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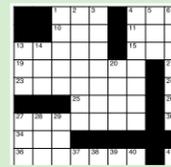
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## Mandarin's youth made a difference

By Sandy Arpen  
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Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society  
Brett Nolan and Chelsea Stanch with the street sign.

Did you ever notice the forlorn looking grey concrete post at the corner of Loretto Road and Flynn Road? Did you wonder what it was? Well, recent UNF grad Brett Nolan did. Nolan is a history buff and new volunteer at Mandarin Museum & Historical Society, and he decided he wanted to know more about this object. He soon discovered that the post was left over from pre-consolidation days, when the city and the county marked the streets with these concrete sign posts. They were always white with black lettering.

After some more research to be sure the sign was on public property and talking with the homeowner on the corner, Nolan decided that he wanted to bring it back to life and paint it, as a way of reminding drivers-by of the old days in Mandarin. With the support of the historical society and the help of his

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## Temple Sisterhood Braille Group speaks language of kindness

By Angela Higginbotham  
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It's been said that "Kindness is the language in which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." For a group of volunteers in Mandarin, kindness and loyalty to the community of the visually disabled population is their only goal.

National data tells us that in Florida alone, approximately 489,700 people have a visual disability. Braille is an important part of the everyday lives of so many with vision loss, yet the turnaround time on braille documents, handouts, textbooks and other resources could take weeks and months to carry out. Sixty years ago, a group of volunteers set out on a mission to help and The Temple Sisterhood Braille Group was formed.

This special group remains a volunteer organization that transcribes printed materials into braille. Braille material is thermoformed and spiral bound. Children's books are illustrated by raised thermoform or by sewing on tiny toys



Photo courtesy Temple Sisterhood Braille Group  
Braille Group members Pam Wiker, Elaine Calvin, and Holly Cleveland volunteer their time to transcribe printed materials into braille.

and materials. The types of materials produced include textbook and literary braille, books, pamphlets, charts, bus schedules, menus and letters. Tests may also be transcribed upon request. The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine as well as many other private, public and individuals reach out to the group for help.

Approximately 20 active members give their time to meet the needs of teachers, homeschooling requests, and transcribers. Members take a rigorous nine-month course where they learn braille. The members then submit manuscripts to the Library of Congress to become

certified. Some of the members connected with the group because they have relatives who are blind. Others were in search of community service.

"It's nice to provide people with what they need to read," said Lynette Taylor, a Braille Group member since 1989. "Teachers give us as much lead time as possible, but it's nice to be able to help meet their needs right away so that they don't wait for long."

Members of the Temple Sisterhood Braille Group use their own personal computers and some have an embosser in their home, so that they can work from home when most convenient. The group's work is paid for by the Temple Sisterhood, donations, grants and fundraising.

"We never charge anything for our services. The equipment is costly and we use approximately 30 boxes of braille paper a year. The Temple supports our need for space," Taylor said.

Opening up a world for so many to read and learn is the life behind this organization. Each piece may take 10 minutes or an hour or more, depending on the intricacy required. The dedicated volunteers keep the mission going and there is always room for additional help. Contact (904) 752-3289 for more information.

## Mandarin Art Festival celebrates 50 years

The Mandarin Art Festival, founded in 1968 by the Mandarin Community Club, commemorated 50 years of success on Easter weekend of this year, March 31 and April 1, 2018. Hundreds of guests strolled under the oaks of the historic Mandarin Community Club to peruse the artwork of more than 100 local and nationally known artists. Painting, photography, jewelry, sculpture, glasswork, pottery and more were exhibited by award winning artists.



Festival goes under the oaks.



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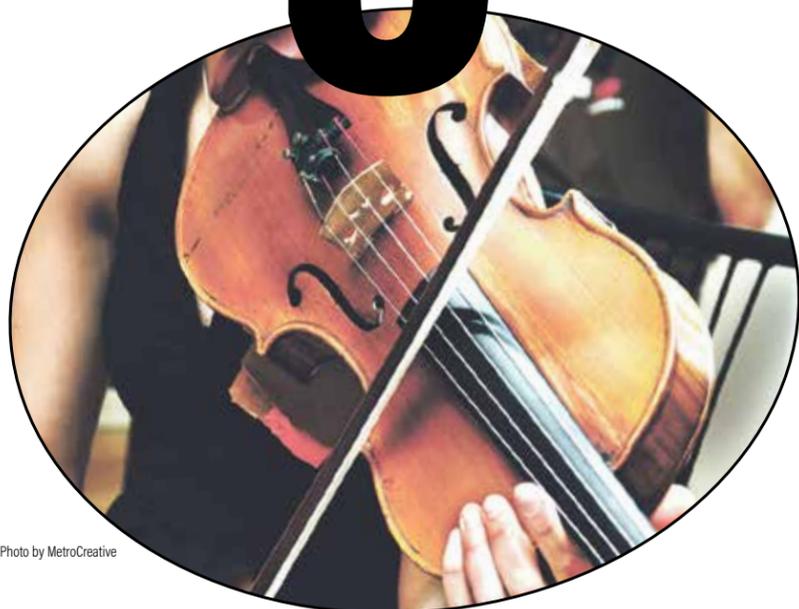


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## Spaghetti dinner offered at Italian American Club

The Italian American Club of Jacksonville presents Spaghetti Dinners to Go on Friday, May 18, 2018, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Dinners, which include pasta, two meatballs and bread, will be available to pick up in the evening, perfect for on the way home from work. The Italian American Club is located at 2838 Westberry Road in Mandarin. Advance orders are not available and the club can only accept cash. Call the Italian American Club at (904) 586-2700 for more information.

## Youth orchestra schedules auditions

The First Coast Youth Orchestras, led by artistic director Scott Gregg, announce that auditions for the 2018 – 2019 season will be held in May. The musical organization is entering its second year and serves musicians aged seven – 21 with five levels of string and full orchestras as well as chamber music. The season runs September through May and scholarship programs are available. Visit [www.firstcoastyo.com](http://www.firstcoastyo.com) or call (904) 515-5092 for more information or to apply.

## Jacksonville Jewish Food Festival to feature nosh format

Congregation Ahavath Chesed (“The Temple”) will hold its seventh annual Jacksonville Jewish Food Festival on Sunday, May 7 at The Temple (8727 San Jose Blvd.) from 11:30 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. Brisket, bagels, stuffed grape leaves, hummus, falafel, kugel and assorted desserts will be available for sampling by all attendees. The event will also include the seventh annual Jewish baking contest, Bubbe’s Bake Off — “bubbe” is Yiddish for “grandmother.” Individual tickets to the Jewish food festival cost \$25, and family passes for up to two adults and their children 16 and under are \$75. Children younger than three are free with a paid individual admission. Visit [thetemplejacksonville.org](http://thetemplejacksonville.org) for more information and to purchase tickets online.

notes, historical facts and maps to create a work that is both a guide and handbook, as well as a tribute, to the great unspoiled stretches of the region. Third Thursday Lectures are free and open to the community. They are presented by the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society in partnership with and at the Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road. Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m., with the lecture at 7 p.m. For more information, call (904) 268-0784.

