



Principal Karen Manzi Full-Fledged Member of Our Beach Family



New Beach Elementary Principal Karen Manzi, in the school courtyard.

By Gary Mooney
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“Every day, on my way to my former job at Orange River Elementary School, I would drive past the crossing guard for the Beach Elementary School and think, ‘I want to turn here,’” said Fort Myers Beach resident and new Beach Elementary School Principal Karen Manzi! “Now I do, and it is very cool and awesome!”

Ms. Manzi was born in Manhattan, the middle of three children and only girl of parents from Brooklyn. “When I was very young, we moved to New Jersey, but my folks were through with the snow and cold, so when I was 12-years-old, we relocated to Sarasota, and now they live in Tallahassee, so I have been a Florida girl ever since! I played sports in high school, as well as being a camp counselor and lifeguard, eventually earning a basketball scholarship to St. Leo University, north of Tampa, where I majored in Education. I quickly discovered that while I was tall in high school, I was short for college,

and gave up basketball after two years, focusing on my education. I always enjoyed working with children, so becoming a teacher seemed natural to me.”

Right after college, she came to this area, “to hang out with a friend for a weekend, and just happened to apply for a Kindergarten position at Sunshine Elementary School in Lehigh Acres – I didn’t even know where Lehigh Acres was, and remember, this was way before GPS – but somehow they hired me and I couldn’t believe it, and I have been with the Lee County School District ever since, for 31 years now!”

Ms. Manzi spent her teaching career at the Elementary level: “I taught every grade except for 1st, as I just love that age group, with 4th grade my favorite. About halfway through my career, I was ready for the administrative side, so I became Assistant Principal at Heights Elementary for one year, then was the Assistant at Franklin Park for the next decade. Following that, I said to myself, ‘I am ready,’ and became Principal at Orange River for five years, **Cont’d pg.23**

State Water Quality Agency Needed Now Three Algae Blooms

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“We usually begin our articles for ‘The Island Sand Paper’ by describing recent water quality conditions on a 1-to-10 scale,” said Rae Ann Wessel, the Natural Resources Policy Director for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF). “I can’t do that anymore, as that is too simplistic for such a complicated problem. We now have an algae bloom feeding off the nutrients in dead fish, so this is no longer a straight-line situation like in the beginning, when we simply traced the Blue-Green Algae coverage on Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee River. This now impacts our health and local economy, so all the layers are intense.”

Wessel put these impacts into real numbers: “Over 80 species of marine life washed up dead on our beaches, with more than 408 tons of material removed from Sanibel alone, at a cost of \$1.1 million through August 21, and at least \$4 million more lost to our local economy through July. To give that waste tonnage a reference point to which people can relate, that is removing the equivalent of 408 dead African elephants!”

The United States Army

Corps of Engineers announced last week it was increasing Lake Okeechobee releases into the Caloosahatchee River, because the Lake’s continued high level is a risk to the aged Herbert Hoover Dike. “Releases went up close to another 1,000 cubic-feet-per-second (CFS), from 3,400 CFS to almost 4,300 CFS, and will remain there for at least the next week, so we are now at roughly one-and-one-half-times over the high flow harmful threshold. I am not sure if it really even matters anymore, as the system is already so overwhelmed, between the Blue-Green Algae and Red Tide, and now this new bloom feeding off dead fish, with all of these things compounding on top of one-another. We are so far past the tipping point, that all these new releases are doing is just piling on top of what already exists. Our SCCF Marine Lab recently serviced one of our water sensors and they had to go through three layers of muck to reach it 45 feet under the water. Once there, they found so much Hydrogen Sulfide that when they touched a Brittle Star, it disintegrated in their fingers.”

NO NEW MAGICAL PLACES

Making matters potentially even worse is Hurricane Season, **Cont’d pg.10**

Hercules Dock Trial

Testimony Offered at Administrative Hearing

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In 2015, the Town of Fort Myers Beach tore down the long-time Hercules Drive neighborhood dock due to safety concerns, drawing protests from most street residents. The dock was located on a Town-owned, public bay access. Town Council later approved a replacement dock for Hercules Drive. The two neighbors whose property is adjacent to the dock, however, brought legal action against the Town and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to halt its reconstruction, stating it would be

a navigational hazard, resulting in a nearly six-hour Division of Administrative Hearing in Council Chambers before Administrative Law Judge D. R. Alexander on Thursday, August 23.

The two Hercules neighbors who brought the action, Allen and Cynthia Shanosky along with Michael Steck, offered Town Council a settlement, agreeing to drop their litigation if the Town would reduce the proposed rebuilt dock from 49 to 24 feet. Council considered this at its August 7, 2018 meeting, before a contingent of Hercules residents. Three neighbors addressed Council, all favoring the rejection **Cont’d pg.8**



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Letters to the Editor

WHY?

For 24 years I have felt fortunate to have found this Town that I call my Home.

But I now find myself in a quandary, WHY would Mr. Conidaris and Chris Patton, two long-time town residents, sue the town. Why? I have read long advertisements these past weeks telling specifically of Mr. Conidaris accomplishing wonderful things he and his wife did for children, their involvement in fundraising, for the welfare of people. Now he has turned around and is suing all of us, his neighbors, the families, the restaurant owners, the employees, all of us residents after being such a generous person years before. WHY?

Chris Patton, I understand is also a long time resident, so to have lived here for all these years MUST have feeling for this town since staying here that long, how can she hurt each of her neighbors, their families, the businesses by stopping a development that took 3 years to come this far to overcome the disaster of Charlie. Especially to wait to the last minute to tie it up in the courts and all the while the town languishes, hurting every one of us. WHY?

We have this problem of Red Tide and brown water, which is something that finds our businesses suffering along with their employees, hotels, and we residents. WHY would these two people do this? If You happen to read this letter, and plan to pursue this court case do you realize it could take months and years, this town can't survive under the circumstances you are causing. Please reconsider this. That decision will be a huge step forward to reenergize, restore, and revitalize the energy that TPI brought forth to the town and its excited residents. You Both would be long remembered for your change of course.

Ceel Spuhler
Fort Myers Beach

Editor's note: Patton, a town resident, is officially the one named as filing the lawsuit. Conidaris has published multiple ads encouraging legal action against the Town.

BEACH KIWANIS SUPPORTS CLEAN WATER

On Friday night Millennial Brewing Company in downtown Fort Myers held a fundraiser to benefit Captain's for Clean Water as well as some of the Fort Myers Beach businesses that have lost revenue due to the impact of the current environmental disaster that has plagued our waterways. The Kiwanis Club of Fort Myers Beach presented Captain Daniel Andrews, the Executive Director



Ed and Paula McCarthy from the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Club present Captain Daniel Andrews with a \$500 check.

for Captains of Clean Water a check for \$500.00 to show our support for their cause.

I asked Captain Andrews what their mission was and he stated they want to advance education, awareness and scientifically supported solutions to restore and protect marine ecosystems and our way of life for future generations. The Beach Kiwanis Club's mission states that we are a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Kiwanis club believes that both statements are supportive of each other and we are proud to help this worthy cause. Both organizations are non-partisan and believe that we should vote for solutions and not just party affiliation.

We ask readers to become part of the solution and step up and help save our water's by supporting or joining Captain's for Clean Water and the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Club by accessing the following websites: www.CAPTAINSFORCLEANWATER.ORG and www.fortmyersbeachkiwanisclub.org.

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Beach Botany by Jim Rodwell



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PINELAND GOLDEN TRUMPET

The Pineland Golden Trumpet, *Angadenia berteroi*, is a threatened plant that is endemic to Miami-Dade County and nowhere else in Florida. This species is an evergreen perennial that grows to a height of 3 feet. Leather like leaves are arranged in an opposite order along a single erect herbaceous stem that grows in the calcareous soils of a pine-rockland. Leaf shape is linear to oblong 1 to 2 inches in length. Margins are entire. Margins are also revolute or bent downward. *Berteroi* has a poisonous sappy toxin that can irritate the eyes.

Showy flowers have a corolla with five overlapping yellow petals. At the center of the corolla is a deep tunnel with red markings the lead to nectar glands. Sex organs are deep in the tunnel. Inflorescence is a cyme. Flowers are in groups of three. Corolla diameter is 1 to 1 1/2 inches. *Berteroi*'s fruit is a follicle. A dry pod that opens along one side. Blooming occurs year around.

Berteroi is a member of the Apocynaceae (Dogbane) family. It is also the only species classified in the genus *Angadenia*. The specimen in the picture was taken in the Everglades National Park.

Are you Ready? Behind the MNF Football Theme

By Bob Layfield
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For NFL football fans everywhere, the anthem and theme song for the Monday Night Football (MNF) broadcast was Hank Williams Jr's "Are You Ready for Some Football?" With the lyrics including "all my rowdy friends are coming over tonight," this song was a rallying cry for fans, viewers and those just interested in a party on Monday nights through the fall football season. Synonymous with the prime-time broadcast, the music video was recognized as the most famous in sports television.

The song dated back some 20 years before it disappeared from MNF in 2011. So what happened? ESPN and Williams apparently parted ways after Williams' public comparison of President Barack Obama to Hitler. This was after the criticism rolled in on the political incorrectness of Williams and his critical statement of a planned golf meeting between Obama and then-House speaker John Boehner in which he also referred to Obama, Vice-President Joe Biden and Boehner, as "the Three Stooges." ESPN released a statement that it was "extremely disappointed" in his comments.

In an attempt to duplicate the success of MNF's theme done by Williams, a series of artists were signed for the growing NFL Sunday Night Football broadcast. These included, among others, Country Music stars Faith Hill and then Carrie Underwood. After the 2011 firing of Williams, the MNF broadcast opened with a variety of artists and rock mix creations over the years. None measured up to bigger-than-

life, southern football persona and Williams' song.

Facing declining ratings and operating under the assumption that time heals all political incorrectness wounds, the NFL brought back Williams with fan-fare in the fall of 2017. Picking up where he left off six years before, Hank Jr. rocked the sports world again with a new arrangement including Country Singing Duo, Florida Georgia Line.



Photo courtesy of savingcountrymusic.com

Apparently not everyone was pleased with Williams's return, having long memories of his comments made years ago. But also apparent are a couple of things. First, ratings dictate advertising sales which drive network decisions these days. Secondly, no one should be surprised when interpretations of political correctness vary over time and with who sits in the White House.

So as the NFL season begins. Sit back, grab that cold beverage and a snack, relax, and consider this one aspect of a very popular sports and broadcast product – the musical score for Monday Night Football.

In the end, it is up to the football fans and MNF viewers to Make the Call.

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Letters to the Editor

WATER RESPONSIBILITY

I am responsible for our current water crisis.

