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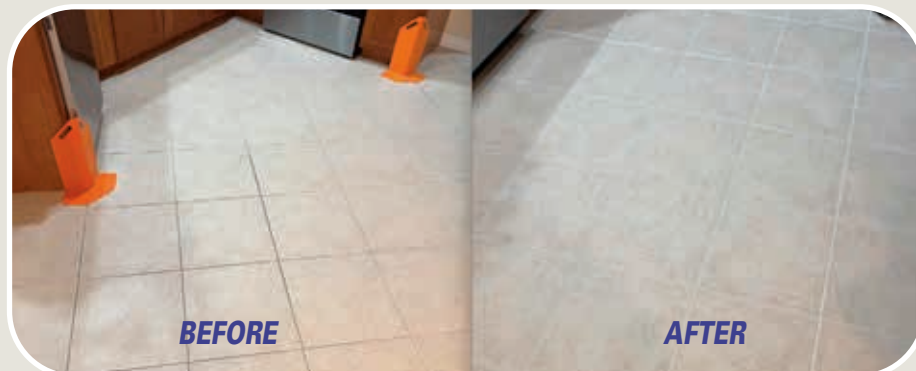


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Inside this issue, I hope you'll find inspiration by meeting neighbors, their pets, and a veteran from our community. I am especially grateful to the business partners who help bring *Stroll Pelican*

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“OUR STORY”

BY CATHERINE PEARSON AND ALAN MULSTAY

Catherine Fleming met her husband Stephen Pearson in college. They were married for 32 years from October 1977 until 2009, when he suddenly passed away in Palm City, Florida. Alan Mulstay met his wife Barbara Hamilton when they were teen-agers. They were married 51 years, from May 1957 until 2008, when she passed away in Palm City, Florida after a lengthy illness.

Cathi grew up in Needham, Massachusetts with three sisters and three brothers. It was a busy home, but not as busy as Stephen's home, where she was one of ten children. She loved growing up in a small town. She was the second of seven children. Her family was active in the Catholic church. She finished high school and at age 17 attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Being a very social person, life at the University was wonderful. During her final two years she dated her future husband, Stephen. They fell in love. After they finished college, they were married, moved to Mississippi, and started raising a family of four sons (one every two years.) Stephen's job required a good amount of travel. His job transfers resulted in them living in Mississippi, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Miami, Chicago, Maryland and finally in Palm City, Florida. Cathi, like so many mothers, was the chauffeur, cheerleader at all the games, coach, and rule maker. In addition to raising a family, Cathi



taught religious education for 15 years while living in Miami and Chicago. Raising four boys, she became active in school matters. She introduced a special math program at the public school called “Math Superstars.” The program started with five children and was such a success Dade County made it part of the regular curriculum.

In August 1992, Cathi lived in Coral Reef, Florida when Hurricane Andrew smashed into Miami. Cathi, Stephen, and the boys, ages 12, 10, 8, and 6, took a mattress and locked themselves in a closet for four hours. They survived the worst hurricane in history.

When the storm was over, they opened the closet door to find there was no house left and their boat had moved four blocks away. “LIFE GOES ON”

When the boys were in their teens, Cathi found her way into the role of working mom. She was an independent contractor working for the United States Investigation Services. She was part of a team that trained government employees of the FBI, CIA, and State Department, who were being assigned overseas. The employees were taught observation and surveillance

techniques. She loves reading, and wherever the family landed, she would always find and join a book club. She also became an avid tennis player for fifteen years before settling in Florida.

Now living in Prato, Cathi keeps very busy. She is Captain of the 3.5 tennis team, a travel team that competes against 18 local clubs. She loves to help others and volunteers at Saint John's church and the Harry Chapin Fund. Cathi now has four grandchildren. Two of them live in California, and two live in Denver. She loves to visit with them and uses Facetime often.

Cathi and Alan take cruise vacations and have explored Italy, Greece, Croatia, Mexico, and the Caribbean. She already has trips planned for the British Isles, and another one to the Turks and Caicos.

Alan grew up in Brooklyn, New York. He is the middle child of an older sister and a younger brother. His family relatives lived in Brooklyn and the Bronx. As a youngster growing up, it was school days and homework. The weekends were fun, games, and spending many hours in Prospect Park. He loved listening to the radio broadcast of Brooklyn Dodgers games

with his friends. They all would have a Police Athletic League pass that would get them into Ebberts Field, so they could see Jackie Robinson steal home.

