

Name change considered for Edison State

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

No new name is officially on the radar for Edison State College, which is considering changing its name.

Not likely Mina State College, which would pay homage to Thomas Edison's widow, Mina.

Not Tesla State College, which would be a nod of recognition to Edison's fellow genius and fierce competitor in things electrical, Nikola Tesla.

"I think it's funny because Tesla was the better inventor," said Bill Taylor, an Edison alumnus and producing artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers. "That's, of course, a joke."

No names are officially floating around, either jokingly or seriously.

The institution, a part of the South-west Florida educational landscape since 1962, is thinking about a name change to set itself apart. The school began life as Edison Junior College and later became Edison Community and then Edison State College.

School officials are concerned that the school can be confused, particularly during Internet searches, with two other similarly named institutions — Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J., and Edison Community College in Piqua, Ohio.

When Edison State officials tried in 2010 to trademark its name, they learned that the New Jersey school had already acquired rights to the name.

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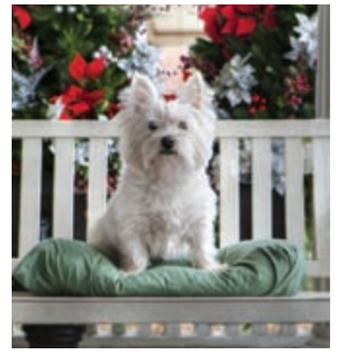


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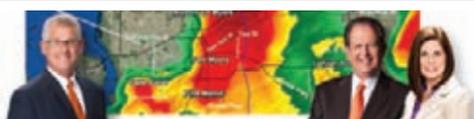


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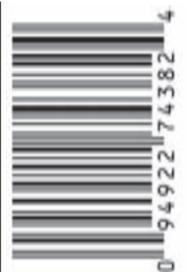
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COMMENTARY

The cowboy way



the late 1940s to meet my mother, was just as “cowboy” and just as tough as any who ever saddled a cow horse by upbringing.)

It goes something like this: Try hard, harder than anybody else. Never whine, never give up, never allow pain or discomfort to stop you from reaching a goal. Remain cheerful in all weathers. Think for yourself. Adapt to circumstances. Keep your word. In fence building over 9,000 feet or in life, either one, “just put both hands on it and give it hell,” as my Uncle Franklin once instructed my brother.

Tolerance is part of the cowboy way, too — the notion that other people can make up their own minds about politics, religion or lifestyle without interference from you, as long as they don’t decide to interfere with your choices.

And finally, the cowboy way insists on a chivalry of sorts: You help those in need who cross your trail, if the chance arises.

But none of that is enough, nowadays — and not because life is more complicated in the 21st century. There were complications then and there are complications now, for individuals.

Instead, the cowboy way is not enough because it fails to take into account what we did, and therefore who we really are, both as Nashes or Williamses, in my case, or as Americans, in my case and yours, together.

I realized this last week when I took my youngest son, Nash, into the Colorado mountains where I still have some



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A memorial saddle and cross, posted on the side of the road last week in South Park, Colo.

property with my mother and sister.

Only a generation or two before my grandfather, the Ute Indians kept a summer hunting camp up in that country. As a boy, I routinely found their arrowheads and grinders on “Flint Hill,” a quarter-mile from the cabin and corrals where the Nashes later headquartered.

My family inherited land the nation took from them by force. And we continue to participate in a tradition that begins with that taking.

People like us embraced the same history in Florida, too — here where the United States did its level best to com-

mit genocide by wiping out the men, women and children of the Seminole tribe so we could support our contemporary lifestyles, from agricultural to urban.

The other part of the cowboy way, therefore — the part I haven’t mentioned yet — is both unethical and immoral: If you can take it, if you can make it yours through muscle and grit alone, it should be yours.

Some called that “manifest destiny.” I’ve accepted its harvest blithely, because I’m too selfish to give back what my forbears took. I could; I could find the remaining Utes and hand them a few acres of high range in a personal symbolic gesture that might effectively revitalize the cowboy way for me and for my children.

But since I’m not going to do that, and others like me aren’t either, the cowboy way is in danger of losing a pulse, permanently.

What I hope to teach my son, Nash, therefore, is a new-model cowboy way, one that includes the courage to look in a mirror not tricked out to hide warts.

I figure that’s the only way to survive honorably as the 21st century unfolds — the only way to avoid hanging up the saddle and marking the grave of an American temperament that remains as good or better than any, at its best.

And not good enough, otherwise. ■

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Suicide by government



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The case of the city of Detroit isn't much of a murder mystery. Various suspects have been fingered in its demise: The global economy. The fall of the auto industry. The decline of manufacturing generally. But it's simpler than that. Detroit died of its own hand.

The city undertook a controlled experiment in what happens if you are governed by a toxic combination of Great Society big spenders, race hustlers, crooks, public-sector unions and ineffectual reformers. It spent and misgoverned itself into the ground. Detroit discovered that all the social spending in the world doesn't deliver order, family stability, education, economic dynamism or effective governance.

The city's downfall started long before anyone imagined that the Big Three would ever be anything but overwhelmingly dominant. Hardly anyone had heard of Toyota in 1967 when riots ripped the city and a long crime wave began that made it unlivable. Accord-

ing to Henry Payne of *The Detroit News*, the murder rate climbed from 13 per 100,000 residents in 1966 to 51 per 100,000 by 1976.

It was the city's dysfunction that made it unappealing to the auto companies rather than the diminished state of the auto companies that made the city dysfunctional. The city's mayor for 20 years, Coleman Young, was an ethically challenged black nationalist who hated the suburbs. Under Young, journalist Zev Chafetz writes, Detroit had "all the trappings of a third world city — the showcase projects, an external enemy and the cult of personality." And this was in the good old days of the 1970s and 1980s.

By this point, Detroit had already reached terminal velocity on its own. GM had nothing to do with the City Council promising benefits to retirees that it couldn't possibly pay. Chrysler didn't disgracefully mismanage city agencies. Ford didn't disastrously degrade the city's human capital.

Detroit is a city that has celebrated and feasted on government for decades and yet is incapable of the most basic function of government. Crimes basically aren't solved. The clearance rate is 8.7 percent. This in a city that needs

a first-rate police force. Its crime rate is five times the national average. Henry Payne notes that 80 percent of the city's children grow up fatherless, and that of the 50 percent of black men who are high-school dropouts, more than 70 percent don't have a job, and 60 percent have done time.

The city rewards anyone who can't escape its boundaries — more than a million people have since 1950, when it had 1.8 million residents — with stifling taxes in a futile attempt to keep up with spending. It has the highest per capita tax burden in Michigan, despite the low per capita income of its residents.

None of this is the product of the "creative destruction" of capitalism. Despite globalization, urban America is alive and well outside of Detroit. Pittsburgh experienced similar economic dislocation when the steel industry collapsed, but hasn't descended into an urban dystopia. Cities in the South like Houston and Raleigh, N.C., are economically vibrant and attractive to new residents.

The way Detroit was once, a very long time ago. ■

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

Bradley Manning's convictions



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Special to Florida Weekly

"What a dangerous edifice War is, how easily it may fall to pieces and bury us in its ruins," wrote Carl von Clausewitz, the 19th-century Prussian general and military theorist, in his seminal text "On War," close to 200 years ago. These lines came from the chapter "Information in War," a topic that resonates today, from Fort Meade, Md., where Pfc. Bradley Manning has just been convicted of espionage in a military court, to the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has lived for more than a year, having been granted political asylum to avoid political persecution by the United States, to Russia, where National Security Agency whistle-blower Edward Snowden has been granted temporary asylum.

Manning's conviction sparked momentary interest among members of the elite media in the U.S., who spent scant time at the two-month court-martial, located just miles north of Washington, D.C. Manning's supporters expressed relief that he was found not guilty of the most serious charge, aiding the enemy, which would likely have carried a sentence of life in prison. He was convicted on 20 of 22 charges, and could face up to 136 years in prison. The sentencing hearing is under way.

"Bradley Manning's alleged disclosures have exposed war crimes, sparked revolutions and induced democratic reforms," Assange said from the embassy. "He is the quintessential whistle-blower." Interestingly, former Defense Secretary Robert Gates wrote about the leaks to Sen. Carl Levin in 2010, saying,

"The review to date has not revealed any sensitive intelligence sources and methods compromised by this disclosure."

Manning made a statement at the start of the court-martial, wherein he took responsibility for the leaks, but, importantly, expressed his motivation. He commented specifically on the Apache attack helicopter video that recorded the slaughter of a dozen civilians in Baghdad on July 12, 2007. Two of those killed worked for the Reuters news agency, cameraman Namir Noor-Eldeen, 22, and his driver, Saeed Chmgh, a father of four.

We can listen to Manning in his own words, thanks to an unauthorized audio recording of his statement, anonymously leaked. He said: "The most alarming aspect of the video to me was the seeming delightful blood-lust the aerial weapons team seemed to have. They dehumanized the individuals they were engaging and seemed to not value human life, and referred to them as quote-unquote 'dead bastards,' and congratulated each other on their ability to kill in large numbers. ... For me, this seemed similar to a child torturing ants with a magnifying glass."

One of the charges for which Manning was found guilty was "wanton publication." It's unprecedented in military law. Manning's lawyer called it a made-up offense. The real offense, for which no one has been charged, is the wanton disregard for human life that Manning exposed.

Manning's leak gave Reuters, and the world, a graphic view of the horror of modern war, of the violent death of two media workers in the line of duty.

As the young soldier also said in his eloquent statement, "I believed that if the general public, especially the American public, had access to the informa-

tion contained [in the leaks], it could spark a domestic debate on the role of the military and our foreign policy in general as it related to Iraq and Afghanistan."

Indeed, he did spark such a debate. The latest wave of disclosures, from Edward Snowden, has only intensified the debate, with a rare bipartisan coalition in Congress growing to clamp down on what many see as a runaway national-security state. While a legislative amendment by Republican Justin Amash and Democrat John Conyers in the U.S. House of Representatives was narrowly defeated last week, the two have authored a stand-alone bill, H.R. 2399, that will do the same.

Carl von Clausewitz wrote, "The great uncertainty of all data in War is a peculiar difficulty, because all action must, to a certain extent, be planned in a mere twilight." Manning took incredibly courageous actions to release data, to pierce the fog of war, to make public the machinations of modern American war-making. Edward Snowden has exposed the sophistication and extraordinary reach of the U.S. surveillance state, cracking down on those who would dare to release information. And Julian Assange sits within the four walls of his embassy redoubt, persecuted for the crime of publishing. Yet those who planned the wars, those who committed war crimes, those who conduct illegal spying, for now, walk free. ■

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Naples Airport Authority lands delayed \$4.5 million grant

An improved construction plan is the silver lining in the sequestration cloud that delayed expected federal funding for a major Naples Municipal Airport project.

The Federal Aviation Administration has finally confirmed a \$4.5 million grant that will allow the airport to move forward with the construction of water-management system improvements and the extension of Taxiway A.

This past September, the Naples Airport Authority secured initial grants totaling almost \$1.2 million from the FAA and Florida Department of Transportation. Additional grants to fund 95 percent of the project's \$8 million-plus total cost were expected last spring, but delayed by the sequestration. Without the grant, construction could not begin as planned.

During the delay, airport staff, project consultant Hanson Professional Services and contractor Manhattan Construction tried to streamline construction and make it possible to complete most of the work on the airfield before the end of the year, despite the delay in the start date.

The project is designed to improve runoff and stormwater collection, water filtration, impurities removal and distribution of clean water into Rock Creek and the Gordon River. Crenels and baffles are being added to retention ponds to slow water flow and increase the effectiveness of the filtration process. Testing water from the airfield has shown that it is cleaner than residential runoff, but the airport also accepts and cleans runoff from 400 acres of indus-

trial development east of the airport.

In addition, shorelines are being altered to discourage wildlife, enhancing safety for aircraft operations and surrounding communities by reducing potential for bird strikes.

The project includes design and construction of automated water-monitoring systems, and the grant includes monitoring the results of the improvements for two years. If the results confirm expectations, the project is likely to set a national standard for how airports should handle water-management issues.

Grant funding also covers the extension of Taxiway A, which will provide easier access to the departure end of Runway 23. The extension will enhance airport safety and operations by eliminating the need for aircraft leaving from the east side of the airport to cross the active runway to take off. It also will encourage pilots to use the full length of the runway for takeoff, allowing them to reach higher altitudes as they leave the airport, reducing noise on the ground.

"Securing these grants allows the taxiway extension to be completed years ahead of schedule at very little cost to the Airport Authority," said Ted Soliday, Naples Airport Authority executive director. "A construction project of this size is good for the local economy. The taxiway extension and water-management system will benefit the citizens of Naples and Collier County, and the grant comes from a federal trust fund created with airport user fees. No property taxes are used for this project or for the airport's operation." ■



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Anne Fleming has a rich background for her position as general manager or Waterside Shops. She was raised in Salinas, Calif., a small farming town where three generations of her family have farmed. "I still receive boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables from home," she says. "I just got a crate of sweet onions!"

She earned her undergraduate degree from UCLA, where she enjoyed surfing, sorority life and, of course, great Bruin basketball coached by John Wooden. She changed her major three times and ended up with a liberal arts education. After graduation she lived and worked in Los Angeles for 10 years.

Anne began her retail career right out of college at Bonwit Teller in Beverly Hills. After a few years, Estee Lauder offered her a fantastic job that began

her 20-year career in the cosmetics industry. She moved up the organization and became a vice-president in her 30s, accountable for 40 states, 120 accounts and sales of \$40 million.

Once she started a family and no longer wanted to travel, she moved to luxury retail management at Neiman Marcus and Tiffany & Co. at Somerset Collection, a Forbes Company property in Michigan. Forbes owns and manages Waterside Shops, so her experience in Michigan culminated in earning her current position.

Anne enjoys gardening and entertaining, especially theme parties. "I love setting a dramatic and beautiful table, and have a stunning photographic history of my parties," she says. Her son, Sasha, attends Naples High School and her stepdaughter, Amy, lives and works in Chicago.

Anne has lived and worked in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Kansas City, New York, Dallas, Detroit and Miami. She has served as president of the Autism Society of America and on fundraising committees for nonprofits

Talking points with Anne Fleming

Mentor: Leonard Lauder (son of Estee Lauder) taught me everything about marketing luxury consumer goods.

Something you mom was right about: If you can't say something nice, say nothing.

Something that's been on your mind lately: How can I try every great restaurant in Naples without gaining weight?

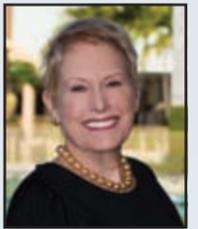
As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A writer. I still write every morning at dawn for an hour. My heroines include Emily Dickenson, Maja Angelou and Karen Blixen (aka Isak Dinesen).

One thing on your bucket list: Attending Royal Ascot in England or the Summer Olympics in Rio

(especially if my cousin, Reid Elliott, makes the team).

Skill or talent you wish you had: I'd like to be handy around the house. I bought a big fancy drill but have always been afraid to use it!

What makes you laugh: I love witty people, but there is a fine line between wit and sarcasm. I loathe sarcasm. I also belly laugh at silly comedies such as "A Fish called Wanda," "Harold and Maude," "Airplane."



including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the College for Creative Studies and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. As she becomes acclimated to the Paradise Coast, she hopes to help start a local chapter of Best Buddies, an inter-

national organization that serves people with intellectual disabilities. ■

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Monitors transmit live images from I-75. The images are monitored by employees, but they are not recorded or stored.

Eyes on the road

Inside the state's high-tech road monitoring program

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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The two-story SWIFT SunGuide Center measures more than an acre of space inside and sits at a rest stop just off a busy stretch of Interstate 75, but it's hardly visible to drivers. In the light, airy lobby, a receptionist said that while motorists of all walks have stopped here since the building opened in 2010, many of them were "lost."

As you pass I-75 exit 131 northbound in Fort Myers, it could just as well be the sky between the pine trees to your right, or a sunlight mirage. It's not, of course. State employees in the central control room here, referred to as The Big Room, monitor drivers streaming past on I-75 all day, every day on computers and on a wall of closed-circuit television screens.

The room is off limits to the media and members of the public. Workers monitor images sent in from 114 cameras trained on the interstate in Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. The cameras can rotate 360 degrees and zoom in. Soon operators in The Big Room will also watch I-75 in Sarasota and Manatee counties; in all, a 190-mile stretch of highway. An endless stream of video — none of it recorded or used for law enforcement investigations, state officials insisted — and other information about road conditions is processed by a large bank of Hewlett-Packard computer servers. It has a "redundant link," a physical backup system, elsewhere.

The servers are "the backbone of our operation," said Vincent Lee, IT manager with the Lucent Group, a private firm the state hired that specializes in operating so-called intelligent trans-

portation systems like this one.

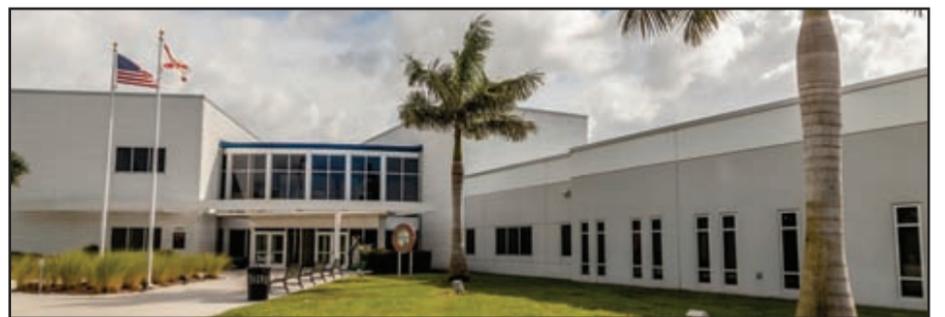
Besides two hired IT firms, the Sun Guide Center houses the 12-county Florida Department of Transportation District One headquarters, as well as the Fort Myers District Headquarters of the Florida Highway Patrol. About 70 troopers work out of the building. There is a "stress-reduction" room of donated exercise equipment upstairs, as well as a kitchen and other features for people working here all hours.

Both agencies have staff in The Big Room along with tech experts such as Mr. Lee. They use SunGuide software, a package of multiple applications that controls the entire Intelligent Transportation System in Southwest Florida and helps it link up with intelligent transportation systems throughout the state. Cameras and devices in the field are connected to the control room by fiber optic cable.

Operators use the information to inform drivers in real time about road conditions via electronic message boards staggered along on the Interstate. That might include any number of "events," including an "Amber" alert, when a child is missing or "Silver," the same but for an older person; an exit blocked by a crash; the time it will take you to drive ("the legal limit," notes Mr. Lee) to the next exit; or weather information.

Constant updates, including many of the same video images seen in The Big Room, are also sent to the state's public 511 website and call-in service.

Operators watching the video screens notify any required emergency vehicle, tow truck — or whatever is needed to keep traffic flowing safely. They often dispatch Road Rangers, the "angels" of the state highway system. They patrol the roads to help stalled motorists with flat tires, jump starts, minor repairs, or even just a drink of water. Anyone on



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The SWIFT SunGuide Center houses workers from the state Department of Transportation and the Florida Highway Patrol. Below: Road Ranger Roberto Rodriguez.



the interstate can call *FHP to request a Road Ranger. They are staffed generally from about 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Southwest Florida (sometimes overnight in busier districts). During that time they are "continuously patrolling" for motorist assistance on the interstate as well as exit ramps, said Bill Fuller, ITS project manager with FDOT.

Up and running

Already monitoring I-75 in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties, operators in the control room will soon respond to what they call "events" on the full 190-mile stretch of I-75 running from the middle of the Everglades up to the top of Manatee County, south of Tampa.

The southern portion of the route cutting across the Everglades, known as Alligator Alley, has a special feature. A cable running alongside the road is designed to catch cars if they veer off the edge toward a canal. Sometimes, depending on the size and speed of the car, it can break through the barrier. As soon as the cable is pulled, operators in The Big Room are alerted and strobe lights on the road begin flash-



ing. Adding the cable, said FDOT public information director Debbie Tower, was in response to vehicles and people that went missing on the expressway. At times, they veered into canals, which can be 30 feet deep, and passengers "simply didn't arrive," she said.

The new sets of eyes on I-75 are also helpful to the Florida Highway Patrol.

"Before, everything we were responding to was pretty much blind," said Lt. Gregory S. Bueno, public affairs officer for the Florida Highway Patrol in Southwest Florida.



TOWER

He also explained that The Big Room is off limits to the public because FHP operators handle drivers license, warrant, tag number, highway homicide cases and other private information.

A big conference room with a clear panel overlooking The Big Room has been used for press conferences with the governor and media. A protective awning is hung over FHP employee computers below, so you can't see them.

Operators here respond to Interstate "events," officially, 21 different kinds: crashes, abandoned vehicles, debris, flooding, smoke, fog, etc. And there is a standard operating procedure that accounts for each, said Tom Watts, the SunGuide Center building manager. Everything is routine.

"It becomes terrible to say that a major truck accident is routine, but to these folks, it is," Mr. Watts said.

Recently, a Road Ranger was dispatched to check out a car stopped on an exit ramp and determined the driver was just resting, Mr. Watts added, "but it could have been a flat tire, it could have been anything."

Intelligent transportation

It's all part of a multi-million dollar state-wide project aimed at using technology to, in essence, keep you running on time for your appointments, explained Ms. Tower.

"We want to keep people on time," she said. "That's not to say go faster. You can be smarter about your trip."

If you were supposed to meet a client, interview for a job, go to the grocery store, evacuate during a hurricane or just get to the beach while on vacation,

in the know
The new District One boss

In June, Carmen Monroy started as the new director of the Florida Department of Transportation's District One Southwest Area Office. It's located in the SWIFT SunGuide Center. She is responsible for providing planning, coordination and development of FDOT's five-year work program for the southern six counties of District One. Prior, she was LeeTran's financial business manager for nine years. She brings 20 years of experience working in transportation and planning-related jobs, including in Cape Coral's Community Development department and as a contracts administrator for the Port of Miami. She also served on the state's Affordable Housing Commission representing Smart Growth interests. Ms. Monroy earned her undergraduate degree at Barry University, and a master's in public administration from Florida Gulf Coast University. She has been married for 37 years and has two grown children, a son and a daughter.



it's ultimately bad for business if you are caught unawares by a crash, rush hour, fog, smoke or debris in the roadway. The idea is that informed drivers do a better job, can take detours, don't get into "secondary" crashes, and generally travel in a safer, more expedient fashion.

ITSs designed to keep you on time are being used throughout the state and in other parts of the country.

"The federal DOT, they really want the ITS system to be the rule, not the exception," Mr. Watts said.

