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"Full many a flower

IS BORN TO BLUSH UNSEEN, AND WASTE ITS SWEETNESS ON THE DESERT AIR..." — ANDREW MARVELL

THE PHONE RINGS. A young man's voice, cool and collected, bids Barbie Johnson good morning.

Ms. Johnson, owner of the Bonita Blooms Flower Shop in Bonita Springs, can hear odd sounds in the background — popping noises, concussive explosions.

They're coming from 7,000 miles directly east of the quaint town on the Gulf Coast where she does business.

"He said he was calling from Iraq, he was under fire, and something made him want to go ahead and get the anniversary flowers ordered for his wife in advance," Ms. Johnson recalls.

It's just another day in a retail flower shop, one of scores on the southwest coast and one of more than 16,000

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Naples chamber announces new president and CEO

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

John Cox has been named president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and its affiliated Leadership Collier Foundation and The Partnership for Collier's Future Economy, effective Aug. 19.

For the past 12 years, Mr. Cox has been president and CEO of the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce in Kannapolis, N.C. He also has served as president of the Economic Development Corporation in Cabarrus County, which is home to the Charlotte Motor Speed-



COX

way and the North Carolina Research Campus. During the past six years, Mr. Cox has led initiatives to assist 16 local business expansions and helped recruit 20 new industries to the county.

"As our public and private sectors continue to explore opportunities for regional collaboration on economic development, the extensive expertise that John brings will add great value to those ini-

tiatives," said Dudley Goodlette, chair-elect of the Naples chamber board.

When making the announcement earlier this week, Michael Wynn, current board chair, said Mr. Cox was the selection committee's unanimous choice from a pool of more than 100 candidates from around the country.

Mr. Cox was named the 2012-2013 North Carolina Chamber Executive of the Year by the Carolina Association of Chamber Executives and the 2012 Charlotte Business Leader of the Year by Business Leader Media, the publishers

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COMMENTARY

Happy birthday to me



I'm having a few people over this week to celebrate.

It's not everyday you turn 60, is it? You want to have a party. You want to chortle blithely in the face of mortality, flanked by your own kind. So even though there's a hollowness to your own cheer, a sort of "Oh, s**t" echo that only you can hear, you make merry.

My guests are a little different this year — they're dead. But that hasn't stopped them from tossing in their two cents.

"That old highway's got my relatives/ but it can't get me/ Lord, and it can't get me," Woody Guthrie sang — so don'chu let it get you, he seemed to suggest.

Janis Joplin just smiled. "You got to get it while you can," she muttered.

And Dylan Thomas — he got mad. "Rage, rage against the dying of the light," he commanded.

As it turns out, everybody understands. People smile at you and talk to you as if they weren't looking at a cadaver. They've seen this happen before. They just don't think it will happen to them.

Neither did you. But 60 is twice 30, after all, and 30 used to be the top of the hill. Or was that 40? I can't remember. None of it applied to me,

though. I didn't turn 30 or 40, either one, until I turned 60.

Now I can cross into old age. It's a way to live. You say to yourself, transitions are for milktoasts. Go fast until you can't do anything but go slow.

Of course, you have to lie to yourself to do that. Because every morning when you lift your head from the pillow and swing your legs over the side of the bed, you move a little more slowly. You're stiff. And as time goes on, you get even stiffer.

But you aren't a stiff. Yet. Why not? What makes you so damn lucky that those other people who are smarter, tougher, better and bolder than you done went out of this world, and you still in it?

I mentioned this to a friend of mine, Laura, in the context of the short-lived men on my father's side — I said, "I hope I make it to 80 'cause I've still got a young son."

She didn't miss a beat. She said, "Look, Roger, 80's the new 60. You'll live until you're 100." Which is the new 80, at least in her family where the women really do live until they're 100.

Well, I don't need to take it quite that far, thank you very much. I'd settle for 99. I'd settle for winning the Powerball lottery, too.

When I was about 10, I told my grandmother how proud I was of her for being the first one in the family who was certain to live 100 years (she still had about 25 to go, but that was nothing but a hound dog, in my opinion). I had her in that box, the centenarian box, and that settled it as far as I was concerned.

"I don't want to live that long," she said brightly. "I wouldn't want to be 100."

I've never entirely recovered from that response — from the surprise of her (what should I call it) surrender? Exhaustion? Defeat? Resignation and acceptance?

But now I understand. So let me go Old Testament on you for a moment — let me shout out some doubt.

Who the hell invented a system in which a perfectly serviceable body and a perfectly serviceable mind begin to deteriorate almost invisibly, and then very visibly, and then completely? Who decided that flowers should wilt, anyway? It doesn't seem right. It doesn't even seem efficient.

Neither does infant mortality or homicide or low-down, honky-tonk, mean-assed, Dixie-whistling ignorance, either.

Go figure. But somebody should have a little talking-to with the dude who did it — the dude who came up with this goddamned way of doing things.

Which must be exactly what my dad was thinking when he offered what I've come to think of as his penultimate words, about 24 hours before he died of stomach cancer.

It was a Dylan Thomas moment, all right. I had to get him out of his home bed suddenly, and take him to the hospital. He wasn't coming back, which I didn't know (not being 60 yet) but he probably did. So he got to his feet in pain, I put the green bathrobe over his shoulders, and he exploded.

"Son of a bitch," he snapped, and punched the wall. He'd been a good fighter in his youth, a middleweight, and that wall in my mother's house has been dented for 14 years, now.

One thing I've noticed and maybe you have, too: With all the wonderful stuff we have in our lives, it's hard to think much about mortality, or even to recognize it until it hits you on the head. Air conditioning. Shopping malls. Nice cars. Supermarkets swollen with bounty. Movies and music at the touch of a finger. An electronic world of "friends" where everybody has birthdays but nobody ever dies.

"Jane Doe, Johnny B. Good and Jiminy Cricket all have birthdays this week. Want to send them a birthday present?" Facebook prompts.

But it never offers the other side of that coin to its subscribers. Imagine how helpful that would be.

"Jack Jones and June Smith have death days this week. Want to send them flowers?"

You know what Mike Royko said about the Internet (and by extension Facebook), don't you? No reason you should, so let me tell you: "It's been my policy to view the Internet not as an 'information highway,' but as an electronic asylum filled with babbling loonies."

Did I mention? I joined Facebook recently. As soon as the specter of 60 approached, I became a babbling loony, too.

I find it a lot of fun. There are lots of other babbling loonies. We have a good time together.

For now. ■



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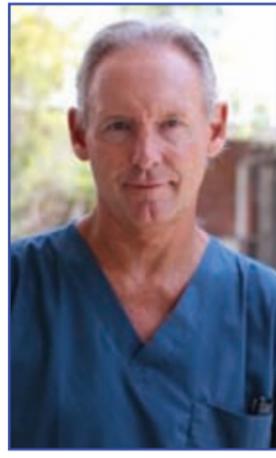
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OPINION

Justice Anthony Kennedy's contempt

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Special to Florida Weekly



Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy has contempt for a swath of his fellow citizens.

If you disagree with him about gay marriage, indeed, if you merely think the federal government should continue to define marriage the traditional way while the states define it however they want, then you are a bigot. Your views deserve no political representation.

They should be ground underfoot by the five mightiest and most broad-minded people in the land, presiding from their temple of rationality and tolerance at the United States Supreme Court.

Kennedy wrote the majority decision striking down the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman for purposes of federal law. The decision declared a position that had been held by President Barack Obama until the day before as being a relic of barbarism,

and set the predicate for the court — in its wisdom, nay, in its heightened state of enlightenment — to enshrine its view of marriage as the law from sea to shinning sea.

The majority held that DOMA inflicts an “injury and indignity” on gay couples so severe that it denies “an essential part of the liberty protected by the Fifth Amendment.” It is motivated by a “bare congressional desire to harm a politically unpopular group.” There is, in short, nothing to be said for it or the point of view of its supporters. Period. Full stop.

In the end, Kennedy simply declares the supporters of DOMA hateful people. The members of Congress who passed the act and the president who signed it are morally no better than members of the Westboro Baptist Church who picket military funerals with their heinous “God hates fags” signs. Bill Clinton, apparently, despised gays. So did 342 members of the House and 85 senators.

Bill Clinton now wishes he hadn't signed it. Like so many others, he changed his mind on the issue. Fine. There is nothing to stop Congress from overturning what Bill Clinton considers his mistakes. It did it with “don't ask,

don't tell.” It could have done the same thing — eventually — with DOMA.

But Justice Kennedy and his colleagues don't want to wait for the democratic process to play itself out, not when they have such immense power to do whatever the hell they want.

Properly understood, the court's role here is minimal, and the decision could have been rendered in a sentence. To wit, as Scalia wrote, “It is enough to say that the Constitution neither requires nor forbids our society to approve of same-sex marriage, much as it neither requires nor forbids us to approve of no-fault divorce, polygamy or the consumption of alcohol.”

The court stipulated that it still permits the states, if not Congress and the president, to debate and decide the issue themselves. This is a false assurance, though. Once the high court has declared that the traditional definition is a product of irrational animus, over time it won't be allowed to stand anywhere.

It is Anthony Kennedy's country. We only live in it. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

Like freedom? Thank a protester

amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly



More than 160 years ago, the greatest abolitionist in U.S. history, the escaped slave Frederick Douglass, addressed the Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society. Douglass asked those gathered, “What, to the American slave, is your Fourth of July?” His words bore repeating recently on Independence Day, as the United States asserted unprecedented authority to wage war globally, to spy on everyone, everywhere. Independence Day should serve not as a blind celebration of the government, but as a moment to reflect on the central place in our history of grass-roots democracy movements, which have preserved and expanded the rights proclaimed in the opening lines of the Declaration of Independence: Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Douglass answered his question about the Fourth of July, to those gathered abolitionists: “To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices, more shocking and bloody, than are the people of these United States, at this very hour.”

Douglass not only denounced the hypocrisy of slavery in a democracy, but worked diligently to build the abolitionist movement. He fought for women's

suffrage as well. These were movements that have shaped the United States. The civil-rights movement of the 1950s and '60s set a permanent example of what can be achieved by grass-roots action, even in the face of systemic, violent repression.

Today, movements continue to shape our society. The trial of George Zimmerman, accused of murdering Trayvon Martin, would not be happening now in Florida were it not for a mass movement. Sparked by the seeming official indifference to the shooting death of yet another young, African-American male, nationwide protests erupted, leading to the appointment of a special prosecutor. A month and a half after Martin was killed, Zimmerman was charged with second-degree murder.

Gay men and lesbians have seen sweeping changes in their legal rights, as same-sex marriages become legal in state after state, the U.S. military has dropped its official discrimination against homosexuality, and the federal Defense of Marriage Act was recently judged unconstitutional. Again, undergirding this progress are the decades of movement-building and grass-roots organizing.

In Egypt, the revolution dubbed the Arab Spring continues, with mass protests forcing out President Mohamed Morsi. Where this goes now, with the military in power, is yet to be determined. As my “Democracy Now!” colleague, Sharif Abdel Kouddous, tweeted from the streets of Cairo on the night of the military coup, “After two and a half years, Egypt just went back to square one in its post-Mubarak transition.”

The United States has been for well over two centuries a beacon for those around the world suffering under tyranny. But the U.S. also has been the prime global opponent of grass-roots democratic movements. Amazingly, South African President Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress were not taken off the U.S. terrorist watch list until

2008. When the people of Chile elected Salvador Allende, the U.S. backed a coup against him on Sept. 11, 1973, ushering in the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, who murdered thousands of his own citizens, crushing dissent. Sadly, drone strikes and the U.S.-run prison at Guantanamo are not historical references; they are current crimes committed by our own government.

Now, National Security Agency whistle-blower Edward Snowden, as far as we know, is stranded in the Moscow airport, his U.S. passport canceled. He has admitted to revealing a vast, global surveillance regime that has outraged citizens and governments the world over. He joins in his plight imprisoned whistle-blower Bradley Manning, who faces life in prison, being court-martialed now for leaking the largest trove of classified documents in U.S. history. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has now spent more than a year cooped up in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London. These three are central to the exposure of some of the most undemocratic practices of the U.S. government.

More than 100 protests were planned across the U.S. this July Fourth weekend, in opposition to the NSA's surveillance programs. These protests were part of the continuum of pro-democracy struggles around the world. In closing his Rochester, N.Y., speech, Douglass sounded an optimistic note, saying, “Notwithstanding the dark picture I have this day presented, of the state of the nation, I do not despair of this country.” Grass-roots justice movements are the hope, the beacon, the force that will save this country. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of “Democracy Now!,” a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,000 stations in North America. She is the co-author of “The Silenced Majority,” a *New York Times* best-seller.

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Rey Pezeshkan was honored at the annual luncheon of Hazelden, the addiction treatment and recovery program, this past spring for his years of dedication to helping prevent and treat drug and alcohol addiction in our community, most notably with Drug Free Collier, whose mission is to prevent and reduce juvenile substance abuse.

Rey has been involved with Drug Free Collier since its inception and currently serves on its board of directors.

Drug and alcohol use among youth is at epidemic levels on the Paradise Coast. And one of the biggest barriers to effectively combating drug abuse is the state of denial on the part of parents. Kids who learn about the risks of drugs and alcohol from their parents are much less likely to use than those who do not. Consequently, many efforts of Drug Free Collier involve reaching out to parents to raise their awareness.

Professionally, Rey is the founder of Naples-based PK Studios, which specializes in planning, architecture and interior design. The firm has completed hundreds of projects of all scopes and sizes, including the award-winning Stock Development communities of Ole at Lely in Naples and Paseo in Fort Myers.

Talking points with Rey Pezeshkan

Mentor: My father.

Something your mom was always right about: Good food cures everything.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An aeronautical engineer.

First job: In a restaurant as a high-school student.

Next vacation destination: Italy

One thing on your bucket list: I'd like to travel around the world.

Advice for kids: Surround yourself with people who make you a better person.

Something that's been on your mind: All the changes in the world.

What makes you laugh? Old TV shows, such as "The Cosby Show" and "Home Improvement."

Last book you read:

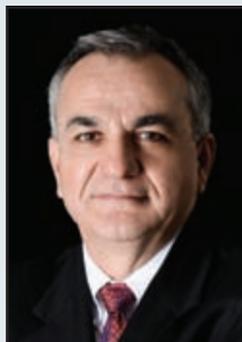
"The Shack," a Christian novel by William P. Young.

What are you most proud of? My son.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: Clean industries.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The beaches.

What you miss about the Paradise Coast when you're away: The clouds and the sunsets.



Like all business in real estate development, Rey and PK Studios had to adapt to the conditions created by the great recession. The firm has shifted its focus from high-end homes to designing spaces for nonprofit organizations and the health-care industry (one recent commercial project is an addition and renovations at the David Lawrence Center, a mental-health and substance-abuse treatment center).

Rey, his brother and four sisters grew up in Tehran, Iran. Rey came to the United States to study at age 14. He went to high school in Columbus, Ohio,

and attended The Ohio State University, where his favorite classes were art and architectural design. He worked for an architectural firm in Fort Myers before starting his own firm in 1987.

In addition to Drug Free Collier, Rey's community involvement includes the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the American Heart Association and Habitat for Humanity, among numerous others. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com.



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- **July 12:** Immokalee Sports Park
- **July 19:** McLeod Park, Everglades City
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- Vineyards Boulevard: Speeding
- Green Boulevard: Speeding

Tuesday, July 16

- Airport-Pulling Road and Winding Oaks Way: Speeding
- U.S. 41 North and 99th Avenue North: Red-light running
- Orange Blossom Drive and Goodlette-Frank Road: Red-light running

Wednesday, July 17

- Vanderbilt Beach Road and Strada Place: Aggressive driving

- Naples Boulevard: Aggressive Driving
- Radio and Livingston roads: Red-light running

Thursday, July 18

- Airport-Pulling Road and Davis Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Collier Boulevard: Speeding
- Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Friday, July 19

- Goodlette-Frank and Immokalee roads: Red-light running
- Collier and Golden Gate boulevards: Speeding
- U.S. 41 East and Thomasson Drive: Speeding ■

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■ **Tuesday, July 16:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 N. Tamiami Trail, Naples; 269-6050.

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making an average of \$320,000 per year in retail sales in the United States.

Last year, retail florists produced \$34.3 billion in sales. That's only the second time in history that florists have broken the \$34 billion ceiling, according to the 2012 Floriculture Crops Summary and the U.S. Census Bureau. The first time occurred on the eve of recession, in 2006-2007.

But those are just statistics.

What is a florist — in particular, a Gulf Coast florist?

The truth of the matter is that florists are many things. They wear many hats. And they work hard, like dairy farmers, often every day and from early morning until late at night, to meet their orders.

"I always tell people it beats laying bridges and digging ditches, but it's an awful close second," says Mark Fessenden, a Neapolitan who, with his wife, Barbara, owns Gene's Fifth Avenue Florist, a thriving business they inherited from his parents, Bud and Arthea Brimmer.

"We throw around five-gallon buckets of water all day. We're one step away from being short-order cooks."

They have to work fast because flowers don't last.

"I'm a workaholic. I thrive on hard work — I've worked from 6 a.m. until 3 a.m. the next day to meet all the orders we've had," says Julie Perkins, who, with husband Glynn, operates Gladrich Florist in Port

Charlotte.

Florists spend significant portions of their days in coolers, like ice cream vendors — or in other places.

"I clean the floors with a mop and bucket, I order flowers, I market flowers, I build the arrangements — I've done it eight hours a day for, oh my God! Fourteen years!" exclaims Ms. Johnson. Her mother and father did it, after all. And now her daughter is doing it with her.

Florists are also artists of the moment who work in materials that wilt, like Tibetan sand sculptors.

Mr. Fessenden's record for creating a single elaborate arrangement is about 25 hours — that's 25 hours straight.

"It was a 50-foot Hatteras fishing boat mounted on top of a sea of blue flowers — a life-sized memorial for a captain who operated that boat out of Everglades City," he recalls.

That was in the 1980s, back when money was almost as common as sea grass in Everglades City.

"It was three dimensional, and it looked like a boat on a blue sea. It had a lot of hydrangeas and spring and summer flowers in lots of colors. You're trying to create a look but it's difficult to capture the textures (of a real boat) in flowers, so

you use everything. And you have to do it in a matter of

hours, maybe a day or two in advance of its use. It's a last-minute production."

In addition, Florists are international traders like corporate CEOs; 64 percent of their dollar volume sales have to be imported (and for you statistics junkies, 78 percent of those imports come from Colombia).

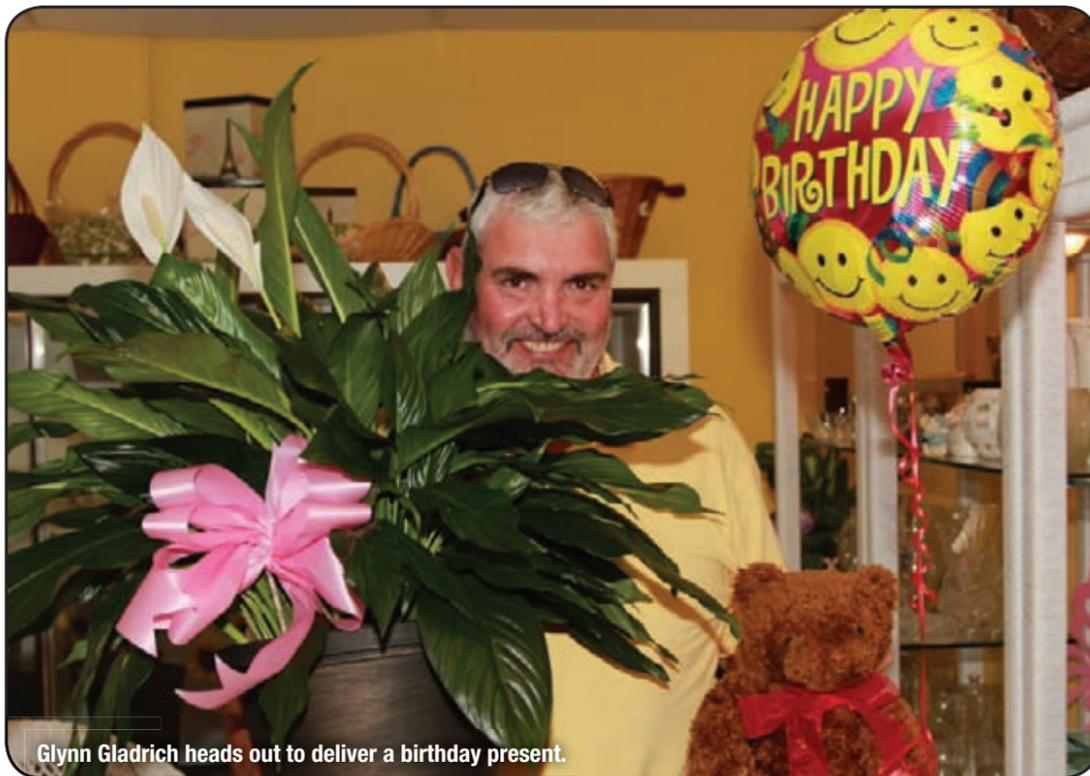
And that's not all, as anybody who chats with a florist can tell you. They're go-to therapists of the blooming palette, they're neighbors whom you depend on in the most important moments — weddings and funerals, love days and achievement days.

Or just ordinary days made extraordinary days.

"I have a young man who's now stationed in Afghanistan, and he calls me regularly to send flowers to his mother," says Heather Messmer, owner of Ruth Messmer Florist (Ruth was her energetic mother, who defined what it meant to be a retail florist for decades, in Lee County).

And they can serve as barometers of the society and the economy, both, not to mention history itself.

One of Mr. Fessenden's forebears was William Fessenden, secretary of the trea-



Glynn Gladrich heads out to deliver a birthday present.

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Julie Gladrich puts protective sleeves on flower buds.



Lavender and tropical arrangements are popular right now, says Mark Fessenden.

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Barb Fessenden

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surely under Abraham Lincoln, a U.S. senator from Maine and a man preeminent in creating the 14th amendment.

For history buffs, that's the one that guarantees due process and equal treatment for all citizens, and which outlawed the Supreme Court notion (in Dred Scott vs. Sandford, 1857) that blacks could not be United States citizens. Call it a Constitutional Flower of the first order.

Or take Ms. Messmer, who can remember when flowers were not imported much — they were grown here — and Lee County was the epicenter of the gladiolus business in the United States. (Now, she says, only such local, longtime produce farmers as Horace Britten and his family are still growing them.) Ms. Messmer was working flowers as a girl the day Hurricane Donna came to town in 1960, devastating the area. The family was providing blooms for a wedding that got canceled, or maybe just blown away to another day.

"My dad had to go find dry ice — I think it was over on Fowler Street," she recalls. And why?

Because flowers wait for no man or florist. When you're a florist, therefore, your least favorite line of poetry was probably written by Andrew Marvel: "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air."

But not if your name is Messmer.

Or Fessenden, who, like many florists, was adamant that he would not get into the business, when he was young.

"I remember when I said to my mom and dad, 'I will never be in this business.' I was going to be a musician. I play trum-

pet and piano, and I played with everybody — the Four Tops, The Temptations, Lou Rawls."

Then, music became work and flowers seemed like fun. So he came back to the business.

That became work too, but in a good way — almost too good.

"We used to have six satellite stores. We did The Ritz-Carlton for a long time, until I decided I wanted to see my children, maybe go to a baseball game. So we decided it was too much. We were working 23 hours a day and the quality of life went to hell in a hand basket."

They scaled back to Gene's, and then hit a double whammy, as he puts it — both a recession and a building fire that put them out of the main location for 20 months.

But they beat that, too.

Now, "we pay attention to every day things. A lot of people think we do mostly parties and big events, but 'tis opposite. We do 'happy birthdays,' anniversaries, thinking-of-you — that's our mainstay."

But the Fessendens have also done parties that brought in six figures, or decorated for parties that included, say, President George Bush. And his father even got to travel to Washington, D.C., for 10 days once to help decorate the White House for a function under President Ronald Reagan.

The reality is that florists have their fingers on the pulse of the culture, which continues to use flowers to express a vast range of feeling through a wide variety of circumstance — and not just presidential flowerings, but economic deflowerings.



