominiums. Owner Ed Koziol told the LPA that their property had been on the market for over 600 days and they hoped that turning the two units into condos would make them more attractive to buyers.

The staff report noted that creating a condominium does not resolve non-conforming density issues, especially those created by the property owner. "The existing building is non-conforming in regard to density," the report reads. The property was permitted through Lee County and completed in 2007.

Attorney Chenille Grigsby, representing the Koziol's, explained that the owners were seeking a change in form of ownership only. "There are two lawful units there. The applicants have no intention on adding anything to this property. The use will remain the same."

Sarah Probst, contract planner for the Town, explained that this property is in the Case Subdivision, an area that has lot sizes that the LDC "rounding up" provision applies to, the same LDC provision that council has been talking about putting a moratorium on for several months. Probst said that Council plans to address this issue in September.

After discussion, the LPA approved the request 7-0.

The meeting agenda included four items to review as part of the LDC Workshop, but the LPA addressed only the first two on Tuesday, deferring the other two to next Tuesday's LDC workshop.

Density of Existing Subdivisions, specifically those that Land Development Code Section 34-632 effects was first on the LDC Review, with staff noting that it is this section that council has focused on for a moratorium. It allows lots smaller than 15,000 square feet to compute density based on actual lot size plus one half the width of adjoining streets and waterbodies (up to 35'). Computed densities over 1.5/acre may be rounded up to two where two-family and multi-family units are permitted.

Jason Green, contract Planner and Community Development Services head, told the LPA that he proposed to fix the "glitch" by modifying the two-family land use in this residential sub-group from a "permitted" use to a "special exception" use.

"We're not taking that right away, but they will need to come before the LPA and Council for a hearing." Green continued, "We'll create an LDC glitch package after we work through the list, and it will come before you in a public hearing." When LPA members voiced concerns over the limited LDC review, Green replied, "It's either a simple fix or a complete overhaul."

"Most of us are thinking that we want to do the complete overhaul rather than "Band-Aid" it," said Megan Heil. "I feel that when we do these little fixes, we create problems down the road."

"My concern is that once we decide this, the bigger discussion will be lost," said LPA Vice Chair Dan Hendrickson, "For the record, I'd like to have that discussion."

Pre-Disaster and Post-Disaster Buildback was next on the review list and after council's recent decision to approve the Dullard rezoning/deviations under Pre-Disaster Buildback after the LPA decision that it did not meet those criteria, it was a sensitive subject. Several LPA members expressed concern that Pre-Disaster Buildback was used in that case to allow more density than the Comp Plan allows in new construction and about three times more square feet than the original buildings had.

Chair Hank Zuba said, "The intention of the original ordinance was to address safety and hurricane issues; however, we don't do that... we don't create enough incentive to elevate."

"When we drafted the Comp

Plan, FEMA didn't exist," said Dan Hughes. "No one is coming in front of us to raise their houses and make it safe," said Heil. "Is there a way to incentivize the use of Pre-Disaster Buildback?" asked Hendrickson.

Town Manager Roger Hernstadt joined the meeting and encouraged the LPA to be very specific about what they want and what they don't in the drafting of changes to the LDC. "Be very clear what is allowed to create the community conditions you want."

Zuba made the point that changes to the LDC would need to be accompanied by changes to the Comp Plan. "We are dealing with antiquated language in the Pre- and Post-Disaster Buildback areas and I think that has been confusing."

"And it also hasn't done a great job of protecting us from over-development," added Hendrickson.

As the board talked of possibly allowing increased interior space for decreased density and the possibility of using a formula to determine allowable size and density, Hernstadt again urged the LPA to be specific in what was allowed. "As they stand today, there is too much room for interpretation."

During LPA Member items, Hendrickson informed the rest of the board that the Historic Advisory Committee, which works with the Historic Preservation Board, was never officially sanctioned by Town Council, so all meetings are on hold pending council action.

The LPA will meet Tuesday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. for a workshop on LDC Review.

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filings contend that those opposed to the project were limited to just 3 minutes before the council, contrary to law in a quasi-judicial hearing. She states that her home is less than 2,000 feet from the project and if it is allowed to be built, she will be adversely affected by increased traffic, the project's "height, intensity, activity, lights, music, visual and audible noise pollution and enjoyment of the beach."

The legal actions were filed against the town, though TPI-FMB, which will own and run the Margaritaville FMB Resort, may participate in the defense of the legal actions. TPI-FMB spokesman John Gucciardo explained that they will await the Town's decision on how it wishes to proceed. "Essentially, the charge is that proper procedure was not followed. If the judge finds merit with that accusation, then the cure would be to go back, redo it and fix the procedure." He then said that with the number of Town legal representatives, TPI-FMB legal reps, Town planners and the author of the Comp Plan and LDC consulting during the deliberations, LPA and Council hearings, it's hard to imagine the Town did not follow its own rules.

Tom Torgerson, Chairman of the Board of TPI Hospitality, has already released a revised project timeline that bumps demolition and construction back from a December 2018 start to June 2019. Even so, he indicated that he hopes that the review, permit and other official actions continue, with them being made contingent on resolution of the court cases. Gucciardo agreed, "There are demolition permits and the process to vacate Canal Street and others that take time. We really don't want this legal action to bring those processes to a halt."



Margaritaville FMB rendering.

The lot that holds the Ocean Jewel building, currently housing the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce was due to be cleared by September 30, as requested by Town Council. The remainder of TPI tenants in the construction area were expected to move by December. Torgerson indicated last week that most tenants would be offered the opportunity to remain through May 2019.

MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Both cases filed August 8 list attorney Ralf Brookes as representing Patton, along with co-counsel Laura Howard and Stanford Solomon of the Solomon Law Group in Tampa. Brookes is well known locally as the Lani Kai legal representative and is currently representing Robert Conidaris and the Lani Kai Island Resort in a lawsuit filed in May 2018 against the Town and Colorado East LLC,

owners of the Gulfshore Grille/Cottage/Shuckers, over parking, noise and alcohol sales on the beach.

In a Letter to the Editor in local newspapers in late May, Conidaris invited those unhappy with council's approval of the TPI-FMB ordinance to a meeting at the Lani Kai with attorney Brookes to discuss "all potential legal rights and remedies" available to Fort Myers Beach citizens/voters. That meeting was later closed to the media.

During June and July, Conidaris purchased ad space in local publications for several weeks, that he used to criticize the Town's approval of TPI-FMB, Torgerson, former Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah and current Commissioner Larry Kiker, while touting his history on the island.

While Conidaris, who is not an island resident, and the Lani Kai Resort are not named in either legal complaint, they have been at the center of considerable effort and investment to air Conidaris' dissatisfaction with the Town's approval of the Margaritaville Resort project. Efforts to contact Conidaris for comment were unsuccessful.

BEACHES GATEWAY VILLAGE

On Monday, Aug 13, Torgerson shared a response to the legal actions, saying, in part, "Our process took years, was transparent in the public's eye and included a tremendous amount of public outreach and involvement. In addition to that, the Town opted to take the most conservative and scrutinized zoning processes, passing an ordinance with two public hearings versus a resolution and one hearing. The Town's actions were also guided by the best third-party consultants they could possibly hire to review and advise them on the process and project merits.

"We are committed to getting through this speed bump as fast as is possible. In the meantime, all of our teams are advancing the design and construction document processes and working with all the permitting jurisdictions. As soon as the legal matter is resolved we will be postured to rocket out of the gate and get done what the community wants." He added that the off-island workforce housing development has been branded "Beaches Gateway Village."



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Editorial

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY VOTE WATER QUALITY IN 2018

On August 28, voters who have not already voted by mail or in Early Voting will go to the polls and make some pretty critical choices for our community. Voting is well underway with 11.3% of Lee mail ballots returned as of Wednesday, August 15.

For nearly two months, Lee County has been dealing with Blue-Green algae. Whether you live far from the Caloosahatchee River, right on its banks or have the algae floating in your beach canal, this algal bloom affects beach residents. There are health concerns that scientists are just now beginning to identify, and while all the answers are not yet clear, alarm bells are ringing. Science is not in the overnight answer business. To study the causes, effects and long term threats of anything takes time, careful study and analysis. So while there aren't any "Run for your lives!" announcements, it's a good idea to pay attention when scientists say algae is a threat to human health. We've seen plenty of evidence that it's deadly to sea life.

Since late July, a second algal bloom, Red Tide has been clinging to our shore. It arrived with piles of dead fish and sea life, red drift algae and a smell that drove people off the beach. 2.5 million pounds of algae, fish and sea life have been removed from Lee County beaches. Now, we seem to be seeing a less intense fish kill, with the numbers on the beach related to wind direction. Our beaches look much better, though the Red Tide is still here.

This two-front algal bloom is a threat to our community, our health, our economy and our way of life. This threat should rank at the very top of your voting criteria. We all have different criteria we use as we vote. Some vote for local and state offices based on their loyalty to a national party. This is the year to think local and vote for those who are willing to do the hard work to fix Florida water quality regulations or lack thereof, that have led us to our current algae crisis.

Is there any national issue that is more important than being able to step outside your front door and breathe without a mask? If your community is dying from preventable water quality issues, what national issue is more important than that?

Millions and millions of dollars are being spent to sway your vote using hot button issues to make voters angry so they'll vote for or against a candidate.

I can't think of a button any hotter than our beach community being attacked by two different algal blooms, threatening our health, our jobs, our economy. Scientists know that the Blue-Green algae is a product of Lake Okeechobee and the fertilizer, manure and sewage runoff it holds. They released the algae-covered Lake O water June 1. Within a month North Fort Myers and Cape Coral canals were covered in green slime. Still are and water is still flowing from Lake O.

Red Tide begins as a natural bloom out in the Gulf, but as it nears shore, scientists believe that the "jet fuel" blend of fertilizer, manure and sewage, feeds it and extends the bloom. Don't buy the "It's natural" line currently being fed to Floridians. A lightning strike that causes a fire is a natural occurrence too. But if you pour gasoline on that fire daily for months, it doesn't much matter how it began, it's what's feeding it now that's the issue.

