



A sculptor works on his entry into the competition

Sand Sculpting Championship Returns Amazing Sculptures From Sand

By Gary Mooney
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The 32th annual American Sand Sculpting Championship, sponsored by Seminole Casino Hotel and presented by the Greater Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce, returns to Fort Myers Beach from Friday, November 16, through Sunday, November 25 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 6890 Estero Boulevard. The 2018 American Sand Sculpting Championship is one of the biggest events of its kind in the United States, with roughly 50,000 people annually attending the various competitions during the 10-day event.

The events run daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with Saturday & Sunday, November 24 & 25 open until 6 p.m. In addition to the talented sculptors, there will be many interactive activities, such as Quick Speed sand sculpting, sculpture photography opportunities, Kid's Zone, sand sculpting demonstrations and lessons, and the Sand Vendor Village with more than 70 exhibitors. Admission is \$7 per person, kids 4 & under free; and veterans, active service members

and first responders with I.D. receiving a \$1 discount.

Feature sculptors compete in the Solo championship during the first week, followed by the Doubles competition the next. Including Advance Amateurs, the 27 sculptors representing 8 nations and 10 states, with many being World Champions with over 400 competition medals in total, including more than 40 from this event. There will be 16 Solo Sculptors, 5 teams in the Double Masters, and 10 Advanced Amateurs. An Advanced Amateur is someone who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in other sculpting contests but is not a professional. They use only 1 to 3 tons of sand, with 3 to 6 hours of sculpting time, while professionals have 2 to 3 days, with roughly 9 tons of sand and 20 sculpting hours.

There will be free parking at Lovers Key State Park, with complementary shuttle service to and from the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Organizers encourage everyone to approach Lovers Key from the south if possible, to avoid traffic and road construction on Fort Cont'd pg.12

Spirit of The Holidays Fundraiser Benefits Beach Kids

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“The Beach Kids Foundation (BKF) has been hosting ‘The Spirit of The Holidays’ Fundraiser since the 1990s,” said Linda Beasley, in her 1st year as BKF President. “This is the 19th annual dinner and auction to raise money so all Beach Elementary School kids and their siblings enjoy a Merry Christmas! One of the great misconceptions on Fort Myers Beach is that the children who attend Beach Elementary are all from millionaire families, but nothing is further from the truth. The majority of their parents are waiters and waitresses and bartenders and others who work hard all year long in the service industry, with many greatly affected economically this year by the water quality crisis.”

The Spirit of The Holidays Dinner Auction will be at the DiamondHead Beach Resort on

Friday, December 7. “There is a Cocktail Hour at 6 p.m.,” stated Linda, “with dinner at 7 p.m. It is \$100-per-person, but get your tickets soon, as the event always sells out! We can host just 180 guests and only have roughly 35 tickets remaining. Purchase yours through me directly at 239-980-0661 or at the Red Coconut RV Park or Century 21 TriPower Realty. What is already fabulous is an anonymous donor advance purchased a table for the Beach Elementary School, so ten staff members can attend for free!”

There will be live auctions, as well as gift packages you can attempt to win through purchasing tickets and placing them in a bucket by each one. Country music performer and Beach School alumnus Toni Lynn Starr is on the BKF Board and she arranged for Country music star Tanya Tucker to donate an autographed guitar, as well as a second Cont'd pg.14

Rezoning & Vacations Council Debates Hearings

By Gary Mooney
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The Town Council of Fort Myers Beach discussed five Public Hearings on Monday, November 5, ranging from a rezoning for a prominent island resort to potential property vacations. The meeting in front of roughly 20 residents lasted just shy of four hours, with Vice Mayor Joanne Shamp on an Excused Absence.

Council heard the 1st Quasi-Judicial Hearing for the Lighthouse Resort Inn & Suites MCP Amendment Rezoning request. The resort seeks to add two parcels owned by the Town to its Master Concept Plan (MCP) in exchange for another property owned by the resort, and to change the zoning on those parcels from Downtown to Commercial Planned Development, including under its MCP three guest cottages it already operates, as well as the land with its signage on

Crescent St. The Lighthouse Resort requests Council to grant it density from the land near Bay Oaks to reach its maximum 75 units, along with extending its build-out from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2028.

“I am OK with everything except the density transfer,” said Mayor Tracey Gore. “You already use those three units so you do not need to transfer density all the way from Bay Oaks. I will not transfer density that far away – I am not doing this to our residents, as it will open a can of worms for the whole island. Everybody will want to transfer density, as we are going through a development boom.” Council member Dennis Boback asked if the Lighthouse needed the density transfer to reach their 75-unit request, with Town Manager Roger Hernstadt replying that “it is a zero-sum game.” Town co-counsel Jack Peterson stated that “between now and Cont'd pg.8



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Letters to the Editor

MAKE A CHOICE

Mayor Tracey Gore and Councilperson Dennis Boback should re-use themselves from all discussions of how the FMB town council will deal with the lawsuits brought by Chris Patton.

I can completely understand how you can be friends with people who are suing the town you represent. I can also understand how you can decide to vote in favor of an action that you later come to regret. I cannot understand, though, trying in good faith to stand on both sides of an issue - especially one so consequential to the residents and the town of Fort Myers Beach. Either you stand with the litigants, in which case you should caucus with them and their lawyers about how they will approach these legal actions, or you stand with what the town council has voted to do, in which case you caucus with the town and its lawyers and others involved in the lawsuits. You may legally be able to do both, but I don't understand how you think that decision is ethically justified.

I do not mean to say that these people should leave the council. They have been elected by the town, and many people feel they are both doing an excellent job. Most of the work of the council has to do with issues not affected by the lawsuits, and I don't see why these people should be prevented from carrying out these larger portions of their jobs. But I do believe that they cannot both meet with the plaintiffs to discuss their approach to the legal actions and continue to take part in the town's defense of its decisions.

Mayor Gore and Councilperson Boback, please make a choice and let us know which choice you make. I can understand and will defend either one. But not both.

Kathleen Finderson
Fort Myers Beach

AMENDMENT OVERLOAD

The ballot for the Nov. 8 election contained a large number of complicated constitutional amendments, most of which most voters were not familiar with and probably did not completely comprehend. It has been said that a graduate level education is necessary to understand the wording used in these amendments.

Yet, here we are amending numerous sections of the Florida Constitution with a process that is transparently inferior. The Constitution Revision Commission has presented Florida voters with additions to our Constitution, the basic document which should establish and confer the rights and responsibilities of Florida citizens and its government. These amendments cover the dollar amounts of homestead exemptions, voting rights for felons, vaping, public officer conduct, a sales tax increase, plus other run-of-the-mill subjects that don't seem basic at all, certainly not of

the import that a State constitution should reflect.

But then the Florida Constitution has already been loaded up with subject matter that more properly belongs within the jurisdiction of a competent legislature. For example, the current Constitution covers pig husbandry, lists the bonds that the Executive may issue, governs assessments re solar and renewables, establishes rules on slots and marijuana, etc.

Where was James Madison when the Florida Constitution was created and amended? Where are the descendants of Florida's founding fathers and mothers now when they are needed to infuse some civic sense into this out-of-control constitutional amendment process? For sure, they are not members of the Constitution Revision Commission. That Commission owes its existence to a section of the Florida Constitution. Efforts to amend should begin by repealing the Commission.

Ed Lombard
Fort Myers Beach

SMOKE DETECTORS

As we set our clocks back for the fall season, the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department would like to remind our community that this is the perfect time to check your smoke alarm batteries. In today's market it is not uncommon to have smoke alarms equipped with ten-year lithium-ion batteries, however, even these extended life batteries should be checked to ensure they are still in prime operating condition. In addition, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms have expiration dates, so please make sure to check those also. For more information see bit.ly/AlarmSafety

This is also an excellent time for families to review their personal fire and emergency preparedness plans. Statistics show that the very young and the very old are at the highest risk of injury and death when fires or disasters strike. Please remember to teach children about 911, ensuring they know to call for help outside the house, and to never re-enter a burning structure. Ensure children know their address, and always know two ways out of any room in case of a fire.

Members of our community who may need assistance in checking their smoke alarms, or developing a fire or emergency preparedness plan should contact us at Prevention@fmbfire.org. One of our trained staff members would be glad to assist you.

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THE PASSION OF SOCRATES

Athens 399 BC; the philosopher Socrates was sentenced to death because he refused to accept the gods of Athens. He could have fled but he chose to be with his friends. He committed suicide by drinking a cup of the poisonous hemlock, Conium maculatum.

Conium maculatum grows in the United States but not in Florida. In Florida, we have the Spotted Water Hemlock, Cicuta maculate, that is just as dangerous to humans. This perennial herb grows in swamps, marshes and riversides throughout the State. An erect and hollow stem grows from tubers in the ground. Roots are finger like. Stem diameter is up to 2 inches. Height 4 to 8 feet. Alternate red and purple strips cover the stem. There is some branching in upper part of the plant. Leaves are compound with several ovate to lanceolate leaflets. Margins are coarsely toothed.

At the top of the stem is an inflorescence of compound umbels forming a flat top with hundreds of tiny white flowers with 5 petals and five stamens. A few secondary umbels appear in the branches. The flat top in the picture is about 8 inches in diameter. Bloom occurs summer and fall. Fruit is a ribbed nutlet.

Maculate belongs to the Apiaceae (Carrot) family. The plant's poisonous toxin is cicutoxin. A naturally chemical compound produced by several Carrot family plants. Maculate is often confused with Queen Anne's Lace.

John Bennett Flies High FMB Library Artist of The Month

By Gary Mooney
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"Photography has always been a passion of mine," said John Bennett, the November Fort Myers Beach Library Artist of the Month! "I first started taking photographs when I was around 12 or 13-years-old, when I was in the Boy Scouts. We had an uncle who lived with us for a while, and he set up a dark room, and everything I did was in black-&-white, and I just fell in love with it and thought it was the greatest thing ever! As a kid, I took pictures of everything, from the river to family photos to pictures on the way to Grandma's and thought everything was a masterpiece up until I turned 18, but today I don't have a single one of them!"

Not long after high school, John joined the Navy. "We were able to list our primary assignment selections and I asked for photography and fortunately received it and was sent to a fantastic training school in Pensacola. Up to then, despite my passion for photography, I had no formal training, so I hoped for the best. We started off at ground zero in our training that lasted for about 6 months, and by the time we were done, we were knowledgeable about every aspect of photography, with all the relevant information. I graduated very near the top of my class and became a full-fledged Navy photographer, meaning I could do everything from studio work to portraits to mil-



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itary pictures, because as a Navy photographer, you must be able to do a bit of everything. It was fun and intense all at the same time, because you never knew your next assignment."

The Navy kept John in Pensacola, assigning him to the Naval Technical Training Center, "where I did everything from 'Grin Shots' to award ceremonies to photographing broken aircraft parts – you name it! I got to the point where I could do a really good job in a quick fashion, and that allowed me to rapidly move up."

TRAVEL DUTY

His first primary traveling assignment was to cover the Navy Choir for over a year. "Remember I was still in the military, so I

had to do regular jobs during the week that weren't so glamorous, like my share of cleaning toilets! On the weekends, however, the Choir did three to five shows, so we would all hop on a plane and travel to various venues, from performing at places like a college to the 'Miss USA Pageant.' I was the only enlisted man, as everyone in the Choir were pilots, but we were all close in age, so I loved traveling with the guys to the various shows. Eventually, there were three photographers assigned to the Choir, so we often got to decide amongst ourselves which shows we would travel to, so you sort-of picked your favorites."

John ultimately spent 12 years in the Navy, "and that played a big part in advancing my photography. I never intended to serve

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John Bennett Flies High

FMB Library Artist of The Month, Continued

that long, but every time I was ready to leave, the powers-that-be kept convincing me to return! I did eventually have time on weekends to do some of my own photography, and in either 1986 or '87, I took a terrific nature shot of a Bald Eagle, with the ideal background and its eyebrow arched perfectly, that won the All Services Photography Contest, and that was a big deal, as that provided me with quite a bit of notoriety. The Navy used that shot for promotional purposes many times after that. Next thing you knew, I received the assignment to cover the Blue Angels and did that for three years."

With that tour of duty coming to an end, John was once again ready to conclude his military career, even to the point that he was

Project Deep Freeze that would take me to Antarctica, along with all the details I needed to know, or a mystery job in Hawaii that was a total unknown, saying only that I would find out what it was when I arrived. I could however call the officer in charge and when I did, he told me he was golfing, so I decided I would accept the opportunity to take a free move to Hawaii!"

The military was a great experience for John, "but 12 years was enough. While the Blue Angels were fun and Hawaii terrific, I also went to places like Asia and the Middle East, and experienced some pretty tough conditions in Somalia. Plus my wife Nicole and I were married for a couple of years at that point, and in the military, you are home for one month and gone for three, so it was just time."

BEST OF ALL WORLDS

Now on his own, John explored various photographic careers. "I looked at everything, including local news stations, where the hours are bad and pay terrible! Another was as a photographer for extreme sports, like scuba and skydiving, but that was seven days a week for little money. As luck had it, I gave my resume to a friend to critique, and he passed it along to McDonnell Douglas/Boeing, who hired me, so even though I was a civilian, I still did a lot of military work for the next four years."