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Heather Messmer posing with and fixing flower arrangements.



The recession, for example, may have helped contribute to the decline of a customary tribute known as the boutonniere — like derriere, only this one goes with a button, not a derry: flowers worn in a button hole.

That, at least, is a theory proposed by Mrs. Perkins at Gladrich Florists.

Boutonnieres used to be a steady standard of flower sellers, she recalls — nothing like a Valentine's Day or a Mother's Day bouquet, perhaps, but always dependable at graduations.

Not so much now, post recession, however. And maybe that's not a bad thing, she suggests.

"In England, we don't do graduations that way," she points out. "You would never catch our offspring wearing various flowers with clothes, except under duress."

England is universally known as one of the great garden cultures of the world.

Six years ago, though, the Perkins family gave up the customs of that blessed plot, that earth, that realm, that England (as Shakespeare put it) where they were born and raised, to move permanently to the United States and take up flowers.

For good reason, too: "flowers... are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty outvalues all the utilities of the world," as the American Ralph Waldo Emerson said.

Maybe so, but that won't matter if nobody's paying for the privilege of a ray beauty.

Fortunately, somebody is, which brings out the best in our florists.

Business is better than it was a couple of years ago," says Ms. Johnson at Bonita Blooms.

"My favorite thing about this business is being artistic and independent. For any independent flower shop now in existence, that's pretty much the only reason you do it. You can make a comfortable living but you're probably not going to get rich.

"I love every flower there. I can't find one I dislike — that's why I'm doing this. When they're fresh and at their peak performance, each flower calls to me.

"Look, I did this (originally) to make my mother happy. It wasn't what I wanted to do. But now you can't drag me away from it. It's an absolute labor of love." ■

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Finicky feline anxious for forever home

BY CINDY PIERCE

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She's incorrigible, hissing and growling and stalking, even chasing people from the room, teeth bared and claws coming out.

But only sometimes and only some people. With others, she purrs loudly and nudges gently before surrendering onto her back for a belly rub.

She's Serafina, the beautiful but bad (but only sometimes) Maine coon cat mix who showed up in a crate on the doorstep at Humane Society Naples some 245 days ago.

Patricia Connell, business manager at the no-kill shelter, remembers the day well.

"She was fine her first day here, but on the second day her true colors started to come out," Ms. Connell says. "She got spitting mad. No one could touch her. They had to toss kibble into her crate because they couldn't get near her."

Michael Simonik, HSN executive director, bravely took the fiery feline home with him on a foster basis, assuming her beautiful photo in the shelter lobby and on the HSN website and Facebook page would surely lead to a permanent home in short order.

Although she was mistrustful and mean to Mr. Simonik at first, the cat grew accustomed to him and the surroundings. But not to his canine housemates, who were made miserable by the temperamental interloper. Mr. Simonik's allergies also took notice, and it wasn't long before he had to bring the



COURTESY PHOTO

Serafina

cat back to his workplace.

That's when Serafina took a fierce shine to Ms. Connell.

"She adores me. She just wants to lie on my desk all day and have me pet her — which I do as much as I can," she says.

For the past many months, Serafina has presided over Ms. Connell's office, only occasionally wandering down the hall and into other offices (which usually results in a standoff with an unsus-

pecting human).

Ms. Connell has never had any conflict with the cat and would be happy to take her home to her condo, but she already has a cat — "and Serafina despises other cats," she says.

As much as she enjoys Serafina as an officemate, Ms. Connell knows the regal animal would be much happier in a real home.

The "Wanted" poster still hangs in

the HSN lobby, beseeching the right person to give her a permanent home. The infamous feline also continues as a regular presence on HSN's Facebook page and Website. Although several people have expressed an interest, no one has passed muster in a face-to-feline meeting.

"She stalked a boy who came in with this grandmother to meet her," Ms. Connell says. "The grandmother had to stand between the two of them."

Serafina has cornered a visiting Great Dane in the staff kitchen and gone after the visiting auditors when they approached Ms. Connell at her desk. (The unpredictable cat completely ignored the auditors, however, when she came upon them in another office). There are a couple of HSN staffers whose approaching voices can even provoke the cat into confrontational position.

"She very, very picky about who she likes," Ms. Connell says, adding no one has been able to establish a pattern in Serafina's delight/disdain for certain people over others.

"She gorgeous. She chirps and prances ... She has character. And when she likes you, she's amazing."

Ms. Connell says. "She deserves a real home."

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of Southern Business Leader magazine. "Leadership is about results, and John's past success reflects his fostering of leaders at all levels," said CJ Hueston, board chair of the Leadership Collier Foundation. Prior to his 12 years in Cabarrus County, Mr. Cox served as president of the airport authority and the industrial building authority in Paulding County, Georgia. He succeeds Michael Reagan, who is retiring after 11 years as president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. ■

Spay/neuter clinic holds Saturday hours for low-cost vaccines

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic holds its first weekend Vaccination Station low-cost vaccine clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13. This is in addition to the regular vaccine clinic CSNC has on the first Friday of every month (next one: Aug. 2). Rabies, distemper and bordatella (kennel cough) shots for dogs are \$15 each. For cats, rabies and distemper shots are \$15, and feline leukemia shots are \$20. Vaccines are also available at the time of any spay/neutering service provided at the clinic. CSNC staff reminds any pet owner who comes to the clinic that donations of supplies are always welcome. Among the most-needed items are: plastic or

vinyl crates/carriers of all sizes, cat and kitten food, 3-by-5-inch index cards (pink and blue), Sharpies, Post-It notes, copy paper, laundry detergent (HE only), Pine Sol, Lysol spray and spray glass cleaner. Volunteers are also always welcome to sign up for an array of jobs at the clinic. Duties range from manning information tables at farmers markets and community events, grant writing, updating the clinic's social media and helping with general office work. For more information, call Tony Moretti at 514-7647, e-mail info@collierspayneuter.org or stop by the clinic at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive. ■

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SHOP TALK

Taking a trip? Consider these for your packing list

BY CINDY PIERCE
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I'm no world traveler by any means, but I do fancy myself a pretty smart and efficient packer. As I get ready for a three-week vacation to the land of my roots in Quebec and northern New Brunswick (Canada, not New Jersey), I'm determined to do it with the ubiquitous "one carry-on and one personal item" prescribed by the airlines these days. Of course, that mission has necessitated a bit of shopping before my departure.

Here are some things that have made my short list of must-haves and that you might consider for yours, too, whenever you're headed this summer:

Because I don't plan to check a bag, my "one personal item" has to be something I can



stuff to the gills and still stuff under the seat in front of me. I'm considering a couple of options. One is Longchamp's iconic Pilage Travel Duffel (\$155 at Saks Fifth Avenue in Waterside Shops); the other is a color-block Steve Madden bag that, even though it's big, I'd probably carry as a purse back here at home — at least on yard sale and farmers market days (\$39.99 at TJ Maxx).

No matter which "one personal item" I end up with (see above), I need a wallet that, unlike my everyday little wristlet, won't get swallowed up in its accommodating insides. And I want one that can double as my purse once I'm out of the airport and enjoying my holiday, so it must be big enough for



my keys, iPhone and lipstick. A wallet/purse with detachable shoulder strap by Baggallini (\$39.99 at Wilford & Lee) is just the thing.

I thought I would be the first person to declare Ginger Chews (\$1.79 and my new favorite thing from Trader Joe's) better than gum for keeping the ears from popping during take-off and landing. Then I noticed the little airplane logo on the bag and realized the Ginger People folks are way ahead of me. By plane, train, boat or car, I love these things and will make sure my "one personal item" has an easily accessible pocket for them.

The New Brunswick leg of this vaca-



tion includes an every-three-years family reunion and an en masse, daylong paddling trip (37 of us at most recent count) down the Mirimichi River. Having learned my lesson the last time, this year I'll put my iPhone in a waterproof pouch before we put in. I bet I'm not the only one in our clan who's shopping for such a thing. I found mine at Stein Mart (\$9.99 for smart phone size; \$16.99 to fit a tablet).

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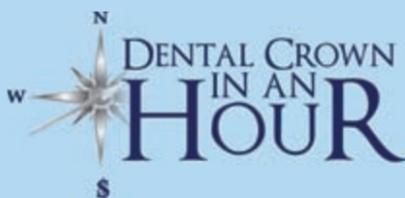


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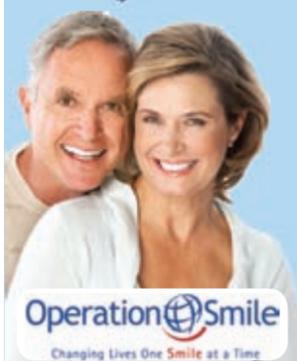
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Hats off to vacations — and to a classic but packable fedora (\$168 at The Coach Store in Waterside Shops) that will make bad-hair days a breeze. I'm pretty sure the fedora trend has made it to New Brunswick; if it hasn't, I'll start it.



Made by Rockland, the hard plastic suitcases (\$99.99 for the 28-inch model, \$79.99 for the 20-incher) would make even the most trepid traveler feel at least somewhat worldly. ■

— Editor Cindy Pierce will be on vacation July 21-Aug. 10. Before or after that, however, she welcomes theme suggestions for her browsing and buying outings. E-mail cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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Two weeks out from my departure, my pile of things to pack is taking shape on my bedroom floor, yet I remain optimistic that I won't have to check a bag. I'm not ruling out the possibility, however. So just in case, I bought a landmark luggage tag for my suitcase that's too big for the overhead bin. I picked Lady Liberty, but Stein Mart has the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben, too (\$1.99 each).



My luggage still has lots of miles left on it, so even if I do end up having to pack my big suitcase, at least I won't have to buy one for this trip. If I were in the market, however, I'd surely consider the pieces I spied at Stein Mart.



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Two separate areas strike me as representative of our recent efforts to improve and modernize our approach to care.

Focusing first on our open-heart coronary revascularization surgery program, we have maintained our top rating of three stars, due in part to our 40 percent lower-than-expected mortality. We have also recorded exceptional performance in taking patients off the respirator within 24 hours (94 percent of the time).

We have also progressed in aortic valve replacement, earning a two-star rating and achieving a zero for in-hospital mortality associated with the procedure.

Nationwide, open-heart cardiac surgery volumes are decreasing. This is likely due to factors including the use of less invasive stents to correct clogged arteries, increased use of lipid (fat)-lowering medications and overall better coordination among cardiac surgeons, invasive cardiologists (heart physicians who do cardiac catheterization and place stents) and non-invasive cardiologists (who prescribe medications and lifestyle changes to treat heart disease).

With the addition of Drs. Robert Pasotto Jr. and Dennis Stapleton to the NCH Heart Institute's staff of cardiologists, we now have a "one-stop shop" for patients who have heart problems.

Secondly, we continue our quest to bring our entire health-care system into the digital world — and we're almost there. NCH was recognized as being Most Wired in 2012, due in large part to our collaboration with our information technology partner, Cerner.

Through SIMON, our Secure Intelligent Medical Online Network, we will place orders electronically; deliver clinical notes digitally; share current medications instantly with patients, physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other professionals as appropriate; and discharge patients with a printed set of instructions.

Under the new leadership of Dr. Tuan Nguyen as medical director of clinical informatics, our clinical communication will improve markedly as we evolve from a mix of handwritten and digital to all digital, all the time.

I find it no wonder that, for the second year, Becker's Hospital Review has named NCH one of the 100 Great Community Hospitals. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

Only half of U.S. youth
meet physical activity standards

Only about half of U.S. adolescents are physically active five or more days of the week, and fewer than one in three eat fruits and vegetables daily, according to researchers at the National Institutes of Health.

In a survey of youth in 39 states, NIH researchers questioned nearly 10,000 students between 11 and 16 years old about their activity levels and eating habits. They also asked the students to describe their emotional health, body image and general satisfaction with life.

"The students showed a surprising variability in eating patterns," said lead author Ronald J. Iannotti, of the Prevention Research Branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the NIH Institute in which the study was conducted. "But most — about 74 percent — did not have a healthy pattern."

Dr. Iannotti conducted the research with NICHD colleague Jing Wang. Their findings appear in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

The researchers found that the adolescents' diet and activity hab-

its could be classified into three general categories. They described the first group as unhealthful. This group accounted for 26 percent of participants. The second group, classified as healthful, accounted for 27 percent. Because it was the largest group — including 47 percent of participants — the researchers classified the third group as typical.

The analysis of the survey results showed that the typical youth were least likely to exercise five or more days each week or to eat fruits and vegetables at least once a day. They were more likely to spend time watching television, playing video games or on a computer than the healthful group, and less likely to do so than the unhealthful group. They infrequently ate fruits and vegetables but also infrequently ate sweets, chips or fries, or had soft drinks. Youth in this group were more likely than youth in the other two groups to be overweight or obese and to be dissatisfied with the appearance of their bodies.

The unhealthful group consumed the most sweets, chips, french fries

and soft drinks. They also were more likely than the other groups to report watching TV, playing video games and using a computer more than two hours a day. Despite the caloric foods they consumed, youth in the unhealthful group were more likely to be underweight and to report needing to put on weight. Youth in this group also were more likely to report symptoms of depression and of poor physical health, such as backaches, stomachaches, headaches or feeling dizzy.

All three groups could stand to improve their health habits, Dr. Iannotti said, whether walking or biking between home and school or eating more fresh produce each day.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, children and adolescents should get one hour or more of moderate or vigorous aerobic physical activity a day, including vigorous intensity physical activity at least three days a week.

For more information, visit the Institute's website at www.nichd.nih.gov. ■



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CLUB NOTES

■ **The Naples Garden Club** recently awarded several fellowship and community grants for 2013.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida received \$15,000 for interpretive signage for its Hammock Trail, and Naples Botanical Garden received the same amount to fund three interns to work in the Naples Garden Club Idea Garden, the Beuhler Enabling Garden and the Scott Florida Garden Wildflower Meadow.

Grace Place for Children & Families was awarded \$1,830 to help fund improvements to its children's garden for STEM education.

Angelica Harkoo and Emily Maya were fellowship recipients of the Naples Garden Club Fellowship Endowed Fund at FGCU. The fund awards select students who conduct research in plant sciences at the FGCU Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden.



Front row: Barbara Evans of Grace Place for Children and Families with fellowship recipients Angelica Harkoo and Emily Maya. Back row: Sondra Quinn of the Naples Garden Club; Stephanie Munz Campbell of Grace Place; Linda Lehtomaa of FGCU; Chad Washburn, Phyllis Racine and Brian Holley of the Naples Botanical Garden; and Andrew McElwaine of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

■ **Toastmaster Academy** invites members and guests to "Secrets of Captivating Speech Writing: Proven Steps to Creating a Great Speech," a panel discussion and workshop from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive (next to the library). Panelists Tashahara Jallad, Mary Lou Williams and Marianne Oehser will lead group exercises and discuss how to find an interesting topic, come up with a captivating title and craft the content of a speech.

Attendance is free for Toastmaster Academy members and \$10 for oth-

ers. For reservations or more information, e-mail info@toastmasteracademy.org or call Ms. Oehser at 216-3030.

■ **The East Naples Civic Association** holds its next meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Members and guests are invited to hear guest speaker Jeff Lytle of the *Naples Daily*

News discuss his journalism career and some of what's making local headlines of late.

All are welcome. Cost of the luncheon is \$18 for members and \$20 for others. For reservations or more information, call 434-1967.

■ **The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Naples** invites all area Pi Phis to a casual summer mixer on the beach at

Pelican Bay starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18. Reservations are required in order to board the beach shuttle. Call Connie Kindscater at 249-4969 or e-mail conskind@aol.com.

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** holds its annual "student send-off" social for local students who attend OSU from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Gatsby's Pizza, 4450 Bonita Beach Road in Bonita Springs. RSVP by calling 404-9399 or e-mailing ohfliova@gmail.com.

■ **The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is July 18. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ **The Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** presents a screening of "Miss Representation," a film that explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influence in America, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Best Western in Naples Plaza. Brunch will be served after the film, which is presented in celebration of the 165th anniversary of the launch of the women's rights movement (July 20, 1848, in Seneca Falls, N.Y.).

Admission is free; donations welcome. For more information, call Elaine Vaccaro at 354-0100 or 595-6976.

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CLUB NOTES

■ **The Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered around various social activities. Members meet to share a variety of interests and activities, including couples and singles groups, bridge, mahjongg, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffee, movies, card games and book discussions. Membership is for women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years.

Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

[naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com).

■ Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join the new **Chess Club at the Moorings**, meeting from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park. Each morning will begin with a brief discussion by various experts about some aspect of the game.

Participation is free. Bring your own chess set or use one provided by the Moorings. Moorings Park is on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. Stop at the entrance gate to receive directions to the Chess Club meeting. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525. ■

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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Bright ideas

■ Technology companies are making great strides in odor-detection robots, valuable in identifying subtle scents ranging from contaminants in beer brewing to cancerous tumors in the body. And then there is CrazyLabo in Fukuoka, Japan, which is marketing two personal-hygiene robots, available for special occasions such as parties, according to a May BBC News report. One detector, shaped as a woman's kissable head, tests breath odor and responds (e.g., "smells like citrus"; "there's an emergency taking place").

The other, resembling a dog, checks a person's feet and can either cuddle up to the subject (no odor) or appear to pass out.

■ The local council in Brunete, Spain, near Madrid, has now seen a radical drop in unscooped dog droppings after employing volunteers to find the names of derelict dogs. They then matched the dog with the town's dog registrations to obtain the owners' addresses, then mailed them packages containing their dogs' business (terming it "lost property"). ■

Undignified deaths

■ The man who claimed the "world's record" for traveling the farthest distance on a zip line attached only to his hair was killed in April as he similarly attempted to cross the Teesta River in West Bengal, India, on a zip line. He died of a heart attack, and since observers were unclear whether his limpness was part of the performance, he hung lifeless for 45 minutes. (He was identified in news reports as a "Guinness Book" record-holder, but as with many such claims, the Guinness Book has no

such category.)

■ A 22-year-old man was killed in March attempting to rope-swing from the picturesque, 140-foot-high Corona Arch near Moab, Utah, trying to emulate a famous 2012 Internet video at the arch, "World's Largest Rope Swing." This man, however, apparently overestimated the length of rope he would need to launch himself off the arch to begin his swing — and crashed to the ground. ■

Creme de la weird

Yasuomi Hirai, 26, was arrested in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, in June after being identified in news reports as the man who had crawled "dozens of meters" in an underground gutter solely to gain access to a particular sidewalk grate near Konan Women's University in order to look up at skirt-wearers passing over the grate. After one pedes-

trian, noting the pair of eyes below, summoned a police officer, Mr. Hirai scurried down the gutter and escaped, but since he had been detained several months earlier on a similar complaint, police soon seized him, and indeed, he later admitted, "I have done this numerous times." ■

Perspective

Congress established the Inter-agency Working Group in 2009 to set guidelines on advertising healthy foods to children, and public comments on the guidelines are now being posted. General Mills appeared among the most alarmed by the IWG proposals, according to its comments on the Federal Trade Commission website (as

disclosed by Scientific American in May). Of the 100 most commonly consumed foods and beverages in America, GM asserted, 88 would fail the IWG standards, and if everyone in America started following the health recommendations, General Mills asserts that the cost of feeding the entire nation would increase \$503 billion per year. ■

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PET TALES

Super sniffer

The most incredible thing about your dog may be his nose

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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Is there anything a dog can't use his nose to figure out? Dogs have long been used to sniff out escaped cons and missing children (think bloodhounds), dinner (think spaniels, retrievers and hounds), and even truffles (think poodles).

But in recent years, trainers have come up with all kinds of new ways to use a dog's extraordinary sense of smell. Here are a few you may know — and a few more we bet you didn't:

■ **Drugs.** Dogs can be trained to sniff out all kinds of illegal drugs, finding them not only on people but also in massive cargo containers, long-haul trucks and school lockers.

■ **Plant matter.** Since fresh fruits and vegetables can carry insects and diseases that have the potential to cause great damage to agriculture, dogs are used to detect foodstuffs in the luggage of travelers coming through customs. Dogs are also used to sniff out invasive plants in fields so they can be eradicated before they take hold.

■ **Insects.** Termites? No problem. Dogs are also being used to detect the resurgence of bedbugs in big cities.

■ **Mold.** It's not just the mold that



Dogs are used to sniff out everything from drugs and explosives to counterfeit DVDs dangerous chemicals.

bedevils homeowners, but also the mold that puts the vines at wineries at risk from the spread of disease.

■ **Explosives.** Meetings of important public officials would be hard to imagine without the diligent work of bomb-sniffing dogs. To take it a bit further, dogs are even being taught to sniff out cellphones that could be used to detonate a bomb.

■ **Cows in heat.** A lot of money depends on being able to artificially inseminate a cow without wasting time guessing when she's ready. While a bull could tell, he's not always available, as his contribution usually arrives on the scene frozen. A dog can tell when the

cow is most fertile, although it's a good bet the dog couldn't care less.

■ **Cancer.** While cancer detection is still in the trial stage, it's looking pretty promising that dogs can spot a malignancy. Someday your doctor may order up a "lab test" and mean Labrador!

■ **Chemicals.** Dogs have been known to look for items as varied as mercury and the components of potentially pirated DVDs. They've also been used to detect the presence of fire accelerants in cases where arson is suspected.

While most of us tend to think scent work is the near-exclusive province of a handful of breeds — bloodhounds, German shepherds and maybe a Labrador retriever here and there — in fact, a wide range of breeds and mixes is trained to detect various scents. Because of their fine noses and friendly dispositions, beagles are used to work airports by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and any manner of mixed breeds — lucky dogs pulled from shelters — have been used for other kinds of detection work.

Because all dogs have been noses filled with many more scent receptors than we humans have, a dog's future doing nose work relies more on enthusiasm, reliability and trainability than on the common canine ability to tell one scent from another. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Blonde Browniestar** is a spayed, 4-year-old cattle dog/terrier mix. She's about 20 pounds of sweetness.



>> **Bubbie Boo** is a neutered, 4-year-old cockapoo who will do best in a quiet home.



>> **Java Jones** is a neutered, 3-year-old basset hound/Rottweiler mix who is as affectionate and lovable as he is adorable.



>> **Starstruck** and her littermates, all spayed/neutered and 12 weeks old, are friendly, full of fun and happy to be held.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

The saga of building — and crushing — an addiction



Normally, I'm the sort of diva who likes to keep her missives light, refreshing and festive — but alas, a somber tone is called for this week, as addiction is a terrible thing and sometimes needs to be brought out in the light and discussed. So, here goes: My name is Stephanie and I am addicted to Candy Crush Saga.

For those of you lucky enough not to know about this evil, insidious, online puzzle game, I shall explain. You can play it on your smart phone, Facebook, iPad — or all of the above if you're hardcore, like me. Basically, you move brightly colored candies around in a box to match three of a kind or more. Meanwhile, bizarrely enchanting circus type music plays in the background, lulling you into a trance. And whenever you make a particularly successful move, a creepy male voice rewards you by exclaiming things like "DELICIOUS!" or "DIVINE!"

Candy Crush Saga starts out easy. You skate through the first few levels, but then it gets harder and harder and the more you fail to crush all the candies, the more the game denies you playing privileges (after trying and failing five times in a row, you have to wait 30 torturous minutes before trying again).

This silly game is brilliant and evil all

at once — which is why you're seeing it all over Facebook. When I noticed that cool, interesting people whom I like were playing Candy Crush Saga, I was intrigued — but not so much that I wanted to try it. What if it was a gateway game and all of the sudden, I'd find myself not only crushing candy but resurrecting my online farm and playing Bejeweled Blitz every day? I have deadlines. I have events to attend. I have laundry.

But then I saw that one of my most interesting and coolest friends, Asha, was playing. Asha has two teenagers. She travels. She works. She has lots of friends and interests (she even went skydiving a

couple of months ago). Heck, if Asha was making time for Candy Crush Saga, then maybe I should, too, I thought. And in the back of mind, I heard my dear mother's voice: "If Asha jumped off a bridge, would you jump off a bridge?"

I started out crushing socially — just a round or three in the late afternoon. With Candy Crush, you can send your friends extra moves and such, so Asha and I would help each other out now and then. But more and more, Asha and I were *begging* each other for fixes. I mean, "extra moves."