FARMING

There are many reasons why Lake O has fertilizer, manure and sewage in it, with plenty of blame to go around. But Florida's hands-off approach to water quality as it relates to agriculture is at the very top of the list. Before water reaches Lake O, it begins to pick up that "jet fuel" north of the lake. Cities and housing developments are required to store and treat their stormwater runoff before it is released into any stream or river. And they must test to assure compliance. Agriculture is only expected to agree to Best Management Practices. As with most of Florida's water quality rules, nobody checks and there are no teeth. Our current Commissioner of Agriculture and Gubernatorial candidate Adam Putnam assigned just 8 staffers to monitor agriculture over 3.5 million acres north of Lake O after voluntary compliance was put into effect.

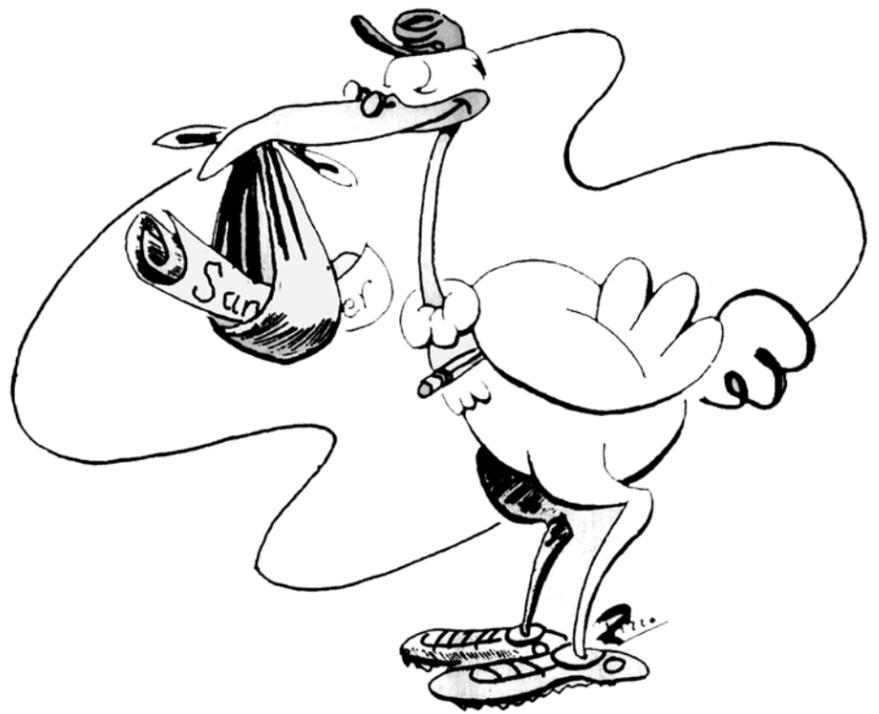
Nobody, including farmers, wants to spend more money and effort doing something that doesn't increase their income. Especially if the problem you contribute to flows downstream and you don't have to live with the slime. Besides, it's a cumulative effect so everyone gets to say, "Not my fault." This is why elected officials are expected to represent the common good of all citizens, not just the ones who fill their campaign coffers.

This is the year to vote Water Quality. Start with the August Primary. Ask candidates what their plan is to fix this unholy mess we are living with. If a candidate will not indicate that they will update and enforce water quality regulations, look for one who will.

While the Sand Paper does not endorse specific candidates, we will provide a link to an organization that has asked water quality questions for a long time and created a voter's guide for August's Republican and Democratic Primary ballots: bullsugar.org/vote2018

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Missy Layfield
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A "Toxic Puzzle"

Water Quality Panel Puts Pieces Together, Cont'd from pg.1



Rae Ann Wessel introduces the panel (L to R): Dr. Walter Bradley, Dr. James Metcalf, Dr. Larry Brand & Calusa Waterkeeper John Cassani. Photo by Gary Mooney.

to be better prepared to watch out for our own welfare."

"Toxic Puzzle" is a 2017 documentary, narrated by Harrison Ford, that traces the Brain Chemistry Labs (BCL) research team's efforts to find and fight environmental triggers for neurodegenerative illnesses. It explores the role of toxins in the environment, including those produced by cyanobacteria in algae blooms, such as Beta-Methylamino-L-Alanine (BMAA), an amino acid produced by cyanobacteria that plays a pivotal role in various neurodegenerative disorders such as ALS, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. It examined as well possible positive affects by L-Serine, an amino acid that might combat or prevent these tragic illnesses.

The film pointed out that cyanobacteria were among the first living organisms, and they helped to create oxygen, that led to the possibility for all life on earth. These same organisms today, due to climate change, warming of the environment and the exploding human population, now may be on

the verge of destroying life, in some type of nasty ecological revenge, with increasingly warming water leading to more and larger blooms. It followed global outbreaks, including those in Lake Erie two years ago, along with those in Florida in 2016 and this year, with corresponding ALS clusters in all of those locations, all near bodies of water with frequent cyanobacteria blooms. When Ford, in his narration, called the cyanobacteria blooms "a political problem," the Broadway Palm audience broke out into spontaneous applause. Worst in 40 Years

"In June of this year, we had a massive cyanobacteria bloom from Lake Okeechobee to the west coast of Florida," Wessel said as she began the panel discussion. "This is the worst I have seen in my 40 years here. At the same time, we have another problem: a Red Tide along the coast that is diversely undermining the marine and health impacts for us as well. With all of this in mind, how can we find out if BMAA is in our drinking water, and if it's safe to drink?"

"You can test for BMAA in fish," said Dr. Metcalf, "but no one is required to test for BMAA in drinking water. If you have a test for it, why would you not test for it? We found BMAA isolated in Florida waters from the 2016 bloom samples in low levels, and we are here again to collect samples this year to determine what is going on."

"If you swim, you expose yourself to BMAA, as well as, potentially, by breathing air and through consuming fish," replied Dr. Bradley. "We are analyzing Floridians for ALS and have found 1,500 cases so far, so with these blooms there will definitely be hot spots throughout Florida's West Coast, though we don't have enough evidence yet to pin those down. We cannot offer any specific protection to the public right now, and that makes it even more difficult in terms of advice, nor are there tests available right now to determine if you have BMAA in your system. L-Serine seems to be very beneficial to how ALS patients feel, and we are now in Phase 2 trials with larger numbers of people, to produce definitive evidence that L-Serine is effective and may be able to prevent the diseases from happening in the first place."

IS IT SAFE?

Wessel asked the panel is it was safe to eat fish from local waters. "Certain species of marine shellfish have BMAA," said Dr. Metcalf. "You can put marine shellfish into sterile water for 48 hours, to get them cleaned out of what whatever they are exposed to. You can close down fisheries until the danger passes, but it is hard to make informed decisions on toxins in fish without causing a panic, as that will not help."

"We find really high concentrations in blue crabs," stated Dr. Brand. "Bottom feeders, fish, crab and shrimp are threats. There are lots of ways to kill the Blue-Green Algae, but cyanobacteria (a toxic form of Blue-Green Algae) are really tough, so you almost have to kill the ecosystem to save it! Anytime you kill any of these things, they release their toxins out into the water, and it goes right back into you through fish and other things. You can suck up the Blue-Green Algae where

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you find it in high concentrations, to provide immediate relief to local homeowners, but we have it here now in such large concentrations. The only way to ultimately stop this is to halt nutrients at their source, before they get into the water, and that means our current regulations are not good enough or we are not enforcing them well enough."

Wessel asked at what point should we close any area beaches. "Florida has no mechanism to close beaches," responded Dr. Brand. "We can put up signs but we cannot close beaches." "We don't even know what level of protection is necessary to protect us scientists when we are working on these issues out in the environment," said Dr. Metcalf, "and we are supposed to be the ones in the know! Until we have a better understanding, we don't want to create a health panic, as that is not good, but unfortunately, no one can tell you that policy."

Cassani stated, "Posting can be chaotic, especially for extraordinary blooms like these. It is all about developing leadership, and at least 23 other states have been very progressive, with response strategies on numeric thresholds, that trigger postings and closings. There was a draft document like that for Florida following the 2016 outbreak, based on risk thresholds, but the only changes that occurred were that Florida continued to lower and lower its water standards, until the toxicity led to these unfortunate cyanobacteria blooms, so Florida needs to develop a program to deal with this and to finally get out in front of this."

"We need to stop looking the other way over things like climate change and take a greater lead in public health. It is an enormous challenge that will take a huge commitment, based on the courage and funding necessary to be successful, so in a way you can look at this ecological disaster as a silver lining, as a great opportunity to lead, as this involves the economy and environment and public health. One positive I do see is that I am blown away by this turnout here tonight, as in the 40 years I have been doing this, I have never been in a room with more than 40 or 50 people, so thank you for selling out this event this evening, as this is a privilege."

NUTRIENT ROLE

Wessel asked the panel about what she called "The Goldilocks Condition of the Caloosahatchee River," where we have cyanobacteria during its high flows, but also during the dry season when we have almost no flow."

"There is no direct link to flow," explained Cassani. "How we forecast cyanobacteria based on current data is a pretty complicated model, on the triggering of a bloom, independent of seasons or releases. We are continuing to learn, based on the new information we are receiving now, to stop these from happening again in the future." She inquired why coastal waters lead to the prevalence of Red Tide and the Blue-Green Algae. "There are a lot of nutrients in the Caloosahatchee Estuary, right out into the Gulf," said Dr. Brand. "The more nutrients in the estuary, the more the Red Tide can feed on. Red Tide has been around for at least 500 years, but it has become



Blue-Green Algae bloom as seen in Four Mile Cove on the Caloosahatchee River August 13, 2018. Photo by D. Anthony courtesy of Calusa Waterkeeper.

so much worse over the last 50, so what has changed over that time? Agri-business, sewage, septic tanks and more are increasingly prevalent along the coast, so the

answer is 'us!' Wessel added, "We on Sanibel picked up 270 tons of dead fish and other things off our beaches, at a cost of \$74,000-per-

day, so I completely disagree with anyone who dismisses this Red Tide bloom as natural; this is by no mean natural!"

