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## BY THE NUMBERS

# 1,125

Foster homes that closed this year; many cite burnout.



# 477

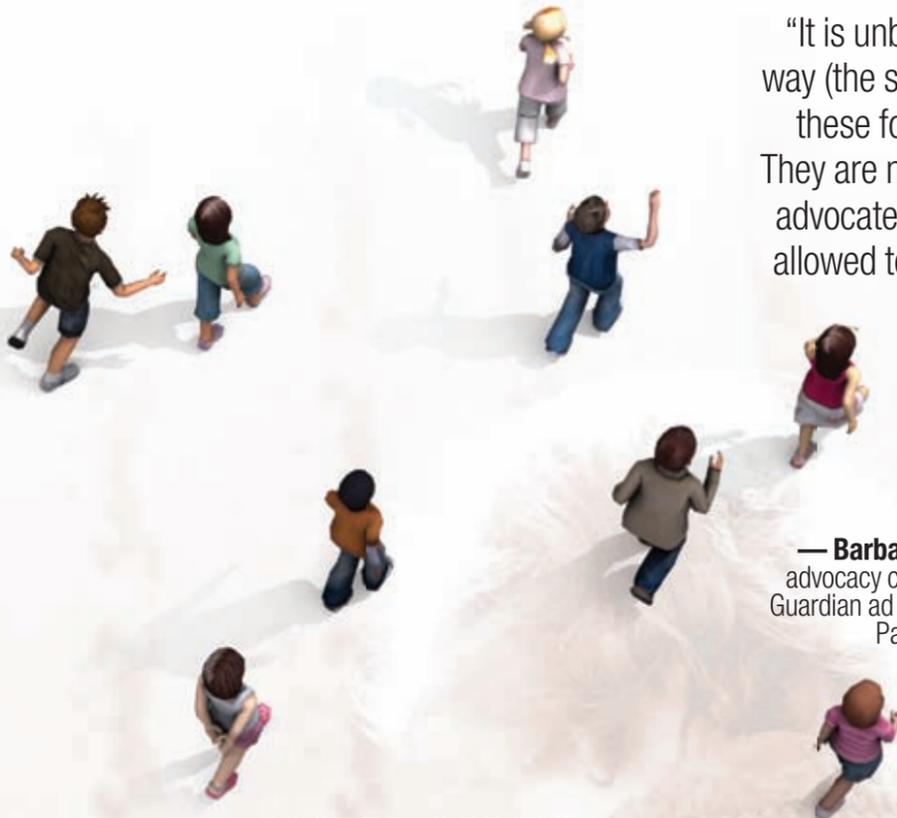
Number of children who died in six years while under the care of DCF, the state's child welfare system.

# 30,000

Number of children in Florida's dependency system. 10,000 in foster placements.

# \$429

What foster parents are paid monthly for children up to age 5.



## FOSTER CARE'S LOOMING CRISIS

"It is unbelievable the way (the system) treats these foster parents. They are not allowed to advocate, they are not allowed to make noise and they're the ones who know the children the best."

— **Barbara Boslow**, child advocacy coordinator for the Guardian ad Litem Program in Palm Beach County

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▲ **Scott and Carrie Maulsby**, who have fostered seven children in three years, stock diapers, clothing and other supplies.

Florida welfare officials and child advocates expect a surge of children to flood strained state system

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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MORE CHILDREN ARE ENTERING THE CHILD welfare system. More foster parents are needed to love these children as their own, then let them go.

The Florida Department of Children and Families has shied away from removing children from their homes, acting under the philosophy of family preservation. Protecting families has led to the death of 477 children in six years, investigations show.

SEE PARENTS, A8 ►

## It's growing season at the Garden



COURTESY PHOTO

Looking toward the new visitor center.

BY DON MANLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Brian Holley's excitement is unmistakable as he discusses the new and improved Naples Botanical Garden that is rising from the ground and just months away from opening to the public.

"It's all about creating a better visitor experience," says Mr. Holley, the facility's executive director.

Naples Botanical Garden is undergoing a complete \$15 million facelift that includes:

- Improvements and additions to its garden spaces
- The 10,000-square-foot Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center
- The Fogg Café, with indoor seating

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## Bowled over

Pitching in to make and paint Empty Bowls. A11 ►

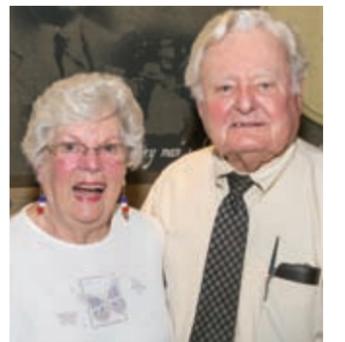
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## LEGO magic

Architects turn classic toys into tiny structures. C1 ►



## Summer fun

An artsy event at the Marco Historical Museum, and more Society photos. C20-21 ►



## Off limits

Navigating non-competes and other employment contract restrictions. B1 ►



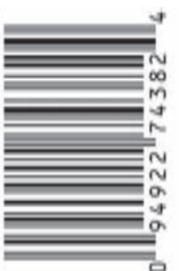
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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## Refighting a Civil War battle



billCORNWELL

Special to Florida Weekly

Some observers of the Byzantine political doings in Tallahassee call it the “Second Battle of Olustee,” although this latest engagement was waged not in the bloody piney woods of Baker County but rather in the depressingly antiseptic committee rooms and shadowy nooks of the Florida State Capitol. Unlike the initial confrontation 150 years ago, the Yankees prevailed over the Rebels this time around.

Olustee resonates mostly with students of the Civil War, but this smudge of a place near Jacksonville is more than a battle site; it is an apt metaphor for the political and cultural fissures that underlie modern Florida.

The clash at Olustee in 1864 represented grave political and military miscalculations by Abraham Lincoln and his generals. The president believed that Florida’s electoral votes might prove crucial in the upcoming election. His military advisers urged him on, saying Floridians were eager to rejoin the Union and that the state was lightly defended. Lincoln and his commanders were dead wrong, and it

was against this backdrop of flawed assumptions that the Battle of Olustee was joined on Feb. 20, 1864. It proved to be Florida’s largest and most significant Civil War engagement.

The fighting was brief — five hours — but extraordinarily savage. The North sent some 5,500 troops into battle and suffered a staggering 34 percent casualty rate, which included 203 killed, 1,152 wounded and 506 either missing or captured. A third of the northern casualties were African Americans, including soldiers from the celebrated 54th Massachusetts Regiment, one of the military’s first black units.

The victorious Rebels had a force of about 5,000 men and tallied 99 killed, 847 wounded and six captured or missing — a casualty rate of 19 percent.

In the intervening years, memorials honoring Confederate soldiers were placed at what is now the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. Last year, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War asked state parks officials for permission to erect an obelisk commemorating Union soldiers. Parks overseers seemed to view the entreaty with favor, thus leading to the opening salvos of the Second Battle of Olustee.

Groups dedicated to the veneration of Confederate soldiers vehemently protested the proposed obelisk, depicting northern forces as pillagers

and rapists. Leading the Rebel charge was Republican State Rep. Dennis Baxley, a 61-year-old undertaker from Ocala. Rep. Baxley, best known as the sponsor of the state’s infamous “stand-your-ground” law, jumped into the Olustee fray with customary gusto. He introduced legislation early this year that would strip parks officials of their authority to approve historic markers that occasioned controversy. Instead, Rep. Baxley proposed that the Florida Cabinet — hardly a bastion of enlightenment — should be the final arbiter.

At a public hearing in Lake City, an energized throng whooped and hollered, waved a Confederate battle flag and sang Dixie. Rep. Baxley, who is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, was present, and he was treated as Stonewall Jackson incarnate.

Rep. Baxley’s bill limped out of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee in April on a 7-6 vote. The seven affirmative votes were cast by Republicans — including Matt Caldwell of Lehigh Acres and Patrick Rooney Jr. of Palm Beach Gardens. Ultimately, the bill died a quiet and largely unlamented death in the House Government Operations Subcommittee, thereby keeping alive the possibility of a Union marker.

The larger point to this absurd, embarrassing and pointless fuss is plain: Some of Florida’s political lead-

ers refuse to acknowledge that the state is, in essence, Balkanized. Much of South Florida is an ethnic gumbo — parts of which resemble Bogota, Port-au-Prince, Havana, Tel Aviv, the Bronx and Park Avenue. From Southwest Florida to Central Florida, stolid Midwestern conservatism is the order. North Florida and the Panhandle are mere extensions of South Alabama and South Georgia, and it is to this narrow — and sometimes reactionary — demographic that Rep. Baxley is beholden.

I have skin — or, more appropriately, “kin” — in this Olustee dustup. My great-grandfather, William Dawson Cornwell (known as “Capt. Billy”), was among the Confederates felled that day. His critical chest wound never healed, and it led to the pneumonia that killed him years later.

Billy would not favor the obelisk, and that is understandable, I think.

Billy’s long gone. I am not, and I have the luxury of time and reflection.

I say the Union obelisk is a mighty fine idea.

After 150 years, “Stonewall” Baxley and his blustering band should grasp that brave men on both sides fought and died at Olustee. From my perspective, they were neither North nor South, black nor white.

They were Americans — every last one of them. ■



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# OPINION

## Overcoming the media blockade in Gaza

**amy GOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly



According to the United Nations, one child has been killed in Gaza every hour for the past two days. Overall, the Israeli military has killed close to 700 Palestinians, the vast majority civilians, since the assault on Gaza began more than two weeks ago. Details of the slaughter make their way into the world's media, with horrific accounts of children killed on the beach, of hospital intensive-care units bombed, of first responders, searching for wounded amid the rubble, killed by Israeli sniper fire. Armed resistance groups in Gaza, most notably that of the area's elected government, Hamas, have fired thousands of crude rockets that have killed two in Israel. Since Israel began its land invasion of Gaza, more than 30 Israeli soldiers have been killed. One of the greatest challenges in understanding the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories is getting reliable information. This latest assault on Gaza reaffirms the key role played by the U.S. media in maintaining the information blockade. It also highlights the increasing importance of pressure applied by social networks.

One headline said it all: "Missile at Beachside Gaza Cafe Finds Patrons Poised for World Cup." That was *The New York Times*, referring to a missile strike in Gaza that killed at least eight people on the beach in the town of Khan Younis. Ali Abunimah, a prominent Palestinian-American journalist who co-founded the website *The Electronic*

*Intifada*, mockingly tweeted: "Israeli missile stops by Gaza cafe for a drink and dialogue with its Palestinian friends." The odd, passive phrasing of the original headline became the subject of a global social-media firestorm. This wasn't the first time in this latest attack on Gaza that a major news organization got a black eye. On July 16, NBC reporter Ayman Mohyeldin witnessed an Israeli strike on a Gaza beach that killed four young boys who were playing soccer. After the deadly strike, Mohyeldin's graphic tweets alerted the world to the breaking news: "4 Palestinian kids killed in a single Israeli airstrike. Minutes before they were killed by our hotel, I was kicking a ball with them #gaza." He tweeted their names and ages:

- 1) Ahed Atef Bakr 10 yrs old
- 2) Zakaria Ahed Bakr 10 yrs old
- 3) Mohamed Ramez Bakr 11 yrs old
- 4) Ismael Mohamed Bakr 9 yrs old

Mohyeldin raced to the Al-Shifa hospital and witnessed members of the Bakr family as they learned of the killing of the boys. It would have been normal for the eyewitness to break the story on the "NBC Nightly News." Instead it was journalist Richard Engel on the screen reporting from Tel Aviv. Pulitzer Prize-winning Glenn Greenwald told me on the "Democracy Now!" news hour what he learned about NBC's decision-making around Mohyeldin after he reported on the deaths: "What was really stunning was, later that day, after what arguably was his biggest or one of his biggest events in his journalism career, where he really made a huge impact on having the world understand what's happening in Gaza, they not only blocked him from appearing on the air to talk about it on NBC News, but then they

told him to leave Gaza immediately."

Social media lit up in protest, with the hashtag #letAymanreport. By Friday night, NBC announced that Mohyeldin would be back. But back in NBC's studios, the trouble was not over. Rula Jebreal is a Palestinian author and political analyst. She has been a paid contributor on MSNBC, where, during an interview this week, she critiqued that cable network's coverage of Gaza:

"We are disgustingly biased when it comes to this issue. Look at how (much) airtime (Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu and his folks have on air on a daily basis, Andrea Mitchell and others. I never see one Palestinian being interviewed on these same issues." She tweeted later, "My forthcoming TV appearances have been canceled! Is there a link between my exposé and the cancellation?" While MSNBC host Chris Hayes bravely brought her onto his show to discuss her critique, she is unsure if her contract will be renewed.

Early in this latest assault on Gaza, I asked Joshua Hantman, senior adviser to Israel's ambassador to the United States, about the mounting death toll, the majority civilian. He chillingly replied: "I'll be honest, the precision is quite outstanding. And there is no military in the history of the world that has actually used such precision targets." The terror and death wreaked by the precision of which Hantman boasts is made clear, day after day, thanks to the work of too few courageous journalists, supported by an engaged global citizenry, using social networks to overcome traditional media blockades. ■

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!"

## GUEST OPINION

### Radical Islamists and political correctness

**BY STEVE DEFILLIPPO**

Special to Florida Weekly

I am encouraged to read and see some good journalism on subjects important to Americans from the think tanks and their scholars. They are unbounded by a hierarchy that would otherwise control their studies, findings and reports. They call it as they see it from their in-depth research, personal experiences; and political correctness "be damned!"

A panel discussion took place recently on C-SPAN titled "Combating Al-Qaeda" that provided an interesting analysis of the radical Muslim/Islamic world.

The researchers postulate that the radical Islamists' primary cause is that they are after world domination of Muslims. The radicals want to dictate their interpretation of the Islamic religion and implement Sharia Law as the foundation of their agenda.

One key point that was made is that 99 percent of their funded efforts go toward that primary cause and only 1 percent against the Western world — the U.S. in particular. Why? These radicals will get attention and financial support by rendering havoc with the West, whose people are deemed decadent and non-believers of Islam.

With these funds they can grow and recruit an allegiance to their radical cause, allowing them to achieve their primary goal, which is to take over the Muslim world and obtain land to build a country of followers to achieve all their objectives. Second, they want to destroy the influence of the West on their religious beliefs.

The clarity of the panel explains why so much violence is thrust upon other Mus-

lims. What was so interesting was that al Qaeda, per se, is no longer the leader in this radical movement. Rather, that movement has been fractured and fragmented into various Jihadist groups with names like ISIS, the Old Guard al Qaeda and various and numerous insurgents all looking for power to lead the primary cause. The more terror and violence each group reigns on the West, the stronger they get by attracting money and recruits. It has become a fight for power among these groups to lead the cause for world domination of the Muslims. It is tantamount to a religious civil war.

So what then should the West do since the Islamist radicals have proclaimed war on the West? We need to rethink our defensive and our offensive because we are up against an army of people who are "invisible." No country, no uniforms, no respect for life and they use weapons that no one could have imagined: suicide bombers, including women and even children.

My view is to continue with some current effective tactics to succeed in winning this war with the Jihadists, which includes a combined effort with our Western allies:

1. Financial restrictions; follow their money and control it.
2. Monitor their communications, and counter them.
3. Impose economic sanctions on countries that protect Jihadists.
4. Beef up cyber security and plan a cyber-counter attack.
5. Monitor creation of weapons of mass destruction but act against them decisively.
6. Continue other counter intelligence efforts that have been effective.

Implement a strategy to include:

1. Securing our borders, north and south.

2. Creating an energy independent U.S.
3. Developing a military plan for a covert operation using whatever means necessary to eliminate and focus on the radical leaders.

4. Solicit Muslims to educate those who are ill-informed and blindly follow those mullahs who preach extremism about the Koran.

5. If the Muslim/Islamic people are not part of the solution, then they are part of the problem. Their apathy could be construed as being our enemy and dealt with accordingly. Are they disguised civilians who are suicide bombers?

The Jihadist war on the West is guerrilla warfare, unlike the world wars. Remember, two bombs ended the war with Japan in days. It was not popular but it saved thousands of lives.

To the politically correct, this may seem harsh, but one must understand that the terms of a war are dictated by the side that has the least amount of morals and compassion for human life.

I am not in favor of conventional "boots on the ground" where our young military men and women continue to sacrifice so much. The Islamist struggle is never ending because its roots lie deep in a religious fervor that cannot be fully understood by the West.

It seems to me that a bold strategy may be to allow their civil wars to continue until they learn to live in peace with one another or they get their land and country. If at that time they still pursue the West, then at least we have an enemy that becomes more visible, and easier. ■



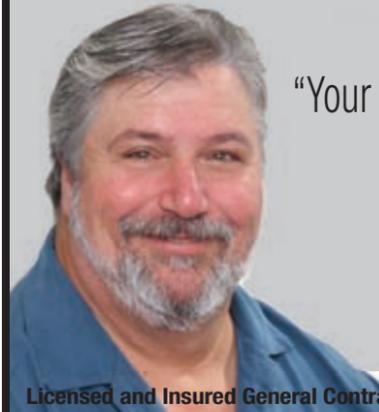
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# PROFILES IN PARADISE

## Leading the charge for the new Bayshore CAPA center



Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts has presented programming at various locations around town and aspires to its own cultural and performing arts center that showcases local visual and performing artists. When completed, the Bayshore CAPA center will have a 700-seat theater and a separate multi-use facility with a black box theater, art studios and gallery, rehearsal rooms, classrooms, administrative offices and an outdoor performance area. The site of the future center is 37 acres between Naples Botanical Garden and Windstar on Naples Bay.

Leading this major undertaking is J.C. "Chick" Heithaus, chairman of the Bayshore CAPA board of directors.

I first met Chick in his role as chairman of the local SCORE chapter, an organization of business leaders who volunteer their time to help emerging businesses here on the Paradise Coast get to "the next level."

Chick was born and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Walnut Hills High School, a college preparatory school dedicated to classical education. Math and Latin were his favorite classes. Other than piano lessons from age 7-16, he had few formal school-related extracurricular activities, but he loved to sing

in the Mount Washington Presbyterian Church high school choir and experiment with photography. He started part-time work at age 14 in a camera shop, which ate up much of his free time, but taught him about business.

He went on to study at the University of Cincinnati, the University of Dayton and Wright State University focusing, on statistics, programming and operations research, and then worked for 40 years in the food retailing and foodservice equipment industry. Most of that time was in international business — sales and marketing plus import/export and licensing. "It taught me to respect and enjoy other cultures. It was a wonderful experience," he says.

Chick and his company were among the first to do business in the immediate post-Soviet Russia, partnering with Russian entrepreneurs to start up a chain of street-corner pizza kiosks. They also worked with Chinese entrepreneurs to open a Pizza Hut outlet at Tianenman Square.

As his leadership term with SCORE was winding down, a group of CAPA members asked for some counseling to sharpen their fundraising and partnering presentations. It wasn't long before he joined the CAPA board.

CAPA is not his first foray into the non-profit world. During his residence in Fort Wayne, Ind., he led the capital campaign to build a new radio station for Northern Indiana Public Radio. He also served on the board for the Kentucky Opera for almost 10 years. And for the past 12 years, he has served as guardian ad litem in the

### Talking points with Chick Heithaus

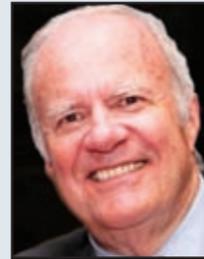
**Something your mom was always right about:** When in doubt, put family first.

**Something you'll never understand:** People who work at jobs they don't like.

**Mentor:** The owner of the Snap Shop, a small, family-owned business in Cincinnati. He hired me when I was 14 to stock shelves and dust the goods. I learned a tremendous respect for hard work, going beyond what's requested and simple honesty.

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** A television cameraman; I was on a live-televised kids program in when I was 7 and was absolutely enchanted with all the technology.

**What would you be doing if you weren't doing this?** Any of the things I'm involved with — Guardian ad Litem, SCORE, Bayshore CAPA and my therapy dog work — could easily become nearly fulltime. I love them all.



**Guilty pleasures:** Potato chips and onion dip. They're in my kitchen 20 minutes after I'm on my own for a few days. They get dumped out as soon as my wife comes home.

**Next vacation destination:** Uruguay, to visit my brother and his wife.

**One thing on your bucket list:** Seeing Bayshore CAPA come to life!

**Skill or talent you wish you had:** I'd love to be able to sing, to dance and tell compelling stories.

**Advice for your grandkids:** Put off growing up as long as possible.

**Something that makes you laugh:** Pretentious people.

**Something that makes you cringe:** Hearing the language mangled.

**Last books you read:** "Operation Paperclip" by Annie Jacobsen and "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline.

**What are you most proud of?** Some great resolutions I've seen as a Guardian ad Litem.

**Hidden talent:** I'm a closet puppeteer.

20th District Dependency Court, looking out for the needs of more than 100 children over that time.

He's also a licensed therapy dog handler, working with Izzie, his Boston terrier-Chihuahua mix, and he plays keyboards in a jazz-pop combo.

Chick has been married 42 years to

Harriet Howard Heithaus, Neapolitan editor for the *Naples Daily News*. They have a daughter and three sons. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at [www.bobharden.com](http://www.bobharden.com).




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## Civic participation just got easier in city of Naples

Naples residents who are interested in participating on city boards and committees can go online to learn about vacant seats, apply for them and receive correspondence on the status of an application.

By shifting board appointment management into the digital age, the city of Naples is aiming to significantly improve outreach efforts to recruit new board and committee members.

"It makes civic participation easier," City Clerk Patricia Rambosk says.

"Staff members no longer have to use paper to manually track board and committee position vacancies or in-bound citizen applications," says Tom Spengler, CEO of Granicus, developers of the application. "We've automated this process online from start to finish."

To access the new system, visit [naplesgov.com](http://naplesgov.com) and click on "Boards and Committees" on the left side of the city's homepage. ■

## NCH listed among Top 25 hospitals in Sunshine State

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

U.S. News & World Report has released its list of top 25 medical centers in Florida. Ranked No. 17 in Florida, the NCH Healthcare System is the only health care system in Collier and Lee counties to make the list. The report looked at 265 hospitals in Florida.

This is the 25th year U.S. News & World Report has ranked hospitals. The latest rankings cover nearly 5,000 medical centers across the country and span 16 medical specialties from cancer to urology.

NCH was ranked "high-performing" in five specialties: orthopedics, gastroenterology and GI surgery, diabetes and endocrinology, urology and geriatrics.

U.S. News bases the rankings largely on objective data on hospital performance, such as patient survival rates and resources like nurse staffing. Each hospital's reputation, as determined by a survey of physician specialists, is also a factor.

The complete rankings and methodology are available at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals>.

With a total of 716 beds, the NCH Healthcare System operates the NCH Downtown Naples Hospital and NCH North Naples Hospital and is an alliance of 636 physicians and medical facilities in dozens of locations throughout Collier County and Southwest Florida. NCH is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. For more information, visit [www.NCHmd.org](http://www.NCHmd.org). ■



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# PARENTS

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Those deaths have provoked change — recent legislation directs DCF to shift its priority to acting in the best interest of the child.

As fearful as child protective investigators were to remove children from their homes, now they're scared to let them stay.

Child welfare workers sense a surge of children coming, but the increase of children that will enter the system remains unknown.



SPUDEAS

Foster child advocate Christina Spudeas puts it bluntly: "Are we going to see a kneejerk reaction? Absolutely. Are we going to bring a lot more kids into care than we need to?"

I absolutely think that's going to happen. It will, because of heightened fear."

Leaders of Community-Based Care agencies do not see a rise in removals as negative, as Larry Rein of ChildNet says, "If it's done intelligently to make children safe it is the right and good thing to do, but the key is that we need to have resources to serve those children and those families."



REIN

Florida has 4,561 foster homes. This past year the state added 1,463 new homes, but 1,125 closed, meaning the number of new foster parents has essentially been wiped out. Some foster parents decide to adopt and stop fostering. Others stop due to burnout.

Foster parents feel beat up by the system. They say they are told to advocate for the children, but when they do, they are ignored. They fear if they speak up too much, their foster children will be taken away from them. Sometimes they question if reunifications with biological parents are made for the good of the children or to look good on paper. Many foster parents are throwing their hands up, surrendering to the system, shutting their doors.