The idea of building a technology and computer software infrastructure to address congestion on roadways isn't

new, but was fully implemented here coming out of the great recession as an alternative to more expensive construction plans.

Income from fuel taxes, tag fees and rental car surcharges declined after November 2006, reported the Florida Transportation Commission, the governor-appointed oversight and policy board for FDOT.

"Floridians love their personal freedom and their automobiles," reads a commission report. "As the economy recovers, congestion levels will once again continue to increase with no end in sight."

Intelligent transportation is an alternative to wider highways, said Mark Reichert, the Transportation Commission's assistant executive director in Tallahassee.

"As far as ITS statewide and even nationwide, it is a fairly young program. It has been around for really over a decade, but the reason it's taking on more importance of late is because using technology is a way of getting more capacity out of the existing transportation system without having to invest a whole lot of money," he said. "Bottom line is the rate of return for the investment is much greater for using technology rather than say widening a major roadway."

There are counterparts to the SWIFT (Southwest Interagency Facility for Transportation) SunGuide Center throughout the state's seven transportation districts.

SWIFT is also called the Joseph P. Bertrand Building after the Florida Highway Patrol trooper who was killed on duty in 1967.

District One

As far as I-75 is concerned, District One is the give-or-take 190-mile stretch crossing four rivers (the Caloosahatchee, Peace, Myakka and Manatee) and five

coastal counties in Southwest Florida.

The cost of the ITS project in District One, including the Alligator Alley cable; cameras and radar; the SunGuide software system; the central control building; message boards; information technology contractors; and ongoing additions, is roughly \$75 million in federal and state dollars, said Ms. Tower.

Since SunGuide Center and its big control room opened in January 2010, the system is now running "like a well-oiled machine," said building manager Mr. Watts.

On this day, controllers reupdated information on a blocked exit where a local sheriff's officer had collided with a man driving a stolen pick-up truck.

"Closed ramp to Bayshore Road 81 miles ahead," read the message board at I-75 northbound mile marker 61.

Meanwhile, southbound lanes were flowing smoothly all the way down from the Georgia border and across the Alley to Miami. ■

in the know

'Events' recorded by SunGuide software on I-75 in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties from January - June

- >> Total: 20,189
- >> Disabled vehicles: 9,386
- >> Debris on highway: 4,545
- >> Crashes: 3,042
- >> Abandoned vehicles: 1,382
- >> Miscellaneous: 326
- >> Silver alerts: 79.
- >> Pedestrian (i.e., someone walking along the highway): 70
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Government in action

The National Security Agency is a “supercomputing powerhouse,” wrote ProPublica.org in July, with “machines so powerful their speed is measured in thousands of trillions of operations per second” — but apparently it has no ability to bulk-search its own employees’ official emails. Thus, ProPublica’s Freedom of Information Act demand for a seemingly simple all-hands search was turned down

in July with the NSA informing ProPublica that the best it could do would be to go one-by-one through the emails of each of the agency’s 30,000 employees — which would be prohibitively expensive. (ProPublica reported that companywide searches are “common” for large corporations, which must respond to judicial subpoenas and provide information for their own internal investigations.) ■

Recurring themes

■ To commemorate its 500th “deep brain stimulation” surgery in May, UCLA Medical Center live-Tweeted its operation on musician Brad Carter, 39, during which he was required to strum his guitar and sing so that surgeons would know where in his brain to plant the electrical stimulator that would relieve his Parkinson’s disease symptoms. Mr. Carter had developed hand tremors in 2006, but the stimulator, once it is properly programmed and the surgery healed, is expected to reduce his symptoms, restore some guitar-playing ability, and reduce his medication need. (And, yes, patients normally remain conscious during the surgery.)

■ Firefighters are not infrequently called on to extricate adventurous men from sex toys, but one “armor-plat(ed)” device, six inches in diameter, into which the 51-year-old German entrapped himself in July in Ibiza, Mallorca, was especially challenging, according to the *Diario de Mallorca* newspaper, and took two hours and a dose of anesthesia toward the end. The saw blade the emergency workers used wore out during the rescue and had to be replaced, along with two sets of batteries. The man was kept overnight at Can Misses hospital, but was otherwise OK.

■ Americans stage dog shows, and Middle-Easterners stage camel beauty contests, and in June, the annual German Holstein Show took over the city of Oldenburg, with the two-day event won by “Loh Nastygirl,” topping bovine beauties from Germany, Luxembourg and Austria. The event is also a showcase for the cow hairdressers, who trim cows’ leg and belly hair (to better display their veins). Said one dresser, “It is just like with us people — primping helps.” Groomed or not, cows with powerful legs, bulging udders and a strong bone structure are the favorites.

■ Fruit of any kind retails for outlandish prices in Japan, but some, such as Yubari cantaloupes, are so prestigious that they are often presented as gifts to friends or colleagues, and it was only mildly surprising that a pair of the melons sold in May for the equivalent of about \$15,700 at auction at the Sapporo Central Wholesale Market. The melons appeared to be perfect specimens, with their T-shaped stalk still attached. The record melon-pair price, set in 2008, is about \$24,500 measured at today’s exchange rate.

■ Some crime-scene investigative techniques seem far-fetched, as *News of the Weird* has reported, but police use of “ear prints” might be approaching the mainstream. Britain convicted its first burglar based on an ear print in 1998, and in May 2013, investigators in Lyon, France, tied a 26-year-old man from the Republic of Georgia to a string of about 80 burglaries — by taking prints from doors the man had leaned against while listening for activity inside the home.

■ It is not quite to the level of the \$15,700 Japanese melons, but the behavior of women descending upon New York City stores in June for the annual “sale” on designer shoes is nonetheless a spectacle. The event makes the city’s upscale commercial district look like “an insane asylum of very well-dressed women,” reported *The New York Times*. The shoes’ everyday prices require, wrote the *Times*, “the willful suspension of rational thinking.” The average transaction at Barneys is \$850, still far below, for example, a pair of wicker-basket-like sandals (\$1,995 by Charlotte Olympia) or a certain Christian Louboutin pump (\$1,595 — \$4,645 if in crocodile). Prices are so unhinged, according to the *Times*, that standards from the iconic “Sex and the City” designer Manolo Blahnik are now low-price leaders, holding at about \$595. ■

Zero-tolerance

■ Second-grader Josh Welch’s two-day suspension in March was upheld on appeal in June by Park Elementary School officials of Anne Arundel County, Md., even though his offense was that he had nibbled a pastry into the shape of a gun, which he then waved around. Said Josh’s attorney: “If this (school system) can’t educate a 7-year-old without putting him out of school, how are they going to deal with 17-year-olds?”

■ Briar MacLean, 13, of Calgary, Alberta, was reprimanded by school

officials in May (and then also lost an appeal) after he stepped between two students because one, holding a knife, was bullying the other. The vice principal appeared to regard Mr. Briar’s action as equal to that of the bully, telling Mr. Briar’s mother later that the school does not “condone heroics,” and that it was “beside the point” that Mr. Briar might well have prevented a slashing (which could have occurred if he had left the boys behind to go find a teacher). ■

Updates

■ It took a year and a half of legal wrangling over a technicality, but Marshall University was finally dropped in June as one of the defendants in Louis Helmburg III’s lawsuit for his injuries when fellow party-goer Travis Hughes shot bottle rockets out of his posterior

in 2011. Mr. Helmburg, some will recall, was so startled by Mr. Hughes’ stunt that he fell off the rail-less deck at a fraternity party staged by Alpha Tau Omega of Marshall University. Mr. Hughes and the fraternity remain as defendants in the January 2012 lawsuit. ■

NEWS BRIEFS

True Fashionistas sales Aug. 17 benefit St. Matthew's House

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Also, through Aug. 30, the store is serving as a collection point for donations of new or gently worn dresses for the PACE Center's Love That Dress fundraiser, which takes place Sept. 7 at the Naples Beach Hotel.

For more information, call the store at 596-5044 or visit TrueFashionistasResale.com. ■

Greatest Generation Breakfast set

Florida becomes the first state to follow the lead of a 2010 Congressional call for the second Sunday in August as America's day to remember the service and sacrifices of those who fought in World War II at the fourth annual Naples Spirit of '45 Greatest Generation Breakfast.

The breakfast takes place from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Naples Hilton, where state Rep. Kathleen Passidomo will read the new resolution, championed by Rep. Passidomo and state Sen. Garret Richter, establishing the second Sunday in August as the official Spirit of '45 Day in Florida.

The resolution will be presented to honorary chairs Ann Jacobson, Holocaust survivor and founder of the Southwest Florida Holocaust Museum; and Col. Nick Hale, WWII veteran who fought at Normandy and Battle of the Bulge and stood guard at the Nuremberg Trials.

Michael Wynn, a fourth-generation Neapolitan and chairman of the Greater Naples

Chamber of Commerce, will be one of the guest speakers. His grandfather, Don Wynn, was a significant figure in Naples history. Upon returning from the war, Mr. Wynn moved his family's business from Crayton Cove to Fifth Avenue South in 1948, signaling a new dawn for Naples development and the birth of a new downtown.

Following this tribute is the launch of the Peter Thomas History Fund, which will support Collier County students in grades 6-12 who advance from the Collier County History Fair to the Florida History Fair, with a chance to advance to the National History Day Fair. The fund will be housed at the Southwest Florida Holocaust Museum Inc.

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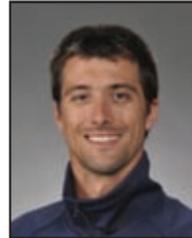
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Naples swim coach to lead national team

T2 Aquatics head swimming coach Paul Yetter has been named men's head swimming coach for USA Swimming. He will lead the team at the FINA World Junior Championships held Aug. 26 through Sept. 1 in Dubai, UAE.

Organized by the International Swimming Federation, the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships is a swimming championship for swimmers under 18. It has been held biannually since 2006. The previous competition, held in Peru in 2011, drew some 500 swimmers from 58 countries.



YETTER

Coach Yetter has been the head coach of T2 Aquatics since the summer of 2010. Prior to his time at T2 Aquatics, Coach Yetter coached for one year with SEC Champion Auburn University, and eight years with the internationally recognized North Baltimore Aquatic Club, where he was named Maryland State Coach of the Year four times. In 2007, he was named the United States Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year.

Coach Yetter has previously been appointed to represent the U.S. at the 2008 Olympics, the 2007 Pan American Games, the 2007 Japan Open, the 2006 Pan Pacific Championships, the 2005 World Championships, and the 2009 Junior Pan Pacific Championships. ■

Naples YMCA offers after-school program

With the school year here, parents in need of after-school care are encouraged to register their children with the Greater Naples YMCA.

The Y's Afterschool Program is available for Collier County children ages 5-12 from 2:45 to 6 p.m. beginning Aug. 16. Care is also offered for out-of-school days as well as half-days. The locations: Greater Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Road; Shadowlawn Elementary, 2161 Shadowlawn Drive; and Golden Gate Elementary, 4911 20th Place SW. Additional site locations are available through the Greater Marco YMCA.

The program combines academics with play and offers a caring, safe environment where children can continue to learn and engage in meaningful activities at the end of the school day.

Youth receive homework assistance, healthy snacks and educational enrichment along with character development. Activities offered include tennis, aquatics, dance, tumbling and youth wellness classes.

The Greater Naples YMCA will offer a bus service to safely transport the children from several elementary schools near the Y's Pine Ridge campus.

Registration is \$40 per family. After-school Program care is \$60 per week for Y members and \$75 for nonmembers. Financial assistance is available.

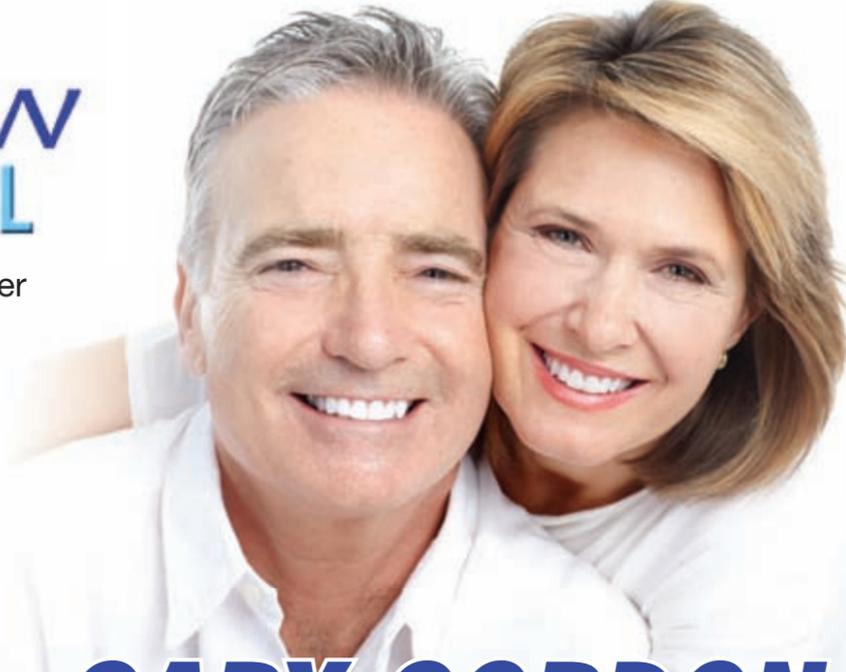
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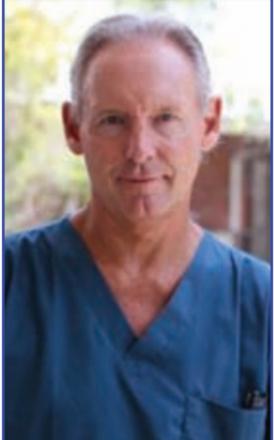
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Laurie fought back tears as she read the e-mail: "Laurie, I'm confused by the latest memo you sent me for review. I re-read it twice, and not only doesn't it answer the client's question, it just doesn't make sense. Please revise it immediately because we certainly can't send it out as is." Marcy, Laurie's immediate supervisor, never minced words.

Laurie had been at the firm for two years, and she knew that for the most part, she had a good reputation. Both Laurie and Marcy reported to George, the director of their team, and George regularly complimented Laurie for her contributions.

However, Marcy had a way of making Laurie doubt herself all the time. For whatever reason, Marcy had had it in for Laurie from the start. Marcy never lost an opportunity to point out Laurie's gaffes — in fact, she seemed to relish tripping her up.

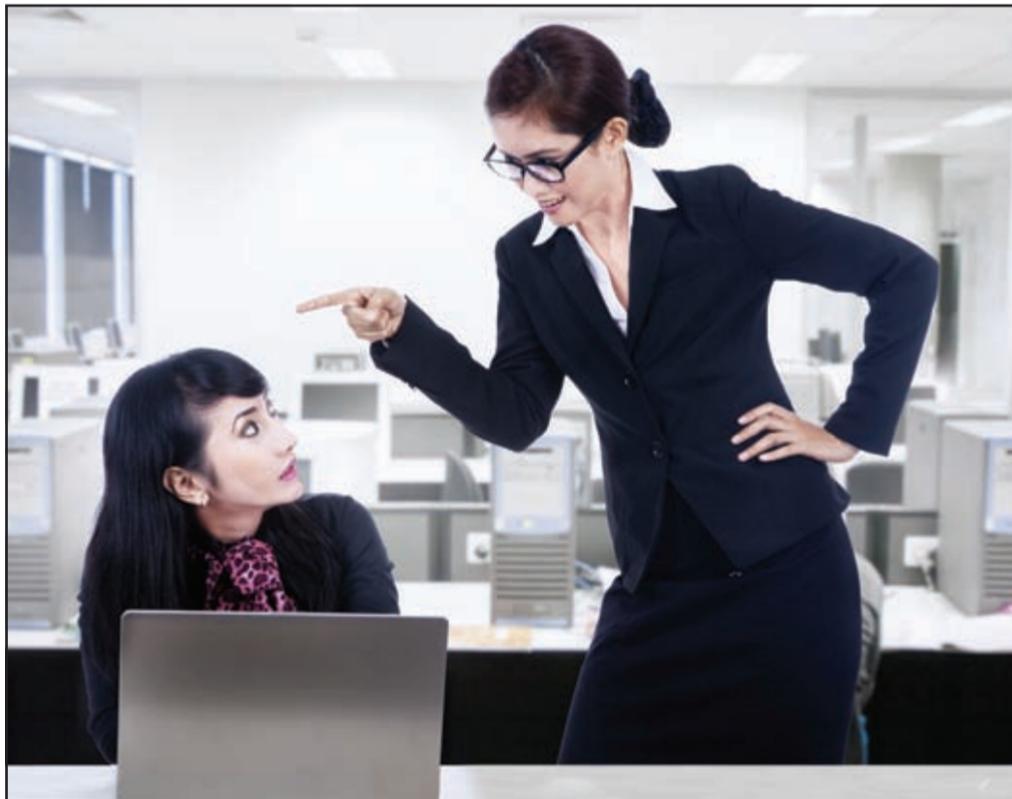
Laurie struggled to understand why she let Marcy get to her so. But, if truth be told, this kind of upset wasn't new. The same thing had happened to Laurie at her last job. One former colleague used to delight in putting her down, and Laurie was utterly unable to stand up for herself or dismiss the criticism. It seemed that whenever another person was critical of her (or, more importantly, she perceived that another person was being critical), she would become tongue-tied and intimidated.

Understandably, it never feels good to hear criticism. We've all faced that horrible feeling in the pit of our stomachs: Another person has questioned our performance, and we feel attacked. When caught off-guard, it's not uncommon to react defensively, protesting the veracity of the message, or hotly rebutting our critic. "How dare this person say such things? Who are they to question our abilities?" Unfortunately, this only escalates the negativity.

In the workplace and academic environments, the ability to accept difficult feedback, process it and use it for a vehicle of growth is an important part of one's personal and career development.

There's always a learning curve in any position we take on.

Making mistakes is part of the process. When we're able to take these missteps in stride, and maintain our equilibrium, we'll best be able to think clearly and creatively.



If we've been in the unpleasant position of being chastised by a colleague or superior, we may understandably react with strong emotions. However, it's on occasions like these that it's advisable to take a deep breath and step back to review what's happened and rationally consider whether there's any merit to the charges. If we repeatedly hear common themes critiquing our performance, there's likely some substance to the concerns. If we conclude that, in fact we've fallen short, corrective action is in order. Requesting guidance and asking key questions for clarification demonstrates a willingness to accept constructive feedback — both negative

and positive. If we aggressively attempt to prove the other person wrong or dispute her allegations, we may unwittingly substantiate her doubts.

When we've borne the brunt of hostile focus, there's a risk we'll take the criticism so much to heart, we'll become dejected and doubt ourselves. Ruminating endlessly about what we've done wrong and worrying that things will never improve may begin a cascade of self-defeating doubts. It's important to

put the negativity into a broader context, and to remember our strengths and talents. We are not just the product of our failures.

It's important that we take care not to assume a "victim" mentality, believing we are being falsely accused. When we carry a chip on our shoulders we often shut ourselves off from valuable opportunities to improve our performance and to eventually repair the negative impressions people have of us.

It's very important to consider the source of the criticism. If we've heard from a person we respect there's probably value to her comments. They may actually believe she's offering construc-

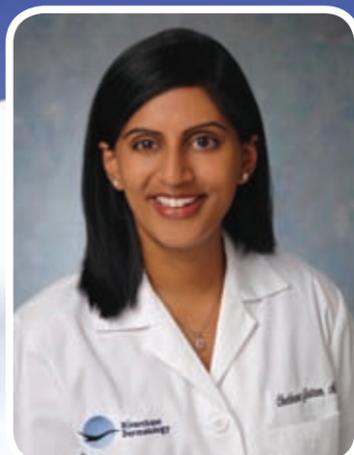
ive support. If we can push through the defensive, heartsick feelings sufficiently to process what she's saying, and express a desire to add a valuable contribution to the team, we may actually learn a great deal. And, in the process, we may command a greater respect, and might even deepen the bond with the critic.

However, we've all interfaced with negative, mean-spirited types who relish the power of intimidating others. There are bullies in every arena, and there are always those build themselves up by targeting weaker links. If we're the latest victims, it's clearly in our interest to take the critique in context. Recognizing that this person is not likely to willingly change, places us in the unenviable position of coming up with a long-term strategy to protect our position within the company. Obviously, toughing out a strategy to either ignore or minimize the sting of the other person's behavior is best. In addition, developing strategic alliances with well-positioned colleagues may help bolster our positions.

But there are some unfortunate occasions where the best laid plans are still ineffective and the other person's offenses are intolerable. It may then be necessary to confer with the human resource personnel or the next in command. We may ultimately consider transferring within the company or even beginning to hone our resumes in preparation for a job search.

We can never control the hostile or offensive behavior of other people, but we certainly can take charge of our own emotions and reactions. We can use humiliating setbacks as a springboard for new possibilities. Learning to hold our own in the face of negative feedback is an important skill that will greatly impact our ability to navigate life's challenges. ■

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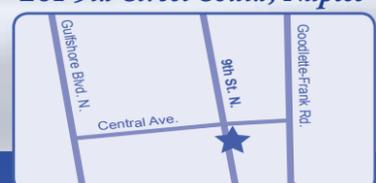


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One significant reason for the success of NCH, while others have struggled, is our creative and supportive 17-member NCH's Board of Trustees (www.nchmd.org/leadership). At our most recent bimonthly board meeting, cumulative advantage was very much on display as the board focused on continuing to help everyone live longer, happier and healthier lives.

Let's talk about the economic term "cumulative advantage," which has biblical origins and roughly translates into these ideas: The best get better, the rich get richer, success begets more success, and quality encourages even better quality.

Cumulative advantage is what we have been practicing at NCH over this past decade as our health-care center, fueled by a staff of caregivers who are second to none, has risen to greater and greater heights. Sadly, more than a few hospitals in Florida have had just the opposite experience; many are also undergoing the shift in status from not-for-profit responsibility to the community to one of for-profit focus on quarterly returns for shareholders. Some systems are considering changing ownership. All health-care systems today must be prudent with limited resources.

At last week's meeting, Dr. Hermes Koop, former president of the medical staff for four years, started with the customary Quality and Patient Safety Report, reviewing Leapfrog's designation of a "B" for NCH Healthcare (the highest hospital score in Southwest Florida) and our aspiration of an "A" rating next year, when we will have only board-certified critical-care physicians in the ICU (www.leapfroggroup.org).