Growing up in Brooklyn was very exciting. There were so many children around the same age. During Alan's teen years on the weekends, the entrance to Prospect Park was the meeting place. By 8 or 9 pm some 50 to 60 boys and girls would gather just to “hang out.” The children really didn't start dating until age 16. It was a great place to get a date. This is where he first dated his future wife.

After high school, at age 18, he joined the United States Air Force. He was trained as a radio operator in Biloxi Mississippi and assigned to combat training in San Antonio, Texas. He was transferred to Eielson Air Force base, 26 miles north of Fairbanks, Alaska. For the next three years, he flew on B-29's as the radio operator. Every day, the base flew two 17-hour flights, one to Adak Island, which was the end of the Aleutian chain, and the other to the North Pole. As a crew member he had over 2,000 hours flying time. During the early 1950's, Russia was testing nuclear explosions in Siberia. The daily flights were able to monitor the atmosphere for

nuclear intelligence. The information gathered was sent by Morse code back to Washington. In May 1954, Alan was scheduled to fly over the North Pole. The crew would meet around 4 a.m. The plane was airborne around 5 a.m. Within 15 minutes the plane was over Fairbanks, when the pilot, Major Dowd, was on the intercom, advising the crew that they were having engine problems and would be returning to base. The plane crashed one mile short of the runway. The plane separated into three sections. The first section suffered the most serious impact. The navigator was killed and the other officers had serious injuries. The rest of the crew in the rear section, including Alan, had minor injuries. “LIFE GOES ON.”

After discharge in the fall of 1954, Alan decided on two things. First, to pay serious attention to Barbara Hamilton, whom he had dated when they were 16, and second, in February 1956, to join the Nassau County Police Department on Long Island, N.Y. He is very proud to have worked with so many excellent police officers.

Barbara and Alan were married in 1957 and had three children, two daughters and a son. Most of their married time they lived in Wantagh,

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Long Island. They relocated to Palm City, Florida in 1988 when Alan retired after thirty- two years. They joined Monarch Country Club, playing tennis and golf, which they both enjoyed. They spent summers at a golf community called Eastman in New Hampshire, not far from Dartmouth.

For both Cathi and Alan, losing their spouses was a very emotional occurrence. Like others who have experienced such a loss they learned... “LIFE GOES ON.”

Cathi and Alan started dating in the summer of 2010. After being married for so many years, dating felt awkward. Luckily, they both enjoyed mixed doubles tennis and loved “couples golf.” During the summer they enjoy their Cape Cod home in North Falmouth, MA, and gathering with family and friends. It wasn't until 2015 that they decided to get married. They lived in Palm City Florida, until 2021, when they decided to move to the west coast of Florida, where Cathi's three sisters and two of her brothers lived. They spent weeks looking at different clubs and finally settled on Pelican Preserve, as it had everything they wanted.

Cathi can be found on the tennis courts three to four days each week. Alan is on the pickleball courts most days. Over the years Alan has painted many watercolors; one of them, “The Cottage on Cape Cod,” is Cathi's favorite. He has also published two novels, and is working on a third. Alan loves golf; one day at Monarch Country Club he had two hole-in-ones during one round of golf. We love it here in Pelican Preserve. In Pelican Preserve everyone can find something to make them happy.

Remember - “LIFE GOES ON!”



Navy Captain Steven Sleem

WRITTEN BY PELICAN PRESERVE
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Captain Stephen V. Sleem was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After being informed he could go into the Navy as an officer if he had a college degree, he earned a B.S in Geology and a B.A. in Chemistry from Florida Atlantic University in 1984. He soon enlisted in the Navy.

He was commissioned an Ensign in 1985 after completion of Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. His first tour was aboard USS Thomas C. Hart (FF-1092) as Communications Officer and First Lieutenant. While aboard, he earned the Surface Warfare Officer designation.

In March 1988, he transferred to COMPHIBRON SIX (an amphibious squadron) where he served as Staff Communications Officer. In July, 1989, he accepted transfer into the Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR) program.

His first TAR assignment in October 1989 was Training/Readiness Coordinator on the staff of the Commander of Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region 18 in Olathe, Kansas. While in Kansas, he earned a Master's degree in Business Administration at Webster University in Kansas City, Kansas. In August 1992, he was transferred to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Center. Upon completion of this tour in July 1994, he was assigned to the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Readiness Center in Albany, New York as the Executive Officer. He assumed command for a three month period as a Lieutenant



Steve Sleem Navy Captain



MSC Operation in Korea



after the Captain retired in June 1995. Steve left active duty in April 1996 and transferred to the Selected Reserves.