Over the years, I have developed a personal psychology built around blame and denial. I have blamed governments, corporations, industries, and uncaring individuals for both creating our environmental challenges and refusing to fix them. At the same time, I have denied my own complicity. I have been largely inattentive to the science of climate change. I have frequently voted for elected officials without doing my own due diligence around their positions on environmental issues. I have purchased products from corporations that dump chemicals and nutrients in our waterways. I have not listened well or participated enough with our local clean water advocates. I have complained about algae blooms and red tide when they're visible, and have been silent when they're not. I have been too careless when fueling my boats. I have littered. I have used chemicals to kill weeds, and fertilizers to grow vegetation. I have more impervious surface area on my property that I need, and I have cringed at the extent and cost of our new stormwater drainage system. I have not taken enough care to prevent spills when staining and waterproofing my dock. And worst of all, I have always taken clean water for granted.

I am so sorry. I will try to do better.

Dan Hendrickson
Fort Myers Beach

SUPPORT ISLAND WORKERS

You do a great job in covering town issues. Here's one that is now critical. FMB is a tourist mecca and all the bad press regarding red tide and green algae is killing us. I understand that these are two major issues that may be linked and both require a resolution. I have lunch on the beach at least twice a week with friends. For the last week and a half the beach has been clear and the smell is out of the air. Local and County officials have been breaking their backs to get the beach back to normal and keep it clean.

We now have local and national media focusing on both red tide and green algae providing the perception that the beach is disgusting and a major problem. The result is that our restaurants and other beach establishments are suffering. At the bottom of this chain are the wait and service staff. They get paid less than minimum wage and rely on tips to pay for their families or school. Since this issue really hit the news these people are lucky if they bring in \$10-15 dollars in tips for a five hour shift. Many commute in from Cape Coral; their tips don't cover the cost for the commute to work.

We need to influence the electronic media to provide an accurate account for the appearance of the beach. I'm not saying that we shouldn't continue to work on a long term fix, but let's also focus on the work the

local authorities are doing so that visitors to the beach can enjoy their visits. This is no small task and they are doing exceptional work. We can't lose the people who make this a wonderful place to visit and live.

Pete Yeatman
Fort Myers Beach

Editor's note: Please see Around and About for info on the TipTheBill Challenge and Food Bank efforts to support employees of Island businesses effected by the Red Tide algal bloom. For the latest FWC Red Tide report, visit bit.ly/LeeRT

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?

Wouldn't it be a nicer world if both government and newspapers treated the public a little nicer? As an example of abuse, FMB town council members allow one person to build their house with deviations or variances, then another applicant to town may be denied their request for a certain size swimming pool, with councilors telling the homeowner they may still have a pool, just not as big as they wanted it to be. Why does society tolerate this type of arbitrary and capricious government?

As for your newspaper, the stories are usually fairly accurate, but your reporter totally made up a conclusion when he wrote on pg. 5 of the Aug. 24th issue that: "Council instructed the Town Manager to waive parking fees through Monday, Sept. 10th." That is totally fake and false news, since it was ONLY councilor Anita Cereceda who "requested" the town manager implement a waiver of parking fees, originally through the entire month of Sept., but the T. M suggested the waiver only be done till the next council meeting of Sept. 10th when the results may be reviewed. No "Motion" was made nor was any vote taken by council, not even a "consensus" type of action, this was one council member trying to get something done to help her own businesses near Times Square, which was a violation of Ethics Laws by Anita. Why don't you report on what action I am attempting to use to have her brought to justice?? You give your "favorite son", Jay Light a full half page to express one-sided view points on local people and businesses this paper doesn't especially like, but now I must wrap up this letter at under 300 words or you won't print it!

Leon Moyer
Fort Myers Beach

Editor's note: The draft minutes of Council's August 20 meeting indicate that Cereceda introduced the subject of affordability of free parking and Vice Mayor Shamp suggested waiving fees until September 10. Readers can view the free parking discussion at 3:53:00 of the meeting video at fmbgov.com.



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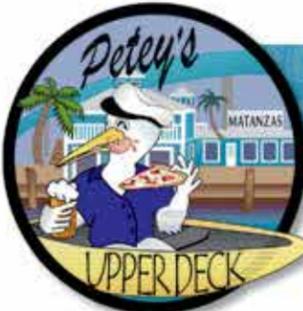
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By Missy Layfield
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In a primary election that inspired less than 30% of registered beach voters to cast a ballot, the slates for the November 6 General Election were set on Tuesday.

NATIONAL

For a Florida U.S. Senate seat, incumbent Bill Nelson (D) will face now-Governor Rick Scott (R). For Congressional District 19, incumbent Francis Rooney will face David Holden (D).

STATE

The race for Governor will see Ron DeSantis (R) facing Andrew Gillum (D). Lee County Democrats chose Philip Levine with 39.1% of the vote, but in statewide voting, Levine came in third behind Gillum and Gwen Graham. Otherwise, Lee County vote totals reflected statewide voting.

With Southwest Florida's eyes on agriculture with algae blooms and water quality in the news,

Matt Caldwell (R) handily took the Republican nomination for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture with 34.6% of the primary vote. The Democratic nominee is Nicole "Nikki" Fried who won her primary battle with 58.64% of the vote. Caldwell fared even better with Lee County voters, 47.4% of whom voted for him.

With Pam Bondi term-limited out of office, the Republican Florida Attorney General candidate will be Ashley Moody, who won statewide with 56.8%, facing Sean Shaw (D).

The District 20 State Attorney race has virtually been decided in the Republican primary after the ballot was closed when a write-in qualified. Amira Fox and Chris Crowley squared off in this week's primary, with Fox winning with 57% of the vote. Fox's name will appear on the November ballot with a blank line for the write-in. There were no Democratic candidates.

The race for Florida House District 76 will see incumbent Ray Rodrigues (R) facing David Bogner (D), who took the nom-

Election Results Florida Primary

ination with over 68% of the Democratic vote.

der will face John Bennett for Seat 5.

LEE COUNTY

The Lee County School Board has five single member districts plus 2 at-large districts. The District 6 at-large seat will be on the November ballot for Fort Myers Beach voters after none of the four candidates received over 50% of the vote. This non-partisan seat will be contested by Betsy Vaughn and Nicholas Alexander, who received 29.25% and 26.96% of the vote.

County Commission District 2, a race that was not on the primary ballot and one which all county voters may vote for, will see incumbent Cecil Pendergrass (R) facing Bill Taylor (No Party Affiliation) in November. District 4 incumbent Brian Hamman (R) won reelection unopposed.

FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE DISTRICT

There are three seats up for November election on the five-member Board of Fire Commissioners. The race for Seat 1 will include incumbent Robert (Bob) Raymond facing two challengers, Forrest Critser and Bill Santomas. Seat 3 candidates include incumbent Carol Morris and challenger Jacki Lyszak. Incumbent Theodore (Ted) Schin-

FORT MYERS BEACH LIBRARY DISTRICT

Four seats were filled on the Library Board in June after a single candidate qualified for each seat. Seats 1 and 3 will continue to be filled by incumbents Edward Scott and George Ballantyne. Seats 2 and 4 will bring newcomers Jan Fleming and Erik LaFave to the board.

FORT MYERS BEACH MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

Seat 1 on the Mosquito Control Board will continue to be filled by Henry Rothenberg after he was the only candidate that qualified in June.

FORT MYERS BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

Council elections will NOT be held in November. Seats 1 & 2, currently filled by Dennis Boback and Tracey Gore, will be filled in a March 5, 2019 election. Interested potential candidates should pick up Election Information at Town Hall or at fmbgov.com under Departments > Town Clerk. The deadline to submit all required forms and documents is noon, January 18, 2019. They may be submitted as early as December 31, 2018.

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Hercules Dock Trial Testimony Offered at Administrative Hearing, Cont'd from pg.1



Google Earth view of Hercules Drive dock prior to demolition.

of the settlement. Council member Anita Cereceda proposed a 44-foot counter-offer and asked for a show-of-hands, but no one agreed. Council then rejected the settlement 4 - 0, with Mayor Tracey Gore absent, leading to the August 23 Administrative Hearing. Attorney Ralf Brookes represented the Shanosky's and Steck, Carson Zimmer the DEP, and Town Attorney John Turner Fort Myers Beach before roughly 30 people.

THE LITIGANTS

Michael Steck of 190 Hercules Drive, who owns the property to the south of the dock, testified that he resides in Illinois, as well as spending two to three weeks-a-year at his Fort Myers Beach home, where he sometimes keeps his 44-foot-long, 30-foot-wide trimaran with a 27-horse-power motor he purchased in roughly 2004. He described its docking when the 49-foot-long pier was in place as "nerve-wracking." Brookes asked if he received the notice from the Town about the May 24, 2017 Public Meeting it hosted to preview the dock reconstruction with the

Hercules Drive neighborhood, with Steck saying he did not, most likely because the May 22 mailing notice did not reach him in Illinois in time; he only learned details when the Shanosky's informed him of the project.

Zimmer asked Steck if the original 49-foot dock was in place when he purchased his trimaran and he said it was. Zimmer inquired if he ever suffered any docking collisions when the pier previously existed and Steck replied he did not.

Cynthia Shanosky of 177 Hercules, the property adjacent to the north of the dock, testified that she and her husband Allen did not learn about the proposed new pier or the May 24 meeting until June 17, when the notice reached their New Jersey home, when they contacted the DEP for details, including information on how to file for a navigational hazard Administrative Hearing, after which they contacted Mr. Steck. She stated they bought their home in 1999, and the original dock was smaller at that time, but additions over the following years resulted in it eventually becoming 49 feet

long. That made their boat docking more difficult, resulting in almost a 90-degree angle, leading to one accident that cracked their hull. "If the pier were shorter, it would not be that much of a problem; we have no objection to a shorter dock."

Allen Shanosky described the docking of their boat as extremely challenging if not outright dangerous with the longer original pier, but with it not there, they can go straight in-and-out. When the 49-foot pier was in place, a strong tide required a severe approach angle. Since he and his wife are now becoming fulltime Fort Myers Beach residents, and they have teenage children who may pilot the boat, they prefer no dock, though 24 or less feet would be acceptable. Zimmer asked why the Shanosky's did not protest when the original dock grew in length over the years to its eventual 49 feet, and he stated they were trying to be good neighbors. He guessed the original pier eventually reached its 49-foot length roughly eight years ago, and the collision that resulted in the hull crack was 4 years ago. Judge Alexander asked, for clarification, if there was a Hercules dock in place when the Shanosky's purchased their home in 1999, and Mr. Shanosky replied there was.

KINCAID & CAMPBELL

The Town called as a professional expert Mark Kincaid, who is an engineer for Coastal Engineering Incorporated with 33 years' experience. The Town hired Coastal Engineering to design the new Hercules Dock. He testified that he designs roughly 20 to 30 similar projects for small piers and docks

annually. Kincaid stated there has been a Hercules Drive dock from at least 1944 until its 2015 removal, and it reached its maximum length of 49 feet sometime between 1999 and 2002. The waterway in this area is over 700-feet wide from the end of the proposed pier, with a marked channel of over 300 feet, with the entries to the Shanosky and Steck docks meeting or exceeding industry standards, as well as the State of Florida Code, the Town's Land Development Code, and DEP setback requirements, meaning the proposed new 49-foot replacement dock will pose no hazard to navigation for the channel or the Shanosky and Steck docks. Zimmer clarified that the proposed pier would substantially be in the same location as the original structure, and Kincaid said that would be the case.