## “A Night on the St. Johns” gala announced

The Diocese of St. Augustine’s Morning Star School will host the seventh annual “A Night on the St. Johns” Gala and Auction on May 5, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., at The Haskell Building, 111 Riverside Ave. Proceeds from the gala and auction will be used to fund specialized education programs, state-of-the-art technology, and this year, the establishment of a tuition assistance fund to help families who can’t afford a special education for their child. Inspired by the popular Cinco de Mayo celebration, the gala will feature Mexican inspired cocktails, dancing, food and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75/person, and the event is open to the public. Call Maria Johnson at (904) 721-2144 or email [development@morningstar-jax.org](mailto:development@morningstar-jax.org) for more information.

## Third Thursday Lecture to feature local artist

The May 17 Third Thursday Lecture features Jacksonville artist Kathy Stark, who offers a unique and family friendly exploration of the extensive system of natural parks in North Florida. Her book “The Wilderness of North Florida’s Parks” combines Stark’s expansive watercolor paintings with sketches,



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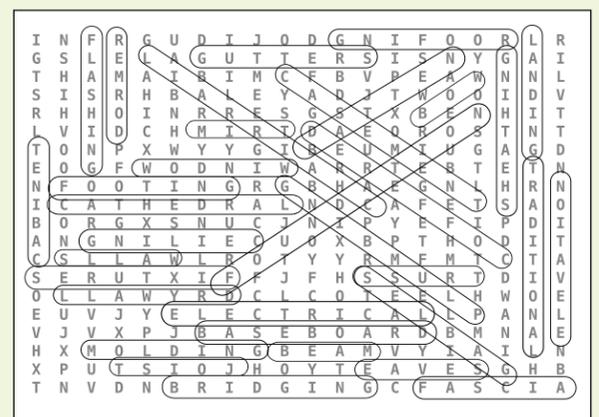
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**CRYPTO FUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Answers: A. roof B. structure C. foundation D. window

Answers to your Puzzles

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# around town

**May 1**  
**Honeybee Quilt Guild**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Mandarin Presbyterian Church, 11844 Mandarin Road  
[www.honeybeequilters.org](http://www.honeybeequilters.org) (Repeats first Tuesday of each month)

**May 5**  
**Mandarin Toastmasters meeting**  
 10:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 South Mandarin Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.  
[Mandrintoastmasters.org](http://Mandrintoastmasters.org)

**May 5**  
**Mandarin Republican Club breakfast meeting**  
 10 a.m.  
 Golden Corral, 11470 San Jose Blvd.  
[rmclean1@bellsouth.net](mailto:rmclean1@bellsouth.net)

**May 6**  
**Under the Oaks music jam**  
 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road  
[www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net)

**May 8**  
**Shuffleboard**  
 9:30 a.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)  
 Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts at park entrance  
 Just show up unless it rains

**May 8 - May 9**  
**AARP Driver Safety Course**  
 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 South Mandarin Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.  
 Call (904) 414-0007 to register

**May 10**  
**Mandarin Council networking luncheon**  
 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.  
[www.mandarinCouncil.org](http://www.mandarinCouncil.org)

**Magnolia Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club**  
 10 a.m.  
 Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
 (904) 260-2764; [mandaringardenclub.org](http://mandaringardenclub.org)

**American Legion Post 372 general assembly**  
 6 p.m. meet and greet / 7 p.m. meeting  
 Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive  
 (904) 297-8344 or [www.mandarinpost372.org](http://www.mandarinpost372.org)

**Book Club/Friends of the South Mandarin Library meeting**  
 1 p.m. / 2 p.m.  
 South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.  
 (904) 288-6385

**May 11**  
**Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra Major/Minor concert**  
 8 p.m.  
 Jacoby Hall  
[www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org) or (904) 354-5547

**May 12**  
**Bingo Night at St. Joseph's**  
 6:45 p.m.  
 Cody Center, 4152 Loretto Road  
 Open to the community; (904) 742-8777

**About Boating Safely class**  
 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Florida Tackle and gun Club, 9010 San Jose Blvd.  
[www.safeboatingjax.com](http://www.safeboatingjax.com)

**Toast of Jax Toastmasters meeting**  
 7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  
 Baha'i Community Center of Jacksonville, 5034 Greenland Road  
[www.toastofjax.com](http://www.toastofjax.com) (Repeating event on Saturdays)

**St. Johns Chapter of the Catholic Writers Guild featuring songwriter and poet Bart Price**  
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
 St. Paul's Catholic Church school auditorium, 2609 Park St.  
[www.dosafl.com/outreach/catholic-writers-guild/](http://www.dosafl.com/outreach/catholic-writers-guild/) or [writerrod@comcast.net](mailto:writerrod@comcast.net)

**May 15**  
**Dogwood Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club**  
 10 a.m.  
 Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
 (904) 260-2764; [mandaringardenclub.org](http://mandaringardenclub.org)

**May 16**  
**River City Women's Club luncheon featuring brown bag auction to raise funds for charity**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3130 Hartley Road  
 RSVP to Florence, (904) 262-8719

**May 17**  
**Cherokee Rose Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club**  
 10 a.m.  
 Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
 (904) 260-2764; [mandaringardenclub.org](http://mandaringardenclub.org)

**May 19**  
**Meet the Maple Leaf Divers**  
 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road  
[www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net)

**Cruise In sponsored by Sunshine State Chevilles**  
 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 PDQ parking lot, 194 State Road 13  
 Repeating event on third Saturday of each month

**May 19 - 20**  
**Vessel Safety Checks by USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 14-8**  
 9 a.m.  
 Mandarin Park Boat Ramp and John T. Lowe Boat Ramp

**May 21**  
**All Star Quilt Guild**  
 9:45 a.m.  
 First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.  
[www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild](http://www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild) or (904) 502-5254

**May 24**  
**Mandarin Women's Club luncheon meeting featuring Mark Woods**  
 10:30 am  
 Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3130 Hartley Road  
 RSVP by May 17; [gerimarch23@gmail.com](mailto:gerimarch23@gmail.com) or (904) 993-7649

**Live Oak Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club**  
 7 p.m.  
 Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
 (904) 260-2764; [mandaringardenclub.org](http://mandaringardenclub.org)

**Mandarin Council monthly breakfast**  
 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
 Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.  
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with Duval School Board Member,  
District 7, Lori Hershey

**Q: Yesterday (April 23), the Duval County School Board selected the semifinalists for the next superintendent. What can you tell us about this process?**

A: According to our search firm, Hazard Young Attea & Associates, there were more than 70 candidates who expressed interest in this position. Once they were all filtered through the process, the School Board received the applications and considered 26 candidates. From there, we selected six semifinalists. Of this top six, I'm very confident that with their records and leadership, we will end up with a great superintendent for DCPS.

**Q: What can you tell us about the candidates?**

A: This is a good group. If people take the time to investigate, I believe they will be satisfied with their records and what they've accomplished in their current positions. Each candidate has done something significant and been instrumental in moving their current school district forward.