John and Nicole eventu-



literally doing his paperwork to process out, when he received a last-minute call from a Naval recruiter, "who wondered if he could tease me with my choice of two plumb assignments! I could join



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ally settled in St. Louis, while she completed chiropractic school. "We vacationed in Southwest Florida from when I was still in Pensacola, and we worked in St. Louis all the time to vacation down here, so finally, we decided to move to Fort Myers Beach in Spring 2003 and vacation elsewhere! I still do a bit of assignment photography, like for real estate and similar-type things, but mostly now I do photography for enjoyment, focusing on nature."

That is the primary aspect of his FMB Library exhibit: "Nature, wildlife, and landscapes," John said with a laugh! "The best of all worlds!" John has been the FMB Library Artist of The Month several times, dating back to before the building's expansion. "Library Director Dr. Leroy Hommerding found out about me somehow, and just called one day. My first show only had about 12 photographs, and he calls back

now about every two years or so, and this time I will provide roughly 30 pictures. It is always on honor, as Fort Myers Beach is full of talented artists and photographers. I am so happy to be a part of this island community and certainly enjoy this platform, though I don't really consider myself to be an artist!"

To view John's photography, visit the Fort Myers Beach Library's 3rd Floor Exhibit Gallery through November 30. 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 including Monday, November 12, to observe Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving on November 22. For details, see www.fmb.lib.fl.us or call 239-765-8162.

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Guest Commentary Seeing the Light

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did not address “policy, procedural, or civil issues” outside their jurisdiction.

OK, so Gore can stop worrying about going to jail. Fine. I don’t think anybody really wanted to see her go to jail, if, in fact, anyone actually goes to jail for a Sunshine Law violation. So officially – technically – they didn’t break the law.

However, what they did break, beyond repair, was the trust of the citizens of Fort Myers Beach. Criminal violation or not, they encouraged and offered aid to a person who is a clear adversary against the Town in a legal action, which, win or lose, will cost the local taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. This isn’t innuendo; it’s right there on the recording.

They have disrespected the will of the majority of the town’s citizens, and in doing so, have lost whatever respect those citizens might have had for them. They have betrayed the Town and the oath they swore to defend it, and have brought dishonor upon themselves. That they shamelessly continue to sit on the dais at Council meetings and participate in decisions concerning the future of the Town as if nothing has happened, places a cloud over every vote the Council takes. The other three members of the Council need to pass, at the very least, a resolution of Censure and/or No Confidence. They do have the power to vote at any time to remove Gore as Mayor. If they don’t, it says that they are OK with continuing this farce. It raises the question: Do we really need to add a section to the town charter providing for removal of town officials who conspire with people who are working to damage the Town (and are dumb enough to do it in a public place where they can legally be recorded doing it)?

The Estero Island Taxpayer’s Association is preparing to file an ethics complaint against Gore and Boback. Good for them. I

hope they stick with it. It is clear that any sense of honor or willingness to accept responsibility that would prompt Gore and Boback to remove themselves doesn’t exist.

Looking at the whole mess realistically, it is now November. Gore’s and Boback’s terms expire in March, about four months from now. It is very unlikely that any ethical charges would be resolved by then, but they should be pursued anyway. Then, the only thing that would matter would be if either of them, driven by hubris, arrogance, or sheer stupidity, would decide to run for re-election. Then the voters would get to pass judgement on their betrayal.

In a section of the recording, Gore is heard regretting voting (presumably in the TPI decision) for the good of the whole island, saying, “I f***ed my own neighborhood.” (Her term.) No. In conspiring with Patton, she f***ed the whole town. And in getting caught at it, she f***ed herself.

By Jay Light

In the now locally-infamous recording featuring Mayor Tracey Gore, Councilman Dennis Boback and Chris Patton, the woman suing the Town over the handling of the TPI-Margaritaville development, Gore is heard several times expressing concern about her “going to jail.” This is clear evidence that she knew that discussing the suit with the plaintiff and saying, “Well, let’s get together and work on a strategy,” was wrong. (The most damning excerpts of this conversation are summarized in last week’s Sand Paper. The whole 40-minutes of recording are available at fortmyersbeach.news.)

Now, in a very narrowly-construed opinion, the State Attorney’s office has concluded that no criminal violation of the Sunshine Law has occurred, essentially because Gore and Boback never actually stated their intention of voting together on any questions about the lawsuit. Apparently, it’s OK for two members to discuss Council matters in private as long as they don’t agree to vote the same way on them. The State Attorney’s memo made it clear that their opinion was limited only to the Sunshine question and



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Turtle Nesting Season Ends

FMB Nests Down; Hatchlings Up



One of the 2018 turtle hatchlings on Fort Myers Beach.
PHOTO BY EVE HAVERFIELD OF TURTLE TIME, INC.

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"In 2016, our four sea turtle nesting areas had 270 total nests," reported Eve Haverfield, the founder of Turtle Time, Inc., a non-profit established in 1989 for the benefit of marine turtles on Big Hickory Island, and Bonita, Bunche, and Fort Myers Beaches. "This year, when the season concluded on October 31, we had 297! We compare 2018 to 2016 because Loggerhead turtles nest every other year."

While Big Hickory Island and Bonita Beach exceeded 2016, Bunche was down one, with Fort Myers Beach significantly lower. "Bonita increased from 160 nests to 203, Big Hickory from 16 to 25, and Bunche Beach went from 2 down to 1, though that is still rare and exciting," Eve stated. "Fort Myers Beach, however, declined from 92 to 68 nests. What basically happened it that more nests shifted to Bonita Beach, with a few more on Big Hickory Island. The news is not all bad for Fort Myers Beach, however, as we witnessed a significant increase in the successful hatchling rate, from 54% in 2016 to 73% this year, so even though we had fewer nests, they produced more hatchlings!"

What makes that hatchling rate vitally important is the tremendous number of 2018 juvenile and adult nesting sea turtle deaths from the massive Red Tide outbreak that environmentally and economically decimated Fort Myers Beach. "We documented 103 dead adults and juveniles on the island this past season," Eve emotionally related. "While the increase in hatchlings entering the water is certainly a hopeful sign for the future, keep in mind that only 1 to 4 out of every 1,000 survive to adulthood. They do not reach maturity for 30 to 50 years, so when those turtles survive those long odds, only to die needlessly, that is devastating."

TURTLES & RED TIDE

Eve stated the Number One Question she received all summer

was what effect the Red Tide was having on the turtle hatchlings. "Thank goodness, the minute they hatch, they head straight for the Gulf, off and running on their journey, swimming nonstop for the first 24 hours or so, covering about one-mile-an-hour, so they get approximately 25 miles offshore before stopping, getting into the Gulf of Mexico current that sweeps them away from the toxic waters. On top of that, they have a yoke of food that sustains them for several days, so they do not drink or eat anything until then, so they escaped the polluted water virtually unharmed, so hopefully they will balance everything out and recoup the losses in another 30 to 50 years. What kills the adults and juveniles is they consume the invertebrates, crabs and vegetation that are full of the *Karenia brevis* (Red Tide) toxin."

This uncertain future means it is more important than ever to maintain conditions that protect nesting sea turtles on Fort Myers Beach. "This is the time to strengthen our codes and institute measures to prevent any more stress on our water quality conditions," explained Eve. "Remember all the codes that protect nesting sea turtles are not at the expense of compromising human safety, like Amber LED lights that are turtle friendly while providing plenty of illumination for people. We had 9 disoriented nests this season, and that is 9 too many, as we lost hundreds of hatchlings when they marched to the wrong light source and away from the Gulf. Sea turtles are the canary in the ocean, so to speak, with that so obvious this year, as they washed up on the sand dying, proving to us the water was toxic. We must protect and strengthen the Endangered Species Act as well as local Ordinances, because by protecting sea turtles we protect ourselves." All-in-all, Eve judged the 2018 Fort Myers Beach nesting season a mixed bag. "While hatchling percentages are a success, nesting numbers were down. It was at times very trying and depressing when we would encounter all the dead sea turtles as a result of the

Karenia Brevis toxins, particularly when we found Greens or the Kemp's Ridleys that are the most endangered species washed up dead or near-dead. Those were not the happiest times and pretty heartbreaking, so it would be myopic not to help the sea turtles now more than ever."

EYE ON 2019

With the 2018 season in the rearview mirror, Eve already has her eye on 2019. "If we could get another record-setting year like we had in 2017, minus an 'Irma,' it could be pretty fun! However, due to all the turtle deaths this year, it is only speculation how those numbers will affect everything next year. Sanibel recovered dead sea turtles by the hundreds this past season, with all those adult and juvenile turtle losses just mind-boggling, and that was not just true here in Southwest Florida but all along the State's coastlines. On a lighter note, we will launch the new Turtle Time website in the next week or so, and we encourage everyone to check it out at turtletime.org. It is really cool and I love it!"

Eve thanks the many residents, visitors, and beach businesses for their efforts to protect the nesting sea turtles and hatchlings in 2018. "The Lani Kai Resort, for instance, hosted a 'Turtle Time' fundraiser, so I am very grateful that they were so positively involved, along with many other businesses that went above-&-beyond to help



A Loggerhead Turtle hatchling heads to the Gulf of Mexico in stormy weather.
PHOTO BY KELLY SLOAN OF THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION.

sea turtles. Thank you as well to the Town of Fort Myers Beach, its Public Works Department, and in particular Austin Gilchrist for their help, especially in retrieving dead sea turtles and getting us through this crisis. Thank you so much to all of our 'Turtle Time' volunteers, who got up so early every morning. And thank you to 'The Island Sand Paper' because you are the media outlet who assisted the most in getting out our message! Remember that we depend on the oceans for our very survival, and what happened to the sea turtles in 2018 should be our 'Wake Up Call!'"

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the next hearing, we can figure this out with some wordsmithing!" Council member Anita Cereceda added, "I don't want people to feel we transfer density willy-nilly; that is just not true!" "We just need to ensure this is legal," said Council member Bruce Butcher, "so this won't be challenged." "We will hash this out with more information at the second hearing," concluded Gore.

market will be fine," replied Kolar, "but we don't know the impact that development will bring, and the people who will come here. It may be the ordinary crowd or one who wants suites. We really don't know, and that is a crucial decision, to fulfill my lifelong dream to develop the Lighthouse." With that, Council unanimously set the 2nd & Final Hearing for Monday, November 19.

NOT A HORRIBLE THING

The Town Manager asked Council if they were comfortable with the build-out extension request, with Council asking owner Tom Kolar his reasoning. "We haven't done more until now because any renovation may cost \$5 million or more," Kolar stated. "The plaza sitting across the street has stood empty now for almost 20 years," referring to the parcel intended for the proposed TPI-FMB Margaritaville development, now delayed by two lawsuits filed by a Town resident. "We are happy Council approved that, but it may be two years before construction and another two before it is done, and then we will need another two years to analyze its impact on our business, plus there are other issues like Red Tide, so we need the 10 years to judge this in a conservative way. We don't think this will be a horrible thing for the island, but we need this to allow us the necessary time to see what will happen."

"I don't think anyone needs Tom Torgerson to know what you will do with your property," said Gore, referring to the Margaritaville developer. "You are right in that our

SPEEDY RESOLUTION

Council addressed the vacation of town property as well for 450 Donora Boulevard, to allow the completion of a partially-built swimming pool. The property owner, Thomas Renard, stated that "I never expected to be here today! Two years ago, I received permission for the swimming pool in writing from the former Town Attorney, so I proceeded in good faith. I then received a Town Work Order for the pool and began construction, only to get a Stop Work Order from the current staff that we are in violation." Renard requested the property vacation because "there is no public use for these strips of land, and the public cannot access them without trespassing. You can lift the Stop Work Order without setting a precedent, as time is of the essence to us. We now have delayed construction on an unfinished project and my concern is the pool may shift and cause additional damage. We ask for a speedy resolution to alleviate us from an unnecessary burden, to move forward on this."

Gore reminded Renard that the process at this Council Meeting is to simply set the actual date for



The small parcel that this Lighthouse sign sits on at the corner of 5th Street and Crescent Street, is part of their request to amend their Master Concept Plan. PHOTO BY M. LAYFIELD

the final Hearing, stating "we have to do the steps though the process to ensure it is done legally, so that will require another Hearing 30 days from today." Cereceda wondered if the Town could release the Stop Work Order to allow him to proceed under his own risk. The Town Manager suggested that if Council does not wish to proceed with the vacation, it can authorize a Use Permit, to allow Mr. Renard to immediately resume work on the swimming pool.

"I would like to see us take that action," said Boback. "We already turned down one vacation request and will probably have many more come our way, and we can't rule on these on a case by case basis, but on an overall picture on how to proceed." Renard stated he prefers the vacation "but

if it is too cumbersome, I would appreciate the opportunity to move forward with the construction under the Use Permit while the Town deals with the global issue." Cereceda is concerned about a process that lets Renard continue to seek a vacation while proceeding with a Use Permit and wondered why the Town simply cannot lift its Stop Work Order.