But they do not want to discourage potential foster parents, they want to recruit them. They want to break patterns and shift generations.

"Being a foster parent has taught me about unconditional love. I don't think I ever understood it the right way. It's the act of loving somebody," Scott Maulsby says. "See, a lot of times, people think love is an emotion. It's not."

It's an act. And that act broke his heart.

Mr. Maulsby lives in North Palm Beach. He and his wife, Carrie, foster babies, straight from the neonatal intensive care unit, many withdrawing from drugs.

Cameron was not yet 2 months old when he came into their care. He was given nebulizer treatments, inhaling medicine as mist, to treat his asthma. He was taking anti-HIV medications to prevent his mother's past from being passed on to him. Mom was a prostitute. Dad had nine children with three different women.

"Foster parents in general, I think it's safe to say, we look at it and we say, I can give this child a better home, so you, judge, should see that, that I'm a better parent than this guy. He's been in jail, he's a registered sex offender, he's this, he's that, he killed a man, he shot this person, he raped this woman, and I'm a better parent than that person, so give this child to me," Mr. Maulsby says, summing up his past train of thought, but



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Scott and Carrie Maulsby's daughter plays with their foster son.



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Wendy and Paul Vernon have fostered 26 children in five years.

having fostered seven children in three years, he's learned, "That's not fair."

Cameron lived with the Maulsby's for 14 months. He was reunified with his father. "I'm not going to lie to you. I wanted to adopt Cameron," Mr. Maulsby says.

He demonized dad in the beginning. When reunification was imminent, it dawned on him, he could lift him up, support the man who would raise the boy he loves.

"Now I'm his biggest fan, so it rehabilitated me, too," Mr. Maulsby says. "I was wrong when I was rooting against dad, when I was happy that bad things were happening to dad. I was wrong to think that. Now that I'm on the other end of it, the last thing I want is for something bad to happen to dad."

The Maulsby's feel it's their calling to foster, an extension of their faith, to be a father to the fatherless. They since have been named Cameron's godparents. They see what they've done as making a "Kingdom impact."

"If I can impact a father who has nine children, look at the impact that can

have over the course of the next three generations," Mr. Maulsby says. "You think about what you do every day, how much of it is really going to matter in 50 years?"

"What a blessing that would be to see in 100 years, Cameron had some kids and maybe even they had some kids and things were different because of 14 months in our home."

There are more than 30,000 children in the state dependency system. Roughly 10,000 children are in foster placements — some in foster homes, some in group homes or shelters, some are placed out of county, some are separated from their siblings.

When he thinks of the incomprehensible swell to come, Mr. Maulsby says, "This is like Katrina hit. There's a tsunami that's hit." He cannot understand why it's not the top story on the news every night: Not enough homes for children. "What else is more important?" he asks. "I can't figure it out. I really can't."

ChildNet, the Community-Based Care lead agency for Broward and Palm Beach counties, reports that as of July there are

more than 4,500 children in foster care; 282 new homes opened this past year and 162 closed.

The Children's Network of Southwest Florida, the lead agency for Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties, reports a total of 570 children in foster care; 120 new homes opened and 72 homes closed.

Wendy Vernon brings up the prospect of foster parenting in every conversation. She does not miss an opportunity to recruit. When she tells people she is a foster parent, she says they immediately respond, "Oh, I could never do that. I could never give the children up."

This stings her. "Do they think that I don't have a heart? Is that what they think?" she says. "It's because you make it about yourself rather than the children, and if you're thinking about how you would feel, yeah, you would never do it, because it's heartbreaking."

Mrs. Vernon wants to dispel the public stereotype that foster parents are in it for the money. DCF reports foster parents are paid \$429 a month for children up to age 5; paid \$440 a month for children ages 6 to 12; paid \$515 a month for children age 13 and older. (Compensation rates are higher for foster parents licensed to care for children with therapeutic needs).

"If you do it properly, that money doesn't cover it," Mrs. Vernon says. "What we get we spend on the children. When they come to you, most of them come with nothing, so that's a very big expense."

Conversely, she wants to dispel the assumption that you have to have money to foster. "We don't have a palace. We have an extra room," she says.

Mrs. Vernon and her husband Paul live in Cape Coral. They came to Florida from England. In their dining room, above a teapot, hangs a plaque that reads: "Ask for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The Vernons have fostered 26 children in five years.

Sitting in her dining room, Mrs. Vernon opens up, the day after she flew to Maine to transition her foster child into a pre-adoptive home. They boy had lived with her for 20 months. When he came to her, he never cried, because at 2 months old, he had learned nobody came when he cried. The Maine family adopted his sibling, so they chose to adopt the boy. The Vernons Skyped with them for months and placed their picture at the boy's bedside.

"It was strange sitting on the plane, having sat on two planes with him, holding him, then coming away," Mrs. Vernon loses her words, "empty arms."

Regaining her composure, falling back on her mantra, she says, "It's not about me ... As much as I could make it about me, I could be sitting here crying my heart out because I've just given a little boy away, it's not about me."

Mrs. Vernon had four calls for foster placements the two days she was in Maine.

The Vernons liken foster care to emergent care, triage, recovery time, co-parenting with a family in crisis. They render the rewards of being foster parents as seeing a child change, a family heal, becoming whole again.

The Vernons caution that people should not foster with an agenda to adopt. They are so aligned with the goal of reunification, that when it does not come to pass, they feel like they've failed.

They believe the key to sustaining foster parents, combatting burnout, is support, the support of other foster parents and the support of the system.

Barbara Boslow, child advocacy coordinator for the Guardian ad Litem Program in Palm Beach County, says she's not seeing support, she's seeing threats.

"Constantly. It is unbelievable the way (the system) treats these foster parents. They are not allowed to advocate, they are not allowed to make noise and

they're the ones who know the children the best."

Mr. Boslow finds this upsetting, so much time spent trying to recruit foster parents, they go through the classes, the whole process, they get their license and then they stop fostering after their first kid.

"They do it and then they're out," Ms. Boslow says. "And I do believe, strongly, that the system does not give the foster parents the respect that they deserve. They are not treated as well as they should be ... I see so much of a clashing with these angels, these foster parents really are angels, they're stepping in."

Ms. Boslow finds herself staring down the same misconception over and over again: "People think there are a lot of foster parents out there, and what I ask them is, 'How many foster parents do you know?' They always say none. I go, 'Well, where do you think they are then?'"

She thinks foster parents would make the best advertising, but so many foster parents have had so many bad experiences, they're not saying, "Oh, you should do it," they're saying, "Don't do it. It's the worst."

"That's where the attrition comes from," Ms. Boslow says.

DCF reports the state has an attrition rate of around 1,100 foster homes a year, and to keep pace with the swell of children, the system needs to perpetually attract 1,300 to 1,500 new foster homes annually.

"I think the system needs to have a little sensitivity training on how to deal with foster parents," Ms. Boslow says. "Where are you going to put these kids?"

Andrea Cook, a foster mom turned adoptive mom living in Orlando, says, "I could never foster again, because the system beat me up."

Mrs. Cook and her husband Nathan were asked to foster 12-week-old Michael for three weeks, at which point he would go live with his grandmother. Four months later, they were caring for his 2½-year-old brother Elijah, too.

Mrs. Cook was taught to stand up for the children in her foster licensing classes, if something came up that didn't sit well with her, it was worth a discussion, so in a meeting with the attorney, case manager, Guardian ad Litem and others, Mrs. Cook shared that mom had been showing up to visitation with this new guy. A minor in criminal justice, Mrs. Cook looked into it, and she remembers telling the respective parties, "He just got out of prison for serving a 23-year sentence for murder and you guys are talking about giving mom unsupervised visits with the children and we all know that mom didn't have a vehicle prior to this gentleman being in her life and now you want to give her unsupervised visits? Common sense tells us he's going to be the one picking up the kids. We don't know anything about him. How is this possible? How is this allowed?"

"Everybody in the meeting turned the other way. They ignored it," Mrs. Cook says.

Mom was supposed to take random drug tests, but Mrs. Cook says mom told her people from the drug rehabilitation program would call her up and say, "Hey, on Thursday we've got to give you a random, so meet me at the BP gas station."

Mom was supposed to take an eight-hour parenting course, but it took her five months and 14 cancellations to finish.

"They want you to speak, but at the same time, they threaten you as a foster parent that they will remove the children," Mrs. Cook says of the system. She spoke up. Reunification did not occur. The Cooks adopted the boys. The last time Mrs. Cook talked to mom, she had two more children, she was living in a hotel room with no food, no money, no gas and no diapers.

"You convince people to get involved in fostering and the system tears you up and you can't do it again," Mrs. Cook says. "If you have a child that comes into



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Ashley Rhodes-Courter and husband Erick Smith hold sons Skyler, left, and Ethan.

your home and you are their champion and you are their advocate and you are loving them like you are supposed to, like you love your own child, and then the system works the way it does and puts these children back in harm ... you can only take this for so long ... If we're asking foster parents to take care of these kids and really do it the way it should be done, you can't last."

Christina Spudeas, executive director of the nonprofit watchdog Florida's Children First, worries about the proliferation of group home facilities as the state needs to find more placements for foster children. She says group homes receive far more money than foster parents, one child in group care costs the state approximately \$31,000 a year, versus \$6,000 a year for a child in a foster home. The state paid foster parents \$45 million last year.

"We see most of our adolescents being placed in congregate families, and yet they are going to create their own families someday," Ms. Spudeas says. "How do they learn to be good parents when they have never been part of a family?"

Called "Mama" to Florida Youth SHINE, an advocacy group made up of former foster youths, Ms. Spudeas hears how it was the wish of many foster children to stay with their families. "I understand that keeping the family intact, if you can keep the children safe, is a wonderful goal, but the fact of the matter is, it started to trump what was in the best interest of the children," she says.

Contemplating the legislative shift in priorities from family preservation to child safety, Ms. Spudeas anticipates a flood of children in need of foster care.

She muses over the implementation of new decision-making methods for child protective investigators to better assess safety and risk, a methodology some suggest will lead to less children in foster care. "Should there be less that come into care? I don't know. I can't say that. I don't know. Apparently, 477 should have been that weren't," she says, referring to the *Miami Herald* investigation of 477 child deaths that happened under DCF's watch.

Again, Larry Rein, executive director of ChildNet, does not see the rise of children being removed from their homes as negative, as long as resources are in place, like a well of foster families.

Child welfare workers say you cannot just look at the numbers, "We have this many foster children to place, we have this many foster homes," because it doesn't translate. You have to find the right fit.

"Wouldn't that be a wonderful thing if they could do that, but they don't. It's like, 'Where's the bed?' That's it. It's not the person, the family, the fit," Ms. Spudeas says. Having the inventory to match foster parent and child, "That's a luxury we wish we could have," she says.

Looking at DCF July numbers: There



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The Cook family adopted Elijah, left, and Michael, sitting with daughter Addison.

are 4,561 licensed foster homes in Florida; 1,776 foster homes are caring for more than one child; 1,427 foster homes do not have any children placed in them at all.

Mr. Rein cautions those in the system, don't jump for the empty bed, "don't make a placement just to make a placement," make a good fit. If the child does not fit with the family dynamic, the family may feel frazzled, "We can't do this," close their door, the child feels abandoned again, and the family may not foster another.

As much as the last state legislative session was geared toward child safety, Mr. Rein would like to see the next legislative session geared toward family services.

"People need to understand that the child abuse system in the state of Florida is predominantly a system about adult substance abuse and adult mental illness and adult domestic violence," he says. "That's the root of the problem and we need, most definitely, additional resources targeting those problems and until we do that, we're doing a disservice to the children in the system."

So while he's grateful for funding on the front end, \$56.9 million put toward child welfare, Mr. Rein would like to see some money on the back end, because as he says, families in the dependency system aren't coming out of nowhere, many are coming back from relapse. The total DCF budget is \$2.8 billion.

In the course of her life from foster child to foster parent, Ashley Rhodes-Courter says she has seen the child welfare pendulum swing from nonsensical removals to nonsensical reunifications.

She believes her adoption saved her life, but she feels when she was removed from her mother, if her mother had been given the support of the system, she

could have gotten it together, rather than turning to those who gave her food and shelter, drug dealers and pimps, who did not progress her life in a positive way.

Without support, she feels the emphasis on biological reunifications may not be best and may be dangerous. "I think we're leaning too much into biology and that's why all these premature reunifications are happening and that's why children are being killed," Ms. Rhodes-Courter says.

She wrote a memoir of the nine years she spent passing through 14 different foster homes, titled, "Three Little Words," and in the circle of things, she has since seen one of her foster daughters fall asleep reading it. When she went to tuck her in, she remembers thinking, "Holy cow, here's my foster daughter reading my story about when I was a foster child and I hoped in that moment it brought her some peace." And some company.

Her second book, "Three More Words," on her experiences as a foster parent, will be out in May. Ms. Rhodes-Courter and her husband, Erick Smith, have fostered more than 20 children, going on four years.

"Each time we got a phone call, it just killed me," she says. "Who can say no to a homeless child?"

Ms. Rhodes-Courter was shocked to learn the highest population of children needing care in Pinellas County, where she lives, were little ones, children under the age of 5, because of the prevalence of prescription drug abuse in Florida.

She has fostered a little girl whose mother used to put her cigarettes out on the little girl's arms. She has fostered malnourished children with rotted-out teeth.

Ms. Rhodes-Courter says one of her foster children, who tested positive for STDs, was reunified with the abusers. She says another foster child was sent home after she presented the court with time-stamped Facebook photographs of continuing drug use in the home.

"Hitting those kinds of walls, time and time again ... we were treated so poorly, so frequently, that I can definitely see how foster parents burn out," Ms. Rhodes-Courter says.

As a foster child, and even volunteering as a Guardian ad Litem, Ms. Rhodes-Courter remembers thinking, "Foster parents just do it for the money. There are fewer good foster parents than there are horrible foster parents who have ulterior motives." As a foster parent, she says, "I learned that's not true, that there are countless amazing foster parents and we really strive to be one of those amazing foster homes, but I'm also learning, those amazing foster homes, probably the reason that I didn't have any of them, is that they burn out so quickly."

Her biggest fear in speaking and writing about her life as a foster parent is sounding negative, but she says, "We can only share the story that we experienced."

Ms. Rhodes-Courter and her husband continue to foster because there are children who need a safe bed, a fully belly, who need to be nurtured, who need to be read to, who need to see what healthy looks like.

Her thoughts drift back to a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old, siblings they fostered, who came into their home wanting to play Grand Theft Auto and watch violent movies. "That's not how we roll in our house," Ms. Rhodes-Courter says.

Her husband started reading them bedtime stories. "In such a short period, I mean, they had to have these bedtime stories, so it became this routine and they became kids again," she says. "I would stand outside the door and cry because it was so beautiful to see these young boys who were so desensitized, so exposed to things well beyond their years, but to see them light up with a bedtime story ... Oh, that's why you do it."

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Scientists are dyeing the waters of the Naples Municipal Airport pond to test the effectiveness of underwater gabions that were built to increase filtration by slowing water flow.

## Don't fret if you see red in Naples airport pond

The large pond along Airport Pulling Road at Naples Municipal Airport might take on unusual colors during the next month, but there is no cause for concern. University of Florida researchers are adding dye to the waters to test computer models that predict water flow.

Testing will continue for three to four weeks and will occur during or immediately following rain. The dye, the safest used for water tracking, typically creates a reddish tint and can take more than 100 hours to dissipate.

Underwater gabions — walls created with baskets of rocks — were installed in the pond earlier this year as part of an \$8 million water-management system improvement project. The structures were added to the retention pond to slow water flow and increase the effectiveness of the filtration process. Scientists are dyeing the water of the pond, which is southwest of the Airport Pulling and Radio roads intersection, to check the effectiveness of the gabions.

The project altered the shorelines of this pond and others to discourage wildlife, a move that enhances safety for aircraft operations and surrounding communities by reducing the potential for bird strikes.

The project also includes automated water-monitoring systems, and grant funding includes monitoring the results of the improvements for two years. The project is being 95 percent funded by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Florida Department of Transportation. If monitoring results confirm expectations, the project could set a national standard for how airports handle water-management issues.

Testing water from the airport's airfield has shown that it is cleaner than residential runoff, but the airport accepts and cleanses runoff from 400 acres of industrial development east of the airport. Clean water leaving the airport site flows into Rock Creek and the Gordon River.

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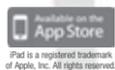


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## Local architects recognized for exceptional public-use buildings

The 3333 Building in Naples and the Archbold Biological Station Learning Center Lodge in Venus are Southwest Florida's favorite public-use buildings and are two of the Top 10 in Florida, based on an architecture competition hosted by the Florida Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Results of the month-long contest that drew more than 800,000 online votes were announced at AIA Florida's annual convention recently in Miami.

David Poorman Architect designed the 3333 Building on Tamiami Trail. The Fort Myers firm of Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects designed the Archbold lodge.

The public competition recognized 58 buildings around Florida that help meet the needs of their communities through innovative design. The other nominee from Southwest Florida was the Chico's National Support Store Building 10 in Fort Myers, designed by GMA Architects & Planners.

The Smokey Hollow Commemoration at Cascades Park in Tallahassee, designed by Lewis+Whitlock, received the most votes to claim the People's Choice Award. Here's the complete list of the Top 10:

- No. 1:** The Smokey Hollow Commemoration at Cascades Park, Tallahassee; Lewis+Whitlock
- No. 2:** Normandy Isles Walgreens, Miami Beach; Demandt Architecture, P.A.
- No. 3:** The indoor softball batting facility at Florida State University, Tallahassee; Lewis+Whitlock
- No. 4:** Archbold Biological Station Learning Center and Lodge, Venus; Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects
- No. 5:** William R. Hough Hall at University of Florida, Gainesville; Rowe Architects
- No. 6:** 3333 Building, Naples; David Poorman Architect
- No. 7:** Exploration Tower, Cape Canaveral; GWWO
- No. 8:** Alton Road Walgreens, Miami Beach; Demandt Architecture, P.A.
- No. 9:** Young At Art (YAA) Museum, the Broward County Library; AECOM/Glavovic Studio
- No. 10:** The William Johnston Building at Florida State University, Tallahassee; Gould Evans ■

# Empty bowls getting paint jobs for 2015 lunch

The soup's not on yet, but volunteers and students are hard at work making and painting pottery bowls for the 2015 Naples Empty Bowls lunch. The goal is to have 2,500 hand-crafted bowls for diners to purchase and fill with soup Saturday, Jan. 24, at Cambier Park.

Residents of Vi at Bentley Village recently did their part by painting bowls at the Harry Chapin Food Bank warehouse in Naples. Local students are pitching in by making bowls — some hand-built, some on the pottery wheel — during Clay Camp at the warehouse this summer under the guidance of Pat Smith and Joshua Holbrook of Barron Collier High School.

If you have a group that would like to paint bowls, call Betsy Dawson at 591-8846 for more information.

On the day of the lunch, attendees will pay \$15 for a bowl (while supplies last) and fill it with their choice (while supplies last) from among dozens of soups provided by area restaurants. A silent auction of bowls created by area potters is also part of the afternoon.

All proceeds benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For details, call Joyce Jacobs at 334-7007, ext. 130, or email joycejacobs@harrychapinfoodbank.org. ■



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Marge Gunden, above right, was among a group of residents from Vi at Bentley Village who recently boarded a bus for a "mystery outing" that ended up at the Harry Chapin Food Bank warehouse, where they painted pottery bowls for the 2015 Naples Empty Bowls lunch. Jason Gomory, above, was among the many students who hand built bowls during Clay Camp for painting at a later date.

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# GARDEN

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■ Improvements to and expansion of the Kapnick Education and Research Center, a multi-purpose building that includes space for a research and teaching program of Florida Gulf Coast University. Construction began last September, and the grand opening of the revitalized facility is tentatively set for Oct. 23. Member-only previews will be held Oct. 18-19.

The Garden has been closed since early June to allow for the final stages of construction. However, a slate of summer tours and workshops were scheduled to enable the public to enjoy the facility during the closure. Enrollment for tours is at its maximum, but one workshop is still open. Brian Galligan, the Garden's director of horticulture, will offer "Prepare Your Landscape for a Hurricane" from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. Attendance is free for Garden members and \$5 for others.

While the renovations/additions/expansions continue, the public can



Left: Looking out from the future Fogge Cafe. Right: The ticket book taking shape.

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track progress of the work at [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org). When complete this fall, the project will represent the fulfillment of a dream deferred, but not denied.

Mr. Holley says the facility's master plan initially called for the visitor center and the gardens to be ready for a grand opening in 2010. However, the recession and its dampening effect on charitable giving caused those plans to change.

Instead, the facility opened in October 2009, with a scaled-back list of gardens and using temporary buildings, as the nonprofit continued its fundraising efforts. Construction of the new visitor center was made possible by a \$5 mil-

lion donation from the Naples-based Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Foundation.

"We're pretty excited because it finally brings the first phase of the comprehensive plan together," Mr. Holley says.

The Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center will include:

- The Fogg Café and a larger gift shop

- A garden shop specializing in plants native to Southwest Florida

- Space to host traveling exhibits, art shows and lectures

The café will be run by D'Amico & Partners, which operates four Naples restaurants: D'Amico & Sons Café and

Takeout, Campiello, Café Lurcat and Masa.

Gracing the new visitor center exterior will be three new gardens: Kathryn's Garden, with a jungle garden feel; the Charismatic Garden with unusual and ancient plants; and the Orchid Garden, which will also feature bromeliads and anthuriums.

"It's really based on what our visitors ask for," Mr. Holley says of the new gardens. "Everybody who comes to the center asks where the orchids are."

The 3,000-square-foot Kapnick center is named for the late Harvey Kapnick, who in 2004 purchased the 170 acres at the corner of Thomasson and Bayshore drives that became the Naples Botanical Garden.

The center will provide space for weddings, corporate functions, symposia, lectures and exhibits. "We'll be using it for everything but the kitchen sink," Mr. Holley says. "That's important for us, because we really are limited in air-conditioned space here."

The Kapnick center will also house the Everglades Wetland Research Park, an FGCU research and teaching facility that is a joint project with the Garden. ■



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■ **YP Naples** hosts its eighth annual dodge ball tournament Saturday morning, Sept. 27, at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. Pelican Larry's will host the post-tourney party. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available from \$150 to \$5,000. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. For details about sponsorships, email tournament coordinator Ryan Williams at [dodgeball@ypnaples.com](mailto:dodgeball@ypnaples.com). For information about participating in the competition, connect with YP Naples on Facebook or

email [info@ypnaples.com](mailto:info@ypnaples.com).

■ **The Red Sox Foundation** holds its third annual Swings For The Sox golf tournament Friday, Oct. 17, at Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Proceeds will support the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida and The Immokalee Foundation.

A scramble format with prizes for the longest drive, putting, closest to the pin and more will begin at 9 a.m.

The tournament Tee-Off Party takes

place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 16, at JetBlue Park at Fenway South in south Fort Myers. The evening will include dinner on the Green Monster and the chance for guests to take batting practice swings from home plate to win Spring Training season tickets for 2015.

Tournament registration is \$250 per person, with foursome packages beginning at \$800. Non-player admission to the Tee-Off Party is \$50 (\$25 for ages 12 and younger).

This year's presenting sponsor is The

Hertz Corp. Additional sponsors include Lee Memorial Health Systems Foundation, Marco Island Marriott, FAS Global International, Westin Resort Cape Coral, DLD Builders, Jerseys Sports Café, First Watch Restaurants and Rib City. Sponsorships remain available for \$150 to \$10,000. Raffle items are also being accepted.

For more information, call 226-4783 or email [redsoxgolf@redsox.com](mailto:redsoxgolf@redsox.com). ■

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## Nominate your favorite philanthropist

The Everglades chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals invites nominations for the following awards to be presented during the chapter celebration of National Philanthropy Day Thursday, Nov. 13: Outstanding fundraising executive, outstanding philanthropist, outstanding philanthropic organization and outstanding philanthropic youth.