**Q: Can you share any specifics about each candidate?**

A: One of the characteristics that rose to the top during our community meetings was that everyone wanted someone with significant leadership experience and connection to education. All of these candidates have these. Two of the candidates, Dr. Diana Green (who began her teaching career in Jacksonville) and Frederick Heid (former chief academic officer at DCPS) have ties to Jacksonville. Harrison Peters is chief of schools for Hillsborough County Schools in Florida and Green is superintendent of Manatee County Schools in Florida. Michael Dunsmore is a superintendent of schools in North Carolina, Sito Narcisse is chief of schools in the Nashville area and Erick Pruitt is an area superintendent of a large school district in Houston.

**Q: What is the next step?**

A: On May 11, the board will hold the initial interviews with the six semifinalists from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Cline Auditorium (open to the public) before meeting on May 14 to identify the finalists. Interviews with the finalists will be May 16, 17 and 18 and then on May 22 the board will meet to identify the preferred candidate. The plan is for this person to begin work in July. Part of this process will include the 25-member focus group, which includes three representatives (one of whom is a DCPS employee) from each district. This focus group will also interview the semifinalist candidates on May 12 at the Schultz Center from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (open to the public) and then make a recommendation to the board.

**Q: Do you have anything else to share about this process?**

A: It is important to note that the board has been methodically working on this process since last fall; a lot of work has already been done in advance of this busy month of May.

Several of the candidates for superintendent were identified by a majority of the board. We were all on the same page and I'm excited that we're bringing some strong talent to Jacksonville.

Also, I'd like to say that Dr. Willis has done a phenomenal job as superintendent. I believe Duval County Public Schools are better for her leadership.

**Q: How can our readers contact you?**

A: They can email me at [HersheyL@duvalschools.org](mailto:HersheyL@duvalschools.org) or call me at (904) 316-3609.



with Jacksonville City Council Member  
Matt Schellenberg (District 6)

**Q: What can you tell us about the unsightliness of some of the medians along San Jose Boulevard in Mandarin?**

A: This has been a subject of concern to me for over a year. The City of Jacksonville arborist and his staff will be looking at the medians from Goodby's to Julington Creek. The medians along San Jose Boulevard, a state road, north of Interstate 295 are state medians and we are working with the Florida Department of Transportation to improve them. For the medians south of Interstate 295, we have an interlocal agreement with the state for the City of Jacksonville to maintain. There is presently an RFP (Request for Proposal) out to beautify the medians.

Some of the medians are too small for the mature trees. It's important to note that medians have the same substrate under them as the road, which is not conducive to growing anything. We will have to dig up this substrate under the medians to be able to put in sufficient soil so the trees and plants will grow.

**Q: What is the status of the median improvements along Old St. Augustine Road?**

A: Right now we are in the process of improving the medians on Old St. Augustine Road south of Interstate 295. The money has been allocated and we should see progress within 60 days.

**Q: Do you have any update on the County Dock Road property?**

A: This issue underwent mediation to try to come to a consensus on development and construction on this property. The mediation was not successful, so it is now up to the applicant as to how he would like to proceed.

**Q: Is the Marbon Road property getting close to the end of the due diligence period prior to sale?**

A: Yes, my understanding is that closing on this property should occur before the end of April. I believe they need to have an easement corrected and then should be able to proceed with the sale and then development as the approved PUD.

**Q: Are the sidewalks along Mandarin Road nearing completion?**

A: By the time this issue of Mandarin NewsLine is in circulation, the sidewalks along Mandarin Road from Orange Picker Road to the south should be complete. By the next issue, I should be able to give an update on the northward sidewalks along Mandarin Road as well as the sidewalks along Orange Picker Road.

**Q: We had a reader ask this question: "Are there any updates on the old KMart property on San Jose Boulevard at Old St Augustine Road? This is one of the major eyesores in Mandarin."**

A: I actually haven't heard anything about this and unfortunately, don't have anything to share.

**Q: Do you have any other District 6 updates?**

A: The splash park at Losco Park will open on May 1 and the new playground there should be completed by the same time. I hope community members will let me know what they think of it.

**Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?**

A: Community members can email me at [MattS@coj.net](mailto:MattS@coj.net) or call (904) 630-1388.

## FYI Contact Numbers

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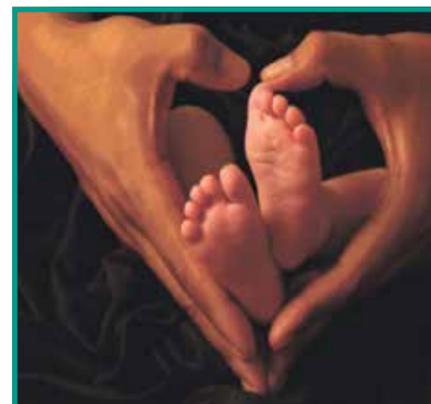
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At Large, District 3: Tommy Hazouri, [thazouri@coj.net](mailto:thazouri@coj.net), (904) 630-1396  
Duval County School Board ([www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org))  
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with Jacksonville City Council Member  
Tommy Hazouri (At Large District 3)

**Q: What is the latest (as of today, April 23) on the potential sale of JEA?**

A: There is becoming a cloud of mistrust as far as this topic. From the beginning, we've never had a bill in front of the City Council. This has been my problem all along. Now the JEA director has resigned and they've just appointed an interim director during this period of "transparency"... or lack thereof. At this time, I think we should be looking at possibly restructuring JEA to meet the competition and provide low rates and additional sources of electricity for customers, but still maintaining ownership. I have had more constituents tell me they don't support the sale than I have heard about any other controversial issue, including the HRO. We should be focusing on other issues such as sidewalks in Mandarin and The District.

**Q: What can you tell us about The District?**

A: This project, which is a development on the riverfront at the old JEA generating plant, is moving forward. It received unanimous approval from the Downtown Investment Authority and will be up for a vote in the City Council probably in mid-June. There seems to be a good amount of support. When completed, The District proposes to be a city within a city and contain 1,170 residential units; 200,000 square feet

of office space; 200,000 square feet of retail; a 3.5 acre riverfront park as an extension of the Southbank Riverwalk; a 125 slip marina; and a Marriott hotel. It's taken several years of work to get to this point, but that's how long a project of this magnitude requires.

**Q: Do you have any results from the City of Jacksonville's tire buyback program?**

A: This event was held at EverBank Field on March 24 in an effort to combat blight. A total of 22,508 tires were dropped off and \$43,602 was paid out to residents who brought them in. Additionally, 3,376 snipe signs were turned in and \$1,666 was paid out for them. I would say this was a successful day. This is an ongoing program and we will have additional events in the future.

**Q: Do you have anything else to share?**

A: I'd like to label this one "Did you know?" Did you know that October 1 will be the 50th anniversary of consolidated Jacksonville? There is a celebration planned. In fact, the JSO officers are already wearing badges that acknowledge this milestone.

**Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?**

A: They can email me at [THazouri@coj.net](mailto:THazouri@coj.net) or call (904) 630-1396.