North Naples ER Director Betsy Novakovich and Microsystem Director Jon Kling then shared spectacular results on improved patient and staff satisfaction, door-to-door time, decreased risk, and overall better outcomes by employing efficient, operation management princi-



Among highlights, we discussed the addition of almost 20 physicians to the NCH Physician Group; an upcoming thorough review of our hospitalist service; an update on our paperless Computerized Provider Order Entry ("SIMON") system, now at the 90 percent computerized provider order entry level; our Health Information Exchange enrolling physicians; population health initiatives to improve health habits and results; and our Mayo network affiliation adding consults.

ples (lean/six sigma) to change the way we care for 50,000 ER patients without adding people or space.

The overall challenges and goals for the 2014 Health Plan were then reviewed with the decision to seek feedback from all our colleagues. Focus groups are now underway. NCH will be following best practices from around the country as we encourage better health for everyone.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to progress on our five tactical goals: growing primary care; integration of in- and outpatient care; information technology; population health, and growing our Mayo Clinic affiliation (www.nchmd.org/fivemandates).

In a related sense, we reviewed an upcoming program led by Mayo experts on communication between physicians and their patients, and a cardiology trial led locally by Dr. Adam Frank working with five other Mayo affiliates.

All in all, a board exercise in quality encouraging better quality, and success begetting more success. And that's what we mean by cumulative advantage at NCH. ■

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



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PET TALES

In your hands

The No. 1 thing that will give your pet a better life while saving you money? Weight loss

BY GINA SPADAFORI

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Whenever I write about veterinary medicine, no matter if it's basic preventive care tests or cutting-edge specialty or emergency procedures, it's inevitable that I'll hear from readers who'll use the topic as a reason to complain about the cost of care.

Although I understand why people feel that way, I think it's often unfair. Veterinarians perform similar and often identical procedures to those of doctors, but at a fraction of the cost of human medicine. Yet I realize that pointing out that the \$3,000 procedure that will save a pet's life would be 10 times that cost in human medicine doesn't help a bit if you don't have one-tenth of that amount available anyway.

I can't fix that situation, and neither can the veterinarians I know. They have to pay all the costs of doing business, and they've struggled to get by right along with everyone else as the economy has staggered along. Pet health insurance can help, as can third-party credit plans — and I recommend looking into them both before you're faced with hard decisions.

But what frustrates me — and so many veterinarians I know — is the way that so many pet lovers overlook, downplay or completely ignore the No. 1 thing that will keep their pets healthier, longer-lived and out of veterinary offices. Even more astonishing, this not-so-secret way

to save money on veterinary care can be absolutely free.

What is it?

Take excess weight off your pet.

There's a better than 50 percent chance that if you're reading this and have a pet, this topic concerns you and your pet. That's because more than half of all pets in the United States are overweight — many of them desperately so. Veterinarians say that we have gotten so used to seeing fat pets that we have come to think it's normal. We're often not even able to recognize that our own pets are overweight.

If you cannot see a tuck in (from above) or up (from the side) behind your pet's rib cage, and cannot see just a hint of rib under a little bit of padding, your pet is fat.

I'm not saying that to make you feel guilty. I'm saying that as a nonjudgmental statement of fact.

I long ago came to terms with the idea that the subject of obesity in people is complicated and charged with emotions — but in pets, it shouldn't be. Pets cannot feed themselves, and they cannot overeat unless you overfeed them. Even if you and your pets lead sedentary lives, you can adjust your pets' daily portions accordingly. They'll even learn to stop begging if you stop rewarding that behavior.

Slow, steady weight loss is what you're going for, especially for cats. That's because crash diets in fat cats can trigger a deadly condition known as "fatty liver

disease." If you're free-feeding, stop, and if you're not measuring, start. You can buy a "diet" food or you can reduce portions and add "empty" bulk to the kibble you already use by adding green beans or pumpkin to smaller amounts. Wet food is another good strategy, since the water content makes pets feel more full. It's an especially good strategy for cats, many of whom are chronically dehydrated.

Your veterinarian can tailor a weight-loss plan, or you can use an app such as my friend Dr. Patty Khuly's "The Fat Dog Diet" (free from thefatdogdiet.com), which shows you how to figure out if your dog is fat, by how much, and advises how much to feed to get results from almost every brand of kibble sold. (Pet food labels are often notoriously generous with their recommended portions.)

Do what you can, but do something, please. I see pets every day whose lives are miserable, and whose owners seem oblivious. If you do nothing else today, take an honest look at your pet, and put your hands underneath that lovely coat. If you find he's more fat than fluff, you need to make changes — the sooner, the better.

Here's my bottom line: If you have an obese pet, you have no business complaining about the costs of treating conditions caused by or made worse by your pet's weight.

Taking weight off will make everyone feel better: you, your veterinarian and especially your pet. There's so much to lose — and so much to gain by doing so. ■

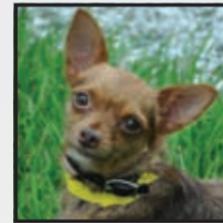
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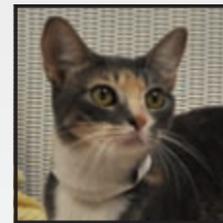
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THE DIVA DIARIES

There is no freedom in forgetting one's cellphone



A strange thing happened to me last Friday night. I went to downtown Fort Myers for a night out at Art Walk and I forgot my iPhone at home.

I've had a mobile phone since the early '90s when I worked in radio and the station gave me one so that I could make calls from my car. I'm pretty sure you could only use it in the car because you had to plug it into the cigarette lighter thingie — so actually, it was a car phone. Having one made me wonder how I ever drove the nine miles back and forth without calling my girlfriends. It was about the size of a toaster, but I didn't care. From there, I graduated to cellphones, then flip phones, then phones with cameras — I completely skipped Blackberries and went directly to iPhones — I've had every single model of iPhone since they were invented, and I've had the same cellphone number since 1996. I am the most unorganized person on earth, yet I have never lost, broken, or had a cellphone stolen from me — my battery never dies because I have a charger with me at all times. I have only forgotten to walk out of my house twice without my phone — and last Friday night was one of those times.

I knew my iPhone wasn't with me the minute I pulled onto the street — and for a moment, I considered turning back — but I was running late, and I made the conscious decision that I could survive without it. When I got to Spirits of Bacchus, I greeted my friends with, "Just so you know, I forgot my phone." There were at least four phones already on the table, so I understood. They looked at me sympathetically; I ordered a drink.

It wasn't cataclysmic, but it was weird. I use my phone to tell the time, so I was constantly asking people to check their phones for the time. There were several instances when I reached for my phone to take a photo. I knew another group of friends were at a nearby restaurant, so I went to text them. During a few conversations when I couldn't think of the name of a movie or I was trying to explain a point, I was

disappointed when I realized I couldn't turn to Google. Obviously, I didn't check into any of the galleries or other places we visited on Facebook. As far as mak-

ing — but honestly, it wasn't liberating either. It was just different. When I got home, I put a Post-It by my front door, "Remember phone!" — there should be an app for that.



Kathleen Van Bergen and Jonathan Kane

ing calls go, I could have used a friend's, but most all my contact numbers are stored in my phone, not in my head. And when I was walking to my car in the dark, I couldn't use the light on the video camera feature as flashlight to guide the way.

So yeah, I survived. It wasn't debilitat-

— Naples, photographer Mila Bridger, Jonathan Kane, Sandra Yeyati, Arturo Samaniego and bunches of other sparkling revelers. ■

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

Artsy party

Just because I didn't check in on Facebook doesn't mean I wasn't at Unit A, artist Marcus Jansen's gallery near downtown Fort Myers on Friday night. The works on display were some of Marcus's paintings done in New York from the '90s. Even on a rainy night, some of Naples' most notable artists and art aficionados made the drive north to celebrate, including Kathleen Van Bergen of Artis

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EDISON

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What used to be called Brevard Junior College on Florida's east coast is now Eastern Florida State College. Florida oldtimers may recall Lake City Junior College, which was founded in 1961. The north Florida school is now known as Florida Gateway College.

Closer to home, what used to be known as Manatee Community College in Manatee County became the State College of Florida in 2009.

Brainstorming new names

"What should it be?" Mr. Lupe said, asking a question many Southwest Florida folks are now asking.

Florida Weekly also asked that question. Mike Riley, manager of adult education and community liaison with Charlotte County schools, is aware of the talk. He's familiar with the name change of the school in Manatee County.

"I think Southwest Florida State University is a good one," Mr. Riley said.

Jim Corsica, who teaches comedy improv at the Naples Performing Arts Center, wants Edison State College to remain, well, Edison State College.

"I don't support the name change," Mr. Corsica wrote in an e-mail. "I don't see anything wrong with Edison."

Fort Myers Beach resident Charlie Whitehead, who ran for and lost a race for a seat on the Lee County Commission last year, also doesn't see need for a change.

"I always thought such name changes were a waste of time and effort," Mr.



EDISON STATE COLLEGE / COURTESY PHOTO

Whitehead wrote via a Facebook message. "Like they don't have something more important to worry about?"

Rick Joyce, who attended the school from 1977 to 1979 when it was Edison Community College, also hopes the name isn't changed.

"I have always liked the Edison College name and the connection to Fort Myers' most famous winter resident who was a world leader in science and innovation is a great legacy to attach to the college," Mr. Joyce wrote in a Facebook message. "I believe the Edison name should stay. ... It will always be

Edison College to me and I hope the Edison name and connection to Thomas Edison is maintained in perpetuity."

The possibility of a name change led the folks in Random Acts Of, D, an improv comedy troupe with members from Lee and Charlotte counties, to fire up their knack for the zany and witty. Cape Coral resident and troupe leader Jim Griswold shared some of their suggestions with Florida Weekly.

Here are a few of their just for fun suggestions:

- Fuzzy Zoeller Went Here College, a reference to a professional golfer who

attended the school.

- McCollege
- The College Formerly Known as Edison

Meanwhile, folks at the college will continue seriously exploring the issue.

Nearby precedents

At least two colleges on Florida's west coast have changed their names to honor extremely generous benefactors.

Earl and Thelma Hodges gave \$12 million to International College in 2007 and it is now known as Hodges University.

Way back in 1971, drug store tycoon Jack Eckerd gave \$12.5 million to Florida Presbyterian College in St. Petersburg. In 1972, the school was renamed Eckerd College.

While both Hodges and Eckerd are private institutions, it's important to note that Edison is publicly owned school.

Nevertheless, is there an extraordinarily generous patron out there willing to bestow a huge sum on the college? Is a name change to honor such a person possible?

"I haven't heard that," Mr. Lupe said. ■

"I don't support the name change. I don't see anything wrong with Edison."

— Jim Corsica, Naples resident

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Florida State University, Edison State College and more, proved to be a valuable part of the learning experience for the young students.



skills and prepare students for college entrance.

For high school students, the course specifically focuses on preparing them for the ACT, a national college admissions exam of English, math and reading skills. The students in the program range from eighth-graders who want preparation before taking the test to seniors who want to improve their scores.

Patricia Rizo, manager of program services and operations for TIF, said the Summer Academy courses meet and challenge the students' desire to excel.

Launched by TIF four years ago, the academy focuses on the skills students will need to succeed on test day and beyond. In its first year, TIF contracted with Sylvan Learning Center. The next two years, teachers and peer tutors from The Community School of Naples were involved. This year, 19 college tutors from TIF's College Success program were recruited to assist the instructors and provide a glimpse into college life. The tutors, who came from universities including Florida Gulf Coast University,

The tutors had to apply for the positions, undergo interviews and fill out paperwork as the tutoring job was not one to be taken lightly. The majority of Immokalee High students take the ACT as their college entrance exam, and most colleges desire a score of at least 20 out of a possible 36.

"The higher the score, the more potential opportunities for our students, so it's important that they are given the tools, skills and motivation necessary to succeed in ACT testing, secondary education and beyond," Ms. Rizo said.

To help achieve that goal, the tutors joined instructors Amanda Lehrian, an English professor with Edison State College; and Taylor Graham, a math professor from the Rhodora J. Donahue Academy of Ave Maria University.

Before beginning instruction, the Immokalee High students took the ACT prep test in math and were divided into groups based on their scores. The English class was instructed similar to a college course, giving participants a taste of university life. Instruction packets, ACT prep books and online resources were



used so that TIF students were constantly challenged, assessed and able to explore new learning techniques. The students repeated the ACT at the end of the experience. Many of the students improved in the areas in which they were struggling.

Ms. Rizo said she is impressed by the determination of those in attendance. "We see motivated students who are investing in their future by giving up part of their summer to be in the classroom. The students are learning and having fun at the same time. Our hope is that they walk away with a plan for their future and an ACT score that will help get them there," she said.

The Immokalee Foundation has a

range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary training, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences, life-skills development and economic independence. To learn more about TIF, the Charity Classic Celebration, volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

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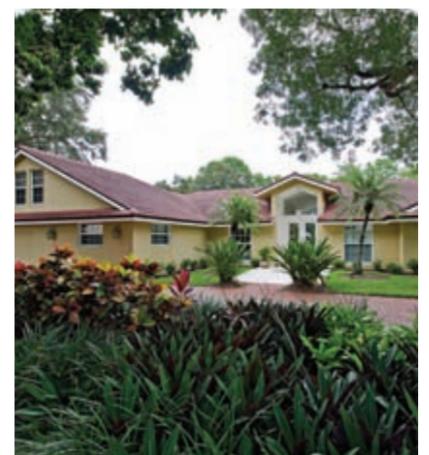
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Competing for business at the Car wash

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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Driving west on Pine Island Road, you see the sign — a dog in a tub soaking in a bubble bath. The caricatured pooch rests in a clawfoot tub, no less. Drive a little closer and the luxurious vision comes into focus: A dog wash, next to a motorcycle wash, boosting the curb appeal of the traditional car wash out back.

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MONEY & INVESTING

Money beliefs rooted in childhood experiences



Positive behaviors dealing with money are a critical element in forming healthy relationships with our spouses, loved ones, children and even the relationship with ourselves.

Conversely, negative money behaviors can wreak havoc in any relationship. As noted previously in this column, money issues are the number one reason for divorce. Obviously, a couple's incompatibility in their spending and saving habits can be a core problem in their relationship.

Often other money issues can be just as damaging and prevalent in a marriage or other form of relationship, including loving money more than a spouse or loved one; staying in a marriage or other form of relationship that once began as love, yet now has dissipated into merely a contract/commitment; growing and maintaining a relationship so as to accrue financial benefit. These examples are so old that you can find many of these themes in the book of Genesis.

Too often, couples enter into marriage before even identifying their respective money behaviors. Others do run a mental note about their partner's behaviors, but then labeled them as needing to be changed in the future. But possibly more important than pinpointing differences in

money behaviors is identifying the money beliefs behind those behaviors. Those beliefs are likely entrenched and not easily changed, negotiated or recast.

A couple having matured beyond infatuation and considering a meaningful future should identify differences in money behaviors. A common problem is that one likes to save for the future and the other wants to build the biggest house, taking on moderate leverage. Discussions might lead to a dead end or it might turn into an argument. The couple becomes wrongly focused on what is the "right" money behavior.

The couple might want to understand that they are acting out their personalized "money scripts," a term coined by two psychologists who have studied core beliefs about money that drive adult financial behaviors. "Money scripts are typically unconscious behaviors, developed in childhood, passed down from generation to generation within families and cultures, contextually bound, and often only partial truths" (Klontz and Klontz 2009). Sometimes the scripts were developed in response to financial trauma... played out in a specific, short-lived crisis or an ongoing financial drama. "Money scripts can become resistant to change, even when they are self-destructive" (Klontz and Klontz 2009).

Researchers Brad and Ted Klontz identified four categories of money behavior; three are negative and one is positive. The three negative money beliefs are: money avoidance (e.g., believing that money is bad, the rich are greedy or don't deserve money); money status (e.g., believing that

their self-worth is tied to their net worth/possessions); and money worship (e.g., believing that money brings happiness and solves all problems) Collectively, these belief patterns are associated with lower levels of net worth, lower income and higher amounts of revolving credit. Unfortunately, many of these beliefs are well accepted and not shunned.

Also, unfortunately, the one money belief that creates good money behavior is often labeled as an unattractive personality trait. Money vigilance is manifested in: "frugality, discreetness, and anxiety about money." These traits appear to be "protective factors against poor financial health and destructive financial behaviors." However, caution needs to be taken to avoid excessive frugality, wariness and anxiety that might prevent someone from enjoying his life... and forming new relationships as he might view the relationship as a money risk; undertaking new business ventures as they might be too risky; and allocating time away from the task of wealth creation for leisure, for good health or for good relationships.

The study found that money scripts have a common thread: how a person remembers a childhood financial trauma. For instance, if an event happens in childhood in which the family was "saved" from a financial disaster, the adult might remember it as an example that money solves everything and there is nothing about which to worry. If the family narrowly escaped calamity, then the adult might have an attitude of vigilance. Gender, race and education are factors irrelevant to the

money script; what counts is the emotional reaction to the childhood trauma.

Of what practical value is the information from this study?

It would seem that if you want healthy money behaviors, then you want to be money vigilant; that you will want to have relationships with like-minded adults; and that you will want to raise children who are money vigilant.

Most couples find themselves in a relationship with a person with differing money behaviors and should try to spend more time to understand the beliefs behind their behavior. For instance, a spouse trying to get the other person to be vigilant with her finances might face an impossible task if the other person experienced childhood traumas that resulted in dislike of money (and she can't talk about money or its importance) or that resulted in money filling a need for status (as she must own big houses, fancy cars and designer clothes).

But before you jump the gun and label someone's money behaviors as bad, take some time and consider his or her childhood experiences and the belief system that these experiences engendered. Furthermore, financial advisors might consider getting to know their clients' money beliefs as such beliefs will determine an investment plan's suitability in relation to the client's psyche. ■

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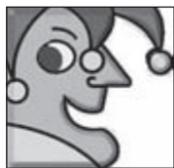
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Many of us should pay more attention to commission costs when buying and selling stocks, and some of us should pay less attention.

Those who trade only a few times a year can pay relatively little attention to commission costs. Everyone else should aim to not pay too high a percentage of an investment for the commission. For example, imagine that you invest \$150 in shares of Bright Idea Light Bulb Co. (ticker: UREKA), and you pay a \$20 commission. Divide \$20 by \$150 and you'll get 0.13, or 13 percent. That means you've invested \$150, but at the same time you forfeited 13 percent of that value in commissions. If the shares rose 13 percent in the first year, you'd barely break even, instead of realizing a significant gain.

It's worse if you're more of a speculator than an investor, buying and selling frequently. In that case, you might invest the \$150, pay \$20, and then pay \$20 again soon after, when you sell the shares. You'd have forked over \$40 on a \$150 investment!

Aim to keep your commission costs at 2 percent or less per trade, if possible. If your brokerage charges \$20, then try to invest at least \$1,000 each time you buy stock. (Multiply the commission by 50 to see what it's 2 percent of.) If your brokerage charges \$8, your minimum would be \$400. You can always save up money until you have enough.

If you're like many people, though, the idea of waiting until you've gathered \$1,000 is discouraging. Fear not — you have options. For starters, you can switch to a less pricey brokerage. Some charge just \$5 or less. Learn more at broker.fool.com and sec.gov/answers/openaccount.htm. Remember to evaluate factors other than commission costs, too, such as fees, services, accessibility and customer service.

You can also invest small sums regularly through direct investing plans (Drips), which let you buy stock directly through companies, bypassing brokerages altogether. Many major companies offer Drips. Learn more at directinvesting.com and dripinvestor.com. ■

My Smartest Investment

Corrections and Recoveries

Back in 1994, I was growing impatient, waiting for the go-ahead to invest from the financial experts I followed in the media. The experts claimed the market was excessively overvalued and had to break soon with a correction. The Dow was in the 3,700 range. Late that year I said "the heck with it" and transferred everything in my retirement account at work into stocks. As you know, I did quite well after that. Best of all, I could lose it all tomorrow and it wouldn't change my lifestyle one iota.

— Bill R., Long Branch, N.J.

The Fool Responds: Be wary of experts' predictions. The market has been whacked by several corrections since 1994, but it has kept recovering and growing. The Dow hit 11,000 in 1999, and then dropped near 7,000 in 2002. It then hit 14,000 in 2007 and then touched 6,500 in 2009. It has recently been above 15,000. Clearly, stocks can be volatile, which is why they should be off-limits for short-term money. But if you have many years in which your money can grow and can tolerate some risk, consider stocks.



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](mailto:TheMotleyFool@fool.com) 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!

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a 1971 coffee, tea and spice store in Seattle's Pike Place Market. Today, based in Seattle, I'm the world's top roaster and retailer of specialty coffees, overseeing more than 18,000 stores in 62 countries. I'm socially responsible, using ethical sourcing for my beans. I offered health benefits to eligible full-and part-timers beginning in 1988 and stock options in 1991. My stock has averaged more than 20 percent annual growth over the past 20 years. My CEO joined me in 1982 and 2008. My name may conjure thoughts of Moby Dick. Who am I? (Answer: Starbucks) ■



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Finding Filings Online

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— H.W., Binghamton, N.Y.

Many financial websites offer access to these filings in their stock data offerings. For example, enter a ticker symbol at caps.fool.com and then click on the "SEC Filings" tab.

You can also go right to the SEC itself, at sec.gov — click on "Filings." It's smart to look up annual 10-K and quarterly 10-Q reports, as they can tell you a lot about a company.

Some stocks I've held for a short period soared, nearly tripling, but then fell back, giving me just a doubling. Should I have sold when I had a significant gain and re-bought when the price dropped? Or just waited, hoping to gain in the long run?

— E.C., Shenandoah, Iowa

Well, if you ever know for sure that a stock has peaked and will fall, then definitely sell. The only problem is that we never know exactly what a stock is going to do in the short run. And it's hard to be exact about the long run, too.

Think about it this way: When you buy a stock, you should have an idea of the degree to which it's undervalued. Ideally, you'll have an estimate in mind of its intrinsic value. If the stock surges well beyond that, then sell, because it's more likely to fall than rise from that point.

If a stock keeps rising within reason and the company remains healthy and growing, then over time its intrinsic value can rise, too. Consider just hanging on for the long term.

You can use measures such as P/E (price-to-earnings) ratios as rough guides to value, buying low and selling high.

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a Baltimore room and cellar in 1889. My first products included root beer, fruit syrups, juices and flavoring extracts. My motto was "Make the Best — Someone Will Buy It." Today I'm a global leader in spices, herbs, seasonings, specialty foods and flavors, serving the food industry. My brands include my own name (which is my founder's name), as well as Zatarain's, OLD BAY,



Simply Asia, Thai Kitchen, El Guapo, Kitchen Basics and Lawry's. My stock has grown by an annual average of 12.5 percent over the past 20 years. Who am I? ■

The Motley Fool Take

The Growing Mouse

Disney (NYSE: DIS) stock has surged more than 30 percent over the past year and has averaged annual growth of about 15 percent over the past 30 years. With its stock near an all-time high and the company sporting a market value above \$110 billion, is it too late to join the party? Probably not.