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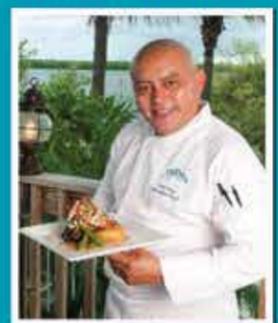
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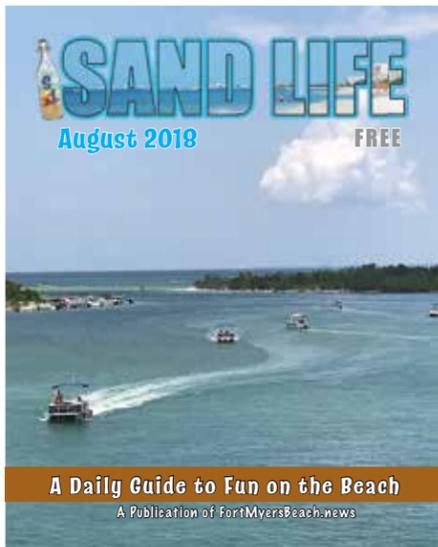
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OFFICER FUNDRAISER

The Veterans Club of America #1, also known as the "Little Club", located at 16701 San Carlos Blvd, Fort Myers, will host a fundraiser for the family of fallen Officer Adam Jobbers-Miller on SU Aug 26, beginning at 3pm. All are welcome! All bar register sales from 3-5 p.m. will be donated to the family. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, salads & sides will be \$7/person, plus raffles and a silent auction will all benefit the family. Music and entertainment by local musicians. If unable to attend

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ICE CREAM CONTEST

Make-A-Wish Southern Florida has announced the third annual ice cream "Flavor Event" at Royal Scoop, 2307 Estero Blvd, FMB on SA Aug 18 from noon-6pm. Three wish children finalists have created special flavors for the public to taste and vote on: Lala's Dream, Java Jitter and Chocolatenator.

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EITA MEETING

On TU Sept 11, the Estero Island Taxpayers Association will resume their meetings to be held on the second TU of the month with Social Time from 6-6:30pm and Meetings at 6:30pm at Beach Baptist Church, 130 Connecticut St. Enter at the front of the church. All FMB taxpayers are welcome to attend EITA meetings. September's anticipated topic is Unincorporation. For more info: esteroislandta@gmail.com

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:

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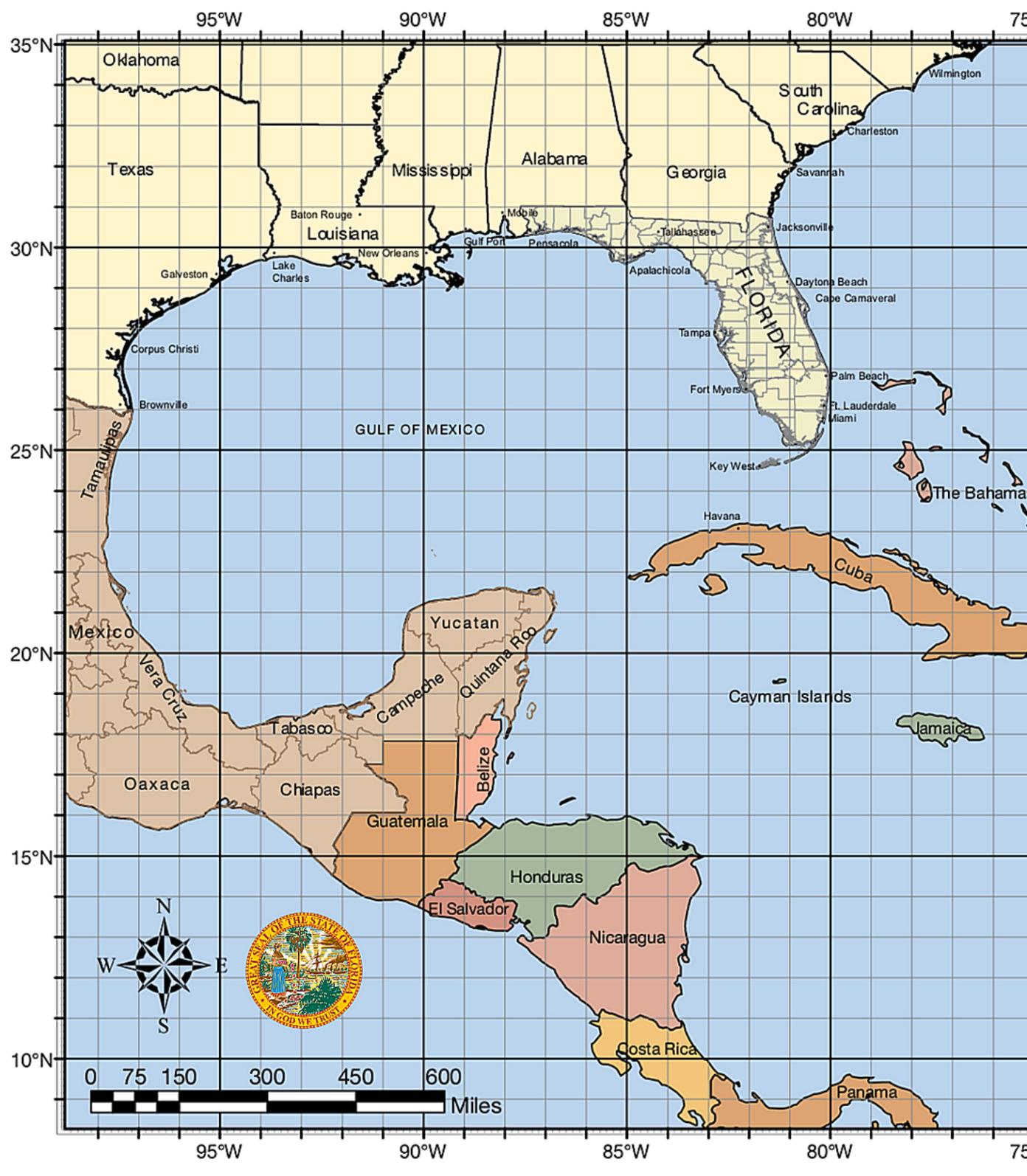
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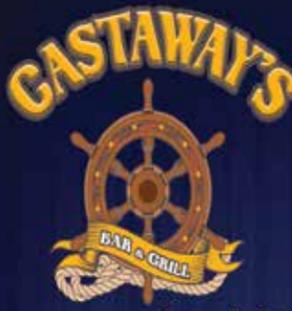
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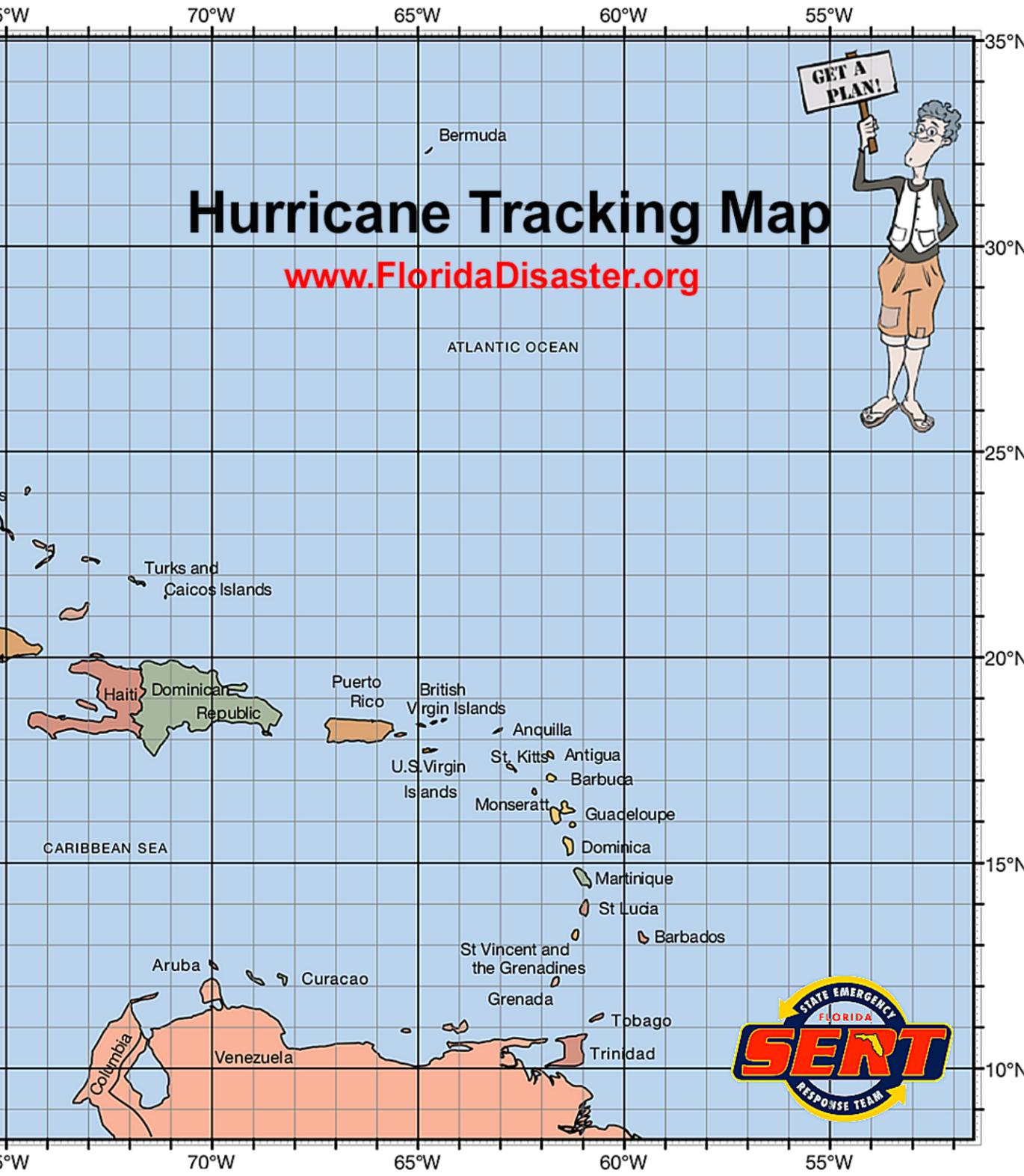
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Council Previews Budget & Stormwater Margaritaville Lawsuit Discussed, Cont'd from pg.1

BOBACK DIGS IN ON STORMWATER

In other matters, Council discussed a potential Revision to its Stormwater Ordinance, as the current one is outmoded and cannot be sufficiently amended to facilitate the current needs of the utility. "I did this with a 3-person committee and Town Attorney Jack Peterson," said Council member Bruce Butcher. "We then had Town Staff review it, rather than having the legislation create problems for them down the line, and that is what you see here." Council member Anita Cereceda asked if this were the revised Ordinance, but Butcher replied, "No," with Vice Mayor Joanne Shamp suggesting Council discuss it at a future Management & Planning Session. Council member Dennis Boback, however, strongly stated, "I will not vote for anything that does not include 100% community participation, or I will have nothing to do with the damn thing, period! You guys can M&P it, but I won't be there!"

