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TO ALL OUR READERS WE WISH YOU ALL

A
HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
!

For all you history buffs out there! Answers can be found horizontally, vertically, forward or backward.

COLLIER COUNTY HISTORY WORD FINDER

G T S N E D D I M C R
A O P M I E A O O E O
S U Q A M B F R I L S
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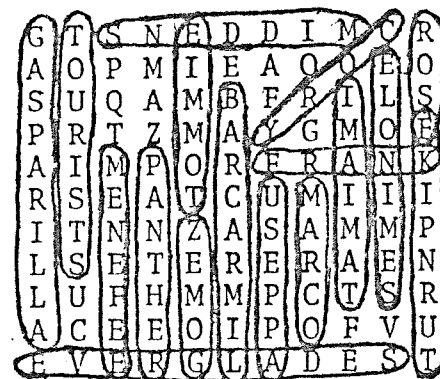
- 1) Indian refuse heaps.
- 2) Naples first Mayor.
- 3) Inventor of Swamp Buggy.
- 4) Collier County's first School Superintendent.
- 5) Real name of Alligator Alley.
- 6) Florida State animal.
- 7) Indian Chief _____ Osceola.
- 8) Winter residents.
- 9) Barron Collier's first home was on this Island.
- 10) Collier _____ State Park.
- 11) President's sister had home here.
- 12) Dredge named after Collier's three sons.
- 13) What island was Collier City on?
- 14) Road from Tampa to Miami.
- 15) John _____ of Panther Key.
- 16) Famous Pirate.

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Answers

- 1) Middens
- 2) Menefee
- 3) Frank
- 4) Tommie (Barfield)
- 5) Everglades Turnpike
- 6) Panther
- 7) Cory
- 8) Tourists
- 9) Useppa
- 10) Seminole
- 11) Rose
- 12) Barcarmil (Barron Jr., Carnes, & Miles)
- 13) Marco
- 14) Tamiami
- 15) Gomez
- 16) Gasparilla

SOLUTION



HOW TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM VISITING YOU IN NAPLES

(The following was published in Ed Watson's Weekly Real Estate Report in 1955, authored by Randolph Fuller. We hope our visitors and residents alike will appreciate his tongue-in-cheek humor.)

If you are lucky enough to own a home in Naples, you are living in the most beautiful city in the continental U.S., and you may be very sure that everyone you have met, even casually, is going to find out about it and try to invite themselves down for a visit. It may well be that some of these people will be most welcome, but you will probably wish that 95% of them would stay back in Farmersville, Ohio, where they belong.

So that you may enjoy Naples living at its best, free from sponging house guests, we offer the following suggestions for answering their hopeful letters. (We will assume that they at least have the courtesy to warn you in advance, for if you should open your door some evening to find Uncle Art and Aunt Minnie giggling on your steps with suitcases in hand, your only salvation is to run past them to your car, muttering that you have to hurry off to see a cockfight in Tierra del Fuego, and won't be back for a month.)

1. Write to your would-be house guests and tell them that you are so proud of your new den, with no beds in it, said den having formerly been your guest room. Point out that there are lovely rooms to rent in town for \$95 a day.

2. If you think your tormentors like to swim, tell them numerous accounts, loaded with gruesome details, of the dozens of bathers who have been jabbed severely by sting-rays during the past week, giving special attention to the size of the holes inflicted upon their legs. Not to mention the sharks.....

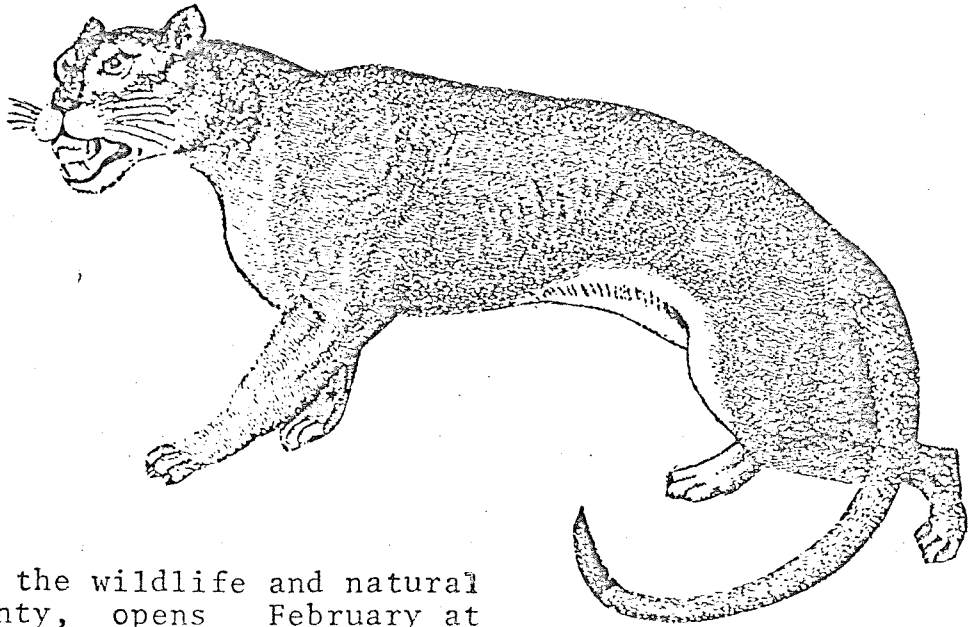
3. If your friends want to come down in the winter, mention casually that it might be a good idea to leave the bathing suits home and pack winter overcoats, leaving the antifreeze in the car. A few smudge pots might come in handy, also. If they want to come in the summer, tell them to be sure to have a physical checkup to determine their susceptibility to sunstroke.