Naysayers may point to the company's box-office flop in "The Lone Ranger," but that's more than offset by the success of "Iron Man 3" and Pixar's "Monsters University" — and Disney stands to make a lot more money from its newly acquired "Star Wars" and Marvel assets. Disney is a powerhouse on the small screen, too, with ESPN, and it's getting into console gaming with its

new Disney Infinity offering.

Meanwhile, parks and resorts are Disney's second-biggest business and its fastest-growing segment. Attendance has been growing faster at international parks than domestic ones, and developing economies hold a lot of potential park visitors. Disney has regularly hiked its park prices, enjoying strong brand power.

Through its blockbuster pictures, expanding presence in the video game industry and dominance in parks and resorts, Disney is likely to keep prospering in the near, and far, future. It's hard to argue that Disney stock is cheap with a P/E ratio near 20, but sometimes you have to pay up for a great company. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitor Bureau. Call 262-

6376 or go to www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five event from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, onboard the Marco Princess. \$5 for members, \$10 for others (cash bar). Call 394-7549, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual trade show, "Oh the Places We'll Go," on Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course. For information about sponsorships and exhibits, e-mail Rachel Bowden at Rachel@napleschamber.org. ■

CAR WASH

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include a pre-soak, high-pressure soap, foaming brush, wheel and tire cleaner, spot-free rinse and a clear coat protectant. Downtowner owners say there are only three of its kind in the country.

The car wash conveyor takes vehicles through a theatrical 140-foot tunnel. Three projections — the Downtowner logo, a dog in a tub and a smiley face — move across windshields like a movie. LED lights make the hot lava wax look like a lava flow traversed the hood of your car and left it scalding clean.

“We’ve had customers say going through our car wash is like going to Disney World,” owner Troy Montpetit says. Singling out that customer comment shows the evolution of the car wash.



MONPETIT

The business has moved from manual to whimsical, from sponge-in-bucket to la-di-da decadent in order to attract today’s clientele.

Mr. Montpetit is a third-generation car wash owner. He opened the Downtowner full service car wash on Del Prado in August 2006. The location has become known for its greeting cards and squirt guns. Patrons park at the Burger King next door just to run in and buy an outrageously funny birthday card. Squirt guns stand ready for children to squirt cars mid-wash as they go passing by.

“When it comes to a car wash, it’s not just one big thing, it’s a lot of little things. That’s where we feel we separate ourselves from our competition,” Mr. Montpetit says. “It’s all in the little details. We want customers to feel we value their hard-earned dollar.”

And at his latest venture, the Pine Island Downtowner Express which just opened in July, it’s all about the technology. Mr. Montpetit has incorporated a rooftop rainwater catchment system, along with other environmentally friendly innovations.

“You use less water at a car wash than you do washing your car in your driveway at home,” Mr. Montpetit says.

Eric Wulf, CEO of the International Carwash Association, concurs. “Car washes use 40 gallons or less of freshwater per cycle,” he says over a phone call from Chicago. “That’s less than the standard home washing machine uses per cycle. That’s less than five minutes of running your hose at home.”

The industry keeps up

Mr. Wulf says the car wash industry grew up around the auto industry, dating back to Model T days. But the business really took off in the ‘40s and ‘50s after the war, when automobile ownership went mainstream. More automobiles meant more dirty automobiles, which meant more need for the car wash.

As far as the new amenities car washes are offering to attract business, Mr. Wulf says, “Look at restaurants. You’ve got fast food and fine dining. Car washes are no different.”

Bryan Santiago, manager of Personal Touch Express Car Wash in Port Charlotte, says car wash success still rests on that ageless principal of making the customer happy. He interrupts his phone interview to void out a sale. A customer forgot to use his coupon. He reimburses him, then rings him up again.

“We make the people who come here happy so they want to come back,” he



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The new Downtowner Express features bays for washing cars, motorcycles and dogs. Top right: John Decker bathes his dog Cali.

says. “We give them the best service we can, fast as we can. We try to make their car look like new, better than they could ever imagine.”

Personal Touch patrons can enjoy the free Wi-Fi while they wait. The Port Charlotte location services an average of 250-300 cars a day. On good days, it services 400 cars. Even in the rush to crank out clean cars fast, Mr. Santiago says no attention to detail is lost.

“It’s all done by machine,” he says of the conveyor car wash. “We get you in, we prep your car as quick as possible. It’s all a procedure. As long as we follow procedure, there are no flaws ... Business runs like a machine because it is a machine. The machine gets the job done right.”

Customers at Neapolitan Car Wash in Naples can speed up the process by becoming VIP members. VIP members go through the VIP lane, meaning they move up to the front of the line. Amid the sound of vacuums and squeegee bottles, a manager estimates that Neapolitan services 20-30 cars an hour off-season, 50-60 cars an hour during season. “And we hand dry every car,” adds a cashier.

Neapolitan accepts competitors’ coupons and rewashes cars within 48 hours for any reason, come rain or shine.

Eager Beaver Car Wash in Fort Myers tries to connect with its customers straight from hello, says Joseph Solis, director of marketing for Wash Depot Holdings, the largest car wash company in the country and Eager Beaver’s parent company.

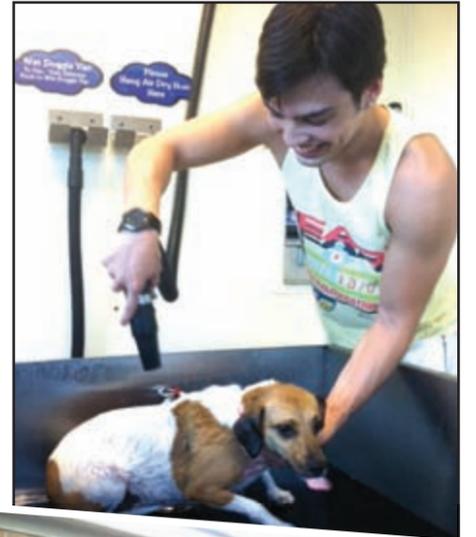
“The Eager Beaver team asks each and every customer specific questions about their clean car needs,” Mr. Solis

writes in an e-mail. “At the end of the service, a member of the management team personally inspects each vehicle, ensuring customer requests are met.”

The most popular service at Eager Beaver would be the “Combo Clean,” which includes a wash, towel dry, interior vacuum, window washing, interior dusting, underbody wash, triple foam UV protectant, tire shine and rim cleaning.

Beyond the customer, Eager Beaver extends care to the community.

“Annually, the car washes donate proceeds from the sale of their wash book program to Warfighter Sports, a sports rehabilitation program that benefits



severely wounded service members from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict,” Mr. Solis says of their Sarasota, Venice and Fort Myers locations. “They also provide free car washes to police and fire personal on Sept. 11 and free washes to veterans and active military personnel on Veterans Day. Additionally, they sponsor an annual fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.” ■

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Steve Collins, Angie Lang, Georgia Hiller, Erica Jones, Grady McCarthy, Jon Kassolis, Robert Lyons, Andrew Gibson, Jeff Wampler, Linda Cartwright and Thomas Flaherty at the Tide grand opening.

Week honoring farmers markets marked locally

The Indoor Farmer's Market & Emporium will give away a reusable, eco-friendly shopping tote bag to the first 450 customers (one per family) to celebrate National Farmers Market Week when the market opens at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10.

Totes will be weighed at the exit and any tote weighing in that day with more than 10 pounds of produce will be entered to win a \$100 gift certificate valid on a return visit to the market, said manager Laura Sloat.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack proclaimed Aug. 4-10 as National Farmers Market Week.

Ms. Sloat said that since 2000, when the USDA first proclaimed National Farmers Market Week, the number of recorded farmers markets has grown more than 170 percent, from 2,863 in 2000 to more than 7,800 in 2012.

She cites a recent Department of Agriculture report that community farmers markets are more popular today than ever because growing numbers of consumers are interested in buying their

products locally.

"We recognize that smart consumers want to improve their diet with fresh fruits and vegetables, while providing economic viability and enhancing the quality of products that create the market experience," Ms. Sloat said.

The Indoor Farmer's Market is comprised of 40 Southwest Florida businesses offering year-round, emporium-style shopping in comfortable air conditioning. It's at the northwest corner of Airport-Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads, Unit 190 in the Shoppes at Vanderbilt Shopping Center in North Naples. Open noon to 6 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, the market includes a Happy Hour Art Walk, featuring live music and local artists, from 4 to 6 p.m. every Friday.

For more information, contact Ms. Sloat at 273-2350 or ltoals30@gmail.com. The Indoor Market also supports a local page at Shoppes at Vanderbilt Farmers Market on Facebook with information on vendors, special events, useful information and promotional activities. ■

Here comes the bridal show Aug. 18 at Germain Arena

Planning a wedding? Looking for the perfect dress, flowers, invitations, venue, wedding cake, photographer and everything else you need to ensure that perfect day? Let the National Association of Wedding Professionals help you.

From 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, the NAWP is staging Bridal Blast 2013, Southwest Florida's largest bridal show, at Germain Arena in Estero. Brides can register for free admission at www.bridalblast.com

Showcasing Southwest Florida's top wedding professionals, the event lets customers shop, browse, preview and get valuable insight and advice on today's hottest wedding trends. Sample gourmet cuisine, wedding cake and chocolates; hear great music; see spectacular table decor and the latest bridal fashions; and take advantage of money-saving show specials. Enjoy a fashion show featuring the latest fashions for both the bride and groom and be eligible to win many great prizes.

Have fun while discovering the best options to make your dream wedding come true.

Vendors categories include: bridal fashions for both the bride and groom, photographers and videographers, planners, florists, officiates, bakeries and caterers, accommodations, health and beauty services, favors, reception and ceremony sites including resorts and country clubs, music and entertainment, travel, limousines and valet services, rentals, invitations, jewelry, gift registry, wedding consultants and planners and more.

The NAWP was founded in 1989 by a group of merchants as a not-for-profit organization for businesses that service the wedding industry. While recognizing the importance of high standards and professional image, its goal is to create, promote and maintain integrity among its members and the community. There are Naples and Fort Myers chapters in Southwest Florida. ■

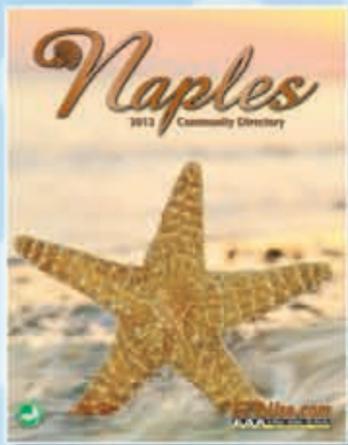
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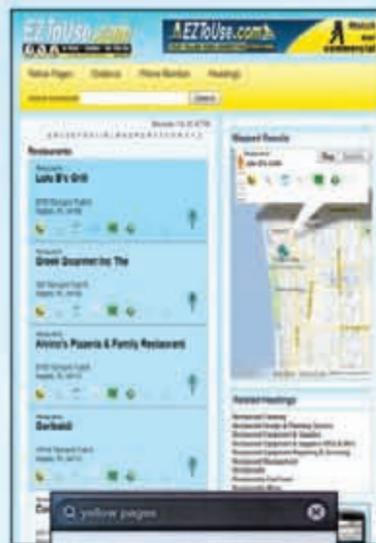
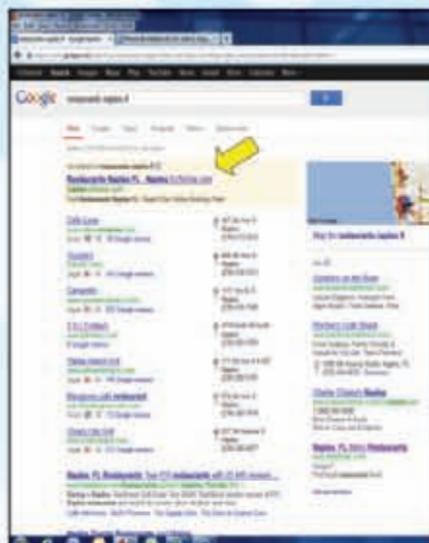


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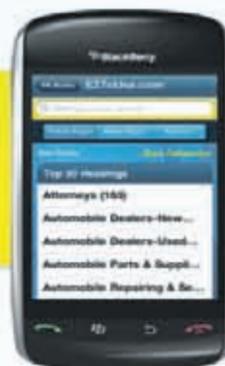
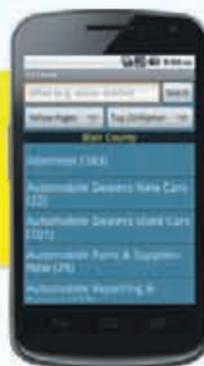
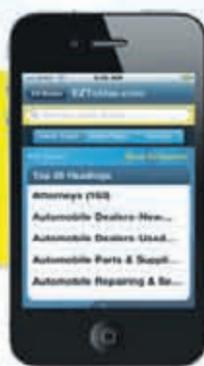
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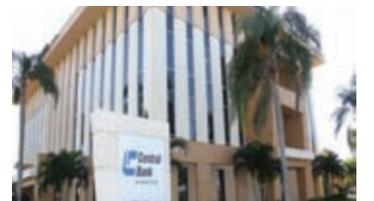
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What \$850,000 will buy in SWFL

2821 SOUTHWEST 50TH TERRACE, CAPE CORAL



This beautiful custom-built home is on an oversized lot along the 240-foot wide Nageles Canal, close to Cape Harbour. Built in 2012, the gulf-access home features 2,850 square feet of living area, including four bedrooms and three bathrooms. The master bathroom has dual vanities, walk-in shower and soaking tub. The private guest wing includes two bedrooms, two bathrooms and separate air-conditioning zone. The home has an open floor plan, travertine tile throughout, impact/wind-rated windows, 12-foot ceilings in the great room and a fireplace. The kitchen features wood cabinets, granite counters and stainless appliances. The lanai has an outdoor kitchen, bathroom access, and custom-designed heated pool with infinity edge and spa. The dock has a 10,000-pound canopy-covered lift. With a three-car garage, the home is listed for \$849,000. Contact listing agent Lynne Berry of Sun Country Realty of Florida Inc. in North Fort Myers at (239) 292-7228. ■

2015 JAMAICA WAY, PUNTA GORDA



This stunning waterfront home is in Punta Gorda Isles, offering quick sailboat access to Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico. The pool home boasts 3,956 square feet of living space, with four bedrooms and 3½ bathrooms. All the bedrooms have wood floors and walk-in closets. The second-floor master bathroom has dual sinks, jetted tub and separate walk-in shower. One guest bathroom has a shower, while the second features a tub and shower combination. A half bathroom is off the library. The family room has a tile floor and wet bar, and the library has a fireplace. The well-appointed kitchen includes a large dining area, granite counters and ample cabinet space. With a newly painted exterior, the residence has vaulted ceilings, pocket doors, plantation and hurricane shutters and new air-conditioning unit. The home has a concrete dock and seawall and oversized two-car garage. The home is listed for \$850,000. Contact listing agent Jerry Hayes of RE/MAX Anchor of Marina Park at (941) 456-1155. ■

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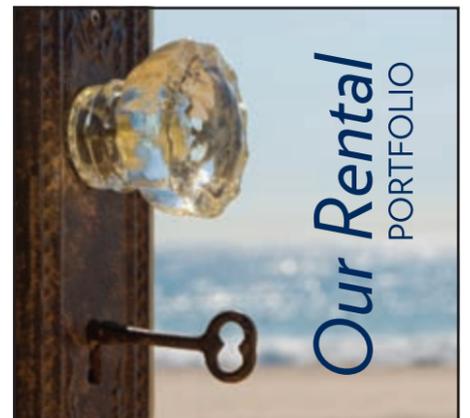


This completed renovated home is in the Mahogany Bend subdivision of the Wyndemere development. Designer detailed, the pool home offers 3,573 square feet of living space with three bedrooms, den and 4½ bathrooms. The gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, two disposals and spacious breakfast bar and breakfast area. The living area includes custom-designed cathedral ceilings etched from foyer to pool and oversized marble flooring. Soaring ceilings and large windows provide ample natural light and expansive views of the golf course. Other interior touches are custom mirrors, window coverings and French doors. The home has a two-car garage. Among the community amenities are an infinity pool, 27-hole golf course, restaurant/bar, tennis courts, fitness room and spa. The home is listed at \$849,900. Contact listing agent Michelle D'Agostino of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Naples at (239) 216-2743. ■

10021 NORTHRIDGE COURT, BONITA SPRINGS



This attractive two-story home is in the Northridge subdivision of Shadow Wood at The Brooks. Located on a cul-de-sac, it offers breathtaking views of a sprawling lake with fountain and wooded area. The home of 3,593 square feet of living space has three bedrooms, three full bathrooms and two half bathrooms. A master suite, second bedroom and den are on the first floor. The third bedroom and loft are on the upper floor. The spacious kitchen has rich cabinetry with crown molding, granite countertops and built-in stainless/panel appliances. The living room includes two sets of French doors and a built-in entertainment center that opens to the formal dining room surrounded with archways and columns. The family room features a gas fireplace and zero-edge corner sliders that open to the paver lanai with built-in buffet bar and built-in summer kitchen off the living room. The L-shaped lanai has a pool and custom floor beds. The home is listed at \$850,000. Contact listing agent D. Michael Burke of Keller Williams Elite Realty in Bonita Springs at (239) 498-7600. ■



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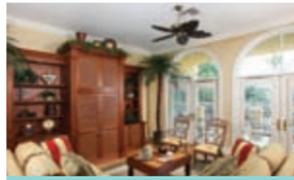
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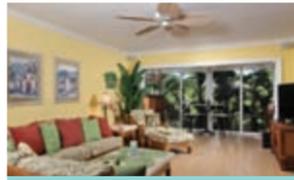
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Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614
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Provence #1101
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
premiersir.com/id/212013826 \$2,295,000



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4790 Whispering Pine Way
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premiersir.com/id/SEIG0709131HE \$2,295,000



PARK SHORE

Park Plaza #1903
Susan Barton 239.860.1412
premiersir.com/id/213003931 \$2,095,000



PARK SHORE

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Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614
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Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939
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PARK SHORE

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Joe Garabed 239.571.5700
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PARK SHORE

Allegro #7C
Marlene Suarez 239.290.0585
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775 Parkview Lane
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Polly Himmel 239.290.3910
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Angela R. Allen 239.825.8494
premiersir.com/id/210038630 \$215,000



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Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973
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premiersir.com/id/213015266 \$1,050,000



GREY OAKS

3145 Dahlia Way
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GREY OAKS

1516 Marsh Wren Lane
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premiersir.com/id/213000667 \$1,805,000



GREY OAKS

1331 Noble Heron Way
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premiersir.com/id/212034983 \$1,800,000



GREY OAKS

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GREY OAKS

1253 Gordon River Trail
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GREY OAKS

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Fahada Saad 239.595.8500
premiersir.com/id/212034025 \$1,150,000



GREY OAKS

1234 Gordon River Trail
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7050 Sandalwood Lane
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Heidi Deen 239.370.5388
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WYNDEMERE

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premiersir.com/id/213022930 \$725,000



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122 Mahogany Drive
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WYNDEMERE

910 Wyndemere Way
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NAPLES HERITAGE

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Cheryl Turner 239.250.3311
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VANDERBILT BEACH

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premiersir.com/id/213005745 \$1,339,000



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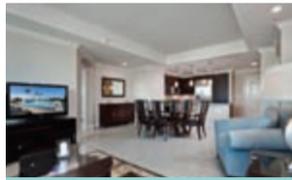
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MERCATO

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MARCO ISLAND

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MARCO ISLAND

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MARCO ISLAND

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Sandpiper #501
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Duchess #605
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1955 Sheffield Avenue
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premiersir.com/id/213015139 \$679,000



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600 Blackmore Court
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545
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Dave Flowers 239.404.0493
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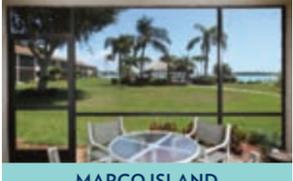
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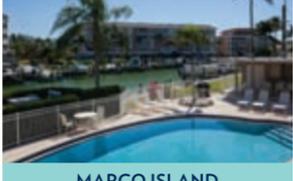
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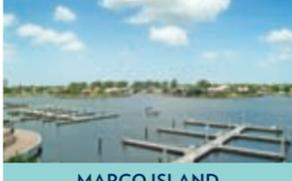
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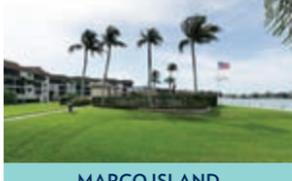
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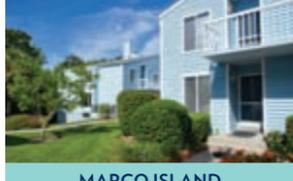
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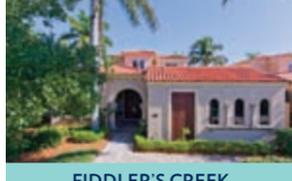
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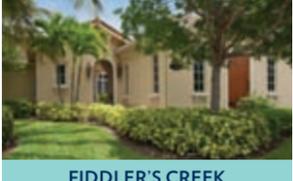
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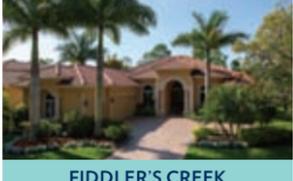
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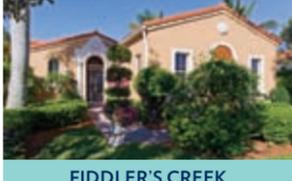
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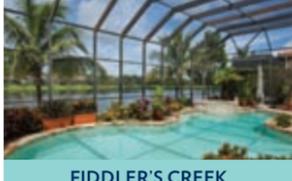
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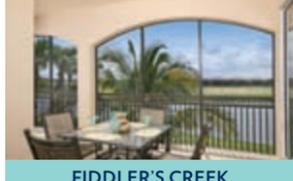
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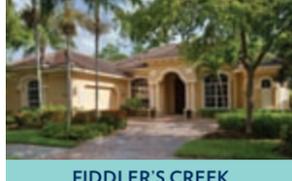
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Serena #201
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FIDDLER'S CREEK

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8967 Cherry Oaks Trail
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premiersir.com/id/213020607 \$197,000



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Whisper Trace #103
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Captiva Bay Villas #2
Jean Baer 239.691.9249
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Shorewood #3-B
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premiersir.com/id/212039132 \$999,000



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FORT MYERS

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CAPE CORAL

3530 17th Avenue SW
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FORT MYERS BEACH