"This is the safest thing, in my opinion," replied Hernstadt. "Give him a Use Permit; should the Town turn down the vacation request, he is still protected." Renard said, "I would very much enjoy a Use Permit today, but that doesn't diminish my long-term objective that the Town should vacate these lands to the adjoining property owners." Cereceda asked, "What if he wants a Vacation and his neighbors do not?"

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Editorial

ELECTION HANGOVER

Is your mailbox lonely? Your TV viewing missing something this week? The remote mute button worn out? One of the loudest, longest, most expensive mid-term elections in recent history wrapped up Tuesday. Well, maybe not wrapped up, as there are still a couple of races that look like they are headed to a recount due to how close they are. But, for the most part, the election is behind us.

Now, whether thrilled or depressed, we all need to start living with the results. The most important election news is how close so many of the races were when votes were tallied. So close that two state-wide races may be eligible for recounts. That narrow a margin says something hugely important – our state is politically, nearly evenly divided.

Something to remember as the gloating and political posturing moves into post-election mode -- about half the voting population in Florida hold a different opinion than you do on who should represent the state. Important point.

And one that, were we all to remember, including those who have won office, might just lead us to a path of greater civic tranquility. Or maybe at least, a less vicious civic discourse.

Well, he said that first. She called me a \$^%#. It all sounds so child-like, doesn't it?

We've been hearing it for months. You'd think that political candidates are so evil and/or stupid they shouldn't be allowed out without a keeper, were you to believe their opponent's ads. Just about everyone says they hate negative ads, yet they must be effective or campaigns and political action committees would not spend millions on them.

Fresh off an election, our state, county and federal representatives have been set for at least the next two years. That's two years that we can use to continue the nasty partisan battles that take place, not just in Washington or Tallahassee, but around our dinner tables or over a drink with friends, assuming you still have friends that vote differently than you. Or, we can all vow to do our part to lower the temperature of political discussions.

We can't control the universe but we can each control what we do and say in political discussion. Let's begin by recognizing that those who would vote opposite of us, are real people who have valid reasons for believing and voting as they do. Do not assume you know what those reasons are. Try asking. And listening quietly to the response. You may be surprised at the answers you hear, provided you can convince anyone you are truly interested in their response and not just setting them up to blast them with reasons why they are idiots for thinking the way they do. Been a whole lot of that going on for a long time and people are pretty twitchy about sharing political opinions these days.

Our country has been governed for over 240 years by elected leaders who can respectfully debate differences of opinion. We need to find that skill again.

Let's start with some basics. Not all Republicans are racists. Not all Democrats are socialists. Yet if you lived in social media land, you'd think so because it's easy to pick the most extreme example of the opposition and apply it to anyone who thinks differently than you do. But with just a little respectful conversation, we'd all learn that most of those we think of as the opposition, are really not as extreme as the hate-mongers would have us believe.

Do your part to improve civil political conversation. Don't share hateful social media memes. Vow to block or unfollow anyone who uses name-calling to make their point. It might make you feel good if you agree with them, but it harms the cause of all Americans – finding a peaceful future based on common values.

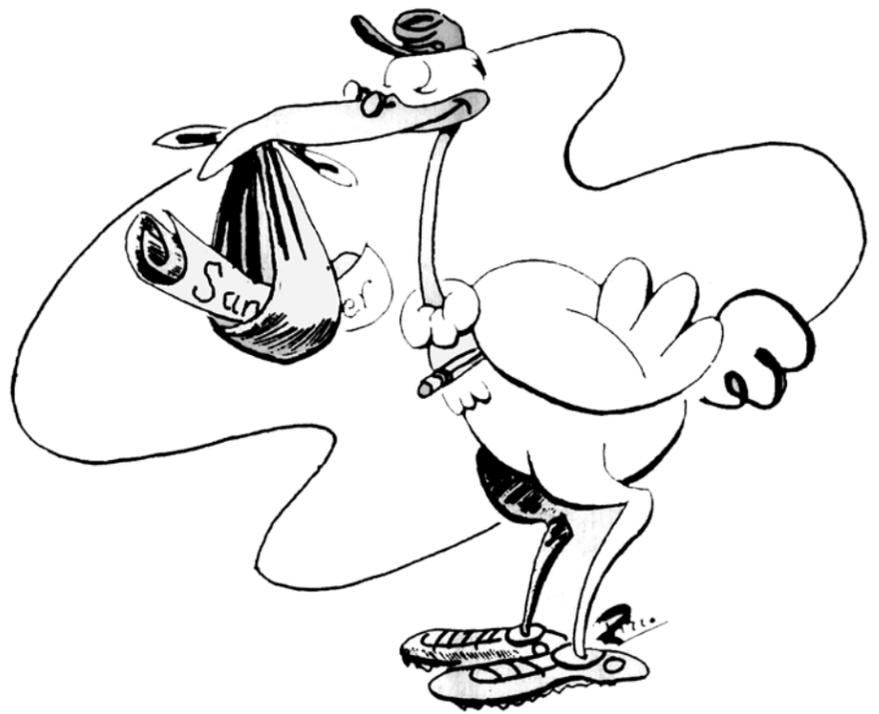
I truly worry about the future of our country. We are so divided and so angry about it and so isolated. There have been other periods where Americans were this sharply divided. But those of us alive right now did not live through those periods, so this feels unique for us and it's disturbing.

It may feel less disturbing if you are a Republican in SWFL or a Democrat in Chicago. You are in the majority - on the winning side. But if you voted Republican in Chicago or are one of the millions, or nearly half of voters who voted for Democrats in Florida, you are not feeling the love this post-election week.

The partisan divide, which seems only to grow deeper and wider, puts nearly half of our citizens in the position of outsider, and that is not good for our state or our country. We all must find a way to work together.

Here in SWFL, we still have water quality challenges that must be addressed. We must all hold our elected representatives to task to address those challenges. Water is not a red or blue issue. SWFL voters succeeded in making water quality a part of this election. Now we must hold those elected to their promises to fix our water. If we're able to do that together, we'll have much better results than if we are divided along party lines.

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Monofilament Madness



This volunteer crew turned out for last Saturday's Monofilament Madness at the Mound House. During this annual event, volunteers go out into the back bay in boats, kayaks, canoes and anything that floats to remove fishing line and other debris from the mangroves and back bay. Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation assists with event coordination. The clean-up effort is sponsored by Keep Lee County Beautiful, Advanced Disposal, TPI Hospitality, Manatee Guides and Galloway Ford. PHOTO BY PENNY JARRETT.

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"That is the critical issue," agreed Hernstadt.

Boback first made a motion to postpone indefinitely the vacation request that unanimously passed, then made a motion to grant Renard a Use Permit to complete his swimming pool that passed 3 to 1, with Cereceda Against. "I vote against this because this is a big picture problem," Cereceda told Renard. "For you, I am glad this will pass."

Council also unanimously approved a Rezoning for the GullWing Beach Resort from Commercial Resort to Commercial Planned Development to expand from 66 to 72 residential units; a Pool Enclosure Rear Setback Variance for 300 Donora Boulevard to allow the applicant to construct a pool deck and enclosure up to but not encroaching on the Town property line; and the 2nd & Final Reading of the Emergency Authority Amendment to allow a Town State of Emergency to remain in place longer than the current 7-day period.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Under the "Administrative Agenda," Council unanimously passed a Budget Amendment Resolution revising the Town's 2017-18 final Budget up by \$2,029,934; a \$47,956 purchase for a Mobile Radio System; the appointments of Susan Dzyacky, Patrick McKeown, Scott Safford, Betty Simpson, and Lorrie Wolf to the new Historic Preservation Advisory Committee; a new Right-of-Way License Agreement with Smokin' Oyster Brewery; and initiated a discussion on Times Square garbage collection policies to continue at its Management & Planning Session on Thursday, November 8. When this comes up for a vote, Cereceda stated she will recuse herself, as she owns two Times Square businesses that participate in the program.

In other items, Council unanimously approved its Consent Agenda, allowing the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to rent Council Chambers for nine 2019 Board Meetings for \$4,050; and to replace a Town Utility Truck for \$34,597 while auctioning off the old one. Under "Advisory Committee Reports," Scott Safford, representing the Local Planning Agency, requested that Council set a joint meeting between the two groups to discuss density in existing subdivisions, Pre- and Post-Disaster Build-backs and Right-of-Way issues.

Under Town Manager Items, Hernstadt said the Town must incorporate Closed Captioning into its Council broadcasts, with Council unanimously approving. He reported that the Town will execute another \$4,951,000 for the State Revolving Loan Fund to continue its Water Main and Stormwater projects. Under Town Attorney Items, Co-counsel John Turner reported on the Administrative Hearing against the South Florida Water Management District, to force that agency to increase Lake Okeechobee dry season releases, and will comment further when the Administrative Judge issues her final ruling in approximately one month. Council's next regular meeting is Monday, November 19, at 9 a.m.

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SWFL Sustains Dinner SCCF's Bartleson Speaker



Dr. Rick Bartleson takes questions after his presentation at the FMB Friends of the Arts Southwest Florida Sustains Dinner.
PHOTO BY GARY MOONEY.

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Following its mission to bring visual, performing and culinary arts to the Fort Myers Beach community, the Fort Myers Beach Friends of The Arts hosted its 3rd annual benefit fundraiser, "Southwest Florida Sustains – A Regional Seafood Experience" on Thursday evening, November 1, at the DiamondHead Beach Resort & Spa. The roughly 75 people in attendance not only savored tasty seafood, but heard a 30-minute presentation from Dr. Rick Bartleson, a Research Scientist with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, on the causes and effects of the summer's economically and environmentally devastating outbreaks of Red Tide and Blue-Green Algae.

"Southwest Florida Sustains" restaurant and beverage samplings were from the DiamondHead's newest dining experience, Coste Island Cuisine, as well as from Castaways Bar & Grill, Charley's Boathouse Grill, Dixie Fish Company, Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Fish-Tale Waterfront Dining, Point Ybel Brewing Company, South Beach Grille, Truly Scrumptious and The Whale, along with a silent auction and musical entertainment by "Pearl Street Band."

"One of our core values is to produce something arts-related during the off-season that helps the businesses on the beach," said FMB Friends of the Arts Board Member Janeen Paulauskis. "It's an opportunity to experience and learn about local sustainable seafood, while supporting the arts and our local businesses. It's a win-win for the arts, businesses and especially the event patrons."

"The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has been around for 51 years," began Dr. Bartleson, "and together with the 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge, acquired most of the land on Sanibel Island to help conserve its natural resources, especially for water quality. This is a perfect forum for me to address tonight, because scientists conduct research to help the seafood industry remain sustainable. An example is the Red Snapper industry; it was almost shut down 15 years ago, but is harvesting again."

BIG RED BLOB

He explained that Red Tide is an algae bloom that starts near

the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico, "and when it gets mixed up by or exposed to additional nutrients, a small concentration can divide and grow into a lot of toxins. Nutrient loading can fill up the Caloosahatchee River estuary and run right into the Gulf, producing a large amount of Red Tide, and then to sustain it, with the *Karenia Brevis* organism that makes Red Tide, steadily increasing in the lower levels of the Gulf, with water temperatures going up since the 1960s."

Making matter worse, Gulf waters off Southwest Florida this year became disconnected from the normal current pattern, increasing the Red Tide. "Warmer water, high nitrogen and phosphorous loads, slow moving water all contribute to large Red Tide blooms," explained Dr. Bartleson, "and we had all those this past year. It began in November 2017 and we had very little to start, but by this Spring and Summer, it just sprang up as a big red blob! We don't usually get

blooms like this, and as it grew, the result was we had black water with no oxygen left, then another period of high concentration in September that we mapped as far as 12 miles offshore. We hoped Hurricane Michael would stir up the water to improve the oxygen levels but there are still huge areas with no oxygen."

Dr. Bartleson said the question people ask him most is when will the fish return to past levels. "It will be a long time! It takes years to get these things done, and will require a change in how our government works with the environment. They need to take the lead in climate change, nutrient loading, storing water in wetlands, a carbon tax, eliminating septic tanks, improving our water treatment systems and reducing carbon emissions. The health of our planet is declining at a notably faster rate due to climate change, and there is a new story about this almost every day, with global temperatures rising." An au-

dience member asked Dr. Bartleson how the average person can lower their carbon footprint. "Walk or bike rather than driving. Do little things, like turn off your lights or unplug your charger."

Dr. Bartleson concluded his presentation by saying that while Red Tide can cause health issues, like breathing or eye irritations, "for the most part these are not life-threatening, nor should they prevent you from consuming local fish, as long as you avoid shellfish that filter the water, like oysters. People breathing the aerosol from Blue-Green Algae is more problematic, as those cyanotoxins can lead to liver cancer and other serious diseases. Scientists are just now testing airborne toxins, with one group doing so from Cape Coral and another from Florida's east coast that recently took samples here looking for cyanotoxins from the noses and blood of volunteers. Unfortunately, I don't have any happy slides in here!"

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Sand Sculpting Championship Returns Amazing Sculptures From Sand, Cont'd from pg.1

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BEST OF THE BEST

“We have 16 Master Sand Sculptors in the Solo Division,” said Bill Knight, Championship co-chair with wife Marianne of “The Sand Lovers” from Fort Myers. “Many stay for the second week, to compose the 5 Doubles Teams. There are as well 10 Master Amateurs in the Advance Amateurs competition, so these are 27 of the most talented sand sculptors on the entire planet! We award the Solo winner on Sunday the 18th, with the Doubles and Advanced Amateur Crowns on Sunday the 25th.”