He soon found employment as a pharmaceutical rep for Pfizer, a company which supported and encouraged his active participation in the reserves. Based in Detroit, in October 1996 he was selected as the Commanding Officer for NR (Naval Reserve) Naval Weapons Station Yorktown in Saginaw, Michigan. After a two year tour, he was selected for Command of NR Amphibious Construction Battalion Two in Toledo, Ohio, from October 1998 to September 2001. From October 2001 to September 2002, he served as the Deputy for Professional Development in Commander Submarine Group Eight at the Naval Reserve Center in Detroit, Michigan.

(A typical commitment for a person enrolled in the Reserves is a weekend of training each month, and an additional two week stint each year. Due to Steve's escalating commanding roles, his time invested greatly exceeded the typical time commitment. He was constantly "on call" preparing for each assignment,

and often spent four weeks or more in the training environment. And all of this was in addition to his full time job as a pharmaceutical rep.)

A plethora of assignments followed, each lasting approximately two years, and covering a wide international geographical area. In 2007 he was promoted to Captain, which to put into perspective for the reader, is one rank below admiral. In his final assignment, Captain Sleem served as the Chief of Staff of Commander Naval Forces, Japan HQ at the Navy Operational Support Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota from December 2011 to November 2014, in charge of over 160 naval personnel. He retired April 1, 2015 with 30 years of combined active and reserve naval service and held seven Commanding Officer tours during his career. In 2022, he retired from his pharmaceutical career.

Captain Sleem has been awarded the Legion of Merit medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation medal with three gold stars, and the Navy Achievement



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medal with two gold stars. Additional achievements include the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service medal, the Sea Service ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve medal, and Expert Rifle and Expert pistol medals.

Steve is the proud father of Stephanie Rudolph and Michael Sleem, who are both married and each have two children. He has been a resident of Pelican Preserve since 2021..



Relieving Captain Williams in Change of Command In Albany NY

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Across

- 1. Squabbles
- 6. Part of a driver's license
- 11. Tiny fraction of a min.
- 15. On ____ (defiantly)
- 16. Weighed down
- 17. Shakespearean king
- 18. Tempter of Odysseus
- 19. Wonderland girl
- 20. Rick's love in "Casablanca"
- 21. Gator's confession?
- 24. Rocker Turner autobiography
- 25. Indigo sources
- 26. Sozzled seabird?
- 32. Vaper's device
- 33. Join a union?
- 34. "Give it ____" ("try")
- 35. In a cold way
- 39. Triangular sail
- 42. Wide variety
- 43. West Wing staffer
- 44. Wacky wader?
- 49. Attach, as a patch
- 51. Mowgli's bear friend
- 52. Avian romcom?
- 59. Pay to play, in poker
- 60. "We ____ please!"
- 61. One of two in 22
- 62. Pinocchio, at times
- 63. Spandau diarist
- 64. Conger catcher
- 65. "Sure, I'm game!"
- 66. Watches over
- 67. Line spoken to an audience


Down

- 1. Subdue with a stun gun
- 2. "Gotcha," 60s style
- 3. M*A*S*H actor Jamie
- 4. Letting go
- 5. Mailed or shipped
- 6. Sorrowful lament
- 7. Turkish treat with honey & sesame
- 8. "Garfield" dog
- 9. Georgia ____
- 10. Top draft status
- 11. Malleability
- 12. Arm's-length photo
- 13. Support for the arts?
- 14. Crows' crops
- 22. Moral misstep
- 23. Aisle with milk

- 26. Word with bubble or high
- 27. Cardio readout
- 28. Carnivale locale
- 29. First responder
- 30. ____ alai
- 31. Internet address, for short
- 35. Palm tree part
- 36. The basics, in education
- 37. Acorn source
- 38. Neighbor of Leb.
- 39. Huckleberry's friend
- 40. Potato st.
- 41. Sleep on it
- 42. Apologetic ones
- 43. Painful ordeals

- 44. Try to hit, as a fly
- 45. Eased up
- 46. Braveries
- 47. Under the weather
- 48. "I'm stumped..."
- 49. Wee
- 50. Wee
- 53. Naval post?
- 54. "Jeepers creepers!"
- 55. FBI guys
- 56. Wrinkly fruit
- 57. Made it up
- 58. "To be," in Patee

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Bill, Cindy & Zoe



Bill, Savannah and Zoe



Billy(son) Matthew (son) Jenny (daughter)holding Savannah (granddaughter) Three grandddughter on right Addy (front) Alissa (center) and Hailey (back) Bill and Zoe



ZOE

Bill & Cindy
Timothy's beautiful
Golden Retriever

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DO YOU REMEMBER the Covid pandemic? Of course you do. And do you remember how a side effect of the isolation was a perpetual feeling of being stir-crazy? I believe that describes the majority of us, too. We each dealt with it in our own way, but for Bill and Cindy Timothy, it was apparent to them that it was time to get another Golden Retriever.