Sanibel View Villas #2110
Denise Chambre 239.247.2868
premiersir.com/id/213005013 \$165,000



GREY OAKS



- Grand Isle Toscana 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
 - \$4,995,000 MLS 212038463
 - Lauren & Mike Taranto 239.572.3078

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

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

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
 - 1 Acre +/- Estate Lots Gated w/Preserve Area
 - \$2,295,000 MLS 213003435
 - Roger Stening 239.770.4707

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 BAY



- Pelican Bay**
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
 - 3-Story Villa, High End Finishes
 - Tropical Garden & Private Pool
 - Wonderful Amenities
 - \$1,000,000 MLS 213000158
 - Martinovich & Nulf 239.398-3929

BAYFRONT



- Bayfront**
- 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

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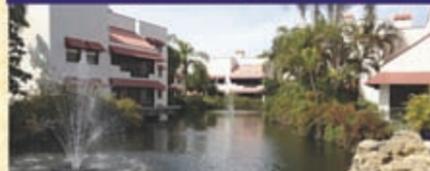
- Vanderbilt Country Club**
- Carlisle Model Southern Exposure Estate Home
 - Custom Pool w/Waterfall, Premium Lot
 - Kitchen & Master Bath Remodeled
 - Gold Included w/Purchase
 - \$614,900 MLS 213020855
 - Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

PELICAN MARSH



- Pelican Marsh**
- 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

PELICAN BAY



- Pelican Bay**
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, ALL Very Spacious
 - 25' Ceiling, Peaceful Water Views
 - 2,000 S.F. Of Living Space & Furnished
 - Walk To Private Beach, The Phil & Waterside
 - \$470,000 MLS 212036583
 - Marya Doonan 239.450.4000

PELICAN BAY



- San Marino**
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo
 - Glass Enclosed Lanai w/Golf Course View
 - Walk To Beach, Near Shopping & Restaurants
 - Community Pool, Tennis & Fitness
 - \$445,000 MLS 213012159
 - Kathleen Mahoney 239.404.0677

VANDERBILT BEACH



- 11116 Gulfshore Dr #103**
- Beautifully Updated, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - Sunset Views From Screened Lanai
 - Boat Docks Available For Purchase or Lease
 - Across From Vanderbilt Beach
 - \$399,800 MLS 213014932
 - Annette Villano 239.248.6798

COQUINA SANDS



- Surfside Club**
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 880 Sq. Ft.
 - 1st Floor, Steps To The Sand, Gulf Side
 - Furnished, Tile Throughout
 - Upgraded Kitchen, Granite, Tile Backsplash
 - \$399,500 MLS 213021473
 - Ginny Nobbe 239.218.0025

EDENBRIDGE GARDENS



- Bonita Springs**
- Completely Remodeled 3 Bed/ 3 Bath/ Family Room
 - Beautiful Landscaped & Water View
 - Only 3 Miles to Beaches, Minutes to Shopping
 - Furnishings Negotiable
 - \$305,000 MLS 213019924
 - Vahle Team 239.450.7805

PALOMA



- Bonita Springs**
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, Furnished w/ Lake View
 - Extended Lanai w/ Heated Pool, Pool Shower, Privacy Wall
 - Granite, Marble Backsplash, Raised Panel Cabinets, 2 Car Garage
 - Built in Bar, Walk in Closets, Wood, Tile & Carpet Floors
 - \$289,500 MLS 213021910
 - Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

PELICAN PRESERVE



- Fort Myers**
- Waterfront View Across Lake & Golf Course
 - Unique Interior - 50's Diner / Elvis' Blue Hawaii
 - Newer Stainless Steel Appliances & HVAC
 - Hot Tub/ Extended Lanai/ Many Upgrades!
 - \$179,000 MLS 213021415
 - Jamie Lienhardt 239.565.4268

HIGHLAND WOODS



- St. Andrews Verandas**
- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Bath Condo
 - Turnkey Furnished
 - Beautiful Golf Course & Lake Views
 - 2 Screened in Lanais
 - \$180,000 MLS 213002435
 - Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455

OYSTER BAY



- Oyster Bay**
- 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath
 - Remodeled Waterfront Condo
 - Community Pool, Extra Storage
 - Boat Dock Available, Direct Gulf Access
 - \$145,000 MLS 213021005
 - Liz Appling 239.272.7201

PALM RIVER



- First Floor Condo**
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - 16 Residence Intimate Community
 - Close To Beaches, Shopping & Dining
 - Ideal Winter Getaway or Great Rental
 - \$125,000 MLS 213013397
 - Frank Dekevich 239.877.4193



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PARK SHORE



Entertainers Delight on the Water

- 3 Bedrooms, 3.5-Baths
- 140' on the Water & Wide Bay Views
- Fabulous Backyard w/Pool and Tiki Bar
- Boat Dock Accommodates a 30' Boat
- \$2,800,000 MLS 212021154
- Steve Suddeth & Jennifer Nicolai 239.784.0693

MEDITERRA



Magnificent Estate Home

- 4 Bedroom +Den, 4 Full & 1 Half Baths
- Impact Glass, Electric Shutters & Screens
- Outdoor Living Room w/Fireplace
- Private Lush Homesite
- \$2,649,999 MLS 213000934
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.565.2139

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

BONITA BAY



Spring Ridge

- Fabulous 4 Bedroom + Den, 4 Full & 3 Half Baths
- Breathtaking Lanai, SE Exposure, Lake & Golf Views
- Custom Quality, Volume Ceilings Throughout
- Marble Floors, Fireplaces, Great Outdoor Living
- \$2,450,000 MLS 211521698
- Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

MEDITERRA



Mediterra

- 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths
- Lake & Golf Course Views
- State-Of-The-Art Gourmet Kitchen
- Designer Decorated & Custom Renovated
- \$995,000 MLS 213003368
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.5717

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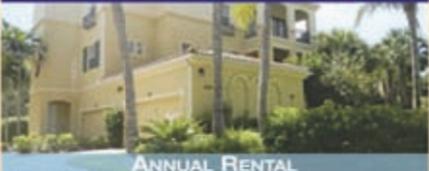
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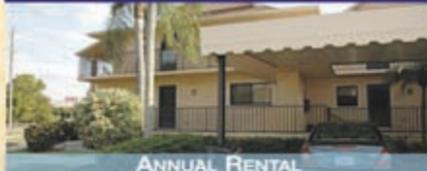


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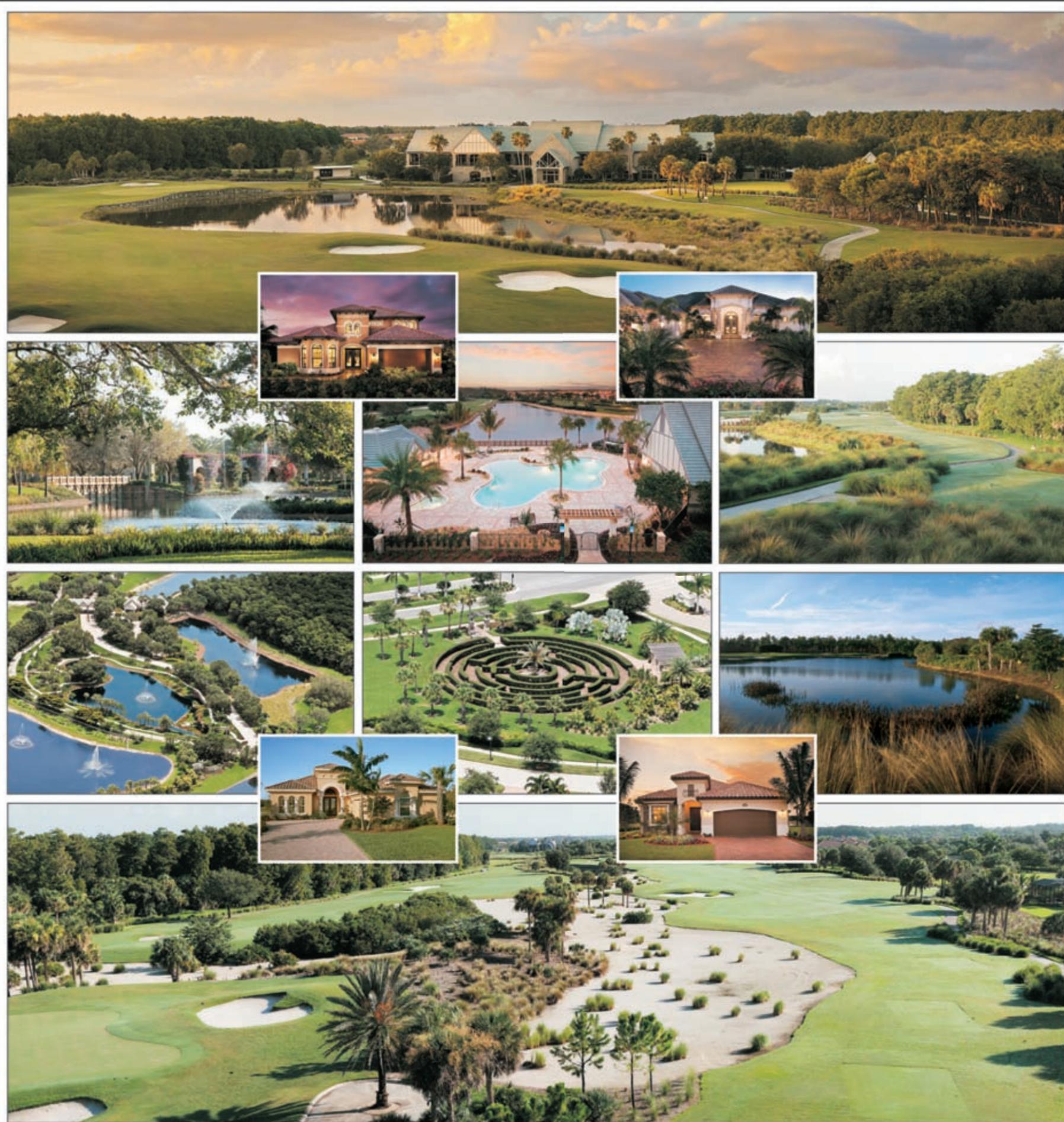


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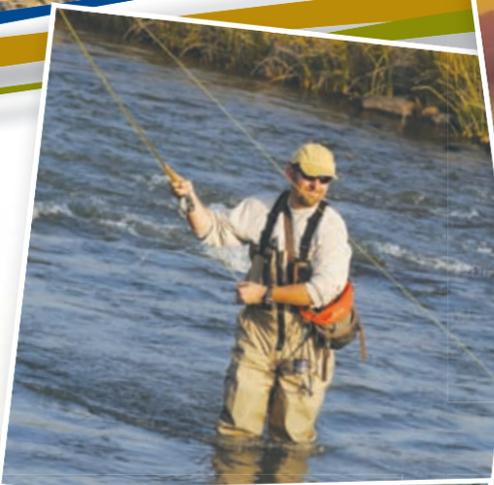
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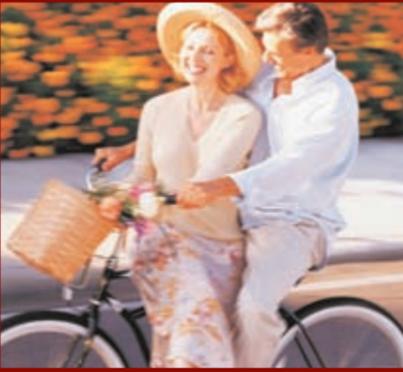
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The San Antonio, Texas, firm is only the fourth U.S. company to be honored since the inception of the awards program in 2006. Lake|Flato was previously named Architecture Firm of the Year in 2004 by the American Institute of Architects.

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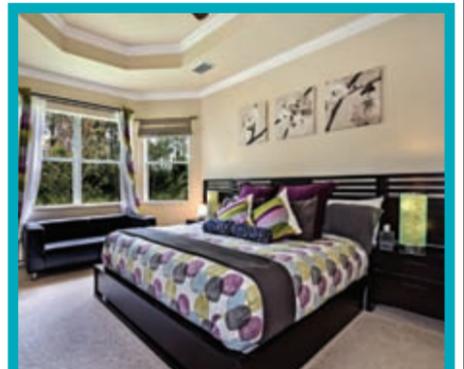
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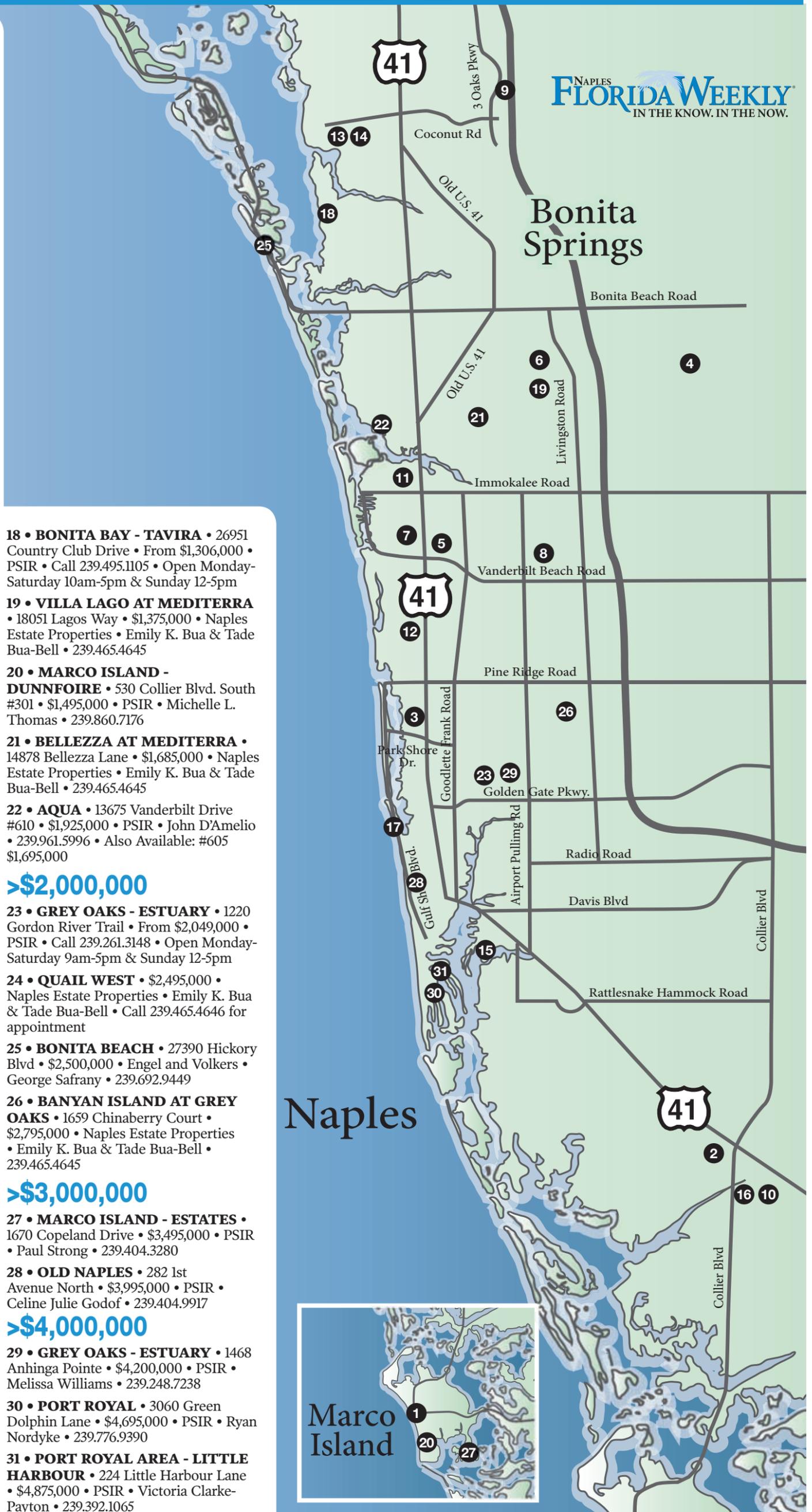
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Memphis photographer Nell Dickerson captures the essence of canines, porches and the South



Porch Dogs

BY NANCY STETSON

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SITTING ON A FRONT PORCH IS AS SOUTHERN AS sipping iced tea or eating sweet potato pie.

But while air conditioning has lured most people inside, dogs carry on the tradition, says Memphis photographer Nell Dickerson.

They lounge in the sun, snooze on porch swings, laze on front steps or plop themselves down on the welcome mat, genially guarding the front door.

SEE PORCH, C4 ►

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1. Biscuit, a male Jack Russell terrier, in Memphis, Tenn.

2. Dixie, a female West Highland white terrier, in Memphis, Tenn.

3. Red, a male redbone coonhound, in Benoit, Miss.

4. Daisy, a female springer spaniel, on Sullivan's Island, S.C.

Get to the keyboard: *Florida Weekly's* Writing Challenge returns

"Writing is easy. All you do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead."

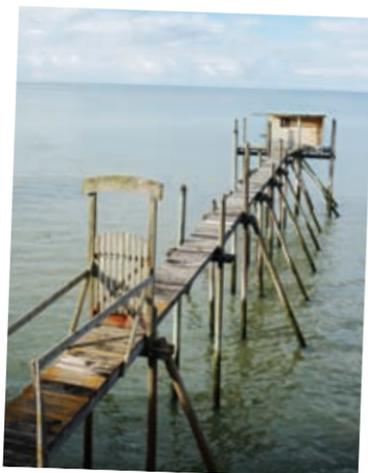
— Gene Fowler

Florida Weekly's writing challenge, where we ask you to turn a blank page into an enthralling story, has returned. While we appreciate just how excruciating that process can be, we've done some work to help the creative juices flow.

Using this photo as a starting point for your creative process, we'd like you to come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. There is no minimum length.

Florida Weekly will accept your original

stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Aug. 24. E-mail them to writing@floridaweekly.com and we will print the best submissions on these very pages. No "snail mail" copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission. Feel free to include a headshot of yourself. The earlier we receive your submission, the better your shot



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We'll continue with various heats of the competition in the coming months. Two winners selected by our editorial staff will win a ticket each to the eighth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference in November. Thanks for writing and good luck. ■

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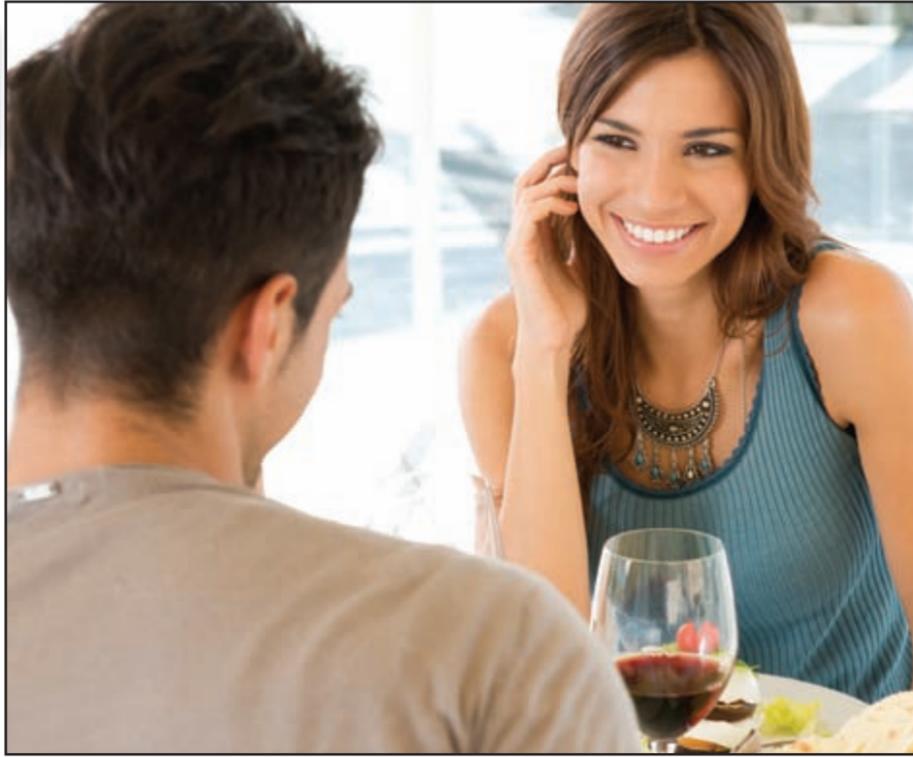
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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

They're on to us, ladies



The morning after a big night out I met my friend Susie for brunch. She was breathless with excitement.

"I met an amazing man last night," she told me over French toast. "I think he really likes me. When he first saw me at the bar he turned to his friend and said, 'I just met the woman I'm going to marry.'"

Susie glowed as she spoke, and I was glad for her. But the more she said the clearer it became that the best part about this guy was the compliment he'd paid her. For someone like Susie, who is in her early 30s and has never been married, who craves a husband more than anything, it would never occur to her that a man might toss out a line like that flippantly, the way other men might tell a woman she has nice shoes.

In fact, it felt exactly like that to me: a line. The sort of thing a man might have tried once and realized it was a winner. Susie talked about this guy all through brunch and into the next week, but when we made it to the following weekend and he still

hadn't called, the answer was clear. She wasn't the woman he was going to marry, after all.

After decades of throwing out bad lines and getting nowhere, men are finally on to us. It's as if the collective male unconscious realized at

once what women really want to hear. While generic come-ons might make a woman feel desired, they don't make her feel valued. But a man who says he wants to marry us? He's tapped into the heart of things.

I had to laugh when even Bruno

Mars jumped on the proverbial bandwagon. Here's a man whose typical song has a chorus line that runs "Your sex takes me to paradise" suddenly singing, "I think I wanna marry you." Whenever the song comes on at the grocery store or the shopping mall, I'd swear that every young woman within the listening vicinity swoons. The pop music machine knows how to crank out hits and whatever songwriter came up with that one struck feminine gold. Who needs another "Hey Sexy Lady" when we can talk matrimony instead?