Nominating a person or organization is "a wonderful way to recognize the impact of philanthropy on our community and the

beautiful examples of service and leadership we encounter on a daily basis which enliven and inspire our work," says Elizabeth Morano, immediate past president of the chapter and vice president-resource development for United Way of Collier County.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at [www.afpeverglades.afpnet.org](http://www.afpeverglades.afpnet.org). For more information, call Ms. Morano at 877-6261 or email [afp.everglades@gmail.com](mailto:afp.everglades@gmail.com). ■

## Free seminar puts the focus on image

A few spaces remain available for the fifth annual Thinking Outside the Box seminar for nonprofit organizations in Collier County. "Image: What Are You Projecting?" will focus on how image — in print and in person — can make or break an organization's brand.

Designed for staff and board members of nonprofit organizations, the event takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 15, at Waypoint Community Church (formerly the Collier Athletic Club), 710

Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples. Check-in and continental breakfast will begin at 8:15 a.m.

Attendance is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. Email the following information to [sue@esuehuf.com](mailto:sue@esuehuf.com): Name of nonprofit organization, name and title of those requesting a reservation, contact phone number and email address of each person to be registered.

Attendance is limited to two representatives per nonprofit organization. ■

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# Guadalupe Center helps send kids to school in new shoes

Between continuous growth spurts and playing like their lives depended on it, keeping kids in decent shoes can be difficult even for those without monetary restraints. But for the parents of disadvantaged children in Immokalee, new shoes and supplies for school are not options when competing with other necessities such as food and rent.

That is why the Guadalupe Center holds its back-to-school shoes and supplies drive every year. Each August, the week before school starts, 50 children a day are transported from Immokalee to Naples to be fitted with a pair of brand new shoes. The trip is often a highlight of their summer; for many, it is their first pair of new shoes.

In partnership with local businesses, communities and volunteer organizations, last year the Guadalupe Center sent more than 350 youngsters off to school with new shoes and school supplies. Employees of Snyderman's Shoes and volunteers with Laces of Love make sure each child is fitted with shoes that are just right for them, and Russell's Clambakes provides lunch as part of the outing.



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A trip to Snyderman's Shoes is part of the Guadalupe Center's annual back-to-school effort for children in Immokalee. These photos are from last year's outing.

The challenge each year is keeping up with the need.

Donations of child-size sneakers, socks and school supplies, as well as monetary donations, are welcome and can be dropped off at the Guadalupe Upscale Resale & Consignment Shop, 8100 Trail Blvd., just south of Vander-

bilt Beach Road on U.S. 41. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Monetary donations can also be made online at [guadalupecenter.org](http://guadalupecenter.org) or mailed to the center at 509 Hope Circle, Immokalee, FL 34142.

Shoes and school supplies are handed

out all year long, as little feet don't stop growing, and little children never stop learning.

Focused on impoverished families in Immokalee, the mission of the Guadalupe Center is to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational, social and other support programs and resources. ■

## Girl Scout volunteers needed

Volunteer Girl Scout troop leaders and co-leaders are needed for the new school year to lead troops in Collier and Lee counties. All Girl Scout volunteers need to fill out a volunteer application, undergo a criminal background check and complete the organization's training program. Leaders and co-leaders have

the opportunity to create a flexible schedule that works for them. Training, curriculum and support are provided.

For more information, call Yvonne Bras, director of membership for Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, at (800) 232-4475 or visit [gsgcf.org/volunteers](http://gsgcf.org/volunteers). ■

## Learn how to build an endowment

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University presents "Size Doesn't Matter," a discussion about building an endowment, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the university, 2647 Northbrooke Drive in Naples.

Presenter Eileen Connolly-Keesler,

president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, will discuss strategies to build an endowment that will ensure an organization's sustainable future.

Registration is \$35. To sign up or for more information, call 598-6284 or email [cne@hodges.edu](mailto:cne@hodges.edu). ■



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## Grant will fund art therapy for children in crisis

The Glitter Foundation has awarded a grant for \$2,600 to the David Lawrence Center to fund an art therapy program on the Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit, an inpatient mental health unit where children experiencing a psychiatric crisis receive brief voluntary and involuntary evaluation and treatment.

Conducted by an independent registered art therapist and mental health counselor, the new art therapy group will take place twice a month. It is designed to improve the child's ability to communicate in healthy ways, increase self-expression, provide and reinforce emotional regulation skills and increase a sense of well being while the child is on the cri-

sis unit. It is based on the belief that the creative process involved in artistic self-expression helps children to resolve conflicts and problems, develop interpersonal skills, manage behavior, reduce stress and achieve insight while also increasing self-esteem and self-awareness.

Founded last year by Amanda Jaron, the Glitter Foundation is dedicated to strengthening the community now and for future generations by providing access to the arts through art education and art therapy programs for children.

For more information, call the David Lawrence Center at 455-8500 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org. ■

## Boys & Girls Club opens registration for after-school programs

Enrollment is open for the 2014-15 after-school programs at five locations of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. For ages 6-18, the programs focus on five core areas: character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Participants enjoy activities including tutoring and mentoring, vocational and technical training, music and dance, organized sports and STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) programs. A hot meal is included.



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Taina Williams, Aiyana Glenk, Brenda Mendez and Priscilla Puente



Sofia Gutierrez and Amirah Georges

This year's programs begin Aug. 18 and are offered Monday-Friday at:

■ **Boys & Girls Club** main campus, 7500 Davis Blvd., Naples

■ **Manatee Middle School**, 1920 Manatee Road, Naples

■ **Tommie Barfield Elementary School**, 101 Kirkwood St., Marco Island

■ **Immokalee Middle School**, (401 N. Ninth St., Immokalee

■ **Immokalee High School**, 701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee

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BY CHUCK SHEPHERD  
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### Modern warfare

The leader of the devout Sunni jihadist group Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, making a rare, solemn appearance in July, wore a flashy silver wristwatch that various video analysts described as either a Rolex or an Omega Seafarer or a feature-laden Saudi Arabian-made timepiece that sells for only about \$560. A week earlier, a Syrian anti-government rebel leader was shown in a video

exhorting his troops from notes he had made in his "Hello Kitty" notebook. And a week after that, a shopkeeper in North Waziristan, lamenting the loss of business when local Taliban fighters abruptly left the area, told a BBC reporter that the jihadists obsessively bought Dove soap, Head & Shoulders shampoo, white underwear ("briefs or Y-fronts"), and "Secret Love" and "Blue Lady" perfumes.

### The continuing crisis

■ Clinton Tucker, who is black, sued Benjamin Moore paints in Essex County, New Jersey, in June for wrongful firing — after, he said, he had tolerated years of workplace racial insults. In fact, Mr. Tucker said the company had introduced two new paint shades shortly after he was hired in 2011 — "Tucker Chocolate" and "Clinton Brown," provoking on-the-job ridicule.

■ The African hippopotamus is not found in South America — except for the estimated 50-some that, confusingly to natives, roam the Colombian countryside between Bogota and Medellin. The animals are the progeny of the four smuggled in 30 years ago by cocaine king Pablo Escobar, who generously established a grand, exotic zoo for his neighbors' enjoyment after his drug business took off (and before he was gunned down in 1993). However, as BBC News reported in June, hippo meat is inedible, and without their African natural enemies, they breed with astonishing prolificness — thus creating a "time bomb" for Colombia.

■ A former city official in Ridgewood, New Jersey, pleaded guilty in July to

stealing nearly 2 million quarters collected from parking meters with no one noticing for two years. Under a plea deal, Thomas Rica will likely be spared jail provided he repays half of what he stole.

■ In July, New York City prosecutors accused a former pharmacist at Mount Sinai Beth Israel hospital of stealing nearly 200,000 oxycodone-strength pain pills over five years, despite his increasingly far-fetched explanations. Anthony D'Alessandro even boldly swiped 1,500 pills the day after investigators first challenged him.

■ British lawyer Gary Stocker, 30, was headed to the top of the profession with an Oxford education and a six-figure salary — when he decided instead to become a circus's human cannonball. He is now The Great Herrmann in Chaplin's Circus under a 1,400-seat tent in the city of St. Albans. Mr. Stocker told the *Daily Mail* in May, "Being in a circus is what I was destined for" and that "Perhaps I only went to Oxford to please my mum." Chaplin's show tells the story of a failing circus revived by the invention of the first "human cannon."

### Wait — what?

Kimberly Williams, 46, was convicted in April in Will County, Ill., of beating dominatrix Theresa Washington with a baseball bat. Ms. Williams conceded to the judge that she had hired Ms. Washington, but only because she wanted a "slave" to take pictures of her naked while she did housework. Instead, she

said, Ms. Washington became aggressive, declared herself a "master" and dragged Ms. Williams around by the hair. Furthermore, according to Ms. Williams, Ms. Washington's transformation happened abruptly after a phone call Ms. Washington made to "someone she met on the dating site Christian Mingle."

### First-world problems

Update: U.S. obesity continues to grow — for pets as well as people — and exercise innovations for humans seem to trickle down to dogs. A July Associated Press report noted that fat Labradors and poodles now have Pilates ("pawlates") and yoga ("doga") and even play "Barko

Polo" in the pool, while the Morris Animal Inn offers five-day fitness camps for dogs (\$249) in Morristown, N.J. (More cats than dogs are overweight, but getting cats to the gym is perhaps beyond human capability.)

### The new normal

■ Since high-rise residents value their privacy, Lisa Pleiss of Seattle said she was frightened on June 22 when she saw a drone hovering outside her 26th-floor window: "You don't expect to be walking around indecent in your apartment and then have this thing potentially recording you." According to police, the drone was legal — helping a developer photograph downtown Seattle — but would not have been if the camera had been pointed at Ms. Pleiss' window. (Drones are becoming so widespread that, for instance, the University of South Florida library owns several, for student check-out on certain research projects.)

■ In June, as Elizabeth Neufeld, 85,

was backing her car out of her driveway in Bel Air, Calif., it tipped on a curve and rolled onto its side. Ms. Neufeld was not hurt, but was trapped inside while her husband, Benjamin, 87, got out on his own. As they awaited firefighters, she reportedly handed a cellphone to a passerby so that the Neufelds would have a "selfie" (which made the Internet, with Ms. Neufeld having righted herself in the driver's seat and Benjamin standing sheepishly alongside). (Dr. Elizabeth Neufeld, retired, is one of the world's most prominent genetics researchers, having won numerous awards during stints at the National Institutes of Health, University of California, Berkeley and UCLA.) ■



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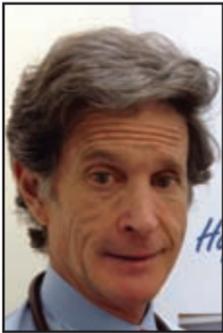
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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Collier paramedics planning to connect with ER docs en route to trauma center

BY DR. ROBERT TOBER  
Special to Florida Weekly

Patients calling for emergency medical help will soon have emergency room physicians right at their doorsteps through a new medical approach called telemedicine.



TOBER

Collier County Emergency Medical Services is working to create a live video stream telemedicine program with Lee Memorial Hospital, Southwest Florida's trauma center. Rather than medical care from LMH beginning once a patient arrives in the ER, hospital physicians will be able to direct paramedics to provide advanced life support measures using telemedicine.

When technology allows a paramedic to use his own iPhone or an onboard video camera to securely stream live video of a patient to emergency rooms, medicine has taken its next life-saving step forward.

Collier County EMS and firefighter paramedics are well trained in stabilizing and reviving patients, but telemedicine will enable ER physicians to view a patient issue live from the scene and allow for earlier advanced care.

Empowering the coordination between paramedics and ER doctors and surgeons has been proven to save lives. For example:

■ Ambulance response trends are calling for point-of-care blood tests on the scene of heart attacks to measure cardiac enzymes that can identify an acute heart attack before the patient ever reaches the hospital.

■ Checking the blood stream for evidence of lactic acid in severe infections and shock states can also help identify more effective and earlier medical care to be provided by ambulance paramedics.

Some medical reports have suggested placing physician's assistants on ambulances, but this would come at a higher cost. PAs could eliminate transport for issues such as minor illnesses or lacerations, thus freeing up emergency rooms for true emergencies.

Telemedicine, however, remains the best alternative to placing a PA or actual physician on an ambulance.

This new medical video streaming could be taken as far as feeding live video of a major traffic pile-up into area ERs through a secure network so physicians can make immediate lifesaving calls. Cost and liability analysis have not yet been completed on this particular use of the technology, but it is sure to occur within the next five years for larger metropolitan areas.

The University of Miami Gordon Center for Research in Medical Education is already experimenting with telemedicine to learn if it will decrease the number of helicopter transports of stroke patients from the lower Florida Keys to Jackson Memorial Hospital. Using telemedicine, ER physicians are able to issue care orders and guide



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Collier County EMS staff take things seriously during a mock car accident as part of a "You Booze You Lose" event at a local high school.

paramedics throughout a 15-minute medical helicopter ride, making the ride truly part of the patient's medical care and improving a trauma patient's ability to survive.

Telemedicine would surely help improve post-care for patients. Currently, Collier County EMS deploys a proximate paramedic to organize medications for patients in need of assistance.

Telemedicine might also enable agencies like Collier County EMS to virtually check on patients. Although at-home calls by paramedics acting as nurses would require law changes in many states, including Florida, it would allow us to make strides toward more effectively arming medical professionals for patients requiring intensive supervision.

King County boasts a stellar emergency medical system, covering 2,000 square miles serving 2 million people. The county has 26 advanced life support ambulances

staffed with paramedics and dozens of basic life support units staffed by emergency medical technicians.

In Collier County, in addition to further exploring telemedicine opportunities, we are working on restructuring the organization of our basic and advanced life support ambulances to work more cooperatively with area fire districts and to improve response times.

Virtual medical feeds are old news, but virtual feeds of emergency situations on the road are still developing. Collier County is set under our EMS system to become a leading agency in telemedicine and other break-through life saving measures. ■

— In addition to serving as Collier County medical director, Dr. Robert Tober is director of the NCH Healthcare Wound Healing Center and the Neighborhood Health Clinic.

## In the changing world of health care, NCH remains confident, optimistic



Despite health care's continuing uncertainty and multiple concerns among many of the nation's hospitals, it's been a good year at NCH from every perspective. Our most recent accolade was being the only system in Southwest Florida recognized for excellence by U.S. News & World Report. See story on page A7. (Our affiliate Mayo Clinic was honored as best nationally).

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■ In recognition of everyone's hard work during the busiest and longest season NCH has ever had (and it continues), we will distribute a monetary reward to eligible staff later this summer that will incorporate the traditional holiday gift.

■ In January 2015, we will implement a merit pay increase based on performance reviews using a process similar to last year's.

■ Health-care premiums will remain unchanged for 2015, and we are adding programs to earn valuable HRA points while improving overall wellness.

I'll have more to say about all this pending formal approval by our board of trust-

ees, but these decisions run counter to what's going on at most health-care organizations in the U.S., as well as to the view of our industry by the three major credit-rating agencies. We continue to run a "tight ship" at NCH and are focused on further improvement. Here are some details:

■ In terms of quality and service, we have almost non-existent central line and ventilator associated infections. Our sepsis (blood infection) mortality has dropped from more than 30 percent to single digits and C. Difficile infections are half the national average. Patient satisfaction has improved in some areas and will continue as a prominent focus for improvement this coming year.

■ In terms of other important metrics, supply costs are down in part due to our relationship with the Upper Midwest VHA, which followed our Mayo affiliation.

■ Thirty-three new physicians and nurse practitioners have joined us over the past two years. New patients, or course, are always welcome.

So while health care continues to undergo monumental change, NCH continues to thrive. Clearly, we can never afford to get complacent. But there is considerable good reason to remain confident and optimistic.

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PATEL

Guest speaker orthopedic surgeon Chi-raz Patel will discuss the most common foot and ankle problems such as sprains, fractures, tendonitis, osteoporosis, bunions

and other foot deformities, as well as simple solutions to prevent foot injuries.

Dr. Patel earned his doctor of medicine at Texas A&M University and completed an orthopedic surgery residency at Stanford University Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at the Foundation for Orthopaedic, Athletic Reconstruction Research (F.O.A.R.R.) in affiliation with The University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center.

Admission to the lecture is \$3. Seating is limited. Call 403-5169 to reserve a seat. ■

## Drug Free Collier presents two experts

Drug Free Collier presents "The Juvenile Struggle: Eating Disorders and Substance Use Disorders," a free program by Dr. Joann Hendelman and Johanna Kandel from the Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Hodges University in Naples. Professionals can earn three free CEUs.

Dr. Hendelman and Ms. Kandel will discuss trends in the field of eating disorders and substance use disorders as well as shared characteristics and risk factors among teens who develop such disorders.

Reservations are required by Friday, Aug. 8, and can be made by emailing info@drugfreecollier.org. ■

## Support group for Crohn's, colitis sufferers

The next support group meeting for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America takes place from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Attendees will be able to ask questions of gastroenterologist Raymond Phillips.

CCFA support group are held at the same time and place on the first Thursday of the month. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 4 and Oct. 2. Admission is free. For more information, call 649-1336. ■

## Free counseling available for caregivers

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# PET TALES

## Get a move on

### Exercise therapy: Tired dogs are more likely to be well-mannered

BY GINA SPADAFORI  
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The joke in dog training these days is that when you get two trainers together, the only thing they'll agree on is that a third trainer is doing it wrong.

But there's something else that the fiercest advocate of a no-punishment training approach will find in common with the trainer who believes that a dog's actions need consequences: They'll both agree that your dog is likely not getting enough exercise, and that sedentary lives are at the root of a lot of canine behavior problems.

Look at the big, active dogs we adore, such as the Labrador retriever and the German shepherd. You don't have to go far down the popularity list to find other active breeds, such as the always-in-motion dog commonly known as the Jack Russell terrier. Factor in the countless retriever, shepherd, husky, hound and terrier mixes, and you have a lot of dogs whose genetics have prepared them to work nonstop for hours at a time.

Instead, many of them spend their lives in small, boring backyards. To burn off all that natural energy, they're busy barking, digging and chewing.

If you're thinking of getting a dog, think very seriously about what breed or mix you want and whether you can provide an active dog with the exercise he needs. If you can't honestly say that your dog will get 30 minutes



For dogs who like to fetch and swim, combining the two is always a great plan.

of heart-thumping aerobic exercise at least three to four days a week — daily is better — then you really ought to reconsider those breeds and mixes.

Fortunately, there are alternatives. All dogs love and need their exercise, but not all dogs will misbehave if they don't get a ton of it. Consider dogs of breeds or mixes that are content with less exercise. For large dogs, consider adopting a retired racing greyhound, a dog known as the "30 mph couch potato." Many of the pug-nosed breeds are also touted for their couch-potato ways, but beware: that's because they're often born with com-

promised respiratory systems, with health problems to match.

Many small breeds are easy in the exercise department, and they're well worth considering because it's not as difficult to exercise a small dog with short legs. A Yorkie, pug or corgi can get good exercise in a small yard or on a brisk walk, but remember that even short legs won't get you off the hook with the most active and tough-minded breeds of terrier. These dogs need as much regular cardio as their bigger, more powerful relatives.

What if you already have an active breed of dog? I know the answer to this one, having shared my life with retrievers from high-drive hunting lines for almost 20 years. Keeping them exercised is a big part of my life. There's always a tennis ball in my truck, and I know all the safe and legal places to throw it, especially those that involve bodies of water.

So get out that leash. Find that tennis ball. Scope out the nearest safe body of water. And make some time to get your dog moving a half-hour a day, every day. Your dog will be happier and healthier, and so will you.

As for those behavior problems, you'll find they're easier to fix if your dog isn't frantically looking for a place to direct all that energy. Ask your veterinarian for a trainer or behaviorist who can help. ■

*This column originally ran on July 17, 2013.*

### Pets of the Week

>> **Abby** is a pretty, 3-year-old Labrador retriever mix who weighs about 55 pounds. Friendly and quiet, she listens well, knows the basics and will be a wonderful family pet.



>> **Grayson** is a 2-month-old domestic shorthair whose eyes reflect the love he has to give. He is well behaved and affectionate.



>> **Larry** is a 2 1/2-year-old Manchester terrier mix who weighs about 12 pounds. He loves people (and their laps).



>> **Lilly** is a beautiful 4-year-old domestic shorthair who purrs like a motor to show her appreciation for being petted.



### To adopt or foster a pet

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## Baby, it's hot outside



It's the time of year with Southwest Florida diva just throws her hands up in the air and comes to the sad conclusion that it's futile to even attempt to sparkle this deep into a subtropical summer.

It's a good thing there are fewer events to attend in July and August, because only a very special chosen few are going to look good when they leave the house. These are the rare people who don't sweat. If you're a normal, regular human, it's impossible to look as fresh as daisy around these parts when the thermometer reads 97 insane degrees, the "feels-like" temperature is 108 and you just know that your hair, make-up job, shoes and outfit are all going to be drenched at any given moment by a pop-up thunderstorm. At almost every soiree, happy hour or fundraiser I attend these days, people walk in apologizing, "I'm sorry, I'm soaked from the rain!" or "Oh, no, don't hug me. I'm sorry — I'm all sweaty" or "I'm sorry — I know I look wilted, but it's just so horrendously HOT."

While we can't do anything about the weather (I've discovered that complaining about it almost daily on social media is useless, as apparently Mother Nature never checks her Facebook page — slacker), we can try and work with the elements. That said, here are some

tips for surviving a ridiculously hot summer and looking somewhat pretty while doing it:

■ I know it's tempting to put your hair in a clip to keep it from sticking to your neck, but take a hint from Katniss Everdeen and try rocking a side-swept braid or ponytail. Fasten it with a band that has some sparkle.

■ Skip any make-up that shimmers (you have your own personal shimmer in the summer — it's called sweat), and instead go for a clean, matte look. I talked to some local beauty experts and they all agree that mineral-based make-up seems to hold up best under a hot sun.

■ Drink more water. Not only will it keep you hydrated, it's fabulous for your skin. At a bar or restaurant, order it in a big wine glass with ice and garnish it with a lemon for a festive look.

■ Don't sit in the sun too long. There is just no way to make a sunburn or peeling skin look cute.

■ Keep an arsenal of blotting paper in your purse and use it often. This way, when you're at a party and people start whipping out their iPhones for pics to post, you won't look shiny.

■ Carry a fan. Seriously. I have a friend who carries a very pretty wood and silk fan she got at World Market wherever she goes. When she gets hot, she takes it out and gently fans herself. It looks

elegant and old school.

■ You're probably wearing a lot of sandals and open-toed wedges lately, so make sure your pedicure's in check. I love all the groovy colors and bling on toenails I'm seeing. So go ahead, paint each nail a different color for fun — because you need fun in your life when it's this hot out.

■ Ditch the jeans and bring out the cotton sundresses. You can dress them up by wearing pearls or rhinestones or adding a colorful belt.

■ Speaking of color, I realize black is slimming, but it's also hot. When I travelled to some bigger cities around the South

this month, I noticed lots of

women (of all ages) wearing whites, creams and pale yellows. Just don't be like me and spill your red wine on yourself on a regular basis.

After all that, however, the best advice I can give (even though I know it's not realistic) remains: Stay in your air-conditioned residence with the curtains drawn until November.

Oh, and always, and I mean ALWAYS carry an umbrella. If it fails to rain, you can use it as a parasol; it will go nicely with your fan. ■

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



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## FLORIDA'S NON-COMPETE

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BY ROGER WILLIAMS  
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SOMETIMES — IN FACT, DOZENS OF SOMETIMES EACH YEAR up and down the southwest coast and elsewhere in the Sunshine State — a little thing called a non-compete clause becomes the fly in the soup.

Unlike in some other states, according to Florida employment law, businesses and owners can protect themselves from what they judge unfair competition by requiring employees, or franchisers in a chain, for example, to sign non-compete clauses.

Because no non-compete clause is like any other, the law is tested regularly, says Christina Schwinn, a partner at the Pavese Law Firm and expert in a variety of employment law.

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# ON THE MOVE

## Awards & Recognition

**Michael Scott Owen**, biologist at the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, has been named Forest Conservationist of the Year by the Florida Wildlife Federation. Mr. Owen was recognized for his 20 years of work at Fakahatchee documenting the diversity of plants and animals and measuring water levels — data that is critical to Everglades restoration projects. He has also partnered with several botanical gardens in an effort to halt the loss of endangered bromeliads. With financial assistance from the Friends of Fakahatchee, he and other biologists have traveled to Cuba to locate several rare orchids species for reintroduction into the park.