**Inquiring Minds want to know!**

By Martie Thompson  
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Are you puzzled about something going on in Mandarin or wondering about whatever happened on a topic from a previous issue? Email your question to us at [editor@floridanewsline.com](mailto:editor@floridanewsline.com) by the fifth of the month and we will do our best to track down the information for you.

While we will do our best to answer all the questions we receive, we may not be able to answer all questions received each month. Also, due to publication scheduling, the time it takes to research answers may vary.

Here are answers to questions we received this month:

**Q: At the end of March, surveyors were working at the east dead end of Longview Drive South, near the west border of Mandarin Park near the boat ramp. Do we know why?**

A: We asked this question to City Councilman Matt Schellenberg, who provided the following answer: "City of Jacksonville Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services Daryl Joseph informed me that the work is a part of a FIND grant design project to add a kayak launch area near the boat ramp. The survey should be complete in April 2018."

**Q: It appears that when the depressions on the right hand lanes of Old St. Augustine Road become potholes, the city crews set up detours for a couple of days and put sand in the hole prior to paving it. The depressions appear to line up to the storm sewers, so it appears the moving water constantly washes away the sand, creating a depression, that turns into another pothole. Why don't the crews fill the potholes with gravel or something that does not wash away?**

A: According to Steve Long of the City of Jacksonville Public Works Department, these are cave ins on the storm sewer lines and the repair isn't the placement of sand into the holes.

Long said, "We dig down and uncover the pipe. The pipe is then collared to seal the leaking joint. In some cases when the pipe is too deep or there are major utility conflicts, we will use an injection system to seal the pipe joints.

After the joints are sealed, the roadway subbase and base are restored and then new asphalt is placed."

Long further notes that the repeated repairs along Old St. Augustine Road are too continuous and new pipe joint leaks are causing the cave ins.

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**Briefs**



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More than 500 community members attended River Garden's 72nd anniversary celebration.

**River Garden celebrates 72nd year**

In late March, more than 500 members of the community filled the River Garden campus in celebration of the agency's 72nd Anniversary Day celebration and annual meeting. After about four minutes of light rain just before the start of the event, the rest of the day is best summed up by fun, laughter and lots of activity. Festivities included a barbeque, pony rides, face painting and clowns, balloon artistry, games, and a bounce house. Background music was provided by a trio of students from the UNF Jazz program; grill masters Art Sherman and Marc Raitt cooked up hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sandwiches; and desserts were prepared and served by River Garden Auxiliary, headed by Sharon Smith and Carla Bernard.

Many also attended the annual meeting of River Garden Senior Services, held in the Cohen Auditorium, where River Garden installed new board

leadership and trustees. After five years as president of The Coves at River Garden board, Lois Schlesinger passed the honor to Dennis Lafer, who served as vice president. Continuing as presidents of their respective boards were Gloria Einstein, Senior Services board; Susan Cohen, Hebrew Home board; Jeanine Rogozinski, Foundation board; and Sheldon Gendzier, Albert Z. Fleet Geriatric Training Center board. Newly installed board trustees included Colman Brodsky, Randy Kammer, Rachel Monteiro and Erik Rostholder to the Foundation board, and Nathan Goldman to the Hebrew Home board.

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## Trimming trees part of JEA's year-round storm preparations

By NewsLine Staff  
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At JEA, storm preparation happens all year round, as the utility works to ensure its facilities and the community are prepared for hurricanes and other weather-related emergencies. In the past five years, JEA has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in hardening its electric, water and sewer systems to make them more resistant to storm-related disruptions.

"These critical repairs and improvements help us restore power and return to normal operations more quickly after a major storm," said JEA spokesperson Gerri Boyce.

In addition, Boyce added, JEA's storm preparation plans include year-round tree trimming, especially in established neighborhoods such as Mandarin, where large, mature trees pose a danger come hurricane season.

"Most storm-related power outages result from tree branches falling on power lines," she said. "That makes Mandarin and other tree-lined neighborhoods more susceptible to service interruptions when a major storm hits."

To reduce the risk of downed branches causing outages during a storm, JEA trims trees across the city all year long, working on a two-and-a-half-year cycle to cover JEA's 900 square-mile service

territory. In some cases, Boyce said, JEA will remove a hazardous tree that is interfering with power lines.

When a major storm causes widespread power outages, JEA goes into emergency operations mode, implementing its Restoration 1-2-3 process to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. During Phase 1, JEA repairs its power facilities and restores power to local hospitals, shelters and police and fire stations. Once these critical public safety facilities are restored, JEA moves to Phase 2, at which time the utility is ready to accept outage reports from individual customers.

"Just as you'd pull over on the highway to let an ambulance pass," Boyce said, "you can help save lives by waiting until Phase 2 to report your individual power outage."

During Phase 2, JEA restores power by targeting specific sections of the electric grid — or "circuits" — giving top priority to repairs that will restore power to the most customers at one time. In Phase 3, JEA completes power restoration, focusing on the few isolated areas still without power.

Visit [jea.com](http://jea.com) for more information on JEA's storm preparation and power restoration activities.

## Mandarin Garden Club gives annual Business Beautification Award

By Donna Crosby  
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Mandarin Garden Club has awarded Baptist Medical Center South its annual award for Business Beautification. Baptist has combined an old-fashioned sense of community and a philosophy of the importance of healing gardens, reflecting a belief that nature contributes to physical well-being. The gardens are maintained to improve health in patients, family and staff.

A sense of nature starts in the parking lot that is surrounded by mature magnolia, oak, and slash pine trees. It continues in the blue, green and brown earth tone colors of the hospital's interiors. The halls are lined with large pots of fiddle leaf fig trees and ferns.

The main garden at Baptist South is the Serenity Garden. This small oasis, along with an additional 32 acres, has been in the care of Mike Nolan, head ground-

skeeper for 13 years. The rectangular terrace is bordered by Loropetalum Azalea and variegated Flax Lily. Wooden benches provide a comfortable seat to enjoy the three main features of the garden. A square bed is filled with colorful annuals that are changed every season. Flowers currently featured are zinnias, petunias, gerbera daisies, marigolds and geraniums. This riot of color anchors the statue of an angel holding bird. The word "Joy" is engraved across her dress. The second feature is a bed of various camellias surrounded by blue flax lilies. The third feature is a fountain that provides soothing sounds of moving water. This lovely garden, reminiscent of an impressionist

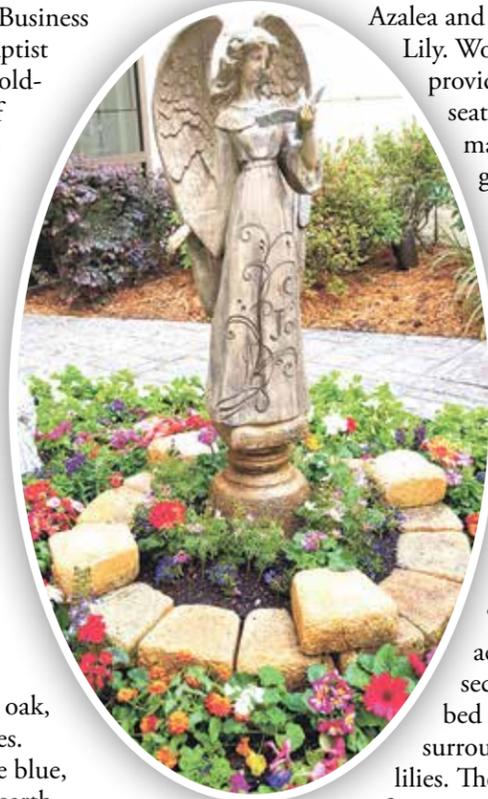


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The Serenity Garden at Baptist Medical Center South.