Then it got out of control. As Asha raced through levels (there are at least 385 levels last I looked), I tried to keep up and found myself crushing candy into the wee hours, oversleeping, missing appointments and even turning down party invitations so I could stay home and crush alone. It took me *three days* to master level 38. I even started crushing candy in my sleep; I was having Candy Crush nightmares, often waking up in a cold sweat because I couldn't crush all the candy!

As crushing candy began crushing our spirits, Asha and I started talking to each other about our shared problem. It was the first step toward finally deciding to quit together.

As of this writing, I admitted to Facebook that I was quitting Candy Crush Saga. My friend Madison immediately commented on my post: "But I need you to send me moves!!!" I told Madison I could no longer enable her (or anyone else's) crushing. Crushing candy ruins lives — well, social lives anyway.

Now that we've stopped playing Candy Crush Saga, Asha and I plan on getting together next week for a glass of wine — or three ... Divine!

Dresses and dancing

Now that I've quit crushing candy, there's time for the things I really love, like dancing and dresses.

Mark your calendars, Neapolitans: The Contemporaries young professionals group of the United Arts Council hosts Summer Tango at Mercato from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18. What could be more fun than learning the dance of romance while enjoying cocktails and camaraderie with like-minded, fun-loving folks who, for the most part, are under the age of 50? The dance floor will be set up in Suite 7115 near MASA. Admission is free for members of The Contemporaries and \$5 for others. RSVP by e-mailing contemporaries@uaccollier.com or calling 254-8242.

Then from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, head to the Goodwill Book Store on Ninth Street North for a Love That Dress! Collection Party. Just bring a new or gently used dress to donate to the PACE Center for Girls main event (coming up Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club).

You'll have another chance to add a frock or two to the Love That Dress! inventory when the Pandora boutique at Mercato hosts a dress collection party from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 26. ■

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*

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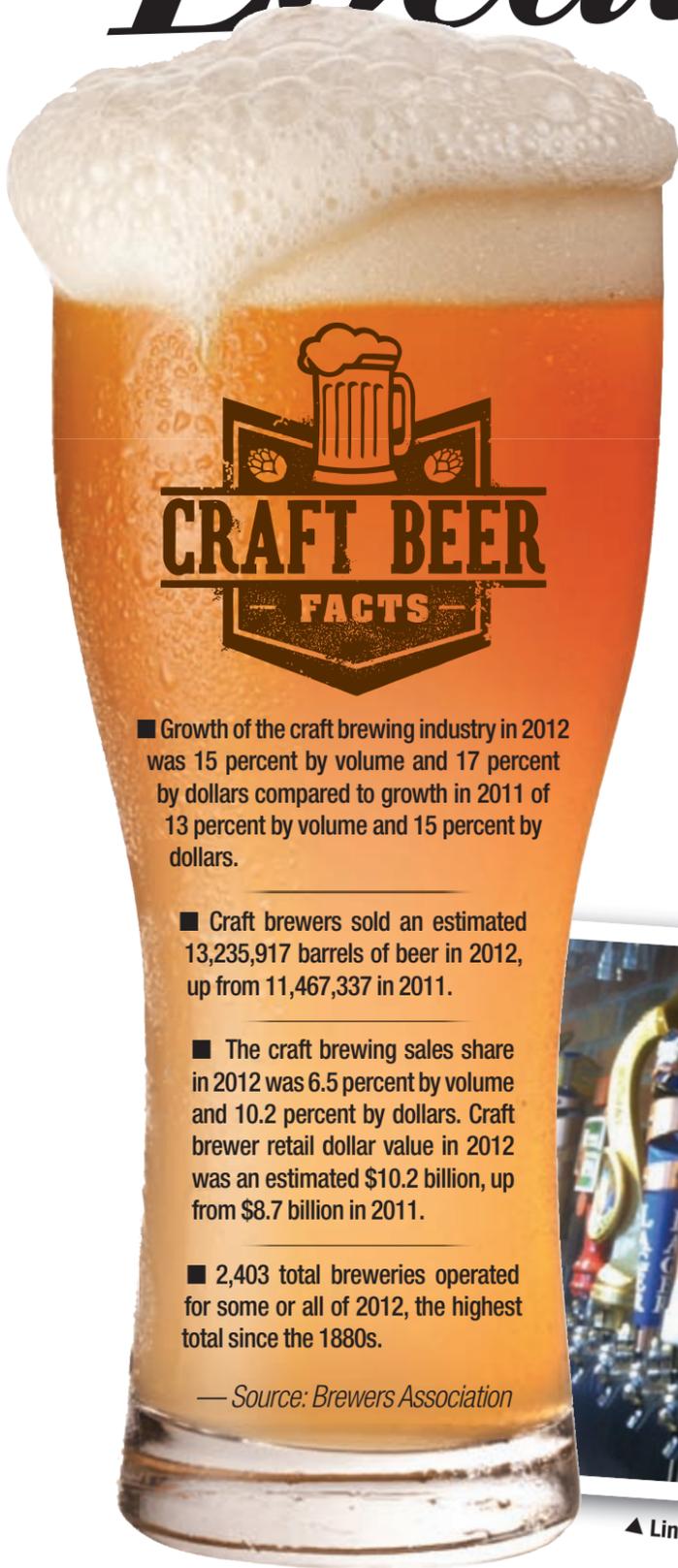
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

Local brews



Craft beer makers work to keep up with growing demand

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS
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When Will Lawson moved down to Naples from Michigan in 2003, he missed his craft beers. He missed being able to plop down on a barstool and order some local and whimsical brew. He soon developed a home-brewing hobby and earned himself a bona fide brewer's education. In 2012, he started his own business: Naples Beach Brewery.

"Starting your own business, you need a little bit of luck," Mr. Lawson says. "But you also need to be in the right place at the right time."

Brewers, bartenders and beer drinkers agree, the time is ripe in Southwest Florida for that ice-cold fermented nectar, made by local hands and flavored with imagination. Artisanal microbreweries seem to be gaining popularity as more locals are looking for something different to drink. Beyond variety, local beers are fresh.

"When you drink a beer from a thousand miles away, somebody has added something to that beer to

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■ Growth of the craft brewing industry in 2012 was 15 percent by volume and 17 percent by dollars compared to growth in 2011 of 13 percent by volume and 15 percent by dollars.

■ Craft brewers sold an estimated 13,235,917 barrels of beer in 2012, up from 11,467,337 in 2011.

■ The craft brewing sales share in 2012 was 6.5 percent by volume and 10.2 percent by dollars. Craft brewer retail dollar value in 2012 was an estimated \$10.2 billion, up from \$8.7 billion in 2011.

■ 2,403 total breweries operated for some or all of 2012, the highest total since the 1880s.

— Source: Brewers Association



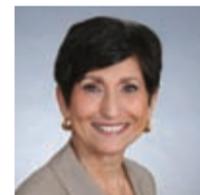
▲ Line of taps at the World of Beer

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In the next two to three years, it will be quite interesting to see how (and if) the U.S. will create economic growth sufficient to decrease its unemployment to a level of 6 percent.

Unemployment of 6 percent is not an arbitrary objective; it is the level specified by the Federal Reserve needed before the agency will reverse many of its aggressive monetary actions.

It is widely held that, to reduce unemployment, gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic health, must grow at 2.5 percent or better. To reduce high and persistent levels of unemployment, such as we have, GDP needs growth in the 3-3.5 percent range.

How is the U.S. economic health? The GDP's most recent annualized growth rate for first quarter 2013 was released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis on June 26. It was an anemic 1.8 percent. This is the second of two downward revisions by the BEA as the first estimate was 2.5 percent and the first revision was 2.4 percent. As Bill Gross pointed out in his June letter to investors titled "Wounded Heart," "... it's been five years... and the real economy has not once over a 12-month period of time grown faster than 2.5 percent." Unquestionably, the U.S. economy is slowing. Unquestionably, many

of the initial estimates of GDP growth are pie in the sky and are subsequently lowered.

How is U.S. unemployment faring? As reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the end of June, the national rate is currently 7.6 percent. It is unchanged from May's level and remains in the 7 percent range for the past 10 months despite aggressive monetary policy that has been broadened and deepened over the past 10 months. Otherwise, we would be in worse shape.

Unemployment peaked at 10.2 percent in October 2009. Seemingly, there has been progress — except that the decline in unemployment likely overstates the recovery in jobs. The decline in the past nine months is partly attributable to the decrease in the number of people counted as unemployed. Some unemployed people have given up in their search for a job and are no longer included in the unemployed count. So next time you hear there has been a decrease in unemployment, consider that reality might be that there have been dropouts from the unemployed list. Such decreases in the size of the employment base points to a loss of U.S. productivity and lower national earned income levels (because the "dropouts" are not gainfully employed.)

So, back to the original question, how will GDP grow at rates better than 2.5 percent to get unemployment to 6 percent and lower? Short answer: It needs to come from the business sector, not from the government or consumption, etc.?

Take a look at the core equation: $GDP = C + I + G + NX$. The four components are: C for consumption; I for business investment; G for government spending; and X for net

exports. Consumption accounts for a whopping 72 percent of GDP; government spending 20 percent; business investment 14 percent and, as the U.S. is a net importer, our net exports is a negative 6 percent and a drag on GDP. GDP grows if, on a net basis, there is growth in the sum of the components. But not all spending (consumption versus business versus government versus foreign buyers of our goods) is the same.

Government expenditures include social payments (unemployment compensation, Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid and Social Security) and special "make work" programs e.g., census hiring. This spending adds no productive capacity nor does it create a more highly trained work force. Government spending has little multiplier effect on the U.S. economic system. (However, IF the government spending was for capital, infrastructure improvements or even education that results in higher-tiered engineers with skills equal or exceeding talent offered overseas, then the government's spending would have added to the productive capacity of the U.S.)

A look at the GDP components individually suggests that 3.5 percent growth in GDP; we are at 1.8 percent and facing headwinds. First, even if consumers do buy more stuff, their buying is not an investment in our economy — it is just more stuff they own. Second, the U.S. government is already under sequestration cuts, with more budget cuts coming this summer and more coming in the fall. Third, the recent rise in the dollar hurts our competitive position in exporting and whatever advantage we had seems to be diminishing under Japan's recent forced currency devaluation.

The only meaningful hope the U.S. has for truly returning to a strong, vibrant economy lies with business investment, which is impeded by higher taxation and increased government regulation. Business investment is the only vehicle at this juncture that can create meaningful GDP growth as it creates the "multiplier effect." How so? For example, a business buys equipment or builds a plant, then it hires people to make "stuff" with the equipment in the plant; and then the newly employed spend money on consumer "stuff." This makes for sustainable growth in GDP. There is no way of getting away from the GDP equation; it is what it is.

The non-financial sector of corporate America is highly capable of finding its way out of this low-growth hole. Despite such economic prognosis for the U.S., our elected officials cannot stop bickering and are unwilling to find common ground. Whether they hail from the far left or far right, until they get their heads in the game, we will likely continue to stumble along with sub-par growth. ■

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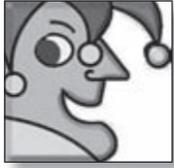
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It's good to be focused, but when it comes to parking your hard-earned dollars in stocks, don't put too many eggs in too few baskets. Here are a few ways that we investors fall short of effective diversification:

(1) Owning too much company stock of our employer. The benefits of owning our company stock often include the ability to purchase it at a discount and to be able to easily dollar-cost average into the position. Employees also tend to know a lot about their company and industry, which can give them an edge.

Nevertheless, too much of a good thing is still too much. Enron serves as a classic example of how owning company stock can go horribly wrong. Remember that you already depend on your employer for your income. It's kind of risky to depend on it for the bulk of your investments, too.

(2) Investing too heavily in an industry with which we are very familiar. Industry knowledge can give us

a leg up, but this familiarity fuels a common pitfall, too. For example, it's enticing for an orthopedic surgeon to load up on shares of a medical device company that enables surgeons to perform knee and hip replacements, if the good doctor strongly believes in its products. But if either the sector suffers or the technology falters, then the portfolio shrinks.

(3) Not selling our stock winners to avoid Uncle Sam. It's common to avoid selling a winning stock to delay having to pay taxes on the gains. But this can threaten our portfolio's performance.

If you doubled or tripled your money in a particular stock over some years, that stock may have come to represent a big chunk of your portfolio — meaning that if it takes a tumble, so will your nest egg. Over time, unsold winners can dominate your portfolio and increase your risk.

A good rule of thumb is to try not to let any holding come to make up more than, say, 5 percent of your overall net worth. ■

My Dumbest Investment

The Short Story

Years ago, I bought stock in a company that my girlfriend worked for. I had been watching it and thought it was undervalued at \$34 per share. So I bought about \$5,000 worth. As I had hoped, it soon made a modest gain. Then rumors arose that the company would not meet its third-quarter projections and that the stock was expected to fall. Well, I sold — and made a little profit. Two days later it was announced that the company was going to be acquired, and its stock rose to \$60.

It goes to show that if you believe in a company, stick with it. Day-trading or short-term trading is no longer an option for me. I will focus on the long term when it comes to solid companies.

— R.A., Tucson, Ariz.

The Fool Responds: You're right. Lots of great companies encounter occasional hiccups. It's often best to hang on, as long as you retain long-term faith in their future — especially if you consider them undervalued. Rumors can be dangerous, too, as they won't necessarily come to pass. Strong stocks tend to rise over time. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to *The Motley Fool* c/o *My Dumbest Investment*. Got one that worked? Submit to *My Smartest Investment*. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

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Look Forward

Q I'm invested in a mutual fund with a 5.5 percent front-end load. Should I sell it and switch to a no-load fund?

— H.Z., Medford, Ore.

A That's a hefty fee, but you've already paid it, when you invested in the fund. So look forward, not backward. If you don't like the fund's performance, consider selling it. There are many terrific no-load funds out there. (Learn more at fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm or morningstar.com.)

Also, check out the fund's annual fees. If its expense ratio is much more than 1 percent, that's not promising. Some index funds will charge you less than 0.10 percent.

Q How does online stock trading work, and is it safe?

— T.W., Goshen, Ind.

A It's not as scary as it may seem, and is even preferred by many investors. It's generally inexpensive, with many brokerages charging less than \$10 per trade. Also, you can examine orders carefully before placing them.

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The Motley Fool Take

Power Up

Fluor (NYSE: FLR) offers engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance and project management services globally, serving the oil-and-gas, power, infrastructure and government markets, among others. Its recent growth has been sluggish, but its future seems bright.

Some have worried about the U.S. government's sequester-caused budget cuts, which could hurt future orders for Fluor's services from the Department of Energy or Defense. Despite that, Fluor's ties to the private energy and independent oil-and-gas sector make it a very attractive bet over the long run.

President Obama has made it clear that he'd like to see America become more energy independent. This will

likely result in the construction of new drilling rigs as well as more energy-efficient power plants, and also more pipeline and storage tanks capable of holding an increasing number of natural gas and oil finds. Fluor's bread-and-butter business is these energy and oil-and-gas projects. In just the last quarter alone, Fluor received \$6.5 billion in awards — with \$3.1 billion coming from the oil-and-gas sector — and its total backlog rose 11 percent to \$18.6 billion.

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of about 13, Fluor's stock seems fairly to attractively priced and should reward long-term investors. More risk-averse sorts might wait and hope for a pullback in price. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Fluor.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ **SCORE Naples** and the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** present "The Power of E-mail Marketing" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at chamber headquarters at 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Presenter Ingrid Molina, president of Fuller Online Solutions, will discuss how to grow your business with e-mail and social media. Cost is \$35 (free for students and veterans). Call 262-6376 or visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **HR Collier** members meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Wyndemere Country Club. Guest speaker Carol McDaniel, senior vice president at Kenetix and president-elect of HR Florida, will present "Hire More Ugly People: Removing Bias from the Interview Process." Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. Reservations must be made at www.hrcollier.org by July 12.

■ **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five event from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Old Marco Pub & Restaurant, 1105 Bald Eagle Drive on Marco. \$5 for members, \$10 for others (cash bar). Call 394-7549, e-mail kate@marcoisland-chamber.org or visit www.marcoisland-chamber.org.

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■ **The Building Owners and Managers Association**-Southwest Florida chapter meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at The Club at The Strand. Guest speaker Carolina Valera, principal planner in the Collier County Growth Management Department, will present an update on changes to county codes and site design and architectural requirements. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for others. Register at www.bomaswfl.com.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30

p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Whole Foods in Mercato. \$8 for members, \$25 for others. RSVP by calling 262-6376 or visiting www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ Consultants from the **Small Business Development Center** at Florida Gulf Coast University are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704. ■

BREWS

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increase its shelf life ... That kills anything in that beer that one day may spoil it, but it kills any health benefits that beer might have as well," Mr. Lawson says.

While he underscores that too much of anything — including beer — can be a bad thing, the head Naples Beach brewer promotes the healing power of local brews, don't filter or pasteurize our beer, which means there is a small amount of yeast remaining in our finished product. Brewer's yeast contains vitamins, minerals and probiotics which are beneficial to digestive health."

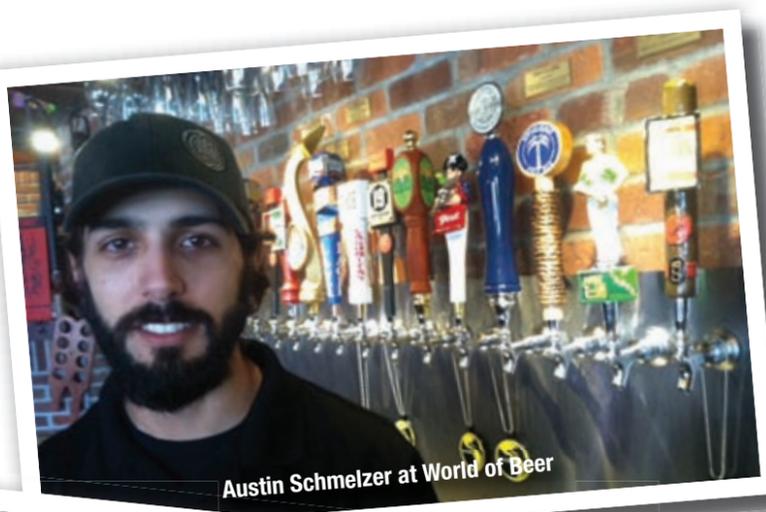
Thus far Mr. Lawson's brewery boasts a Naples Beach Weizen, American Pale Ale, Black IPA, Rojo Especial and Mango Ginger Tripel. His pint glasses are emblazoned, "The sunshine was already here... we just make the beer." He currently sells around 30 kegs a week to retailers in Naples and he's looking to expand his Fort Myers accounts.

Austin Schmelzer, product manager for World of Beer at the Bell Tower Shops, says he got the Naples Beach Pale Ale in on a Monday. He hooked it up to his line of 51 draft beers on Tuesday. Come Wednesday, the keg was almost empty, before he even had a chance to list the beer on his menu.

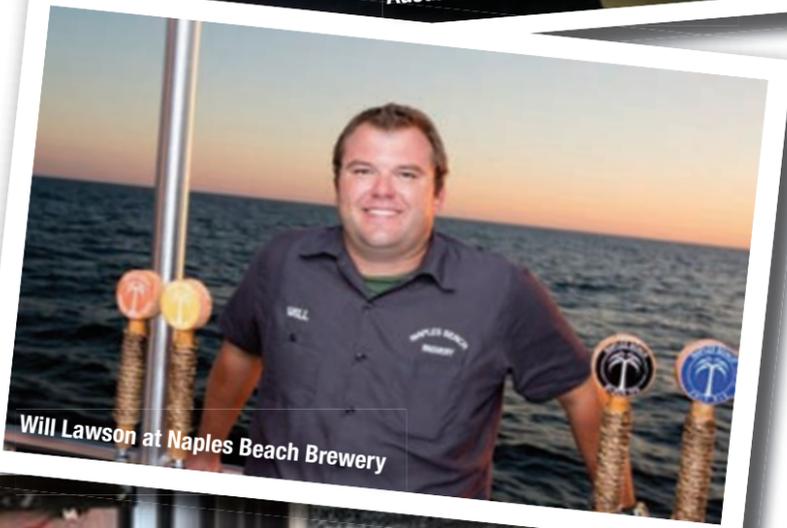
"People come in and ask, 'What do you have that's local?'" Mr. Schmelzer says. "Soon as we get a local brew, it's gone."

Mr. Schmelzer says he can't keep Fort Myers Brewing Company craft beers in stock. Soon as he gets a batch of the brewery's Gateway Gold, Tamiami Tan or City of Palms Pale Ale, those suds sell out fast.

"Their Cypress Strong is probably my



Austin Schmelzer at World of Beer



Will Lawson at Naples Beach Brewery



Daryl Fry at IceHouse Pub

favorite," Mr. Schmelzer says of Fort Myers Brewing Company ales. "It's got a nice caramel finish to it... Their Caloosahatchee Kolsch is real light and refreshing. It's got a grassy taste to it."

Evolving tastes

World of Beer Fort Myers will celebrate its two-year anniversary in August. Mr. Schmelzer has been there since the beginning. Watching the change in taste buds over the years, he says, "People drink the most obscure stuff now, when a year ago, they stuck to the basics."

Mr. Schmelzer has seen mainstream tastes move from bland to daring, as more and more of his patrons are experimenting with chocolate stouts, peanut

butter ales and blueberry wheats.

"There's a l w a y s something out there you'll like. Don't stop at the first one you find," he says, making craft beer tasting sound like the world of dating.

Marco Island

Brewery bar manager Marco Magdalener says he only used to drink Bud Light and Miller Lite, but since he's been bartending at the family-run pub, he can't remember the last time he drank a domestic beer.

"People want to drink something other than watered-down Bud Light," says Mr. Magdalener, who now fancies Pitch Black IPA.

Marco Island Brewery quotes Benjamin Franklin on its website: "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." And Plato: "He was a wise man who invented beer."

The bar brews four in-house craft beers: Loggerhead Red, named for the turtle; Tigertail Ale, named for the beach; Horr's Island Hefeweizen,

named for the small island off of Marco; and The Rock IPA, fitting as locals have forever called Marco Island, "The Rock."

Curious drinkers can try out a flight: 4-ounce servings of four different beers.

"One of this and one of that, it never gets boring," says Jamie Shea, general manger. Her dad owns the bar. Her brother brews the beer.

"When we first opened, people laughed at us and said, 'This is a Bud Light island. That's all anybody drinks here,'" says Ms. Shea, remembering back to 2010. "But now so many people come in to try so many different beers ... It's funny, when you go to other places, they all have craft beers now. I kind of feel like we brought a little bit of that to the island."

Daryl Fry, general manager of the English-style IceHouse Pub, has equally been impressed with the reception of craft beer up in Punta Gorda. He knew sales would be good during season, saying, "A lot of people from up North, they want to try stuff from here when they're here. They don't want to come down here and drink the same beers they drink up North. They like to drink more of the local stuff. I'm the same way. Whenever I go anywhere, I want to drink local beer."

"Some people come in and ask, 'Why don't you have any American beer?'" Mr. Fry says. "Soon as you point out the fact that most of them are American, they can't get enough."