Actually, it was initially apparent only to Bill. He had heard of a breeder who still had some unclaimed pups from an eleven puppy litter, so, under the guise of just going for a ride, for something to do, Bill took Cindy to meet the puppies. "I knew she'd fall in love with one," he says

with a wink. And, sure enough, his plan worked to perfection, although the pup that she was soon head over heels in love with was the runt of the litter.

Weighing in at just nine pounds when she became part of the Timothy family, the combination of good food and being showered with constant love soon propelled Zoe to outgrow her "runt" status, and she now weighs in at a beautiful 74 pounds, which is in the upper percentile of weight for a fully grown Golden.

Zoe returns the love wholeheartedly, enjoying any opportunity to follow either Bill or Cindy around the house, or just to sit next to them. She particularly

enjoys her rides on the golf cart, on which she has her own special bed affixed, and looks forward to her frequent trips to the dog park. She will run and fetch a ball all day, or at least as long as you're willing to throw it. Interestingly, when she returns the ball for the next throw, she tends to want to wrestle Bill for it, but if a child is playing with her, she will place the ball gently at their feet.

Zoe also seems to eagerly anticipate her twice weekly visit with Maco, the 13 year old dog of the Timothy's son Matthew, a K-9 officer. Matthew is often patrolling the airport with his K-9 partner, so Bill and Cindy provide dog sitting

services for his personal canine companion. Luckily, the two dogs get along well.

Actually, Zoe makes friends quickly with whomever she meets, whether the introduction is to a canine or a human. She seems to be especially fond of neighboring pooches Missy and Sissy, and of dog park pal Mazie. But there's no doubt of where her heart lies. "They don't talk, but you know they love you," says Bill, explaining his affinity for Golden Retrievers. And Zoe in particular seems to overflow with unconditional love.

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The world is a playground
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I could meet the people of Peru
and taste the foods of France
cut the cheeses of Wisconsin
go to Rome for some romance

I could click chopsticks in China
dive the blue holes of Belize
visit the volcanoes of Hawaii
a trip to Tanzania, please

I could fish the flats of Los Roques
skip the sushi from Japan
climb the mountains of Montana
then return to my homeland