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*Donna Crosby is Education and Community Chair at the Mandarin Garden Club.*

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## Summer fun events and camp guide

By Angela Higginbotham  
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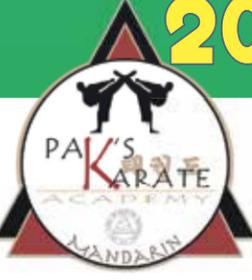
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# SUMMER CAMP GUIDE





## The arts prevent summer learning loss

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The summer slide, as it is called, refers to the phenomenon of students starting a new school year behind where they were when they finished the previous school year. This is especially evident among lower-income children who are more likely to spend their summer vacation in unstructured activities than their more affluent peers who get to take advantage of a growing number of educational resources and experiences.

This is nothing new. In fact, studies have measured summer learning loss for over a century. According to the National Summer Learning Association, most lower-income children lose two months of math skills during summer vacation and up to three months of reading skills. When school resumes in the fall, nine out of 10 teachers must spend three whole weeks re-teaching material students learned the previous year.

These learning losses have a cumulative impact. By the time they reach fifth grade, lower-income students are two to three years behind their higher-income peers. When they enter high school, over half of the achievement gap can be attributed to summer learning loss during their elementary school years.

So how can we prevent the dreaded summer slide? A solution is readily available – providing structured learning through so-called summer camps and other summer learning programs.

Just as the arts are an essential part of a child's K-12 schooling, so are arts

learning opportunities essential for the summer break. Arts learning matters every single day. It develops important skills like creative thinking, perseverance and self-discipline that help students succeed. And among many other lessons, arts education helps children learn how to learn. Through studying the arts, children develop the attitudes and skills that can make learning anything fun and, therefore, successful.

When children can see that dedication to learning and sustained attention to a goal helps them learn to play an instrument or perfect dance moves or act in character or create a piece of art, they come to realize they can approach their school work the same way.

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# Back in Time with Brett

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The community of Mandarin boasts many historical contributions to the City of Jacksonville. The area provides a unique look of rural 19th century Florida; however, over recent decades, Mandarin's rich history has become somewhat hidden. The goal of this new column is to reflect on this history through stories of various sites that are still standing around the community today.

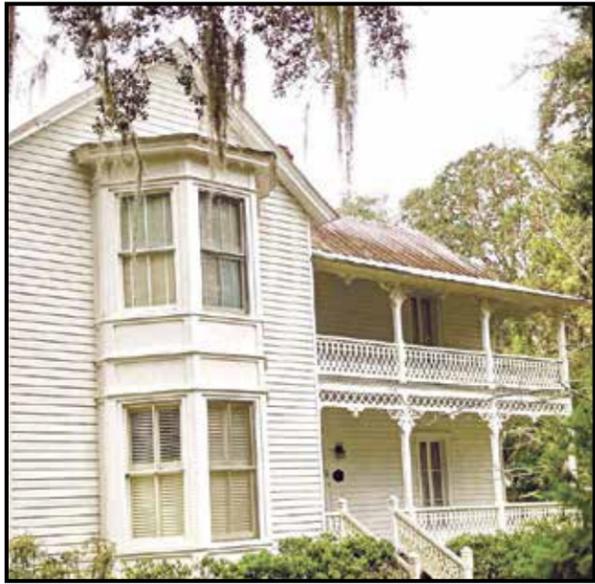


Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society. The Coleman House.

A style popular during 1870 – 1910, the structure is of Folk Victorian architecture. Complete with scroll-cut brackets, cornice drapery and decorative porch railings, the home exemplified

Coleman's wealth and status. He valued his home, which was likely his office as well, at \$6,000 in 1885 (\$149,220 in 2018 dollars).

Typical of Mandarin culture, roughly 500 orange trees were said to be on the Cole-

man property, some remaining today. After the death of the famed doctor and his wife, Harriet, the property was inherited by their only child, Essie Ida Coleman. Essie married late in life to a cousin, also named Henry Coleman. The house left the Coleman family in 1956, but the residence still carries on much valued history of Mandarin's storied past...

Together, when we know our history and the significance of our historic locations, we can better protect them for generations to come. It is imperative that we keep the unique charm of Mandarin from becoming a thing of the past.

*Brett Nolan is a volunteer with the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society. Visit [www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net) for more information about Mandarin's history.*

Located at the intersection of County Dock and Loretto roads is the Doctor Henry A. Coleman residence. Coleman purchased the land from John W. Lockwood for \$1,000 in 1878 (\$23,966 in 2018 dollars). While the date of construction is unclear, it is assumed the house was already there when Coleman purchased the estate. Coleman, a South Carolina native, attended the South Carolina Medical College in 1860. During the Civil War, he served as a surgeon for the Confederate cause.

Once in Mandarin, the doctor was recognized by 1885 as having one of the largest of the three medical practices in the community. It is possible that the original house purchased in 1878 was simpler in appearance; however, because of his successful medical practice, Coleman probably enhanced much of the exterior, as evident today.

# Grab your cape for library's Comic Con

By Kaylee Burke  
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Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries will keep you and your family busy this month with activities aplenty. Marvel lovers are in for a real treat — South Mandarin will hold its very first Comic Con. From a cosplay workshop to costume contests to crafts and storytime for the kids, there is something for comic fans of all ages. Lunch will be available onsite at Rocco's Pizzeria food truck. The fun kicks off at 11 a.m. on May 5 and will last until 3 p.m. Get details at [jaxpubliclibrary.org/comic-con-2018](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/comic-con-2018).

Mandarin Library is offering a helpful new program for English language

In honor of Jewish American Heritage Month, join Morris Bendit for a noteworthy presentation at Mandarin Branch Library. Bendit, a local Jacksonville resident, will recount his experiences as a Holocaust survivor. You can hear his inspirational story May 30 at 7 p.m.

What better way to earn community service hours than by volunteering at the local library? With summer around the corner, JPL is looking for eager teen volunteers to help out during their break. It's also an awesome way to meet other teens in the community. Visit [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaxpubliclibrary.org) and click



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Public Library. Comic Con will be held on May 5 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at two branch locations this year: South Mandarin and Beaches.

learners. Conversation Essentials is a free practice session — drop-ins are welcome — that provides students a place to exercise their English speaking skills through facilitator-prompted topics. Conversation Essentials will be held Tuesdays from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. each month and no registration is required.