I knew that men everywhere must have figured this out when I got a message from an old high school boyfriend this week, a man who blew it 10 years ago and has been trying to woo me back ever since. I like to think he has a good heart but otherwise his marriageable qualities are nil. So I was surprised when he wrote me this e-mail, a simple one-liner that packed a significant punch:

"Not that you would say yes but I would marry you." I had to read the message twice. The first time because I was in shock and the second because I was laughing so hard. When all his other lines failed, he turned to this new standby in the male repertoire. For a moment I felt a twinge of something like attraction, but then I remembered — it was only a line. ■

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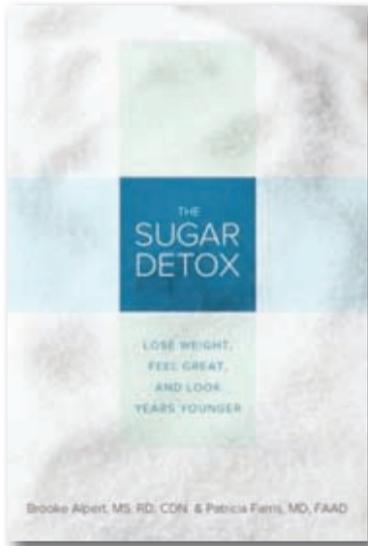
'The Sugar Detox: Lose Weight, Feel Great, and Look Years Younger'

By Brooke Alpert, RD, CDN, and Patricia Farris, MD, FAAD (Da Capo, \$24.99)

REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

Minimizing the sugar in your diet is not as easy as you might think. Sugar appears in almost every food product in the local supermarket — even in foods we consider healthy such as bread, fruit and dairy. A diet high in sugar doesn't just affect weight, it can trigger premature aging, an increased risk of diabetes, atherosclerosis, heart disease and even cataracts, according to dietitian Brooke Alpert and Dr. Patricia Farris.

They have devised a comprehensive, one-month plan to wean readers of their sugar cravings. It starts with a three-day Sugar Fix, followed by a three-day cold-turkey sugar elimination period that helps recalibrate our taste buds. There is also a three-day Skin Fix to counteract sugar-related skin damage. After the initial cleanse, there is a four-week schedule of menu plans,



including 50 recipes, to re-educate ourselves about which foods to eat and which ones to eliminate.

Many people consume sugar for an energy boost, and then deal with the inevitable crash that follows. According to the authors, the best way to keep energy levels up is to keep your blood sugars stable and avoid the highs and lows of a sugar high. If you follow their plan, you can replace a candy bar with a healthy dose of lean proteins, veggies and whole grains, all guaranteed to keep you energized throughout the day.

Put another way, put down that candy bar and pick up a carrot.

It's also important to avoid artificial sugars since they often contain fructose, an ingredient that promotes unhealthy belly fat and increases the risk for insulin-resistance, diabetes and heart disease.

"The Sugar Detox" is a sensible approach, and the bottom line is that eliminating sugar is one of the best ways to improve general health. ■

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PORCH

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Like their humans used to, they sit on the front porch and watch the world pass by.

With her camera, Ms. Dickerson has captured canines in their natural environment and assembled them in her book "Porch Dogs" (\$29.95, John F. Blair, Publisher).

"There are a lot of dog books out there," she acknowledges, "but this one is special. Most dog books are photos of dogs in a studio, a humanized portrait of a dog. But mine are environmental portraits of dogs, capturing the dog on the dog's terms."

In the photos the dogs sit in red wagons or on white wicker furniture or peer out from behind majestic white pillars. Many look as if they're one second away from wagging their tails in welcome. (And the homes — many from the 1800s and 1700s — look equally inviting.)

Besides dogs on porches, Ms. Dickerson's photos also include dogs on docks, dogs in yards, dogs in front of shops, dogs on benches and swings and dogs underneath porches.

"The premise is, a dog will make a porch out of anything," she says. "It's an architectural term to us. To a dog, it represents a place of sanctuary and home. It's a territorial imperative. A dog will make a porch out of anything."

There's even a photo of a dog lounging on a miniature sofa in an art gallery in Natchez, Miss., the gallery's glass walls making Butters, a six-year-old mixed breed, look as if he's living in a modern glass house designed by Philip Johnson.

Her photos, Ms. Dickerson says, tell a story.

"We're Southerners, we communicate through stories," she says. "These pictures are manifestations of those stories. What informs my work is the preservation of Southern culture, that's the underlying theme."

She worked on this book while working on her previous one, pub-



Nell Dickerson

COURTESY PHOTO

lished in 2011: "Gone: A Photographic Plea for Preservation." "Gone," which includes a story by the late Shelby Foote, her cousin by marriage, highlights her photos of neglected and abandoned antebellum homes in the South.

Her dog photos were a combination of scheduled shoots and "random drive-bys," as she puts it. She estimates she drove more than 35,000 miles, hitting every state in the Southeast.

"I'd be out in the middle of absolutely nowhere, drive by, see a fabulous porch, and there'd usually be a fabulous dog with it," she says.

She'd stop her car and approach the owner, carrying her Yorkshire terrier, Teeny Baby, "a sweet, little non-threatening dog" in her arms. She'd show the owner some of her photos on her iPad.

"If they didn't shoot me, I'd explain what I was doing," she says. "Typically they lived in a historical home. People love to have their dog talked about: 'Oh, what a fabulous dog, so perfect for the book I'm doing.'"

"And I'd talk about their house. People who live in historical homes are a special breed of people, they're committed to history, and the preservation of something old... Usually once I showed them the photos, they'd go,

'OK,' and let me photograph the dog. Everyone signed a release."

Ms. Dickerson, whose work has appeared in online photo essays for *The New York Times* and *Garden & Gun* magazine, has had her dog portraits exhibited at Slow Exposures gallery in Georgia and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans.

She has a BA in anthropology, a BFA in film and a master's in architecture. While her biography says that she's "maintained a parallel career working on feature films in animation, lighting, art direction and set design," her photography incorporates all her areas of interest.

"I am a registered architect, and have worked as a preservation architect," she says, "and my first degree was in anthropology. That includes ethnographic photography, which is photography of living people, typically, but in my case, it was using dogs to capture a living culture."

She's very keen on preservation.

"Don't forget your own history, whether it's speaking Navajo or living in the South or coming from Russia. Whoever you are, don't disregard your own history, your own culture, the ancestors who define who you are today."

Eastern cultures honor their ancestors while those in western culture try to forget who they are, she says.

"Someone came over on the boat, that first generation wanted to blend in," she says. "Don't do that. Honor your ancestors, honor your parents, preserve your past. Don't forget where you came from. And by all means, pass it on to the next generation. Become your own archivist."

Included in "Porch Dogs" is a photo she took in 1976.

Shot on her grandparents' farm in the Mississippi Delta, it shows five sisters sitting in front of a green building. And on the porch, to the left, sits a dog.

"That's when it all began," she says.

It wasn't an intentional dog-on-a-porch shot, she says.

"It was just part of the integral unit of that family."

"There's always a dog on the porch in the South." ■

How to shoot your dog

BY NANCY STETSON

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Photographing a dog is easy.

All you need is patience and the willingness to enter their world, says photographer Nell Dickerson.

She shares three tips to shooting good pictures of dogs.

First of all, always get down on the dog's level.

"If it's an itty-bitty dog, then you have to get on your belly," she says.

Your eye, and the camera lens, need to be at the dog's eye-level.

"That's the secret of a good dog portrait," she says.

Second, if you're shooting an outdoor photo in August, in the south, your dog will likely be showing his or her tongue.

"Their tongues are just going to be hanging out," she warns. "You have to work with that."

To avoid that, most of the photos she took for her book, "Porch Dogs," were shot in the spring or fall, she reveals.

Third, have patience.

"The best photos are the ones where the dog doesn't even know you're there," she says. "You're just a chew toy on the porch."

That's the way to get good candid shots.

"The best portraits (happen) when I hang out on the porch, hang out with the dog. The dog sniffs my camera bag, sniffs me, and eventually ignores me. That's when I have permission from the dog to be part of its world, and that's when I get the best pictures," she says. "They just hang out in their own universe."

Taking a more formal portrait, with the dog posing, is another story.

"Some well-trained hunting dogs, if you tell them to sit, they will, they'll hold a pose for you," Ms. Dickerson says. "But you have to get their ears to stand up. Some dogs just have to have their ears up, because that shows intelligence in the dog's face, that it's alert."

A person standing directly behind the photographer's head can help; they can squeeze a squeak toy, or clap once, to get the dog's attention. (Clap twice, and they'll come to you, she says.)

"Do something totally out of context to surprise the dog," she suggests. "Sometimes I let out this primeval animal scream. That ticks the dog's ears up!"

But be ready to capture the moment, because it's only novel the first time.

"Usually, it only works once," she says. ■



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The Florida Weekly staff will choose the two top pictures and two winners will receive \$50 gift certificates to a local pet store. Winners will be announced on the website and their photos will appear in the paper.

Vodkanauts headlines free beachfront jazz concert Aug. 24

The 28th annual "SummerJazz on the Gulf" concert series continues at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 24, with a free concert by Vodkanauts.

The five-piece band will perform for the first time at SummerJazz. Set on the beachfront resort's picturesque Watkins Lawn overlooking the gulf, the popular concert series combines beautiful jazz music with gorgeous views of the water, striking sunsets, cool breezes and a relaxing atmosphere.

The free, family-friendly event is from 7-10 p.m. Hotel guests will receive complimentary parking at the resort. For those not staying at the resort, parking is available just north of the hotel at Lowdermilk Park, with parking complimentary for those with a Naples beach sticker, and free trolley service to the resort and back. Guests may bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating, but no outside food and beverage is allowed on resort grounds. Call 261-2222 for additional information and directions.

Vodkanauts consists of Jonathan Harris on vocals, John De Bellis on electric and acoustic bass guitars, Mark Warren on electric and acoustic guitars as well as vocals, Ryan Arsenault on keyboards and vocals, and Stan Arthur on drums and vocals. The band nicely blends jazz and rock with inventive arrangements of time-tested tunes delivered with showmanship and energy. For more information on the band, visit www.Vodkanauts.com.

The concert is sponsored by BSSW



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Vodkanauts.

Architects and D. Garrett Construction. "The crowd will love Vodkanauts," said Susan Savino, the resort's director of catering and conference services. "They are very talented, fun, and put on a great show."

This is the third concert in this year's SummerJazz concert series, which concludes Saturday, Sept. 21, with a free concert by The Betty Fox Band. The September concert is sponsored by Naples Global Advisors, Margaritaville Tequila, Sebastiani Wines and Don Rum.

Those interested in staying at the resort during "SummerJazz on the Gulf" weekends can contact the resort's reservations department for best available rates and packages by calling (800) 237-7600 or 261-2222, or online at www.NaplesBeachHotel.com. ■

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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.

■ **Red Herring** – A comedy by Michael Hollinger, presented by Theatre Conspiracy Aug. 9-24 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or info@theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **The House of Yes** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through Aug. 24. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Thursday, Aug. 8

■ **Master Gardener** – Expert gardener Mike Malloy welcomes questions about plant identification and problems and offers landscaping advice from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-1351 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Movie Matinee** – Catch a free screening of “Cross Creek” (1983), starring Mary Steenburgen, Rip Torn and Peter Coyote, at 1 p.m. at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **History Lesson** – Speaker Dan Moran discusses “The Planned Invasion of Japan” at The Holocaust Museum at 6 p.m. 263-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumsfwl.org.

■ **Cancer Benefit** – Fred’s Diner hosts a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society’s “Stick a Fork in Cancer” with entertainment by Boz N Bon, at 7:30 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Rd. 431-7928 or www.freddiner.com.

■ **Funny Guy** – Alonzo Bodden takes the stage tonight through Aug. 11 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.



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Friday, Aug. 9

■ **Documentary** – The Holocaust Museum hosts a screening of the documentary “World War II: Saving the Reality” at 12:30 p.m. 263-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumsfwl.org.

■ **Artist’s Reception** – The Art Council of SW Florida hosts an Artists Reception from 5-7 p.m. at its gallery in the Coconut Point mall. Light refreshments and wine will be served. www.artcouncilofsouthwestflorida.org.

■ **Rule the School** – Mercato hosts a Back to School Fashion Show with from 6-8 p.m. Activities include music with DJ Travis, Kid Zone with bounce house, face painting, raffles and more. www.mercatoshops.com.

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

■ **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.

■ **Live Music** – Triple Shot performs from 7-10 p.m. at the Old Marco Pub & Restaurant. 1105 Bald Eagle Dr., Marco Island. 642-9700 or www.oldmarcopub.com.

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

Saturday, Aug. 10

■ **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.

■ **Back-To-School Fashion** – The Coastland Mall hosts Teen Vogue Back-to-School from 1-5 p.m. Events include a fashion show, photo booth, and performance by “The Voice” season one singer Casey Weston. www.backtoschoolsaturday.com.

■ **Art, Music & More** – Mercato hosts Saturday Nights Alive from 6-9 p.m. with musicians, street performers and local artists Ray Gallo and Joel Shapses. www.mercatoshops.com.

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

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

■ **Party in Paradise** – Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts a Jimmy Buffett-themed summer bash from 2-6 p.m. Events include live music by the Jimmy Buffett tribute band The Caribbean Chillers, margaritas and more. (800) 218-0007 or www.seminolecasinoevents.com.

Sunday, Aug. 11

■ **Dog Days** – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes canines and their owners from 8-11 a.m. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Spirit of 45** – In celebration of National Spirit of 45, The Naples Concert Band performs at 7 p.m. at Lowdermilk Park, followed by a flyover by the Marco Island Civil Air Patrol and a ceremonial wreath at sea. 1301 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 793-6252.

■ **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, Aug. 12

■ **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.fredsiner.com.

■ **Movie Night** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of “Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown” at 7 p.m. 26100 Old 41 Rd. \$9. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 13

■ **NIFF Film Series** – The NIFF Film Society presents a screening and discussion of “The Station Agent” (R, 2003) at 7 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema. \$25/Person. www.silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – Mudbone performs from 8-11 p.m. tonight at Weekend Willie’s. 5310 Shirley Street. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

■ **Movie Time** – Catch a free screening of “My Pal Trigger” starting at 1 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.themih.org.

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Wednesday, Aug. 14

■ **Local Jam** - Artist/Songwriter Devon Meyers performs from 5-9 p.m. at Pelican Larry's. 1046 Pine Ridge Rd. 649-0800 or www.pelicanlarrys.com.

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

Coming up

■ **Movie Matinee** - Catch a free screening of "My Pal Trigger" (1946), starring Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Gabby Hayes, at 1 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Classic Piano** - Maestro James Gburek performs Aug. 19 at IBERIA Bank on Marco Island. The opening reception is from 6-7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Reservations required by Aug. 16. 605 Bald Eagle Dr., Marco Island. 403-5169.

■ **Movie on the Lawn** - Mercato hosts a free screening of "Skyfall" (PG-13) beginning at 8:15 p.m. Aug. 20. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **History Program** - The Collier County Museum presents the program "From Carnestown to Jerome: The Forgotten Ghost Towns of Collier County"

at 2 p.m. Aug 21. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Birds of Prey** - Steve Mutart discusses "Shorebirds & Birds of Prey" at 2 p.m. Aug 22 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Movie Matinee** - Catch a free screening of "Meet John Doe" (1941), starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck at 1 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Let's Rock** - The C'mon Golisano Children's Museum hosts a "Glowing" Back 2 School dance party for teens from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 24. \$10. 15080 Livingston Rd. 514-0084 or www.cmon.org.

■ **Summer Jazz** - The Naples Beach Hotel presents Vodkanauts as part of its "SummerJazz" concert series from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 24 on Watkins Lawn. Free. 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 261-2222 or www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

■ **Live Tunes** - Quincy Mumford & The Reason Why perform at South Street Bar & Grill Aug. 25. 1410 Pine Ridge Rd. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

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Tried and true and something new

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The powers that be at The Phil (sorry, I just can't call it by the atrocious Artis—Naples name) raised expectations when they gave their reasons for changing their name.

Part of their rationale for changing the name: They want to appeal to a younger audience, they explained, and the new name reflects the innovative, edgier programming they'll provide.

So the announcement of their 2013-14 season was much anticipated.

I must say, the new season brochure looks stunning.

The cover photo, especially — a shot of the Phil's indoor architectural elements, taken at an unusual angle — makes the venue look hipper than it ever has.

But then I opened the cover... and the season's offerings are definitely old school.

The names are familiar, because they've all appeared at the Phil in previous seasons: Lang Lang, America, Michael McDonald, Wynton Marsalis, Mandy Patinkin, The Peking Acrobats, Renee Fleming, Bonnie Raitt, Michael Feinstein, Tony Bennett.

All tried and true acts that have performed on the Phil stage in previous years.

In fact, I arbitrarily picked up a previous season's catalog to compare. It happened to be the 2011-12 season. I counted at least eight performers in the old catalog who are scheduled to perform this year again: Tony Bennett, Michael Feinstein, Wynton Marsalis, Steve Tyrell, The Irish Rovers, Michael McDonald, The Bronx Wanderers and John Pizzarelli.

Not only that, but this season's offerings seem a little sparse, with fewer performances.

I didn't see any listings for country acts on the main stage this year, nor are there many dance troupes booked. The cabaret series traditionally held in the Daniels Pavilion seems to have disappeared, and the Lifelong Learning options also seem to have been severely cut back.

That's not to say I'm not looking forward to seeing some returning acts. Bonnie Raitt was terrific when she last performed here, and she was so energized by the experience that she prom-



Tony Bennett, Michael McDonald and Lang Lang come to Artis—Naples this season.

ised to return.

Wynton Marsalis and his Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra are always a revelation when they play.

And Renee Fleming absolutely transported me when I first heard her sing at the Phil.

But where are all the acts for younger audiences?

Late night talk host/comedian Jay Leno is scheduled to appear.

The very fact that he's booked for the Phil, as opposed to someone such as Jon Stewart or Stephen Colbert, speaks volumes.

The Phil, like any arts venue, has the difficult task of pleasing their current patrons while appealing to — and trying to build — a younger audience.

But they haven't done that at all with this season's offerings.

Perhaps the edgiest act is The Indigo Girls — a popular lesbian duo — who are scheduled to perform with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

They should definitely draw a new audience to the venue, though I'm not sure it'll create an interest in the orchestra.) I suspect attendees will be much more interested in the Indigo Girls than in the orchestra playing on stage with them.)

A few months ago, the venue offended many of its loyal patrons by arbitrarily changing its name, then refusing to listen to those protesting it.

But this season's lineup, which is



indistinguishable from previous seasons, doesn't seem as if it'll attract a new generation of patrons.

My heavily-inked, music-loving hairdresser often drives to Miami, St. Petersburg, Tampa or Orlando, to see music. She loves indie music and rockabilly. She'll even fly to Chicago and Las Vegas to hear good music.

"So, anyone good coming to the Phil?" she asked me.

I thought about her musical tastes.

Then told her no.

The venue does have some interesting acts, but none that would appeal to her.

Something new

Theatre Conspiracy, in Fort Myers, recently held its annual fundraiser, allowing audiences to not only get a sneak peek at the venue's New Play Contest top three finalists, but to also vote on which one they want to see fully staged.

Attendees also received a free voucher for a ticket to see the winning play.

"All My Raisins In the Sun," by John Twomey, won. The play revolves around a group of teachers in a high school teachers' lounge; one is a former student who returns as a novice teacher.

The play, also a winner of the Neil Simon Festival New Play Contest, has funny one-liners, but also borders somewhat on TV sit-com territory.

I confess, it was not my favorite of the three. My attention wandered, and I found the characters clichéd and two-dimensional. I couldn't help feeling that we've seen these people before — the drama teacher who wants to be an actor; the sardonic, burned-out teacher; the bureaucratic, hard-nosed vice principal.

A fully-staged production, with sets and costumes, will open on Friday, Oct. 18.

The playwright will be available for a talk-back on opening night, and possibly after a second performance too, said producing artistic director Bill Taylor.

I was more intrigued by the two other finalists.

"Distant Neighbors" deals with the aftermath of a UFO crash-landing into the backyards of three neighbors. Written by Patrick Gabridge, the play manages to name-check Klingons, Star Wars and science fiction writer Isaac Asimov.

It was sweet and unusual, and I felt disappointed when the reading ended after its opening scenes, because I wanted to know what happens next.

"Jane the Plain," by August Schulenberg, has a cast of six teenagers who all attend the same high school. As in any high school, the students fall into their own cliques: Scotty the Hotty (the school's idolized football player), Jane the Plain (the good student with average looks), Lexi the Sexy.

Jane falls for Scotty and texts him a naked photo of herself, which he promptly shares.

The plot becomes more convoluted, with a mysterious glowing girl turning Jane beautiful, making everyone fall in love with her.

And Mr. Schulenberg's dialogue was lyrical and atypical (though I wished those doing the reading had taken more care with their enunciation).

But the audience, for some reason, went with the most conventional play.

Perhaps they could relate to office politics more than sexting and texting in high school.