Council next discussed how to select the Town's new legal counsel, should it decide to move on from The Peterson Law Group. In addition to The Peterson Law Group, the prospective firms that replied to a Request for Proposal are Dye, Harrison, Kirkland, Petrucci, Pratt, & St. Paul; GrayRobinson; Ramona Kopp; and Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole, & Bierman. Council will hold interviews on Monday, August 20, in place of its regular meeting. Each member will meet individually in 30-minute increments with firm representatives from 9 to 11:30 a.m., then take a brief break. At roughly noon, Council as a whole

will question each firm in a public session, without Public Comment from island residents, though Mayor Tracey Gore and Boback disagreed with that. Council will then vote to name its top candidate and authorize one member to negotiate the contract.

Under the agenda item "Town Property & Liability Insurance Review," Hernstadt reported that the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust reviews the Town's Property and Liability Policies every five years, at a current cost of \$142,000-per-year, and this will occur in October.

Council next discussed updating its Land Development Code (LDC), to prioritize glitch amendments with staff and the Local Planning Agency (LPA), ranging from minor verbiage tweaks to complete section overhauls. Staff and LPA suggested several topics, including Density of Existing Subdivisions; Pre-Disaster & Post-Disaster Build-back; Open Space, Buffering, Landscaping, & Parking; Heights, Pools, Setbacks, & Intensity of Residential Uses; Personal Watercraft, Parasailing, & Sea Turtle Conservation; and Administrative Variances. "I totally agree with this list," said Shamp. "A variety of things are a mess, so something needs to be done to address these."

DELIVERY NOISE COMPLAINT

Council again addressed a Noise Ordinance Complaint from Ed Frascchetti regarding Commercial Deliveries at Nervous Nellie's Restaurant and The Harbour House at The Inn in the Old San Carlos Neighborhood that is on-going for



Finance Director Robert Lange answers Council questions concerning the Town's proposed 2018-19 Budget. Photo by Gary Mooney.

economic structure of the beach." Cereceda suggested that with Boback, Butcher and herself against taking any additional action, Council finally move on from this topic, "We have been talking about this for six months." Gore warned, "This will come back once Margaritaville gets built." One mystery remains; despite these complaints appearing on several Council agendas, no private citizen has ever made an appearance before council to appeal for assistance, nor have any similar complaints from adjacent properties been mentioned.

RESIDENT SUES TOWN

Under "Agenda Management," Council permitted Shamp to discuss with Lee County officials long-term solutions for the former Seafarer's Mall property at the base of the Matanzas Pass Bridge. Gore then asked Attorney Peterson if the Town has received the petition for the recent lawsuit filed by a Primo Drive resident to halt the Margaritaville Resort construction, but he stated the Town had yet to be served with the paperwork. A copy of the Writ of Certiorari obtained from the Lee Clerk of Courts office indicated that both Peterson and John Turner were emailed copies of the documents the previous day, Weds, August 8. (See separate story on lawsuit.)

Cereceda suggested the Town organize a trip to Tallahassee of Southwest Florida elected officials, to protest to Cabinet Members current water quality conditions. "Are you volunteering to get a bus trip together," asked Shamp, with Cereceda replying, "Oh, I will drive the bus!"

7 months. "Ahhh," moaned Gore in frustration, as she has brought this before Council numerous times, "I am glad you included the history of the complaint in our packets, so everyone knows I am not lying!"

She suggested Council prohibit deliveries to this area until after 6:30 a.m., unless companies receive a Town waiver. "I am sympathetic," countered Boback, "but he bought in a business district. That is like buying next to an airport, then complaining about airport noise. Now he wants the burden on us." "I am sorry for this person," agreed Cereceda, "but we cannot change legislation for this entire Town for one person." Shamp disagreed, saying "we will soon have a lot more development going on in that area, so from my point of view, this is not a one-person issue. We could just limit this to the Old San Carlos and Crescent Street Master Plans." Gore agreed.

Butcher argued against it, saying later morning deliveries "in-season could muck up the whole

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New Bay Harbour Hearing Lee Staff Supports Project, Cont'd from pg.1



Hearing Examiner Donna Marie Collins (L) listens to Bay Harbour Marina Village testimony.

are local administrative agency employees who serve as judges to resolve conflicts in their jurisdiction. Their ruling is not final, but it is a neutral place for development plans before reaching the Lee County Commissioners for a vote.

Attorney Russell Schropp, representing Bay Harbour, stated the proposed development would have 113 residential units, including 15 canal-edge townhouses and 38 units for "workforce" or "moderate income" housing; 30,000-square-feet of commercial office, retail and mini-storage space; a marina with 29 wet and 286 dry slips; 4,000-square-feet of civic space open to the public; and a parking garage with 200 additional public spaces; at an overall maximum height of 145 feet.

"We request the rezoning to DRMUWD because the present Industrial designation does not permit residential," said Schropp. "Demand for industrial use and commercial fishing no longer exists, for good reason, as San Carlos Island evolved over time, and is no longer strictly for the shrimping industry, but is more of a mixed use island today. The County's Local Planning Agency (LPA) and

Staff recommend the plan, and Lee County Commissioners sent it to the State Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for review and it received the reply that there are no objections."

TRANSITIONAL AREA

David Depew, of Morris-Depew Associates engineering and architecture, stated that San Carlos Island "is a hodge-podge of zoning, so our request is to combine all that into a unified plan of development that allows mixed uses. This is basically a different project today than 18 months ago, as Bay Harbour continues its on-going meetings with the community to address concerns about the project. The DRMUWD FLU Overlay request is the same granted to the Ebb Tide development a half-mile to the east, as that is a similar project. This is a transitional area that is evolving from its traditional use during the 1960s and 1970s into a more modern land use under current market conditions."

Depew then addressed the project's 13 requested Deviations, the most controversial being the 35-foot-high construction limit, with Bay Harbour at 145 feet. Collins asked about a previously-approved but not yet constructed boat barn directly across Main Street, with Depew replying that can be 67 feet. Staff later stated that under the Lee Plan, Bay Harbour can be up to 180 feet, or as high as 230 feet if this included enclosed underground parking, as does their plan.

Staff only had two minor questions for Depew, then made a brief 20-minute presentation. They favored the 13 Deviations and provided their approval, calling this a much better proposal than the



Henry Blakley speaks in opposition to the Bay Harbour plan. Photos by Gary Mooney.

original submission.

FOR OR AGAINST

Public Comment took about 3 hours, ending at 4:45 p.m., and was set to continue on Thursday, August 16. On Wednesday, 8 people spoke in support, with 7 against. In favor was Denice Knudsen, an area realtor who stated, "This location is an eyesore, and the need for affordable public housing is well-known. It will create a ton of economic resources and good business for everyone. It is time to move forward on San Carlos Island and I don't know why anyone would oppose this."

Henry Blakley spoke against, stating, "My wife and I live on San Carlos Island for a long time now, and I am still in agreement with Laura Bellflower, the original Hearing Examiner, and I don't see how anything of substance has change since then. San Carlos

Island is not a tourist trap, nor should it become one. There is not a single grain of beach around this tiny island; it is just docks and mangroves. We do not want to become a stepping stone for Fort Myers Beach and we do not want a stack of concrete hanging over our heads. This is our community and we do not want to be pushed out."

The Oak & Main Streets site was home for years to Compass Rose Marina, until Hurricane Charley destroyed that in 2004. In 2015, Bay Harbour proposed a 175-foot-high, 14-story residential building, with a 286-space boat barn, 29 wet slips, a 520-space parking garage, four two-story townhouses, and rooftop amenities like a pool, restaurant, garden, and children's play area. Laura Bellflower in late 2016 issued a scathing 53-page report against the project, stating it was too dense and out-of-character with the island's working waterfront heritage. The Bay Harbour proposal led to the formation of Beach Area Civic Association to protest the plan. Shortly thereafter, the County LPA did not recommend it, as it was inconsistent with the Lee Plan based in the Coastal High Hazard Area. Bay Harbour then asked Lee Commissioners to remand it back to Staff, while concurrently filing an application to rezone the property, and they agreed. Bay Harbour since then modified its plan to the current proposal that the County LPA approved on March 24 by a 5 to 1 vote.

The Hearing Examiner will hear Public Comment on August 16 at 9 a.m.

Due to printer deadlines, look for a report on the second day of the hearing online at fortmyersbeach.news or in next week's paper.

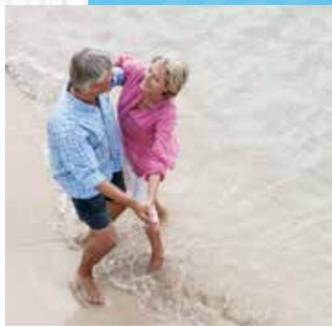



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Miracle Meets The Stone Crabs

Crucial Series Pivotal to FSL South Lead

By Gary Mooney
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In the Florida State League (FSL) version of "The Clash of The Titans," the Fort Myers Miracle, the Single A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, hosted the Charlotte Stone Crabs, of the Tampa Bay organization, in the season's most crucial series to date from August 13 to 16 at Hammond Stadium at CenturyLink Sports Complex. They began in 2nd and 1st place respectively in the South Division, 1-1/2 games apart, with three weeks left in the season.