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ON THE HORIZON

ENDANGERED SPECIES OF FLORIDA

Phil Fisher to exhibit wildlife paintings

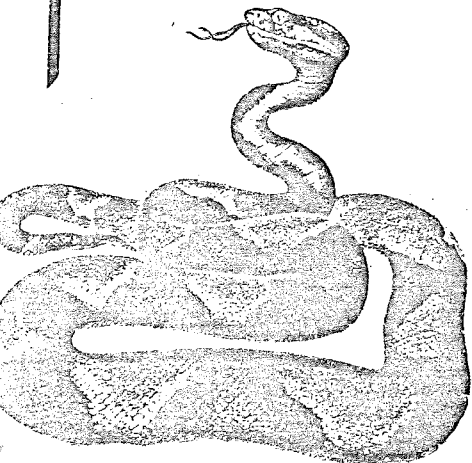


An exhibit of paintings of the wildlife and natural environment of Collier County, opens February at the Collier County Museum.

"I've been a nature lover since my first breath," the artist reflected, "I've worked with animals all my life. South Florida, the Everglades and the Big Cypress areas hold an intriguing fascination for me. Most Floridians are so unaware of this vast land of beauty and bounty that lies in their backyard. Perhaps through my work, I can bring people a little closer to it and help them understand more."

Fisher's paintings convey a sense of realism combined with impressionism. "Through my paintings I create the essence of this life without getting lost in a lot of details; this way one's eyes focus on the subject while only background colors and shades give us a visual truth," he explained.

A co-founder of the Endangered Species Research Foundation, Inc. a local non-profit group, Fisher currently serves as its vice-president. The organization's goal is to help endangered animals of Florida through research and environmental education programs. Co-founder Jim McMullen has been actively tracking and studying the Florida Panther, an animal which features prominently in Fisher's work.



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3301 E. Tamiami Trail
East Naples, Fla. 33942

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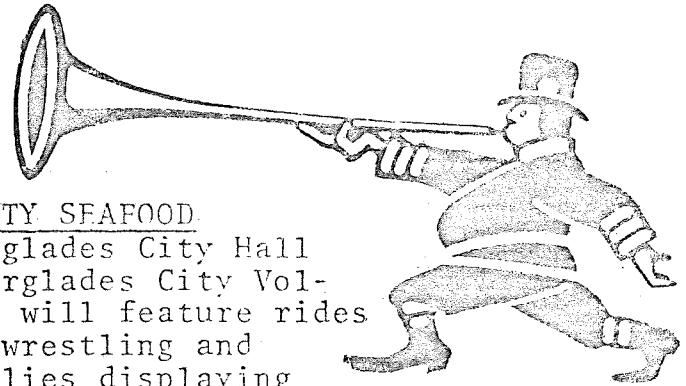
4. Impress your would-be visitors with your knowledge of Florida's wonderful abundance of wildlife, insects in particular. Express your admiration for the nimble little critters, not forgetting to mention that you have become the regional chairman for the "Be Kind to Cockroaches" organization, whose goal is the propagation of the species. Be sure to note that you are setting an example by providing free housing for as many as possible in your home.

5. Quote a bunch of phony statistics showing the Tamiami Trail to be the most dangerous road in the entire western hemisphere, giving them abundant details. The phrase "had to be scraped up off the road" isn't bad.

6. Tell them that you have been so busy that you have to eat out every night but reassure them that you can get a pretty nice meal, plain but nourishing, even in fabulous Naples, for about \$85 per couple.

All kidding aside, who can resist the urge to treat friends and family members to the good things our area has to offer?

ON THE HORIZON



Mark your calendars for the EVERGLADES CITY SEAFOOD FESTIVAL, to be held in front of the Everglades City Hall on February 5 and 6. Sponsored by the Everglades City Volunteer Fire Department, this annual event will feature rides for children, arts and crafts, alligator wrestling and members of the local Seminole Indian families displaying their handicrafts. A country-western band will provide entertainment, with guest appearances by other local bands. The famous fish dinner will of course be provided, starting at 11:30 on Saturday and at 12:00 on Sunday. If you've never been to Everglades City, take this opportunity to visit this charming and friendly town.

For those with a hankering to head on down the Trail, don't forget the Old Island Days Celebration, Key West. Running for 7 weeks, from Feb. 1 through the third week in March, this celebration of Key West's colorful and unique history has something for every taste. "Conch around" Old Town and savor the architecture of this historic town. Tours of historic houses are held regularly, including the Audubon and Hemingway homes. The historic turtle kraals house the largest turtle in captivity(!) and illustrate one of Key West's pioneer industries. Other lighthearted activities include a conch shell blowing contest, a key lime pie eating contest, the 5th annual Last Resort Marathon race and buccaneer treasure days. For more information, contact the Key West Chamber of Commerce or the Old Island Restoration Foundation.