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**The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club** has earned a Pinnacle Award for 2014 from Successful Meetings magazine. This marks the 11th consecutive year the resort has received the honor. It will be presented to Jason Parsons, general manager of the 319-room resort. The award is determined by votes from corporate and association meeting planners, as well as event and incentive specialists.

**Cindy Lewis**, campus dean, student affairs and academic services at Florida SouthWestern State College, has received the Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administration. Ms. Lewis has been a

member of the association since 1986 and has served in a number of positions within the organization including president, vice president, sponsorship chair and legislative liaison. She served as financial aid director at FSW for 24 years and plans to retire this fall.

## Board Appointments



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**Dr. Renate Chivli**, retired ob-gyn physician, and **David Varoski**, a portfolio manager with Northern Trust Bank, have joined the board of directors for Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss.

Gulfshore Playhouse is proud to announce the addition of **Adria Starkey**, Collier County president for FineMark National Bank and Trust Company; **David Drobis**, chairman emeritus of Ketchum Worldwide; and **Naomi Buck**, president of Presentations Plus, have joined the board of directors for Gulfshore Playhouse.

Recently announced board members for 2014-15 to serve The Immokalee Foundation are: **Joe Zednik**, chair; **Alison Douglas**, secretary; **Pablo Veintimilla**, treasurer; and **James Bailey**,

**Michael Benson, David Call, Chuck Campbell, John Costigan, Joyce Hagen Fites, Blake Gable, Don Gunther, John Henry, Cynthia Janssen, Kevin Johnson, Pete Negri and Louise Penta.** Board emeritis members are: **George Franks, W.R. "Skip" Hildebrand, Will Larson, Malcolm "Mac" McDonald, Lisa Merritt, Don O'Neill, Peggy Redlinger, Dick Stonesifer and Tom Weyl.**

## Health Care



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**Drs. Michelle Diaz and Walid Mangal** have joined the staff of Eye Centers of Florida. Dr. Diaz is a general ophthalmologist and fellowship-trained refractive surgeon who specializes in cataract surgery and laser vision correction. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida and her doctor of medicine from the University of Miami. Dr. Mangal is a retinal surgeon, specializing in macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vascular occlusions, retinal tears and detachments, as well as retinal pathology. He holds a doctor of osteopathic medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, a master's in public health from The George Washington Univer-

sity School of Public Health and Health Sciences, a graduate certificate degree in physiology from Medical College of Virginia/VCU, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from The George Washington University, Columbian School of Arts and Sciences.

## Hospitality

**Jamie Beale** has been named general manager at Agave Bar & Grill. Ms. Beale has more than 15 years of experience in the food and wine industry in New York. She holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and economics from State University of New York in Cortland and an MBA from SUNY-Albany. She worked as general manager of Provence Wine Bar and Restaurant in Albany, N.Y., and was general manager/owner and operator of the Gavel Grille in Hudson Falls, N.Y., Grey Gelding Bistro & Bar, GG at Restaurant Row, Social Gourmets Catering Co. LLC and Saratoga School of Cooking LLC.

## Marketing & PR

**Lisa Mishler** has been promoted from public relations manager to director of marketing and public relations for Miromar Development Corp. to oversee marketing and public relations for Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, Miromar Outlets and the Miromar Design Center. Ms. Mishler succeeds Vivian Dawson, who retired in June after seven years in the position. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Boston University and has more than 20 years of experience in marketing, media relations, broadcast and print journalism. ■

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# COMPETE

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all employees should be signing non-competes. If a receptionist doesn't have access to trade secrets or confidential information, and all he or she does is answer the telephone, what interest are you as an employer protecting?"

There is one unspoken bottom line, she adds: "You can't restrict competition."

As a result, non-compete clauses, which are typically two years and with a geographical range applied (35, 50 or 70 miles, for example), are frequently challenged or tested.

Often they're settled out of court, a lot of them are related to medical practices or the work of employee leasing or professional employ-



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er companies, and sometimes employers decide not to go forward when somebody breaks a non-compete agreement, Ms. Schwinn notes.

The Florida statute that enshrines non-compete clauses in the way we do business is 542.335, known as the "Valid restraints of trade or commerce" statute. It can buzz around the business community in unlikely ways.

## Real world applications

For example: A Naples pizzeria in a many-year franchise arrangement with a Chicago-based restaurant decides to quit that train and head out on its own. Only one problem: It signed a non-compete clause. So it finds itself restricted from opening another shop within five miles of its original downtown location — and it has to severely limit what it offers, even taking square slices off the menu. (That was Sweet Home Chicago Pub & Grub.)

Hair stylists and tattoo artists open businesses elsewhere in the Southwest Florida competitive region, taking their skill sets out to compete with their former employers. They are successfully sued and stopped from doing business.

Or a neurosurgeon with a specialty so rare he's the only doctor between Tampa and Miami who can perform a life-saving procedure finds himself sued by Lee Memorial Health System because he broke his 50-mile-radius, non-compete clause and took up his practice at NCH, 35 miles away in Naples.

This was Dr. Eric Eskioglu, who joined Lee Memorial in 2006, and then resigned suddenly in 2011. The case was settled out of court, allowing Dr. Eskioglu to continue performing a surgery to



treat brain aneurysms with coil embolization, which is minimally invasive, in Naples.

Only 30 others nationwide could even do that job, he told a judge before he reached a settlement agreement with Lee Memorial.

There are many other examples from a wide range of businesses and experiences.

For employers who decide to use the non-compete clauses, "don't just write it yourself," says Sandra Kauanui, chair of the management department and director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship at Florida Gulf Coast University.

"Get help if you're an employer. Every one is different, and every one is state specific. There are restrictions on time — how long you can require it — and distance."

And every detail can be debated, adds Ms. Schwinn. "If the restriction is 50 miles, is that as the crow flies?" she asks.

There will have to be an answer.

"There needs to be reasonable parameters. You can't prohibit competition," adds Professor Kauanui.

In other words, a non-compete clause has to be shaped and sculpted to fit the profile of the particular business.

That's because the law is very careful not to restrict competition — that ultimate virtue in American-style capitalism — while giving teeth to employers who have been the targets of unfair and possibly unethical treatment at the hands of employees.

## Good for competition

The law itself performs five basic functions: it protects trade secrets; it protects "valuable or confidential information," even if it isn't a trade secret; it protects "substantial relationships with specific prospective or existing customers, patients or clients"; it protects "customer, patient or client good will"; and finally, it protects "extraordinary or specialized training."

"Non-competes for my industry are absolutely essential," says Steve Pontius, executive vice president and general manager at NBC-2.

"And they only cover a fraction of my

workforce. But the people they cover — anchor people and reporters and a few others — we invest a tremendous amount of money in creating a notoriety and image for them that can be easily quantified. It's hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars of air time promotion.

If we couldn't protect that it would be terribly damaging for us.



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"If you are brought into our organization and spent three years developing contacts and confidential informants and everything — relationships with key people that improve your performance to do your craft — then the station has an invested interest in you.

"This isn't indentured servitude. If they want to leave Waterman Broadcasting they can work anywhere in the United States except a couple of places, and even then they're restricted only for about a year.

"Those couple of places are television stations less than 10 miles away.

"Our legal counsel tells us the non-competes have to be fair, and we have to (observe them, too).

"If we talk to somebody from another station (about a job), the first words out of our mouths are, 'Are you protected by a non-compete contract?'"

"The anchors on my station or WINK or WFTX have all worked at other stations in this market, and have either set out a year or gone to another market and come back — and that's okay.

"And you can extend this conversation to a lot of different industries."

## Hammering out the details

In many states, money becomes a legal consideration when employers ask their workers to sign a non-compete clause — employees get paid for that kind of self-restriction.

"Some employers here will go ahead and do that, because they don't want to create a morale issue," she says.

Most employees don't balk at the non-solicit part of such an agreement — the part that says they can't solicit clients from the company's rolls for their own new business, for example.

Nor do employees tend to question the notion that giving away company secrets is not cool at all.

"That seems fair to them," Ms. Schwinn says.

"But when you get to the non-compete aspect of it, it can be devastating for an employee who gets fired and has to uproot a family and go somewhere else — if the employer is going to enforce it.

"Some employers are steadfast — we're going to enforce all of it, they say. But there is a cost involved."

And a process. First, employers have to demand that a person "cease and desist."

If an employee has gone to work for another employer, the old company may threaten to sue the new one, along with the employee.

Then they start by asking a judge for a "temporary injunction," in which they prove that they have "an enforceable restrictive covenant, it has been breached, and they have a right to sue.

Then, the new employer has to post a bond that will cover the attorney's fees for the former employer, if that employer wins the suit.

Since the prevailing party will win attorney's fees at the very least, says Ms. Schwinn, "it serves as an equalizer and encourages settlement, because neither party runs that risk."

Although she embraces the notion of non-solicitation agreements, she admits, she doesn't personally like non-competitive agreements.

"If a restriction says somebody can't work for a competitor within a 75-mile radius, that will knock that person out of (most of) Lee, Collier, Charlotte and even Hendry counties, so they end up having to relocate and maybe take a job they don't have the skill set for." ■

## in the know

### Non-compete advice

>> **For employers:** Sit down and evaluate what interests you need to protect. In the software development business, for example, that's pretty competitive. Make sure you have at least a very strong confidentiality agreement, and you may want to have non-compete inclusion.

>> **For employees:** "It's harder for employees. Make sure you understand what you're signing," says attorney Christina Harris Schwinn, a partner in the Pavese Law Firm. "So many people sign whatever documents an employer sticks in front of them, so they have no idea what the restrictions really are."

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# Depression can put employee productivity down in the dumps

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

In a hypercompetitive global economy, organizations must be “on” 24/7. Yet this scramble for perpetual performance is taking a harsh toll on employees. They relentlessly push to get ahead and stay ahead — working longer days, emailing after hours, taking fewer vacations — often with little acknowledgment for their efforts.

The result is a workforce that’s not just disengaged (Gallup’s 2013 State of the American Workplace report revealed that 70 percent of U.S. employees fall into this category), but also stressed and depressed.

And here’s the irony: The constant hustle aimed at increasing productivity and profitability actually decreases both. That’s according to Graeme Cowan, a survivor of depression and the author of “Back from the Brink: True Stories and Practical Help for Overcoming Depression and Bipolar Disorder” (New Harbinger Publications, \$16.95).

“The mental and emotional state of today’s workforce is abysmal,” Mr. Cowan says. “And since there’s a stigma around mental health issues, people aren’t seeking help.”

His research shows that 86 percent of those afflicted would rather suffer in silence. “That’s very bad news for employers, who may have a big portion of their workforce struggling along at reduced capacity,” he says.

Mr. Cowan knows the ravages of depression firsthand. After spending most of his life as a senior executive with organizations such as Johnson & Johnson and A.T. Kearney, he suffered a mental breakdown that culminated in a suicide attempt. It was then that he began to wonder how widespread and impactful a problem workplace depression really is.

Turns out the problem is quite costly indeed. A study recently published by the Journal of the American Medical Association found that depressed workers experienced more health-related productivity losses than those without depression, and that those losses cost employers \$44 billion.

A big part of the problem is a phenomenon called presenteeism — meaning that people are physically at work but not engaged and certainly not fully functioning. In fact, the JAMA study found that presenteeism accounts for greater losses in productivity among depressed workers than does absenteeism.

“The loss in productivity caused by depression is extremely difficult to track because it manifests via poor performance,” Mr. Cowan notes. “Companies that don’t address the elephant in the boardroom will suffer — even if they

don’t know they’re suffering at all.”

Here are a few of his recommendations for leaders seeking to help depressed employees:

■ **Be proactive about helping employees treat depression.** Provide employees with workplace resources — including a mental health policy, wellness program and intranet materials — to help them take action to deal with their illness. Whether available via an organization’s intranet or downloadable in the form of a smartphone app, these resources must be both practical and evidence-based. To accommodate different learning styles, multimedia delivery would be optimal. Companies could also assemble a panel or list of suitable mental health professionals whom employees can feel comfortable going to when they need assistance.

“A big regret for depressed individuals is that they didn’t get an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan earlier,” Mr. Cowan says. “There is a stigma around depression that discourages people from getting treatment. But when companies emphasize the importance of treating these issues, they help destigmatize them, which will lead to more people’s getting the help they need more quickly.”

■ **Know how to recognize the signs of depression.** Of course, a key step in providing employees with the care and support they need is knowing what signs indicate they could be suffering from depression. If a normally reliable employee starts calling in sick more than usual, missing deadlines or meetings, looks tired or overwhelmed, or has a decrease in overall performance, they could be depressed.

“Employers, managers, and coworkers should also keep an eye out for changes in temperament,” Mr. Cowan says. “For example, maybe an employee was well known for greeting you and other coworkers each morning or making friendly conversation during work breaks, but now goes straight to his desk or spends his breaks alone or surfing the Internet. These could each be signs that depression has taken hold and certainly indicate it might be time to check in with them and see how they’re doing.”

■ **Teach managers and team members how to ask “Are you okay?”** Fifty-one percent of employees believe that the most effective way to address harm-

ful stress is “speaking to someone at work.”

“This creates a compelling case to increase the will and skill of managers and team members to ask ‘Are you okay?’ and encourage the stressed employee to take action,” Mr. Cowan says. “I recommend a four-step process to building trust and helping someone you are concerned about. First, break the ice. The best ice-breaker? Simply ask ‘Are you okay?’ Next, listen without judgment. Then, encourage action. And finally, follow up.

Compassion or emotional support plays an essential role in recovering from depression. Employees say that when a supervisor or coworker shows they care about them as a person, it is the biggest predictor of recovery and return to productivity, Mr. Cowan says.

■ **Make sure their work fits their strengths.** Engaged employees, doing work they’re good at, are happy employees. Companies can help prevent workplace depression by making sure employees are satisfied with their work. And where depression already exists, Mr. Cowan says, helping the employee get back to doing fulfilling work will help them recover.

■ **Provide ways for employees to get exercise.** One of the common symp-

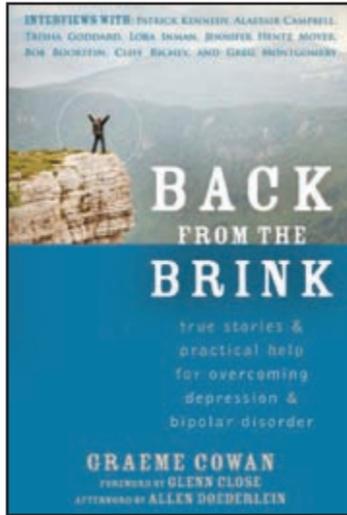
toms of depression is fatigue and an overactive mind and underactive body. According to the Mayo Clinic, a 30-minute brisk walk improves your mood two, four, eight and 12 hours later compared to those who don’t exercise.

“A great way for companies to play a role here is to offer physical and mental wellness programs,” Mr. Cowan says. “Employees with a positive mood are 31 percent more productive, sell 37 percent more and are 300 percent more creative. The productivity benefit that could flow from a program that builds employee physical and mental well-being is almost self-evident, especially in light of exercise’s being judged so important for recovery.”

If a virus or other illness were running rampant through your workforce, you wouldn’t sit back and do nothing while employees called in sick or sat at their desks unable to do their jobs.

“More than likely,” Mr. Cowan says, “you’d find ways to help your employees get well as soon as possible. That’s why it doesn’t make sense for employers to ignore the hold that depression has on so many of their employees. Companies that recognize the importance of helping their employees get the mental health care they need will reap huge benefits.” ■

— Graeme Cowan is one of Australia’s leading speakers and authors in the area of building resilience and mental health. He is also a director of the R U OK? Foundation, whose slogan is “A Conversation Could Change a Life” (www.ruokday.com) and whose launch campaign was supported with video promotions from Australian actors Hugh Jackman, Simon Baker and Naomi Watts.



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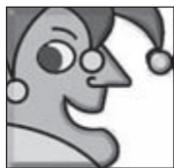
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■ Read the fine print and crunch some numbers. A "0 percent" credit card will indeed charge you no interest on your debt, but typically only for a limited time. So if you transfer a big debt to such a card, aim to pay it off as soon as possible. Otherwise, a rate much higher than 0 percent will kick in after a while (usually six months to a year or more).

■ Learn exactly how long you will enjoy the 0 percent rate, and what the rate will be when charges start applying. Some cards might charge you just 12 percent or less, while others might charge upward of 20 percent. The fine print can alert you to possible problems, such as if a single late payment will trigger the card's highest rate taking effect, or whether new purchases will face regular (or steep) interest charges while only the

transferred balance enjoys the 0 percent rate.

■ Be sure to consider all the costs involved in transferring a balance. Your new card may feature 0 percent interest, but it might also charge a balance transfer fee of between 3 percent and 5 percent. If you're transferring \$25,000 and are being charged a 4 percent fee, that's a \$1,000 charge. Make sure that your interest savings will make that cost worthwhile.

Note, too, that you may need to have a good credit rating in order to qualify for a good balance-transfer deal. If you qualify and go for it, consider consolidating debt from several cards onto one low-rate card in order to simplify your financial life. Check with your current lender, too — if you have a good record with them, you might get a lower interest rate just by asking.

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Profits Brewing

Starbucks' global empire features more than 20,000 stores, and its business is firing on all cylinders, offering little sign of market saturation or damage from competition. Even in the U.S., where Starbucks has reached a significant level of market penetration, same-store sales increased by a vigorous 6 percent during the quarter that ended March 30.

Total sales in the China/Asia-Pacific region jumped 24 percent in the quarter, with 174 net new store openings. China is on track to become Starbucks' largest market outside of the U.S., and the company's international growth is just getting started.

Starbucks is the leading mobile-payments retailer, with 14 percent of purchases now made with mobile phones. Recent acquisitions such as Teavana

(teas), Evolution Fresh (juices, smoothies, soups and salads) and La Boulange (baked goods) provide a deep pipeline for innovation in coming years, as the company aims to become a lunch and dinner destination. Management is optimistic about an evening menu featuring wine, beer and more sophisticated food items.

Starbucks is also venturing into specialized sodas. Packaged products have proven to be another smart way to leverage the brand and expand into different sales channels and product categories.

Starbucks' stock isn't a screaming bargain right now, but the company has many growth drivers at work, and its stock can still reward long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns and has recommended shares of Starbucks.) ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Shouldn't Have Bought — or Sold

My dumbest investment was when I listened to my husband, who doesn't know jack about stocks. He wanted to get in on Facebook when it had its initial public offering (IPO). So instead of listening to the buzz about the inflated IPO price, I bought and lost and ... the second-dumbest investment was selling it! Live and learn.

— S.C.S.

**The Fool Responds:** Financial differences can sink many relationships, so it's great to talk about money frequently and to get on the same page. Like many IPOs, Facebook shares opened high and then rose, before falling back to earth a bit later. The shares touched \$45 on their first day, closing near \$32 a week later and near \$18 a few months after that. Of course, they're above \$60 now.

It is indeed risky to jump into IPOs in their first year or so, when they can be extra-volatile. There's usually plenty of time to invest in great companies. With Facebook, you needed to study the company to determine what you thought the shares were worth. Selling was right — if you no longer had faith in its future. ■



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I trace my roots back to 1887 when a watchmaker at the Nippon Gakki company began making reed organs. I'm now the world's largest maker of a full line of musical instruments — as well as sports equipment, semiconductors, robots, furniture, appliances, audio/visual products, machine tools and much more. (I even own and run some Japanese resorts.) In addition, I encompass the separately managed vehicle company that is now the world's second-largest motorcycle maker and also makes golf carts, outboard engines, snowmobiles, water vehicles and more. At some point, I have even offered fiberglass-reinforced bathtubs. Who am I? (Answer: Yamaha) ■



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### Taken Private

Q What does it mean when a company is taken private?

— L.J., Shenandoah, Iowa

A Think of how a company "goes public" via an initial public offering (IPO), selling a chunk of itself in shares on the stock market. Companies can go in the opposite direction, too, becoming private again if their shares are bought back and no longer trade publicly.

In 2011, Hugh Hefner took his company, Playboy Enterprises, private in a \$207 million deal. In an effort to regain control over the company, and presumably because he thought its stock was undervalued, Hefner offered shareholders a premium over the going price. He had to raise his bid, too, to deflect other bidders.

Last year, Michael Dell, in partnership with a private equity firm, took his struggling computer company, Dell, private in a far-bigger, \$25 billion deal. And right now, lululemon athletica founder Chip Wilson is looking into taking his company private, as well.

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Q Is "buy and hold" the best investment strategy?

— K.V., Greenville, North Carolina

A Super-investor Warren Buffett has said that his favorite time to sell is "never."

But successful investing isn't as simple as just never selling. Many have made millions by holding shares of great companies for decades, through ups and downs.

Think of it as buying to hold. In other words, don't buy a stock and then just blindly hold it for years. You need to check up on your holdings regularly. Fortunes can change, even for the best companies.

So carefully select promising companies, intending to hang on for the long term — as long as they remain healthy and growing. ■

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

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts the annual James V. Mudd Fellowship presentation from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at chamber headquar-

ters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. This year's recipient is Harold Weeks, president of the NAACP of Collier County. Sign up at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

■ The **Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at the Hilton Naples. The "Best of the Best" guest speakers will include several presenters whose programs were popular with members in the past year. Topics include: the art of negotiation, social media, valuing your business, marketing your business, tax readiness and investing in Southwest Florida. \$25 for members, \$30 for others in advance; \$28 and \$33 at the door. Registration required by Aug. 8 at [www.aboveboardchamber.com](http://www.aboveboardchamber.com).

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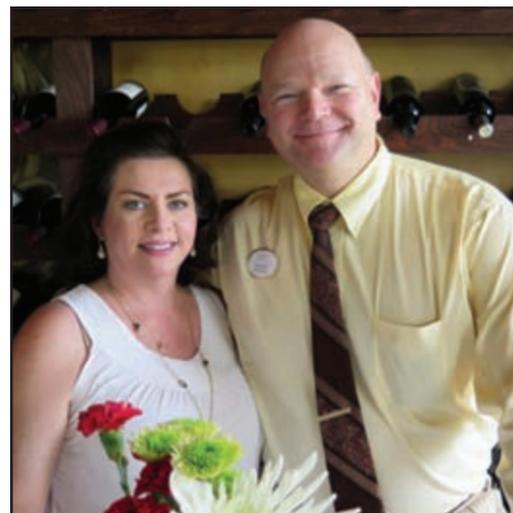
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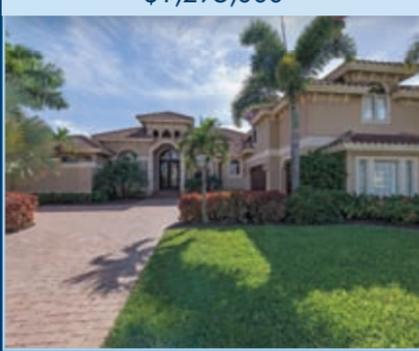
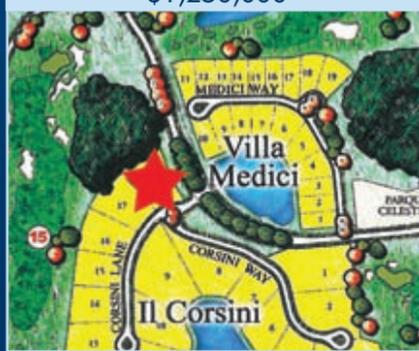


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## First model opens in Cielo tower at Pelican Landing

The first model residence has opened in Cielo, WCI Communities' newest neighborhood of luxury condominiums at The Colony Golf & Bay Club at Pelican Landing in Bonita Springs.

The interior of the three-bedroom, 3½-bath Residence 02 was created by Robb & Stucky International and has a casual, contemporary twist.

Metallic and mirrored furniture, light-reflecting wallpaper and fire behind cracked glass add dazzle throughout the model's 2,950 square feet. Designed to maximize entertaining potential and showcase views from the third-floor location, Residence 02 offers gathering spaces that flow out to wraparound loggias and a "chat area" in the great room with swivel chairs circling an oversized ottoman.