Bill calls a highlight, “the Amateur contest, on the first Saturday, November 17, and that is so fantastic. There is registration at 9 a.m., on a first-come, first-serve basis, as there are only 20 spots available, so arrive early. The contest is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Award Ceremony at 4:45 p.m. It is so much fun, and you can compete either as a solo participant or in a mixed team. We often have groups like Girl Scout Troops ply their skills, so we encourage everyone to participate.” Categories include solo children up to 12 years of age; children’s teams with all participants age 12 & under with up to 6 kids per team; families or groups up to 6 people per team; businesses with up to 6 per team; solo competitors ages 13 to 17; and solo adults age 18 and over, with



Sculpture detail is carved by a Master Sculptor during the 2017 event. PHOTOS BY SARAH LIST.

1st through 3rd place awards in each category. The registration fee is \$15, with children only paying the Championship admission cost.

Solo Master Sculptors, including many World Champions, come from all over the nation and world. This year’s competitors are Bert Adams, Christy McDonald Atkinson, Melineige Beauregard, Seveline Beauregard, Jihoon Choi, Delayne Corbett, Maxim Gazendam, John Gowdy, Amazin’ Walter McDonald, Todd Pangborn,

Bruce Phillips, Sandi Sterling, Brett Stocker, Jeff Strong, Laurie Arntz Tournoux and Bruce Waugh.

Doubles Team Master Sculptors are Bert Adams and Delayne Corbett, John & Laura Gowdy, Christy McDonald Atkinson & Amazin’ Walter McDonald, Melineige Beauregard & Maxim Gazendam and Jihoon Choi & Bruce Phillips.

The Advanced Amateur sculptors, from 7 states and Canada, have between them over

50 championship medals. The 2018 participants are Dale Andrews, Amanda Bolduc; Lisa Fewless, Nathaniel Guerrero, Marc Mangia, Bruce Peck; Brendan Schaffer, Paul Warren, Wade Wheeler and Mark Wilson.

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Sand Sculpting Championship Returns

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WORLD CLASS WORKS OF ART

As for Marianne and Bill, they have been involved with the American Sand Sculpting Championship "in one way or another since 2006," he recalled, "either as competitors, facilitators and now Directors. The most gratifying part for us after all these years is to see how the program has grown, from a regional program into a beloved community event and one of the largest sand sculpting competitions on the entire planet. It gets bigger and better

every year, so take advantage of this world-class event right here in your own backyard! To me, the coolest part of the American Sand Sculpting Championship is seeing all these incredibly talented sculptors creating world class works of art out of simple beach sand."

Bill emphasized that the American Sand Sculpting Championship is truly a rain-or-shine program: "Don't let any rain discourage you from coming on out. Remember that the sand sculptures are held in place by water, so rain doesn't affect them at all, and the sculptors are hardy folks! As anyone who lives in Southwest Florida knows, just because it is raining in your neighborhood doesn't mean it is raining on the beach. In fact, a cloudy day can often be more comfortable on the sand than a sunny one, so make your plans to come to Fort Myers Beach to join in on this exciting event. With sand, sun, art and music, the American Sand Sculpting Championship will exceed all your expectations!"

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Master Sand Sculptors add water to their emerging sculpture during the 2017 American Sand Sculpting Championships.

Marilyn Henkel October 31, 2018

Marilyn Henkel, 83, passed away October 31, 2018 after a short illness. She recently moved back to Ohio after living in Fort Myers Beach, FL for many years.

Marilyn will be remembered most for her love of family and friends. She adored her five grandchildren and great grandson. She loved sports including Ohio State football and the Cleveland Indians. She started her career at Ohio Bell in 1952 and held various positions until her retirement in 1991 after 39 years.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her loving husband Ernie. She is survived by her children Nancie (Richard) Perilman of Stow, OH, Tim of Ft. Myers Beach, FL, Kirt (Monica) of Twinsburg, OH, her four cherished granddaughters, Katie, Elizabeth, Alex and Victoria, treasured grandson Jonah and adored great grandson Beckett. Sister of Robert (Donna) Muehl, Diane (Richard Jr.) Gent and Karen Kline (deceased). She was blessed to have many wonderful nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and friends whom she cared for dearly.

Visitation will be held November 9 with the funeral service at 10:30am November 10 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7196 SOM Center Rd, Solon, OH 44139. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marilyn's name to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Rd, Indianapolis IN 46250.



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Spirit of The Holidays Fundraiser Benefits Beach Kids, Cont'd from pg.1

guitar signed by many Grand Ole Opry performers. "We know those will be highly-sought-after items," said Linda. "Those are just two examples of the high quality items we have, along with two surprise musical entertainers you will enjoy."

When The Spirit of The Holidays Dinner Auction is over, Linda does the actual Christmas shopping. "We get a 'Wish List' for each Beach Elementary School child, as well as for their siblings age 18 and under, so their entire family has a Happy Holiday. We then host a 'Gift Wrapping Party' at the Red Coconut on Tuesday, December 18, at 5 p.m. This is amazing, as the ladies have it down to an exact science, so volunteer and join in!"

SUCH A BIG EVENT

When the Foundation distributes the presents close to Christmas, "it is such a big event," enthused Linda! "I dress as 'Mrs. Claus' and we drive down the streets atop a Fort Myers Beach Fire Department Fire Truck, as they are a huge partner in this with us. When kids see the fire truck, they run down to greet it, with parents taking photographs. As you witness the looks on the children's faces, often with adults having tears in their eyes, it makes it all so worthwhile. If you want to experience this yourself, there is always a little parade of cars following us, because it is so heartwarming."

In addition to the Fire Department, Linda emphasized that the BKF receives support from the Fort Myers Beach Woman's Club and organizations like the Lion's Club and Kiwanis. "The Woman's Club will be a toy drop-off location this year, and in turn the BKF will participate in their Christmas Tree Decorating Program, so it is wonderful to see so many community clubs coming together to benefit the kids."

You don't need to wait for The Spirit of the Holidays Dinner to help the BKF, however. "We host our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 1, at the Red Coconut from 7 to 10



Linda Beasley shopping for the kids. Photos provided.

a.m.," Linda related. "The cost is just \$5-per-person for pancakes and all the sides, with tickets at the door that morning. We will of course accept a larger donation if that is possible for you."

In addition to these December events, the BKF hosts several other programs. "Each February, they recognize a Beach Elementary teacher with the 'Golden Coconut Award,'" explained Linda. "The Lee County School District awards their Teacher of the Year the 'Golden Apple,' so we do the 'Golden Coconut' and the staff and children really enjoy that. As Easter approaches, we have our 'Easter Egg Hunt' in cooperation with the Town of Fort Myers Beach and the Bay Oaks Recreational Center, then in May we award our Scholarships. 2018 was a record breaking year for that, as we provided 18

students with scholarships, with the Lani Kai Island Resort hosting a delicious dinner. What the Beach Kids Foundation does, however, goes beyond any of these programs. Any time that Ms. Renee from the School learns a child there is in desperate need of something, she contacts us and we make it happen as soon as possible."

Islanders are invited to mark their calendars for the December 1 Pancake Breakfast at Red Coconut from 7-10am, December 7 for the Spirit of the Holidays Dinner Auction at DiamondHead beginning at 6pm and December 18 for the Gift Wrapping Party at the Red Coconut beginning at 5pm. For more information, contact Linda Beasley at 239-980-0661.

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At-large School Board District 6 seat was won by Betsy Vaughn in a contest with Nicholas Alexander.

over Jeremy Ring.

Ray Rodrigues will continue to represent Florida District 76 after winning with 64.51% over David Bogner.

STATE & FEDERAL

As of press time it appears that both the Florida Agriculture Commissioner seat and the U.S. Senate seat on Tuesday's ballot will go to automatic recounts due to the close races. While Rick Scott declared victory Tuesday night in the U.S. Senate race, late arriving ballots narrowed his lead over incumbent Bill Nelson to within the .5% threshold triggering an automatic recount. A similar situation affected the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture race where Matt Caldwell faced Nikki Fried. Caldwell led by around 0.16%, the threshold for a manual recount is 0.25%.

Election officials must report unofficial results to the state by Saturday, November 10, though provisional ballots and overseas mail ballots can be counted up to 10 days after the election, provided they are postmarked by Election Day.

A machine recount runs all 8 million Florida paper ballots through a tabulation machine. If the machine recount reveals a .25% margin, a hand recount is done. A hand recount would have ballots that the tabulation machines read as an "overvote" or "undervote" examined manually. Voter error or stray pen marks on the ballot can cause the machines to read over or under vote on the ballot. Florida law calls for the election to be certified by November 18, but legal action can delay certification.

The Governor race was won by Ron DeSantis with 60.08% of the vote over Andrew Gillum. The new Attorney General will be Ashley Moody who won with 62.74% of the vote over Sean Shaw. The state's Chief Financial Officer will continue to be Jimmy Patronis with 61.37%

AMENDMENTS

Of the twelve Constitutional Amendments on the ballot, eleven passed with over 60% approval. The only one to fail was Amendment 1 to increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption, and that one was close, less than 2% short of passage.

Amendment 12 won with the largest vote, 79% approval. It bans public officials, both elected and government employees from lobbying the state or federal government during their term/employment and for 6 years after. The current rule is 2 years.

Floridians will soon see a ban on greyhound racing, indoor e-cigarette and vaping as well as offshore drilling in state waters. The mandatory retirement age for Florida judges will now be 75 years, up from 70. Any increase in taxes by the state will require a two-thirds majority vote by the legislature. Former felons who have served their sentence, with the exception of those convicted of murder and sexual offenses, will now have their voting rights restored. Any new casino must be approved by a majority of Florida voters.

While the proposed increased homestead exemption did not pass, the extension of a 10% cap on non-homesteaded property did. The Florida legislature will now begin in January during even-numbered years.

Lee County had a voter turnout of 65.88% in Tuesday's election. 51% voted by mail; 23% during early voting and 23% on Election Day.

In three contested races for seats on the Fort Myers Beach Fire Board, one incumbent and two newcomers came out winners. Bob Raymond easily won Seat 1 with over 50% of the vote in four precincts in the Fire District, three on Fort Myers Beach and one north of the island. Challenger Forrest Critser received 33.84% of the vote and Bill Santomas 15.22%

Jacki Lyszak won Seat 3 with 2,079 votes to incumbent Carol Morris' 1,618 votes. Lyszak prevailed in each of the four precincts ranging from 53.51% of the vote in Precinct 22 voting at Bayside Estates to 58.68% in Precinct 127 voting at St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Seat 5 was captured by John Bennett with 2,425 votes to incumbent Ted Schindler's 1,118. All four precincts were won by Bennett with 66.95% to 69.39% of the vote.

COUNTY

Lee County Commissioner for District 2 Cecil Pendergrass retained his seat with 68.83% of the vote against challenger Bill Taylor.

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ISLAND SAND PAPER

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From the Fire Chief Bicycle Helmet Fitting



Happy Fall Fort Myers Beach, San Carlos Island and surrounding areas!

We hope this finds you well and enjoying the beautiful weather. This time of year we see an increase in outdoor activities, as well as the popular alternative mode of transportation found on our islands. To best prepare our local cyclers, this installment will highlight expanded services provided by the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department regarding our bicycle helmet fitting program.

Every year over 500,000 people in the United States are treated in emergency departments for bicycle-related injuries. Roughly 700 of these individuals die from these injuries, and three-quarters of these

deaths can be prevented if the rider would have had a properly fitted helmet. Most people falsely think that bicycle helmets are only crucial for young children. However, this is a false belief. Over 90% of fatal bicycle injuries occur in those 14 years of age and older. Also, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the use of a properly fitted helmet reduces the odds of a head injury by a substantial 50%, while the odds of damage to the face or neck also drop by 33%.

The Fort Myers Beach community is a fantastic location to bicycle and this is why the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department takes bicycle safety very seriously, offering free helmet fitting to our residents and visitors. A properly fitting bicycle helmet is critical, as a poorly fitting helmet can either not protect the rider, or worsen injuries sustained in an accident.

Your Fort Myers Beach Fire Department Team is dedicated to Shaping Our Community Through Excellence. If you are interested in these services or any others offered by the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department, please call us at (239) 590-4200, email us at info@FMB-Fire.org, or visit us on the web at www.FMBFire.org. You can also subscribe to the Fire Chief's "Scoop" to stay up to date on weekly activity! Thank you for your support and make it a safe day!

Matt Love
FMBFD Fire Chief

Next Week at the Mound House

TUESDAY, NOV. 13

Mangroves by Kayak tour: Explore the winding mangrove creeks and hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. Dexter Norris, biologist, naturalist and Mound House environmental educator, guides this unique tour. Experience the abundant natural beauty of the ancient realm of the Calusa. Search for birds, fish, manatees and dolphins as you paddle through the Estero and Hell Peckney bays in a tandem kayak. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines. All paddling equipment provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. 9 a.m. at the Mound House. \$45. Reservations required.