Other local drinkers may be a little wary of trying something they've never heard of. While they may be intimidated by the list of 25 craft beers on draft at the IceHouse, as soon they try one, Mr. Fry says they come around to his way of thinking: "Smaller batches yield better beer." ■



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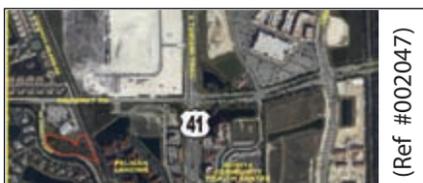
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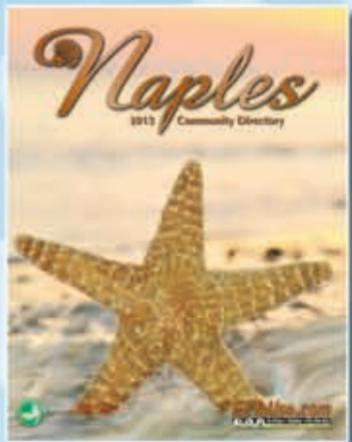
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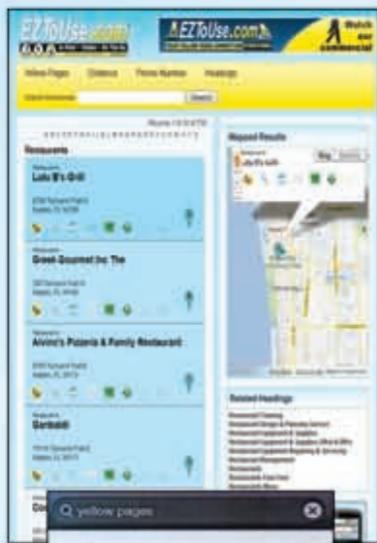
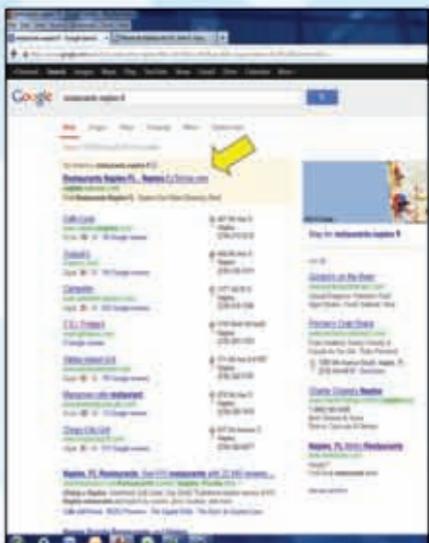


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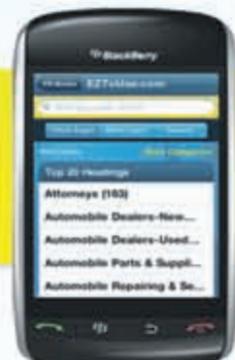
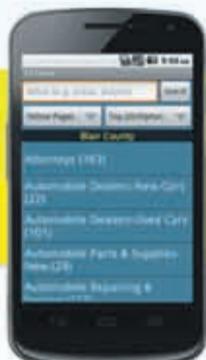
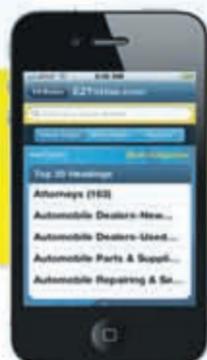
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New in Business

Save On Vapor, a retail store and lounge specializing in electronic cigarettes and accessories, has opened at 1951 Pine Ridge Road.

Board Appointments

Joel Banow has been appointed to the leadership council of Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center. Mr. Banow has served as a producer/director for WVCU-TV arts and cultural programming. He received Emmy nominations for his work with CBS News and also worked for eight years at CNBC. He is a founding member of the Naples Press Club and serves on the board of The Naples Players and the advisory board of the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida.

The following new members have joined the board of directors of the Harry Chapin Food Bank for three-year terms: **David Fry**, WCI Communities; **Ken O'Donnell**, Busey Bank; **Anne Rose**, Lee Memorial Health System; **Laura Worzella**, Wells Fargo; and **Marianne Zuk**, Collier Family Office Inc.

Health Care

Kathy Bridge-Liles has been named interim chief administrative officer for the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Ms. Bridge-Liles began working as a pediatric ICU staff nurse at Lee Memorial Hospital more than 20 years ago and was instrumental in the opening of the pediatric ICU at HealthPark Medical Center and its outpatient pediatric oncology program. She serves on the board of directors for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida.



BRIDGE-LILES

Dr. Jeffrey Fabacher has been named medical director at the Naples location of Hazelden, the nonprofit addiction treatment center that provides detoxification and medical services and psychiatric oversight for clients. A graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Dr. Fabacher completed his residency at Ochsner Foundation Hospital. He is board certified in psychiatry and has been in private practice in Naples since 1991. He has served as president of the Collier County Medical Society, has held various positions with the Florida Psychiatric Society and served on the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of Collier County.

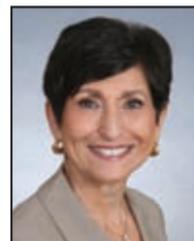


FABACHER

Scott Lowe has been named CEO of Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. Mr. Lowe joined the hospital as CFO five years ago. He was director of finance for Cleveland Clinic Florida from 1999-2005 and was the CFO of SurgeryPartners in Tampa from 2005-2008. He also has worked in managed care with Neighborhood Health Partners and Blue Cross Blue Shield. He earned an MBA from the University of Miami, a master's in public health from the University of Texas and a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia.

Nonprofit Organizations

Carol Shaw has been named executive director and CEO of Opera Naples. Ms. Shaw as the executive director of the David Lawrence Center and Foundation for more than 10 years and most recently was director of development, communications and marketing at Youth Haven.



SHAW

The Greater Naples Leadership class of 2013-14 consists of: Patricia Aiken-O'Neill, Marcelo Alvarez, Carl Edward Bolch Jr., Barbara Casey, Elizabeth Chehayl, Eileen Connolly-Keesler, James Cook, John Frank Corbett, Elizabeth Cottingham, Adam Crescenzi, Suel-len Dillon, Thomas Dunner Sr., Jacklynn Faffer, Patricia Ann Forkan, Jean Foster, Dennis Frodsham, Marguerite Hambleton, Anne Harris-Doherty, Glenn Haughe, Prentiss Higgins, Noreen Nicol Huber, Thomas Jordan, Leon Kaplan, Katherine Keane, Arnold Klinsky, Linda Leather-bury-Cheloliber, Thomas Lynch, Patrice Magrath, Iqbal Mamdani, Thomas McMeekin, Hermina Merkel, Rosemarie Murphy, Sherry Lynne O'Hearn, Ray Pap-rocki, James Philp, Richard Ratcheson, Kay Reis, Diana Riley, Patricia Rutledge, Roger Sippey, David Stewart, Stephen Thoma, Thomas Todd, Sandra Welker and Joseph Zaccagnino.

Majors **Dan and Francina Proctor** have joined The Salvation Army Naples Corps as officers. Mr. Proctor serves as area coordinator and Mrs. Proctor as associate area coordinator for the Collier County office. For the past four years, the Proctors served as leaders of the Central Oklahoma Area Command. Mr. Proctor has played baritone and euphonium in The Salvation Army Southern Territorial Band in the U.S. for more than 38 years. Certified as a physician's assistant in pediatrics, Mrs. Proctor was commissioned and ordained in The Salvation Army in 1979 in Rancho Palos Verdes, Cali.

Retail

James Shafer has joined Norris Home Furnishings as a design consultant in the Naples showroom. A resident of Naples for more than 30 years, Mr. Shafer holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University. His work has been featured in Open House Magazine, and he received a Best Dining Room Design award in the Collier Building Industry Association's Parade of Homes. ■



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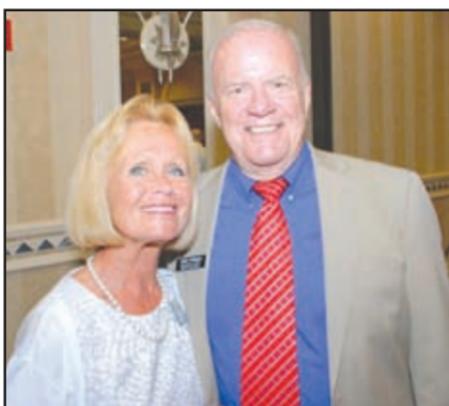
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3903 SW 23RD AVE., CAPE CORAL



This elegant Koogler home is on intersecting gulf-access canals. The stately executive home of 3,542 square feet has three bedrooms with three full and two half bathrooms, including a master with dual sinks and separate shower and tub. The etched glass doors welcome guests from the portico with a dome ceiling to the dramatic foyer. The residence is professionally decorated with premium quality finishes, cabinetry, wood wainscoting, coffered ceilings and architecturally inspired columns. The gorgeous chef's kitchen has stainless steel appliances, ample cabinet and counter space and an island that opens to the formal dining, family and living rooms. Other touches are a gas burning fireplace with custom mantel, 8-foot sliders to the free-form pool and spa, paver lanai, outdoor kitchen, boat dock with lift and staggered three-car garage. The home is listed at \$829,000. For more information, contact listing agent Susan Ball of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Cape Coral at (239) 246-0167 or co-agent Rob Ricca at (239) 209-7465. ■

4034 LA COSTA ISLAND COURT, PUNTA GORDA



This spacious custom home is on two lots along a salt-water canal in Punta Gorda Isles. With 4,237 square feet of living space, the home offers four bedrooms and three full and two half bathrooms, including a master with dual sinks, a hydro massage tub and separate shower. The master bedroom has a private patio and attached den/home office overlooking the pool/spa and canal. The residence features a great room with cathedral ceilings and formal dining room. The gorgeous gourmet kitchen has granite counters, wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances and an island. It has ample counter and cabinet space. The extended concrete dock is equipped with a boatlift, and the oversized two-car garage includes a workshop. The home is listed at \$829,000. Contact listing agent Luke Andreae of Re/Max Harbor Realty at (941) 833-4217 to learn more. ■

605 VIA MEZNER, #1602, NAPLES



This coveted second-floor end unit is in one of the few duplexes at The Pointe in the premier beach community of Pelican Bay. The condo of 2,784 square feet of living space features three bedrooms, den and 3½ bathrooms, including a master bathroom with separate tub and shower. With the most desirable floor plan in The Pointe, the condo has a private elevator and a spacious kitchen with plenty of cabinet and counter space, island and built-in desk. The unit also has an attached two-car garage. The Pointe has lush landscaping, fountains, beautiful gardens, fitness center and tropical pool and spa. The condo is listed at \$825,000. To learn more, contact listing agent Sheila Varnum of Downing-Frye Realty Inc. at (239) 596-1453. ■

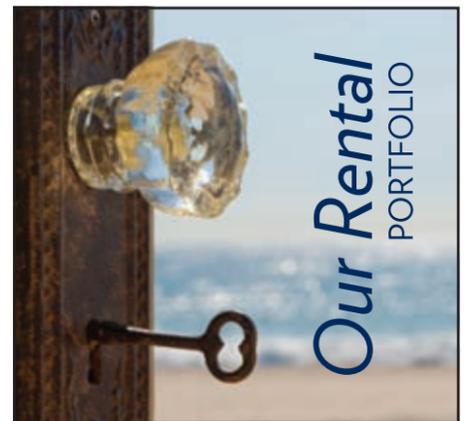
23750 VIA TREVI WAY, #503, BONITA SPRINGS



This condo is in the Treviso subdivision of The Colony at Pelican Landing. The home features stunning views of sunsets over the Gulf of Mexico, tranquil waters of the Estero Bay and rolling hills of The Colony's golf course. The condo has 2,709 square feet of living space, with two bedrooms, den and three bathrooms. The master suite boasts spacious walk-in closets and a lavish spa bath with Roman-style tub. The home offers floor-to-ceiling windows, expansive terraces, polished marble flooring, private elevator foyer and customized open floor plan.

The kitchen has beautiful Italian kitchen cabinetry, stainless steel appliances and an island.

Among the community amenities are pool and spa, gym, theater and live-in management. The condo is listed at \$825,000. For more information, contact listing agent Jill Kushner of Downing-Frye Realty Inc. in Bonita Springs at (239) 691-5505. ■



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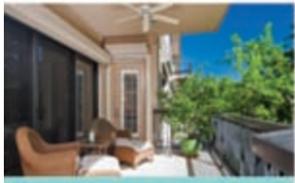
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premierair.com/id/213012712 \$659,000



THE DUNES

Cayman #307
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731
premierair.com/id/212028605 \$599,000



NORTH NAPLES

Lemuria #904
Tom Gasbarro 239.404.4883
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NORTH NAPLES

Marina Bay Club #1002
Suzanne Ring 239.821.7550
premiersir.com/id/213016426 \$468,500



TIBURON

Castillo I #101
Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
premiersir.com/id/213020389 \$409,000



THE STRAND

Grande Reserve #304
Ryan Batey 239.287.9159
premiersir.com/id/213011267 \$384,900



BRIDGEWATER BAY

Coral Bay II #6304
Richard/Susie Culp 239.290.2200
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QUAIL WEST

6665 Edgcombe Drive
Katie Benham 239.222.2268
premiersir.com/id/213007246 \$299,000



PARK SHORE

Regent #6-N
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973
premiersir.com/id/2130108440 \$5,900,000



PARK SHORE

4100 Gulf Shore Blvd. North
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/212001775 \$5,700,000



PARK SHORE

Enclave #20
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
premiersir.com/id/213017046 \$4,795,000



PARK SHORE

320 Neapolitan Way
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
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PARK SHORE

311 Neapolitan Way
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/KAHNO2015IHE \$3,995,000



PARK SHORE

Brittany #1606
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
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PARK SHORE

Le Ceil Park Tower #204
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
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PARK SHORE

Park Plaza #1704
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/212037005 \$1,999,000



PARK SHORE

The Savoy #PH-6
Sarah Theiss 239.269.0300
premiersir.com/id/213002051 \$1,599,000



PARK SHORE

Meridian Club #1403
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980
premiersir.com/id/211505192 \$1,249,000



PARK SHORE

Tropics #231
Carol Sheehy 239.340.9300
premiersir.com/id/212036333 \$950,000



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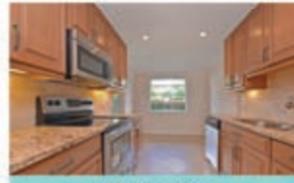
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4865 Whispering Pine Way
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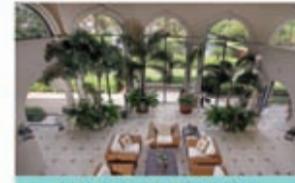
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Lexington #3
Linda Perry/Judy Perry 239.404.7052
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PARK SHORE

Swan Lake Club #3D
Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
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377 Cromwell Court
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BAY COLONY

Trieste #1401
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229
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BAY COLONY

Trieste #101
Dorcas Briscoe 239.860.6985
premiersir.com/id/213018474 \$3,395,000



BAY COLONY

Trieste #706
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973
premiersir.com/id/213004682 \$2,195,000



BAY COLONY

Contessa #401
Dorcas Briscoe 239.860.6985
premiersir.com/id/213006926 \$2,150,000



BAY COLONY

Toscana #1403
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433
premiersir.com/id/212039544 \$1,650,000



BAY COLONY

Marquesa #702
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433
premiersir.com/id/213008942 \$1,295,000



GREY OAKS

1235 Gordon River Trail
Sam Heitman 239.537.2018
premiersir.com/id/213016919 \$6,995,000



GREY OAKS

1271 Osprey Trail
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678
premiersir.com/id/213008211 \$5,699,999



GREY OAKS

1245 Gordon River Trail
Melissa Williams 239.261.3148
premiersir.com/id/212019049 \$4,795,000



GREY OAKS

1473 Anhinga Pointe
Melissa Williams 239.261.3148
premiersir.com/id/209007441 \$4,280,000



GREY OAKS

1456 Anhinga Pointe
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121
premiersir.com/id/213020116 \$3,200,000



GREY OAKS

1315 Noble Heron Way
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121
premiersir.com/id/209007310 \$2,049,000



GREY OAKS

1504 Marsh Wren Lane
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121
premiersir.com/id/213006878 \$1,725,000



GREY OAKS

2056 Isla Vista Lane
Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
premiersir.com/id/213020582 \$1,670,000



GREY OAKS

1216 Gordon River Trail
Sam Heitman 239.261.3148
premiersir.com/id/212002077 \$975,000



GREY OAKS

1212 Gordon River Trail
Melissa Williams 239.248.7238
premiersir.com/id/213010471 \$975,000



GREY OAKS

Traditions #101
Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
premiersir.com/id/213020396 \$875,000



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367 Ridge Drive
T. Moellers/S. Kaltenborn 239.404.7887
premiersir.com/id/213025176 \$3,495,000



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premiersir.com/id/213018827 \$2,350,000



LOGAN WOODS

5271 Mahogany Ridge Drive
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premiersir.com/id/213018599 \$1,150,000



HAMMOCK BAY

Lesina #2005
Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685
premiersir.com/id/212037624 \$1,015,000



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES

3410 3rd Avenue NW
Bill Duffy 239.641.7654
premiersir.com/id/213021050 \$995,000



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Club at Naples Cay #1102A
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552
premiersir.com/id/213015759 \$875,000



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Vista Pointe #3606
Amy Atherholt 239.592.6343
premiersir.com/id/213020686 \$625,000



WYNDEMERE

910 Wyndemere Way
Gary L./Jeff/Becky Jaarda 239.248.7474
premiersir.com/id/212035106 \$529,000



LELY RESORT

Legacy #404
Lura Jones 239.370.5340
premiersir.com/id/212037977 \$515,000



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390 17th Street NW
Marlene Suarez 239.290.0585
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Cynthia Corogin 239.393.6747
premiersir.com/id/212027439 \$136,500



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premiersir.com/id/213008195 \$1,695,000



VANDERBILT BEACH

Vanderbilt Gulfside II #1003
Pat Callis 239.250.0562
premierstir.com/id/213005745 \$1,339,000



VANDERBILT BEACH

385 Willett Avenue
Dina L. Moon 239.370.1252
premierstir.com/id/213020729 \$849,000



VANDERBILT BEACH

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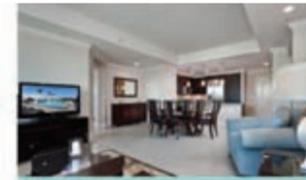
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The Strada #7502
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MERCATO

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Susan Gardner 239.594.9400
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MERCATO

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Susan Gardner 239.438.2846
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880 Sea Dune Lane
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839 Newell Terrace
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MARCO ISLAND

1167 Bluehill Creek Drive
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133
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MARCO ISLAND

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Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545
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MARCO ISLAND

71 Hickory Court
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premierstir.com/id/212038545 \$1,595,000



MARCO ISLAND

616 Waterside Drive
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133
premierstir.com/id/211524107 \$1,500,000



MARCO ISLAND

Royal Marco Point I #17
ML Meade 239.293.4851
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MARCO ISLAND

1230 Stone Court
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
premierstir.com/id/212034994 \$1,259,000



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1816 Woodbine Court
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133
premierstir.com/id/212035327 \$1,099,000



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Sandpiper #501
Cynthia Corogin 239.393.6747
premierstir.com/id/213011532 \$949,900



MARCO ISLAND

791 Caxambas Drive
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premierstir.com/id/213010410 \$922,922



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Duchess #605
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
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1955 Sheffield Avenue
Laura/Chris Adams 239.404.4766
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MARCO ISLAND

798 Caxambas Drive
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premierstir.com/id/212033809 \$600,000



MARCO ISLAND

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Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545
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Roe Tamagni 239.398.1222
premierstir.com/id/213011588 \$405,000



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Sandcastle II #106
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133
premierstir.com/id/209003234 \$399,900



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Crows Nest #309
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926
premierstir.com/id/213008577 \$339,900



MARCO ISLAND

394 Collier Blvd. North
Roe Tamagni 239.398.1222
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Pelican Perch #203
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premierstir.com/id/213013138 \$995,000



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Michelle L. Thomas 239.860.7176
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premierstir.com/id/211006401 \$799,000



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premierstir.com/id/209005149 \$484,900



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Michelle L. Thomas 239.860.7176
premierstir.com/id/213012902 \$379,000



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premierstir.com/id/212010602 \$374,900



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ML Meade 239.293.4851
premierstir.com/id/213013448 \$349,000



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Varena #202
Michael/Maureen Joyce 239.285.6275
premierstir.com/id/213012973 \$319,999



FIDDLER'S CREEK

Hawk's Nest #101
Michelle L. Thomas 239.860.7176
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Whisper Trace #103
Michelle L. Thomas 239.860.7176
premierstir.com/id/213017703 \$174,500



FORT MYERS

11340 Longwater Chase Court
Deb Smith 239.826.3416
premierstir.com/id/212038400 \$3,350,000



CAPTIVA

Captiva Bay Villas #2
Jean Baer 239.691.9249
premierstir.com/id/211504159 \$1,875,000



SANIBEL

Shorewood #3-B
Cindy Sitton 239.810.4772
premierstir.com/id/213018067 \$1,849,000



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17860 Grey Heron Court
Stephanie Bissett 239.292.3707
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ALVA

17600 Millers Gully Lane
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premierstir.com/id/212025651 \$1,495,000



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512 Periwinkle Way
Jennifer Berry 239.472.3535
premierstir.com/id/212039132 \$999,000



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Denise Chambre 239.247.2868
premierstir.com/id/213000829 \$899,000



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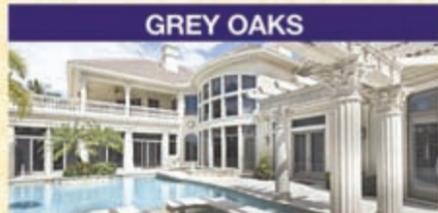
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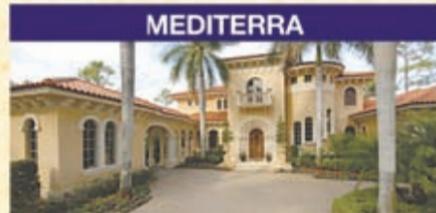
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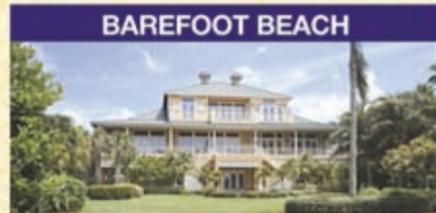
GREY OAKS

Grand Isle Toscano Estate
 • 6 + Bedrooms, 7 Full & 4-Half Baths
 • 800 Bottle Wine Room Plus Movie Theater
 • Chef's Kitchen & Butler's Pantry
 • Absolutely Stunning Swimming Pool & Spa
 • \$7,995,000 MLS 212017879
 • Steve Suddeth & Ben Maltese 239.784.0693



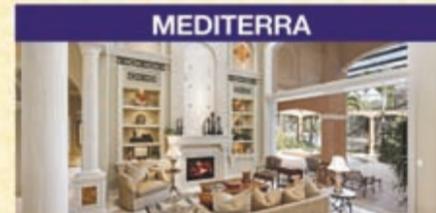
MEDITERRA

Mediterranean Estate
 • 5 Bedroom +Den, 5.5 Baths
 • Stunning Pool & Spa, Bird Cage Elevator
 • Exquisite Setting Overlooking Lake & Golf Course
 • 9,760 Sq Ft Of Living Space, Wine Cellar
 • \$5,295,000 MLS 212038463
 • Lauren & Mike Taranto 239.572.3078



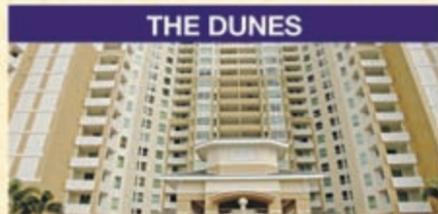
BAREFOOT BEACH

Barefoot Beach
 • 6 Bedrooms, 6.5 Baths
 • Palatial "Olde Florida" Style Gulf Front Home
 • Wide West Gulf Views
 • 25 Ft. Boat Dock w/Lift
 • \$4,995,000 MLS 212027127
 • Steve Suddeth & Jennifer Nicolai 239.784.0693



MEDITERRA

Intimate & Elegant Estate Home
 • 4 Bedroom +Den, 4 Full & 2 Half Baths
 • Soaring Ceilings, Precast Columns, Stone Flooring
 • Superior Craftsmanship In Every Detail
 • Amazing Views Of Golf Course & Lake
 • \$4,695,000 MLS 213007341
 • Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.5717



THE DUNES

The Dunes
 • Turnkey, 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths
 • Remodeled 14th Floor Gulf View Home
 • Owner Pays LaPlaya Beach Social Membership
 • Great Amenities
 • \$1,349,000 MLS 213014531
 • Steve Suddeth & Ben Maltese 239.784.0693



PELICAN LANDING

Pristine Custom Home
 • 3 Bedroom +Den, 3 Baths
 • Crown Molding, Volume Ceilings
 • Two Level Terraced Lanai w/Pool & Spa
 • Water & Golf Course Views
 • \$999,900 MLS 213016415
 • Larry Bell 239.919.4404