Ms. Marti Campbell, of 100 Hercules Drive, testified for roughly 30 Hercules neighbors, stating that other than the two litigants, all other residents had signed petitions to restore the original 49-foot pier. Brookes asked if the neighbors could not get just as much enjoyment from a 24-foot dock as from a 49-foot one, but Campbell felt a shorter structure would defeat the purpose of having any dock at all.

Campbell was the final witness; following her testimony, Judge Alexander stated that it would be roughly three to four weeks to complete the hearing transcript, then he will allow 30 days for each of the three attorneys to file their written opinions, and he will then make his determination in roughly 60 days.

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LABOR DAY

On Monday, we'll celebrate Labor Day, a day officially designated to recognize the contributions that American workers have made to America's growth, prosperity and strength.

Realistically, it's the "end of summer" and a three-day weekend for most people, except store clerks as it's also a huge shopping day.

For us here on Fort Myers Beach, we would like to focus on those who labor right here on our Island. The housekeepers, hosts, servers, cooks and dishwashers. The taxi drivers, bussers, bar backs and bartenders. The fishing captains, pirates, tour guides and clerks.

These are the people who work hard day after day making Fort Myers Beach the tourist destination that it is. They are the reason people come back here year after year for their vacation, because they've had a good time while here. That only happens with great, hard-working Island employees.

Right now, five weeks into our Red Tide crisis, it's those people who are hurting the most. Tourists are in short supply. Hours and some jobs have been cut, income is down. Rent is late. Bank accounts are dwindling. Some of our Island employees are having a really hard time. We know beach businesses are doing what they can to support their employees, but money is tight all over the beach right now.

There are a number of programs designed to help our workforce weather this crisis. #TipTheBill to boost tips, Harry Chapin Food Bank and Choice Market for grocery help and the SWFL Cares Fund by the SWFL Community Foundation. Sadly it won't be enough for some workers.

We fervently hope that the slight improvement noted in Red Tide along Lee County's coast this week by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, is a sign that we've maybe turned the corner on this bloom and its awful effects. They use a map with colored dots to indicate Red Tide and we've had red dots all over our coastline for weeks. This week, there are some yellow dots mixed in. Improvement!

The one thing that has become clear during this crisis: It's not just an environmental crisis, it's political also. We've seen those tasked with protecting our environment and health play hot potato with some hard questions about safety and public health. We deserve better. We deserve answers about air and sand quality, answers about the long term effects of algae exposure. We've been inhaling Red Tide for a month, nobody seems to know what that might do to a body.

Here in our corner of paradise, water quality equals tourism. Take it away and tourism goes with it. Our Island economy is a classic example of that.

A year ago Hurricane Irma blew through town, knocking power and businesses offline for a few days. Our community pulled together and rebounded quickly. This Red Tide has had a much worse impact on our businesses and employees. Yet both businesses and the Island workforce are trying to make the best of it.

We encourage Islanders to patronize Island businesses. Tip the bill, or 50% or 30%, whatever you can afford. Eat out often. Do your holiday shopping this Labor Day weekend at Island stores. If you can help our workforce, please, please do so now.

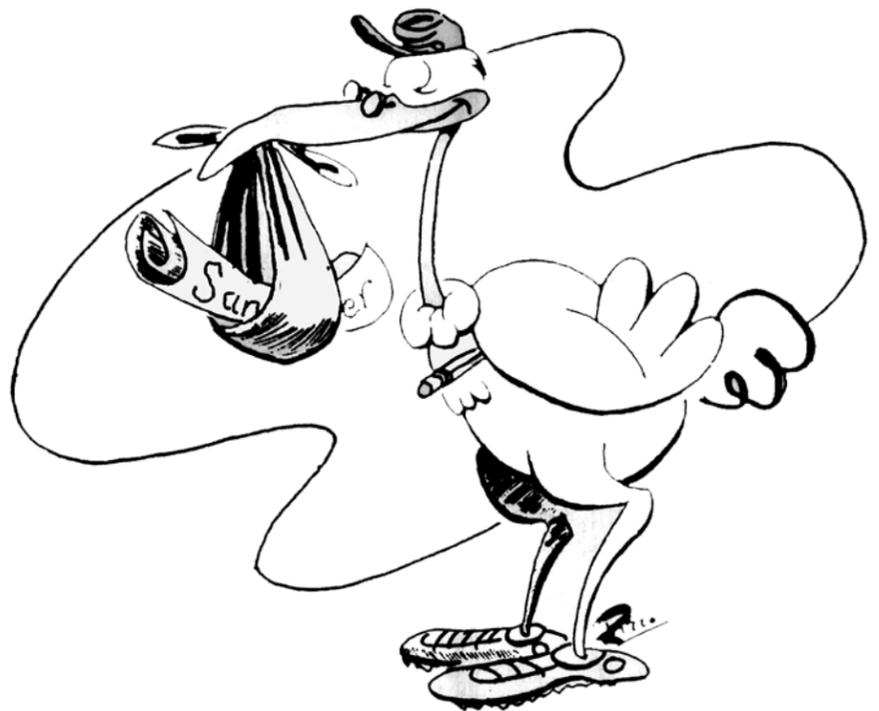
And as you decide who to vote for this November, ask where candidates stand on fixing our water quality problem, not just this year, but for the future. Anyone else notice how few candidates made appearances in Lee County this primary season? Not many photo ops next to our dead turtles or Cape Coral's green slime canals were there?

Remember our beach employees and businesses when you hear how eliminating environmental regulations helps businesses to grow and prosper. Not much growth and prosperity on Fort Myers Beach right now, is there?

While the State of Florida dawdles, our U.S. Senators have stepped up this week. Republican Marco Rubio and Democrat Bill Nelson jointly introduced legislation that calls for the already existing federal Interagency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) to assess the causes and effects of HABs in Lake O and our south and southwestern coastline to determine the federal resources that might help and then set up an Action Plan with the state and stakeholders to learn how these HABs develop and how we might prevent them.

Somebody is listening. Thank you, Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio!

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State Water Quality Agency Needed Now Three Algae Blooms, Cont'd from pg.1



View of beach at Lynn Hall Park showing water discoloration on Monday, August 27, 2018.
Photo by M. Layfield.

dormant throughout August, is showing signs of activity, as our area nears the peak date of September 10 that will mark the 1st anniversary of Hurricane Irma. "If a hurricane or even a large rain event strikes, it will be more of the same," Wessel explained, "as nothing has changed; there are no new magical places to store water nor any new agreements made by the state, even though we asked them to look into instituting emergency measures, with their only response being that they are already doing everything they can. Remember that a hurricane or large storm does not need to strike Southwest Florida to devastate our region, because the entire state drains north-to-south, into Lake Okeechobee, so if Tallahassee or Orlando gets hit, that water ultimately get released from the Lake and flows down the Caloosahatchee, because we are the biggest

drain. Decisions like this are what leadership is all about, where you identify the problem, identify the solution, then make a plan and implement it. This exactly what is not happening in Florida with water quality. We know the problem; we know the solution; what we lack is the political will to put the plan into action!"

A major concern for Wessel is that, while there is a great deal of water quality testing, no one monitors air conditions. "I recently posted that question on-line, as technically the Department of Environmental Protection should do that, specifically for Red Tide and Blue-Green Algae toxins, but no one is, along with taking any responsibility to post associated health warnings, and that again comes back to the complete lack of leadership, as the state would rather bury its head in the beach sand, by saying it is not an issue! Current Florida leadership tells you that to be 'Business Friendly,' they must roll back environmental regulations, because those are bad for business. If you really think rolling back environmental regulations is 'Business Friendly,' ask your local bars and restaurants and resorts and Chambers of Commerce how that is working out, as from my point-of-view, all we are getting from that philosophy is a Big Goose Egg! I know people today hate government, but the most fundamental role of government is to protect our health and welfare."

LOW-HANGING FRUIT

Now that the August Primary is over, the race for Governor pits Andrew Gillum verses Ron DeSantis, with Matt Caldwell against Nikki Fried for Agriculture Commissioner. "Our environment and water quality is a huge issue, all across Florida," Wessel stressed. "Now that we have our General Election candidates, it is incumbent upon people to ask them in-depth about our water conditions, as well as those effects on our state economy, as clean water and successful business are one-and-the-same, not to mention the importance for our health and welfare, as our lives should matter to them. Ask specific questions and demand complete answers over what their plans will be and what actions they will take to halt this crisis, as we need leadership to stop this or it will get worse. Any candidate who does not support responsible changes and appropriate regulations to ensure your public health should not earn your vote."

She believes the successful candidates have two low-hanging-fruit options that they can almost immediately implement. "The first is so simple, it is hard to believe it doesn't already exist - a single state

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agency responsible for water quality! Today, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services regulates agriculture and golf course, with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and Department of Health sort-of overseeing our health and beaches. The huge Missing Link is that no agency is handling the Blue-Green Algae threat, so we need one department to umbrella all these important responsibilities, to set and enforce the appropriate standards over Blue-Green Algae and cyanobacteria, including simple, common-sense things like when to post advisories. More importantly, however, that agency must implement a series of solutions, as we are already well-aware of the problem, and that is the level of nutrients we allow into our public waters."

The second is to set cyanobacteria standards, "and this should be so easy," Wessel stressed! "Twenty-two other states already have established guidelines, so this is not even a problem; all we have to do is to copy what is already successfully working out there, as this is a national and even global issue. It is inconceivable and unacceptable that Florida, with the largest coastline of any state in the lower 48, does not have cyanobacteria standards, considering the frequency of our blooms. Anyone who saw the movie, 'The Toxic Puzzle,' a few weeks ago at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, knows how incredibly harmful these toxins can be, yet our leadership seems to have no sense of that, without any clear lines of responsibility over our beaches and shoreline and boating access points."

HE IS US

Wessel pointed out a recent example: "Two weeks ago, I heard an official from the Florida Department of Health state that Blue-Green Algae is not a harmful toxin, and that cannot be more completely false, as I and thousands of other Floridians have already personally experienced its negative health effects, as you can only attribute these things to the algae, so this is something our residents should not take lightly. When you know the science and read the educational papers, then you hear that, there is no basis nor justification for that comment, as it is misleading and dangerous."

When reflecting on any favorable environmental news, Wessel took an exceedingly long pause. "I am by nature a 'glass-is-half-full' person, so it shouldn't be this hard to find something," she finally said with a nervous laugh. "Perhaps the one good aspect of being at 'Ground Zero' like we are, is that we are experiencing many new and innovative ways to treat Red

Tide and the cyanobacteria, like boom and foam manufacturers, to address these issues like we would an oil spill, but these will all take time, to even determine if they work. The real solution, however, is we must rein in the nutrients we allow into our public waterways; as I've said many times previously, 'if you find yourself in a hole, quit digging!' We know the nutrient source, so we just have to be really honest about that, take the appropriate actions, and change how we do things. This will not make everything better overnight, as that will take years, but we must start today. As they often say in the 'Pogo' comic strip, appropriately located in a swamp, 'we have met the enemy, and he is us!'"