On July 16, the Miracle trailed the Stone Crabs by 2-1/2 games, before going a torrid 19 - 6, winning 8 consecutive series. Unfortunately, Charlotte matched them almost win-for-win, going 18 - 7, making these four games pivotal, as they do not meet again in 2018. Leading the Miracle surge is shortstop Royce Lewis and right-fielder Alex Kirilloff, who both joined Fort Myers in the FSL's 2nd half, from the Cedar Rapids Low A affiliate. Kirilloff, the Twins 2016 #1 draft pick, is smashing the ball at a ridiculous .378 clip, with 4 home runs and 37 RBI. Lewis, baseball's #1 overall 2017 selection, is hitting .317 with 4 home runs, 20 RBI, and 6 stolen bases. Kirilloff jump-started the Miracle hot streak with hits in 13 straight games.

Monday's game began with a rainbow over rightfield, and the Miracle took an early 2 - 0 lead, though they squandered three additional scoring opportunities. Those seemed disastrous, when the Stone Crabs in the 6th inning erupted for a solo home run and



GAME #1 hero Caleb Hamilton takes a swing. Photo by Gary Mooney.

2-out, 2-run double, taking a 3-to-2 lead, looking like their hot streak might out-hot streak that of Fort Myers. Since the Miracle, however, tied or took the lead from the 7th inning on over their past five games, the Stone Crabs played into their hands, with catcher Caleb Hamilton's 8th inning 2-out, 2-RBI double putting the home team ahead 4 - 3. Kevin Marnon's save wrapped up Game #1, pulling the Miracle to within a half-game of 1st.

If you did not know better, you would swear Game #2 occurred cross-town, at Fenway South, by the Miracle's 13 - 12 loss, in the season's most memorable and frustrating contest. Fort Myers was down 4 - 0 in the 1st inning, led 11 - 8 in the 6th, then its bullpen forgot to throw strikes in the 7th, allowing the Stone Crabs

to rally for 5 runs. Making the loss more tragic were the efforts of Centerfielder Mark Contreras, who had the team's best individual effort of the year-to-date, going 3-for-4 with 2 home runs, 5 RBI, throwing out a runner at home plate, and a diving catch in deep right-center!

If Tuesday's game was the season's most maddening, Wednesday's was the biggest gut-check. The Miracle scratched out 2 runs in the 2nd and one in the 6th to lead 3 - 0, with Kirilloff going 4-for-4. Hard-throwing 20-year-old Brusdar Graterol, baseball's 46th-ranked prospect, threw 99 miles-per-hour for 7 shutout innings. "B Grat" unfortunately gets lost in the buzz surrounding Kirilloff and Lewis, but it is extraordinarily rare for one Single A team to have 3 of baseball's top 50 prospects all at once. Miracle pitch-

ers again got a case of the walks in the 8th inning, with both scoring, to cut the lead to one, but Adam Bray retired the Stone Crabs 1-2-3 in the 9th, bringing the Miracle within 1/2 game of 1st again, for the third time in the last 11 days.

Both teams lived up to their billing, playing 3 one-run games that came down to the last batter each time! Game #4's result was unavailable by press time.

Things do not get easier for the Miracle, as they host the Clearwater Threshers from Friday, August 17, through Sunday, August 19, as the Philadelphia Phillies Single A squad leads the FSL's North Division. August 17 is Fireworks Friday; Saturday, August 18, is Giveaway Saturday, with the first 500 fans receiving a replica Miracle jersey; and Sunday, August 19, is "Youth Baseball Day," with kids in their team shirts receiving a free ticket, pre-game catch on the field, and running the bases after the game.

Following that is the season's last 6-game road trip, before the final homestand against the Bradenton Marauders of the Pittsburgh Pirates organization from Monday through Thursday, August 27 to 30, then concluding the regular season against Clearwater again from Friday, August 31, to Sunday, September 2. Monday through Friday contests start at 7 p.m., Saturdays 6 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 to \$12 at 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. Attend a Miracle game today!

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The Fort Myers Beach event drew over 500 people of all ages Sunday morning linking hands in a line that stretched from the pier to beyond Gulfshore Grill. Several Fort Myers Beach neighborhoods participated at their local beach access. Annie Casais Montenegro helped pull the Fort Myers Beach event together along with several others and encouraged people to participate as a way to demonstrate that both residents and visitors were concerned about water quality, the environment and the ongoing economic impact of water released from Lake Okeechobee. Other Lee County sites included the Cape Coral Yacht Club, Bonita Beach and Sanibel/Captiva. Photo by M. Layfield.



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Jim Stresen-Reuter was born September 12, 1943 in Oak Park, Illinois and passed away July 28, 2018. Formerly of Barrington Hills, Illinois, Jim was a chemical engineer who lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico for the past nearly 40 years. Jim made many friends while visiting his father, the late Captain Al Stresen-Reuter, and

a cousin Steve Roberts (Sheila) here in Fort Myers Beach over the past several years.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Felker Stresen-Reuter, two sons Timothy and Edward, and his brother Alfy Stresen-Reuter (Mary-Jo). He had 2 grandchildren, Allicyn Stresen-Reuter, and Derek Stresen-Reuter and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He loved to travel and his semi-professional photography hobby was a great pleasure to him and many others. His kindness and good spirit will be missed dearly.



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A man had a party where all the rich people attend. And the had a pool with alligators. So he announced that anyone who will swim across this pool and come out alive will be granted three wishes.

But no one wanted to go for the challenge.

All of a sudden, there was a big splash and a man was swimming like a hell and came out alive.

So the host asked, "What are your three wishes?"

The man replied, "Give me the shotgun and bullets and show me the idiot that pushed me in"

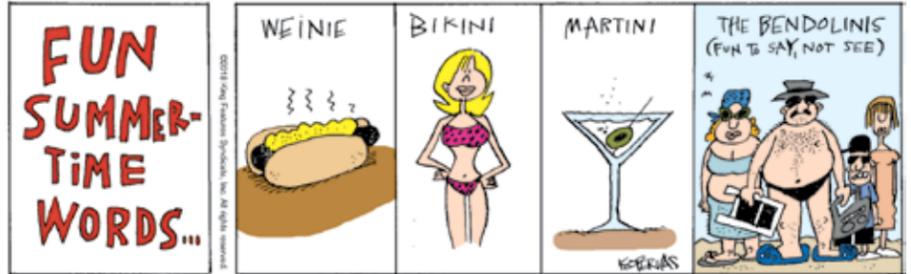
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



CRIM BEAR IT

LAFF - A - DAY



"I'm Harry, and I'll be your worst nightmare today."



"I selected you for this assignment, Ferguson, because I accidentally pressed the wrong button."

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"This music bugs me... I like Bee Bee King."
Alice Dickson

"Well Rose, we need to be Rambling on down to The Lani Kai before the "Swat" Team shows up."
Eric M. Huntsman