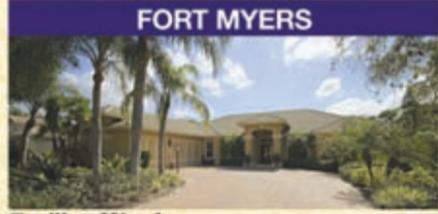
BAYFRONT

451 Bayfront Place #5410
 • 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
 • Completely Remodeled, 1,970 Sq. Ft.
 • Wonderful Amenities
 • Direct Views Of Naples Bay & Marina
 • \$995,000 MLS 213009698
 • The Fischer Group 239.777.7500



BONITA BAY

Azure
 • Unique, Elegant, Spacious Coach Home
 • Custom Interiors, Private Elevator
 • Lovely Lanai W/ Outdoor Kitchen Gas Grill
 • 3 Large Bedrooms + Den 3,377 Square Feet
 • \$975,000 MLS 212034847
 • Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543



FORT MYERS

Carillon Woods
 • 5 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths, 3 Car Garage
 • Granite, Stainless Appliances, Timberline Flooring, Crown Molding
 • Large Pebbleteck Pool With Waterfall
 • 3,654 Square Feet Under Air
 • \$599,900 MLS 212032074
 • Ginny Nobbie 239.218.0025



BONITA BAY

Room With A View
 • 2 Bedrooms +Den, 3 Baths
 • Private Outdoor Terraces
 • High-Rise Impact Glass
 • Upscale Amenities, Guest Suites
 • \$599,000 MLS 212006581
 • Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.1266



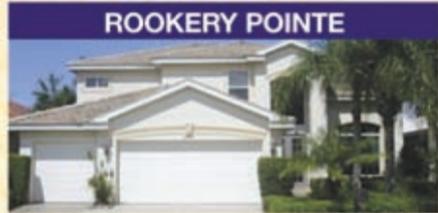
BONITA BEACH

The Egret At Bonita Beach
 • Pristine Top Floor Corner Unit
 • 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Balconies
 • Breathtaking Views of the Gulf of Mexico
 • Furnished & Covered Parking
 • \$569,000 MLS 212021331
 • Denise Stilwell 239.273.0990



PELICAN MARSH

1936 Seville Blvd #2122
 • 3 Bedroom +Den w/2 Car Garage
 • Turnkey w/Lake Views
 • 2,400 Square Feet Of Living Space
 • Close to Strada at Mercato, Vanderbilt Beach!
 • \$525,000 MLS 213013455
 • Debbie Dekevich 239.877.4194



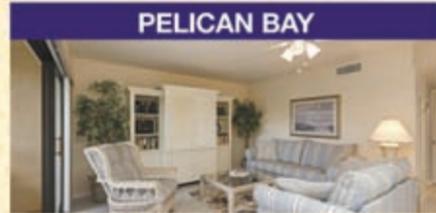
ROOKERY POINTE

Estero
 • 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2.5 Baths, 2 Car Garage
 • Arthur Rutenberg Palermo Model
 • Professionally Decorated
 • Gas Available
 • \$475,000 MLS 213016566
 • Beth James 239.287.4663



VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB

Vanderbilt Country Club
 • Extended Mayfield Model Villa
 • Hardwood Floors
 • Pool w/View of Golf Course
 • Electric Hurricane Shutters
 • \$419,900 MLS 212021676
 • Barbara Irons 239.821.2510



PELICAN BAY

Valencia At Pelican Bay
 • 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 • Beautifully Appointed Garden Condo
 • Flowing Floor Plan, Neutral Dé cor
 • Views Of Water Feature & Pool Area
 • \$405,000 MLS 213014695
 • Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.1266



CEDAR CREEK

Bonita Springs
 • 4 Bedroom + Loft
 • Heated Pool & Spa
 • Mater Bedroom on First Floor
 • Totally Private Yard
 • \$399,900 MLS 213019850
 • Darlene Rice 239.325.3537



SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS

Morningside
 • Turnkey Package Included! Great Views
 • Views of Golf Course & Lake - East Facing
 • 2 Bedrooms + Den - 2 Car Attached Garage
 • Walk or Bike to Coconut Point Mall
 • \$242,000 MLS 213012941
 • Bob Nemece 239.273.2556



GLEN EAGLE

Attention Golfers!
 • Outstanding Lake & Golf Course Views w/Sunset Skies
 • 2 Spacious Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 • Screened In Lanai
 • One Car Garage
 • \$229,900 MLS 213016313
 • Lauren & Mike Taranto 239.572.3078



HIGHLAND WOODS

St. Andrews Verandas
 • Gorgeous Views of Lake & Golf Course!
 • 2 Bed + Den, 2 Bath W/ Detached Garage
 • Turnkey Furnished!
 • Ideal Location Near Clubhouse & Pool
 • \$185,000 MLS 212039488
 • Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268



STONEBROOK

Stoneybrook
 • 2 Bedroom +Den, 2 Bath, 1st Floor End Unit
 • Furnished, New A/C, Great Room
 • Tiled Lanai, Golf Course View
 • Crown, Chair Rail, Upgraded Tile & Cabinets
 • \$150,000 MLS 213019733
 • Ginny Nobbie 239.218.0025



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QUAIL WEST



Quail West Estate Home

- 6 Private Suites & 7.5-Baths
- Water & Golf Course Views
- Full Golf Membership w/2 Carts
- Outstanding Point Location of Cul-de-sac
- \$3,400,000 MLS 212031883
- Mike & Lauren Taranto 239.572.0066

QUAIL WEST



Mega Mansion of Quail West

- 6,900 Under Air & 4 Car Garage
- 18 ft. Ceilings, Porcelain African Tile
- Three Grand Living Rooms
- Gorgeous Pool & Spa
- \$2,495,000 MLS 212024318
- Lauren & Mike Taranto 239.572.3078

NAPLES CLUB ESTATES



Naples Club Estates

- 4 Bedroom +Den, 4 Full & 3 Half Baths
- Chef's Kitchen, Butler's Pantry & Wine Room
- Formal Dining, 2 Masters & 3 Fireplaces
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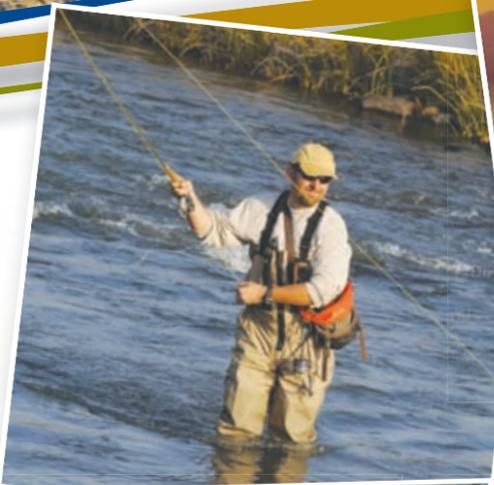
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Model homes, inventory homes and home sites are available for purchase now for move-in anticipated in early 2014.

Each home in Navona on the Peninsula will have a boat dock on Miromar's 700-acre freshwater lake where residents can water-ski, fish or boat. The enclave is adjacent to the new Marina on the Peninsula, which is scheduled to open this coming fall with bocce courts, fitness trails, boat slips and entertainment pavilions.

The entrance to Miromar Lakes is on Ben Hill Griffin Parkway (Exit 123 off of I-75). For more information, call the sales center at 425-2340 or visit www.miromarlakes.com. ■



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Michael Maurer has joined Engel & Völkers Olde Naples as a broker-associate. He previously was managing broker for Commercial Realty Group in Bonita Springs and most recently was a broker-associate with REMAX Affinity in Old Naples. A native of Naples, he is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and Naples Area Board of Realtors.

Lauren Rigor has joined the sales staff at South Bay Realty. She previously worked in the hospitality industry while studying marketing at Florida Gulf Coast University. Ms. Rigor belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

Royal Shell Real Estate announces the following agents are top producers in the Naples market:

Ben Maltese has been licensed in Florida since 1997. Previously from Michigan, he has worked in residential sales, residential and commercial development and hotel development, ownership and operations.

Meli Chelon-Gumma has worked in Europe, Asia and the United States.

Leah Alfieri began her real estate career in 1981 and most recently worked in the Bonita Springs office of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate.

Cliff Donenfeld attended the University of Bristol in England and Hartwick College in New York. Prior to joining Royal Shell, he

was with Premier Sotheby's International Realty.

Albert Diago is a real estate agent, investor and landlord who has more than 20 years of experience in the real estate and banking industries.

Gary Ryan, formerly of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Bonita Springs, has been licensed in Illinois and Florida since 2005.

Kathy Mahoney obtained her real estate license in 1999 and previously was with the Bonita Springs office of Coldwell Banker.

Michael May has more than 20 years in the mortgage and real estate industries.

Corye Reiter began her career in real estate in the Naples and Bonita Springs Area in 1997.

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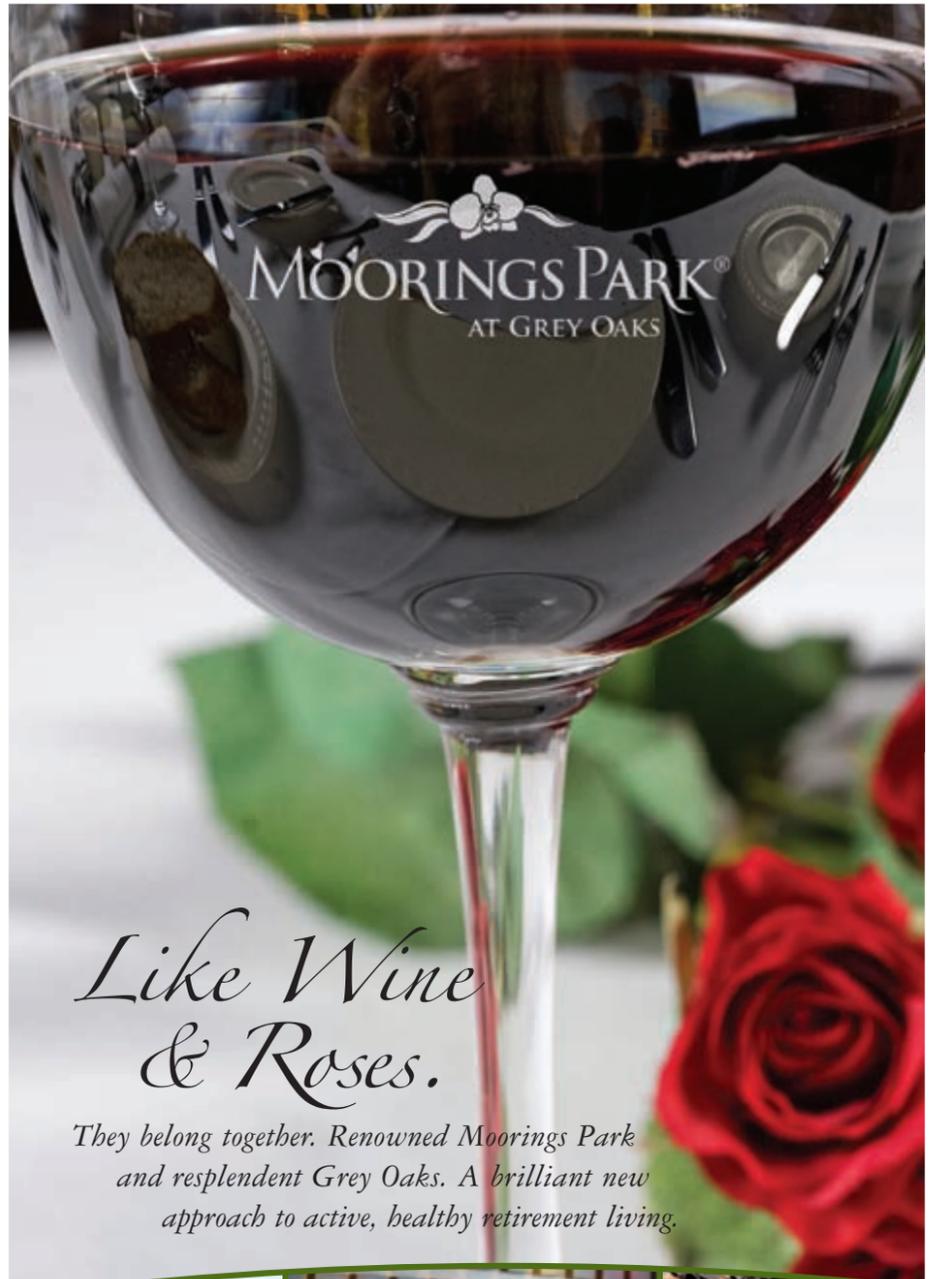
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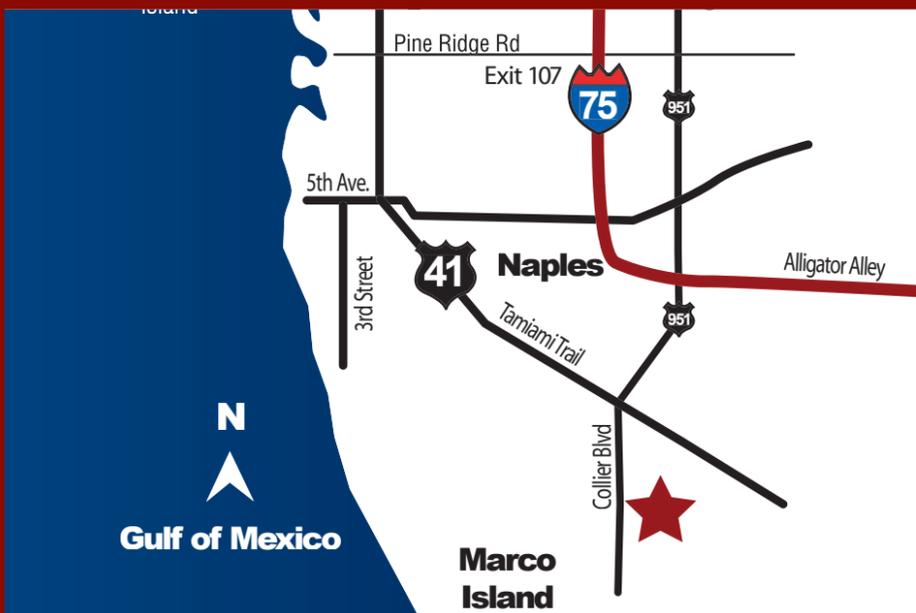
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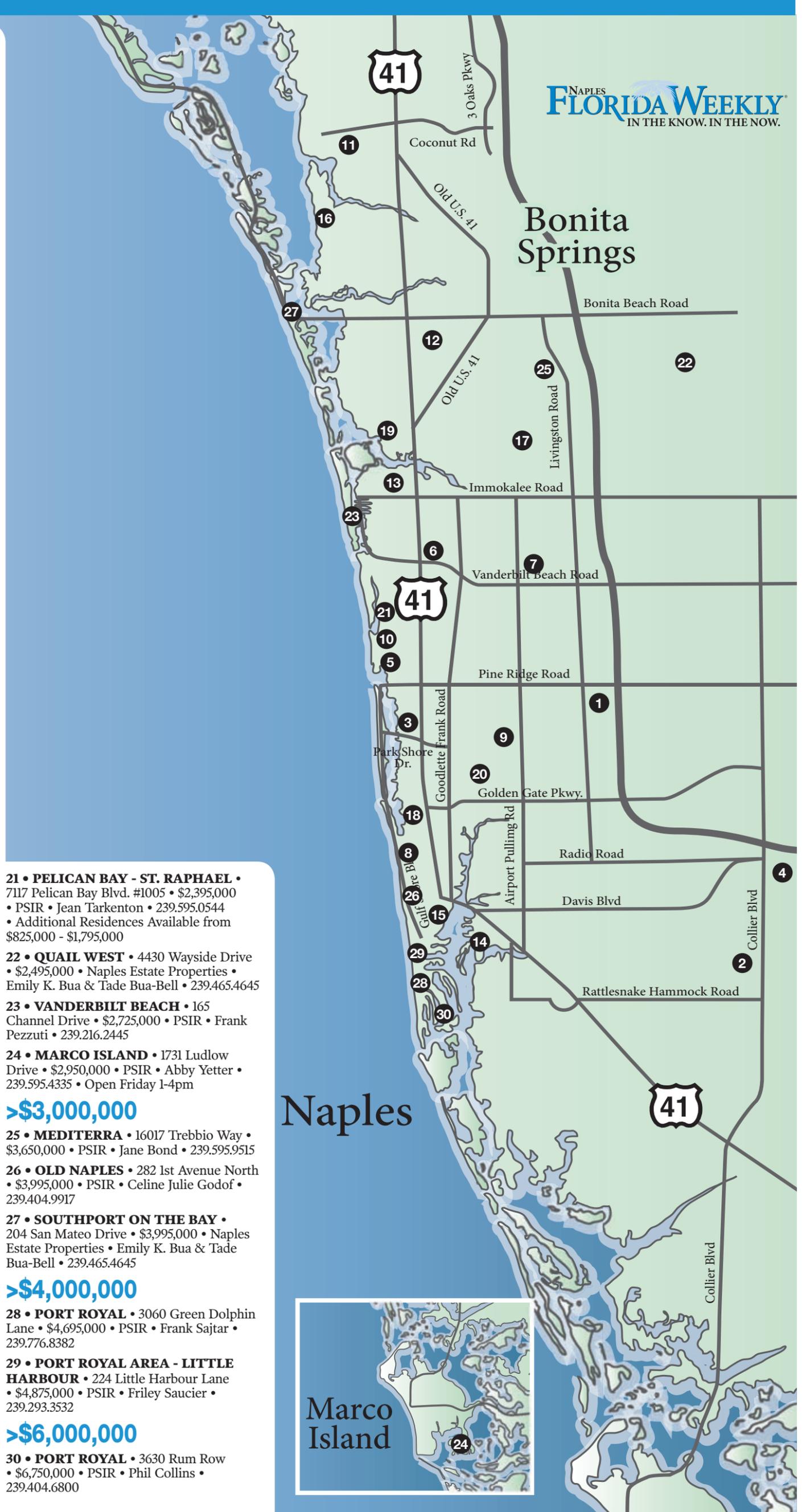
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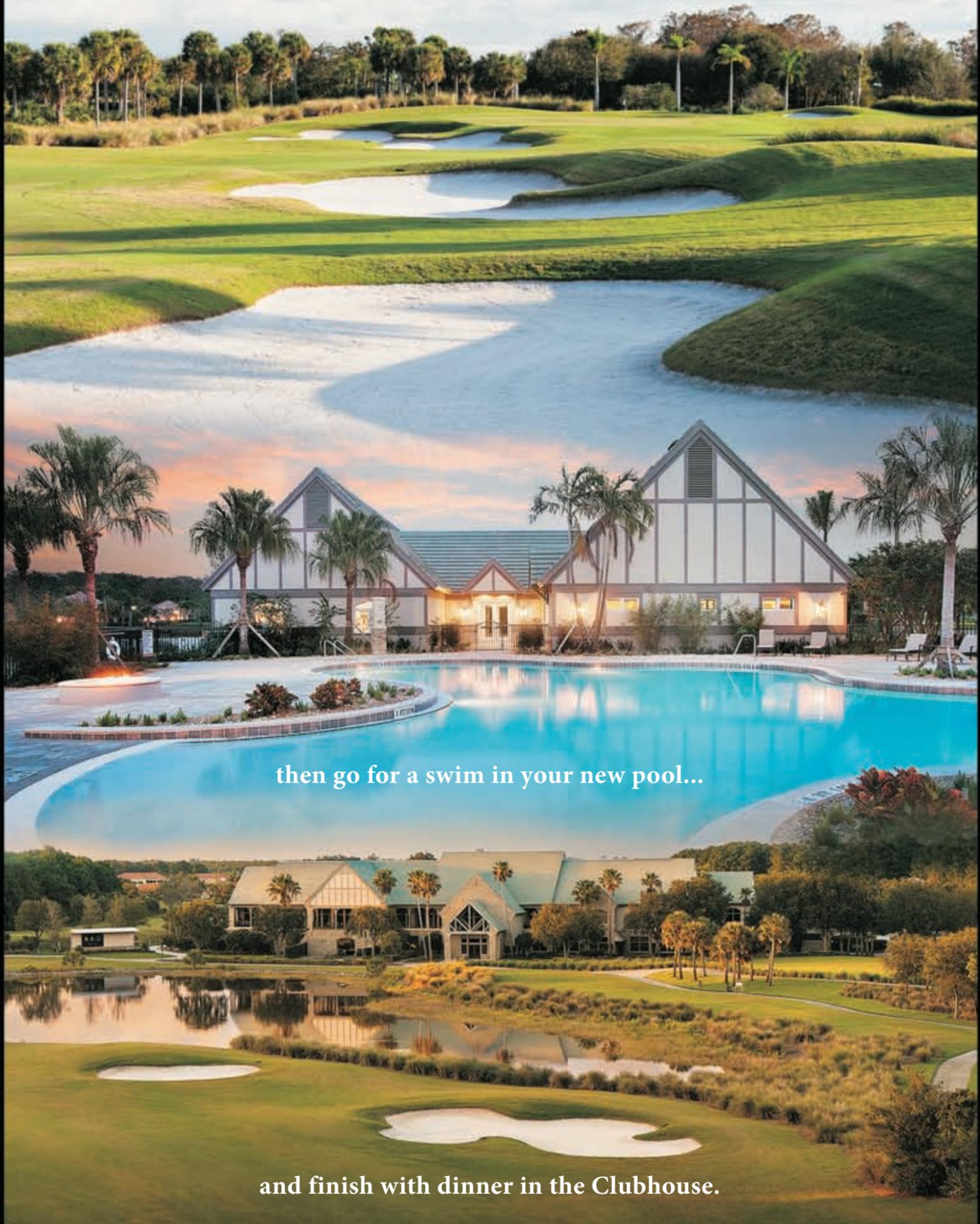
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TRUE CONFESSIONS

Phil Jason tells all about life in the fast lane as Florida Weekly's book critic

BY PHIL JASON

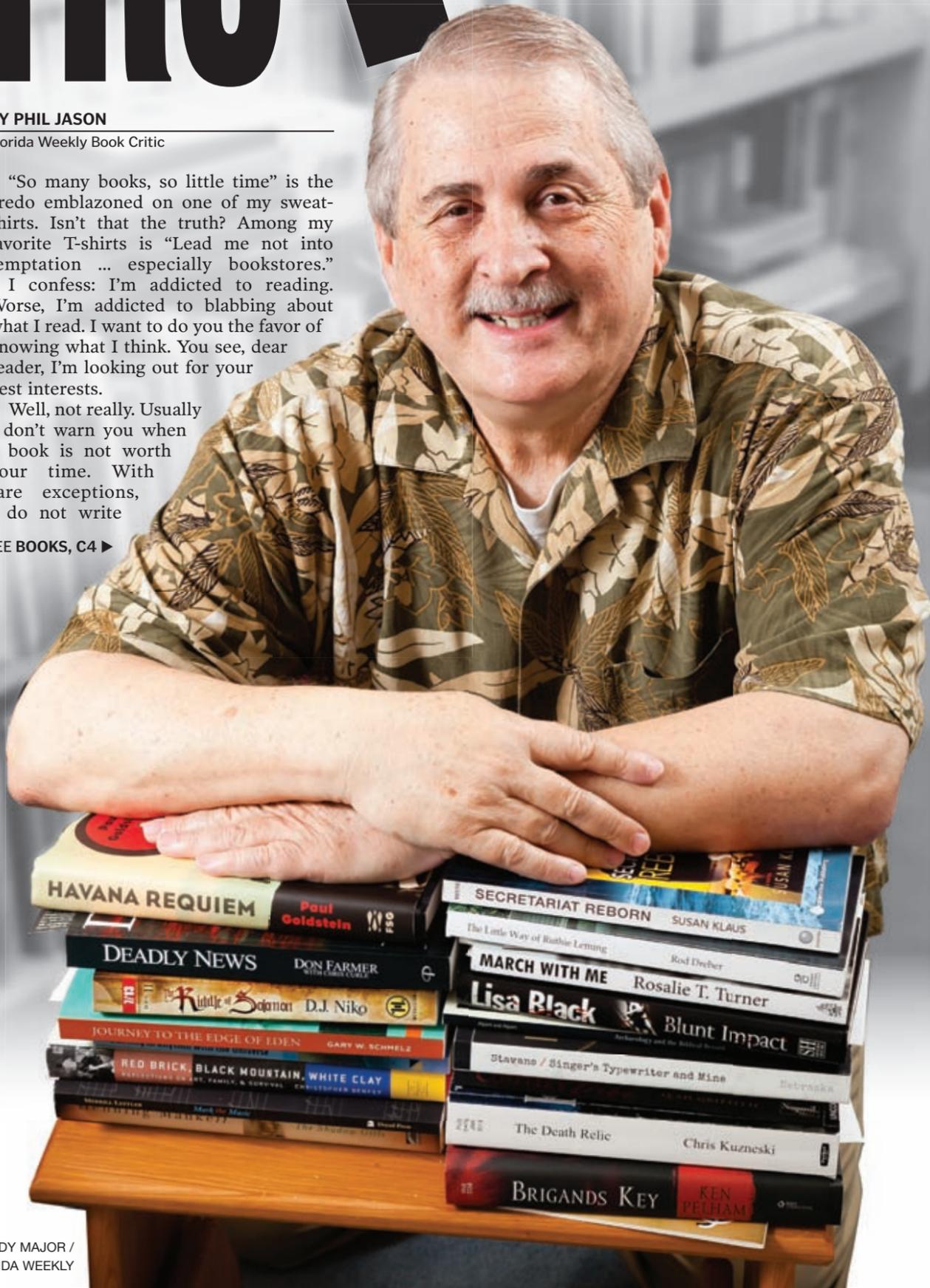
Florida Weekly Book Critic

"So many books, so little time" is the credo emblazoned on one of my sweat-shirts. Isn't that the truth? Among my favorite T-shirts is "Lead me not into temptation ... especially bookstores."