Join representatives from the Duval County Extension Service Gardening Program for a presentation on how we all can contribute to helping our environment. The presentation will include two topics: The 17 Composting Methods and The Life of a Recycling Warrior. The discussions will be held May 8 at Mandarin Library beginning at 6 p.m.

Volunteers for more information, or call Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.

All library locations will be closed on May 28 for Memorial Day. Remember, the library's digital library is open 24/7 for a variety of ebooks, audiobooks, movies and music. All programs are free and open to the public. Find information about additional upcoming events at Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries at [jaxpubliclibrary.org/](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/) events of call Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.

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## Get to Know . . .

By Angela Higginbotham  
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### Deborah Luke

Deborah Luke is a Jacksonville native who has served in the Duval and Clay county school systems for 43 years. She is a graduate of Englewood High School and the University of Florida. Luke has spent her career in elementary education, teaching young children within four different Duval County schools and one Clay County school. Although many of her days are still filled with educating as a substitute teacher, she retired from Duval County in 2009 and from Clay County in 2016. She and her late husband of 32 years, Donald, began calling Mandarin home 35 years ago and the two have one son, Justin. Luke was recently named Educator of the Year by the Jacksonville Elk Lodge #221, an honor that she holds dear.

Luke is an inspiration to so many, not only for her work to encourage and be a positive influence in the lives of children but also for her strength and positive outlook on life. Very recently, she lost everything in an electrical house fire, yet her joy remains.

“In the blink of an eye everything can change,” she said. “It’s a new awakening. I lost all my treasures, but at least

I’m alive and my son wasn’t in the house. Life is precious and I made it through. I’m looking for a condo and looking forward to finding a new place to call home.”

#### 1. What do you enjoy most about living in Mandarin?

Mandarin has so much to offer. It’s a calming community. I see so many former students around and I love when they come up to me.

#### 2. What do you enjoy doing apart from your continued involvement in education?

I enjoy spending time with my friends, shopping and just enjoying each other’s company. I was learning to play piano again. I found my old piano that I played on as a child. It was 67 years old, but I lost it in the fire. Maybe I can get another piano and play again.

#### 3. What would you consider your greatest accomplishment?

Being married and taking care of my husband through his illness. Also raising our special needs son.

#### 4. What do you enjoy most about your work in education?

Encouraging my kids to read and watching the contributions they make to their friends while helping each other learn to read. I did an auction to encourage people from all over the country to donate books. Jeb Bush came as an auctioneer and other celebrities joined in.

#### 5. What do you think is the hardest part about being a teacher in today’s school system?

Making sure that all students are on board and performing where they need to be to score their best on the big tests.



Photo courtesy Deborah Luke  
Deborah Luke.

Mandarin’s youth cont. from pg. 1

friend Chelsea Stanch, he immediately got to work and they managed to transform the old street sign into a thing of beauty.

Their next project was painting a similar sign post at the corner of Mandarin Road and Store Lane. Store Lane was once the way to get to the old store and the Post Office that were located on the river to take advantage of river travel. In 1911, after oyster shell roads and automobiles became available, the store and Post Office were relocated to the corner of Mandarin and Brady Roads, where the historic building stands today.

Nolan’s curiosity and desire to improve his community, has caused people to notice these vintage signposts and learning about their Mandarin history. Watch for his new monthly article in Mandarin NewsLine about historic buildings and places in Mandarin called “Back in Time with Brett.”

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**School Briefs**

**St. Joseph Catholic students place at state science fair**

Emily O'Mara, Kaitlyn McMillan, and Connor Murphy, eighth grade students from St. Joseph Catholic School, were among 900 students from around Florida who participated in the 63rd State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida, held March 27 – 29 in Lakeland. The competition, sponsored by the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists, aims to recognize scientific, academic, and technical talent in the schools of Florida and to encourage the pursuit of careers in STEM.

The St. Joseph students began working on their projects last September, and participated in science fairs at the school and diocesan levels, and received their state bids by placing in the Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair held in February.

At the State Science and Engineering Fair, O'Mara received a first-place award in the Junior Chemistry category for her project titled, "Molecular Gastronomy: Discovering How pH Affects the Spherification Process." McMillan received a fourth place award in the Junior Biomedical and Health Sciences category for her project titled, "The Impact of Cranial Protective Gear in Preventing Head Traumas." Murphy received a fourth place award in the Junior Microbiology category for his project titled, "From Microbe to Electricity: Determining the Effect of Different pH Levels on the Energy Output of a Microbial Fuel Cell."

**Loretto students participate in Chopped competition**

On March 28, Loretto Elementary students Kate Youell and Lauren Reynolds participated as a team at the third annual "Chopped" competition, sponsored by Duval County Public Schools Food Services and Chartwells K12-Thompson School Dining Services.

The students were able to showcase their creative talents and culinary presentation skills during this competition based on the popular show appearing on the Food Network. The competition encouraged smart food choices and aims to create a lifelong habit of healthy eating.

**Students use interactive means to learn math**

Loretto Elementary School teacher Angie Khakpour developed an engaging and interactive way for her fifth grad students to learn math.

The students used the coordinate grid on the wall to identify the coordinates of pictures from places in Mandarin Jacksonville. Then, students had to describe the distance from the origin using the sentence stem: "Beginning at the origin, move \_\_\_\_ units \_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ axis."



Photo courtesy Loretto Elementary School  
Fifth grade students learned how to identify points on a coordinate grid.

Then, the class replicated the coordinate points by placing the identical picture on the coordinate grid, created on the floor. Another student had to identify and write the coordinate pair on a sticky note and place it on the floor. The students then discussed distance from location to location and created scenarios. For example, "I moved three units left and one unit down...what way could I have traveled?"

*Fishing*

**Capt. David's Fishing Report**

By Captain David Lifka  
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In just a few short weeks the kids will be home for summer break. From kindergarten to college, they will all be back in the house with little to entertain them other than some type of electronic device. There was a time when kids spent the majority of their free time outdoors participating in a number of activities, but it seems that nowadays for some kids, an outdoor activity is nothing more than a quick run to the car or bus. Other than organized sport activities, how do we get our kids outside enjoying the great outdoors around them?

We can start by teaching a kid how to fish. Fishing in Florida is practically a year round activity that the whole family can partake in and enjoy. Access to fishing starts in many of our own neighborhoods, with nearby ponds and creeks just a short walk or bike ride away. Additional accesses to a variety of different fishing locations (all without a boat) are the St. Johns River, Intracoastal Waterway, nearby inlets, piers, lakes, springs, creeks, rivers, and the beach — all are just a short car ride away. Online searches for fishing locations, or searching state, county, and federal parks, can be a great help providing you with the necessary information to get you started with the planning of your next fishing trip.

Learning the basics of how to fish should not be very difficult. Hook, line, sinker, float, weight, rod and reel complete the list of tools to get you started. Having a friend to teach you can be a great help. For self learners, YouTube videos are seemingly endless with guidance and instructions of how to fish and catch various species. Most

any tackle or bait store you care to visit will usually be more than happy to help get you started and pointed in the right direction.