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Do You Believe In Miracles? Last Weekend Decides Season

By Gary Mooney
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The Fort Myers Miracle, the Single A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins and defending 2017 Florida State League (FSL) South Division 2nd Half champions, are tied for 1st Place with the Charlotte Stone Crabs of the Tampa Bay organization for the 2018 2nd Half title. As such, they are trying to live up to Al Michael's famous call from the 1980 United States Winter Olympics Hockey Team, to reach the Playoffs heading into the season's final weekend.

Fort Myers is trying to cap off a rags-to-riches, worst-to-first 2018 comeback, as they finished tied for last place in the South Division's 1st half, with a 28 - 40 record. Their 2nd half turnaround corresponded with the call-ups of several key players from the Twins Low A team in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, principally baseball's #1 overall 2017 draft pick in 19-year-old short-stop Royce Lewis, and the Twins 2016 #1 selection, 20-year-old rightfielder Alex Kirilloff. Neither had anything left to prove at Cedar Rapids, with Lewis hitting .315 with 9 home runs, 53 RBI,



Highly ranked 20-year-old starting pitcher Brusdar Graterol regularly throws over 100-miles-per-hour.

and 22 stolen bases. Kirilloff was even better, batting .333 with 13 home runs and 56 RBI.

Upon their Fort Myers arrival, the Miracle took off, eventually leading the South Division over Charlotte by a half-game as late as August 17. A team-wide slump, however, that oddly enough began the game after the Miracle scored a dozen runs in a 13 to 12 defeat on August 14, led them to fall 2-1/2 games behind, before a series of low-scoring, one-run home wins brought them back to even on August 30. In that 14-game stretch, the Miracle scored 3 runs or less in 11 contests, yet still win 8 games due to their extraordinary pitching. The slump affected everyone except for Kirilloff, who had hits in 27 of 28 games to raise

his average from .289 to .364, with 5 home runs and 42 RBI, as well as outfielder Taylor Grzelakowski, who is among the FSL's season-long batting leaders at .298. The downturn hurt Lewis worst, going 5 for 52, to see his average crater from .328 to .257; it is safe to assume this is his first-ever slump of such magnitude in his young storybook career! Despite this, Lewis still has 5 home runs, 21 RBI, and 6 stolen bases.

Another mid-season call-up who significantly improved the Miracle is 20-year-old Brusdar Graterol, baseball's 46th-ranked prospect, who throws up to 101-miles-per-hour and has not lost since July 14, making it exceedingly rare for one Single A team to have 3 of baseball's

Kathy Nesbit 1936 - 2018

Katherine (Kathy) Regina Nesbit of Fort Myers Beach, Florida lost her battle with cancer and passed away in her sleep on August 28, 2018, at the age of 82. A devoted and loving mother of two and cherished grandmother of five, Kathy will be remembered fondly by her family, friends and neighbors, and by thousands of travelers to our island who she greeted as friends for nearly 45 years.



Throughout a bout with cancer in 1996 and again this past year, her focus was always God, family and business. She was a faithful member of the McGregor Baptist Church in Fort Myers.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Nesbit (Keith) Joreski; her son, Jeffrey S. (Carmen) Nesbit; her five grandchildren, Justin Nesbit, Kyle Nesbit, Tanner Nesbit, Joel Joreski and Kristen Joreski; her brother, Robert Young; and her former husband, Jon Nesbit. Katherine was born on March 18, 1936 in Tennessee to Emiel and Anna Young.

Kathy left behind many friends, neighbors and business associates who adored her and remember how, as a true, well-brought-up southern belle, she would never leave the house without makeup or the appropriate outfit. She was always so beautifully turned out that many islanders dubbed her the "Mayor of Fort Myers Beach" long before we were a Town because she always looked the part. She got a big kick out of that.

Kathy owned and ran a successful real estate/vacation rental business, Nesbit Real Estate, Inc. and Kathy Nesbit Vacations, Inc. on Fort Myers Beach for over 42 years. She was President of the Board of Realtors for Fort Myers Beach twice and District Vice President for the Florida Association of Realtors in 1989. She was also Realtor of the Year several times. Her love of Fort Myers Beach made her a life-long advocate for the island. She was the first female member of the Beach Kiwanis Club and was the President of the Beach Voters Association for four years.

Known for personally welcoming vacationers, Kathy extended her gracious welcome to newlyweds, then their children, then their grandchildren, until her name became entwined with generations of happy memories of family Beach vacations.

A gathering to pay your respects will be held Friday, August 31, 2018, between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm at Hodges Funeral Home, 12777 State Road 82, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. The funeral will be held Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 11:00 am at McGregor Baptist Church, 3750 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 34966. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to McGregor Baptist Church.

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top 50 prospects at one time. Graterol, Lewis, and Kirilloff enhanced a Miracle squad that already featured FSL All-Stars Grzelakowski and infielder Travis Blankenhorn.

SEASON'S FINAL WEEKEND

This weekend's games will decide the Miracle's post season fate. This final weekend's schedule for Fort Myers and Charlotte is a mixed bag. The Miracle host the Clearwater Threshers from Friday, August 31, through Sunday, September 2, as that squad leads the FSL's North Division with the league's best record of 43 - 22. Conversely, the Stone Crabs play the Florida Fire Frogs, who have the FSL's 2nd worst record at 21 - 39, but in a 4-game matchup, with a doubleheader on August 31, then single games on September 1 & 2.

The Miracle on August 31 features the year's final "Fireworks Friday"; Saturday, September 1, is "Bark in The Park," where you can bring your four-legged friend for free, and Giveaway Saturday, with the first 1,000 fans receiving a Byron Buxton Bobblehead; and Sunday, September 2, 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. Friday starts at 7 p.m., Saturday 6 p.m., and Sunday at Noon. 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.

Should the Miracle win the 2nd half, they will meet the South Division's 1st half champ, the Palm Beach Cardinals, the St. Louis affiliate, in a best-of-3 series, most likely beginning at Hammond Stadium on Tuesday, September 4, at 7 p.m., with the remaining contests at Palm Beach. That winner then takes on the North Division victor in a best-of-5 matchup beginning Friday, September 7.

GCL TWINS RECAP

In related Minnesota minor league news, the Gulf Coast Twins, the rookie-level minor league squad that plays its games on the back fields of the CenturyLink Sports Complex, came agonizingly close but ultimately fell short in defending their 2017 Gulf Coast League (GCL) South Division championship. GCL teams operate out of Florida, forming along with the Arizona League, professional baseball's lowest rung, playing at the Spring Training complexes of their parent Major League teams. Their rosters are made up of first-year players select-

ed during the annual June Major League Baseball draft, along with free agent signees, and play a 60-game season, minus rainouts, from June 18 to August 25. While the GCL teams want to win, the emphasis at this level is on skill development rather than competitive play, with each squad having a 30-man roster.

In the GCL's tightest race among its four divisions, the Twins at 32 - 24 finished in 3rd place, 1-1/2 games behind the crosstown champion Red Sox and a half-game behind Char-

lotte County's GCL Rays. They were competitive all season but lost 5 of 6 games heading into the last week, dooming their chances. Since the Twins failed to reach the playoffs, they continue their dubious streak of having never won a GCL overall title since joining the league in 1989. Unfortunately for the Red Sox, they lost a heartbreaking 3 to 2 one-game playoff against the GCL Tigers in 11 innings, with the Tigers then defeating the GCL Cardinals 2 games to 1 in the best-of-three championship.



The Fort Myers Miracle, in white, are in strong contention for the Florida State League's 2nd half title, entering the season's final weekend. Photos by Gary Mooney.

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It's Tapa Hop Time! Event Set for September 20

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The 16th annual "Tapa Hop," hosted by the Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, is Thursday, September 20, from 3 to 10 p.m. "We have five trolleys that hold 40 to 45 people each, that literally 'hop' to seven different beach restaurants," said Jacki Liszak, the Chamber's Executive Director. "Each location will serve a 'tapa'; that is Spanish for appetizer. These are delicious and creative, so be ready for some scrumptious taste sensations!"

Participants meet at the South Beach Grill at the Santini Marina Plaza at 7205 Estero Boulevard at 3 p.m., with trolleys leaving promptly at 4 p.m. They transport guests in a random order to Bayfront Bistro, Junkanoo on the Beach, Nauti Parrot Dock Bar, Pincher's at the Wyndham Garden and Sunset Beach Tropical Grill, before concluding with an afterparty at Castaway's Bar & Grill at the Santini Marina Plaza.

The fun isn't restricted to the restaurants, however. "We have a theme every year, and this one is 'United Nations,'" Jacki stated. "Each trolley showcases one particular nation, including the United States, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, and Mexico. We selected this theme because the world is becoming smaller and more interconnected all the time, so this highlights all sorts of different customs and traditions. To pick the nation of your choice, reserve your spot as soon as possible, because once they fill up, we assign you a country. We encourage everyone to get into the



The Tapa Hop brings out the fun and the costumes as seen in this 2016 Tapa Hop photo.
File Photo.

spirit of the evening by dressing in costume, from the simple to the elaborate, so get out those Uncle Sam or Bob Marley outfits, or your kilts or sombreros!"

Tapa Hop cost is \$35-per-person, or \$45 at the door, "in the unlikely event spots are still available, as this is one of the Chamber's most popular annual programs," Jacki related. "We restrict reservations to Chamber members only through Thursday, September 6, then open them up to the general public. People love to attend with a bunch of their friends, but to keep it open to as many folks as possible, we limit our groups to 10 or less. Make your reservations through the Chamber at 239-454-7500 or on-line at www.fmbchamberevents.com."

SPONSORS & SMILES

In addition to the savory

tapas and trolley frivolity, the evening is full of terrific prizes as well as a "Poker Run" at \$5-per-person. "We have overnight stays at various resorts, bottles of fine wine, tickets to visit Key West, gift certificates and all sorts of other fun things," Jacki explained. "One of the most unique is a 'Jerky Maker,' along with a tray to dry them out, so that is inventive. We are still taking donated prizes and will until the day before the 'Tapa Hop,' as well as accepting sponsors, but we need those by Friday, September 14, to prepare the banners to display along the sides of the trolleys."

The "Tapa Hop" this year returns to its usual mid-September date, after Hurricane Irma in 2017 forced its postponement until late November. "Last year, it served to bring a boost to beach businesses after that natural disaster, as well as putting some badly-needed smiles on people's faces," Jacki recalled. "This year, we hope it will have the

same effect, over a different set of terrible circumstances. This is the ideal forum to get out into our community and support our restaurants, as well as the employees who work there and need our patronage, as this is critical. The past month or so has been tough for so many people, so this is an opportunity to get out a little bit and get a well-deserved break from reality."