Beach Walk: Explore the natural treasures on Fort Myers Beach with a Mound House naturalist with a guided walk along the shore. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at Newton Beach Park under the thatched hut 4650 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach. Wear sunscreen, appropriate clothing, shoes and hats. Weather permitting. Free.

Mound House Lecture Series: What's For Dinner: An examination of the Seminole diet and how it has changed over time: Presented by Brandy Norton, archaeologist for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. \$5 per person. Refreshments at 5:30 p.m., lecture at 6 p.m. Reservations recommended.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

Mangroves By Kayak tour: Explore the winding man-

grove creeks and hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. Dexter Norris, biologist, naturalist and Mound House Environmental Educator, guides this unique tour. Experience the abundant natural beauty of the ancient realm of the Calusa. Search for birds, fish, manatees and dolphins as you paddle through the Estero and Hell Peckney bays in a tandem kayak. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines. All paddling equipment provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. 9 a.m. at the Mound House, \$45. Reservations required.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

Sunset Kayak Tour: Scheduled to catch a beautiful sunset, participants will explore tidal creeks and winding mangrove tunnels extending into the hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour offers rare opportunity to experience the abundant life within our estuary in the quiet of twilight. 4 p.m. at the Mound House, 451 Connecticut St., Fort Myers Beach. \$45. Reservations required.

For events requiring reservations, call 239-765-0865. The Mound House Museum is located at 451 Connecticut Street, Fort Myers Beach. Open 9am-4pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday. Shell Mound Tours are offered at 11am & 2pm, with a Guided Museum Tour at 1pm. Further information at moundhouse.org.

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VIEWPOINTS

THE VIOLENT PRESIDENCY

By Bob Franken

Republicans have always justified their preferential treatment of the super-wealthy by trotting out the bogus "trickle-down theory." They argue that as the rich get richer, they will spend more on jobs, etc., and the financial benefits will "trickle down" the economic scale. It's a total con, of course. A sham.

But now we are witnessing a trickle down that's for real. The man who has taken over the Republicans spews ignorance, hatred and violence every time he opens his mouth or pecks on a smartphone. His malice indeed trickles down -- actually, more like a gushing -- as Americans for and against him act on and react to the poison of Donald Trump.

It explains the horrifying slaughter at a Pittsburgh synagogue on a recent Saturday -- the Shabbat, when Jews would be packed in as they came to worship. Robert Bowers, who allegedly mowed them down, was an outspoken and virulent anti-Semite. It would be overstating it to pin that label on Donald Trump. However, he certainly has pandered to those who are emboldened to crawl out of their dark hiding places and proudly display their fanatic hatred of Jews and everyone else who's not a heterosexual white Christian. Trump inspires them with his unceasing dog whistles.

By the way, Bowers had made it clear in his social media rants that he was not a Trump supporter. Not so for Cesar Sayoc, the passionate Trumphead arrested for sending out crude pipe bombs to just about any liberal who had ever crossed his idol.

Donald Trump has created a presidency with his brand of destructive politicking that literally triggers violence. The brutality now flows freely from both sides. The 2017 shooting and near killing of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise during an attack on GOP congressmen as they practiced for a baseball game against the Democrats was another case in point. The perpetrator was someone from the left who had become inflamed into a homicidal rage. What also was regrettable is that the annual game is one of the few shreds of bipartisanship that remains.

Trump's poison cascades downward, and tears us apart. Violence is a predictable result. And now he has the chutzpah to declare that what our country needs is to "unify." He blames the media. One recent tweet reads: "There is a great anger in our country, caused in part by inaccurate and even fraudulent reporting of the news, the fake news, the true enemy of the people, must stop the open and obvious hostility ..."

That is an invitation to violence against journalists if there ever was one. Or perhaps depraved responsibility. Meanwhile, his sycophants on the right are still peddling the story that the entire pipe bomb episode was a "false flag" subterfuge. It was really a "Democratic operative," thundered Rush Limbaugh to his remaining dozens of radio listeners, "Republicans just don't do this kind of thing." How about Trumpicans, Rush?

This quote may be familiar, as I've used it before: "'Cheer up,' they said. 'Things could be worse.' So I did, and sure enough, they were." Unless we rediscover that political debate means exchanging points of view as opposed to shouting at one another; until our leaders get a twinge of conscience, the growing fire will finally consume our country. The national will to extinguish it will have become a pathetic trickle.

Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN. (c) 2018 Bob Franken Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

AMERICA'S LOSER PROBLEM

By Rich Lowry

It's not any less awful for being so familiar.

The last three high-profile attacks that have convulsed the nation, two in recent weeks, have been carried out by fringe loners who fit the stereotype of the perpetrators of such crimes precisely -- they didn't fit in, they were "off," they kept to themselves.

The word that comes up again and again in accounts of their lives is "alone," always alone.

The life of Cesar Sayoc, who mailed crude pipe bombs to Democrats ranging from George Soros to Hillary Clinton to Robert De Niro, was a pitiable wreck. His father abandoned his family as a child, and after dropping out of college, Sayoc lived with his grandmother. Then he went from place to place, performing as a male stripper. He compiled a record of petty crime, lost his home, declared bankruptcy. He was estranged from his family and resisted its pleas for him to get help. Sayoc lived out of his van, bizarrely festooned with pro-Trump stickers.

Not much is known about Robert Bowers, the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter, besides his vile social media postings. A childhood friend called him "pretty much a ghost." He may have dropped out of high school. As an adult, he lived alone in an apartment, and no one ever came to see him. One neighbor said she couldn't remember Bowers ever talking to anyone.

The Parkland school shooter, Nikolas Cruz, was left with no parents after the death of his adoptive mother. He was expelled from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where he was an outcast. He was reportedly depressed and had other behavioral problems. Police were called constantly to his home. A defense attorney called him "a broken child."

None of this, of course, is to excuse in the slightest the heinous crimes of these men, or to deny the existence of pure, unadulterated evil. Murderous haters and kooks have been with us forever, as has anti-Semitism. Yet the social pattern is clear.

The phrase "deaths of despair" has entered the nation's vocabulary to denote the rise of mortality among a subset of working-class whites from suicide, drugs and alcohol. Its declining longer life expectancy is one of the most stunning trends in American life. The at-risk population tends to be unmarried, disconnected from civil society, marginally employed and largely on their own.

One way to look at recent mass killings (or attempted killings) is as the handiwork of a very small, violent fringe of the socially disconnected. Their destructiveness is directed outward, in cowardly acts of mindless malice, rather than inward. They marinate in hate and proudly share their lunatic obsessions online, in a twisted simulacrum of community. They seek their identity in political extremism, Jew-hatred or the hellish idolatry of school shootings.

Their crimes are, in their diseased view, feats of grandeur. They give them a chance at perverse consequence and notoriety otherwise not available to them in their marginal lives and social isolation.

It's evil and pathetic, infuriating and sad, and, by the looks of it, a persistent feature of 21st-century American life. What Emile Durkheim called anomie has been weaponized, and it's horrifying to behold.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2018 by King Features Synd., Inc.

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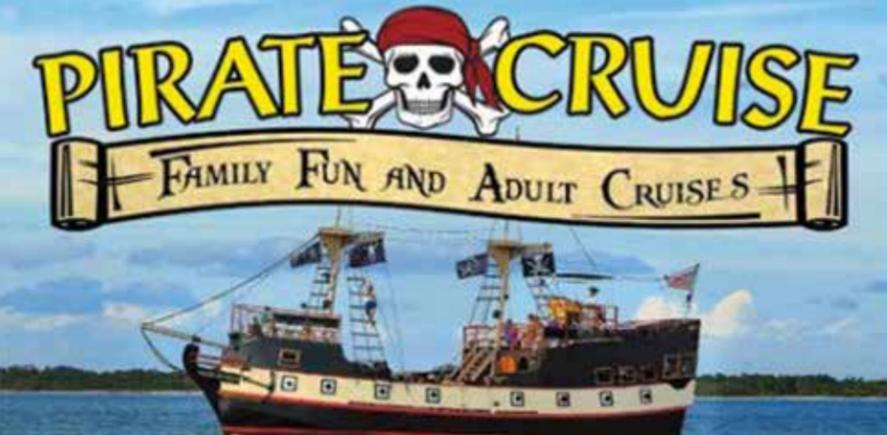
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Enchanted Forest Beach School Book Fair

This week was a special week for Beach Elementary School students. It was Enchanted Forest Book Fair Week! Remember the fun of picking out a new book to read from Scholastic? That thrill is still around, and everyone can participate! The Book Fair offers two book-buying options: the in-school book fair, through Friday, November 9, where students and parents can view hundreds of books brought in on portable shelves or online through November 16 where anyone can browse and buy books for the school or that special young reader in their lives.

The online Book Fair at www.scholastic.com/bf/fmbschool continues through Friday, November 16. Each purchase benefits the school's Media Center. The school also has a Wish List on the Scholastic website. Anyone can purchase books from the list and they'll be shipped directly to the school. The Enchanted Forest Book Fair is coordinated by Beach School's Susan Propp and Jackie DeMilia, with artwork provided by Holly Nichols.



Books galore filled the Media Center as each class had the opportunity this week to browse the hundreds of books available.

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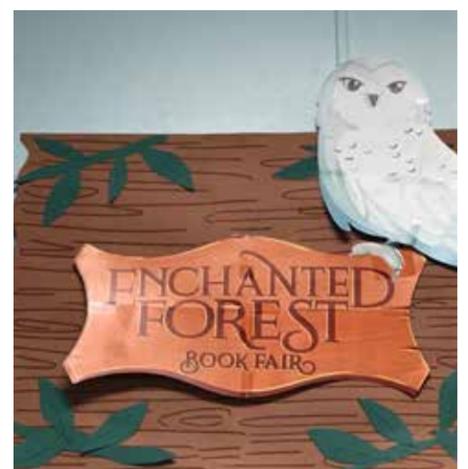
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Art Teacher Holly Nichols created this hallway display entrance to the Media Center for the Enchanted Forest Book Fair.



Award-winning books and popular characters encourage children to read more.



The Enchanted Forest welcomed Beach School students this week. PHOTOS BY M. LAYFIELD.

BEACH BIZZ BUZZ



JIMMY'S JAVA JOINT

With a by-line that reads "Start a Coffee Adventure," who could possibly resist the recent opening of Jimmy's Java Joint at 450 Old San Carlos Blvd? Located on the first floor of the Harbor House Hotel this new enterprise is led by the father-son team of Jim and Nick Schillreff. The family has roots in SW Florida going back decades, as Jim and his clan have visited snowbird in-laws locally for years.

Today Jimmy's offers hand selected, current crop coffees imported from around the world and lovingly craft-roasted locally to bring out the complete flavor of Arabica Coffee and the world's best Cold Brew Espresso. Besides your fresh brew of the day, multiple roast coffee options are available wholesale and online. The new Fort Myers Beach store offers coffees, Espresso shots, creamy lattes and delicious cappuccinos, all within a short stroll of Bayside Park where you can sit & watch the boat traffic. Delicious bakery choices daily include assorted fresh bagels and cream cheeses plus giant muffins and cookies. For more substantial offerings, try their Sunrise Breakfast Sandwiches.

Hours: 9am to 2pm. Call 239-330-4356 or visit www.jimmysjava.com for more information or to place your order for carryout.



MATANZAS INN

Matanzas Inn Bayside Resort is wrapping up a property-wide upgrade that began in 2016. In this renovation, all 28 units have been refreshed with new wood flooring, new tile and baths, paint, window blinds and linens. Most recently, the two-story building housing their Villa rooms has received a new metal roof, balcony and railings, paint, electronic locks and landscaping.

Under ownership led by Doug Speirn-Smith since 1984, this "Old Florida" style resort has offered a quiet haven, with an attractive array of amenities. They include 330 feet of dock, 16 boat slips, pool and adjoining restaurant and bar. All of this within walking distance of the Fort Myers Beach Pier, entertainment district and Times Square. The Matanzas Inn has received multiple industry awards including the White Glove Award from the Superior Small Lodging of Florida group for extraordinary cleanliness standards, conforming to local health department and fire safety codes, and instituting guest privacy practices.

"The new look and ambience has received positive feedback from our many repeat guests, Patty Szatanski, Matanzas Inn Manager reported. "We couldn't be more pleased with the results of this big effort by our suppliers, contractors and staff." For more information, visit www.matanzas.com or call 239-463-9258



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Four new members were welcomed to the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce at the October 2018 luncheon meeting, where Lee County Commissioner Larry Kiker was the speaker. Shown here are John Gavin, FMB Chamber Chairman; Sherry Oakes, FMB Chamber Membership Services Director; Capt. John & Ruth O'Brien of Sundancer Charters, offering private yacht charters for up to 6; Sally Ricciardelli of Lake Michigan Credit Union of Florida, providing personal and business financial services to SWFL residents; Tammy Garry of the Truly Scrumptious Homestyle Restaurant, located in Santini Marina Plaza offering a full menu 7am-3pm, then desserts until 10pm and Travis Riddling of Independent Laundry Equipment Service, providing prompt, expert commercial laundry repairs.