The model has hand-scraped wood floors and a neutral palette of linen, beige and taupe with pops of bright orange. A granite-embedded covering on the great room's main wall adds texture and is enhanced by the play of moving light from the LED fireplace with cracked-glass doors.

The model's openness is balanced by private spaces for bedrooms and the library, shown in the model as a study. Sliding glass doors open to a private loggia. Each of the model's guest suites also has a walk-in closet and private bath.

Residence 02 is one of two floor plans offered in Cielo. The second floor plan has 2,930 square feet.

Upon completion, Cielo will have 96 residences in five-story buildings overlooking lakes, nature preserves and the seventh hole of The Colony's Jerry Pate-designed golf course. Prices start at \$625,000.

WCI Communities also is offering new homes in Terzetto at the Colony in Pelican Landing. In three-story buildings, the three-bedroom, 2½-bath designs have 2,100 square feet and 2,624 square feet of living space. Two models are open.

Buyers at Terzetto and Cielo can personalize their homes through WCI's Design Studio at the company's nearby headquarters. The studio provides a comprehensive selection of cabinetry, countertops, bath and kitchen fixtures and tile and flooring.

Residents of Cielo and Terzetto and their guests can enjoy amenities at The Colony including the award-winning Bay Club, a private dining club overlooking Estero Bay. The Colony's concierge program can arrange everything from key-holding and housekeeping services to dry cleaning, domestic and international travel, and at-home massages or yoga instruction. Owners and guests also have access to Pelican Landing's 34-acre island beach park, canoe park, tennis courts, fitness center and community center.

For more information, call 495-1300 or visit [www.TheColonyGolfandBayClub.com](http://www.TheColonyGolfandBayClub.com). ■

## Windward Isle site work to start soon

McGarvey Development Company is poised to begin site work at a new gated community off Airport-Pulling Road just south of Orange Blossom Road in North Naples. Windward Isle will have 28 single-family residences ranging from 3,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet, nestled around a 506-foot-long lake. Weber Design Group is designing the homes in a colonial coastal Caribbean style.

McGarvey is developing Windward Isle in partnership with Capital Group Properties, a real estate development, property management, finance and leasing firm based in Southborough, Mass. Pricing for the Windward Isle residences will be announced this fall.

The builder anticipates having two model homes under construction late

this year, with completion planned for early spring 2015.

The single-story Abacos model will have 3,056 square feet under air and a total of 4,203 square feet. The Abacos great room floor plan has three bedrooms plus a study. The two-story Grenada plan offers 4,072 square feet under air and a total of 5,832 square feet. The Grenada has four bedrooms and a game room in addition to a spacious great room.

Both models will showcase McGarvey Custom Homes' signature outdoor living areas complete with outdoor fireplaces and summer kitchens.

For more information, call McGarvey Custom Homes at 738-78568 or visit [www.mcgarveycustomhomes.com](http://www.mcgarveycustomhomes.com). ■



The Grand Calais II

## Stock Signature Homes available at Fiddler's Creek

Fiddler's Creek is offering the fully furnished Grand Calais II in the neighborhood of Isla del Sol. The home is priced at \$1,578,490.

Built by Stock Signature Homes, the Grand Calais II is a one-story design with 3,597 air-conditioned square feet. The home has four bedrooms and 4½ baths in a split floor plan with a great room and library/study just steps off the main foyer. There also is a formal dining room with an adjoining kitchen and breakfast nook. The master suite features an oversized bath with deep soaker tub along with separate his-and-her wardrobes.

The professionally decorated Grand Calais II model has an expansive covered lanai and a three-car garage as well as extensive upgrades, including custom interior built-ins throughout the home. The flooring in the Grand Calais II model includes both hardwood and natural stone, while the gourmet kitchen features granite countertops, 42-inch wood cabinets, wood shelving in the pantry and Sub Zero and Wolf appliances.

Ideal for entertainment family and

friends, the outdoor living area has a kitchen and fireplace as well as a custom pool and spa package with brick pavers and coping.

The Grand Calais II is one of eight floor plans available from Stock Signature Homes in the Isla del Sol neighborhood. Designs range from 3,597 air-conditioned square feet to 4,246 air-conditioned square feet. Prices range from \$989,990 to \$1,149,990, plus home site.

The custom builder also offers the Ponte Vedra Grande, a move-in-ready home in the village of Mahogany Bend at Fiddler's Creek. The largest home available in Mahogany Bend, the Ponte Vedra encompasses 3,525 air-conditioned square feet in a split floor plan that has four bedrooms and 4½ baths. Pricing starts at \$834,990, plus home site; the move-in-ready Ponte Vedra Grande is priced at \$1,199,990.

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## Designers go with West Indies look for St. Kitts model in Quail West

Diamond Custom Homes has selected Clive Daniel Home to outfit the St. Kitts model in the Estate neighborhood at Quail West. Completion of the home is on target for November.

Interior designers Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hanson have chosen a West Indies-inspired theme for the two-story, 5,341-square-foot home that has four bedrooms plus den and 5½ baths. In addition to furnishings and accessories, the designers are choosing all of the hard surface materials for the St. Kitts: tile and trim details, cabinetry, granite, flooring, built-in concepts plus architectural wall units and fireplace details.

"This home will be organic, with lots of natural elements, woods, grays and browns," Ms. Errett-Pikosky says about the contemporary design.

A vaulted ceiling and expanses of tall windows accentuate the great room,

and the large island kitchen has a coffered ceiling and a wine bar. Also on the main floor, the master suite with his-and-her bathrooms opens to the outdoors and has a vaulted ceiling. A staircase with stained wood treads and an oak handrail leads upstairs to a loft and two bedrooms with private baths, as well as a private balcony. The three-car garage has space for a golf cart.

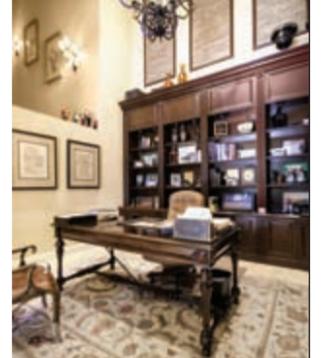
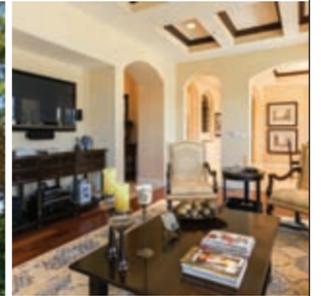
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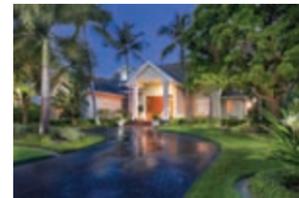
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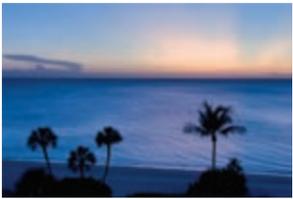
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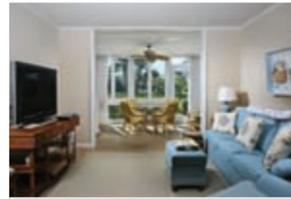
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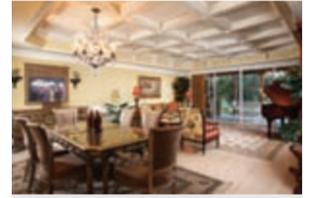
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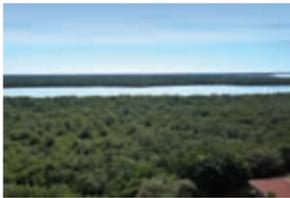
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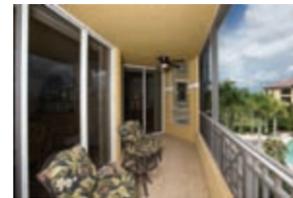
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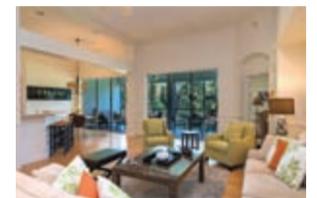
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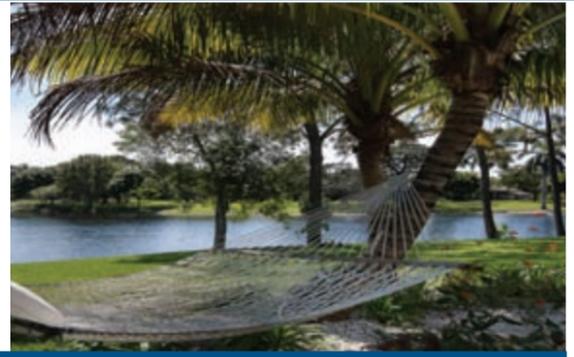




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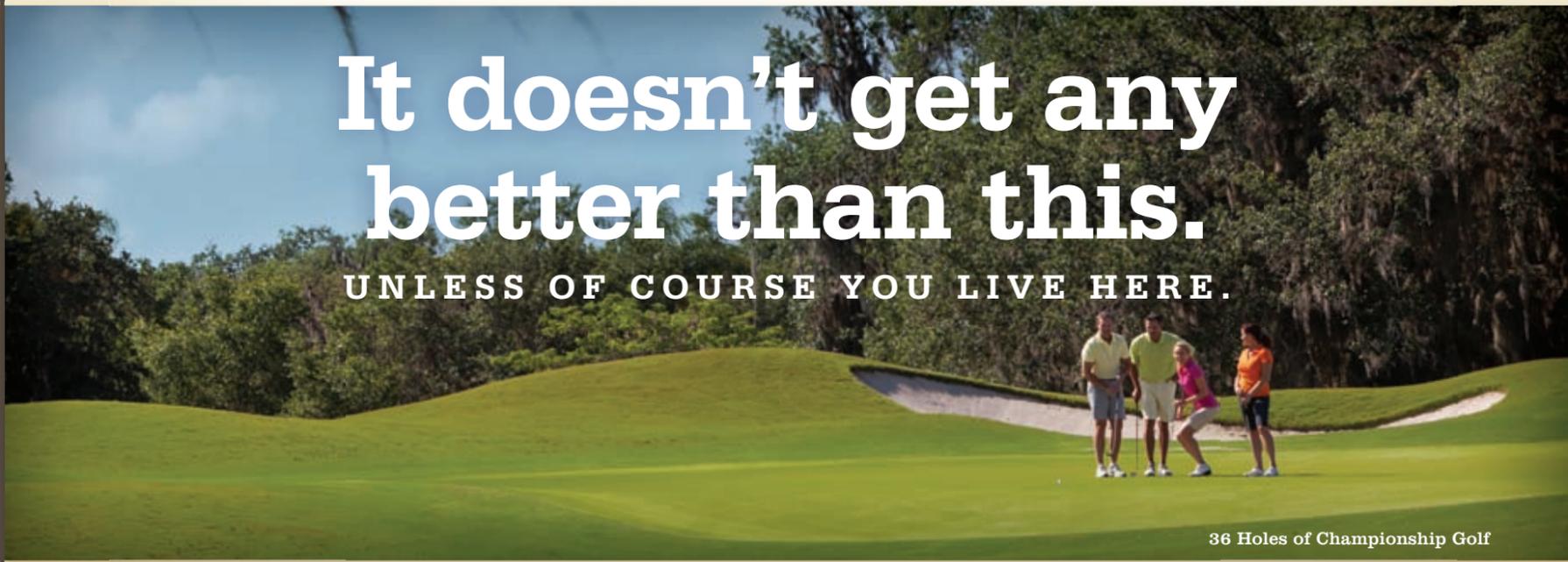
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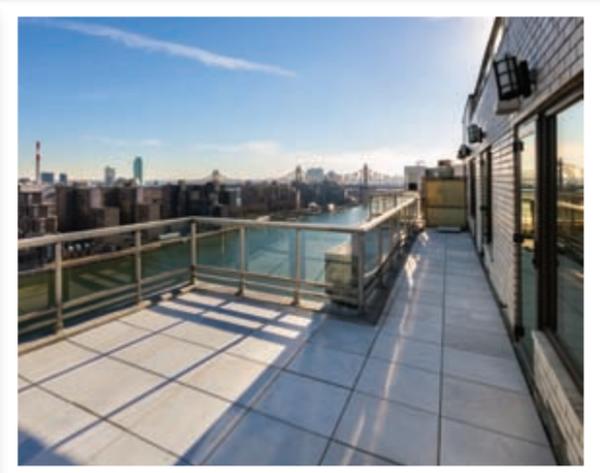
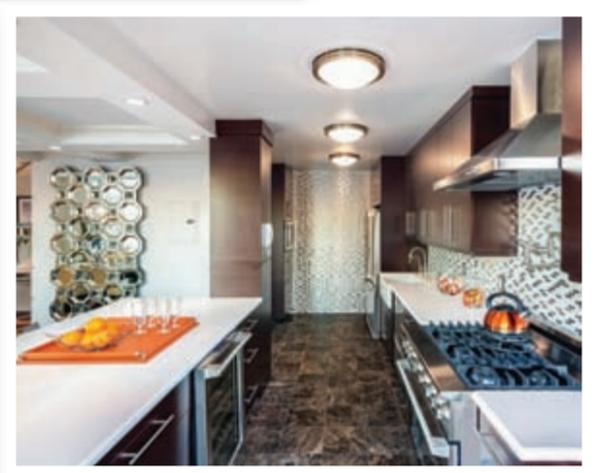
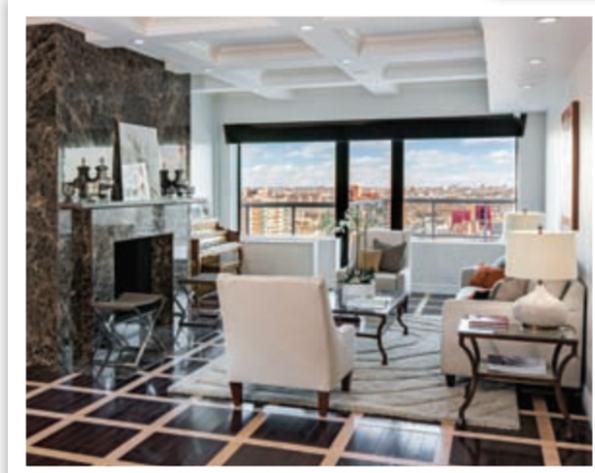
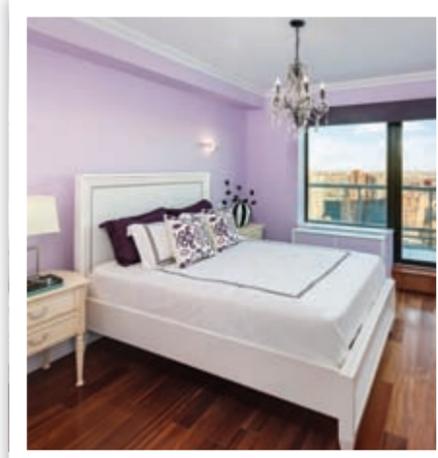
In the 1960s, Frank Sinatra was at the top of his show-business career. The biggest star in Las Vegas, he started his own record company and won a Grammy for "Strangers in the Night" and an Emmy for his TV special "Frank Sinatra: A Man and His Music."

In his spare time, Mr. Sinatra also did quite a bit of design work on the New York apartment where he lived for 11 years. According to the listing agent, Old Blue Eyes was involved in the details when the penthouse with 18-foot ceilings and glass walls was under construction in 1961 on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Among those who frequented the party pad: Sammy Davis Jr., Marilyn Monroe and Andy Warhol.

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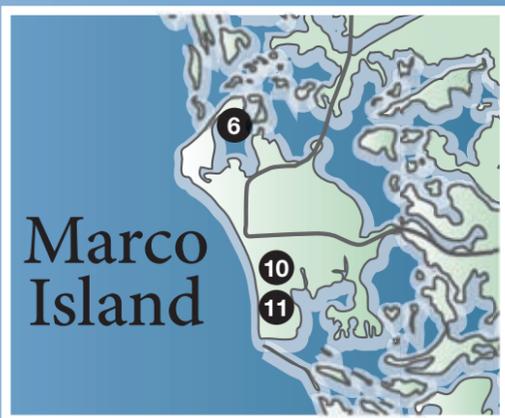
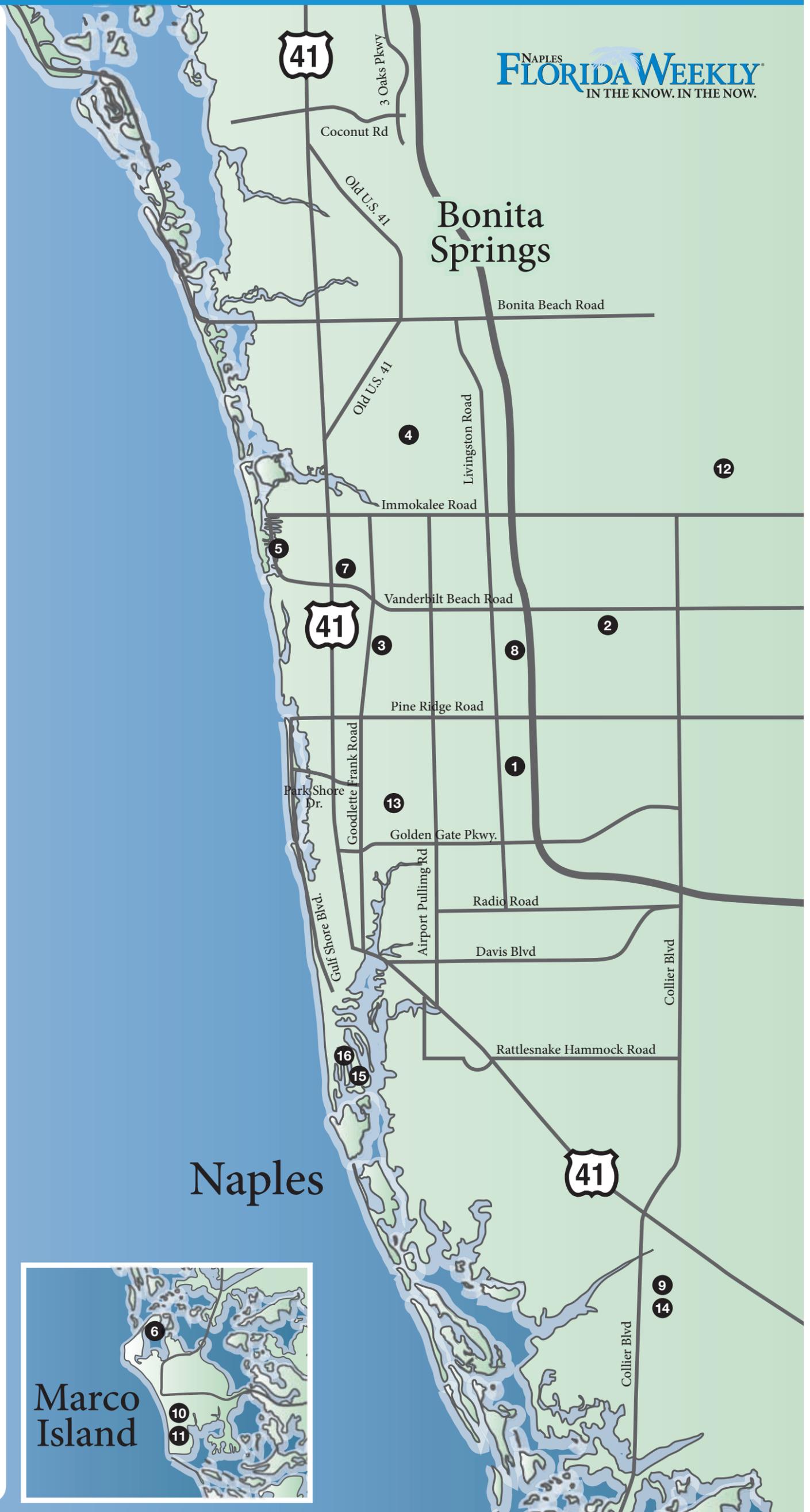
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

■ **The Challenge:** We bought two LEGO kits, threw away the boxes and gave the contents to local architects with instructions to design a building in one week. Here's what they came up with.

## LEGO MAGIC



OWENS

COURTESY PHOTO  
Architect Joyce Owens' design from an unmarked pile of LEGO bricks.

BY NANCY STETSON  
nstetson@floridaweekly.com

THE IDEA CAME WHILE I WAS IN A STORE, LOOKING at LEGO kits of famous architecture. Depending upon which one you bought, you could make a replica of the Sydney Opera House, The U.N. building, The Guggenheim Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House or Falling-water, among other famous structures.

I thought of an architect I knew and wondered, *What if I gave her a kit and told her she had to design a building with the bricks, but it couldn't look anything like the building on the cover?*

SEE MAGIC, C4 ►



## Make plans for Love That Dress!, but first, make room in your closet

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Love That Dress!, the feel-good shopping spree of the year benefiting the PACE Center for Girls, takes place Saturday, Aug. 23, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 1, at [lovethatdress.org](http://lovethatdress.org).

An estimated 500 fashionistas (and a few brave men) are expected to stake their claim to thousands of new and gently worn dresses and accessories, from Gap to Gucci, selling at nominal prices. Guests will also enjoy a silent auction, camaraderie and cocktails. VIP attendees will have access to a private dressing

area, clothing hold, express checkout service and complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

Before the big event, make room in your closet by donating some of your own gently worn frocks to the cause. Sweet Art Gallery makes it easy by hosting a dress collection party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7. Everyone who brings a dress will earn a chance to earn raffle prizes including jewelry by Amanda Jaron. A silent art auction will help raise funds for PACE.

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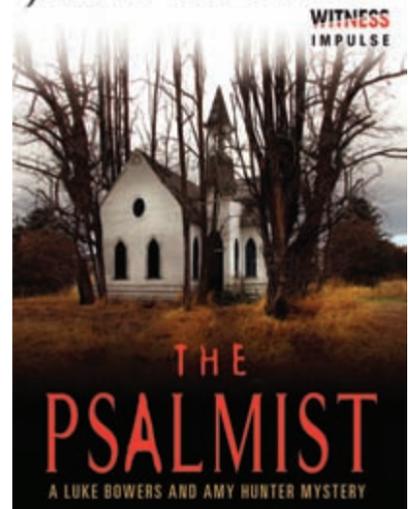
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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## A not-so-classy ending



At a wine tasting recently here in the South of France, I met a Frenchman who was charming and boyish but also something of a rake. He had an air of class about him, the kind that comes with good breeding, and from my seat next to him I could smell his cologne, something expensive and European.

The two of us got to talking while the vineyard owner poured sample after sample of good wine, and the Frenchman, after a certain time, started to make me blush. He leaned close and in a confessional voice asked if I'd ever had a tantric massage.

I sat back on my stool. "A what?"

He sat back, too, suddenly less seductive and more pedantic. "Well, surely you've heard of tantra?"

I shrugged my shoulders. "Of course I have," I said with confidence.

"Oh? Then what is it?"

I stumbled. What do I know about tantra? That it's a bit mystical? That it doesn't always have to do with sex? That it's more yoga and meditation than anything else?

As I cataloged my knowledge, it didn't amount to much. But I certainly couldn't admit that to this man who so obviously outclassed me, who has read philosophers and studied poets, seen parts of

the world I'll never see, who listens to Bach over breakfast and would never fumble with the silverware at an expensive restaurant.

What could I tell him? That the most definitive thing I know about tantra is that Sting practices it?

So I kept my mouth shut and let him relay his own experience of tantric massage, an hour-long session that cost him

225 euros (250 with tip). He told me everything, down to the woman's name (Laura), her country of origin (Spain) and what she was wearing, at least in the beginning (a kimono).

He told me all of this with a straightforward earnestness, the way a man will when he is confident of his place in the world and the knowledge that that place is superior to most.

I listened with rapt attention, the way I do with everything I consider above my own humble origins, taking careful mental notes about the way the elite live.