UPCOMING EVENTS

In addition to the "Tapa Hop," Jacki wants to remind everyone that the 5th annual "Bowling Bash" is Thursday, October 25, at the Beach Bowl & Pelican's Arcade at 17651 San Carlos Boulevard for teams of 5 players at \$150-per-team from 5-7p.m. or 7-9 p.m. "Since this is so close to Halloween, the theme will be 'Monster Mash,' Jacki offered with a laugh! "And as hard as it is to believe, the American Sand Sculpting Championship each November is right around the corner!"

In other topics, Jacki related that the Chamber will relocate its office on Friday, September 7, to the Keller-Williams Real Estate building at 2450 Estero Boulevard, adjacent to Mom's Restaurant, and that the Harry Chapin Food Bank will continue to bring a grocery truck to Fort Myers Beach each Wednesday as long as the environmental crisis lingers, at 1510 Estero Boulevard from 10 a.m. to Noon. "This is open to anyone who needs the assistance," Jacki reminded. "We do need eight volunteers to help with this worthwhile endeavor, so if you can donate your valuable time, please contact the Chamber."

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The Academy of Lifelong Learning is excited to welcome Professor Adrian Kerr for a two-part journey on the seven wonders of the world. He will investigate their creators, historical and archaeological evidence and also share illustrations from his own personal encounters. Tickets for each session cost \$10* and may be purchased by calling (239) 489-8472.

- **Session One – Tuesday, September 25:** Professor Kerr will begin with a look at the phrase "seven wonders of the world" and who coined it. Additionally, he will uncover the significance of ancient Greece and its historical role.
- **Session Two – Thursday, September 27:** To conclude the presentation, Professor Kerr will examine what became of the world's wonders and their creators, and why they still have such a hold on the imagination.

September 11 & 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Iran: Its History and Today

Join Professor Adrian Kerr for a two-part discussion about some of the world's oldest continuous civilizations, with settlements dating back to 4,000 BC. Learn how the Indo Europeans established territory in the highlands of Iran and review the rise of the great Achaemenid Empire and the country's radical shift in leadership. Tickets for each session cost \$10* and may be purchased by calling (239) 489-8472.

- **Session One – Tuesday, September 11:** An introduction to the beginning of the Indo Europeans in 2,000 BC, this discussion will uncover the rise and fall of the nation of Iran.
- **Session Two – Tuesday, September 18:** Professor Kerr will discuss how the Islamic conquest of c650 was a turning point in Iranian history. He will conclude this two-part discussion with a look at recent times and the major shift in Iranian leadership.



*If you are unable to attend a class that includes a fee, kindly give 24 hours' notice to receive a refund.

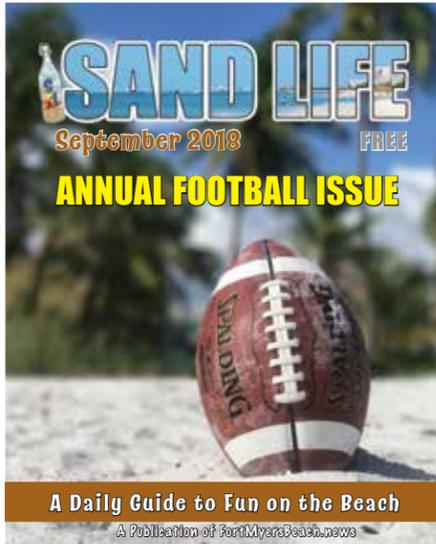


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Visit www.shellpoint.org/events for full listings of this month's events!

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AROUND AND ABOUT THE ISLAND



SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL

The Fort Myers Beach Fire Department invites the FMB community to attend a short September 11th Memorial at Fire Station 33, located at 121 Lenell Rd, FMB, on TU, Sept. 11 at 8:30am. Station 33 is the home of the community's 9/11 memorial,

which contains a piece of structural steel from Tower Two of the World Trade Center. In 2010, the FMB Fire Dept was awarded two pieces of structural I-beam. One is housed at the Station 33 memorial, the other was divided and placed on the exteriors of all FMB Fire facilities. Visitors are asked to arrive before 8:30am as the ceremony begins promptly at 8:30am. Late-arriving visitors are asked to remain in their cars if arriving during the changing of the Honor Guard or placement of the Memorial Wreath.

MORNING MEANDER

Join an experienced Bird Patrol Guide in Lakes Park, 7330 Glad-iolus Dr, Fort Myers, on SA Sept 1 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.

FREE FMB PARKING

Parking at FMB meters in beach accesses and downtown are free through at least September 10. Meters in county-owned lots on FMB (Lynn Hall Park, Bowditch Point Park) are also free through Sept 10.

POOL FUN

The Fort Myers Beach Community Pool is open 7 days a week from 10am-6pm. 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.

FOOD BANK

The Harry Chapin Food Bank

will have their mobile food truck at 1510 Estero Blvd every WE from 10am-noon so long as they are needed to help local residents faced with decreased earnings related to our water quality problems. Choice Market is also available every TH from 11am-4pm at Beach Baptist.

TIP THE BILL

The Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce is challenging the community to participate in a Tip the Bill Challenge to support our local restaurants and servers that are economically impacted by Red Tide. When you Tip the Bill, write #tipthebillFMBCC on the bill and share on social media Facebook @FMBChamber; Twitter and Instagram @FMB_Chamber. Realizing that not everyone can afford to double their bill, the community is encouraged to tip what they can and try to patronize beach businesses.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Calling all adults who love to play softball! Bay Oaks Recreation Center will host a Co-Ed Adult Softball League on TU night Sept 25- Nov 13. Teams supply their own uniforms (solid color jersey). Cost \$250/team. Must register by 7:30pm FR Sept 14 at Bay Oaks. For more info contact Dominic.Dominic@fmbgov.com or 239-765-4222.

CYPRESS LAKE 70'S REUNION

A 1970-1979 Cypress Lake High School Reunion is being planned in conjunction with a Restore Fort Myers Beach Arches fundraiser for SA Sept 29 at 5:30pm at Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café. Enjoy a buffet meal for \$17, music and the company of 70's CLHS grads, while you help support fundraising for 3D images for the remaining pieces of the iconic FMB arches. The imaging will allow the remaining arch pieces to be incorporated into a new Arch Project. For more information see bit.ly/CLHSReunion or visit Restore Fort Myers Beach Arches on Facebook.

WATER QUALITY LINKS

See what the latest water testing results are by using these links:
Lee VCB: bit.ly/LeeRT
SCCF Reports: bit.ly/RiverStatus
Lee County Algae Status: leegov.com/waterqualityinfo

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Town of Fort Myers Beach seeks interested volunteers to serve on eight advisory committees that serve to advise Town Council: Anchorage Advisory Committee, Audit Committee, Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Advisory Board, Community Resource Advisory Board, Cultural & Environmental Learning Center Advisory Board, Local Planning Agency, Marine Resources Task Force and Public Safety Committee. If you'd like to get involved in our Town, you are invited to submit an Advisory



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Committee Application Form to the Town Clerk, either in person or by email by 4:30pm Sept 7. Town Council will consider applications at their October 1 meeting. Find more information on what each committee does and the application form on the Town's website FMBgov.com under News > Calling All Islanders or via direct link: bit.ly/FM-Badvisory

BEACH CLEANUP

Mark Sept. 8 on your calendar and join the 4Ocean team for a cleanup at Lynn Hall Park from 8-10am. All necessary cleanup materials will be provided. Bring water and sunscreen. Look for the blue 4Ocean tent in the park. Pre-register at 4ocean.com/fortmyers

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 information: esteroislandta@gmail.com

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 or call 239-980-5674. Submissions must be received by midnight

September 8. Artists selected to participate in the show will be notified by September 11. Attendance at the Sept 18 show is open to the public for \$10/ticket. Fundraising efforts will benefit The Lewis P. Tabarrini Children's Music Outreach Foundation.

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. Closed Labor Day Sept 3. 239-765-8162. Upcoming programs include:

TU Sept 11, 2:15-3:15pm, Dog Day, pre-register
WE Sept 12, 10:30am, Gems & Their Stories

MOUND HOUSE

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SA Sept 1 -9am - Family Fun Kayak Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour; 2pm - Shell Mound Tour
TU Sept 4 - 9am - Beach Walk at Newton Park (beach conditions permitting); 11am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour
WE Sept 5 -11am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 1pm - Guided Tour

SA Sept 8 -10am & 2pm - Shell Mound Tour; 11am - Guided Tour
TU Sept 11 - 8am - Mangroves by Kayak Tour; 9am - Beach Walk at Newton Park (beach conditions permitting); 1pm -Guided Tour; 2pm - Shell Mound Tour
WE Sept 12 - 1pm - Guided Tour; 2pm - Shell Mound Tour
FR Sept 14 - 6:30pm - Sunset Kayak 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:

WE Sept 5 - Manatees Talk
TH Sept 6 - Fishing Clinic
FR Sept 7 - Sea Turtle Program
FR Sept 14 - Sensational Sharks

ISLAND HOPPER FEST

The 5th annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest will begin on Captiva Island Sept 21-23, before moving to downtown Fort Myers Sept 24-27 and wrapping up on Fort Myers Beach Sept 28-30. The Fest features live



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free performances by singer-songwriters at multiple venues. Midland, winner of the New Vocal Duo/Group, will perform on Sept 30 at Pink Shell Resort during a ticketed event. Schedule and tickets available at islandhopperfest.com

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Wednesday, 9/5 5:15pm

Library Budget Hearing #1, 2755 Estero Blvd, FMB



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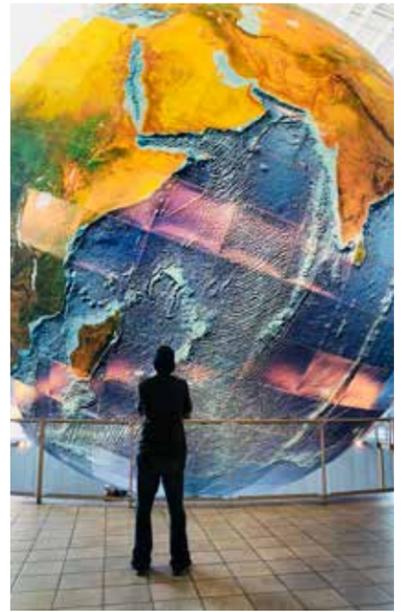
Our trip was truly amazing, with cool weather in the evenings, and fairly lovely weather the 4 days we were there. Driving up and down hills and seeing sights we hadn't seen in too many years. It was peaceful and lovely, and a great chance to catch up with some friends and family, all while getting a mini-vacation back to where we are both from, New England.



Bryan and I saw large whole tree sized driftwoods, and the rocks on shore looked like fossilized wood. It was gorgeous.



A stroll through downtown Portland reveals its true nature as an old New England shore town.



Bryan in front of the world's largest globe, Eartha at 41ft in diameter. Acquired by Garmin in 2016. It is located in Yarmouth, Maine.