I confess: I'm addicted to reading. Worse, I'm addicted to blabbing about what I read. I want to do you the favor of knowing what I think. You see, dear reader, I'm looking out for your best interests.

Well, not really. Usually I don't warn you when a book is not worth your time. With rare exceptions, I do not write

SEE BOOKS, C4 ▶



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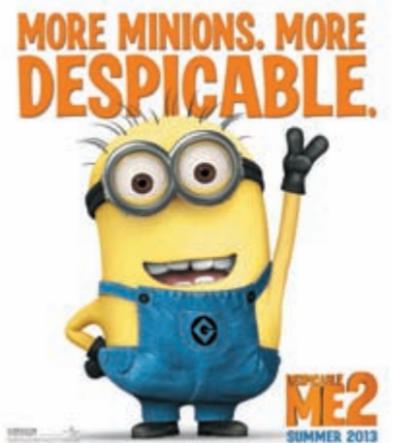
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A summer high: 'La Traviata' at the movies

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Metropolitan Opera's "Live in HD" summer encore series wraps up with "La Traviata" in movie theaters across the country Wednesday evening, July 17. Local participating cinemas include the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples and Coconut Point Stadium 16 in Estero.

Natalie Dessay stars as Verdi's most beloved heroine in this production by Willy



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The light that sweeps away the dark



A year ago, I attended a book swap where one of the other attendees mentioned Marilynne Robinson. I shook my head and said uncertainly, "I don't think I'm familiar with her work."

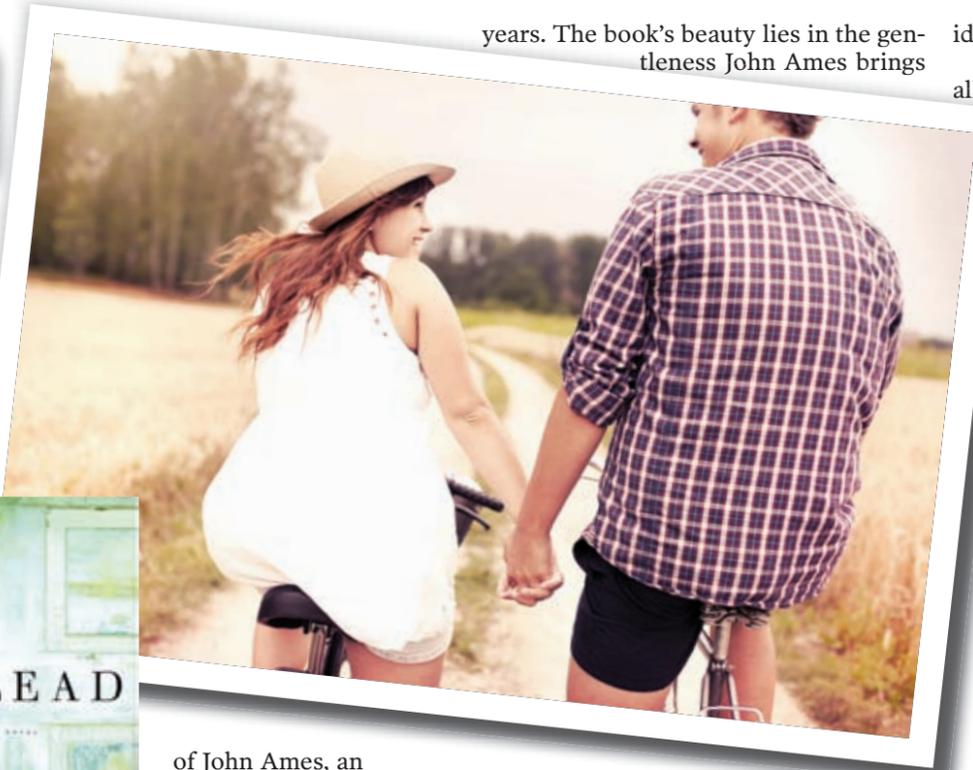
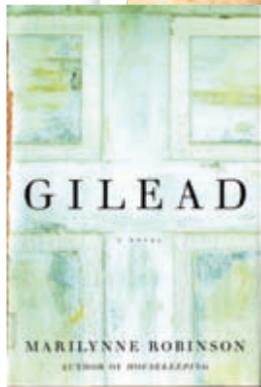
The woman gave me such a withering look that I thought the flowers on the table would wilt.

"You've never heard of Marilynne Robinson?" she said. "She's only the greatest living American female writer."

I blushed and turned away, duly chastised.

That chastisement sat heavily with me for an entire year, and I often wondered about Marilynne Robinson. Finally I purchased "Gilead," the novel that won her the Pulitzer, and I set to it cautiously, fully expecting the book — like so many talked-about things—to be a disappointment. What a surprise and delight to discover it was every bit as good as it was reputed to be.

The story is told from the perspective



years. The book's beauty lies in the gentleness John Ames brings

idea what I was waiting for." I find this idea striking. We have all experienced dark passages of the heart, lengths of time when we thought we might be alone forever. And when that loneliness ended — as it always does — weren't we all the more grateful for having known the bleak period that preceded it?

I spoke yesterday with my friend Philip, a man who spent most of the last two years single. Philip is boyishly handsome, kind and genuine. We'd go out for drinks and he'd tell me about his latest dating disappointment, shaking his head and looking utterly dejected.

"It feels like I'll never find anyone," he'd say each time we met.

I'd pat his hand and smile reassuringly.

"You're a good catch," I'd say. "She's out there. Just keep looking."

He did keep looking and now he's found her. He's been dating a young woman for almost a year, and when we spoke, he told me he had just said "I love you." She said "I love you" back. I could feel his happiness radiate across the phone line, and I wondered if he even remembers those long nights when he was convinced he'd never be happy again. I like to think he has forgotten and that the brightness of this new love has eclipsed those dark times.

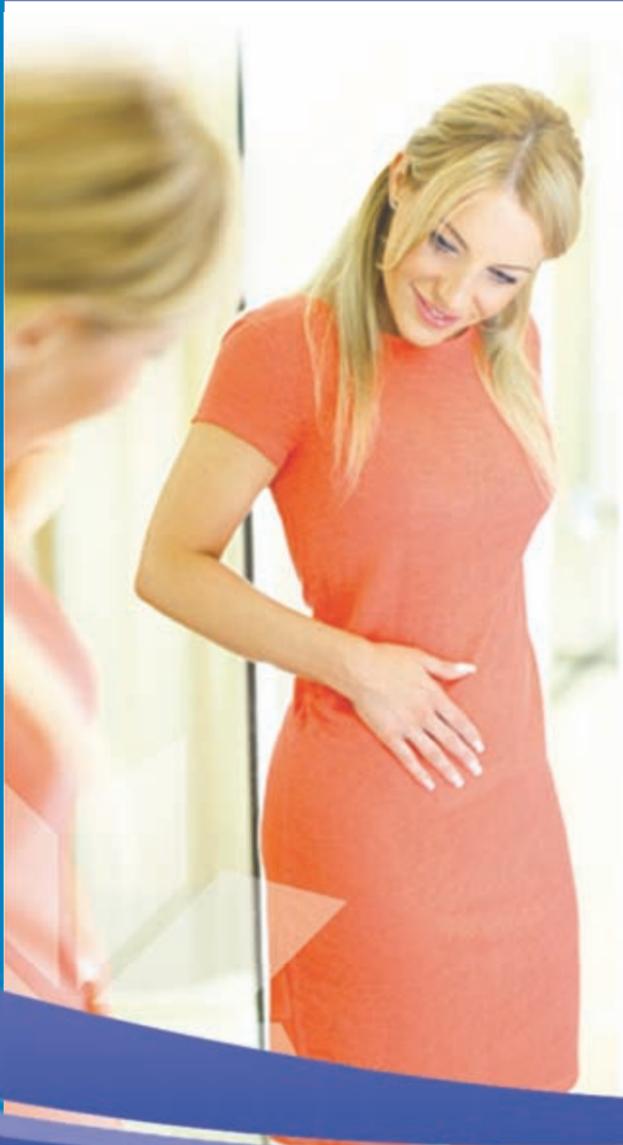
I would wish the same for all of us. ■

of John Ames, an aged, ailing pastor who narrates the book as a letter to his young son. We learn over the course of the story that Mr. Ames was married young, but that his wife died in childbirth along with their baby. He spent the next 30-odd years living alone, tending to his church flock, never daring to hope for the wife and son that would come into his life during his final

to the narration, the way he describes his long stretch of solitude with peace and faith.

"I'm very grateful for whatever reluctance it was that kept me alone until your mother came," he says to his son. "Now that I look back, it seems to me that in all that deep darkness a miracle was preparing. So I am right to remember it as a blessed time, and myself as waiting in confidence, even if I had no

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Gulfshore Playhouse sets the stage for debut of New Works Festival

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Three new plays have been selected as the focus of Gulfshore Playhouse's inaugural New Works Festival. A team of professional actors and directors will work with the playwrights Aug. 12-15 and will present staged readings to the public on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16-17, at The Norris Center. The plays are:



■ **"The Butcher"** by Gwydion Suilebhan - Based on a real event, this play tells the tale of two strangers — a housewife and the butcher and sole proprietor of a Halal supermarket in suburban Virginia — who witness a peculiar and disturbing act of violence.

The staged reading is at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

Tickets for the New

Works Festival are \$15 for one reading, \$25 for two readings and \$35 for all three.

Single tickets and subscription packages are also on sale now for the 2013-14 season of professional productions by Gulfshore Playhouse. Starting in early October, the season consists of: "Venus in Fur" by David Ives; "Something Intangible" by Bruce Graham; "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," Tom Mula's new spin on the holiday classic; the world premiere of "The God Game" by Suzanne Bradbeer (in association with Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, N.Y.); "The Game's Afoot" by Ken Ludwig; and the classic "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at (866) 811-4111 or visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ **"Out of Orbit"** by Jennifer Maisel - When a teenage girl is diagnosed with a learning disability, it could provide the answer to years of questions. The play follows the girl and her mother as they attempt to find themselves and each other in an increasingly disconnected and tenuous universe.

The staged reading of "Out of Orbit" is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

■ **"Point Last Seen"** by Scott Organ - When two friends face the fact that one of them is about to be fired, the men and their wives reassess their lives. As the drama unfolds, it involves paint swatches, fertility, sex, infidelity and getting lost in the woods.

The reading for "Point Last Seen" is at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

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BOOKS

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negative reviews. Why not? Wouldn't a balance of negative and positive reviews give my work more credibility? Perhaps it would. But I don't care. I don't have enough space to tell you what not to read or why you won't like something. Besides, if a book is inferior, it will sink under its own weighty badness — it doesn't need my help. Silence can be a good thing.

Many writers, especially novices, do not understand my refusal to write reviews of their efforts. My *Florida Weekly* "Florida Writers" column brings me a lot of e-mail from authors (and publicists) whose attempts at gaining my respectful attention are so poorly scribed that I can only imagine how bad the actual book is. Still, if I see any hope of being able to praise it, I'll ask for a copy (or a pdf or an e-version). Too often, I end up not reviewing the book, hoping to cast my refusal so that it doesn't do unnecessary harm.

“But I'm a Florida Writer. Why not?” It is not true, I insist, that all publicity is good publicity. Why find yourself insulted by my honest appraisal? However, I understand that the author of this question cannot imagine that his book could garner negative reviews. I pretend to agree that the problem is simple: There's something wrong with me.

“But you're the only person doing regular book reviewing around here. If you don't help me get the word out, no one else will either.” Sure, I feel guilty. However, book reviewing is not public relations work; or at least it shouldn't be. (You want a planted, paid-for review? I'll tell you how to buy one.)

In case you're dying to know the exception to my rule about not writing negative reviews, here it is: I will write a negative review when a well-established, talented author slips from the standard that he or she has set and that readers expect. Here's a case in point:

Though I love Randy Wayne White's work, a couple of Doc Fords ago I thought he had let us down and said so. Fortunately, I was soon able (and happy) to praise his first Hannah Smith novel and the most recent Doc Ford addition.

Confess, Phil — confess that sometimes you do not review a book that you know is pretty good. What's the deal here? Laziness? Sometimes I'm lazy, but more often I just don't think that the book and I are compatible. I can't get excited about its virtues. I need to move on to another book that engages me more fully or that I feel will be of value to my readers. I don't have time to agonize about the one that gets away. Again, my publication space and reading-writing time is limited. Careful selection is what gets me through. It's like dating.

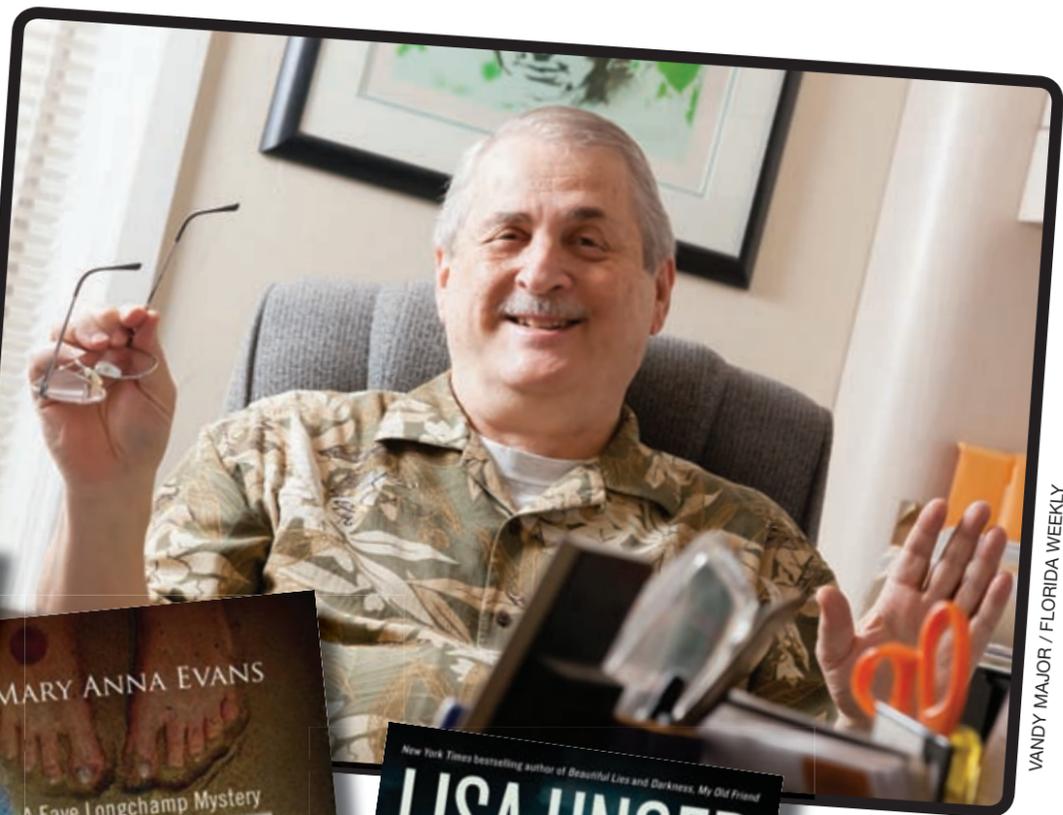
“Why do you review so many self-published books? Aren't they bound to be just awful?” Hey, you snobs out there, with all the mediocre books put out by

the trade houses, the burgeoning body of self-published titles offers a truly viable alternative for the serious reviewer looking for quality publications.

I don't let the publishing industry make up my mind for me, and I'm prejudiced against prejudices. While there are many periodicals that refuse to publish reviews of self-published titles, *Florida Weekly* has allowed me the privilege of deciding by the case and not the category.

“How come you write almost exclusively about books by Florida writers?” First of all, it's convenient. It eliminates so many books that I don't have to worry about!

Second, Florida is a very populace state with scads of authors turning out good work. Thus, I still have plenty to choose from.



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the more people not on it will be dismayed. Read new titles by any of these fine writers to get you through the summer.

“Why don't more publications offer book reviews?” I'll come clean. No one ever asks me about the death of newspaper book review sections and the shrinking opportunities that writers have to receive commentary on their published works. The unfortunate answer is that you, dear reader, are not demanding more book reviews. And if you do, the periodical you harass is likely to pay for syndicated material that you can easily find on the Internet. Because *Florida Weekly* allows my column to exist, there is one more voice in a shrinking chorus.

Almost final questions that have the same answer: “How many book reviews have you written?” or “How many books do you read in a week?” As it says on my other favorite T-shirt: “English Major – You Do The Math.”

“How do you feel about traditional printed books versus e-books?” Great topic. I'll answer it, *Florida Weekly* willing, on another occasion. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

Finally, I value the slogan “all news is local,” at least to the extent that a local newspaper (or one that covers various markets across a state) should pay special attention to local authors, just as it does to local theater, art and musical performance.

Here's another answer: I don't write almost exclusively about books by Florida writers. My opportunities to review in the Washington Independent Review of Books, Southern Literary Review, Jewish Book World and several other publications allow me to sample and respond to a much wider sweep of book publication.

“How do you keep up with what's

going on in the world of book publishing?” I don't do anything remarkable. I follow Publishers Weekly and the New York Times Book Review. I use the search boxes on amazon.com and bn.com, filling them in with topics (“Florida fiction”) rather than titles or names of authors. I look for timely (daily, if possible) book industry information from Internet sources. My most recent discovery is

shelf-awareness.com, which puts out two e-mail editions each day, one for the avid general reader and another for people involved in some way in the book trade (like reviewers).

Beyond this, I'm bombarded by press releases from publishers and publicists, book catalogues and frantic pleas. My normal interaction with authors (e-mail conversations) supplies an endless stream of information.

“Who are your favorite Florida authors?” My favorite old-timer (though he's probably younger than I am) is James W. Hall, a fine poet whose Thorn mysteries are incom-



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Judy Chinski, an instructor in beginning watercolor at the Marco Center for the Arts and The von Liebig Art Center, invites the public to watch her work from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, at the Artist's Gallery on Marco Island. Ms. Chinski, whose "Tigertail Afternoon" and "Feeling Pink" are shown here, co-owns the gallery at The Esplanade with Betty Newman. RSVPs are requested for the demonstration and can be made by calling 784-4436.

Improv troupe adds performances

Naples' newest improvisational theater troupe has added performances to its summer debut at the Sugden Community Theatre. First-timers and fans of Stage 2 Improv can catch a show Thursday-Saturday, July 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27. Performances feature scenes, games and songs that are driven from suggestions by the audience. Each show is created on the spot, so no two are ever alike.

Stage 2 Improv is directed by Michael Santos and Judith Gangi Santos, co-founders of the now-defunct Naples City Improv. "We are proud of our show and what we have accomplished so far,"

Mr. Santos says. "We're grateful and excited for the continued support of the community."

In addition to the Santoses, the cast consists of JamieLynn Bucci, Kat Ebaugh, Brad Goetz, Steven Johnson, Randy Jones, Meg Pryor and Nancy Swartz. Interns for the summer shows are Casey Debrowski, Synthia Dubose, Guy Clover, Bukki Sittler, Rosie Spinosa and Corey Walker.

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■ **Shrek: The Musical** – Through Aug. 10 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Funny Money** – Through Aug. 10 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Bob: A Life in Five Acts** – Through July 20 at Laboratory Theater, Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Thursday, July 11

■ **Movie Matinee** – Collier County Museum presents a screening of “Beneath the 12 Mile Reef” (1953) starring Robert Wagner and Terry Moore at 1 p.m. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

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■ **Good Company** – Naples Regional Library hosts a free screening of the film “Company” (USA, 2011) at 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **After Hours** – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts an evening of learning activities from 5:30-9 p.m. \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. 348-9151 or www.corkscrewswamp.org.

■ **Smart Stuff** – Whole Foods at Mercato presents “Brain Food/Brain Fitness” from 6-8 p.m. Angel Duncan of the Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida will discuss way to reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s disease. Free. 552-5100.

■ **Tequila Tasting** – Sea Salt hosts a tequila tasting with expert John Burke from 6-7 p.m. \$15. 1186 Third St. S. Reservations required. 434-7258 or www.seasaltnaples.com.

■ **Jamming with Jebry** – Jebry’s Jazz Jam takes place from 6-9 p.m. at New York Pizza and Pasta House. 11140 Tamiami Trail N. 594-3500.

■ **Stand-Up Guy** – Ben Gleib takes the stage tonight through July 13 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

Friday, July 12

■ **Indoor Art Walk** – The Indoor Farmers Market and Emporium at the Shoppes at Vanderbilt hosts area artists and live entertainment by The Ramos Brothers from 4-6 p.m. Corner of Airport-Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads. 273-2305

■ **Piano Music** – Lynn Carol tickles the ivories from 6-9 p.m. today and July 13 in the lounge at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.

■ **Art Opening** – The Samaniego Art Gallery hosts an opening reception for an exhibit of contemporary art by five international artists working in various media at 6 p.m. 2220 J&C Blvd. 431-7040 or Arturo@samaniego.comcastbiz.net.

■ **Live Tunes** – Jerry Pellegrino plays from 8-11 p.m. at Café Luna. 467 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2212 or www.cafelunanaples.com.

■ **Rock Out** – Konnie & Kirk perform from 6-9 p.m. by the pool at Jack’s River Bar. 475 North Road. 213-1441 or www.floridamarinaclubs.com.

■ **More Music** – The Wholetones take the stage at 10 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Bar. 1410 Pine Ridge Rd. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Saturday, July 13

■ **Farmers Market** – The Third Street South Farmers Market takes place from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

■ **Art, Music & More** – Mercato celebrates the first anniversary of its Saturday Nights Alive series from 6-9 p.m. with musicians, street performers and local artists Cesar Aguilera, Veron Ennis, Bonny Hawley, Betty Newman, Emily Mihalik, Tim Parker, Joel Shapses and Dan Venditti. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Two to Tango** – Alicia Repun leads a tango class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milongo for all levels until 11 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pabllorepuntango.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – LiveWire performs from 8-10 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. Free. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, July 14

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of “Turtles Can Fly” (Iran, 2004) beginning at 1 p.m. The film mixes humor and tragedy to startling effect, resulting in a timely masterpiece about children struggling to survive in an endless war zone. Rated PG-10 for violence and disturbing images. \$5. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737.



“Shorebirds of Southwest Florida and Birds of Prey,” a exhibit of photographs by Marie Adams, opens with a wine-and-cheese reception from 5-7 p.m. July 11 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. A clerk for the city of Fort Myers by day, Ms. Adams spends her off hours capturing the area’s avian residents in all seasons and in every light level, from dawn to dark. Other than cropping, none of her photographs are retouched. The exhibit hangs through August. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 642-1440 or www.themihs.com.