The next Fort Myers Beach Chamber Membership Luncheon will be held on November 8 at Charley's Boat House Grill. Jeff Mielke from Lee County Sports Development will be the Guest Speaker. For more information on the Chamber visit fortmyersbeach.org, email membership@fmbchamber.com or call 239-454-7500.



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Paint the Beach

The 9th annual Paint the Beach plein air painting competition concluded Saturday, November 3 with a reception at the Fort Myers Beach Art Association gallery. Judge Joe Palmerio selected the winning paintings after artists spend two days painting outdoors on Fort Myers Beach. Winners included: 1st Place David Belling for "Loading Zone." 2nd Place Neil Walling for "Overhauled." 3rd Place Craig Reynolds for "The Renee Lynn." Merit Awards were presented to Dennis Stuart, Rose Staat, Antwan Ramar and Tom Rosenbaum.



Paint the Beach winners: Front, from left: Tom Rosenbaum, Sharon Yarbrough, Rose Staat. Row 2: Antwan Ramar, Julie Nusbaum, Krystyna Robbins, Susan Lindsey, Amy Webber, Dennis Stuart. Row 3: Terri Lynn Spry, Craig Reynolds, Neil Walling, David Belling. PHOTO BY CHERYL FAUSEL.

Honorable Mention awards went to Krystyna Robbins, Sharon Yarbrough, Amy Webber, Terry Lynn Spry, Ken Marshall and Julie Nusbaum.

The painting judged Most Representative of the Beach was "First Light" by Susan Lindsey. The People's Choice Award went to David Belling for "Loading Zone."

In the Student Division, 1st Place went to Calina-Sophie Carstens; 2nd Place to Amanda Kiang and 3rd Place to Leila Rodriquez.



First Place and People's Choice winner David Belling with "Loading Zone." PHOTO BY CHERYL FAUSEL.



Student Division First Place artwork, "Saturday Afternoon" by Calina-Sophie Carstens. PHOTO BY SARAH LIST.



The Paint The Beach Reception held at the FMBA Gallery drew a big crowd to appreciate the plein air artwork created by 60 artists. PHOTO BY SARAH LIST.

Florida News

Desantis Wins Governor Seat Conservative Court Ahead

By Lloyd Dunkelberger
News Service of Florida

Ron DeSantis' narrow win in Tuesday's election for governor will bring an unprecedented expansion of conservative Republican power in Tallahassee.

Democrats haven't won a governor's race since 1994. They haven't controlled the state House or Senate since the mid-1990s. They lost their last Cabinet member in 2010.

Now, with DeSantis' election, that conservative Republican influence will extend to the Florida Supreme Court, which has a 4-3 liberal majority that has blocked many initiatives advanced by the Republican-led Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott.

As he takes office on Jan. 8, DeSantis, a 40-year-old former congressman from Ponte Vedra Beach, will have the power to appoint three new members of the state's highest court, replacing three justices who are part of the liberal bloc and who have reached a mandatory retirement age.

DeSantis, a Harvard-educated lawyer, has said that he will appoint conservative justices who are "solid constitutionalists."

Talking to reporters Tuesday night in Orlando, DeSantis said his court appointees "will be very, very smart, very principled people,

but they're going to understand that their role is to apply the law and not rewrite the law." He said the appointments will bring an end to "judicial activism" on the court.

The appointments may also have a lasting impact since voters approved a constitutional amendment Tuesday that will allow the new justices, as well as other judges throughout the state, to serve until they are 75 years old, up from the current mandatory retirement age of 70.

A conservative majority on the Supreme Court is likely to be more deferential to initiatives advanced by DeSantis and the Legislature, where the GOP on Tuesday maintained a solid majority in the House and at least 23 seats in the 40-member Senate.

But in his victory speech, DeSantis talked little about partisan politics and emphasized the need as the state's next governor to work with all Floridians, including those who opposed him.

"Political campaigns are a rough business and often about highlighting our differences. And, unfortunately, in this day and age they often spiral into outright demagoguery," DeSantis said. "But governing is different. Governing is about getting things done on behalf of the people of Florida, keeping our economy going, improving our

water quality and environment, promoting public safety and expanding educational opportunities.

"We need to build a Florida that is cleaner, safer, stronger and that will be my guiding light as governor," he said.

WATER QUALITY FOCUS

DeSantis said one area where he might unite Floridians will be behind an effort to address the problems of toxic algae and red tide and on moving forward with plans to restore the Florida Everglades.

"I think the first priority in terms of what is really urgent for Florida is really getting us on a strong track on water quality and the environment," he said.

DeSantis said he would use his relationship with President Donald Trump, who held campaign rallies for him, to advance the federal portions of the effort, including the creation of a reservoir near Lake Okeechobee to help divert and treat polluted water.

"I think you're going to get tired of me calling you, asking you for things for Florida," DeSantis said about Trump. "But I look forward to that. I think we'll have a great partnership."

Lawmakers and the new governor are likely to find common ground on issues such as tax cuts,

opposition to expanding Medicaid and the creation of more educational "choice" programs like charter schools and scholarships to send students to private schools.

DeSantis is also a strong supporter of gun rights, meaning any gun-control efforts are not likely to advance, and is open to restrictions on abortions. In the Republican primary, he voiced support for a "heartbeat bill," which would prohibit doctors from providing abortions if fetal heartbeats can be detected.

DeSantis is taking over a huge enterprise, and one of his first tasks will be shaping a state budget proposal for 2019-2020 that is likely to be in excess of \$89 billion.

He also must appoint a host of state agency heads overseeing areas such as education, health care, transportation and prisons.

Even prior to Tuesday's election, DeSantis said he was putting together a transition plan for taking over from Scott, who leads in a U.S. Senate race that is expected to require a recount.

"You have to put together a government. I mean that's a lot of work," DeSantis said. "We have been doing this quietly behind the scenes, not to be presumptuous, but just because you don't have enough time. You have to start doing it."

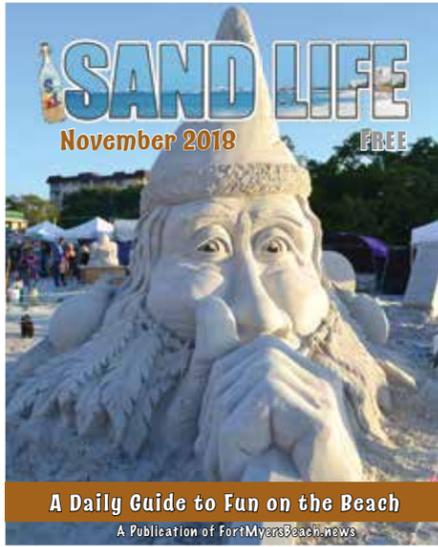
Car Show Season Begins

As the air cools down and our visitors return, the car show season begins here in SWFL. One of our area's longest-running and most reliable shows for great cars is the Parrot Key Caribbean Cruise-In Car Show, held at Parrot Key & Salty Sam's Marina parking lot every 1st and 3rd Monday from 4-7pm November through April. Featuring antiques, street rods, corvettes, classic cars and more, each car show offers live music, prizes and plenty of fun. The show is free to exhibit your car and free to look, so stop by their next show on November 19.

If you can't wait that long for a great car show, head to Ascension Church where the Knights of Columbus will host their second annual Veterans Day Car Show & Cookout this Saturday, November 10 from 10am-1pm at Ascension Church, 6025 Estero Blvd. Free to show; free to look. Veterans and First Responders eat free with ID. Call 239-823-4525 for more information. PHOTOS SARAH LIST



AROUND AND ABOUT THE ISLAND



They recently announced that the Mermaid will now be open through November 30, 2018.

BOOK FAIR

Don't miss this opportunity to help fill the bookshelves of the Beach Elementary School Media Center. Through November 16, go to www.scholastic.com/bf/fmbschool and select books from the school's Wish List and they will be sent directly to the school. Or order books for your own young readers. Each purchase benefits the school Media Center.

CAR SHOW & COOKOUT

The Knights of Columbus will host their second annual Veterans Day Car Show & Cookout on SA Nov 10 from 10am - 1pm in the Ascension Church parking lot, 6025 Estero Blvd, FMB. Bring your car to show or just come to stroll the grounds and see some awesome cars. Free to show; free to look. Veterans and First Responders eat free with ID. To reserve your car

slot or for more information, call Billy 239-823-4525.



BUNCHE BEACH BIRDS

On SA Nov 10 beginning at 7:30am, enjoy beautiful Bunche Beach, an excellent birding site with a Bird Patrol Guide. Bunche is an excellent spot for both migrant and resident waders and shorebirds working the mudflats at low tide. Also warblers, waterfowl and raptors. Free with paid parking (\$2/hour) For more info call 707-3015.

MEDICARE HELP

Medicare health insurance and drug plans can change each year. The Medicare Open Enrollment period runs only until Dec. 7. Experts from SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) will be available at Chapel by the Sea

on TU, Nov 13 from 10am-3pm. No appointment needed, but bring your Medicare card and a list of drugs with dosage info. SHINE provides free and unbiased information about Medicare and Medicaid.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation will hold their next meeting on WE Nov 14. The Foundation is a charitable foundation dedicated to working cooperatively to improve the quality of life in Fort Myers Beach and surrounding communities. Meetings are held monthly October - May. Anyone interested in attending a meeting or joining the Foundation may find more information at fortmyers-beachcf.com

YACHT CLUB

The FMB Yacht Club invites all interested boaters and others to attend their Nov 14 dinner meeting at the Nauti Parrot Dock Bar. The FMB Yacht Club is 65 years young and promotes safe, enjoyable boating and good fellowship, via an active year-round schedule of activities both on and off the water. Learn more at www.FMBYacht-Club.org or call Pete for required meeting reservations at 239-463-6240.

SEMINOLE LECTURE

Brandy Norton, archaeologist for the Seminole Tribe of Florida will present this month's presentation in the Mound House Lecture Series: What's For Dinner: An examination of the Seminole diet and how it has changed over time. \$ 5 per person. TU Nov 13. Refreshments at 5:30pm, lecture at 6pm. Reservations recommended. Call 239-765-0865.

BEACH KIWANIS CLUB

The Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Club invites anyone interested in supporting the community to join them for lunch on FR, Nov 16 at noon at Bonita Bill's. The Beach Kiwanis Club supports the community by donating the proceeds from their Thrift Store to community charities. All are welcome to attend their meetings or visit fortmyersbeachkiwanis.org for more information.

BOOK SALE

Mark SA Nov 17 and SU Nov 18 on your calendar for the Beach Library's first Book Sale of the season. Open 9am-2pm each day, plenty of variety to choose from and minimal prices!

GARDEN CLUB

Join the Estero Island Garden Club on MO Nov 19 at 9am at the FMB Woman's Club, 175 Sterling St. for a program on "Everything You Wanted To Know About Herbs But Were Afraid To Ask," by Master Gardener from Miss Potter's Place, Adrienne Diaz. All are welcome to attend this entertaining presentation. For more information call 978-460-1814.

ART GALLERY

The Fort Myers Beach Art Association Gallery is located at the corner



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AROUND AND ABOUT THE ISLAND

of Donora and Shell Mound. (3030 Shell Mound Blvd.) Hours are now MO – SA 10am – 3pm. Penny Fox Solo Show in Studio 2 will be on exhibit Nov 10-21 and Fall Member Show in Studio 1 Nov 12 - Dec 6. Free admission. See www.fortmyersbeachart.com for classes and schedule. 239-463-3909.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

Want to get outside and have some fun? Join the slow pitch softball group for ages 50+ that gathers at the Bay Oaks field every TU and TH at 10am. No glove needed. Men & women welcome. Let's have some fun! Questions? Call Ed 248-891-8848

SPAGHETTI DINNERS

Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church has postponed its monthly Spaghetti Dinners until January 12, 2019. They encourage church members and the Island community to support local restaurants, which have experienced difficulties during this Summer due to red tide. Kitchen renovations are also being completed. Find updates at www.chapelbts.org or on Facebook. Support Island businesses!

BRIDGE

The Woman's Club of FMB invites all bridge players to join them every TU & FR from 9:30am to 2:30pm for a day of social bridge. Players rotate throughout the day competing in six rounds. Bring a bagged lunch and enjoy good company and great bridge. Cost: \$5/non-members, \$3/mem-

bers. Proceeds support community activities.

OLD FLORIDA

Join the Estero Island Historical Society and the Beach Library for A Grab Bag Full of Old Florida Stories by Dr. Caren Neile on MO, Nov 19 at 7pm at the Beach Library. Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council, this presentation will entertain and delight you as Dr. Neile shares true tales of Florida's past. Program is free but donations are welcome.

MOON WALK

The Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve will host their monthly 'Moon Walk in the Preserve' on FR Nov 23 at 5:04pm. This experiential hands-on program will awaken and sharpen participant's senses of smell, touch, hearing and night vision. Join two volunteers carrying candle-lit lanterns through the Preserve as night descends and celebrate the darkness and Full Moon. Meet at the entrance to the Preserve behind the Historical Cottage on Bay Street. Program is free, but pre-registration is required. Adults only. Limited to 12 participants. To register, call Jim 239-565-7437.