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(Above) Propeller from the Tug Stamford.
(Below) There were all kinds of little food stands, but this cute little lobster roll stand, made to look like a little lobster boat, stood out.



An incredible garden of wildflowers with a literal flowe bed, made out of an old bed frame.



Headed home, we stopped in Portsmouth, NH where we found this old Irish Pub.



Our reason for heading to Maine: a friend's wedding held at Caswell Farm in Gray, Maine. This old barn was decked out with an upstairs lounge.

GRANDVIEW AT BAY BEACH



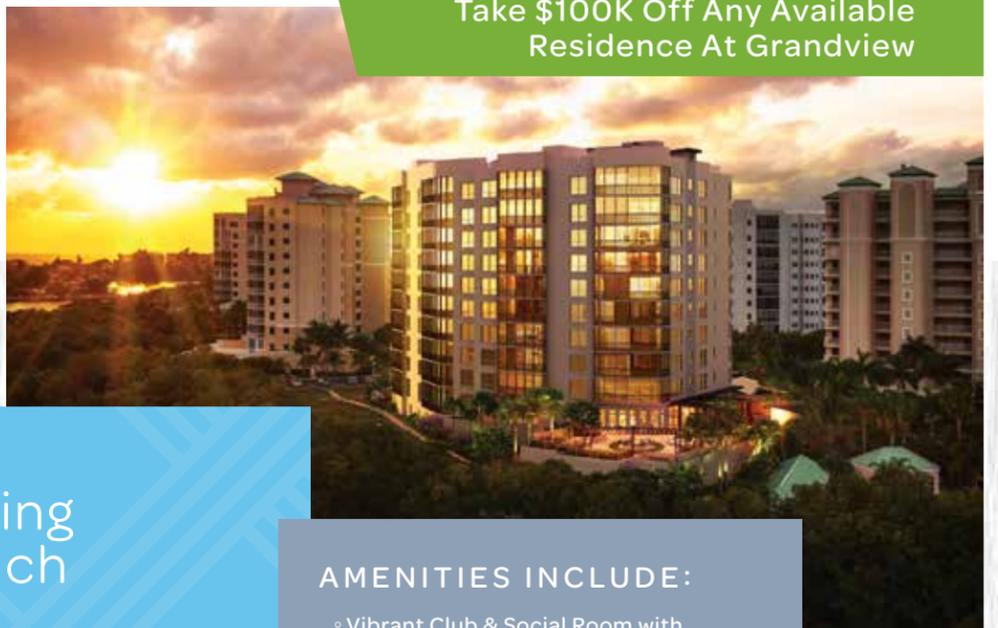
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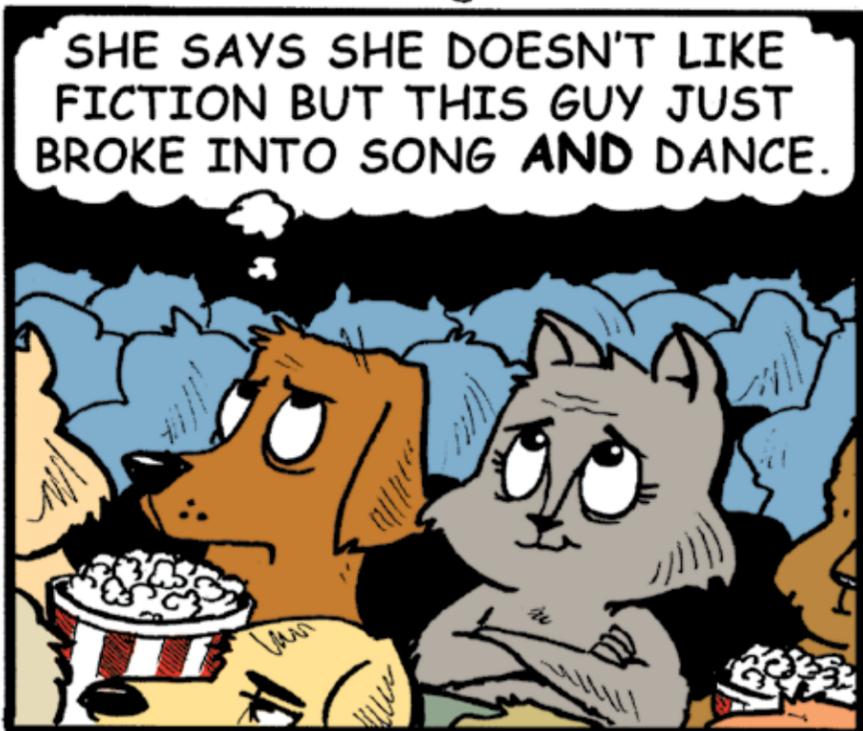


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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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An engineer and a physicist are in a hot-air balloon. After a few hours they lose track of where they are and descend to get directions. They yell to a jogger, "Hey, can you tell us where we're at?"

After a few moments the jogger responds, "You're in a hot-air balloon." The engineer says, "You must be a mathematician." The jogger, shocked, responds, "yeah, how did you know I was a mathematician?"

"Because, it took you far too long to come up with your answer, it was 100% correct, and it was completely useless."

Amber Waves

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Kinda funny that I'm playing at The Shark Bar and the Dude with the Pearly Whites requests "Mack The Knife"
Eric M. Huntsman

'Omg, if that guy asks to hear Margaritaville I'm going to eat this guitar...'
Keri Hendry Weeg

"And they pay ME to entertain. I got action, sports, mystery and romance right here in front of me!"
Sarah List

"If that guy yells "FREEBIRD" one more time, I'm going to smack him so hard, his mom will cry!!"
Paul Rothenberg

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



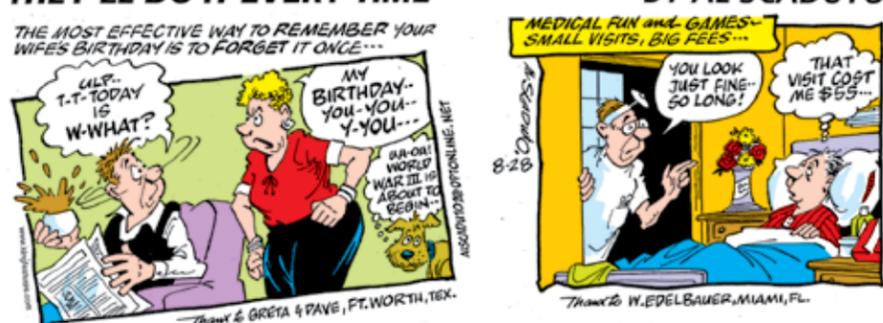
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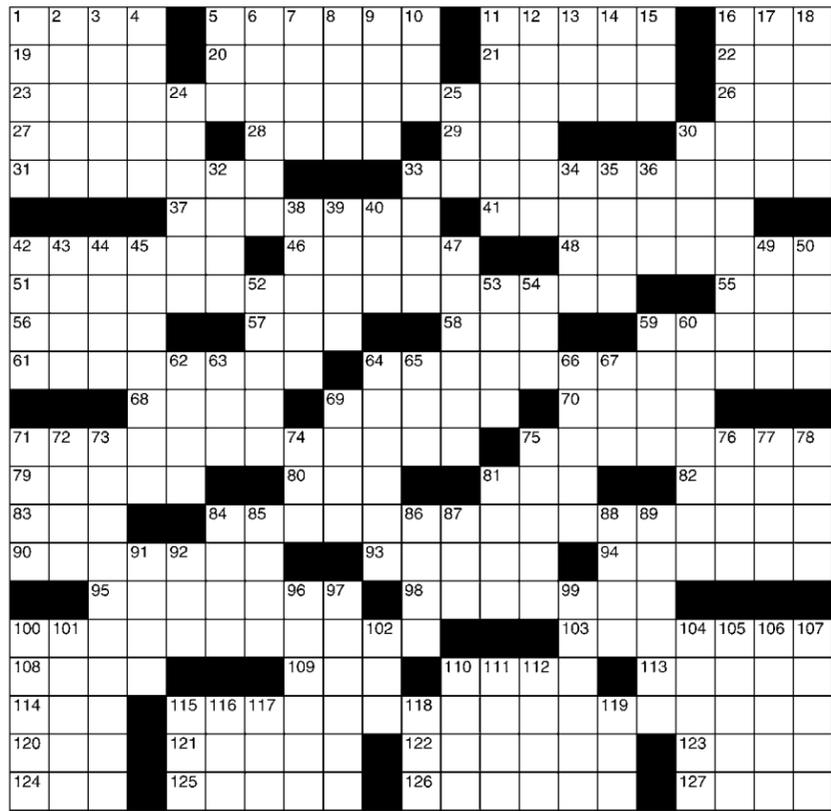
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Super Crossword