■ **Flamenco Guitar** – El Gato Solea plays from 7-10 p.m. at Café Luna. 467 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2212 or www.cafelunanaples.com.

Monday, July 15

■ **Clowning Around** – The Piccadilly Circus comes to the Germain Arena tonight and July 16. 948-7825 or www.thefuncircus.com.

■ **Benefit Happy Hour** – CJ’s on the Bay at The Esplanade hosts “Happy Hour for Hope,” a benefit for Meals of Hope, from 5-7:30 p.m. \$10 per person. 740 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 430-0001.

■ **All That Jazz** – Fred’s Food, Fun and Spirits hosts a jazz jam with Jebry and friends from 6-9 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.freds-diner.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – Kerry West plays from 7-10 p.m. at Café Luna. 467 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2212 or www.cafelunanaples.com.

Tuesday, July 16

■ **Kids Flick** – Regal Hollywood Stadium 20 presents a screening of “Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax” (PG) for \$1 at 10 a.m. as part of its Summer Movie Express series. 6006 Hollywood Blvd. 597-4252 or www.regmovies.com.

■ **Movie Tuesday** – The Marco Island Historical Society hosts a free screening of “12 Miles Beneath the Reef” at the Rose History Auditorium, at 1 p.m. 180 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island. www.themihs.org.

■ **Movie on the Lawn** – Mercato hosts a free screening of “The Goonies” (PG) beginning at 8:30 p.m. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **More Movies** – Catch a free screening of “Rise of the Guardians” beginning at 8:30 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. Bring blankets or chairs for seating. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Wednesday, July 17

■ **Photography Presentation** – Journeyman Photography Gallery hosts “Africa Overland” from 10-11 a.m. \$10. Reservations required. 2220 J&C Blvd. 260-5771 or www.journeymangallery.org.

■ **Book Talk** – Naples Regional Library hosts a discussion of “The Awakening” by Kate Chopin at 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. 593-3511 or www.collierlibrary.org.

■ **History Lecture** – Collier County Museum presents “Florida’s Final Frontier: The History of Transportation to Collier County” at 2 p.m. Free. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Live Music** – Bill Colletti and Sharon Vath perform tonight and July 18, from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.

Coming up

■ **Interior Trends** – Miromar Design Center presents “Fast Forward: A Future View of Interior Trends” with guest speaker Greg Dunlop at 10:30 a.m. July 18. Free. Reservations required by July 12. 390-5111 or www.miromardesigncenter.com.

■ **Matinee Time** – Collier County Museum offers a free screening of “A Farewell to Arms” (1932) starring Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes at 1 p.m. July 18. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Local History** – South Regional Library presents a program about the history of the Everglades at 2 p.m. July 18. Free. Registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Spanish Flavor** – The Good Life of Naples holds a cooking class about Spanish tapas from 6-8 p.m. July 18. \$55. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Reservations required. 514-4663 or www.goodlifefnaples.com.

■ **Reggae Jam** – IIVII Beach Bar & Grille hosts a tour kickoff and CD release party for the reggae band Sow-FLo beginning at 10 p.m. July 18. 13510 Tamiami Trail N. 596-5731.

■ **Little Black Dress** – Blue Martini hosts a “Little Black Dress Party” July 20 with giveaways and live entertainment. 591-2583 or www.bluemartinilounge.com.

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of fliers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.



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OPERA

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Decker, first seen at the Met in 2010. Matthew Polenzani portrays her lover, Alfredo, and Dmitri Hvorostovsky sings as his stern father, Germont. Fabio Luisi, principal conductor at the Met, is on the podium. The original "Live in HD" transmission is from April 14, 2012; running time is 2 hours, 28 minutes. Tickets are \$12.50.

Behind the scenes

After catching "La Traviata" from the Met, area opera buffs and moviegoers can watch how the star coloratura so-



DESSAY

prano prepared to take on the role.

Silverspot Cinema at Mercato presents the "Becoming Traviata" July 26-Aug. 1. The documentary film follows Ms. Dessay in the weeks and days leading up to her performances

as Violetta at the 2011 Aix-en-Provence Festival in France.

"I didn't want them to be there. I was very annoyed that someone was filming us," the French diva told the Los Angeles Times in a May 2013 interview.

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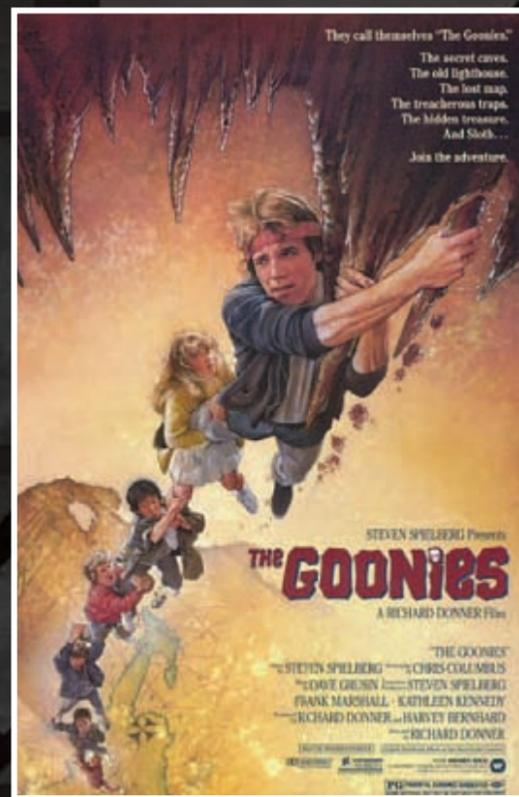


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IN THE ARTIST'S STUDIO

Art moves into the front seat again for longtime NAA member

BY KATHLEEN TAYLOR
Special to Florida Weekly

Mary Mariner remembers the Naples Art Association from earlier days when she and her husband began travelling here as seasonal residents in 1992. One of the first things she did was to seek out the art community. She wanted a place to learn and create art and a place to meet others with similar passions. She found the NAA and has been a member ever since.

With her newfound dedicated community of fellow artists, she explored new creative territory and just two years later decided she'd like to live here permanently.

High on her list of priorities for her new home was a place with great studio space. She found a townhouse with a 500-square-foot working art studio flooded with natural light. Today that space is filled with her artwork — as is every other room in the house.

"Art makes me happy," she says.

Over the years, Ms. Mariner has helped bring in travelling artists to teach workshops and also taught classes herself for the NAA at The Naples Depot. She has exhibited in numerous Art in the Park events as well as in NAA Members' Gallery shows and the Naples National Art Festival.

Art has always been a part of Ms. Mariner's life, though it hasn't always



COURTESY PHOTO

Mary Mariner in her home studio

taken a front seat. She took some time after college to focus on raising her three children. As soon as she could, she sought out opportunities to start creating art again. Recently, she is coming off of a seven-year break, and is excited about getting back into her studio.

She describes her painting as experimental art. She started out working in oil painting, then later on with watercolor and charcoal techniques. No matter which medium, she allows herself to be absorbed by the colors and emotions of her art. She builds on a piece, adding a fleck of light here and playing with texture.

"Sometimes amazing things happen!" she says. ■

— Kathleen Taylor is director of marketing and public relations for the Naples Art Association.

CALLS TO ARTISTS

■ Sixth annual Show of Shows

— The Naples Art Association is accepting artwork registrations for its sixth annual Non-Juried All Artist Members Show of Shows Exhibition, which will be on view in The von Liebig Art Center Sept. 9-Nov. 9. Registration deadline: 3 p.m. Aug. 14. Visit www.naplesart.org.

■ Naples Art Association Festivals

— Here's the lineup for the coming season of art festivals presented by the Naples Art Association. For registration details, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org:

Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair: Jan. 4-5 along Fifth Avenue South. Deadline to apply: Oct. 2.

Naples National Art Festival: Feb. 22-23 at Eighth Street South and Cambier Park. Deadline: Nov. 6.

Mercato Fine Arts Festival: March 1-2 at Mercato. Deadline: Nov. 13.

Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts: March 22-23 along Fifth Avenue South. Deadline: Nov. 20.

■ Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council eighth annual Juried Painting Exhibition

— Following Rookery Bay's environmental mission, work with a central theme of landscape is preferred but not required. Open to artists in Collier and Lee counties, both full-time and seasonal, the exhibit hangs Nov. 19-Jan. 30 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

Deadline for receipt of electronic entries is Oct. 11.

For entry rules and more information, e-mail abrowne@uaccollier.com.

■ Boulderbrook productions

— Richard Sullivan's Naples-based production company invites artists working in all mediums to apply online for 11 festivals in the 2013-14 season throughout Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota counties as well as in Panama City Beach and Pompano Beach. Here's the schedule:

Oct. 26-27: Naples Downtown Fall ArtFest

Nov. 9-10: Pier Park Masters Art Festival, Panama City Beach

Nov. 15-16: Seminole Casino Immokalee Craft & Music Festival

Nov. 29-30: Sanibel Masters Art Festival

Dec. 7-8: Pompano Beach Masters Art Festival

Jan. 18-19: Naples Masters Art Festival, The Shoppes at Vanderbilt

Feb. 1-2: Sarasota Masters Art Festival

Feb. 15-16 Olé Art & Jazz Festival at Lely Resort, Naples

March 15-16: Peace River National Art Festival

March 22-23: Boca Grande Art & Wine Festival

April 19-20 Balloons Over Paradise Festival, Seminole Casino Immokalee

Apply at www.boulderbrook.net or call 293-9448 for more information.

■ Upcycle! Art Fest

— The inaugural Upcycle! Art Fest set for April 26-27, 2014, on Sanibel Island, invites entries from all artists who work with repurposed material. Those who apply by Oct. 30 will receive a \$50 refund on their registration when the show is over. For more information, visit www.UpcycleArtFest.org. ■



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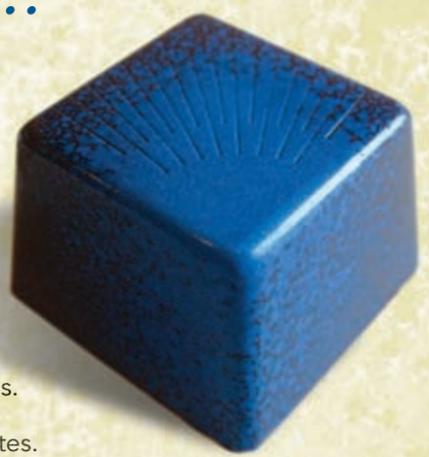
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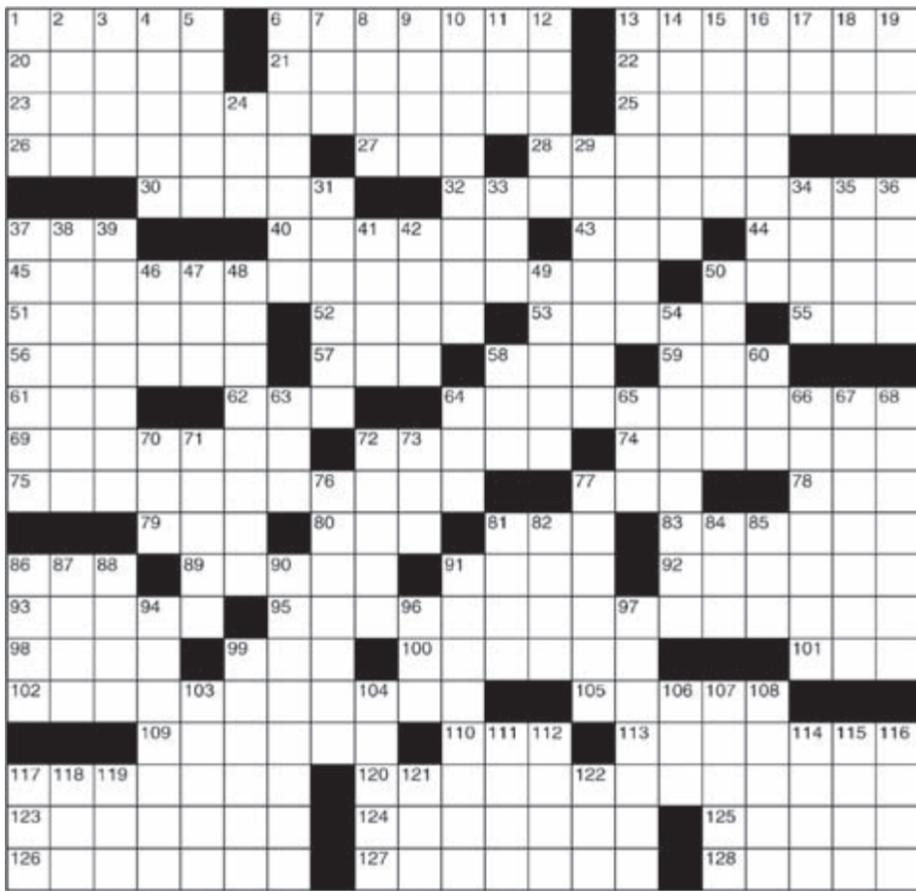




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 - 6 Floored by
 - 13 High fliers
 - 20 "George & —" (former talk show)
 - 21 It may collect around a scratching post
 - 22 Builds into a wall
 - 23 Bug's favorite kissing game?
 - 25 Least active
 - 26 One way or another
 - 27 U.S. Navy off.
 - 28 Sordid
 - 30 Corporate shuffle, for short
 - 32 Bug's favorite bookworm?
 - 37 Citizen: Suffix
 - 40 "There — sides to every story"
 - 43 Soccer great Hamm
 - 44 City near Lake 107-Down
 - 45 Bug's favorite state of mind?
 - 50 Cake-and-ice-cream occasions, for short
 - 51 Soft felt hat
 - 52 Hang around
 - 53 Last check box, often
 - 55 Nonclerical
 - 56 Soviet premier
 - 57 Mem. of Congress
 - 58 See 60-Down
 - 59 Peoples of "Fame"
 - 61 Affirmative gesture
 - 62 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
 - 64 Bug's favorite interrogation aid?
 - 69 Improve by making small changes
 - 72 Mini, Nano, and Shuffle
 - 74 French euro division
 - 75 Bug's favorite fall drink?
 - 77 Rocky pinnacle
 - 78 New Year in Vietnam
 - 79 Dot in the Rhône
 - 80 Beagle, e.g.
 - 81 Kind of camera, briefly
 - 83 Mogadishu native
 - 86 Boar's mate
 - 89 Talks to God
 - 91 Chinese premier — Enlai
 - 92 Clothing smoother
 - 93 Actress Linda
 - 95 Bug's favorite Eddie Rabbitt hit?
 - 98 Shankar with a sitar
 - 99 Not well
 - 100 Rowing a boat
 - 101 Equine beast
 - 102 Bug's favorite naval officer?
 - 105 Letter-shaped hardware items
 - 109 Athens site
 - 110 Atop, poetically
 - 113 Capriciously
 - 117 Cola holder
 - 120 Bug's favorite Fats Waller song?
 - 123 Actor Chad
 - 124 Matrimonial
 - 125 Really rolund
 - 126 July 4 events
 - 127 Compound in plastics
 - 128 New Jersey county
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Impudent talk
 - 2 Fido's dishful
 - 3 Actor Corey
 - 4 Spiritual
 - 5 Use the tub
 - 6 Sore muscle application
 - 7 Apprehend
 - 8 Suit to —
 - 9 "Since —?"
 - 10 Erodes
 - 11 Oman export
 - 12 Not musty
 - 13 Meal part
 - 14 Golfer Mark
 - 15 Flabbergast
 - 16 Poet Kipling
 - 17 Before, to a poet
 - 18 Lo- — monitor
 - 19 Retired jet
 - 24 "Yoo- —"
 - 29 Put a cap on
 - 31 Concerto —
 - 33 "— my word!" ("I do declare!")
 - 34 Traffic (in)
 - 35 Big name in New Age
 - 36 Upbeat
 - 37 Newborn girl, in Spain
 - 38 Spinning skating leap
 - 39 Finished
 - 41 Punta del —
 - 42 IRS worker
 - 46 Courteney of "Friends"
 - 47 Tram cargo
 - 48 One sending cybemotes
 - 49 Play awards
 - 50 Conan O'—
 - 54 Adds to the database
 - 58 Outmoded
 - 60 With 58-Across, first play division
 - 63 iPhone program
 - 64 Part of FYI
 - 65 —-friendly
 - 66 Largest moon of Uranus
 - 67 Alternatives to waffles
 - 68 Turns in
 - 70 Cato's 151
 - 71 Gives aid
 - 72 "— solemnly swear ..."
 - 73 Tent stake
 - 76 Pastoral
 - 77 Hooky player
 - 81 —-Pei
 - 82 "Lush Life" co-star Petty
 - 84 Suffix with contradict
 - 85 TLC giver
 - 86 Feudal slave
 - 87 Egg's shape
 - 88 Undulate
 - 90 Sicknesses
 - 91 Fanatical devotion
 - 94 Torrent
 - 96 Big inits. in overseas broadcasting
 - 97 Of low birth
 - 99 Imagine
 - 103 Rainbowlke
 - 104 Paper quantities
 - 106 "A," in Paris
 - 107 Nevada border lake
 - 108 Hefty slices
 - 111 Arab chief
 - 112 Matrimony, for one
 - 114 They intersect rds.
 - 115 Go skyward
 - 116 Tinkertoy or Lego alternative
 - 117 Mo. #9
 - 118 Lab eggs
 - 119 Köln article
 - 121 — "King" Cole
 - 122 — Luis Obispo

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Be sure about your sources before you use the information in any decision you reach about your new project. Some of the data might be out of date or misinterpreted.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A sudden challenge might rattle you at first. But pump up that strong Lion's heart with a full measure of courage, and face it with the continuing support of family and friends.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Watch your expenses this week so you can have a financial cushion to fall back on should things tighten up later this month. Money matters ease by the 31st.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Uncertainty over workplace policy creates anxiety and confusion among your colleagues. Don't be surprised if you're asked, once again, to help work things out.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** The workweek keeps you busy tying up loose ends and checking data that needs to be verified. The weekend offers a chance to relax and restore your spent energies.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** This is not the best time to go to extremes to prove a point. Better to set a sensible goal now and move forward. There'll be time later to take the bolder course.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A step-by-step progression

is the better way to move ahead. Taking shortcuts could be risky at this time. Important news arrives on the 31st.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Avoid getting drawn into workplace disputes that should be handled by those directly involved. Instead, spend your energy developing those new ideas.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You still need to be prudent about money matters. But things start to ease by the end of the week. A weekend encounter with an old friend brings welcome news.

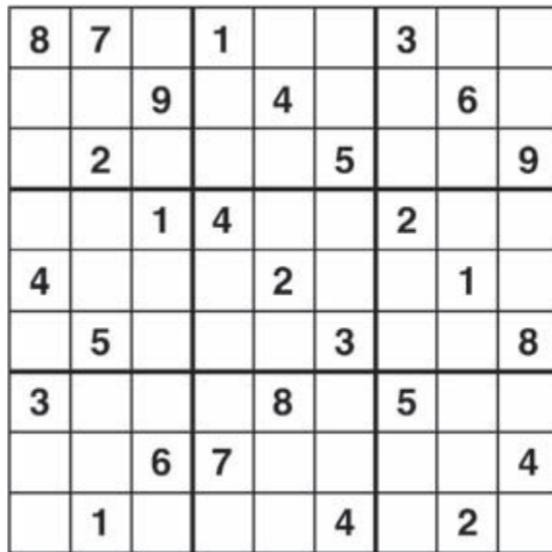
■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your zeal for challenges usually works well for you. But this week it's best to avoid jumping into new situations without more information. Vital news emerges by the weekend.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Once again, the Bovine's patience pays off as that pesky problem works itself out without taking too much of your valuable time. A new task opens interesting possibilities.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Those suggestions you want to share need to be set aside for a while so you can focus on the job at hand. There'll be time later to put your ideas into a workable format.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You handle challenging situations with boldness when necessary and caution when called for. ■

By Linda Thistle



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Is it worth \$15? (3D) No

Is it worth \$10? Yes

Oh, those crazy little minions. The little yellow French toast sticks were the highlight of "Despicable Me" in 2010, and now in "Despicable Me 2" they're delightfully showcased in ever creative ways. Not bad for supporting characters who only speak gibberish.

Thankfully, the rest of "Despicable Me 2," cookie-cutter clean and simple as it is, is enjoyable as well.

Reformed uber-villain Gru (Steve Carell), now a father of three girls who want him to start dating, is called into action by the Anti-Villain League when it needs help finding a deadly serum. Gru doesn't initially commit, citing a number of projects of his own, but after his scientist Dr. Nefario (Russell Brand) quits, Gru takes the job. If he didn't, there wouldn't be a movie.

Gru's partner is secret agent Lucy Wilde (Kristen Wiig), who can hold her own in a fight and kinda sorta has a crush on him. They flirt often and work well together, while silly montages featuring the minions keep all of it from being taken seriously.

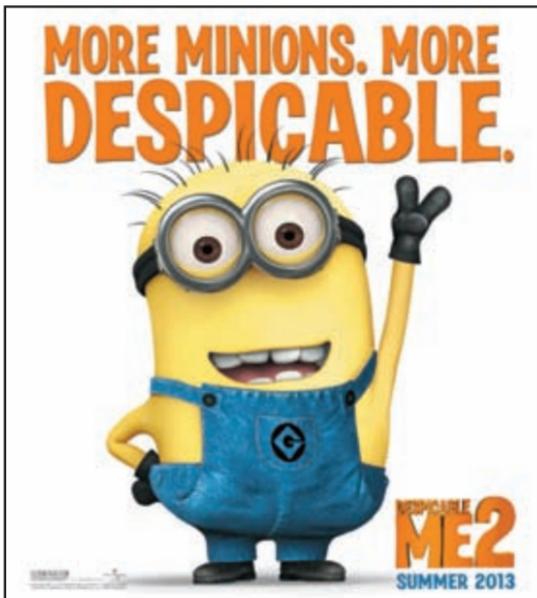
After learning the serum is at the local mall, Gru becomes convinced it's in the possession of Mexican restaurant owner Eduardo (Benjamin Bratt), who bears a striking resemblance to the presumed-dead villain "El Macho," whom Gru knew years earlier. Making things more complicated is the overly protective Gru not approving of the attraction between his oldest daughter Margo (Miranda Cosgrove) and Eduardo's son (Moises Arias).

Unlike other animated fare aimed at both children and adults, "Despicable Me 2" is strictly for kids. The screenplay by Ken Daurio and Cinco Paul packs in Gru dressed as a fairy princess, guacamole hats and wild Cinco de Mayo dancing to keep the kids chuckling, all of

which is in addition to the zany minion antics of singing "YMCA" and lounging on a beach. Judging by the youngsters seated near me who couldn't stop giggling — and my own amusement as well — the movie is an entertaining success.

It is not, however, something that needs to be seen in 3D.

The animation by directors Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud is adequate but not impressive ("Monsters University," by comparison, looks notably better), and the 3D is used as a gimmick rather than a technique that enhances the story. It's fun to see Gru's oversized nose and various objects breaking the fourth wall into your face, but at no



point does the depth on the screen add to the emotion or substance of any kind. This makes the 3D merely a cheap thrill; for the jacked-up prices, it should offer more.

The ending is a bit weak, but not so much that it feels like a letdown. And by the time the minions come on screen for the cookie credits and effectively leave the audience with a positive impression of the movie, all else is forgiven. "Despicable Me 2" is not remarkable in any way, but it does entertain on a childish, silly level — and there's something to be said for doing that successfully. ■

in the know

>> **Al Pacino** recorded Eduardo's dialog, but "creative differences" with the filmmakers led to him being replaced by Benjamin Bratt.

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FILM CAPSULES

The Lone Ranger ★★1/2

(Johnny Depp, Armie Hammer, Helena Bonham Carter) Lawman John Reid (Hammer) teams with a Comanche named Tonto (Depp) to avenge the death of Reid's brother (James Badge Dale). It's bloated at 149 minutes, but a rousing finale is its savior. Still, bring patience and don't expect much. Rated PG-13.