Despite the outcome, it's always exciting to see excerpts from new plays at Theatre Conspiracy, a venue devoted to the odd, the quirky and the new. ■

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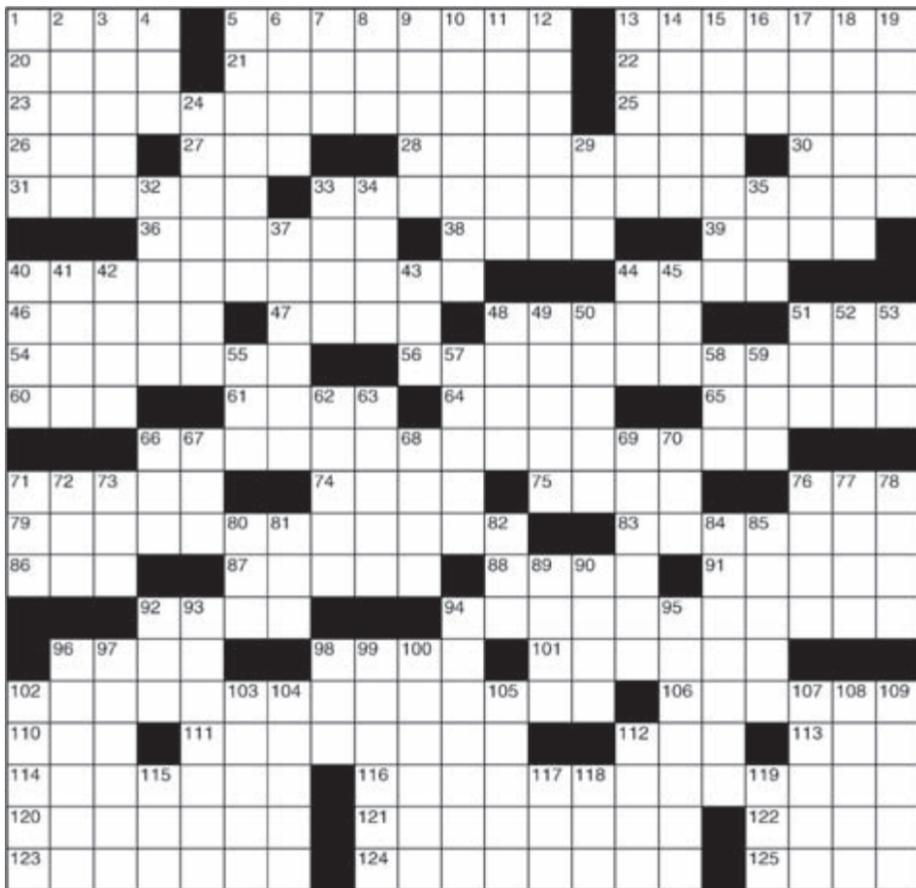
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 - 38 Actors Romero and Beatty
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 - 40 Beeline
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 - 46 In plain sight
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 - 51 Outrage
 - 54 Spicy sauce
 - 56 Sums of money paid before being earned
 - 60 USCG rank
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 - 86 Hooded snake
 - 87 Obsolete
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 - 114 Pooch-pulled vehicle
 - 116 "Canadiana Suite" jazz pianist
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 - 80 ER technique
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 - 85 "Nightmare" film loc.
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 - 96 Bribe money for a deejay
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 - 105 Wince, say
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 - 115 Feline pet
 - 117 It's between pi and sigma
 - 118 Buddy
 - 119 U.K. flying corns

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Some emerging matters could impede the Lion's progress in completing an important project. Best advice: Deal with them now, before they can create costly delays.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your aspect continues to favor an expanding vista. This could be a good time to make a career move, and taking an out-of-town job could be a good way to do it.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Disruptive family disputes need to be settled so that everyone can move on. Avoid assuming this burden alone, though. Ask for — no, demand — help with this problem.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Patience is called for as you await word on an important workplace situation. A personal circumstance, however, could benefit by your taking immediate action.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Don't lose confidence in yourself. Those doubters are likely to back off if you demand they show solid proof why they think your ideas won't work.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A temporary setback might cause the usually sure-footed Goat some unsettling moments. But keep going. The path ahead gets easier as you move forward.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** There's welcome news from the workplace. There also could be good

news involving a relationship that has long held a special meaning for you.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You might still need to cut some lingering ties to a situation that no longer has the appeal it once held. In the meantime, you can start to explore other opportunities.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Impatience with those who don't keep up with you can cause resistance, which, in turn, can lead to more delays. Best to be helpful and supportive if you want results.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A surprise announcement from a colleague could put you on the defensive. Gather your facts and respond. You'll soon find the situation shifting in your favor.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Time spent away from a project pays off with a new awareness of options you hadn't considered before. Weigh them carefully before deciding which to choose.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Consider confronting that personal conflict while there's still time to work things out. A delay can cause more problems. A longtime colleague might offer to mediate.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of what's right can inspire others if you remember not to push too hard to make your case. Moderation works best for you. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Here's how to gauge if you'll like "The Smurfs 2": The opening moments include references to "Smurf-ology" and "Franken-Smurf," and later there's discussion of the social media website "Smurf-book" and the music festival "Smurf-apalooza." If you think that's cheesy and dumb, stay home. If you think that's cute, you're sure to leave with a big Smurf-eating grin on your face.

The cotton candy-sweet sequel is obviously for kids but also appeals to adults, which is one of its many pleasant surprises. The story: Evil sorcerer Gargamel (Hank Azaria) can create "Naughties," which are pseudo-Smurfs that have a white-ish color. The two Naughties he has now, Vexy and Hackus (voices of Christina Ricci and J.B. Smoove, respectively), are a handful. Years ago Gargamel created Smurfette (voice of Katy Perry) as a Naughty, but Papa Smurf (voice of the late, great Jonathan Winters) concocted a secret formula to turn her into a true blue-blooded Smurf. Needing the Smurfs' "essence" to continue his world-famous illusionist act at the Paris Opera House, Gargamel kidnaps Smurfette and tries to force her to reveal the formula so he can make all the Smurfs he wants and have endless essence.

Of course, the Smurfs will not give up Smurfette without a fight. Papa Smurf, Clumsy (voice of Anton Yelchin), Vanity (voice of John Oliver) and Grouchy (voice of George Lopez) go to New York City to ask Patrick (Neil Patrick Harris), Grace (Jayma Mays) and Patrick's stepfather Victor (Brendan Gleeson) for help in rescuing Smurfette. Soon enough they're all in Paris, wreaking havoc with the Smurfs inexplicably never being seen by anyone outside the principal cast.

Unfathomable as it may seem given the kid-friendly content, "The Smurfs 2" also has some clever material for adults: Grace gets to do an Audrey Hepburn impersonation, and the Parisian landmarks will be a treat for anyone who's been there, particularly the opera house, from the depths of which Gargamel tries to turn his lost love/creation Smurfette into the daugh-

ter he wants her to be. You don't expect "Phantom of the Opera" elements in "The Smurfs 2," but there you have it.

What's more, silly puns and Smurfisms often tweak the funny bone. After Victor is turned into a duck, Vanity quips, "Victor, you look fowl." Later, Smurfette's sympathy with her captors is described as "Smurf-holm Syndrome." They're bad jokes, sure, but they're also good for a smile, even if the kids don't get it.

More impressively, director Raja Gosnell's story has substantial thematic layers that elevate the rest of the material. The dysfunctional relationship between Patrick and Victor nicely complements the issues Papa Smurf faces while help-



ing Smurfette, and the message of loyalty to those who raised you (rather than who birthed you) is a valuable lesson for youngsters to learn.

As opposed to the hand-drawn animation of the '80s TV "Smurfs" cartoon, the bright and clear 3D picture here provides a seamless blend of live action and CGI. Given the box office success of the first film and what's expected for "The Smurfs 2," these little blue cutie-pies are apparently here to stay. ■

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>> This was comedy legend Jonathan Winters' final performance before he died in April 2013.

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Old chair features innovative space-saving design



Some old pieces of dual-purpose furniture are so useful they should inspire new designs. One such famous design is a convertible “desk and chair” originally designed by Stephen Hedges of New York City in about 1854. The desk has an oval top and four legs. It opens and a chair with a rounded back swings out so it can be used to write at the half-round desk. It has drawers, a leather writing surface and casters on its legs. When not in use, the desk could be put back together and used as a plain table about 35 by 29 inches. The desk-chair was patented, but not for the design — just for the hinge mechanism.

About 17 of these desks are known, and several of them are in museums. But 19th-century “brown” furniture is not selling well to average collectors. One of these desks sold at a 1998 Christie’s auction for \$29,900. Neal Auction Co. of New Orleans sold one for just \$4,481 in November 2012.

Q: I have several crockery jars about 6 inches tall stamped “Weyman’s Snuff.” Can you tell me when they were made and what they’re worth?

A: George Weyman opened a tobacco

shop in Pittsburgh in 1822. He was the inventor of Copenhagen snuff. The company became Weyman & Bros. in 1870, so your jar was probably made before then. There were several changes in name and ownership until it became the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. in 2001. That company still is in business. Your Weyman’s Snuff jar is worth about \$25.

Q: My son inherited a cast-iron mechanical bank that has been in the family for five or six generations. I think it’s called a “Hoover bank.” It’s in the form of a man sitting in an office chair with one hand extended. When you put a coin in his hand, he puts it in his jacket pocket and nods his head. The bank has its original paint and has never been refurbished. We are curious about its value.

A: The design for your son’s mechanical bank, known as the “Tammany Bank,” was patented by John Hall of Watertown, Mass., in 1873. It also has been known as “Little Fat Man Bank” and “Boss Tweed.” Tammany Hall was a New York City political organization, and William “Boss” Tweed was its corrupt leader. He was jailed for embezzlement in 1873. J. & E. Stevens Co. of Cromwell, Conn., introduced the bank in 1875 and continued making it for about 45 years. Early versions of the bank did not include its name, but later banks were labeled “Tammany Bank” on the side of the chair. Both 1873 and 1875 patent dates can be



This piece of furniture can turn into a table or remain a rounded desk and chair. It sold for \$4,481 at a Neal Auction Co. sale last November. It was made by a New York City furniture craftsman in about 1854.

found on the bank. In most versions, the man is wearing gray pants. A rare version with brown pants sells for the highest price, \$500 to \$600. The bank is very popular and has been reproduced.

Tip: Don’t lean back on your bed’s headboard if you have wet or oily hair. You will damage the headboard’s finish. ■

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Naples Phil Youth Chorus has open auditions Sept. 7

Children and teens between the ages of 7 and 17 who love to sing are invited to audition for the Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus.

The chorus, which performs with the Naples Philharmonic, will have auditions Saturday, Sept. 7, for the 2013-14 season.

Those wishing to audition should prepare a song of their choosing no longer than two minutes that showcases their vocal talents. All auditions must be with piano accompaniment, not to recorded music or a cappella, and singers are asked to provide a copy for the Naples Philharmonic piano accompanist. Applicants will be asked to match pitch and,

depending on their musical background, could be asked to sight-read.

Auditions will be held in the administration building at Artis—Naples, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples (on the east side of the campus).

Under the direction of James Cochran, the Youth Chorus rehearses Saturday mornings with breaks that coincide with public school vacation schedules. Annual tuition for the Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus is \$125 with a one-time music fee of \$25. Some scholarships are available.

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The fifth annual NIFF is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 7-10. The opening night screening and gala take place at Artis—Naples; screenings of approximately 40 films will be held at Silverspot Cinema.

The Film Society of NIFF presents its next summer screening on Tuesday, Aug. 13, with "The Station Agent." The doors at Silverspot open at 6:30 p.m. for food and drink, and the screening will begin at 7 p.m.

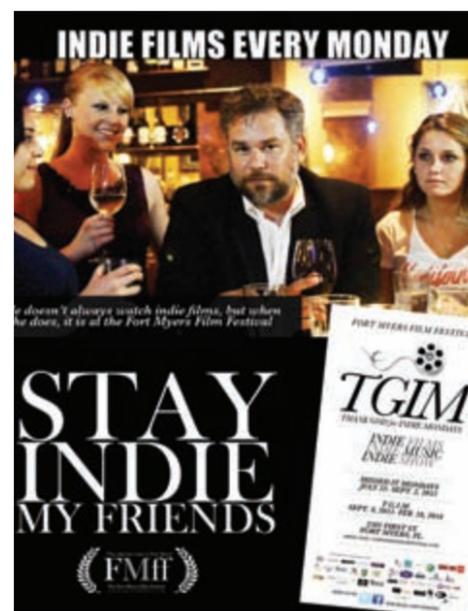
The summer series continues Sept. 10 with "Sunset Boulevard."

A discussion follows each screening. Tickets for \$25 include refreshments.

For more information about NIFF, call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com.

And in Fort Myers

The fourth annual Fort Myers Film Festival is set for Thursday-Monday, March 19-23, 2014. Films for consideration can be submitted online at www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.



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FMFF categories for 2014 are: features, documentaries, shorts, short shorts, student and "Strictly Local."

FMFF started its "Missed It Mondays" series on July 22. The six-week series brings back films from the 2013 festival. Screenings are at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 for happy half-hour) at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, downtown Fort Myers. Tickets are \$6.

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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 Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16-17, at The Norris Center. The plays are:

■ **"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 staged reading for "Point Last Seen" will take place at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

■ **"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 of "The Butcher" is set for 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.

For tickets to the staged readings or the upcoming season, call the box office at (866) 811-4111 or visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. ■

Naples Players add 'Black Tie' to 2014 lineup

The Naples Players have added A.R. Gurney's "Black Tie" to the 2013-14 season lineup.

Running Jan. 15-Feb. 8, this comedy centers around father of the groom Curtis, who tries to prove that a touch of class never goes out of style as he prepares to make a memorable toast at his only son's wedding rehearsal dinner. Cultures clash when Curtis' family urges him to stop living in the past and start embracing change. "Black Tie"

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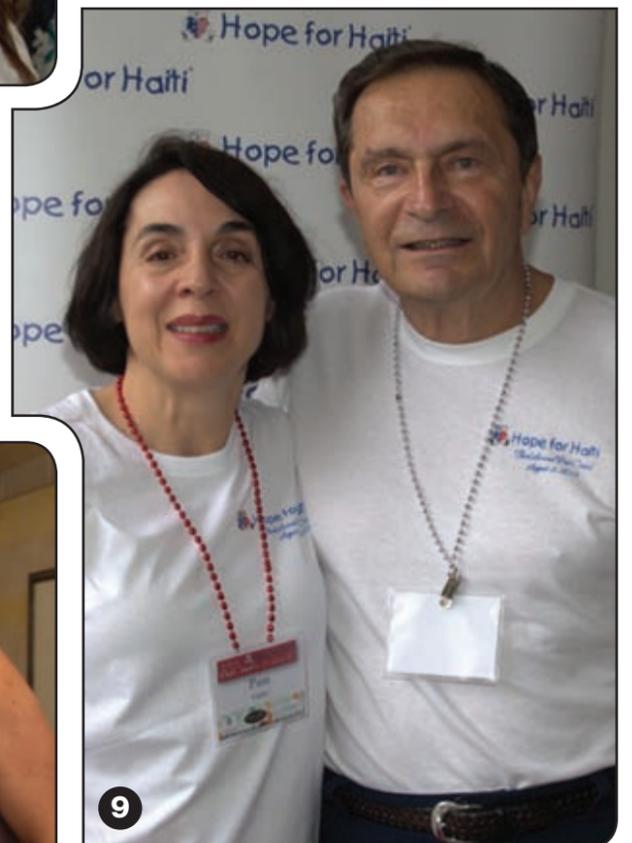
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VINO

What the flash is all about in online wine sales



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Wine flash sales sites — e-marketers that sell closeout wines in limited quantities, usually for deep discounts — are a lot like your local discount department store: You can't go there with a preconceived idea of what you want to buy. Instead, you have to be open to purchasing what's available on any given day.

For consumers who know their wines and what they typically sell for, there are bargains to be had.

Start by signing up with these online retailers to get their daily updates. Some of the popular and more reliable ones are: Cindarellawine.com, Lot18.com and WinesTilSoldOut.com.

The offerings are generally available in limited quantities and for short periods, but discounts can range from 25 percent to more than 40 percent per bottle; toss in free shipping on a multi-bottle purchase and you could save some serious money here.

Some of the offerings will be things you've never heard of before, but then there will be classics you'll know well. Recently, WinesTilSoldOut.com offered Silver Oaks Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 for \$59.99 per bottle (generally retailing for about \$70), and Lot18.com featured Le Gode Brunello di Montalcino 2007 at \$29.99 (typically priced at about \$50-\$54), both with free shipping if you buy enough.

Just like shopping around town, not everything is a bargain, despite what the site may say is the usual retail price. For example, one recent offering from Last-CallWines.com listed Simi Winery Sonoma Sauvignon Blanc 2012 at a featured price of \$12.99, a savings of \$7 from the "original" price, and free shipping on four or more bottles. It is available direct from Simi online at \$15 per bottle, and if you check local and online retailers you can find it for as little as \$9.99.

Consumers use flash wine sales sites looking for drastic discount prices so the same rules apply as in any marketplace: Buyer beware.

While consumers seem to be embracing these sites, what do winery owners think of them?

Recently, Wines & Vines, an industry magazine and website, sought opinions about the sites from wine executives. Responses ranged from "a necessary evil" to enthusiasm.

Jean-Charles Boisset, who owns DeLoach in Santa Rosa, Calif., and Raymond Vineyards in St. Helena, Calif., as well as his family's Boisset brands in France, is quoted saying, "Rather than viewing flash sites as a means to clear inventory or raise cash, our experience has been that they can be a valuable additional marketing tool to communicate winery messages, to reach a new and savvy consumer base, to expose consumers to wines they may not readily find at retail or through traditional distribution channels, and to be at the forefront of an innovative new sales channel."

Wines & Vines also quotes Lisa Goff,

vice president of marketing for the Crimson Wine Group, which owns Pine Ridge in Napa Valley, Archery Summit in Oregon and Chamisal Vineyards in the Edna Valley along California's Central Coast. Ms. Goff was more pessimistic, saying, "We sold some wines, but it's hard to track whether the customers bought more wine from us." As for whether the flash sales were financially worthwhile, she would only say, "The wholesale environment is competitive, too."

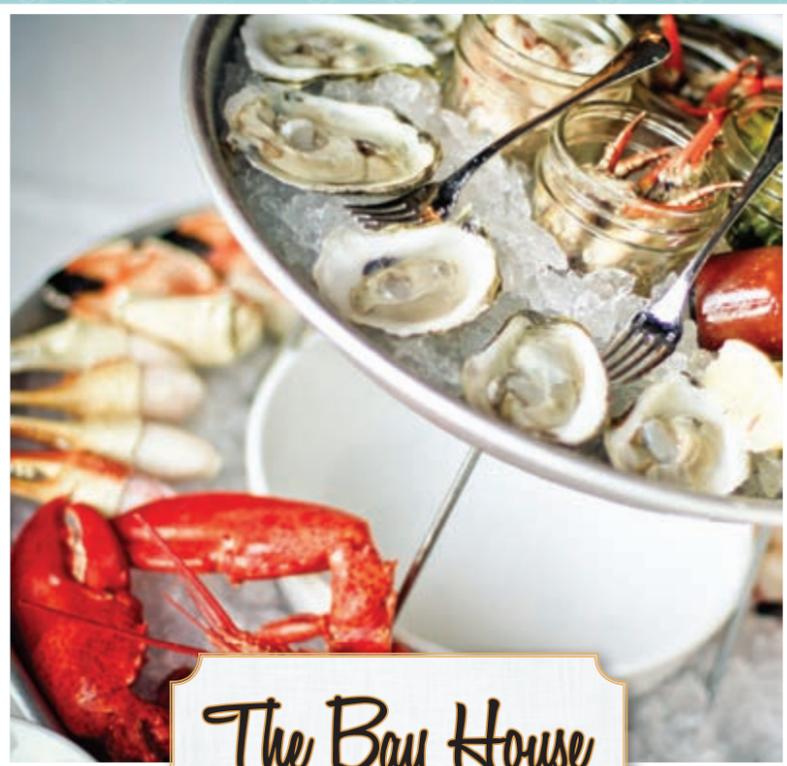
To give you an idea of what can be had, here are some recent offerings I found on some popular sites:

■ **Cindarellawine.com — Pujanza Hado Rioja 2009 Spain (\$14.99):** Wine Advocate, 90 points, "An alluring nose, particularly at this level, of fragrant spices, cedar, leather, lavender, black cherry, and blackberry..." Jay Miller, Wine Advocate.

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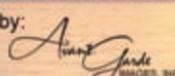
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Charlie Chiang's offers profusion of Asian favorites



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A first glance at Charlie Chiang's voluminous menu may make you want to charge back through the lobby, past the tranquil fountain and out the door. There's no denying that it's simply massive and can intimidate the first-time visitor.

But take a few deep calming breaths, order a sake (or other beverage of your choice), and focus on what you want. Sushi or cooked food? That decision alone will cut the choices in half.

After that, it should be easier. Beef or chicken? Pork or seafood? How about noodles? Or, if you're in a sushi sort of mood, pick a couple of rolls and a few bite-sized nigiri. See, it wasn't that hard after all.

Charlie Chiang's has been trying to be most things to all people for several years, serving a fairly extensive Chinese menu, a lot of sushi and a smattering of Thai fare. Over the years, I've had several good meals there although service has been hit or miss, especially during the tourist season when both the dining room and outdoor patio was packed with hungry customers.

But on this visit, the patio was closed and the dining room was not even half full, yet there were rough spots with both the food and the service. First off, although there were plenty of four tops available, the host seated us at one of the few tables for two in the room. I usually protest when this happens but the table wasn't quite as small as these typically are so we acquiesced. Nonetheless, it did prove tight once we had water glasses, a bottle of sake, sake glasses, plates, soy sauce and assorted other items on the small table.

Why cram people into small spaces when there's room to spare? It made even less sense when a woman and her young son were seated at the four top next to us just a few minutes later.

In an effort to try a bit of everything, we started off with soup — miso (\$1.95) and Hong Kong superior wonton soup (\$3.95).

The miso soup was warm but bland. We didn't eat it and the server didn't ask why.

The wonton soup, however, was excellent, with a fragrant chicken broth, tender-crisp greens, crunchy bits of green onions and plump, tasty wontons full of shrimp and pork.

Moving on to the sushi menu, two tuna nigiri (\$3 each) were just as they should be. From the specialty rolls, we tried the Mt Fuji (\$20), consisting of blue crab, avocado and cucumber topped with baked shrimp and scallops drizzled with mayonnaise. The seafood in this roll was fresh, but the presentation was visually bland, as was the flavor. Some colorful tobiko would have given it a bit of color while some spicy mayo would have sparked the flavor. We added some kick with a healthy dose of wasabi.

We've enjoyed the shiny slippery shrimp before so we ventured into new territory, ordering the lemongrass jumbo shrimp (\$20) this time. The menu indicated it was a spicy dish, describing it as shrimp coated in flour and ground lemongrass then fried and tossed with chopped red peppers and chili.

The shrimp were heavily breaded with only a faint lemongrass essence. There were some diced red peppers and what looked like diced jalapenos but there was no heat to this dish at all. The shrimp and peppers sat on a bed of white rice noodles, the type usually reserved for decoration, but in this case they were beneath the shrimp and pepper mixture so they became part of the dish. An unwelcome part. They have no flavor and added still more starch to the over breaded shrimp.

I liked the fact that you could order half a Peking duck (\$22). The half portion came with four pancakes and the requisite sides of cucumber, green onion and hoisin sauce. The duck was nicely brown but, on closer inspection, the skin was not crisp and there was a lot of fat. Although the meat had been cut up somewhat, it wasn't sliced off the bone, as is customary, so that the diner does not have to wrestle with it in order to put it in the pancake along with the green onions, cucumber and hoisin sauce. Cutting away the fat, then slic-



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Above: The Mt. Fuji roll contains blue crab, avocado and cucumber topped with shrimp, scallops and mayonnaise.



Far left: A half order of Peking duck is accompanied by pancakes, hoisin sauce, cucumber and green onions.



Left: Tuna sushi are fresh and served with tangy pickled ginger and wasabi.



Bottom left: For a sweet finish, the lemon torte is refreshing and not too sweet.

ing off pieces to place in the pancake proved to be far more work than I'd antici-

pated. I wouldn't order either of these dishes again.

Dinner concluded with a wedge of lemon torte (\$7), a short pastry with a not-too-sweet lemon filling topped with pine nuts, almonds, powdered sugar and a swoosh of whipped cream. This was a good, palate-cleansing ending to the meal.

Sure, it's summer and no one is quite as sharp as are in February and March. But this was a Saturday night. If there's a night to bring your A game to the table, this is it. The locals who spend money in restaurants year-round deserve it — perhaps even more than our winter visitors. ■

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As part of a dramatic whole condo makeover, PBS Construction applied a layer of luxury and functionality to its client's kitchen, resulting in a showplace that's also comfortable.