Camping, hiking, biking, kayaking, boating, going to the beach, and even vacation travel can all be outdoor activities that can be done with fishing in mind. Learning to enjoy the outdoors and all that it has to offer can often start with a single fishing pole. The dividends of teaching a kid to fish are many and well worth a try.

*Whether you catch one, some, or none, the family time spent fishing will last a lifetime.*

Fishing Report: Bream fishing in area ponds and creeks should be pretty good. Live worms or crickets are the better bait choice, but bread ball will work fine for neighborhood ponds. Pompano and whiting still in the surf. Early smaller croaker bite in the St. Johns.

Whether you catch one, some, or none, the family time spent fishing will last a lifetime.

Editor's Note: The CreekLine will now include a Catch of the Month photo with Capt. David's Fishing Report each month. Please email a photo of yourself or your child with the fish caught to catchofthemothpictures@gmail.com. Be sure to include the name of the person(s) in the photo, the name of the person who took the photo, the type of fish and date and location of the catch. We will select a photo each month for publication. Good luck!

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# Coast Guard Auxiliary observes National Safe Boating Week with Vessel Safety Checks

By Paul Tynda  
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Every year in May, National Safe Boating Week kicks off the boating season nationwide. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and many other federal, state, and local agencies all participate to help keep the boating public safe. This year National Safe Boating Week is May 19th – 25.

The focus of National Safe Boating Week is recreational boating safety for all who enjoy our waterways. To kick off the week, Flotilla 14-8 will be conducting free Vessel Safety Checks — all power boats, sailboats, paddle craft, and jet skis are eligible. If the vessel has all the required items in good working order according to federal, state, and local law, the vessel will earn the Vessel Safety Check Decal for 2018. The free Vessel Safety Check is no risk if you fail and if the failed items are corrected we can schedule another examination to earn a decal.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-8 will be at Mandarin Park Boat Ramp and John T. Lowe Boat Ramp on May 19 and May 20 offering free Vessel Safety Checks beginning at 9 a.m.

As a reminder, the best life jacket (or PFD) is the one you wear — and wearing it properly is crucial to its effective-

ness. For example, if you use the fanny pack style inflatable PFD (popular with paddle boarders and kayakers), wearing it on your back may cause you to be face down in the water. This style should be worn in front of your torso to have you face up, according to a study by the National Association of State Boating Legislators Administration (NASBLA).

Flotilla 14-8 continues to offer Safe Boating Classes monthly and the next scheduled classes are Saturday, May 12, Saturday, June 9, and Saturday, July 14. Successful completion of the class gets you a certificate and the Florida Safe Boating ID Card from FWC. Visit [www.safeboatingjax.com](http://www.safeboatingjax.com) to register for a Safe Boating class, schedule a Vessel Exam, or for more information on the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

*Paul Tynda is Commander of Flotilla 14-8.*

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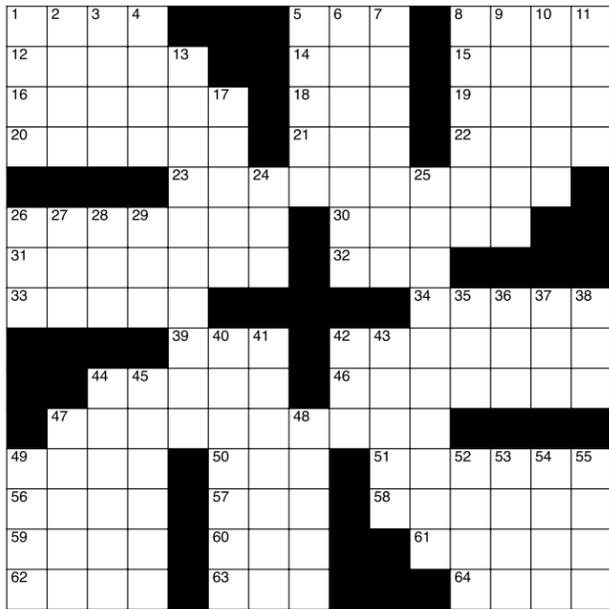
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# Puzzles

Answers to puzzles on page 2  
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. In bed
- 5. Project portfolio management
- 8. \_\_\_ Bator: Mongolian capital
- 12. Roamed
- 14. Notre Dame legend Parseghian
- 15. Nothing (Spanish)
- 16. Not level
- 18. Self-contained aircraft unit
- 19. Baseball broadcaster Caray
- 20. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress
- 21. "The Raven" writer
- 22. Bathrooms
- 23. Skilled inventors
- 26. Forcefully silence
- 30. Remove
- 31. The arrival of daylight
- 32. Split lentils
- 33. "Walking Dead" actress
- 34. A lazy person
- 39. Doctors' group
- 42. Crooks

**CLUES DOWN**

- 44. Fragrant essential oil
- 46. Conjured
- 47. One who predicts
- 49. Scarlett's home
- 50. Television network
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. What a thespian does
- 57. Word element meaning life
- 58. Italian island
- 59. "King of Queens" actress Remini
- 60. Jogged
- 61. Norse gods
- 62. Lazily
- 63. Midway between northeast and east
- 64. Hindu queen

- 5. Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- 6. Edited
- 7. Portuguese archipelago
- 8. Your parents' brothers
- 9. Pakistani city
- 10. Farewell
- 11. Short sleep sessions
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Drug officers
- 24. One and only
- 25. The Golden State
- 26. Fabric baby carrier (abbr.)
- 27. Quid pro \_\_\_
- 28. New England research university
- 29. Baseball pitcher's stat
- 35. Western India island
- 36. \_\_\_ Angeles
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 38. British singer Stewart
- 40. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- 41. Riding horse

- 42. Where wrestlers work
- 43. Regions
- 44. Of a main artery
- 45. Not classy
- 47. Competed against
- 48. Biscuit-like cake
- 49. Large ankle bones
- 52. Computer company
- 53. "Friends" actress Kudrow
- 54. "Chocolat" actress Lena
- 55. Brain folds



Solve the code to discover words related to home sweet home.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 10 = o)

- A. 5 10 10 22**  
*Clue: Covers house*
- B. 24 23 5 12 3 23 12 5 17**  
*Clue: Building*
- C. 22 10 12 9 21 6 23 1 10 9**  
*Clue: Bottom of home*
- D. 26 1 9 21 10 26**  
*Clue: Lets light in*

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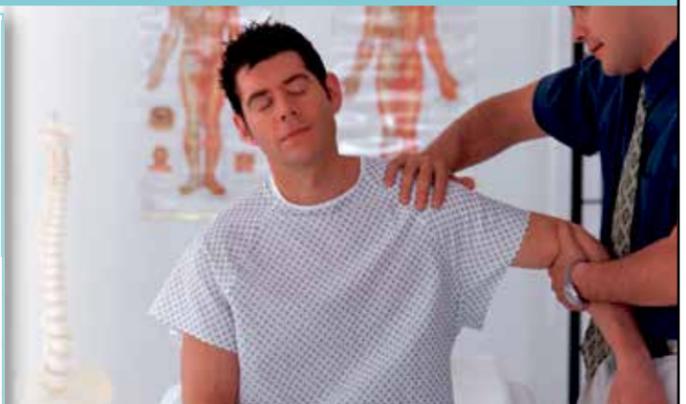
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Taking a look at the Climate Prediction Center on the NOAA website (<http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/>), it seems we may escape drought conditions, at least for the next couple of months. Unfortunately, also according to NOAA, we are likely to experience higher than normal temperatures.