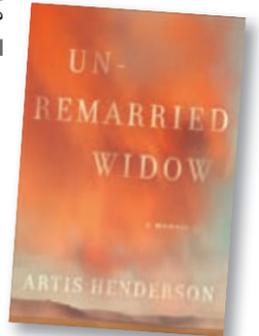
And then my new French friend arrived at the end of his story, the happy ending, shall we say, of his experience, the part where the massage went from muscle work to, well, another kind of job. My expression must have been one of shock, because the Frenchman stopped his story and looked at me with exasperation.

"But are you surprised?" he said. "Surely you have this in the United States."

We do, of course, but it has a very different connotation. Although posh places must exist, mostly when Americans think of a massage that comes with "a bit extra," we think of seedy back rooms frequented by truckers.

I have to admit I smiled at the image of this sophisticated Frenchman pulling off the interstate into one of those places we've all seen the signs for. Do we have tantric massage in the U.S.? Sure. Just off I-75. ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of "Unmarried Widow" published by Simon and Schuster.



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**Saturday, Aug. 2:** National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, with a free ice cream sandwich for the first 20 guests.

**Thursday, Aug. 14:** National Creamsicle Day, with a free Creamsicle for the first 20 guests.

**Sunday, Aug. 31:** National Trail Mix Day, with a free package of trail mix for the first 20 guests.

Highlights of the 3½-acre botanical jungle include a flamingo pond, alligator pool with 40 gators, duck ponds, turtle and tortoise exhibits, a butterfly house, orchids throughout the park, a bromeliad garden and old growth kapok, shaving brush and African mahogany trees, among dozens of other specimens.

Award-winning landscape photographer John Brady, who took over management of the gardens last summer, has installed a gallery of his large print color and black-and-white images of Florida, particularly Everglades flora and fauna, in the main entrance, which also houses a gift shop.

Everglades Wonder Gardens is at 27180 Old 41 Road in Bonita Springs,



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north of Bonita Beach Road halfway between U.S. 41 and I-75. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Regular admission is \$12.95 for ages 13-64, \$10.95 for ages 65 and older and \$7.95 for ages 3-12. For more information, call 992-2591 or visit [evergladeswondergardens.com](http://evergladeswondergardens.com). ■

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# MAGIC

From page 1

Talk about thinking outside of the box! Then next time I saw her, I mentioned my idea to her and her eyes lit up.

The idea eventually morphed into an official challenge for a couple of local architects. Here's what they created in one week's time.

## STEPHEN HRUBY

*Architects Unlimited, Naples*

The first thing Stephen Hruby did was dump out the kit and sort the pieces by their size and shape.

"There were about five different categories," he says. "I looked at them and asked myself, 'Which piece has the potential to make a great space or form?'"

One idea he had was to make a contemporary glass house and use the flat green base as the roof. He also envisioned a little guesthouse off of it, and an extended wall, but there weren't enough bricks.

"I thought I was getting one of those architectural models," he says. "Those have a lot more building bricks. I was surprised (when I saw the kit)."

"I sorted out the pieces that made sense to me (and) worked with maybe about a third of the pieces in the kit," he says. "I took the ones that were big, bold, architectural pieces."

Some blue shapes that were possibly pieces of roof in the original design appealed to him.

"They pitched out very nicely and made this very nice shaped space with wonderful articulated space inside," he says. "I thought: This could be a church. I started piecing them together, putting them on angles, moving them around."

The result: "It's a modern-looking church or chapel with cantilevered spaces, lots of open spaces. It's not your traditional-looking nave with a spire and two front doors and gothic stained glass."

"I'd love to do the challenge again," he says. "It was fun."

## JOYCE OWENS

*Architecture Joyce Owens  
Fort Myers and Naples*

Joyce Owens built a home she's calling "A Tropical Modern House for the Florida Indoor/Outdoor Lifestyle in the New Millennium."

"Originally, I tried to do something very cool and horizontal," she says, "but there weren't the right blocks to do that. Then I thought I'd do a big tower, but I only got two stories tall before I ran out of blocks. So that wouldn't work either. The bag you gave us didn't have many bricks. It had a lot of pieces, but not straight building blocks."

So she built her indoor/outdoor home, including landscaping and a swimming pool with diving board.

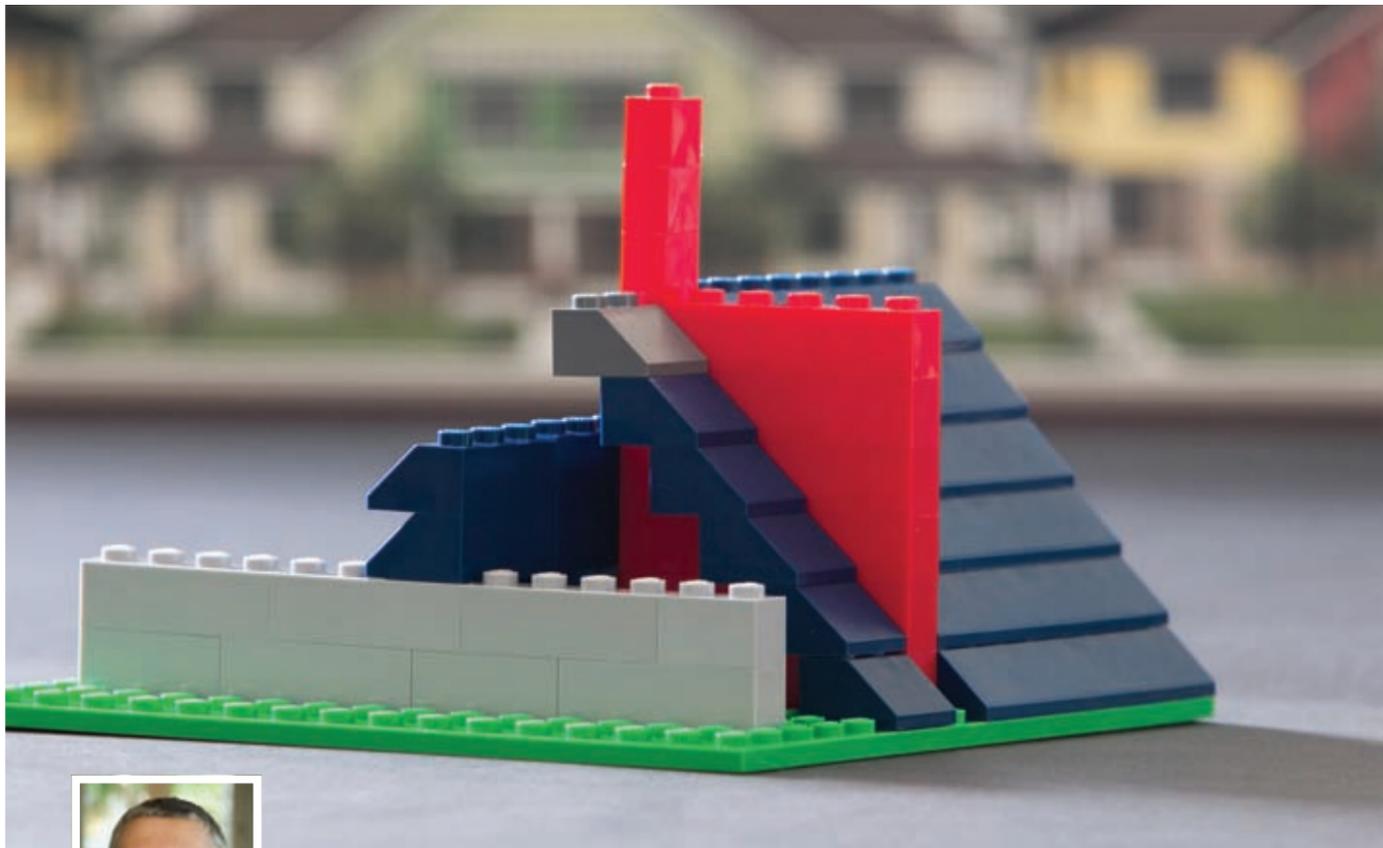
"It's quite sweet," she says.

As for the challenge, "It was fun to do, I really enjoyed it," she says.

She found the experience was very similar to designing a real building. She asked herself many of the same questions: What are the materials available? How do you put it together?

"You still have to deal with all the things you're doing when designing a real house ... proportion, balance, etc.," she adds, "but it was much less stressful. I didn't have to worry about all those nerdy details you have to worry about as an architect. As an architect, you want it to look good, and it has to function for the client and the climate, and it can't leak."

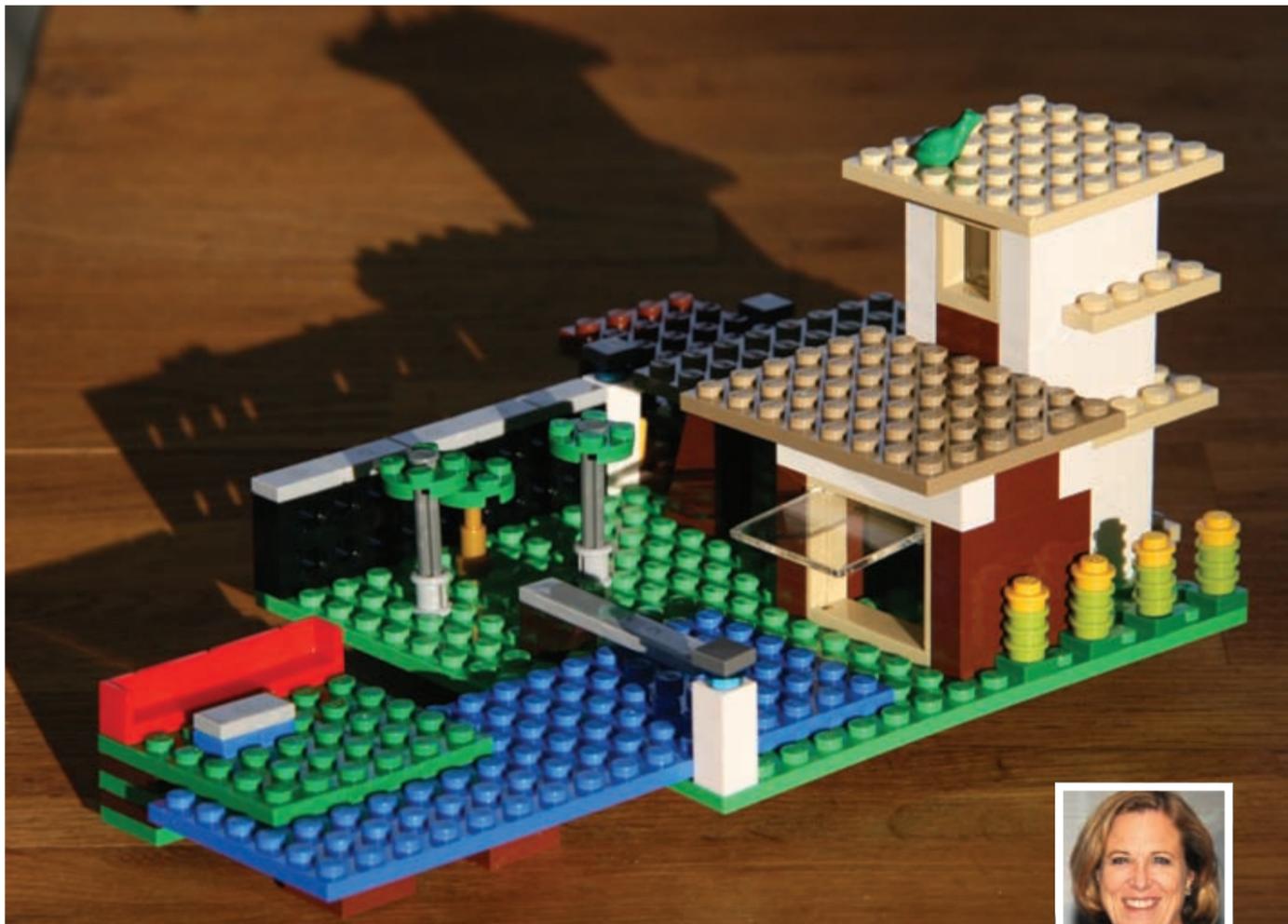
"People think they can design because they can design things that are symmetrical, but buildings don't have to be symmetrical," she says, then adds, "There's nothing symmetrical about my building." ■



HRUBY

Stephen Hruby's little house of worship

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Joyce Owens' modern Florida home in miniature

JOYCE OWENS / COURTESY PHOTO



OWENS

## in the know

### LEGO facts:

- LEGO products are on sale in more than 130 countries.
- The LEGO Club has nearly 5 million members worldwide.
- On average, every person on earth owns 94 LEGO bricks.
- With a production of more than 500 million tires in 2013, the LEGO Group is one of the world's largest tire manufacturers.
- Laid end to end, the number of LEGO bricks produced in 2013 would reach more than 20 times round the world.
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- Over the years, approximately 700 billion LEGO

elements have been manufactured.

- In 2013, the LEGO Group achieved a global production of more than 55 billion elements — equivalent to approximately 105,000 elements a minute or 1,750 elements every second.

### Creating the cult of LEGO

The name LEGO is an abbreviation of the two Danish words "leg godt," meaning "play well". The LEGO Group was founded in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristiansen. The company has passed from father to son and is now owned by Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, a grandchild of the founder. It has come a long way over the past almost 80 years — from a small carpenter's workshop to a modern, global enterprise that is now, in terms of sales, the world's third-largest manufacturer of toys.

Concept and product development takes place primarily at the company's Billund headquarters in Denmark. The LEGO Group also has a listening post in Los Angeles to help monitor the latest trends. The creative core is made up of more than 180 designers representing 24 nationalities. Most of the designers have trained at schools of design, art or architecture.

The LEGO brick the company's most important product. The products have undergone extensive development over the years — but the foundation remains the traditional LEGO brick. The brick in its present form was launched in 1958. The interlocking principle with its tubes makes it unique, and offers unlimited building possibilities. It's just a matter of getting the imagination going — and letting a wealth of creative ideas emerge through play.



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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Theater

■ **The Irish Curse** – By Let's Put On A Show Productions at the Golden Gate Community Center, through Aug. 9. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9192 or letsputonashowproductions.com.

■ **Honk! Jr.** – By KidzAct of The Naples Players through Aug. 2 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 434-7340 or naplesplayers.org.

■ **Hairspray** – By KidzAct of The Naples Players Aug. 8-10 at Sugden Community Theatre. 434-7340 or naplesplayers.org.

■ **Disney's Aladdin Jr.** – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 8-10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Boeing, Boeing** – Through Aug. 9 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** – Through Aug. 16 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

■ **The Little Mermaid** – Through Aug. 2 at the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Dinner Train** – "Royal Palm Noir" aboard the Seminole Gulf Railway's Murder Mystery Train on select dates through Sept. 22. 275-8487 or semgulf.com.

## Ongoing Exhibits

■ **Director's Picks** – Paintings, sculpture and glassworks among the favorites of gallery director Lynn Pitochelli at Trudy Labell Fine Art. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 2425 Tamiami Trail N. 434-7778 or trudylabelfineart.com.

■ **Artistic Optimism** – A group exhibition of recent works in assemblage, ceramics, collage, painting, pastel and sculpture through Aug. 15 at Rosen Gallery & Studios. 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-1061.

■ **Wartime Highlights** – "Hollywood's Who's Who in World War II" through Aug. 16 at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

■ **French Flair** – "Part of Paris & Provence" at Jo-Gi Gallery from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday. 1080 Fifth Ave. S. 659-5644 or jogigallery.com.

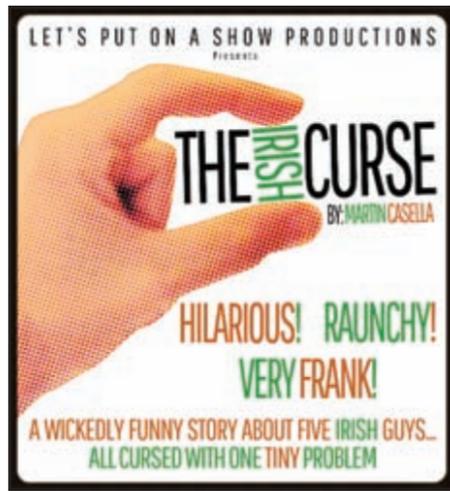
■ **ARTScool Student Exhibition** – At The von Liebig Art Center Aug. 10-14. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

## Thursday, July 31

■ **Wine & Beer Tasting** – Dagny's Spirits hosts a wine and beer tasting from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Free. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241.

■ **Charity Ride** – Get your workout by pedaling in the air-conditioned comfort of Time Trial Cycle starting at 6 p.m. A \$25 donation benefits Humane Society Naples. 3080 Tamiami Trail N. 249-6765 or timetrialscycle.com.

■ **Sweat the Small Stuff** – It's trivia night starting at 7 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.



Let's Put On A Show Productions presents the Off-Broadway comedy "The Irish Curse" through Aug. 9 at the Golden Gate Community Center. Find out what happens at a weekly support group for men who come up short in that most manly of areas. 398-9192.

■ **Just for Laughs** – Paul Rodriguez takes the stage at House of Brewz in Gulf Coast Town Center tonight through Aug. 2. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedyclub.com.

■ **Summer Nights** – A DJ plays music from 7-11 tonight and every Thursday at Barbatella. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955.

■ **Open Mic** – Frankie Colt hosts Open Mic starting at 9 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or southstreetnaples.com.

## Friday, Aug. 1

■ **Health Festival** – Naples Pathways hosts a day of health and wellness with a farmers market and festival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Collier County Government Complex. Free. 3299 Tamiami Trail E. naplespathways.org.

■ **Kitchen Basics** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life of Naples leads a class on gluten-free recipes for summer from 6-8 p.m. \$60. 514-4663 or goodlifenas.com.

■ **Art Reception** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the exhibit "Beauty" from 6-8 p.m. The exhibition hangs through Aug. 28. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Share the Road** – Pedal a 10-mile recreational route with the Naples Pathways Coalition setting out at 6 p.m. at Cambier Park and enjoy dinner afterward with fellow riders at Cosmos Café and Pizza. naplespathways.org.

■ **Laugh It Off** – Vinny K takes the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight and July 23. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

■ **A Lot of Bull** – The Professional Bull Riding Pro Touring Division comes to Germain Arena tonight and Saturday. 11000 Everglades Parkway, Estero. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

## Saturday, Aug. 2

■ **Kids Free** – The Home Depot at Airport and Davis Blvd. hosts a morning of family fun with free kids workshops from 9 a.m. to noon. 793-2203.

■ **Hope For Haiti** – The annual Hope for Haiti Pub Crawl steps out at 4 p.m. at M Waterfront Grille. Check in 3:45 p.m. \$40 includes a drink at each location along the crawl, food specials, door prizes and more. hopeforhaiti.com.

■ **More Fresh Produce** – The Golden Gate Farmers Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd. 206-4339.

■ **Farmers Market** – Stock up on fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, cheese, pasta, coffee, doggy treats and more at the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama's on Third Street South.

■ **Scream for Ice Cream** – Everglades Wonder Gardens celebrates National Ice Cream Sandwich Day with a free ice cream sandwich for the first 20 guests. 27180 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

■ **Dixieland Jazz** – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Sponsored by the Naples Jazz Society. Free. 254-9674.

■ **Smooth Jazz** – The Marc Vee Trio plays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Bay House Restaurant. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837.

■ **It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner's class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milonga for everyone. Bring your own wine; snacks provided. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablorepuntango.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – Rockin' Jake performs from 7-10 p.m. at Chrissy's Tavern & Bistro. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or chrissystavern.com.

## Sunday, Aug. 3

■ **Fresh Goods** – The Collier Boulevard Farmers Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 11725 Collier Blvd. 206-4339.

■ **Mystery Writing** – Mystery author Jean Harrington share clues for writing a riveting murder mystery from 2-4 p.m. at Dagny's Spirits. \$10 in advance. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or dagnysspirits.com.

■ **Opera at the Movies** – Silverspot Cinema presents a transmission of Arena Di Verano's performance of "Aida" at 6 p.m. tonight and 1 p.m. Aug. 5. silverspot.net.

## Monday, Aug. 4

■ **Jazz Jam** – Jebry and friends gather for a jazz jam from 6-9 p.m. and from 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Film Night** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a screening and discussion of "Shut Up" at 7 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Play Your Cards Right** – It's bingo night starting at 7 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

## Tuesday, Aug. 5

■ **More Movies** – The Film Society of the Naples International Film Festival presents a screening of "Chinatown" at 7 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. \$25 includes a pre-screening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. silverspotcinema.com.

■ **History Tour** – Naples Historical Society offers tours of Historic Palm Cottage from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. \$10. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalociety.org.

■ **Tango Tuesdays** – Step up for intermediate and advanced tango class from 8-9 p.m. at Pablo Repun Tango. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pablorepuntango.com.

■ **Live Blues** – Rick Howard and the Mudbone Blues and Beyond Jam perform from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie's. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or weekendwillies.com.

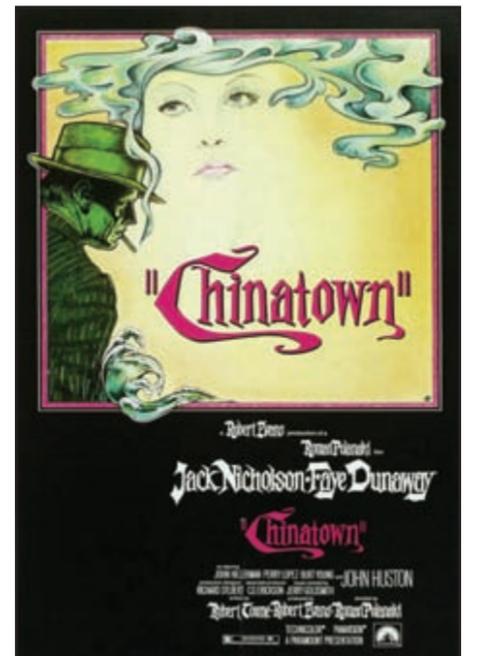
## Wednesday, Aug. 6

■ **Walking Tour** – Naples Historical Society offers guided walking tours of the Third Street South historic district setting out at 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday. \$10 for members, \$16 for others. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalociety.org.

■ **Ole!** – Decanted Wines hosts a Spanish wine tasting with Marcello Palazzi from 5-7 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 434-1814 or info@decantedwines.com.

## Coming Up

■ **Live Jazz** – Dan Heck and Rebecca Richardson perform at 7 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$15 for members, \$20 for others in advance; \$25 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.



The Film Society of the Naples International Film Festival presents a screening of "Chinatown" starting at 7 p.m. Aug. 5 at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. The 1974 neo-noir film stars Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$25 includes a pre-screening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Jazz on the Gulf** – The 29th season of SummerJazz on the Gulf free concerts on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course continues with Pocket Change from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 16. Free. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

■ **Book Signing** – Randy Wayne White signs copies of "Haunted" at noon Aug. 19 at Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops and at 3 p.m. Aug. 19 at Sunshine Ace Booksellers on Marco Island.

■ **Improv Comedy** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents an evening of improv at 7 p.m. Aug. 27. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org. ■

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to [events@floridaweekly.com](mailto:events@floridaweekly.com). Email text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of fliers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

# AUDITION CALLS

■ **Opera Naples** holds general and chorus auditions Saturday, Aug. 16, and Saturday, Sept. 13, by appointment only.

Through general auditions, ON seeks professional singers for future casting considerations of principal and secondary roles. Audition requirements include at least three songs of varying languages, a recent headshot and a resume. Interested singers should email materials, including an audio or video file, to Robin Shuford Frank at RFrank@OperaNaples.org for consideration for a live audition.

Through its chorus auditions, the company seeks singers of all ages to perform alongside professional opera singers and the Naples Philharmonic in a fully staged production of Puccini's "La Boheme" set for Thursday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 22, at Artis—Naples.

Women age 16 and older and men with changed voices age 13 and older are invited to prepare a vocal solo with sheet music for the provided accompanist (a song in Italian or Latin is preferred, but not mandatory). The youth chorus is for young singers ages 7-15 with treble voices (no male changed voices).

Audition appointments for the chorus can be scheduled by emailing Ms. Frank at the above address.

Beginning in October, the adult chorus will rehearse from 7-9 p.m. Mondays and 2-4:30 p.m. Saturdays. Rehearsal time for the youth chorus has not been finalized but most likely will be from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays.