Makeover shocker

North Naples kitchen gets its groove back

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

When you see the before and after photos of this kitchen, it's hard to believe these two spaces are on the same planet, much less in the same house. The dramatic changes in this PBS Construction client's kitchen reflect the most extreme of makeovers — from downright depressing to super luxurious.

Russell Budd founded PBS Construction in 1986 and is a full-service residential builder and remodeler, although through the years, many commercial projects have been completed by his company as well. PBS is known as the area's "Concierge Builder," and it would have to be to take on a job like this unappetizing kitchen. On the remodeling side of things, and coordinating with design and construction professionals, it works with homeowners to arrive at solutions for problem rooms.

In the case of this makeover in St. Raphael in Pelican Bay, it was a whole condo renovation.

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feel that the client wanted," Mr. Budd said. "They felt it was too boxed in, so we opened up the kitchen so that the client could better interact with the family when in the kitchen."

There were several challenges that the contractor faced — and at the top of the list was working in the condo itself. Mr. Budd says it takes a great deal of coordination and communication when working in a condominium because there are so many limited-access issues, rules and regulations to follow. Given the type of project, Mr. Budd says they were able to relocate a few items then moved walls



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around to better suit the client's lifestyle. "We take great pride in working with the building management to establish a strong working rapport with them so that the project goes well, and the existing residents are inconvenienced minimally," he said.

But another plus is that many of Mr. Budd's clients are not in town when they perform renovations to the homes, so that greatly minimizes the inconvenience placed on the homeowner. "To effectively communicate the progress being made on their unit, we send pictures via email, use Skype and other tools to let them know of the events that are taking

place in their unit while they are away." Several key ingredients go into the perfect makeover — and Mr. Budd says chief among them are having goals for the makeover, lifestyle choices and getting the right team on the process.

"If you don't know where you're going, you won't know how to get there, and we find that our customers are sophisticated and worldly and understand the environment in which we're working," he said.

Although the whole condo experienced a renewed design, the kitchen in the St. Raphael makeover is alarmingly striking. Previously, the boxy space felt almost claustrophobic. The recessed ceiling screamed out of date, and despite a countertop bar, the kitchen didn't lend to a social atmosphere. The appliances were also unappealing, the colors dull and uninviting.

The new kitchen features a stunning hood, ultra-modern appliances, gorgeous cabinets and marble countertops, with additional accents throughout the space. The colors are sumptuous, making for a romantic kitchen that invites tasting and sharing.

A project of this size can be intimidating to homeowners, so for those revamping a project such as this condo kitchen, Mr. Budd has three tried and true tips.

"When making renovation decisions, make them with the way you plan on using the residence in mind, seasonal, full-time, entertaining, etc. — and your contractor should understand the 'why' behind your plans on making the changes you want done," Mr. Budd said. "Use someone who has a strong reputation of success, and ask them to share clients that they have worked for so you can contact them for a reference." ■

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BY KELLY MERRITT
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Beauty in the BATHROOM

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

In the interest of modesty, we at *Florida Weekly* don't have to "go there" in explaining why the bathroom is often neglected when homeowners decorate. But here in Naples, where décor reigns supreme and even the closet gets special treatment, some Neapolitans are uplifting the bathroom to new heights.

Naples neurologist Dr. Desmond Hussey and his wife, Jennifer, have a homestead balance that's a rarity in Naples. They live in Port Royal, but their home is always bustling with neighborhood kids and alive with foodies. They have a luxurious house, but it is anything but stuffy. The wine cellar would strike envy in any oenophile's heart (it has a rolling ladder, for goodness sake), but next to that cellar just outside is a state-of-the-art bar and pool table. It's not unusual to see someone paddling around in their infinity pool — in a kayak. And friends say theirs is the one house they'd pick more than all others as the perfect place to attend a party.

But it's the Husseys' bathroom that gets tongues wagging. They have done what many homeowners are doing to cast a spell on what's usually the most underwhelming room in the house: hiring artists. Uber faux finisher and artist PJ Hoover was the Husseys' choice, and their directions for bathroom décor were most unconventional.

"I said I didn't even want to go into the bathroom to look at it until it's done, and then I would see it — I just want it to be the party bathroom," Mrs. Hussey told Ms. Hoover when the artist asked what her client wanted for the space. "It was mostly PJ and I talking, and I just love her creativity, and this was an opportunity to have something else creative by PJ in the house."

Ms. Hoover had previously created murals and paintings for the couple's children. That trust factor allowed Ms. Hoover to explore several options and create something no other homeowner in the world has. For a month, Ms. Hoover locked away the space until it was ready for the Husseys to preview. Mrs. Hussey said they spent two hours in the space — looking up at the ceiling and around

"First, make budget the forefront of your mind — you need to know what your budget is to begin with and convey that to your contractors. Toilets can range from \$150 to \$6,000 with all the bells and whistles."

— Trisha Borges,
First Class Plumbing of Florida in Naples



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Bringing the outdoors in: artist PJ Hoover infused several outdoor elements into the Hussey's bathroom to create a natural feel.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Beautiful bathroom blues: designed by Michelle Weddle of Robb & Stucky, this swanky tub is part of a streamlined yet relaxed environment.

the room. There was so much detail, it was days before the Husseys picked up on everything Ms. Hoover had incorporated into the design.

“Their son was into Indiana Jones and exploring, so I created this cavern scene with the sky and pterodactyls, fossils, and incorporated him as an explorer into the scene,” Ms. Hoover said.

The Husseys’ bathroom has a shower and both a toilet and a urinal — making it a pit-stop paradise for busy little boys who need to get back in the pool.

“This was supposed to be the kids’ pool bathroom — but the grownups love it just as much,” Mrs. Hussey said.

The couple is also known for their festive nature, and at parties, people crowd into the bathroom to discover a scene that looks like it came out of an archaeological summer blockbuster.

“Jennifer loves to have something that makes people smile around her, and she is a very colorful person,” Ms. Hoover said about the bathroom assignment.

“When she said I had free range to do what I wanted as long as it made her smile and everyone would love it — that is every artist’s dream come true, when a client trusts you so much that they say do what you want to do.”

Ms. Hoover made her own stencils and incorporated 3D images into the design. She embedded shells and all sorts of other things into the foam that makes the design look so realistic, but to preserve the integrity of the walls, she designed the 3D elements to screw into the wall, rather than to be fastened by glue. She also used UV paint over the top of the holes so they wouldn’t show through and ruin the aesthetics.

Beside the sink, a primate looks towards the doorway. A giant fish presides between the shower and the commode. “Fossils” dot the walls, and it all culminates into a soaring skyscape — making the otherwise small bathroom look enormous.

The Husseys’ bathroom is one example of how homeowners and an artist can make a bathroom so



Clockwise from top: A whole condo remodel by PBS Construction includes opening up one bathroom to allow natural light from a bay window and making good use of limited space in an oddly shaped bathroom. Faux finish designer and artist P.J. Hoover with homeowner Jennifer Hussey have bonded over their shared love of Hoover’s original art, featured on this month’s LUXE cover.

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BATHROOMS

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unique, but elsewhere in Naples, it's all about bling and modernization. LUXE LIVING's August Designer Q&A is with Michelle Weddle, who shares her picks and pans for the modern bath and is a big fan of frameless glass shower doors.

"They give you the enclosure needed without sacrificing the style, and by using clear glass, not only can a client really see and enjoy the decorative tile chosen for the project, it keeps the room open and makes the space feel larger," Ms. Weddle said. "Clean lines feel more elegant than old, bulky shower doors, and for privacy reasons, you can go really high-tech and install something like Smart Glass, which can become opaque with the flip of a switch."

Homeowners are taking cues from luxury hoteliers, too. At the swanky Peninsula Hotel in New York City, you can watch a TV at the end of your tub and choose between two sinks on either side of the room, rather than next to each other. Sky country luxury hotels in places such as Aspen, Colo., have fireplaces at the foot of their tubs.

Trisha and Eric Borges of First Class Plumbing of Florida in Naples are used to seeing the crème de la crème of bathrooms and have become experts at bathroom remodels. The couple attend the Kitchen and Bath Industry Show to keep up with new products and innovations, but they are also known for heralding World Toilet Day, which recognizes that more than 2.6 billion people are without proper sanitation.

Mrs. Borges often has to educate homeowners on how to proceed with a bathroom remodel.

"First, make budget the forefront of your mind — you need to know what your budget is to begin with and convey that to your contractors," she said. "Toilets can range from \$150 to \$6,000 with all the bells and whistles, with seat heaters or built-in bidet."

It seems simple, but knowing your bathroom's layout can save money and time. A complete remodel can involve moving walls and relocating plumbing or electrical fixtures — or the far-less-expensive process of a simple update in the same location.

"Homeowners also should have a realistic time frame. For example, will you be living in the home during the remodel and do you have a completion date in mind?" Mrs. Borges said. "Also, special products can delay the process."

Perhaps the biggest mistakes come when people try to skimp on cost and hire the wrong labor.

"It seems obvious, but use only licensed and insured contractors," Mrs. Borges said.

Contractor Russell Budd of PBS Construction, the subject of this month's LUXE makeover, says modern bathroom luxury is not even so much about a single wow factor or gimmicky solution, but about flow and balance and how it suits a lifestyle.

"Some homeowners are just opting for a fabulous shower and that's it — and we have bathrooms with separate soaking tubs," Mr. Budd said.

What's particularly challenging for Naples residents, he says, is to adapt their existing locations to lifestyle desires. It is the contractor's job to identify lifestyles and craft solutions.

"We've done additions onto an existing home from installing a brand new bathroom where no plumbing exists to high-rises with tenants below where drainage and limits to where the plumbing is located are issues," Mr. Budd said. "The fixtures and custom details vary a lot, so it's important that a contractor get to know the client's lifestyle and expectations." ■



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Fossils, primates and decor from handmade stencils by artist P.J. Hoover breathe life into the Hussey's downstairs bathroom in Port Royal.

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First Class Plumbing's stress-less bathroom remodeling tips

- >> Put your budget first.
- >> Agree on the layout.
- >> Plan for a realistic time frame.
- >> Do not skimp on cost.
- >> Hire only licensed and insured contractors.
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We found the following bath accents at local retailer Vintage Charm in the Third Street South District. The shop features a little alcove of whimsical furniture and lots of decorative accents, many of which are artisan-crafted.

Vintage vanity

▶ Nothing says civilized pampering like an antique vanity. This one is whitewashed by hand to lend that vintage feel to it.



Decorative shells

◀ In small spaces, little decorative items make a countertop look finished, such as these shells housed in a little jar. The silver lid and glass reflect candles, which add a relaxing element to any bathroom.

Bathmats

▶ A cute bathmat can accent a bathroom and give it a splash of color. These handmade bathmats are soft and durable and perfect for parents' and kids' bathrooms.



Vintage oval side table

▶ If there's room, a little side table can provide a place for candles, towels, potpourri or even a soap dish.



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Modern vanity

◀ This Pierre vanity with mirror and vanity chair comes from Beech & Acacia solids, and has a silver-leaf finish with seven drawers, two pigeon holes and a hidden compartment. The textured linen seat matches most bath themes.

Rich style

◀ Nothing says "My bathroom is luxurious" like this Adam-style Demilune cabinet with a magnificent detailed veneer on top. This cabinet also has a two-door storage compartment with adjustable shelf.



Sneeze in style

▶ These tissue boxes from Ariana by Global Views add polish to a bath and help conceal humdrum cardboard tissue boxes.



Bath seat

▶ This Archive Sienna Tabouret seat is made from oak solids and is upholstered with nailhead trim from the Home and Monarch Collection.



Sleek footstool

▶ Cast aluminum is what many homeowners gravitate to when designing a modern space. This Astral footstool is from Lanna Home Collection.

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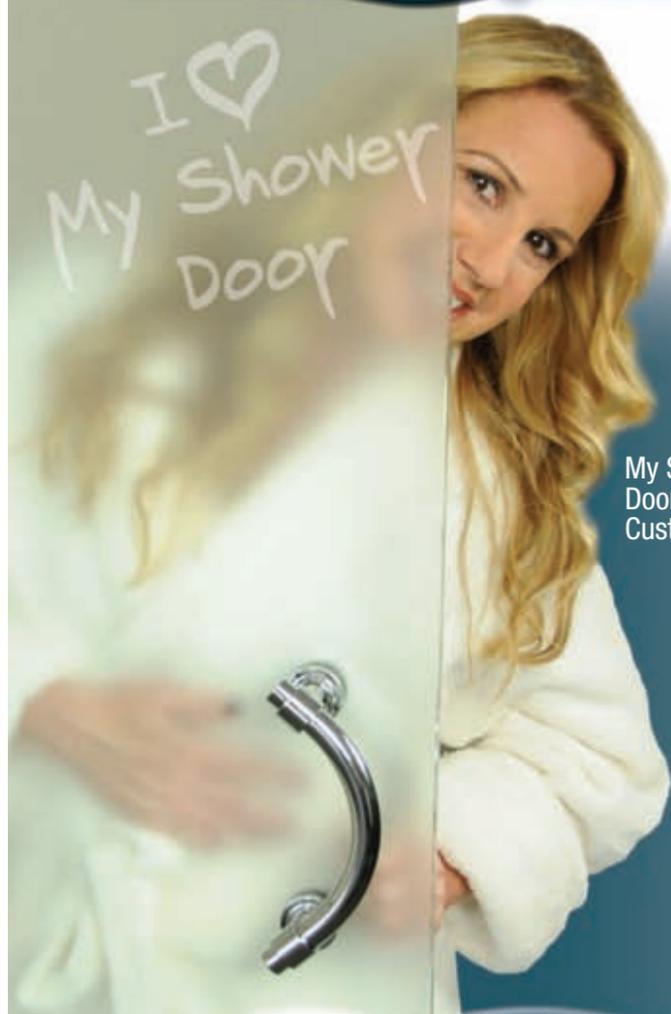
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CINNABAR Design has won four Aurora Awards, the highest honor in interior design in the Southeastern United States. It's administered by the Florida Home Builders Association and presented by the Southeast Building Conference to recognize excellence in the building industry in 12 Southeastern states and the Caribbean.

CINNABAR, alongside builder Castle Harbour Homes, won for excellence on the La Castille model in Quail West in four categories: Interior Merchandising \$1,000,001-\$1,500,000; Interior Detailing under \$300,000; Bath \$1,000,001-\$2,000,000; and Landscape Design/Pool Design.

"We are so honored to receive these awards that rank us among the best designers in the Southeast," said CINNABAR CEO Laurie Walter. "Collaborating with Castle Harbour Homes on this exceptional project was a joy, and we are thrilled that our hard work has been recognized with such a distinguishing honor."

Diana Hall and Ms. Walter formed CINNABAR Design in 2010, and the firm offers residential design and remodeling with a focus on sophisticated, transitional design. Their headquarters is in the International Design Source



A living room design by Carrie Cremia, Miromar's Designer of the Month.

Showroom at 1939 Trade Center Way in Naples. (www.cinnabardesign.net)

NEW CABNU HOME DESIGN SHOWROOM OPEN IN NAPLES

Cabnu, a provider of custom cabinetry, closet systems and interior remodeling services, has opened a new home design showroom in Naples. It's at 3084 Tamiami Trail North in a 2,000-square-foot showroom where people can view the latest in fine European cabinetry for kitchens and baths and storage systems.

Cabnu is operated by custom homebuilders Mark and Parker Borelli. These third-generation homebuilders are joined by partner Vincent Borelli, who brings more than 50 years of general contracting experience to the team. The custom cabinetry and storage systems are manufactured exclusively by EuroCraft Cabinets Inc.

"Cabnu provides clients

with innovative design services, top-quality materials, high-quality craftsmanship and unsurpassed customer service on every project," said Mark Borelli, who has been building homes in Naples since 1991.

Cabnu offers professional home design services for kitchens, bathrooms, closets, home offices, wine cellars and garages. All of the cabinets are LED-lit, meaning that they are energy efficient and offer a brighter tone. The new home design showroom is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment. (www.cabnu.com)

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CREMIA IS MIROMAR'S TOP DESIGNER FOR AUGUST; CORBETT APPOINTED GM

Interior designer Carrie Cremia has been named Miromar Design Center's August 2013 Designer of Distinction. She is the owner of Carrie Cremia Interiors. Ms. Cremia has an extensive background in all facets of design.

Kravet showroom manager Amy

Jimenez, who nominated Ms. Cremia, points to Ms. Cremia's ability to balance scale, style and function as reasons for the recognition.



CORBETT



CREMIA

Also in Miromar news, Miromar Development Corp. has announced the appointment of L. Maxine Corbett as general manager of Miromar Design Center. She has more than 35 years of experience as both an award-winning, licensed interior designer and business owner and is the co-

founder of the Naples based Richlin Interior Design. Ms. Corbett was the principal interior designer and subsequently became CEO of Richlin International. She also is past president of the American Society of Interior Designers Florida South Chapter, and former vice president of communications and public relations for the International Interior Designers Association.

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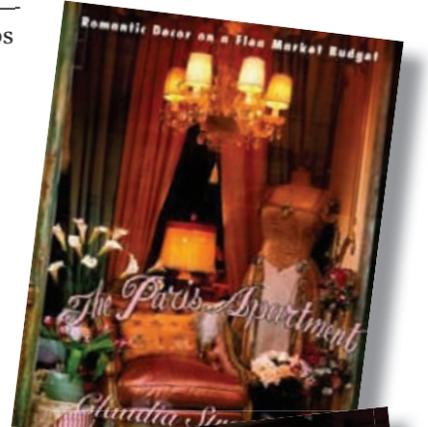
Claudia Strasser created a rabid rush to flea markets everywhere when her book, "The Paris Apartment: Romantic Décor on a Flea Market Budget" hit the stands. The big surprise is this book isn't just for people on a budget. Anyone who infuse a little romance into their home — including the bathroom — can glean tips from the book.

"The best way to add character to any room from a boudoir to a bath is to bring in some sort of authentic antique or vintage piece," said the author, who has just shared her newest book, "Paris Flea Market Style" with her readers. "In a bathroom, combine new pieces with the old — the easiest way to merge in the look of old and new together is with an older mirror over the sink, maybe with a gold frame."

Ms. Strasser says even a small boudoir chair or shelf can add instant sophistication. (See this month's LUXE "where we shopped" products for inspiration and resources to accomplish this feat.) Ms. Strasser also suggests using vintage faucets on the sink or tub.

"Using old tiles as accent pieces can also make a room really unique and things like bringing in an old claw foot tub can be a labor of love, but once they're resurfaced with porcelain, they can be very luxurious," she said. "Finally, light fixtures either overhead or alongside the mirror can add lots of charm and set a wonderful tone from Deco to Moderne."

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DESIGNER MICHELLE WEDDLE SHARES HER FAVORITE BATHS

This month's LUXE LIVING cover story is all about amazing bathrooms. Romantic, streamlined or luxurious, there are as many bathroom styles as homeowners who love them. And perhaps no designer has more to say on this topic than Robb & Stucky's Michelle Weddle. She checks in with LUXE LIVING on why she loves to design luxury bathrooms.

Florida Weekly: Of all the rooms in the house, what is inspiring about a bathroom?

Ms. Weddle: Really, the only limitation is your own imagination. I love a luxury bath, because these days, anything goes. You can have your own private spa retreat with amazing products and a multitude of showering options (such as body sprays, rain tiles, and steam showers), chroma-therapy, jetted tubs, heated floors and towel warmers — or even hide a flat-screen TV in your mirror. Electronic gizmos can run all of this from one keypad or remote. You can also go extreme with fixtures and finishes — it's gone so far beyond the old-fashioned chrome or brass and cultured marble sinks that the sky is the limit. Even ventilation fans and medicine cabinets have

been transformed from the basic-need (read: boring) standards to highly stylized and functional pieces that work with a multitude of decorating styles. There are so many options available now, that each bath can be completely customized for that home, or that person.

FW: What's your favorite design trend for bathrooms right now?

MW: I love that people are bringing elements such as fireplaces and chandeliers into their baths. These rooms are no longer just a necessary space, but are truly becoming living areas in the home. With all the stress most people are under, it's nice to have a place to get away from it all and relax. A luxury bath can be a retreat from the hectic pace of daily life. I'm also a big fan of frameless glass shower doors.

FW: Of the bathroom design trends that have gone by the wayside, which one were you most glad to see go?

MW: While there were many missteps along the way to great bath design (think pink tubs or blue toilets), carpeted floors is the one that always had me baffled simply for the potential health issues alone. Tile or stone is a much more prac-



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tical solution, and with thick plush and memory-foam bath mats saturating the market, you can still have a soft cushion underfoot, but one that can be washed. Plus, there's the design element that you can add with tile or stone. I've designed several floors that have "dots" of glass or stone, or I've laid decorative tile in a pattern on the floor, which really adds a unique element to the space.

FW: What resources exist for homeowners who want to accent the well-stocked bath?

MW: There are almost too many resources to mention. I like to try to bring a local element into a room, so I would check with local shops for handmade soaps or guest towels. Even fine, handmade pottery can be used for soap dishes or toothbrush holders. Teak bowls make a great place for extra hand towels or washcloths, and look amazing in the process. Art fairs are a great place to find decorative items as well — just make sure that the materials are suited for a damp environment. You probably don't want to hang an original watercolor in the bath, but metallic or wood sculptures might add that one-of-a-kind element the client is looking for. And of course, always have plenty of bath oils, lotions, and soft fluffy towels around to give yourself some well-deserved pampering.

FW: What's the most luxurious bathroom you ever saw or worked on?

MW: I had the opportunity to design a bathroom for a client once that was completely done in tones of gold onyx. It's a

beautiful stone, and if installed correctly, can actually be back-lit to highlight the tones. We had about six different types and styles of onyx tile that went into the design, including a random-depth, course-cut mosaic for the wall behind the double vanity, large sheets for the counter and tub deck, and then had 12-by-12 tiles throughout the different areas of the room. The space included a walk-in shower with a curved front wall, all done in the onyx tile. When the light was on inside the shower, you could see it shining through the tiles in the front, which gave the whole room a beautiful glow. We even had lighting installed under the vanity countertop so we could carry that glow into the other side of the room as well, and complimented the tile with dark espresso cabinetry, bright white fixtures and a gorgeous bronze for the metallic finishes, creating a lush and luxurious bath that's also warm and inviting.

FW: What was the most challenging bathroom you've ever designed?

MW: I've had a couple of situations where the layout itself was a challenge. Whether there were windows in the way, or the space was a little smaller than needed to accommodate the owner's wish list, it can take a bit of brainstorming. Also, with a bathroom there are certain building codes that need to be met, as well as clearances for doors and drawers, etc. It can be like a big jigsaw puzzle, and until you find the key piece, it may not all click. ■

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