TOYS FOR KIDS

Mark your calendar now for the annual Toys for Kids, formerly held at the Beach Pub. This Island event, marking the beginning of the holiday season for many an Islander, will be held at the Shamrock Irish Pub on SU Nov 18 from 1-6pm.

They will collect new, unwrapped toys for local kids. There will also be raffles, silent auctions, 50/50 raffles, plus Pulled Pork by Robbie and Live Music by Play Dead from 1-5pm.

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

MOUND HOUSE

The oldest standing structure on Fort Myers Beach with a historical museum inside and beautiful grounds outside including an observation pier, kayak launch and amazing back bay views. Grounds open sunrise to sunset. Museum is open TU, WE & SA from 9am-4pm. Located at 451 Connecticut St. with overflow parking at 216 Connecticut. Call for exact times on kayak tours, costs, reservations and additional information. 239-765-0865. Upcoming programs include:

SA Nov 10 –10am – Wild Art; 11am & 2pm – Shell Mound Tour; 1pm – Guided Museum Tour;

TU Nov 13 –9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour; 9am – Beach Walk at Newton Park (beach conditions permitting); 11am & 2pm – Shell Mound Tour; 1pm Guided Museum Tour; 5:30pm Lecture, What's For Dinner: An examination of the Seminole diet and how it has

changed over time

WE Nov 14 –10am-Calusa Indian Tools; 11am & 2pm-Shell Mound Tour; 1pm – Guided Museum Tour
TH Nov 15 – 9am-Mangroves by Kayak Tour

SA Nov 17–910am -Birds, Bees & Butterflies; 11am & 2pm – Shell Mound Tour; 1pm – Guided Tour; 4pm 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:

TU Nov 13 – Fishing Clinic

FR Nov 16 – Manatees

MO Nov 19 – Beginning Birding

WE Nov 21 - Sensational Sharks

BEACH LIBRARY

Stop by and visit our award-winning Beach Library. 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 Nov 12 and 22. 239-765-8162. Upcoming programs include:

TU Nov 13 2:15pm Dog Day, pre-register

WE Nov 14, 10:30am Theory of Everything

FR Nov 16 10:30am Seashell Holiday Tree Craft, pre-register.; 1:30-3pm Writing Workshop

Government Meetings

TUESDAY, 10/13	8:00AM	FMB MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD, 300 LAZY WAY, FMB
	9:00AM	LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY
	9:30AM	FIRE BOARD, AT BEACH LIBRARY, 2755 ESTERO BLVD, FMB
WED, 10/14	4:30PM	MARINE RESOURCES TASK FORCE

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

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Funnies Page



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



A shopkeeper was dismayed when a store opened next door with a huge sign that said, BEST DEALS! To make things worse, another store opened on the other side with a huge sign reading "LOWEST PRICES!" He nearly panicked until he had the idea to put up his own sign, bigger that the other two, that read, "MAIN ENTRANCE."

My skydiving instructor would always take the time to answer any of our stupid first-timer questions. One guy asked, "If our chute doesn't open, and the reserve doesn't open, how long do we have until we hit the ground?" Our jump master looked at him and in perfect deadpan and answered, "The rest of your life."

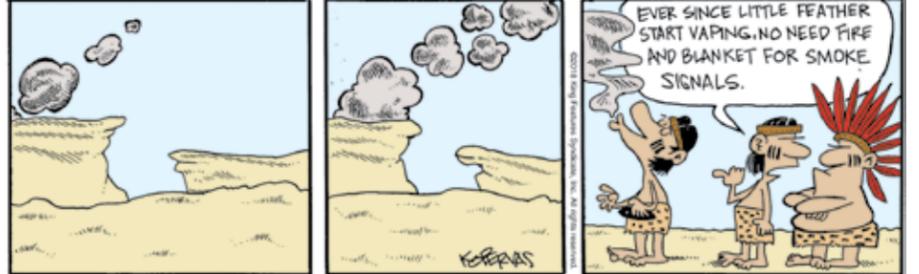
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



CRIM BEAR IT



"Don't let anyone near him ... he's disgusting."

LAFF - A - DAY



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COMMUNITY COMICS

WHAT IS COMMUNITY COMICS

Each week I draw a cartoon and put it up on my FB page (Mark List) on Saturday morning, and ask all my FB friends to contribute captions for the cartoon. I also ask that everyone vote for the ones they think are the funniest. The ones with the most Likes by Monday or Tuesday get printed in the funnies pages that week. We do it simply for the fun of it.



“OK Guys, as the guest director for the Hells Manatee Choir, let’s open with a medley of theme songs from Sons of Anarchy, Easy Rider, Born Loser and my all time favorite, The Wild One.”

Eric M. Huntsman

“Oh my god! What luck! The rare, seldom seen, manatats!”

Sal Pedone

“Sadly, Scuba Steve declined a full body tribal tattoo from the Gulf Coast Manatee Gang.”

Thomas Tom Kat Fahey

““Whaddya mean I better hand over the cabbage if I want to go any further??” ~ Manatee gangs protecting their turf”

Kevin Kenworthy

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



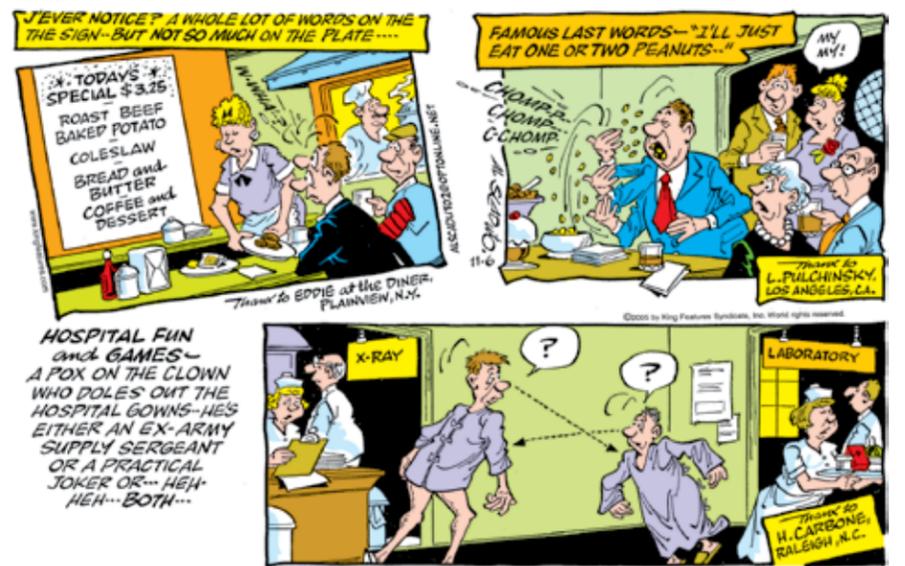
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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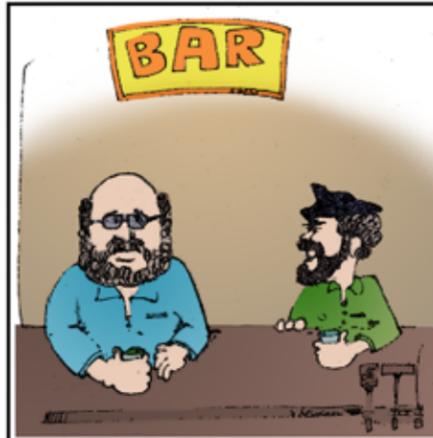
Super Crossword

HAVING A FLING

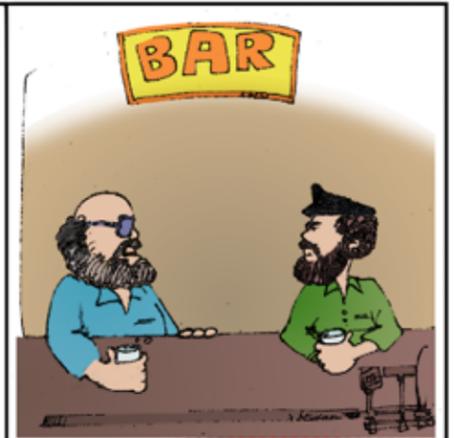
- ACROSS**
- 1 Not rough
 - 7 Small digital images expressing ideas
 - 13 Bus schedule abbr.
 - 16 Bouquet-bringing co.
 - 19 Oahu greetings
 - 20 Extreme eccentricity
 - 21 Ivy — (Yalie, e.g.)
 - 23 Diamond events
 - 25 Any of 13 Catholic leaders
 - 26 Experts at CPR
 - 27 Prefix with gauge
 - 28 On — streak (winning big)
 - 30 Was in need of restocking
 - 31 Strong Italian cheese
 - 34 They're over gables
 - 36 Lakota's language family
 - 38 Linting syllable
 - 40 Parris Island mil. branch
 - 41 Sticky, chewy candy
 - 42 Shelters for backpackers
 - 45 Sash for Cio-San
 - 47 Texter's "As I see it ..."
 - 48 Election day, often: Abbr.
 - 49 Hold fast (to)
 - 52 "Pieces of Me" singer
 - 57 They often include spiels
 - 60 LuPone who played Evita
 - 63 Bygone autocrat
 - 64 Grimm bully
 - 65 "Dash it all!"
 - 66 The "A" of ACLU: Abbr.
 - 67 Mu — beef
 - 69 Some NFL linemen
 - 71 With 83-Down, like Rudolph
 - 72 "Behold!" in Latin
 - 73 Dirt-dishing Barrett
 - 74 Dear old dad
 - 76 "— dog's life"
 - 78 Super-angry
 - 79 Orchestral array
 - 84 Reply to "Am so!"
 - 85 More chancy
 - 86 Mauna —
 - 87 Prefix with angle or fold
 - 90 "Not impressed"
 - 92 Thrown-away items
 - 95 Tricky pool shot
 - 99 Kosovo native
 - 102 Norse god of battle
 - 103 PC-sent holiday greetings
 - 104 Some paved arteries
 - 107 "Phooey!"
 - 109 Capital of Albania
 - 110 New attempt
 - 111 Palmtop device, for short
 - 112 "— yellow ribbon ..."
 - 115 Salon colorant
 - 117 Theme of this puzzle
 - 121 Whole number, e.g.
 - 122 Writer
 - 123 Tackled energetically
 - 124 Niger-to-Zambia dir.
 - 125 Tram rock
 - 126 Beat back
 - 127 Luanda's country
 - 34 Desert rodent
 - 35 Cpl. or sgt.
 - 36 Ecol., e.g.
 - 37 Sam- —
 - 39 Gets, as profits
 - 43 "No kiddin'!"
 - 44 Declaration while pointing
 - 46 Bleated
 - 50 Car of the early 1900s
 - 51 Memory trace
 - 53 People in concealment
 - 54 Poet Federico Garcia —
 - 55 Sign into law
 - 56 Lauder of perfume
 - 57 Virus variety
 - 58 Half-witted
 - 59 Half of sei
 - 60 City ENE of 22-Down
 - 61 Love, to Luc
 - 62 Wrought up
 - 67 Sudden rush
 - 68 Actor Sparks
 - 70 Curb locales
 - 75 "Shy" singer
 - 77 Ill-tempered
 - 78 Lake — (Mississippi River source)
 - 32 Make invalid
 - 80 Be sporadic
 - 81 Explore a reef, maybe
 - 82 High RRs
 - 83 See 71-Across
 - 87 Become
 - 88 Rustic mail abbr.
 - 89 What- — (conjectures)
 - 91 '48 electee
 - 93 Tending to wear down
 - 94 Adorning tawdrily, with "up"
 - 95 Singer Johnny
 - 96 Mongolians, e.g.
 - 97 Elfish one
 - 98 Allotment
 - 100 Require a 110-Across, maybe
 - 101 Movie critic Richard
 - 105 Onion part
 - 106 Is a little too fond
 - 108 "I've — it!"
 - 111 — ed (gym)
 - 113 The same, in France
 - 114 "The Thin Man" dog
 - 116 Afore
 - 118 151, to Nero
 - 119 Old rival of Pan Am
 - 120 She cackles

BAR SIDE

(GEORGE)



What? I always thought that was the definition of 'insanity.'



Nope. Saying the same thing over and over again but expecting different results is called 'parenting'.

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.