"There's quite a buzz out there about this guy!"
Mike Popeye Dearden

"Tomorrow night The No See Ems"
Sue Harvel Lowry

"I knew that little maggot would be UNFORGETTABLE when he grew up"
Mike Yost

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



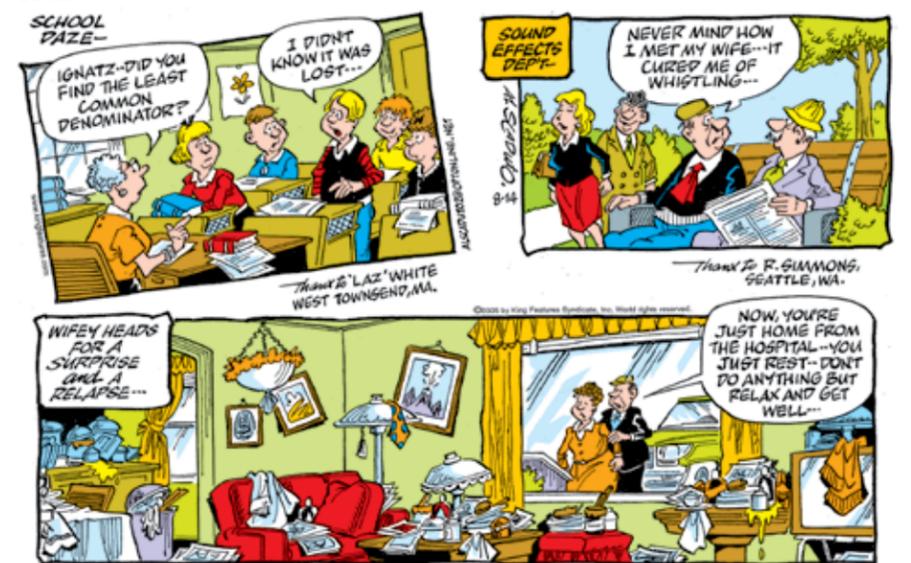
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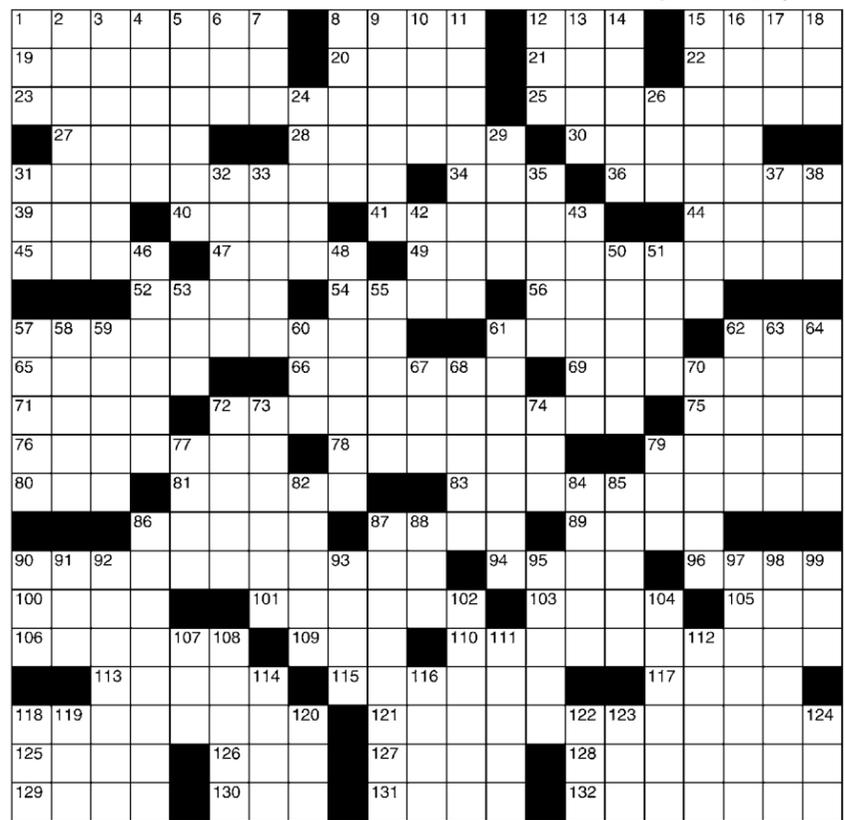
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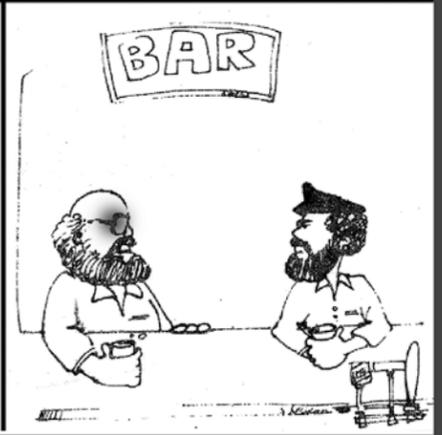
BIRD-LOVING CELEBRITIES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Small packages
 - 8 Barely gets, with "out"
 - 12 Lyric penner Gershwin
 - 15 Bamboozle
 - 19 Sea-related
 - 20 Bit of
 - 19-Across flora
 - 21 Brew barrel
 - 22 Sampras of tennis
 - 23 Bird-loving "Hud" Oscar winner?
 - 25 Bird-loving former Argentine first lady?
 - 27 Hip-hop's Snoop —
 - 28 Speed skater Eric
 - 30 Saffron, e.g.
 - 31 Bird-loving "Show Boat" composer?
 - 34 With 111-Down, put in reserve
 - 36 Fit to be ingested
 - 39 Invoice fig.
 - 40 Ending for Saturn
 - 41 More ghostly
 - 44 Hersher's of the mound
 - 45 Butte relative
 - 47 Circle's lack
 - 49 Bird loving co-star of "The Parent Trap"?
 - 52 Seize with a certain tool
 - 54 URL-starting letters
 - 56 Old Russian despot
 - 57 Bird-loving Rolling Stones frontman?
 - 61 Hones
 - 62 Certain PC readout
 - 65 Diarist Nin
 - 66 Iris feature
 - 69 In name only
 - 71 Twirled
 - 72 Bird-loving host of "The Tonight Show"?
 - 75 O'Hara plantation
 - 76 "Madame" of wax
 - 78 Insightful
 - 79 Popular dorm dish
 - 80 Beatified Mlle.
 - 81 Free of dirt
 - 83 Bird-loving "Private Benjamin" star?
 - 86 Fleece
 - 87 Violinist Hilary
 - 89 Humorist Bombeck
 - 90 Bird-loving "Lethal Weapon" co-star?
 - 94 Truck type
 - 96 Final Four gp.
 - 100 Basso's solo, say
 - 101 Is grinning
 - 103 State treasury
 - 105 Even a bit of
 - 106 Cinnamon gum brand
 - 109 Snow-capped peak
 - 110 Bird-loving "Santa Baby" singer?
 - 113 Like pixies
 - 115 City on the Rio Grande
 - 117 "That's not for — say"
 - 118 Bird-loving "Que Sera, Sera" singer?
 - 121 Bird-loving "White Christmas" songwriter?
 - 125 Boastful
 - 126 Lyrical poem
 - 127 Call for
 - 128 Ceramic casserole dish
 - 129 Pull along
 - 130 Lie-down
 - 131 "Jane —"
 - 132 Tainted
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Soda
 - 2 Campus life
 - 3 Witty replies
 - 4 Payload
 - 5 Mind-boggler
 - 6 Required driving doc.
 - 7 Philos., e.g.
 - 8 Cafe patron
 - 9 "Eine — Nachtmusik"
 - 10 "Goodness!"
 - 11 Carrier of a demo case
 - 12 U.S. prez with Mamie
 - 13 Charges (up)
 - 14 Showing awe
 - 15 Superficially plausible
 - 16 Brain parts
 - 17 — Z
 - 18 Most priests
 - 24 In the lead
 - 26 Concealed
 - 29 No, to Hans
 - 31 Road tie-up
 - 32 Kagan of justice
 - 33 Hint of color
 - 35 Grade for sophomores
 - 37 Maui wreath
 - 38 First in line?
 - 42 Summer hrs. in PA
 - 43 Take on, as the challenge
 - 46 Name in low-carb dieting
 - 48 "War is hell" general
 - 50 Glossy fabric
 - 51 P-U linkup
 - 53 A.M. drinks
 - 55 They beat deuces
 - 57 Ship poles
 - 58 Data for processing
 - 59 Result in
 - 60 Shapely leg, slangily
 - 61 Old TV's John-Boy and Erin
 - 62 Alpaca kin
 - 63 Rod of baseball
 - 64 Quaffed
 - 67 O'er and o'er
 - 68 Chuckle
 - 70 Person from Provo
 - 72 Minty quaff
 - 73 Lofty goals
 - 74 Toon frame
 - 77 Like sore muscles
 - 79 Dreamy sleep phase
 - 82 Luring smell
 - 84 Resign, as a position
 - 85 Like Joyce and Yeats
 - 86 Mimicking a mad dog
 - 87 Phone service providing aid
 - 88 "How — you?"
 - 90 Pat
 - 91 Radio host Shapiro
 - 92 Nation of West Africa
 - 93 Repulsive
 - 95 Actor Zac
 - 97 Actress Fitzgerald or Stacey
 - 98 Basketball Walker or painter Watteau
 - 99 Positive vote
 - 102 Pitcher Tom Strug
 - 104 Shutterbug's equipment
 - 107 Flunking grades
 - 108 Medium-hot mustard
 - 111 See
 - 34-Across
 - 112 Gymnast
 - 114 Zilch, to Juan
 - 116 Mice, to owls
 - 118 Netflix item
 - 119 Dinghy thing
 - 120 "Indecy"
 - 122 Some sporty autos
 - 123 Gathered together
 - 124 Flanders of Springfield



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BARSIDE (George)

Man, George!
Where'd you get that shiner?

When I got home at 3am my wife was waiting with a rolling pin. I asked her what she was baking at 3am in the morning.

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.

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: N equals C

CKLP JG RGXO UGHDR NLHH

L NGXAHOPO HEPPOW GU

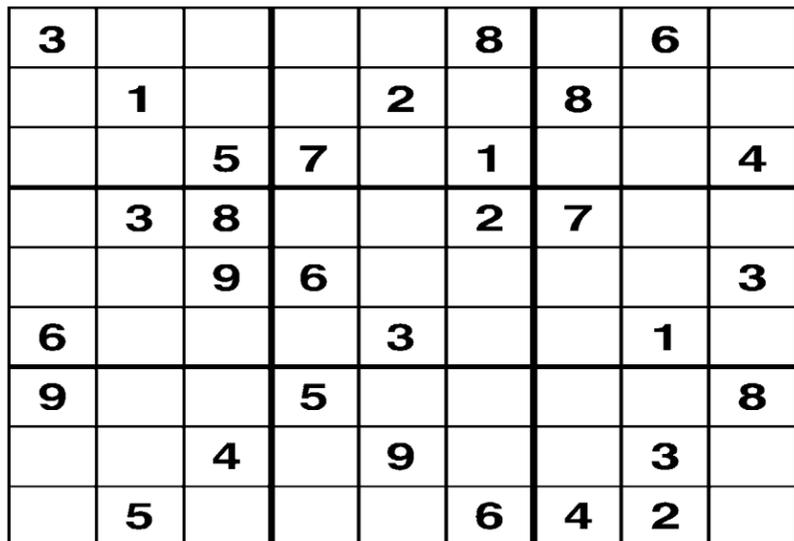
TOCMGWT NLPR?

PKO DEPPOT NLMGGJHO.

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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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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!



"I'd like to take up jogging — only thing is, I lost any weight I'd have to get a whole new _____."

Explicit

CREDIT

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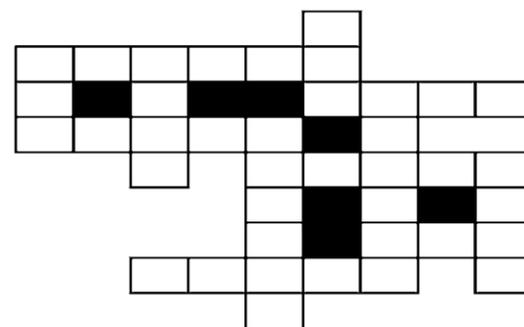
TODAY'S WORD

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- PGY
- ♥ EIGRAM
- ♥ UPERE
- ♥ HINC
- EGOHAM
- EMG
- ♥ ASPT
- ♥ ACMOR
- ♥ RCA
- CYOCUP
- OCTEM
- CIEM



Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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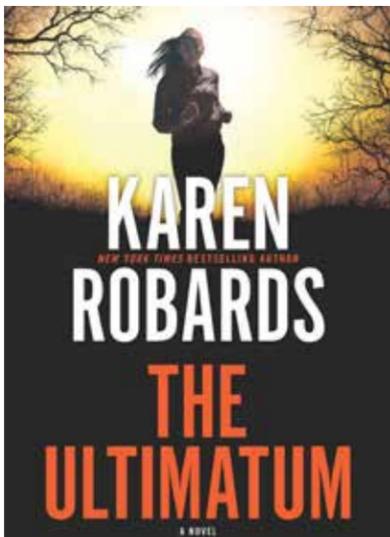
Library Treasures

By Dr. Leroy Hommerding
Fort Myers Beach Library Director



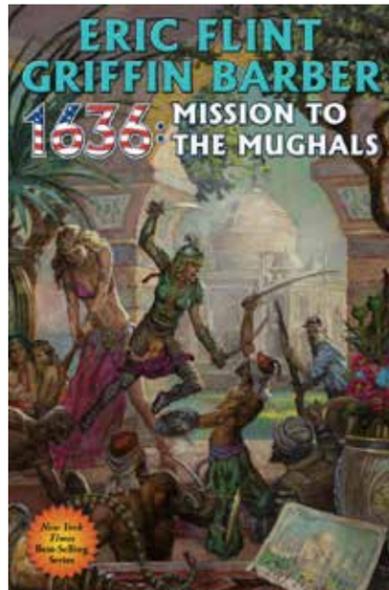
Need to Know is Karen Cleveland's debut novel (M CLE). The central character is a CIA analyst exactly as Cleveland was earlier. Intrigue, mystery, Russian spies, CIA ups and downs all contribute to making this a captivating read. One finds the characters believable and it's easy to follow the events even if with a sense of wondering about the threats and fears ahead. Film rights have already been sold to Universal Pictures and with the book being so enthralling, one can guess the movie has a lot of promise.