For gardeners, the ramifications are that we need to pay particular attention to our yards' and gardens' water needs, since our usually sandy soils allow for quick drainage, and higher temperatures cause faster evaporation. If you haven't yet done so, check out your system, whether you have in-ground sprinklers, soaker hoses, drip irrigation, or a gravity-fed water barrel, to ensure that your yard is getting adequate water. If you have recently installed new beds they may not be getting the optimum amount of water if you are relying on a system that was set up to irrigate grass.

Converting sprinkler systems in plant beds to soaker or drip systems saves water by delivering it more directly to the roots of plants. Check out <http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/care/irrigation/> for various irrigation methods and applications. Since almost 50 percent of potable water used in Florida is used in the landscape, it's particularly important to determine if you are applying the right amount of water to your lawn — and aren't applying too much to plant beds.

The Extension Master Gardener phone service (904-255-7450) has recently been getting enquiries from homeowners about a leafspot they are seeing on Japanese privet (*Ligustrum japonicum*). It is most likely a species of *Cercospora* fungus, and can be treated with suitable fungicides. This article describes the appearance of the leafspot, and suggests treatments: <https://tinyurl.com/ydhmvv3e>. For any leafspot problem it helps to rake up and dispose of fallen leaves to reduce the fungus spores spreading.

As summer progresses, increasing humidity is usually followed by increases in disease and insect problems, but it is

important to make sure to identify what is wrong before applying a remedy. In the case of lawns, treating for "fungus" when the specific disease hasn't been identified is both pointless and harmful — the problem will only get worse. And even if the diagnosis is clear, the timing and mode of application of fungicides can be tricky to get right, and a reputable lawn and yard service may be better able to tackle it (see <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp154>). If you wish to deal with it yourself, but are unsure of the diagnosis, take a bagged sample of the diseased plant material, including all parts that show signs of disease, not just the leaves, to the Extension service at 1010 N. McDuff. If it's something difficult to diagnose, the University of Florida has a service to identify plant diseases (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/sr007>).

Insects should also be correctly identified, since so many are actually beneficial predators of the insects which eat our plants. (More than 90 percent of the insects in our landscapes are good guys: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in120>). The larvae of lady beetles (ladybugs) are one example, as they look nothing like the adults, but both life stages eat pesky aphids (see <https://tinyurl.com/bqroxn7>). Unfortunately the larvae of one species of lady beetle can be mistaken for mealybugs, which could make them a target for the insecticide spray, to the real detriment of the garden.

If you enjoy learning about different aspect of gardening, you may appreciate a BBC podcast (from the UK) called Gardeners' Question Time. It has been broadcast weekly since 1947, from different towns, cities, and inspiring gardens across the British Isles. The format is simple: a panel of experts answers questions from the audience. If it sounds a little dry, I can assure you that's not the case, although British humor *can* be a little different...

Closer to home, for a little lighter reading, including a whole host of timely tips, check out the May-June issue of *A New Leaf*: <https://tinyurl.com/y9yfxd89>, available in early May. Stay cool and happy gardening.

## Get ready to be entertained with Alhambra's "Five Guys Named Moe"

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The premise is simple ... down on his luck Nomax is lonely and drunk and is visited by five men who jump out of an old timey radio to perform songs by R&B pioneer Louis Jordan in this revue at Alhambra Theatre and Dining entitled "Five Guys Named Moe." Part conscience and part advisors, the five singers, all named Moe, appear to an increasingly accepting and collaborative Nomax (Jereme Raickett).



Photo courtesy Alhambra Theatre and Dining  
The five guys named Moe with Nomax.

The strength of this show is the vocal talent of the five guys — Big Moe (Byron Glenn Willis), No Moe (Damien De-Shaun Smith), Little Moe (David Berry), Eat Moe (Rendell Anthony DeBose), and Four-Eyed Moe (Darryl Reuben Hall) — and the infectious quality of Jordan's music. (Raickett, as Nomax, is equally gifted.)

A true ensemble effort, the vocals are so strong it is difficult to single out any member of the cast. The five Moes and Nomax have an enjoyable chemistry that charms early on, while their voices blend into smooth harmonies.

From the hoedown notes of "Safe, Sane and Single" to the island beat of "Push Ka Pi Shi Pie," Jordan's music runs the gamut of musical styles. "Saturday Night Fish Fry" is even acknowledged to be a precursor to modern rap music. "Is You Is or Is Your Ain't my Baby?" is probably the revue's best known hit, but it doesn't matter as the Moes handle each song and genre with jubilant energy.

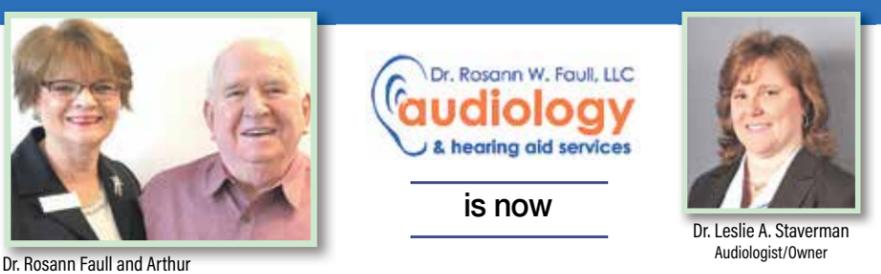
The accompanying jazz band, which remains inside the oversized old timey radio on the stage due to some creative lighting and placement of an opaque

curtain, is terrific. Featured are Anthony Felton on keyboards, Chanel Miller on drums, Brooks Clarke on electric bass, Paul Jackson on trumpet, Alex Hernandez on reed and Nicholas Carter on trombone. Like the singers, they switch musical styles effortlessly.

Choreography by James Kinney is fast paced and entertaining. All the Moes have their individual personalities and dance and act accordingly. From Little Moe in his shiny shoes mugging for the audience to Eat Moe wondering where his next meal is coming from, there is a lot to keep one's attention. An audience participation conga line concludes the first act and the party continues into the cabaret featured in the second act.

Chef DeJuan Roy has once again created a special menu inspired by the show. Diners have the option of Moe's Salad or Field Pea Soup for the first course and then Turkey Meatloaf, Saturday Night Fish Fry, Smoked Boston Butt or Curry Sweet Potato Stew for an entree. Save room for delicious Blueberry Pie Pockets or a Mini Pistachio Bundt Cake for dessert.

"Five Guys Named Moe" will be on stage at Alhambra Theatre and Dining through May 6. Visit [www.alhambrajax.com](http://www.alhambrajax.com) to buy tickets.



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