White House Down ★★★

(Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx, James Woods) A policeman (Tatum) who wants to be a Secret Service agent is the only person who can save the president (Foxx) after terrorists attack the White House. It could be a bit tighter, but on the whole, it delivers the action and suspense we expect. Rated PG-13.



The Bling Ring ★★★

(Emma Watson, Israel Broussard, Katie Chang) Based on real events, this intriguing look at teen culture from director Sofia Coppola ("Lost in Translation") follows a group of entitled teenagers who rob the homes of B-list celebrities. The movie works because most

of it is an insightful look at how (some) modern teenagers view the world, but Mr. Coppola also misses a few opportunities to be truly daring. Rated R. ■

Monsters University ★★1/2

(Voices of Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi) Pixar's latest takes us back in time to Mike (Crystal) and Sully (Goodman) during their college days, in which Mike wants to be a scarer and Sully refuses to study. There are amusing moments and the kids will get a kick out of it, but the plot is by-the-book in terms of college-based stories. Rated G.

World War Z ★★★

(Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz) With a global pandemic turning people into zombies, former U.N. investigator Gerry Lane (Pitt) tries to find the source of the disease. A so-so action movie devoid of humanistic themes (a la "The Walking Dead"), it's full of mediocre visual effects and an unsatisfying story. Rated PG-13.

Man of Steel ★★★

(Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon) Clark/Superman (Cavill), after being sent to earth by his father (Russell Crowe) prior to the destruction of their home planet of Krypton, discovers that surviving Kryptonian General Zod (Shannon) is planning to destroy earth. The action is strong and it looks great; too bad the story is burdened with surplus: too many characters, too little development. Rated PG-13.

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FILM CAPSULES

This Is The End ★★1/2

(Seth Rogen, James Franco, Jay Baruchel) Actors Rogen, Franco and their friends play versions of themselves in this end-of-the-world comedy set at Franco's house. It's very funny (and raunchy), but it's also one-dimensional and gets old fast. Rated R.

The Internship ★★★

(Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson, Rose Byrne) Two middle-aged failed watch salesman (Vaughn and Wilson) talk their way into an internship at Google, though they know nothing about technology. It's amusing in spurts and fun to see the real Google campus, but it goes through too many dry spells and is woefully predictable. Rated PG-13.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist

★★★1/2

(Riz Ahmed, Liev Schreiber, Kate Hudson) Pakistani-born and Princeton-educated Changez (Ahmed) has success in New York City, but racial profiling after 9/11 makes it hard to live in America. Strong performances and a nicely crafted story from director Mira Nair ("Monsoon Wedding") make this a must-see. Rated R.



Fast & Furious 6 ★★1/2

(Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Luke Evans) Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) convinces Dom (Diesel) and Brian (Walker) to help him track a quick-strike rogue military bad guy (Evans). There are some notable lulls, but the action is exciting and it's a worthy installment for the franchise. Rated PG-13.

The Purge ★★★

(Ethan Hawke, Lena Headey, Rhys Wakefield) In 2022, Americans are free to commit any crime they want during a 12-hour period. Trouble abounds when a family of four (led by Hawke and Headey) must fight off intruders. It's an interesting idea, but the execution is little more than typical home-invasion silliness. Rated R.

The Hangover Part III ★1/2

(Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ken Jeong) A gangster (John Goodman) forces the Wolfpack to find Mr. Chow (Jeong). It's an unfunny and unnecessary third wheel that proves writer/director Todd Phillips has long since run out of ideas for these characters. Rated R.

Epic ★★★

(Voices of Josh Hutcherson, Amanda Seyfried, Christoph Waltz) A teenage girl (Seyfried) is shrunk down and thrust in the middle of a battle between those who wish to protect the forest and those who want to destroy it. The animation looks terrible and the story is a bore. Rated PG.

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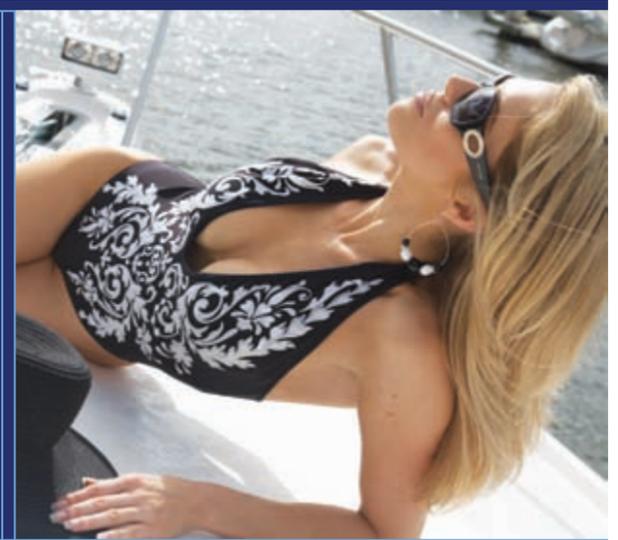
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antique commodes still sell well and are used as bedside tables with storage for books. They can be found in many styles. The drawer-table combination is useful and copies ignore original use.

A small table next to the bed is necessary today to hold a lamp, cellphone, clock and perhaps a book, eyeglasses and tissues. But in past centuries the table might have held a candlestick with a handle to carry to the bedroom for light. It also had to store items that acted as the toilets of the day. The potty, a large round but squat bowl, served as the toilet seat. A large, tall bowl with a cover was used to hold waste until morning. Covered sections of the table held and hid everything, so the bedside "table" really was a commode. But only the wealthy and royalty had such luxurious equipment. Most people had an outhouse near the back of the yard.

The flush toilet is older than most people think. Leonardo da Vinci designed a flush toilet, but it was never made and people thought the idea was as ridiculous as another one of his ideas, the airplane. The first flushing toilet was made by Sir John Harrington for the Queen of England in 1596. It was improved in 1775 by Alexander Cummings, and soon the "water closet" made of porcelain was installed in homes in a special room. Although they're no longer needed,

Q: When I was a patient at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor in 1970, I met one of Jimmy Hoffa's "lieutenants." We became friends and when he found out I was a truck driver and a member of the Teamsters Union, he gave me a gold-filled Zippo pocket lighter. It has a small plaque on the front with the Teamsters logo and the words, "A gift from James R. Hoffa," with Hoffa's signature. The lighter is pretty banged up because I was a smoker and showed off the lighter as often as possible. What's my lighter worth today?

A: Jimmy Hoffa, born in Indiana in 1913, became an organizer for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1932. He was the union's president from 1958 to 1971, but was convicted of racketeering in 1964 and was sent to prison in 1967. As part of a plea agreement, he was released in 1971, nine years early, but was barred from taking part in union activities. He disappeared outside a suburban Detroit restaurant in 1975 and was declared dead in 1983. His body has never been found. Your lighter was one of many that the union had made as gifts, so it's not rare and it was never used by Hoffa himself. But it's collectible and would probably sell for more than \$60.

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Q: I have a clear blue glass object 6 inches long and shaped like a bowling pin. It was given to me by my mother-in-law about 60 years ago. She called it a "sock darter." If it's meant for something else, I'd like to know. I'd also like to know its value.

A: A sock darter is a tool that used to be found in most homes. It was designed to put inside a sock to help repair holes. It provided a solid rounded surface that held the sock firmly so holes could be sewn with tight and even stitches that blended in with the rest of the sock. Also called darning eggs, they were made of glass or wood. Most glass sock darters were whimsies that were made at the end of the day by glass workers for their own use, though production darters also were made. They can be found made of all kinds of glass—aqua, nailsea, spatter, peach-blow and aurene. A blown-glass sock darter like yours sells for \$60 to about \$150. Gold or blue aurene sock darters by Steuben can sell for \$400.

Q: I have a heavy metal belt buckle with a raised picture of a flying turkey and the words "Wild Turkey" in big letters on the front. Underneath that in smaller letters it reads, "101 proof (8) eight years old." On the back it reads, "TM Reproduced by Arrangement with Austin Nichols New York, New York - 1974 Bergamot Brass Works." Is it worth anything?

A: Your buckle was made in 1974 as a promotional item for the Austin Nichols Distillery for its Wild Turkey brand of bourbon. The buckle was made by Bergamot Brass Works, founded in Fox River Grove, Ill., in 1970. The company later moved to Lake Geneva, Wis., and then to Darien, Wis., in 1974. Its first products were belt buckles and hair ornaments. Later it made buttons, lapel pins, money clips, paperweights, plaques and more. Bergamot also patented a belt buckle with a bottle opener on the back. Your buckle is often found for sale online. Value: About \$10.

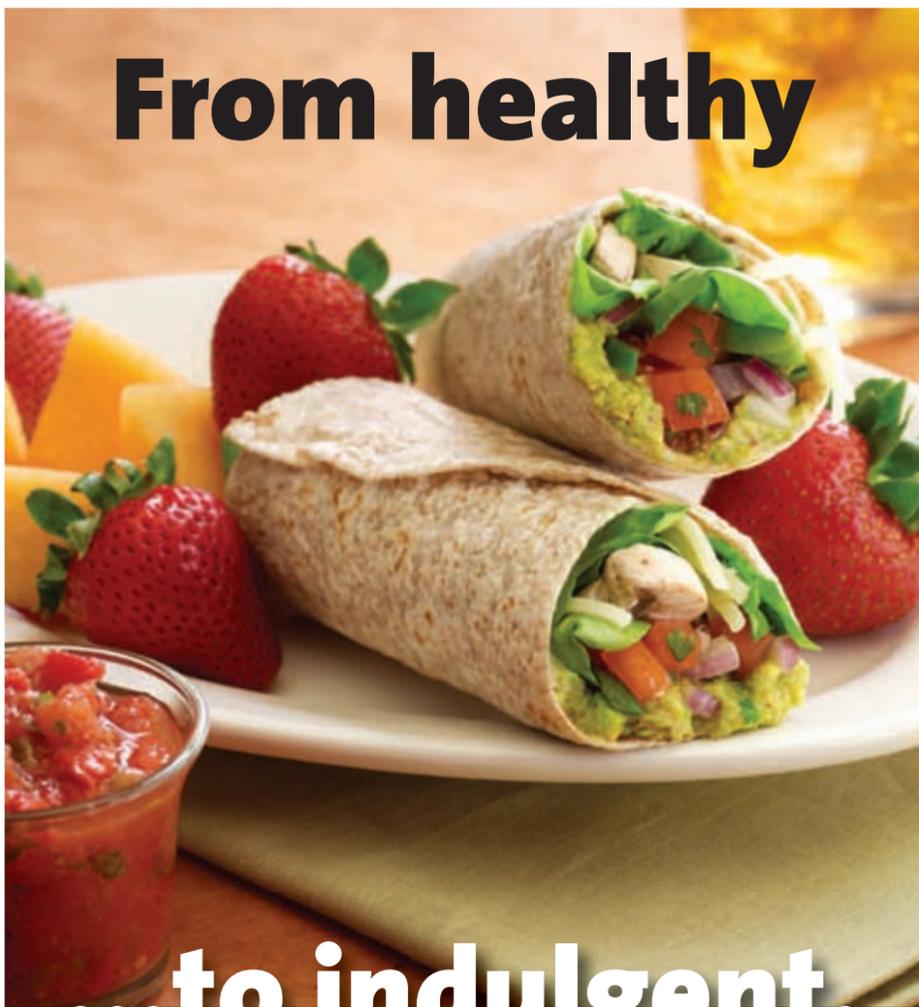
Tip: When moving a chest of drawers or a cabinet with doors a long distance, tape the drawers and doors shut with masking tape, or tie them shut with rope. ■

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There are several ways to tackle the diamonds successfully — all depending on how they're divided — but your job is to find the winning way, assuming you see only 26 cards.

To meet this challenge — and before playing any diamonds at all — you should try to learn everything you possibly can about how the opposing cards are divided. You start by cashing the A-K-Q of hearts. As it happens, East shows out on the third round, so you now know that West started with five hearts and East with two.

Next you cash the A-K-Q of clubs, choosing that suit because you have more clubs than spades. This move also proves enlightening, because you learn that West started with five clubs and East with two.

Hot on the scent, you next play three rounds of spades. This, too, turns out to be highly beneficial when you learn that West began with precisely two spades — which in turn means that he must have started with exactly one diamond.

The reward for your super detective work is that the grand slam is now ice-cold. So you cash dummy's ace of diamonds and then lead a diamond to the

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NORTH			
♠ K 6			
♥ A 5 2			
♦ A 9 8 7 3			
♣ Q 10 5			
WEST			EAST
♠ 8 3			♠ J 10 7 5 4 2
♥ J 10 9 8 4			♥ 7 6
♦ 5			♦ Q 10 2
♣ 9 7 6 3 2			♣ 8 4
SOUTH			
♠ A Q 9			
♥ K Q 3			
♦ K J 6 4			
♣ A K J			

The bidding:

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5 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	7 NT	

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Masterpiece Mystery, July 14

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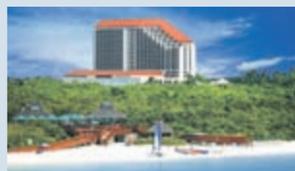
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Ms. Steiner’s memoir, “Crazy Love,” details how she survived four years of domestic violence in her first marriage before escaping and rebuilding her life. A Harvard graduate with an MBA in marketing from Wharton School of Business, she has been a regular on the “Today Show,” NPR, ABC, CBS and MSNBC as an advocate for the awareness and prevention of domestic violence.

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a designer boutique at the hotel, are \$350 per person, \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail sutz@naplesshelter.org.

■ **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** celebrates its 50th anniversary at the 10th annual **Magic Under the Mangroves** on Thursday, March 6, 2014, on the grounds at the Conservancy Nature Center. The traditional patron party will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, on Keewayin Island. Lynne Shotwell chairs the event, and Northern Trust returns as presenting sponsor. Details about tickets and reservations are TBA and will be posted at www.conservancy.org/magic.

■ **The Naples Zoo** holds its **2013 Children’s Gala: “Carnivale of the Animals”** for kids and their grown-ups from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Zoo. The evening will include “wild” games and prizes, a family-friendly silent auction, dinner and a presentation by world-renowned storyteller Jim Weiss.

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Visit www.humanesocietynaples.com for information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities as the dates draw closer.

■ Naples residents Sen. Garrett and Diana Richter have taken the helm for the 2013 **NCH Hospital Ball** set for Saturday, Oct. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The annual gala has generated more than \$5 million for projects that vary from the NCH Heart Institute to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Tickets are \$500 per person, and a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Miriam Ross at the NCH Healthcare System Foundation at 624-2015 or e-mail foundation@nchmd.org.

■ The fifth annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 7-10. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 7 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 8-10. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456.

■ Literacy Volunteers of Collier County stages the annual **Dancing with the Stars for Literacy** beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Naples Beach

Hotel & Golf Club. Notable Neapolitans partner with professional dancers from the Naples Academy of Performing Arts to dance two-minute routines before a panel of judges. Performers also compete for a prize awarded to the dancer who raises the most money for LVCC.

Tickets are \$175 per person. Advertising sponsorships, table sponsors and a silent auction produce additional funds for LVCC. For more information, call 262-4448 or visit www.collierliteracy.org.

■ The first annual **American Girl Fashion Show** to benefit the **Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida** comes to the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Each show will include brunch/lunch and a marketplace as well as local child models wearing historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl. NBC-2 anchor Kellie Burns will tell the history of American Girl.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. Call Wendy Tooley at 822-5154.

■ "Celebrate the Journey," the 2014 **Naples Winter Wine Festival**, is set for Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Co-chairs are Linda Malone, Anne Welsh McNulty and Adria Starkey.

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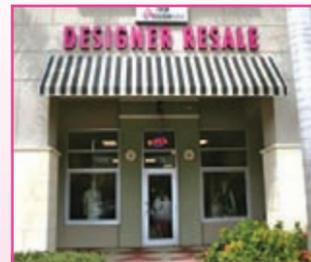
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VINO

Cool white sangria takes the edge off summer heat



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with fresh fruits, but frozen or canned fruits can work as well. The flavor will be a little different, but the results can be just as satisfying. Fruit juice is a good addition, too, and herbs and spices can also add interesting flavor dimensions.

The addition of liquor — brandy is a traditional choice, but anything goes with sangria — brings the concoction's strength back up to normal alcohol content for wine. On the other hand, you can make any sangria non-alcoholic by substituting juices for the liquor and wine.

If you use sparkling water, soda or sparkling wine in your recipe, don't add it until just before serving. Prepare the juices, fruit and liquor ahead of time, and then add the sparkle to the top of each glass as you pour them.

Whatever recipe you use or invent, let the ingredients marry or meld for a while, to allow the fruits to fully flavor the liquid. Here are two simple recipes I've recently tried. Both were delicious and fruity, although I wouldn't use as much sweetener the next time around.

Sparkling Golden Sangria

Recipe courtesy www.bhg.com.

Makes: 8 servings

Prep time: 20 minutes, then chill for at least an hour

For the orange liqueur I used triple sec, and for the sparkling wine, a crisp Spanish cava. I used fresh fruits, not frozen.

Ingredients

- 3 cups white grape juice, chilled
- 1/2 cup orange liqueur, such as Cointreau

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Sparkling Golden Sangria



- 1/4 cup superfine or granulated sugar
- 3 TBS honey
- 1 medium nectarine, pitted and chopped
- 1 navel orange, quartered and thinly sliced lengthwise
- 3/4 cup fresh or frozen sweet cherries, pitted and halved
- 3/4 cup fresh golden or red raspberries
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves
- 1 750-milliliter bottle sparkling white wine, chilled (dry works best with this recipe)
- Ice

Directions

In a large pitcher or glass jar, combine

grape juice, orange liqueur, sugar and honey, stirring until sugar and honey dissolve. Stir in nectarine, orange, cherries, raspberries, basil and mint. Chill for up to 24 hours, stirring occasionally.

Just before serving, add sparkling wine. Serve over ice.

Peach Mango Pineapple White Sangria

Recipe courtesy www.averiecooks.com.

Makes: 8 servings

Prep time: 20-40 minutes, depending on if you use fresh or frozen fruit, then chill at least 1 hour. I used a Washington State chardonnay and agave for the sweetener, and all fresh fruits for peak flavors.

Ingredients

- 1 bottle white wine (chardonnay, pinot grigio, sauvignon blanc, or similar)
- 1/3 cup peach schnapps
- 1/4 cup sugar, or to taste (or stevia, agave or another sweetener)
- 3/4 cup mango chunks, frozen (you could use fresh, but save money and buy frozen, plus they act as ice cubes)
- 3/4 cup pineapple chunks, canned
- 1/3 cup pineapple juice (use whatever is in the can)

Directions

Combine first three ingredients in a large pitcher and stir until sweetener dissolves.

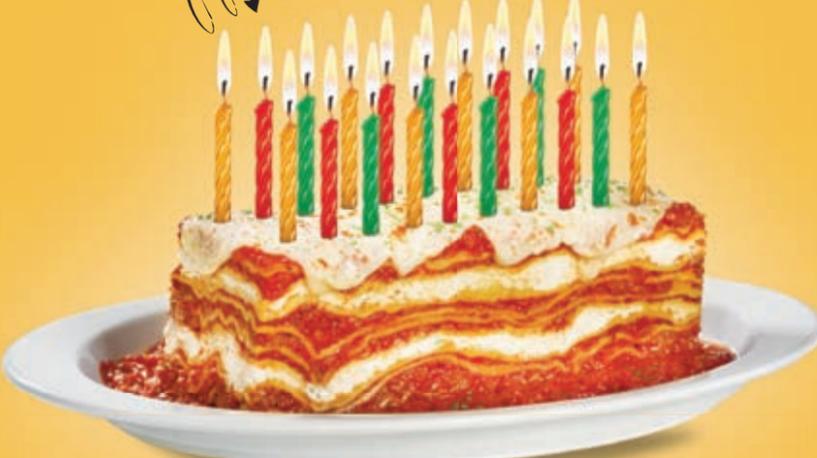
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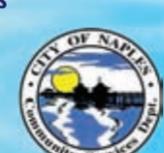


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Parmesan Pete's Italian Kitchen proudly proclaims its ties to Brooklyn, whence chef/owner Peter Della Rocca hails and where three previous generations of Della Roccas fed hungry patrons going back as far as 1894.

It's no surprise, then, that the red sauce has the complex flavors of a from-scratch recipe that includes hours of stovetop simmering and supervision, or that the lasagna is a magnificent wedge of perfectly cooked pasta overflowing with delicately seasoned meat sauce and mozzarella.

Were the place a bit more broken in — the tables a little scratched, the paint a mite faded — it would be just like a Brooklyn neighborhood joint, with its boisterous atmosphere, oversized family photos covering the walls and customers hunkered down over big plates of steaming pasta.

The restaurant began a few years back as a takeout place in Bonita Springs, but Mr. Della Rocca moved things south, to a spot formerly occupied by Andre's, about seven months ago. Takeout is still available, but chances are you'll want to sit and savor the warm ambience and hospitality along with the food.

Start off with a bottle of wine, dozens of which are stored in lovely wooden racks behind the bar and at the back of the dining room. The selection isn't huge — about a dozen choices on the standard wine list and a few more on a summer specials list — but it's plenty for a place this size. Be forewarned, however, that red wine is served at Florida room temperature, which is a little toasty, particularly at this time of year.

It's tempting to load up on appetizers such as cup of pasta fagioli, perhaps, or a plate of fried calamari. A hearty Caesar salad or baked clams oreganata. Or maybe a thin-crust pizza to share (there's even a gluten-free crust available).

For two, the antipasto alla Pete (\$13) is a bountiful plateful of salami, capicola, sopressatta, mozzarella, provolone, gorgonzola, marinated artichokes, sun-dried tomatoes, roasted peppers, chickpeas, red onions and olives, all served on romaine lettuce with just a drizzle of olive oil and balsamic vinegar. This is a simple dish, but one that's brimming with flavor and contrasting textures.



Above: This large wedge of lasagna is stuffed with meat and cheese.

Right: Antipasto alla Pete is made for two (or more) to share.

Below: Cannoli is the perfect finish to a meal at Parmesan Pete's.



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As I said, it's easy to fill up on the appetizers here, but there are many tempting entrees as well. Pastas abound — papardelle carbonara, linguini puttanesca, stuffed shells, cavatelli and broccoli, tortellini. I recommend taking several friends and trying them all. With just two dining companions, we barely made a dent, but what we tried was first rate.

Linguini fra diavolo (\$15) featured thin pasta properly cooked then tossed with shrimp, clams, mussels and a marinara sauce that had just the right amount of heat. At first glance, it seemed as if there wasn't enough sauce, but the chef clearly knew what he was doing by refraining from flooding the plate. It was just spicy enough without overpowering the shellfish.

Rice balls are available in a trio (\$5) or individually (\$2) so that you can taste them even if you want to order another appetizer. We ordered one and were rewarded with a good-sized golden orb that was crunchy on the outside, creamy within. While I'd have added Parmesan cheese to the filling, the marinara that came with it added zip.

Mussels lovers should not miss the mussels bianca (\$8.50), a generous mound of mussels simmered in a luscious sauce of butter, white wine, capers and garlic. I am not ashamed to say that I spooned up the sauce once we worked our way through the shellfish.

The aforementioned lasagna (\$13) filled the piping hot pan in which it was served and would have been plenty for two or three people, especially if they had appetizers first.

The eggplant Parmesan (\$13) consisted of three large disks of eggplant, each lightly breaded then topped with tomato sauce and mozzarella and baked until the eggplant was cooked through but not limp. Al dente green beans added color and a little crunch. A large side order of broccoli rabe (\$6) was expertly rendered, tender-crisp and bathed in olive oil and garlic.

This hearty and garlic-laden meal clearly called for dessert. What could be a better finish than a crisp cannoli (\$3.25) stuffed with a velvety sweet ricotta filling sitting atop a squiggle of chocolate sauce?

Everything we ordered was fresh, fragrant and served at just the right temperature. And nothing on the menu (with the possible exception of a couple of veal items, which are market priced) exceeds \$18. Most dishes are in the \$12-\$14 range, which is comparable to many chain restaurants that don't come close to matching the quality found here.

Service has the same family-friendly style as the food. The servers were warm and accommodating, despite the fact that the place was full and they were busy.

It's obvious that Mr. Della Rocca has a passion for feeding people well. It's a tradition that we hope continues for generations to come. ■

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