GRAIN SUBSTITUTES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Back muscles, informally
 - 5 Future doc's program
 - 11 Edison rival
 - 16 Flat-fixing gp.
 - 19 "Out of Africa" writer
 - 20 French playwright
 - 21 Made from a certain wood
 - 22 Coffeehouse dispenser
 - 23 Cereal grain for a special event?
 - 26 Found groovy
 - 27 "Goodbye, mon ami"
 - 28 Forever, seemingly
 - 29 Canonized woman of Fr.
 - 30 Little tales
 - 31 Paid up
 - 33 Sleep with a cereal grain on one's blanket?
 - 37 Augustus' son-in-law
 - 41 Shoulder decoration
 - 42 Performing in a film
 - 46 "Unh-unh!"
 - 48 Fierce fire
 - 51 Easily seen cereal grain?
 - 55 Skill in darts
 - 56 Plaster the roof of
 - 57 See 85-Down
 - 58 — -fi
 - 59 Pagan religion
 - 61 Car roller in winter
 - 64 Person threshing a cereal grain?
 - 68 "Good for life" pet food
 - 69 "Spanglish" actress
 - 70 Plenteous
 - 71 Using a cereal grain as fuel?
 - 75 Final chance to order a drink
 - 79 Newspaper sections
 - 80 Pro in first aid
 - 81 Body design, briefly
 - 82 Sills solo
 - 83 "— in Black"
 - 84 Have a boxing match in an arena covered with a cereal grain?
 - 90 Carroll of "All in the Family"
 - 93 Puzzle cube inventor
 - 94 Old TV dog
 - 95 — oxide (laughing gas)
 - 98 Word-for-word
 - 100 Response after being gifted with a cereal grain?
 - 103 Charms
 - 108 Roof feature
 - 109 — rule
 - 110 See 5-Down
 - 113 Wild fight
 - 114 Dream
 - 115 Useful material for processing a cereal grain?
 - 120 Rocker
 - 121 Pop/rock singer
 - 122 Layered eye part
 - 123 DVR option
 - 124 Timeline segment
 - 125 Muscle woe
 - 126 Starts using
 - 127 Glimpsed
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Cash in Turkey
 - 2 Whisper for the audience
 - 3 Implied
 - 4 Clay target shooting
 - 5 With
 - 6 Like many gory films
 - 7 Comeback?
 - 8 Expression
 - 9 Right fielder
 - 10 Final mo.
 - 11 On the nose
 - 12 Soften
 - 13 Do moguls
 - 14 Zodiac sign
 - 15 TV's Jillian
 - 16 Channel in a recording studio
 - 17 West Indies vacation isle
 - 18 Inner turmoil
 - 24 University in New Orleans
 - 25 Long-running CBS show
 - 30 Unshackled
 - 32 Like custard
 - 33 Nonclerical
 - 34 Toe feature
 - 35 Desert sight
 - 36 Polar drudge
 - 38 Combined
 - 39 Pan relatives
 - 40 Letter before omega
 - 42 Basic lesson
 - 43 French city
 - 44 Nirvana, e.g.
 - 45 It "blows no good"
 - 47 Ship again
 - 49 Friendly
 - 50 Epps of films
 - 52 Like Vikings
 - 53 Brazilian palm berry
 - 54 Short while
 - 59 Float easily
 - 60 Thick polar coverings
 - 62 New Mexico resort
 - 63 Unruly tyke
 - 64 Less dry
 - 65 Clod buster
 - 66 Great anger
 - 67 — and hers
 - 69 Gyro meat
 - 71 Singer Perry
 - 72 Gp. for Iran
 - 73 City near Lake Tahoe
 - 74 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
 - 75 Hanukkah pancake
 - 76 Olympic god
 - 77 Leslie Caron musical film
 - 78 Behind
 - 81 Razz
 - 84 Israeli dance
 - 85 With
 - 57-Across, easily attached patches
 - 86 Whopper
 - 87 Kimono sash
 - 88 Gusto
 - 89 Sub meat
 - 91 Evening, in some ads
 - 92 To the — degree
 - 96 Arbitrary decrees
 - 97 Methodology
 - 99 Soften
 - 100 Employ anew
 - 101 PLO's Arafat
 - 102 Clodhopper
 - 104 Goes soft
 - 105 Iran-Contra figure
 - 106 Superman
 - 107 Determined to do
 - 110 Born and —
 - 111 Quarterback
 - 112 Thrash
 - 115 Ford fluid
 - 116 Put tears in
 - 117 "— believer!"
 - 118 "— pro nobis"
 - 119 Pas' mates



BARSIDE (George)




Imagine if you came across a great big gator ... What would you do?

Well ... I'd just stop imagining.

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: J equals P

HMEKIDM B KL K DQIVGJKC CGQ

GKJJMXD VQ HM HBS KXA DVZQXS,

AQ JMQJYM EQXDBAMZ LM K

GMWVF YMWVF?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 CAPITAL letters below to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word to complete the gag!

Parcel: DUBLEN

Bent: WEAKS

Chide: CLODS

Peep: QUEKES

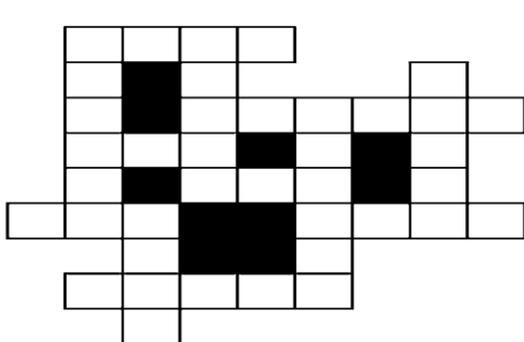
TODAY'S WORD

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ GBE
- ♥ TRALEM
- ♥ DILGE
- ♥ ELBO
- ♥ IMPAGE
- ♥ DMI
- ♥ EGED
- ♥ MUHBT
- ♥ IHP
- ♥ HOLTEA
- ♥ TEDBI
- ♥ USGM



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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Principal Karen Manzi, Cont'd from pg.1

until coming here."

"GIVE IT TO ME!"

During her Orange River tenure, about three years ago, she became a Fort Myers Beach resident. "I always liked it out here, and got lucky and made it my home. Not long after that, Jeff Dobbins, with whom I have been friends for a long time, became the new Beach Elementary Principal, but he was very open that retirement was in his immediate future, so I began to scope out the job. When Jeff announced his intention to retire after the last school year, I made my interest known to the powers-that-be, basically saying, 'Give It to Me,' though of course in a diplomatic and professional manner! I am fortunate to hold this position, because up until now, I never had the opportunity to live where I work, so it is great to be a full-fledged member of the beach family in every way."

Even though Beach Elementary students have been in class for only three weeks, Ms. Manzi already notices differences from her previous positions. "The first is obvious – at Orange River, we had about 850 children; here we have 115 and that is awesome, as you get to know all their names and personalities pretty quick, as with a school this size, you can do that. Equally as obvious is the incredible amount of community support beach residents provide these children – it is amazing, as you can feel how much everyone here cares about the kids, as the school seems like it is the focus of the entire

island! Already this academic year, we had a student who had their bicycle stolen, and that is how he got to school, and the next day the Beach Kids Foundation bought him a new bike – where else does that happen? We have a spectacular Parent Teacher Organization and are really grateful for how much they do for all the children."

COOLEST PLACE TO BE

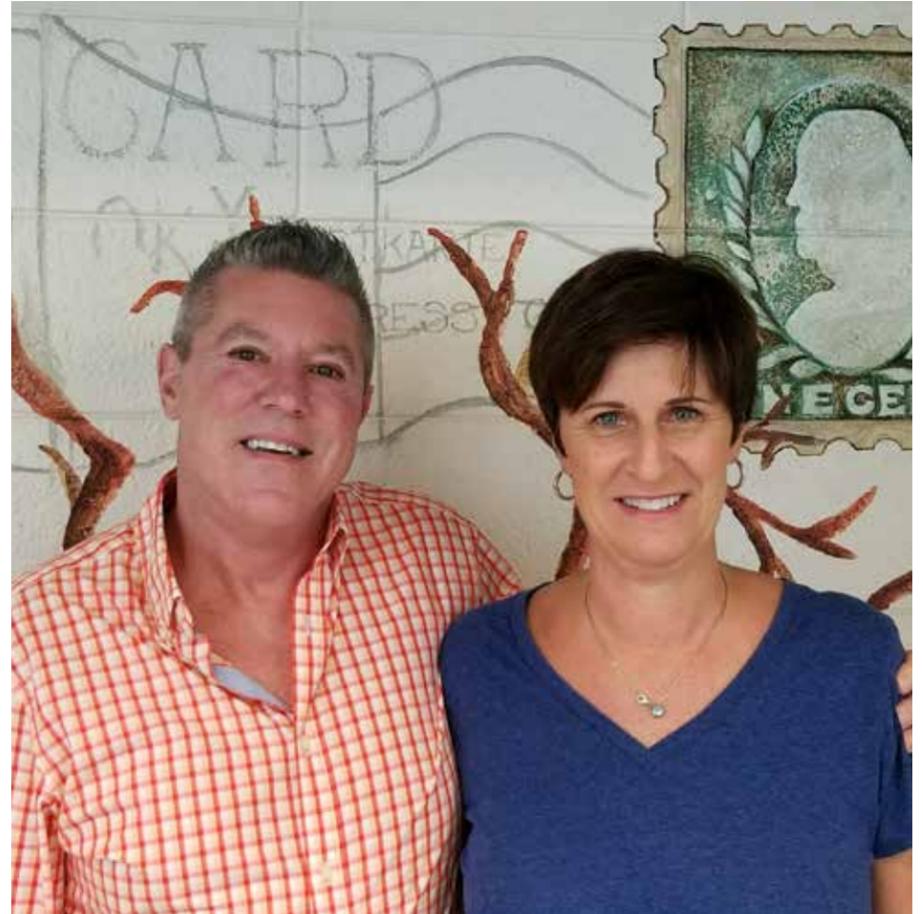
Ms. Manzi is just as effusive about the Beach Elementary staff: "The teachers and support personnel go the extra mile for our students at all times, as they care so much for these kids. In a real sense, I am 'The New Kid' at Beach Elementary, while many of my coworkers have been with these children for five or six years, and treat them like members of their own family, and how can you not be impressed by that? They are so terrific, I sometimes feel like they can run this place without me!"

As for what "The New Kid" hopes to bring to the Beach Elementary team, "I come from a background where academics should be challenging, so I want to make sure that Beach Elementary moves our kids along to the next class or level knowing how to think properly so they can succeed. It is about more than just making sure they proceed academically, but through the challenges of life." In that regard, she is well-aware her Beach career begins at a difficult time, with horrific environmental conditions and a subsequent economic downturn. "We are not focusing on that much right now,

but stand ready to have those conversations, should the children need a shoulder to turn to. We know that if their parents work in the hospitality industry, this is a tough time, so we are here to help them work through it."

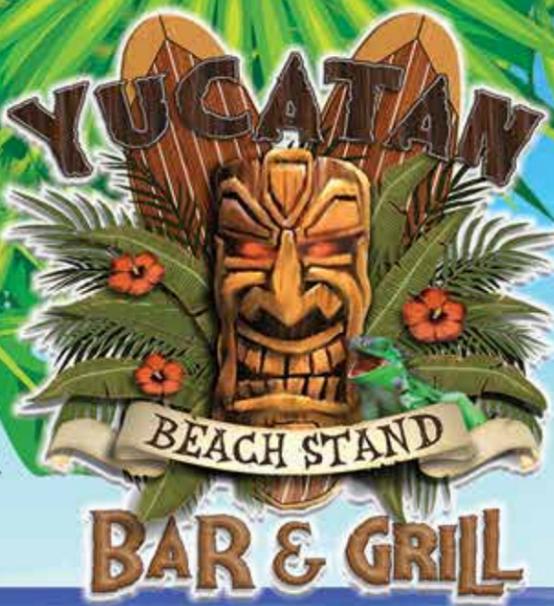
Even though Ms. Manzi has been with the School District for over 30 years, she plans to be at Beach Elementary for at least four

more. "This is definitely where I will end my academic career, and I could not be in a better situation. I still pinch myself that I get to come to Beach Elementary every day, with this great group of people, wonderful children, and outstanding community. I don't know how I got so lucky, as this is the coolest place to be!"



Changing of The Guard: Retiring Principal Jeff Dobbins & new Principal Karen Manzi worked together last spring to ensure a smooth transition.

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	31 Low	10:22 AM	0.9	7:49 PM	Rise 11:17 PM	
	31 High	4:59 PM	2.4			
	31 Low	10:18 PM	1.3			
Sa	1 High	4:43 AM	2.9	7:08 AM	Set 12:32 PM	74
	1 Low	11:26 AM	0.7	7:48 PM	Rise 11:59 PM	
	1 High	6:10 PM	2.2			
	1 Low	10:52 PM	1.6			
Su	2 High	5:27 AM	2.9	7:08 AM	Set 1:31 PM	64
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	2 High	7:51 PM	2.1			
	2 Low	11:31 PM	1.7			
M	3 High	6:21 AM	3.0	7:09 AM	Rise 12:45 AM	53
	3 Low	2:10 PM	0.6	7:46 PM	Set 2:33 PM	
	3 High	10:05 PM	2.0			
Tu	4 Low	12:25 AM	1.8	7:09 AM	Rise 1:37 AM	42
	4 High	7:31 AM	3.0	7:44 PM	Set 3:34 PM	
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CryptoQuip

answer

Because I am a southpaw who happens to be big and strong, do people consider me a hefty lefty?