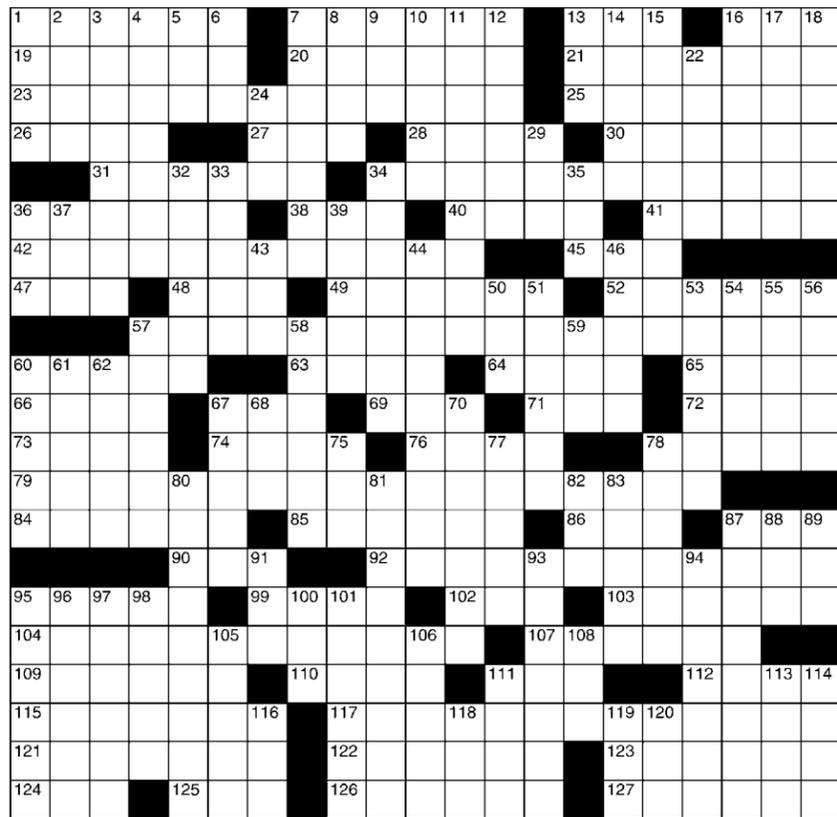
CryptoQuip

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: X equals P

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BFHKTJ, VNYTA JNY HFJ PI
HKNNIH ZBNW IKU KPXXN?

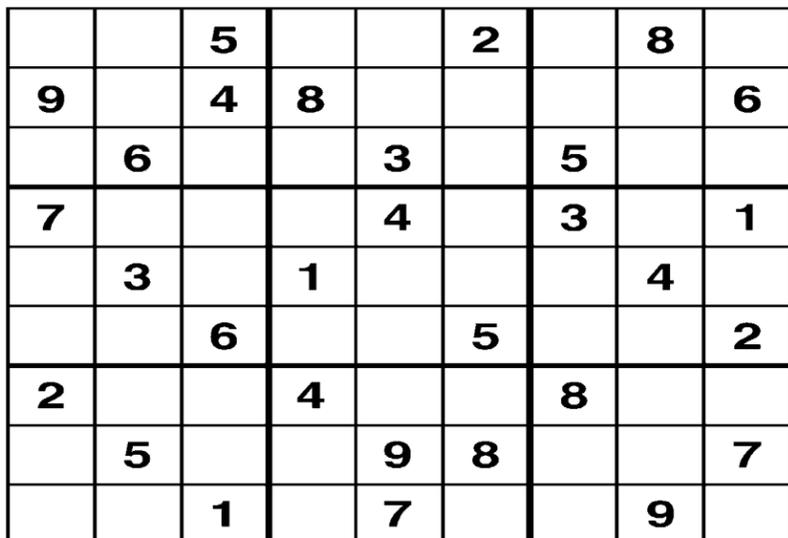
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Weekly SUDOKU

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



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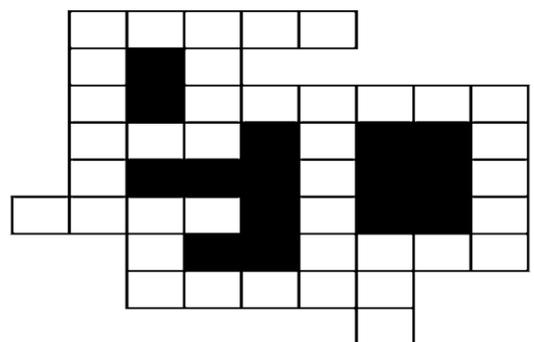
TODAY'S WORD

FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- SNE
- SOLDRA
- ODAIR
- ♥ LYID
- SANUTE
- ELD
- ♥ ELSA
- YALID
- LYS
- RODULE
- ♥ SELTA
- SLOA



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. ♥ RATHER 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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Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise /Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
F	9 High	12:14 AM	3.2	6:43 AM	Rise 8:27 AM	1
	9 Low	7:29 AM	-0.2	5:41 PM	Set 7:31 PM	
	9 High	2:53 PM	2.1			
	9 Low	6:19 PM	1.6			
Sa	10 High	12:42 AM	3.2	6:43 AM	Rise 9:22 AM	4
	10 Low	8:09 AM	-0.2	5:40 PM	Set 8:17 PM	
	10 High	3:43 PM	2.0			
	10 Low	6:43 PM	1.7			
Su	11 High	1:14 AM	3.0	6:44 AM	Rise 10:15 AM	10
	11 Low	8:52 AM	-0.1	5:40 PM	Set 9:06 PM	
	11 High	4:42 PM	1.8			
	11 Low	7:13 PM	1.7			
M	12 High	1:50 AM	2.9	6:45 AM	Rise 11:05 AM	16
	12 Low	9:40 AM	0.0	5:39 PM	Set 9:57 PM	
	12 High	5:53 PM	1.8			
	12 Low	7:55 PM	1.7			
Tu	13 High	2:33 AM	2.8	6:46 AM	Rise 11:51 AM	24
	13 Low	10:34 AM	0.1	5:39 PM	Set 10:48 PM	
	13 High	7:06 PM	2.0			
	13 Low	9:09 PM	1.8			
W	14 High	3:27 AM	2.6	6:46 AM	Rise 12:33 PM	33
	14 Low	11:33 AM	0.2	5:38 PM	Set 11:40 PM	
	14 High	7:57 PM	2.0			
	14 Low	11:05 PM	1.8			
Th	15 High	4:42 AM	2.3	6:47 AM	Rise 1:12 PM	42
	15 Low	12:32 PM	0.4	5:38 PM		
	15 High	8:32 PM	2.1			
F	16 Low	12:54 AM	1.7	6:48 AM	Set 12:32 AM	51
	16 High	6:24 AM	2.1	5:38 PM	Rise 1:49 PM	
	16 Low	1:27 PM	0.5			
	16 High	8:59 PM	2.2			

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Water Conditions FMB

November 7, 2018

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Red Tide: Patchy concentrations of Red Tide persist in Southwest Florida from Pinellas to Collier counties according to the mid-week November 7, 2018 Florida Fish & Wildlife Red Tide Report. *Karenia brevis* cell concentrations generally decreased in Sarasota County and increased in Charlotte County. Lee County had only one location in the northern portion of the county with Medium Red Tide levels in the past week, with the majority of locations, including Fort Myers Beach, showing Background to Not Present test results.

High levels (>1,000,000 cells/liter) were detected in and/or offshore of Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte counties. Medium (>100,000 - 1 million cells/liter) were seen in the same counties plus northern Lee County. Other testing sites in Lee County showed Not Present to Background (0-1,000 cells/liter) to Very Low (>1,000-10,000cells/liter) *K. Brevis* concentrations.

No fish kills or respiratory irritation were reported in Lee County during the past week.

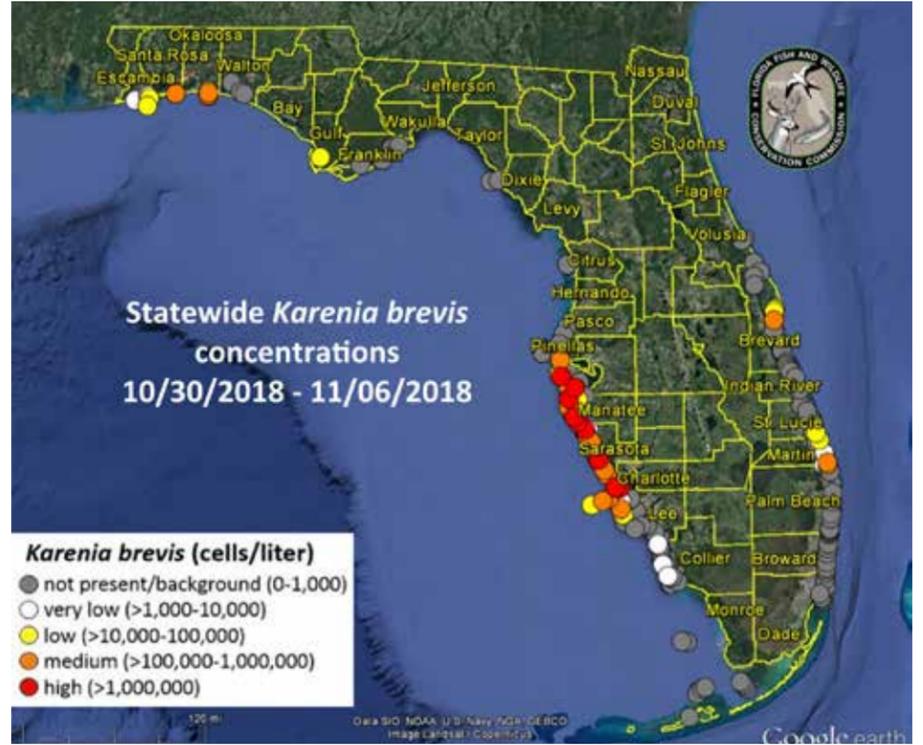
In the FWC full report on November 2, 2018, four samples from Lee County tested background to medium concentrations with Collier County showing background to high concentrations in 13 samples. Testing results from October 31 at Lovers Key showed background levels of Red Tide, while samples taken at Redfish Pass showed Medium levels on Oct. 29. Testing on Oct 29 and Oct. 30 showed Very Low levels at Captiva Rocks SW of Pine Island Sound and 2 miles south of Cayo Pelau, in Charlotte Harbor. Otherwise all sites in Lee County tested as "not present."

In Northwest Florida, *K. brevis* was observed in or offshore of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Gulf counties.

Along the East Coast of Florida, *K.brevis* was found from Brevard to Broward counties, excluding Indian River County.

Blue-Green Algae: According to the November 6, 2018 Caloosahatchee River and Estuary Report, Cyanobacteria blooms persist in Lake Okeechobee and in the upstream Caloosahatchee. Salinity in the estuary is rising rapidly as Lake Okeechobee releases are lowered. The weekly average flow of the Caloosahatchee at Franklin Lock is now 990 cubic feet per second.

Summary: Cyanobacteria blooms persist in the Caloosahatchee River. Red Tide levels are patchy in Lee County with isolated Medium levels



November 7, 2018 FWC Red Tide map. Courtesy of FWC.

seen only at northern Lee locations. The majority of Lee county testing shows no Red Tide present in recent testing, including Fort Myers Beach.

Residents and visitors are urged to check the latest water quality reports:
Lee VCB: bit.ly/LeeRT
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Beach view November 7, 2018 at Newton Park. Photo by M. Layfield.



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[PG] 2:50 5:50 8:30
1hr, 30 mins

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Dr. Seuss' The Grinch
[PG] 3:00 6:00 8:30
1hr, 30 mins

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A Star is Born
[R] 2:40 5:40 8:15
2hrs, 15 min

A musician helps a young singer and actress find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral.

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[PG-13] 2:30 5:30 8:15
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COTTAGE Gulfshore Grill 765-5440	ROGER YOUNG 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9PM-1AM	WILL KAISER 4-7PM 3 CROOKED STEPS 9-1	ACUSTIC FIRE 4-7PM TROUBLEMAKERS 9-1AM	STEVE FARST 4-7PM 3 CROOKED STEPS 9PM-1AM	BOBBY BLAKEY 4-7PM BAD BANDITOS 9PM-1AM	STEVE McDUGALL 4-7PM STEVE FARST 9-1	CHRIS CASDIA 4-7 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	AARON SEYFFERTH 4PM		TEQUILA TOM 5:30PM	JEFF LYONS 5:30-8:30PM	SAM DeARMOND 5:30PM
DOC FORDS 708 Fishermans Whf. 765-9660	3 CROOKED STEPS 6:30PM	GEORGE NEIL 6:30PM	DEB AND THE DYNAMICS 1-4PM			GIRL MEETS BOY 6:30-9:30PM	KAPO KINGS 6:30PM
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 VE 1-5PM CJ & FRIENDS 6-10PM	DVS DUO 5:30-9:30	DJ BROWN 1-6	BUBBA LOVE 5-8PM EDM MOONDAYS 9PM - 2AM	FAWNY 4-8PM DRAG QUEEN BINGO 7-10PM	BARRY LAWRENCE 5-9PM	SCOTTY BRYANT 4-8PM
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	JENNY V 5-8PM	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	SHERRIN 1-5PM AMARY 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 CHRIS KEMP 6-9PM
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SUNSET BEACH FMB TIMES SQUARE 463-1028	BARRY LAWRENCE 8PM - CLOSE	CHRIS KEMP 1-5 CLIVE 8-CLOSE	MIKE GLEAN 1-5PM		CLIVE LIVE 8PM		ACOUSTIC FIRE 6-9PM
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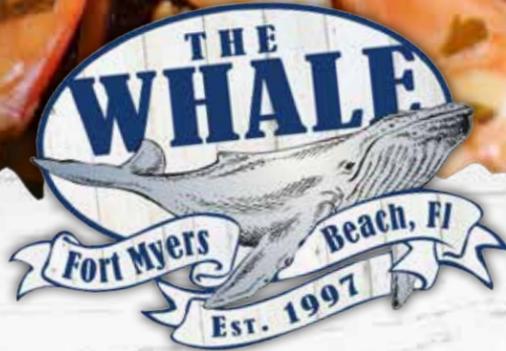
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