While most ON chorus positions are volunteer, there are a limited number of paid section leader positions. Participating college students receive a travel stipend.

For more information, email Ms. Frank

or call Opera Naples at 963-9050.

■ **The Naples Players** will hold open auditions for "Time Stands Still" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Sugden Community Theatre. No appointment is necessary.

From Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Donald Margulies, "Time Stands Still" is about the struggle to find one's purpose in life and the relationships that try to endure. It stars Sarah and James as a couple used to living life on the edge as a photographer and journalist in the world's deadliest war zones. But a recent trip in the Middle East has left them both physically and emotionally scarred, forcing them to return home to find balance and happiness.

The script calls for two women, one age 35-45 and one age 22-28, and two men age 40-55. Rehearsals begin Sept. 8, and performances are Oct. 22-Nov. 15. Chris Goutman will direct.

Scripts are available at the box office for 72 hours perusal with a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 434-7340, ext. 10, or go to [naplesplayers.org](http://naplesplayers.org).

■ **The Island Theater Company on Marco Island** holds auditions for "Stonewall's Bust," a Southern comedy by John Moroguello, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at Centennial Bank on Marco. Callbacks will be Monday, Aug. 4.

The script calls for four men and four women ranging in age from their 20s to their 60s. Show dates are Oct. 16-26. For more information about auditioning for or volunteering with The Island Players, call 394-0080 or email [info@theateronmarco.com](mailto:info@theateronmarco.com). ■

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# ARTS COMMENTARY

## Making a list, checking it twice



List making seems like a very basic human activity.

We make lists for a variety of reasons and occasions: grocery lists, to-do lists, New Year's resolutions, supplies to purchase for the new school year.

In addition to making lists of bills I have to pay and people I have to contact for my work, I make lists of books I've read and movies I've seen, as well as those I hope to devour in the near future.

I also have a bucket list of things I'd like to do or experience in this life. It includes moving back to New York, touching an elephant, and putting on a parka and feeding penguins in a penguin exhibit.

Our lists are very practical and personal. You wouldn't think they'd be of interest to anyone other than the person who'd written them.

Yet I find myself captivated by Sasha Cagen's book, "To-Do List: From Buying Milk to Finding a Soul Mate, What Our Lists Reveal About Us" (\$16, A Fireside Book). It's a collection of 100 hand-written lists and short explanations of the stories behind them.

The book started as a magazine called To-Do List and a blog (todolist-blog.com).

It's not a collection of 100 grocery lists.

Apparently, we make lists for all kinds of reasons. One, by a 30-something grad student, is "Risks I Took That Paid Off (aka how to cheer myself up when I feel blue)." One person made a list of "Things I Hate," while another wrote "Ten Reasons to Be Happy."

Some are whimsical. One father kept his 7-year-old daughter's list of supplies for an imaginary camping trip, written in blue crayon. The list, in its entirety: "flashlight, food, shoes (shoes), bananas, blue crayon" There's a short space, and then she's written: "thats all." I love that she felt bringing a blue crayon was essential. Maybe she was just in love with the color or, like me, doesn't like to be anywhere without paper and pen.

Another list includes "do taxes" followed by "call cat psychic."

Some lists are heart wrenching.

One daughter, who was taking care of her mother who had Alzheimer's, found a list the mother had written while in high school or junior college: "Sayings to Live By."

"My mom did use sayings like these with us growing up," the daughter writes. "She was a very sweet, chipper person and tried to be positive in every situation ... I found the list long after she had lost the ability to speak. It's a treasure that's now 50 years old. It's the kind of thing I would run back into a burning house to save."

One son contributed lists that his father, a rabbi, would write and put in envelopes that then went into his jacket pockets. On the first anniversary of his father's death, the son opened the envelopes his father's nurse had sent him.

"They were like ancient relics," he writes. "All were written in his unmistakably beautiful penmanship, parts Hebrew, parts English. I realized he carried his whole life in his pockets ... Whether or not these notes gave him a sense of control over things, I don't know. I only know these envelopes are now precious to me. When I finished reading them, I put them back in one of his jackets. Every so often I pat them to make sure they are safe."

In the introduction to her book, Ms. Cagen writes: "In a sense, our to-do lists are like diaries, only they're the bullet-point version."

"Lists can be about anything — from flossing to finding a soul mate, from buying carrots to becoming whole. When we read other people's lists, we uncover the range of meaningful and mundane things that are on their mind. Lifelong hopes and daily tasks mix together, and 'organize sock drawer' is on par with 'get teaching credential,' which is sometimes exactly how life feels."

She calls it "everyday voyeurism," a "rare window into (others') everyday life."

"They are not only reflections of

our mind states, they're also often tools for action and decision making," she writes. "They represent the conversations that we have with ourselves but don't often voice to others."

One man made a list of "10 Ways to Be a Better Husband," while a young woman made a list of things she

one from former Village Voice columnist Michael Musto of films for his Bad Movie Club. Mr. Musto and four friends meet regularly to watch "movies that should've been good but weren't," he writes. "It's an ongoing, evolving list which I started about five years ago when I realized there are so many bad movies out there that I

had to catalog the best of the worst. The club is sick, ritualistic and much more fun than watching a good movie."

According to a telephone survey of 1,000 people by American Demographics, 42 percent make to-do lists.

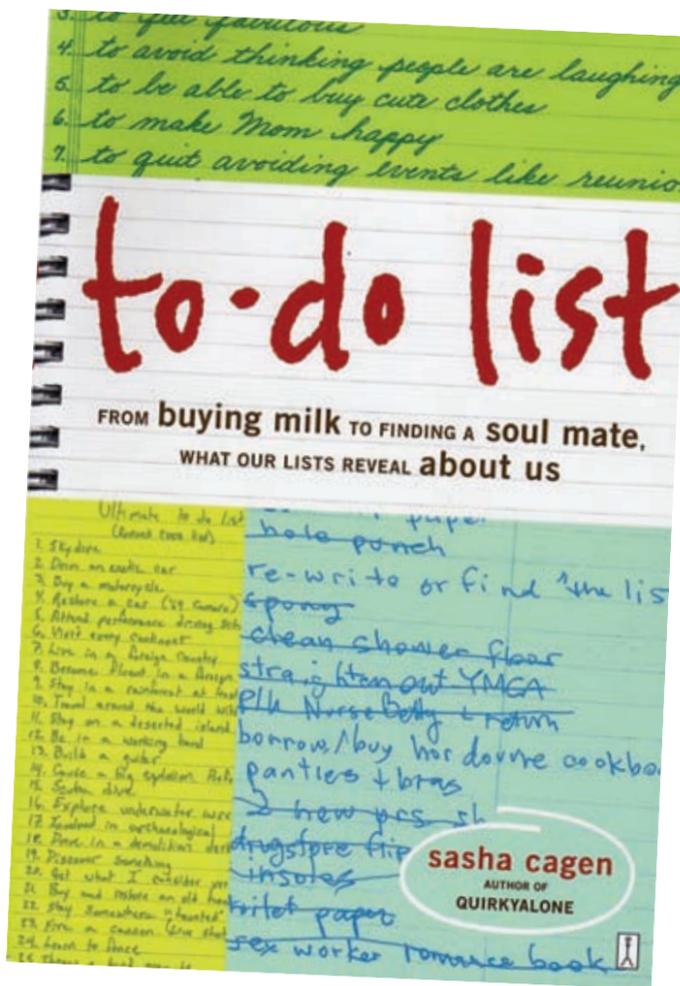
Ms. Cagen did her own online survey of list making, which she includes in the book's appendix. She had 600 respondents. Of those who participated, 83 percent prefer to write their lists with pen and paper. (And there's just something about seeing lists written in others' handwriting.) Just over a quarter of them had made a "to-don't" list — things to not do. Most (66 percent) cross things off the list, while 21 percent use a check mark.

And — this warmed my heart, because I thought I was the only person who did this — 50 percent admitted they added things to their list that they'd already accomplished, then crossed them off.

"The pleasure of reading other people's lists is certainly voyeuristic, but also therapeutic, because there's so much humanity in them," Ms. Cagen writes. "We all wonder: Am I

normal? Am I the only one who doesn't have it all figured out? When we only see other people's polished exteriors, it feels like they have some secret we don't. When we look at other people's lists, we see that functional adulthood doesn't come naturally to everyone else either.

"... Our lists reveal our secret selves. They show us as the hilariously imperfect works-in-progress that we are every single day. We're all figuring it out as we go along, and we're all much funnier, more neurotic and idiosyncratic than our finished-product versions of ourselves suggest. The evidence is in our lists." ■



wanted to do before getting pregnant. A teenager's to-do list included: "stop swearing, stop eating pork (unless in the form of bacon)" and "get left ear pierced a third time."

The lists include New Year's resolutions and lists of what someone wants or doesn't want in a mate. One woman wrote 28 reasons to lose weight, another made a list of things wrong in her marriage.

Some are minimal and cryptic. One, titled "5 Happiness" consist of: "1. no work 2. book 3. sleep 4. food 5. money."

Some of the list-makers are well known. There's one by Chef Alice Waters of the things she planned to cook for a friend's birthday, and



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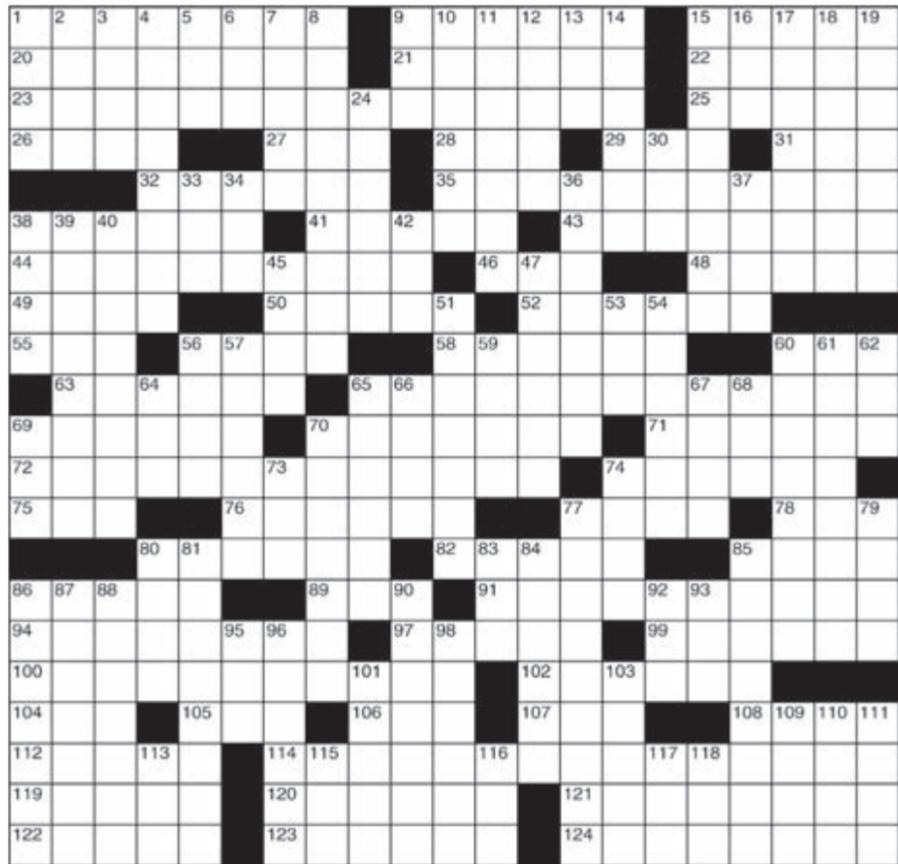
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## CURDISH LANGUAGE



- ACROSS**
- 1 Subtly persuasive marketing technique
  - 9 Chemistry class charge
  - 15 On the — of (close to)
  - 20 Mystery writer Agatha
  - 21 Bedside buzzers
  - 22 Filing board
  - 23 MasterCard alternative
  - 25 Calcutta coin
  - 26 Memory unit
  - 27 — Tin Tin (TV pooch)
  - 28 Top serve
  - 29 Home for B-52s and F-14s: Abbr.
  - 31 "— Misérables"
  - 32 Inferior
  - 35 2001 Chris Kattan film
  - 38 Wedding seaters
  - 41 Battery type, for short
  - 43 Big name in gloves
  - 44 Omega or Ebel product
  - 46 Prefix for "outer"
  - 48 French for "between"
  - 49 Topping sorts
  - 50 Plants used in first aid
  - 52 Actor Haley Joel —
  - 55 Giant bird of legend
  - 56 Looking a whiter shade of pale?
  - 58 — Harum ("A Whiter Shade of Pale"
  - 60 China's — Zedong
  - 63 Pitch raisers, musically
  - 65 What many a modern is connected to
  - 69 "My — Amour" (1969 hit)
  - 70 "Hogwash!"
  - 71 Igloo dwellers
  - 72 Fred Gwynne sitcom role
  - 74 Small hills
  - 75 Carders check them
  - 76 Johnny Carson character who was "magnificent"
  - 77 New Mexico skiing locale
  - 78 Schlep
  - 80 Shepherd on "The View"
  - 82 Screenwriter Ben
  - 85 Water main, for one
  - 86 Suffix with land or sea
  - 89 Mag for growing cos.
  - 91 "United States of Tara" actress
  - 94 20-Across was one
  - 97 Burnt — (pigment)
  - 99 — Green (old elopers' destination)
  - 100 "Dynasty" schemer
  - 102 Telly commercial
  - 104 "— favor, Señorita"
  - 105 Major-leaguer
  - 106 Suffix with planet
  - 107 Degree for a corp. exec
  - 108 Bard's black
  - 112 Museum in Madrid
  - 114 Entered seven answers in this puzzle?
  - 119 "The — Sanction"
  - 120 Unlike a dead ball
  - 121 Florida tribe
  - 122 "— of robins in her hair"
  - 123 Burglars checking out potential targets, say
  - 124 Attempts to get
  - 1 Wound cover
  - 2 "Good golly!"
  - 3 Be in a stew
  - 4 Indefatigable
  - 5 Fed. stipend
  - 6 Series ender: Abbr.
  - 7 Fibbing folks
  - 8 In a merciful manner
  - 9 Not stringent
  - 10 Mammal like a camel
  - 11 Market scanner input
  - 12 Less fettered
  - 13 Long dashes
  - 14 Elia works
  - 15 Forbidden
  - 16 Kiwi's relative
  - 17 Sow again
  - 18 More grassy
  - 19 Junk pile, say
  - 24 Physicist Fermi
  - 30 To's opposite
  - 33 Lifesaving sites, briefly
  - 34 Denver-to-Santa Fe dir.
  - 36 Lowbrow, as art trinkets
  - 37 — Blanc
  - 38 Pre-'91 superpower
  - 39 Rushed by audibly
  - 40 Folks thumbing rides
  - 42 Rebel Guevara
  - 45 Hot tub sighs
  - 47 Journalist Anderson
  - 51 Liquid smear
  - 53 Bovine noise
  - 54 Odd weather cause
  - 56 Oratorio solo
  - 57 High-profile lawyer Gery
  - 59 Russo of film
  - 60 Spammer's resource
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  - 62 Permits
  - 64 Certain limb
  - 65 Substance in red wine
  - 66 Actress Lanchester
  - 67 1980 TV spinoff
  - 68 Summer mo.
  - 69 Sorority letter
  - 70 Enchilada kin
  - 73 Dent up, e.g.
  - 74 Wife of Wills
  - 77 Like a bronze medal winner
  - 79 Hollywood's Rowlands
  - 80 X-ray — (sci-fi glasses)
  - 81 Copter's landing area
  - 83 Tide reflux
  - 84 Pie fillers
  - 85 12-year-olds, e.g.
  - 86 Stir-fry tidbit
  - 87 Use crayons to fill, say
  - 88 Mediocre
  - 90 Semiprivate workspace
  - 92 Size bigger than med.
  - 93 Pl. of ETA
  - 95 Galilee loc.
  - 96 Suffix with micro- or macro-
  - 98 Sweetheart
  - 101 Nooses, e.g.
  - 103 Darth —
  - 109 "How may I — service?"
  - 110 Main port of Norway
  - 111 — -do-well (idle sort)
  - 113 — Plains
  - 115 Retrovirus material
  - 116 — admin
  - 117 901, to Lhy
  - 118 Zip, old-style

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

## HOROSCOPES

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Your pride could get in the way of admitting you might have erred. Best to 'fess up now before a small mistake turns into a big misunderstanding. Make the weekend a special family time.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Trying to please someone with a less-than-glowing opinion of something you value could be a waste of time. If you like it, stay with it. The week's end brings an answer to an old mystery.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** There might be time to make a change. But be honest with yourself: Is it what you really want, or one you feel pressured into making? Your answer should determine your next move.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Change is dominant, but so is caution: Proceed carefully, checking each step along the way to avoid encountering any unwelcome surprises that might be lurking along your path.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** It could be a mistake to rely on someone to keep his or her promise without checking out previous performances. What you learn now could save you from a painful lesson later.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Taking a strong stand on an issue you feel is too important to ignore could inspire others to follow suit. The weekend is a good time to socialize with old friends and make new ones.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your sensitive nature gives you

an insight into the problems of someone close to you. Your offer of support could be just what this person needs to start turning his or her life around.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Financial matters continue to need even more careful analysis than usual. Use caution with investment possibilities. A personal relationship might take an unexpected turn by the week's end.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Dealing with a difficult person can be the kind of challenge you Aries Lambs love. Or it could be an energy-draining exercise in futility. Be certain your goals are worth your efforts.

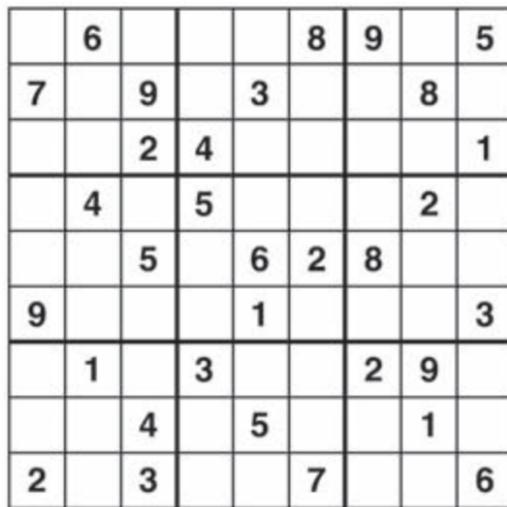
**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** The Divine Bovine might be seeing red at having your crisis-resolution efforts overlooked. But others know the truth, and they can be expected to step forward when the time comes.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You should be well on your way to finally making that important decision. Having the support of loved ones will help when crunch time comes. Keep a positive attitude.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Feeling uneasy about a move might not mean you're having a case of Cancerian wavering. It could be your inner sense is warning you to reassess your situation before taking action.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You appreciate the wonders of the world and enjoy sharing your delight with others. ■

By Linda Thistle



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If the title "Living Is Easy With Eyes Closed" sounds familiar, it should: It's part of the lyrics to The Beatles' 1967 song "Strawberry Fields Forever," a somewhat confusing ballad about escaping the reality of one's life for something idyllically better. Accordingly, the film — which won six Goya Awards (the Spanish Oscars) — is about three people who leave their lives behind in search of something different. It's also a touching, warm movie that will overwhelm you with its goodness.

In Spanish with English subtitles, the film opens Aug. 1 at the Prado Stadium 12 in Bonita Springs.

The setting is Spain, 1966. Antonio (Javier Camara), a high school English teacher who loves The Beatles, learns John Lennon is in Almeria on the coast of Spain shooting a film called "How I Won The War." Antonio loves to write down the lyrics to Beatles songs, but has trouble transcribing some of the mid-'60s psychedelic ramblings, so he travels to Almeria in the hope of meeting Lennon. Along the way he picks up Belen (Natalia de Molina), who's escaping from a home for pregnant women, and a teenager named Juanjo (Francesc Colomer), who ran away from home because he doesn't want to cut his hair.

Although the movie was inspired by the true story of a teacher travelling to meet Lennon in Almeria in 1966, writer/director David Trueba clearly understands that Antonio is more than a rabid fanboy. Rather, he has legitimate thoughts to offer Lennon about his music, if only he can get close enough to the icon to share them. Belen and Juanjo each help in their own way, and in doing so a symbiotic relationship grows. We like them all individually, but we like them even more as a team.

Of the film's six Goya awards — including one for best picture — Mr. Trueba won for writing and directing, Mr. Camara won best actor and Ms. de Molina won best new actress. For the

actors it's easy to see why:

Ms. de Molina has an innocence about her that belies Belen's past and present actions, and Belen's arc makes her a more profound presence as she evolves.

As for Mr. Camara, Antonio is easily likeable and slightly unpredictable: In one scene he chastises Belen and Juanjo for poking fun at The Beatles, effectively teaching them a lesson in a serious way. But in making us initially guess if Antonio is seriously kicking them out of his car, Mr. Camara keeps us off guard. It's like this for much of the film, as we rarely know what Antonio will do or say next.

The modern age of social media has changed the way we view our idols. Lost is the practice of championing virtues and spreading positive influence, thrown away and stepped on for the preference of gossip, scandal, philandering and criminal activity. Among its numerous other virtues, "Living Is Easy With Eyes Closed" nostalgically chronicles a simpler time when our heroes could be heroes and the world was more innocent (or as innocent as you can be in Franco-era Spain). It's also an earnest, heartwarming love letter to the impact of The Beatles and how the band shaped the lives of millions in more ways than can be counted. This is a lovely movie. ■

in the know

>> **Licensing song** rights from The Beatles catalog can be prohibitively expensive: In 2012 the makers of "Mad Men" paid \$250,000 to use The Beatles' "Tomorrow Never Knows" in a brief scene. The makers of "Living Is Easy" have not disclosed what they paid for "Strawberry Fields Forever."

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■ **"The Psalmist" by James Lilliefors. Witness Impulse. E-book \$2.99. Trade paperback \$11.99 (due out in late August).**

HarperCollins has lured some exciting talent — and set extremely low prices — to launch its special imprint for new e-books in the mystery/thriller category. Judging by Naples author James Lilliefors' opener for his Luke Bowers and Amy Hunter Mystery series, these books are as strong as anything being featured in old-fashioned print.



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The novel's setting, fictitious Tidewater County on Maryland's eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, is artfully painted by Mr. Lilliefors in appropriate shades of gray. A late winter snowfall blankets a bleak, partly frozen landscape. The area, the middle section of the Delmarva Peninsula (Delaware to the north, Virginia to the south), has an economy based on agriculture, the seafood industry, recreational boating and tourism.

The author's Tidewater County, like

Late one morning, Luke Bowers, pastor of the Methodist church, travels to his church office only to find a murder victim, an attractive young woman, positioned in a pew with her hands in a gesture of prayer. She had been severely beaten. Her eyes are open. Preliminary examination suggests that the woman was killed elsewhere, then transported to and posed in the church later.

Who is she? Why was she left to be discovered in the church? And what are those strange numerical carvings on her hand?

The lead investigator on the case is Amy Hunter, a young detective with the Maryland State Police. She's assigned to work with and direct local law enforcement on homicide cases.

The Tidewater County sheriff — his last name Calvert radiating local history — is dismayed that this is not his investigation to run. Every step of the way, he tries to undermine Amy's authority and credibility. While the state's attorney is smoother, he's not particularly supportive of how she's running the case, either.

Although Amy has two able subordinates, Pastor Luke ends up being her main sounding board and unofficial partner in this investigation. He comes up with the idea that the numbers refer to one of the biblical Psalms.



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The investigation, which ends up involving an FBI agent whom Amy briefly dated, is a search for other common denominators. Indeed, it seems definite that these murders are the work of a serial killer.

What relates these victims? How can the answer lead to discovering the motive and identity of the murderer?

Mr. Lilliefors builds his plot not only by standing behind his two main characters but also by taking us into the heads of several minor characters. The novel vibrates with the highly suspenseful rhythms of these alternating viewpoints, which allows for the well-paced release of information — just enough each time to invite new questions. This aspect of craft, sometimes called “rate of revelation,” is an important tool in mystery writing (perhaps in all story telling), one that is often bungled. Mr. Lilliefors is right on the mark.