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Bundle; 2. Askew;
3. Scold; 4. Squeek

Today's Word

KNUCKLES

FEAR KNOT

answer

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Water Conditions FMB

August 29, 2018

By Missy Layfield
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RED TIDE: On Wednesday, August 29, 2018, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) mid-week report showed continued presence of the red tide organism, *Karenia brevis* along the Lee County coastline at low to high levels, though indicated a slight decrease in concentrations.

The red tide bloom extends approximately 145 miles along the Southwest Florida coast from Pinellas to Collier counties. Compared to last week, parts of Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Sarasota counties showed decreased Red Tide cell concentrations.

The next complete red tide status report will be posted on Friday, August 31st.

FWC fish kills for August 22 – 29 were reported from multiple locations from Pinellas to Collier counties, including Lee.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation weekly report to the Army Corps of Engineers, dated

August 28, noted, "SCCF's samples from Gulf, San Carlos Bay and Pine Island Sound had high to medium concentrations of *Karenia*. Locations more than 1 km from shore had more than 10 million *Karenia* cells/L. The lower level of the water column was anoxic at multiple locations offshore of Sanibel on 8/27/18."

The report also noted that a third non-toxic bloom of *Oscillatoria* algae was detected, fueled by nutrients from dead fish.

The SCCF reported recovering 14 dead sea turtles from Sanibel beaches in the past week.

FMB beaches visited by the Sand Paper this week, showed minimal red drift algae along the shoreline and no dead fish. The water at the shoreline at Lynn Hall Park was discolored, but clear and minimal to moderate respiratory irritation noted on the three visits.

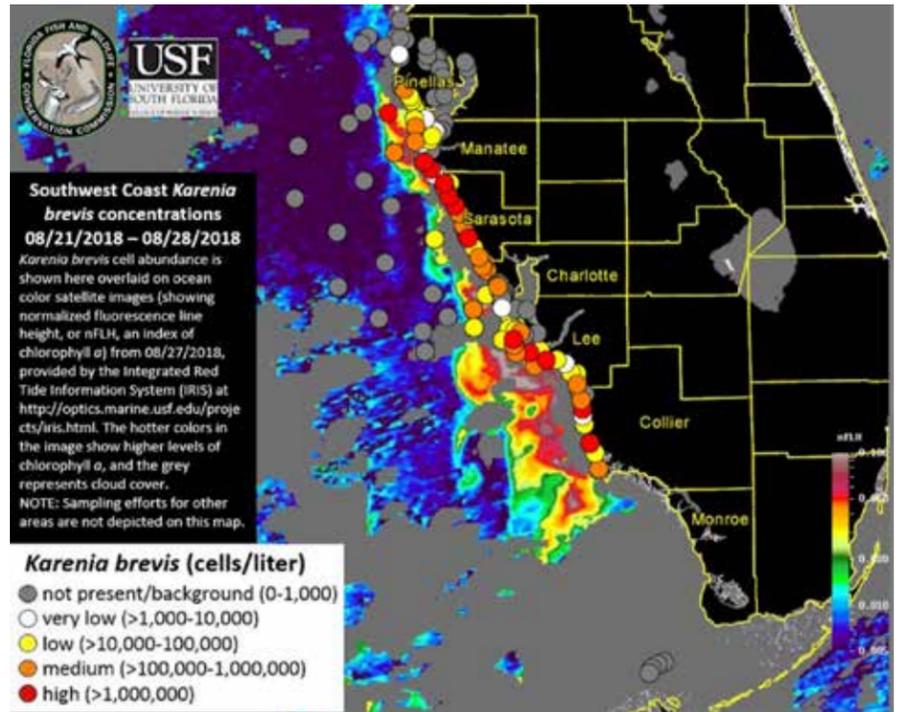
Fort Myers Beach and Lee County continue to clean the beaches as needed.

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE:

The SCCF August 29 report said, "On 8/28/18 the Lee County Environmental Lab documented significant blooms of *Microcystis* at the Davis Boat Ramp, North Shore Park and Midpoint Bridge Park and algal presence at the Alva Boat Ramp, upstream and downstream of the Franklin Locks. SCCF recorded *Microcystis* clumps persisting along the northern side of Sanibel the past week."

Clumps of blue-green algae continue to be visible in Fort Myers Beach canals, with a minimal to moderate odor noted.

SUMMARY: Red Tide and Blue-Green Algae continue to be found in the water along the Lee County coast and in the estuary.



August 29, 2018 FWC Red Tide map. Courtesy of FWC

Clear water does not necessarily mean that there is no Red Tide or algae present.

Our water quality on Fort Myers Beach has varied tremendously over the past month. Once the original July 26 Red Tide dump of algae, seagrasses and dead sea life was cleaned off the beach by Town and County crews, they have worked diligently to keep up with any fish kills that land on the beach. So, the beach looks clean. However Red Tide has been found in medium to high concentrations along our shore or just off it for a month now. The winds and currents dictate whether the Red Tide bloom is close to shore or away from the beach. It's impossible to accurately predict the bloom's movement. If the wind is blowing off the shore and the Red Tide bloom is pushed away from the beach, beaches with clear water and sand can be found on Fort Myers Beach.

Residents and visitors are urged to check the latest water

quality reports:
 Lee VCB: bit.ly/LeeRT
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 Lee County Algae Status: leegov.com/waterqualityinfo



Lynn Hall Park beach on August 24, 2018 with water discoloration at the shoreline. Photo by M. Layfield



August 28, 2018 view of Lynn Hall Park beach with discolored water just offshore. Photo by M. Layfield.



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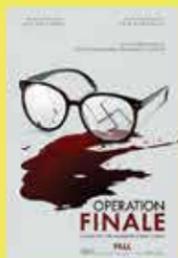
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 [R] 3:00 5:45 8:30

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BlacKkKlansman
 [R] 2:15 5:15 8:15

Ron Stallworth, an African-American police officer from Colorado, successfully manages to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan with the help of a white surrogate, who eventually becomes head of the local branch.

Starring: John David Washington and Adam Driver



Crazy Rich Asians
 [PG-13] 2:45 5:45 8:30

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CASTAWAYS Santini Marina Plaza 463-4644		SIREN SAYS ROCK 8-MIDNIGHT					ELECTRIC LIPSTICK 8-MIDNIGHT
COTTAGE Gulfshore Grill 765-5440	STEVE FARST TRIO 9PM-1AM	TROUBLEMAKERS 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	GIRL MEETS BOY 4PM		TEQUILA TOM 5:30PM	JEFF LYONS 5:30-8:30PM	SAM DEARMOND 5:30PM
DOC FORDS 708 Fishermans Whf. 765-9660	KAPO KINGS 6:30-9:30		DEB AND THE DYNAMICS 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			
NAUTI PARROT 19001 San Carlos Blvd 314-5667							
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	JEFF 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
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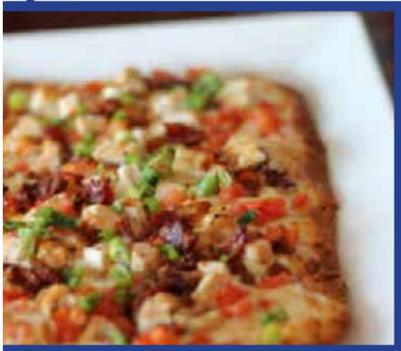
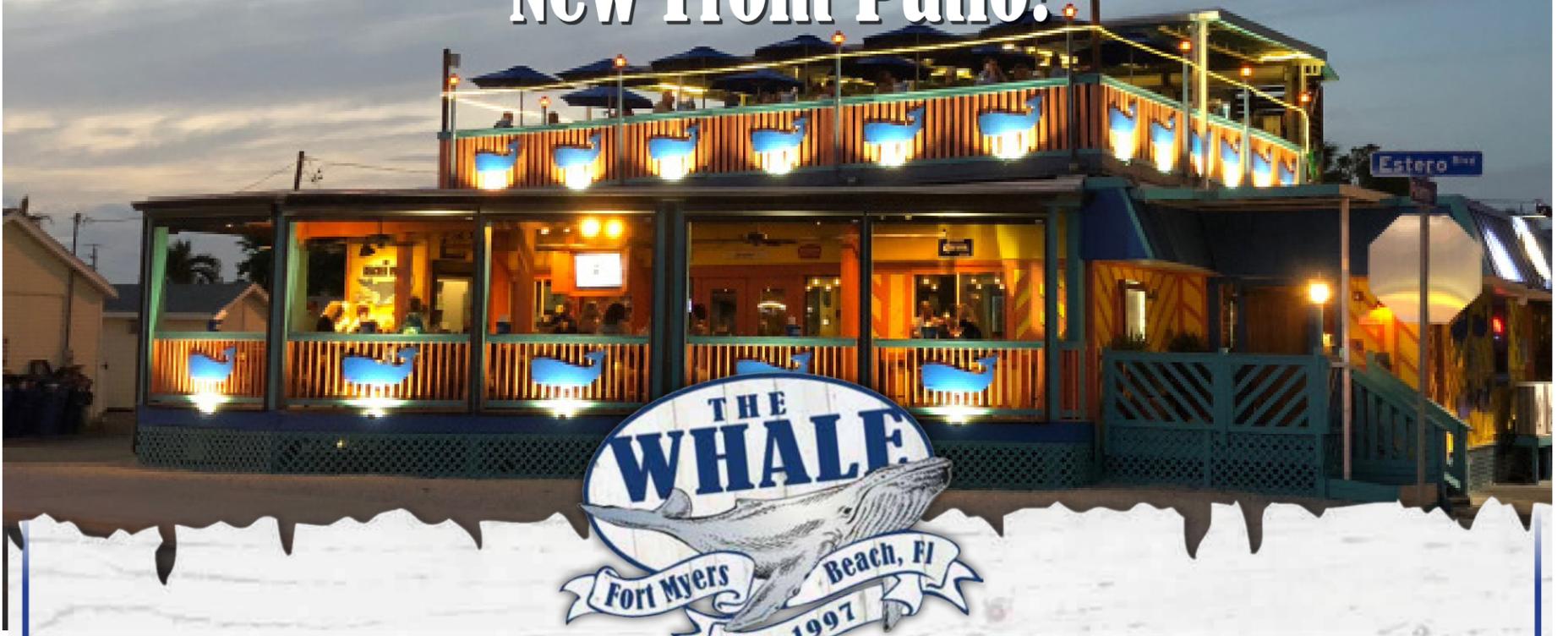
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