Yet my travels are the happiest
when I'm flying down the slide
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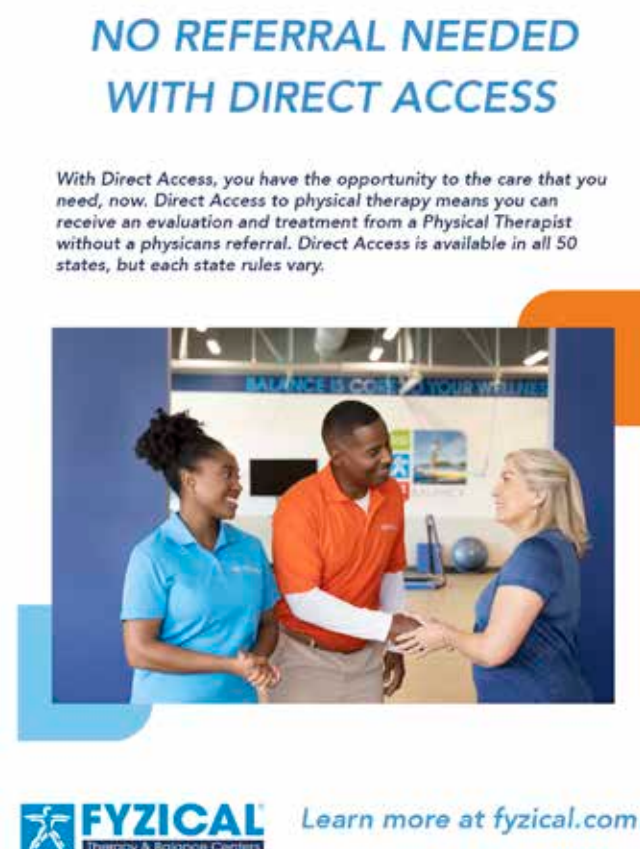
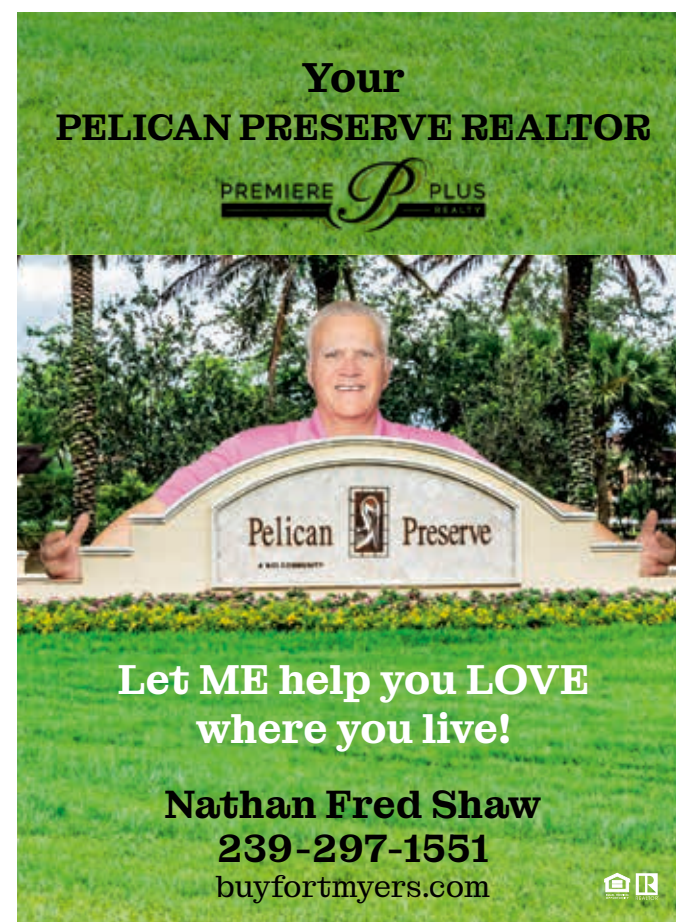
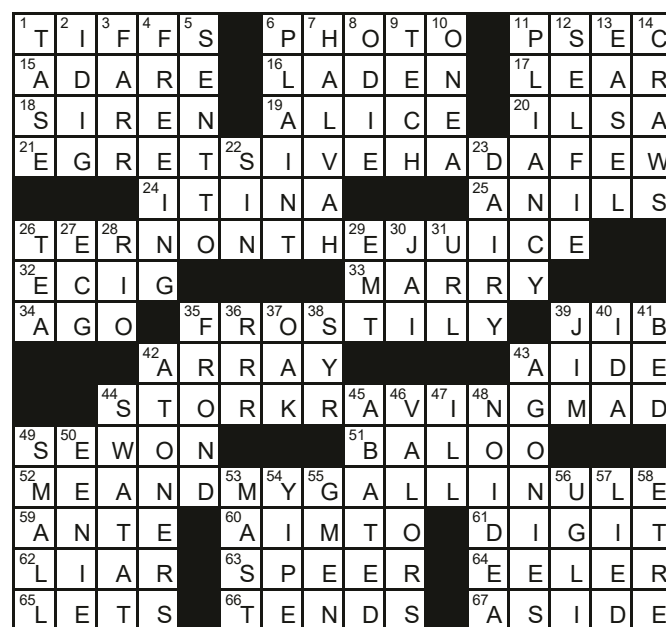
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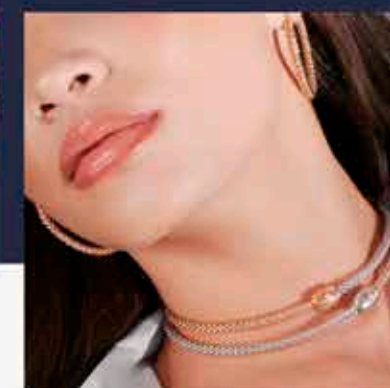
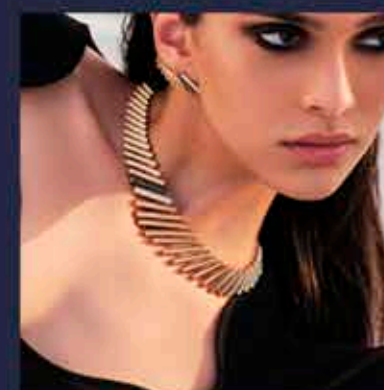
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