Author Karen Robard's intense new thriller, **The Ultimatum** (M ROB) is from her **Guardian Series** and stars the powerful and fearless lead character, Bianca St. Ives, known internationally by her alias, The Guardian. Her mentor, her beloved father has died and no one believes he has. As the hunt for her most wanted father intensifies, many exhilarating mysteries unfold.



This is Karen Robard's first action series; fans of the author know her for romantic historic fiction. The main protagonist in this novel is extreme, deadly and dangerous.

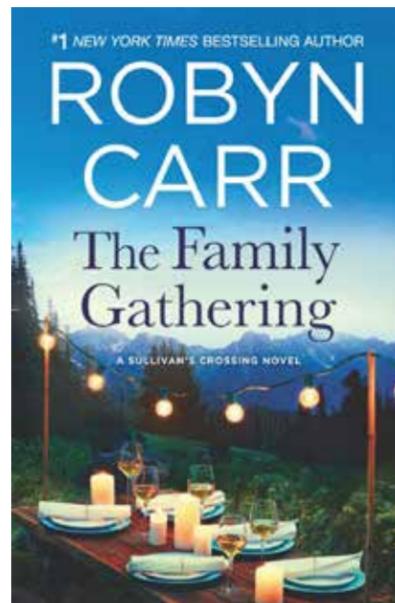
1636: Mission To the Mughals a new book by long established author Eric Flint and first time author Griffin Barber (FLI). This novel has a historic fiction fantasy theme and is an edition to Eric Flint's, **Ring of Fire Series**. There are over twenty



books in the series and critics claim that this is the best one so far. The story begins with a princess, her emperor, their soldiers and spies, everything in an ancient Empire to perplex and intrigue a small band of West Virginian accidental cosmic time travelers. A Cast of Characters in the back of the book makes it easier to follow.

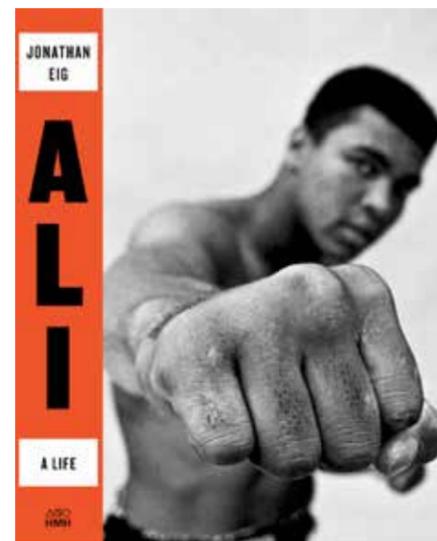
The Family Gathering is the newest novel in bestselling author Robyn Carr's, **Sullivan's Crossing Series** (CAR). This edition focuses on family life in a small town as adult siblings reunite to share the joys of a special wedding. An insightful quote or proverb begins every chapter. The first chapter's anonymous quote is, "In our family, we don't hide crazy... we put it on the front porch and give it a cocktail." Sharing love and support for those we care for the most is the overall heartwarming theme.

Author Jonathan Eig in **Ali: A Life**, (BIO ALI) provides a masterful biography of Muhammad Ali. Eig includes the familiar stories and details but gets into the nitty-gritty of his involvement with the Nation



of Islam, his marital relationships, financial problems and his decline in the ring. Eig turns over many stones, even having researchers watch every one of Ali's recorded fights to count the punches.

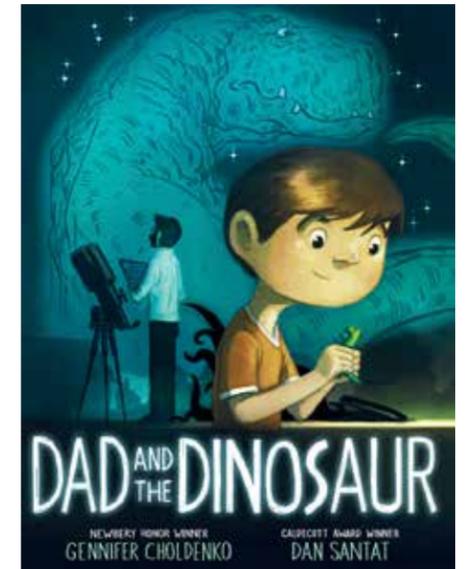
How to Fix the Future by Andrew Keen (Science, Keen) is a thought provoking look into the future. 21st century technology's role in forming our forthcoming future cannot be disputed; the pros and cons are open to interpretation. Keen calls for specific, cross-discipline, collaborative strategies for enriching the future of humanity. Competitive innovation, consumer



choice, education and community responsibility are key points used to illustrate the possibility of success for our ever changing culture. Keen's arguments are that our reality can be far superior to the promises of virtual reality.

Sarah Michelle Gellar and Gia Russo have fun in **Stirring Up Fun**

with Food (Cookbooks, Gellar). Sarah, as a mother, desired to have her kids really enjoy eating and, in the process, learned to get her kids to be adventurous with their choices. She takes cooking and baking and enjoying food into the realm of what she calls food crafting, which is taking basic food preparation and elevating it to a level that is both fun and creative, e.g. why cut brownies into squares? Put them on a stick and decorate them. Why not fold broccoli spears into a yummy cheesy muffin? There are 115 family-friendly, easy food-crafting recipes organized by month, with recipes for every occasion.



For ages 5 to 8, **Dad and the Dinosaur** by Newbery Honor Winner, Gennifer Choldenko, and illustrated by Caldecott Award Winner, Dan Santat (JE CHO) interweaves the themes of bravery and fear amidst the setting of a strong father-son relationship. The attractive full-page illustrations make this an inspiring book as well as a quick-moving narrative for reading aloud.

The lighthearted story in **Goldilocks and the Just Right Potty** by Leigh Hodgkinson (JE HOD) enables parents and their little one to feel ready to tackle toilet training. The textured, mixed-media illustrations picture Goldilocks as a towheaded tot with an independent mind accompanied by stars and rainbows in patterned pictures giving nods to the classic Goldilocks tale. The back endpapers have the actual three bears making a spirited welcome.

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	Low	11:44 PM	1.5			
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5. Pick up after pets.
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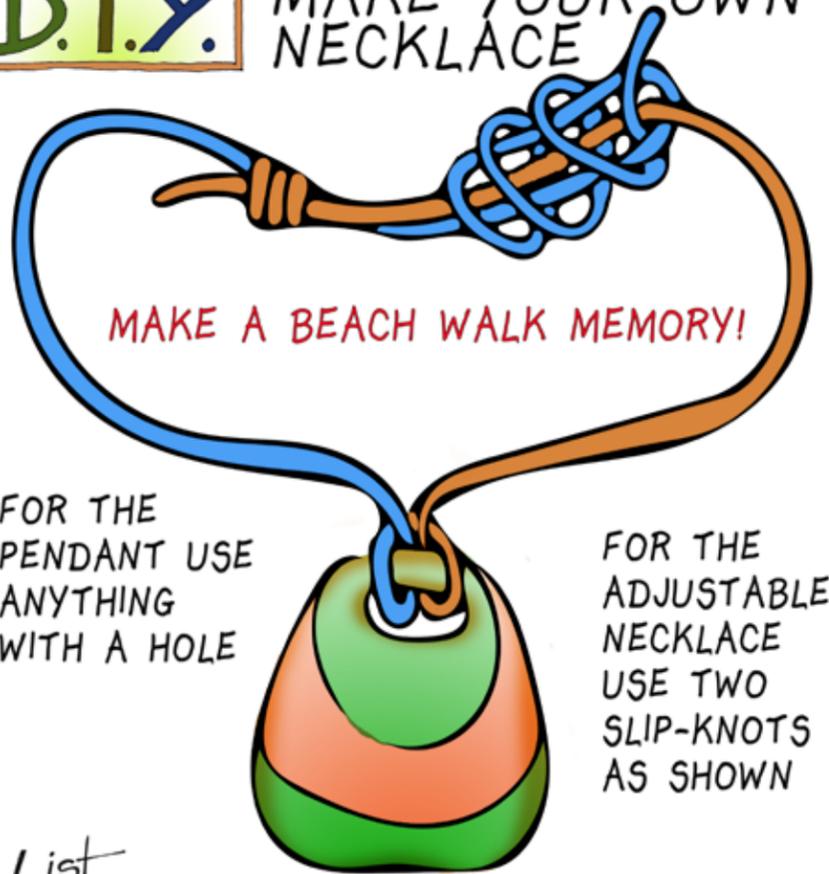
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answer

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Answer

3	9	7	4	5	8	1	6	2
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1. Direct;
2. Weapon;
3. Score;
4. Barrage

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Beach Happenings

School's Back in Session



Families escort their students to their classrooms on the first day of school.

Last Friday, August 10, marked the first day for students in Lee County Public Schools. Estero Blvd. drivers may have noticed the presence of Fire District vehicles and staff warning drivers to slow down in the school zone near the library. New Principal Karen Manzi welcomed families as they walked students to their classrooms. The Parent Teacher Organization was also on hand, inviting parents to join the PTO and seeking volunteers to help with after-school programs. The PTO also sponsored a "BooHoo to Yahoo!" gathering in the media center for kindergarten parents dropping their child at school for the very first time.



Kindergarten parents are welcomed to "BooHoo to Yahoo!" by PTO President Shannon Orlandini at the school. Photos by M. Layfield.

Spirit of '45 Shines



The Color Guard of Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District presents colors during the National Anthem.

The Spirit of '45 shone brightly on Sunday, August 12 as the Lee County tribute took place at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort. Spirit of '45 is observed on the second weekend in August, coinciding with August 14, 1945, the day President Truman announced that World War II was over. It honors World War II veterans and the generation that came home and set about building a better future for Americans, allies and even former enemies. The United States Congress passed a Resolution establishing a Spirit of '45 Day in 2010.

Over 100 World War II veterans participated in the Lee County event, organized by Eryka Aptaker for the eighth year. She told the crowd of over 350 people that after the number of vets attending dropped to around 80 in 2017, she wondered whether there would be a 2018 event. "But, I pulled out all the stops, contacted everyone I know in the media and got some great newspaper coverage, that helped me find even more World War II veterans in Lee County. This year we have 101 World War II vets and 150 vets of the Greatest Generation."

The tribute included an Honor Guard, POW/MIA Service, Wreath Ceremony, Guns N' Hoses Pipes N' Drums performance, Echo Taps and more.



Navy veteran Fame Academia salutes while Guns N' Hoses Pipes N' Drums play the Navy anthem as part of an Armed Forces Medley.



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Mile 22

[PG-13] 3:00 4:30 6:00 8:45

An elite American intelligence officer, aided by a top-secret tactical command unit, tries to smuggle a mysterious police officer with sensitive information out of the country.

Starring: Mark Wahlberg and Lauren Cohan



Crazy Rich Asians

[PG-13] 2:45 5:45 8:30

This contemporary romantic comedy, based on a global best-seller, follows native New Yorker Rachel Chu to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family.

Starring: Constance Wu and Henry Golding



Mission: Impossible - Fallout

[PG-13] 2:30 5:30 8:30

The best intentions often come back to haunt you. MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT finds Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team (Alec Baldwin, Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames) along with some familiar allies in a race against time after a mission gone wrong.

Starring: Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin and Simon Pegg



The Meg

[PG-13] 2:00 6:45 9:00

After escaping an attack by what he claims was a 70-foot shark, Jonas Taylor must confront his fears to save those trapped in a sunken submersible.

Starring: Jason Statham

Ticket Prices: - Matinee - \$9.50 (\$11.50 3D) - Adult - \$12.00 (\$13.00 3D) - Senior (65) & Child (12 and under- \$9.50 (\$11.50 3D)

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WHO'S PLAYING WHERE ON AND AROUND THE BEACH

CLUB	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
BEACHED WHALE 1249 Estero Blvd 463-5505	STEVE FARST 6-9PM	BOBBY BLAKEY 6-9PM	TOMMY V 6-9PM			ROGER YOUNG 6-9PM	TYLER KLUSNER 6-9PM
CASTAWAYS Santini Marina Plaza 463-4644	WAYWARD SOULS 8-MIDNIGHT	ROCKER 8-MIDNIGHT					ELECTRIC LIPSTICK 8-MIDNIGHT
COTTAGE Gulfshore Grill 765-5440	TROUBLEMAKERS 9PM-1AM	BAD BANDITOS 9-1AM	TROUBLEMAKERS 9-1PM	3 CROOKED STEPS 9PM-1AM	BAD BANDITOS 9PM-1AM	STEVE FARST BAND 9PM-1AM	THE NEW VINYLs 9PM-1AM
DIXIE FISH CO. 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	SAM DeORMOND 5:30PM
DOC FORDS 708 Fishermans Whf. 765-9660	HIGH VOLTAGE 6:30-9:30	KAPO KINGS 6:30PM	3 CROOKED STEPS 1-4PM			GIRL MEETS BOY 6:30-9:30PM	KAPO KINGS 6:30-9:30PM
MATANZAS on the BAY 414 Crescent 463-3838	DANIEL D 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 12-5PM MARY WINNER 5-9PM	DONNA LEE HOLMAN 12-5PM SAILOR LARRY 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 5-9PM	SAILOR LARRY 5-9PM	PETE BEARD 5-9PM	MARY WINNER 5-9PM
NAUTI PARROT 19001 San Carlos Blvd 314-5667	JENNY 1-5 CJ & FRIENDS 6-10PM	ROB BASSIST 1-5PM DVS DUO 6-9PM	CLIVE LIVE 1-5PM MIKE O'NEIL 5:30-9:30PM	BUBBA LOVE 5-9 MUSIC MOONDAYS 9-2AM	PETER TAYLOR 1-5PM FAWNY FROST 5:30PM	JEFF WHILBY 1-5PM DAVID ROJAS 5:30-9:30PM	SCOTTY BRYAN 1-5PM MOTOWN MAGIC 5:30-9:30PM
NERVOUS NELLIES 1131 1st St 463-8077	KEVON 6-10PM	KEVON 12-4pm SHAWN "HUSTLE" RUSSELL 6-10PM	SMOKIN BILL 12-4PM HIGH TIDE 6-10PM	JOE JOHNSON 6-10	SMOKIN BILL 6-10PM	MICHAEL ANTOINE 6-10PM	RaSHIMBA BLOOM 6-10PM
OUTRIGGER 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
PARROT KEY Salty Sam's Marina 463-3257		FRANK TORINO 7-10PM					FRANK TORINO 7-10PM
PETE'S TIME OUT Time Square 463-5900			DANIEL D 6-10PM	DAVE ROJAS 6-10PM	AARON SEYFFERTH 6-10PM	DAVE COLLATON 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 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
SALTY CRAB 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
SHARK BAR & GRILL 17979 San Carlos Blvd 313-6012	CLOSED	CLOSED	JOEL DISILVA BAND 5-9PM	COLLABORATION BAND 7-10PM			BRENDA'S KARAOKE 7-10PM
SOBs Old San Carlos Blvs 463-3474	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10PM	WILL KAISER 6-10	LEE HAGAN 6-10PM	WILL KAISER 6-10	ANTHONY WAYNE 6-10	FRANK THOMPSON 6-10	SHAWN RUSSELL 6-10
SUNSET BEACH FMB TIMES SQUARE 463-1028	BARRY LAWRENCE 8-12PM	CHRIS KEMP 1-5PM CLIVE LIVE 9PM	BARRY LAWRENCE 1-5PM		CLIVE LIVE 8PM		SHERVINO McCUEN 8-11PM

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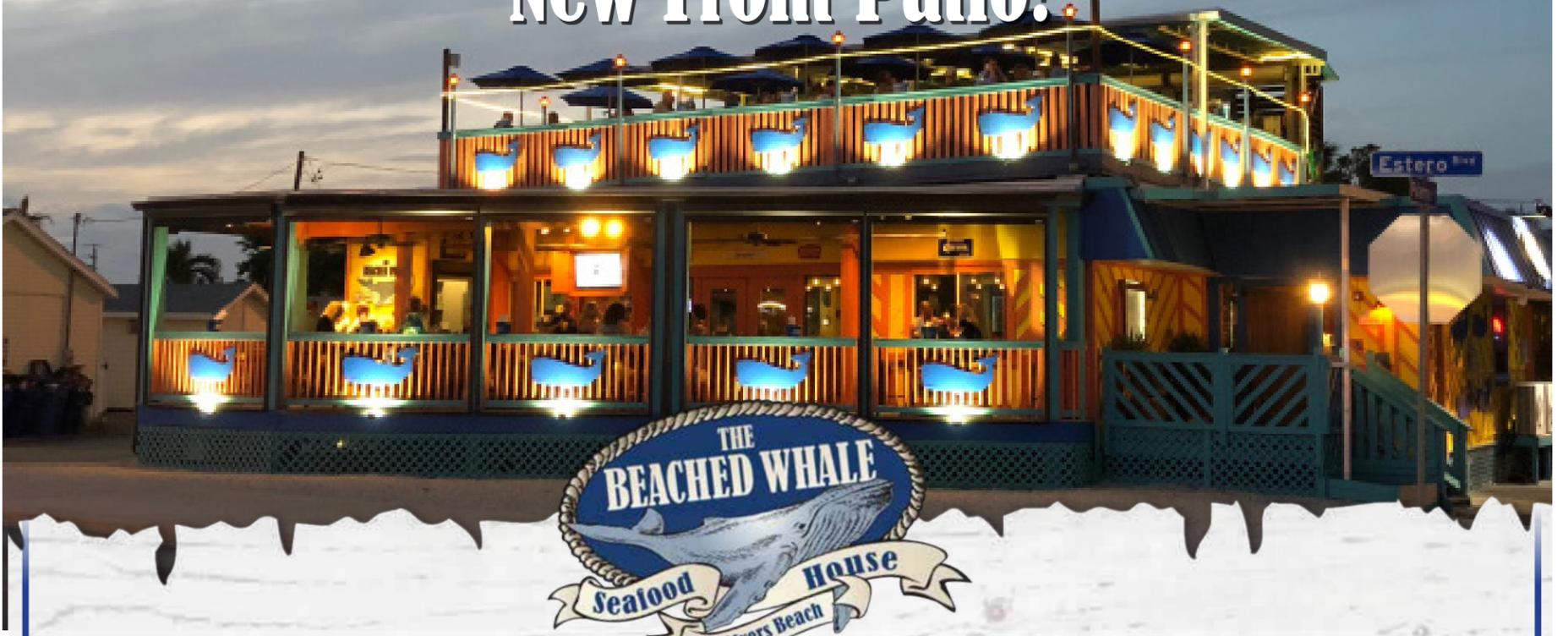
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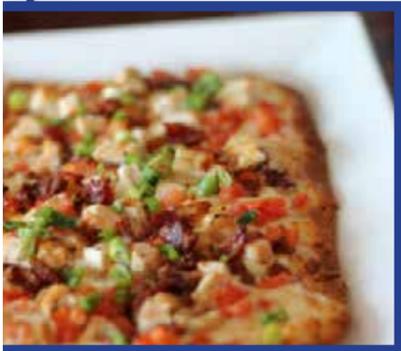
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