Among the many fascinating minor characters is Jackson Pynne, a former resi-

dent and businessman who has become a mystery in his own right. When he shows up in town, eager to reconnect with the pastor, he seems to be a man in anguish. Jackson is very much concerned with the progress of the investigation — perhaps too concerned.

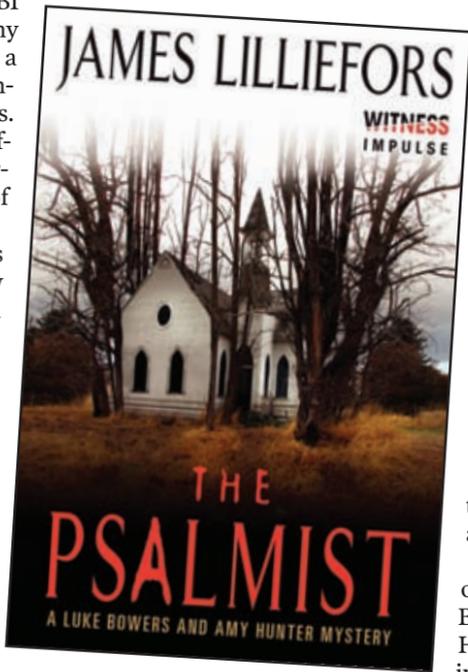
The investigation ultimately leads to the uncovering of an enormously effective illegal enterprise whose mastermind is an unforgettable villain.

Bowers and Hunter, too, are unforgettable: Mr. Lilliefors has given readers two fine, original characters (each matched with a pet perfectly drawn to reveal aspects of its master's character); a distinctive setting that readers will be happy to revisit; and tense, machine-tooled plotting that astonishes.

Watch for the second book in the Luke Bowers and Amy Hunter Mystery series in October. And don't miss Mr. Lilliefors'

highly regarded Mallory Brothers series, which so far includes “Viral” and “The Leviathan Effect.” ■

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





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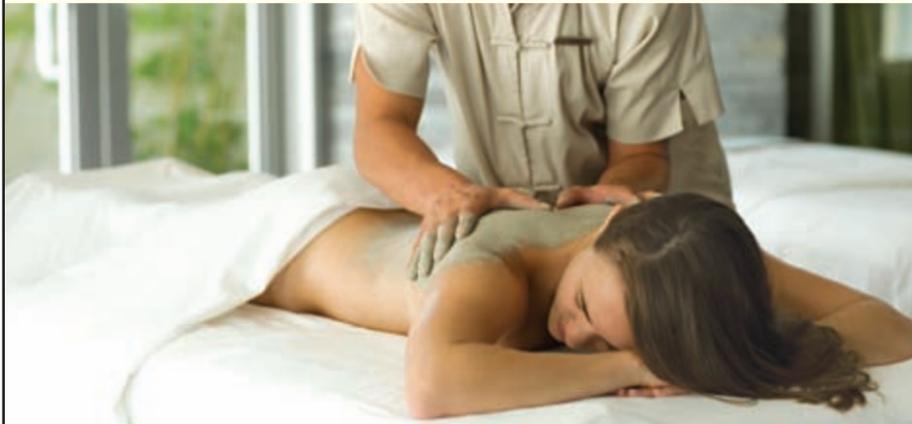


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## KOVEL: ANTIQUES

### Anglo-Indian furniture rivaled pieces it was supposed to knock off

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Collectors in the 1950s usually wanted furniture and accessories in earlier styles, or perhaps a piece that represented the family's background, like a German stein or English china. But today collectors can see and buy items from all over the world on the Internet, and auctions have become more international. Carved wooden furniture from 18th- and 19th-century China, painted chests from Scandinavia and "Black Forest" benches and tables with large, carved bears from Switzerland (although they were first sold as German) were not bought to use in many homes. But now interior designers and collectors want something "different" to decorate modern homes. Anglo-Indian furniture that's elaborately carved still is a bargain because it is not well-known.

The British East India Co. explored the world, and had created industries in many ports by the 1700s. There was profitable trade in both Chinese and Indian furniture made for the British market. Samples of popular British chair styles, like Chippendale and Queen Anne, were sent to workmen in India to copy, and British tradesmen were sent to train Indian workers. The resulting furniture was a blend of cultures: British shapes and Indian woods like teak, ebony or rosewood. An inlay of ivory or silver was used on expensive pieces. An entire piece might be carved with a lacelike frame filled with birds and flowers. There are many

records of shipments of Anglo-Indian furniture, but little documented history. There even were complaints from British cabinetmakers that the quantity of imported furniture was harming their business. Today, an average Anglo-Indian carved chair in good condition made before 1900 auctions for \$150 to \$300. Small center tables go for \$500 or more. When you buy, be sure any damage is minor and can be repaired, because the carvings often break.

**Q:** My wife recently acquired a metal mechanical bank titled "Monkey Bank." It's 7 1/4 inches long. A monkey sits on one end, and an organ grinder on the other. When you put a coin in the monkey's mouth and press the lever behind him, the monkey flies forward and "deposits" the coin into the organ held by the organ grinder. Do you know the age or value?

**A:** The original Monkey Bank you describe was produced by the Hubley Manufacturing Co. of Lancaster, Pa., probably in the 1920s. Originals, however, are nearly 9 inches long. Reproductions abound. Some were produced using molds made from original banks, which is why the copies are smaller than originals. An original Monkey Bank recently sold for close to \$600. Copies sell for \$15 to \$25.

**Q:** I have a blue-and-white beaded purse with a metal clasp and chain. It's needlepoint with cut steel beads. It was

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my grandmother's, so it must be 60-80 years old. Does it have any value, and where can I sell it?

**A:** Beaded purses were popular in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Many were imported from Europe. Beadwork was a popular form of needlework, and directions for making beaded bags were printed in women's magazines. Beaded purses are still popular fashion accessories and are made by some well-known designers today. Any vintage clothing store will be interested in your beaded purse if it's in good condition. Price depends on style, intricacy of the design and condition. Good purses sell for \$150 to \$250, while exceptional examples have brought about \$800.

**Q:** I have a Heineken beer mug marked "Blue Delfts" on the bottom. I thought it ought to say "Delft." Do I have a fake?

**A:** That depends on what you mean by "fake." You don't have an antique piece of Dutch delft pottery. They are not marked the way yours is. And while Heineken beer has been around for more than a century, blue-and-white pottery with that brand name on the front was made as giftware much more recently. Your mug might not even have been made in Holland. A mug like yours sells online for about \$10.

**Q:** My mother gave me three nun figurines. The bottom of each figurine is marked "Dave Grossman Designs, copyright 1971, MEM." Two of the figurines also have paper stickers that read "Made in Japan." Can you provide any information on these figurines and their value?

**A:** David Grossman opened his company in Hazelwood, Mo., in 1968. The company made figurines, limited editions, music boxes, ornaments and snow

globes. Some of the popular series of figurines made by Dave Grossman include Norman Rockwell, "Gone With the Wind" and "The Wizard of Oz." The company was one of several sued by Warner Brothers for copyright and trademark infringement because Grossman used characters from Warner Brothers movies and cartoons. The suit was settled in 2014. The value of your figurines is about \$10 each.

**Tip:** Don't leave vinyl tablecloths or rubber or plastic placemats on a wooden tabletop for a long time. They may react with the finish and cause damage. ■

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This Anglo-Indian folding chair sold this spring for \$590 at a Brunk auction in Asheville, N.C. It had some cracked pieces, but the typical carved decorations were intact.

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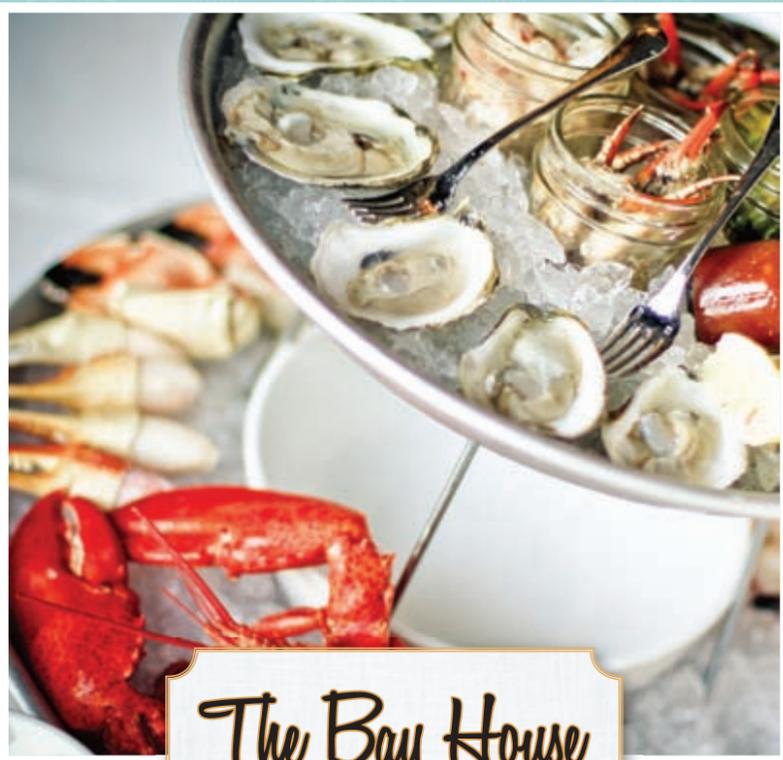
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Gustavo Dudamel conducts the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl in commemoration of the Giuseppe Verdi bicentennial in 2013.

■ SATURDAY, AUG. 2, 8 P.M.  
**Antiques Roadshow  
Vintage Des Moines**

Highlights include a 1934 Rambling Mickey Mouse toy with its original box, Charles Lindbergh memorabilia and a Samuel McIntire medallion.

■ SUNDAY, AUG. 3  
**8 P.M. - Last Tango in Halifax**

A surprise visitor makes Alan's day. Caroline promises to keep Gillian's formidable secret, as long as she steers clear of Robbie.

**10:30 P.M. - Vicious**

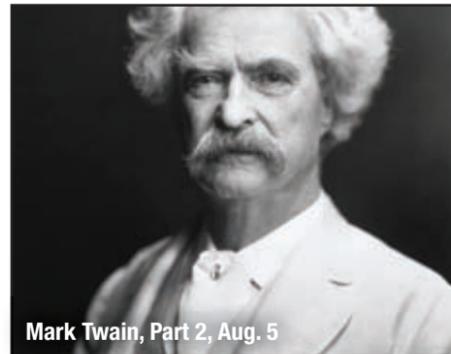
Freddie and Stuart expect a long-awaited guest at their anniversary party. When Ash accidentally mentions the party to Stuart's mother, Stuart decides, finally, to tell her that he and Freddie are a couple.

■ MONDAY, AUG. 4, 8 P.M.  
**Antiques Roadshow  
Vintage Rochester**

Highlights include a painting by Frank Zappa, a Van Munster violin and a Minton vase. One of these items increased more than five times in value.



Vicious, Aug. 3



Mark Twain, Part 2, Aug. 5

■ TUESDAY, AUG. 5, 8 P.M.  
**Mark Twain, Part 2**

Ken Burns explores the other side of the writer — an American icon who, through tragedy and bad financial decisions, falls hard with failure. In contrast to the wildly successful Twain, Samuel Clemens is an inept businessman who squanders his fortunes.

■ WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6, 10 P.M.  
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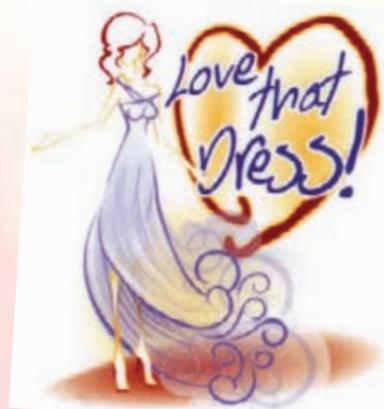
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# CELEBRITY EXTRA

## 'Vikings' unfolds on History Channel

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** Do you have any news about "Vikings"?

— Bob L. in Minnesota

**A:** I do have some casting news: History announced that for season three of the hit historical drama, Lothaire Bluteau will portray Emperor Charles of France, a powerful man who views battling the Vikings as spiritual and earthly; Kevin Durand will play the Wanderer, a mysterious man who is not what he seems; Morgane Polanski has been cast as Princess Gisla, the elegant, self-possessed daughter of Emperor Charles; and Ben Robson will play Kalf, Lagertha's (Katheryn Winnick) trusted second in command.



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**Q:** I can't seem to get enough of "Falling Skies." Will be back next summer?

— Dean P., via email

**A:** "Falling Skies" will indeed wrap up its epic story in its fifth (and final) season on TNT next summer. Ten episodes will tie a pretty (or not-so-pretty) bow on the hit sci-fi drama. I was hoping that all of our questions would be answered, but when I thought more about it, I decided I'd rather some questions NOT be answered so there will be a reason for a future big-screen version of the series.

Speaking of hit dramas, TNT also has renewed two more of its chart-topping sum-

mer series: Freshman drama "The Last Ship" will be back for a 13-episode season two, and courtroom/crime drama "Major Crimes" will return for a 15-episode fourth season.

**Q:** My mom told me that she heard "The Red Tent" is being made into a movie. What do you know?

— Jessica G., Reno, Nev.

**A:** Production began in May in Morocco on Lifetime's two-night miniseries based on the novel by Anita Diamant. "The Red Tent" is the sweeping tale of Dinah, the daughter of Leah and Jacob, who was seen in small glimpses in the Old Testament.

The miniseries will air later this year and stars Minnie Driver, Morena Baccarin, Rebecca Ferguson (as Dinah), Iain Glen, Will Tudor and Debra Winger. It begins with Dinah's happy childhood spent inside the red tent, where only the women of her tribe are allowed to gather and share the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood. Told through Dinah's eyes, the film recounts the story of her mothers Leah (Minnie), Rachel (Morena), Zilpah and Bilhah — the four wives of Jacob (Iain) — and Jacob's courtship of them. The saga continues as Dinah matures and experiences an intense love that subsequently leads to a devastating loss, changing her and her family's lives forever. Debra portrays Rebecca, Jacob's mother, while Will stars as Joseph, Dinah's brother. ■

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■ **The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** to benefit charities serving children takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28, in private homes and at Miramar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Co-chairs for the 2015 event are Elaine Hawkins and Dorothy Fitzgerald. Tickets are \$500 for the grand tasting and auction, \$1,500 for a vintner dinner and the grand tasting and auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit [swflwinefest.org](http://swflwinefest.org).

■ **Champions For Learning** hosts its inaugural Night of Champions in celebration of its 25th year and to honor community leaders who are connecting Collier County students to their future. The evening is set for 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For information about tickets and sponsorship tables, call Marylee Tirrell at 643-4755 or email [mtirrell@champtionsforlearning.org](mailto:mtirrell@champtionsforlearning.org).

■ "Craving Fashion," an evening of food and fashion to benefit **Make-A-Wish Southern Florida**, takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Waterside Shops. Guests will enjoy offerings from area restaurants and chefs while browsing designer boutiques. An

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■ **The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples** holds its first Backyard Bash: Kick Off! tailgate party Saturday evening, Oct. 25. Put on your team colors, gather your friends and get in the spirit to support hands-on educational opportunities for children and families visiting C'mon.

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Co-chairs are Jennifer Jarvis Urness, Roxanne Werner and Rachel Linse. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,500 for an MVP table of eight. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 260-1714.

■ **The third annual Evening in Monte Carlo** to benefit the Physician Led Access Network of Collier County is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Yacht Club. Guests will enjoy professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. The evening's celebrity host will be actor/writer/comedian Scott Adsit of Chicago's Second City and NBC's "30 Rock."

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■ The **sixth annual Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 6-9. The opening-night red carpet gala takes place at Artis—Naples, with screening of independent documentaries, shorts and full-length features taking place at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. Call 775-3456 or visit [naplesfilmfest.com](http://naplesfilmfest.com) for more information.

■ **Boogie on the Beach: Music for the Soul**, an afternoon of food, fun and a silent auction to benefit Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss, takes place from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, on the main lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Live music will be by Sanctum Soul. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-18 and free for ages 5 and younger. The event's main sponsor is Arthrex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

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■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 16th annual Tea & Fashion Show

from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's theme is "Ride Along the Riviera. Co-chairs Philip Douglas and Doug Olsen, along with their pampered pooch Eva, promise an unforgettable afternoon of furry fun, fashion, fine food and refreshments, all to benefit the orphaned and abandoned pets awaiting their forever homes at the HSN shelter. Fashions will be presented exclusively by Escales and Pucci & Cattana Luxury Pet Boutique.

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■ **Naples Botanical Garden's 11th annual Hats in the Garden luncheon and fashion show**, "Couture et Fleurs: Runway Fantasies Inspired & Created from Nature," is set for Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Garden. Co-chairs are Donna Hall and Rusty Hubbell. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor, and Saks Fifth Avenue is the retail sponsor. Other major sponsors include Premier Sotheby's International Realty, Naples Illustrated and Arthrex.

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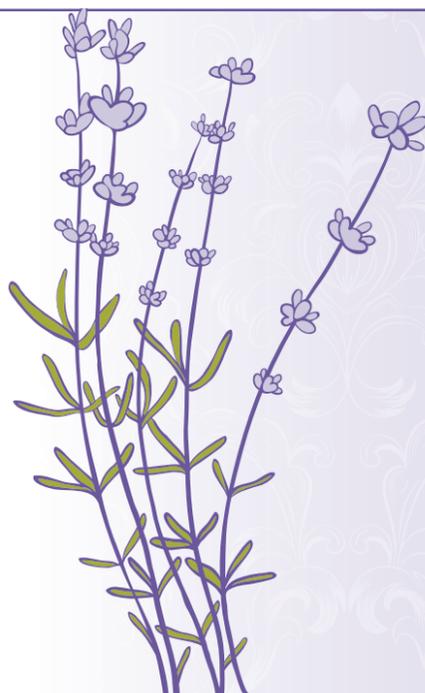
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## VINO

## Sagrantino grape produces palate-pleasing wines at value prices

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Chianti, montepulciano, barolo, super Tuscan — these Italian wines are familiar friends to wine lovers. But there are some Italian wines crafted from lesser-known grapes that have been around for a long time yet somehow haven't gained the same broad acceptance.

Among those are robust reds made from the sagrantino grape, grown only in the town of Montefalco in the Umbrian district, at the geographic heart of Italy. While Umbria's popular white wine, Orvieto — made primarily from grechetto and trebbiano grapes — enjoys wide popularity, the reds produced in Montefalco do not have the same extensive name recognition.

The unusual grape and unique terroir in which it grows are what make the wine special. Vineyards have existed in Montefalco since the 1100s, and sit in a valley surrounded by the Apennine Mountains. The soil is mostly clay mixed with sand and limestone. Although it gets very hot in the summer, the clay soils keep the roots cool, and the mountains blow cool breezes into the vineyards. The resulting grapes, mostly sangiovese and sagrantino, are typically rich in tannins and dark fruit flavors.

The sagrantino grape is deeply colored and thick skinned, properties that give it rich tannins and full-bodied flavors of dark berries, especially blackberry and black

cherry, mixed with spices, often with earth and smoke undertones. With its thick skin, low yields and long growing season, the grape has very high tannin levels, which allow the wine to age gracefully for many years after aging in wood.

Cultivated since the Middle Ages, the grape fell out of favor because it was considered too austere and tannic. By the mid-1980s, there were fewer than 125 planted acres.

But the grape had a resurgence in the 1990s, when winemaker Arnaldo Caprai's Montefalco Sagrantino 1993 won the top rating from Gambero Rosso, the prestigious Italian wine and food magazine. This showed the potential for wines made from this grape, resulting in many new acres being planted as wineries expanded production. Today there are more than 2,400 acres of sagrantino cultivated in the Montefalco area.

Montefalco Sagrantino wines are full-bodied wines with higher alcohol levels (usually 14 percent or higher) that are well balanced and pair well with hearty foods, such as grilled meats and roasts. They must contain at least 95 percent sagrantino grapes, must be barrel aged for a minimum of 12 months, and cannot be released before they are 30 months old. When you factor in the traditional low yield of this grape, it is understandable that prices start at \$35 and go up.

The true value wines from this district are sold as Montefalco Rosso, a blend with up to 15 percent sagrantino and 60 percent to 70 percent sangiovese, its traditional blending partner. Additional grape varieties

include merlot, colorino, montepulciano and cabernet sauvignon. The blended wines show complex aromas and palates from the mix of grapes and terroir, along with fresher fruit flavors. When merlot is used in the blend, the wines typically become softer and fruitier. Montefalco Rosso wines retail at about \$20.

## Wine Picks of the Week:

■ **Antonelli Montefalco Rosso D.O.C. 2010 (\$20):** Sangiovese, 65 percent; sagrantino, 15 percent;

cabernet sauvignon, 10 percent; merlot, 10 percent. The wine is light garnet in color, and the nose is more typical of a Tuscan wine, with subdued red fruits and a touch of earthiness. The palate has some light blueberry and mixed dark berry flavor. The finish is slightly tannic with medium length.

■ **Arnaldo Caprai Montefalco Rosso D.O.C. 2011 (\$23):** Sangiovese, 70 percent; sagrantino, 15 percent; merlot, 15 percent. Ruby red and translucent in color, the aroma is black plum and blackberry, followed on the palate with fresh flavors of cherries, a touch of spice and smoke, and good tannins on the medium length finish. Open

this at least an hour ahead of drinking; when first opened, it is tightly wound and tannic.

■ **Perticaia Montefalco Rosso D.O.C. 2010 (\$25):** Sangiovese, 70 percent; sagrantino, 15 percent; colorino, 15 percent. This wine is garnet red, with a little translucency. The nose shows fresh plum and berry flavors, and the palate adds flavors of black cherry and blackberry. Well balanced with a medium-length finish.

■ **Romanelli Montefalco Rosso D.O.C. 2010 (\$17):** Sangiovese, 65 percent; sagrantino, 15 percent; merlot, 10 percent; cabernet sauvignon, 10 percent. Ruby and garnet colors in the glass, slightly translucent, the nose has good berry aromas. The palate is mostly cherries, with some mixed red fruits. The finish is well balanced with tannins at first, showing slight acid at the very end.

■ **Scacciadiavoli Montefalco Sagrantino D.O.C.G. 2008 (\$40):** Sagrantino, 100 percent. Dark garnet in hue. The nose has some earthy dark fruit fragrances. The palate is complex, with concentrated flavors of cherry and dark berries. Smooth and full in the mouth, the long finish has some tannin structure. ■



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# CUISINE

## French Folies takes fun-filled approach to family dining



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**Left: Chicken Normandy features boneless chicken, mushrooms and cream sauce. Right: A dessert crepe has pears within and salted caramel on top.**

“French family cuisine” is how French Folies describes its style, but that hardly begins to capture exactly what owners Solange and Jeremy Sobieski are attempting to provide in their fledgling North Naples restaurant.

Take, for example, the oh-so-French offering of a cabaret every Friday and Saturday night. (On Tuesdays there’s French music, on Wednesdays karaoke, and Thursdays feature salsa.)

We were greeted at the door with a warm and welcoming, “Bonsoir!” from Blanche Bastin, the chanteuse, a 6-foot blond in a glittering black and silver gown slit well up the leg, revealing black fishnet stockings and, of course, black high heels.

As we took a seat at a nicely upholstered banquettes, a Frenchman seated at the next table asked us, “Is that a woman or a man?”

Ah, if you have to ask ... One thing was clear: This was not going to be a typical sleepy summer night in Naples.

French Folies occupies a corner storefront at the Collection at Vanderbilt, the sprawling shopping center at the northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads. Previously, the space belonged to The Basin and, before that, Absinthe.

The dining room is long and relatively narrow. The white walls are etched with leafless white trees, and the booths and banquettes are upholstered in white. A lovely blue light glows from the long bar in the middle of the room, giving the room a hip, city vibe.

It’s a difficult space for a single entertainer to command, but Ms. Bastin did a fine job of moving about the place with her wireless microphone, visiting each table, stopping for a few minutes and encouraging guests to join in when they knew the French songs she crooned. Some did.

Meanwhile, although it was a relatively slow night, service was on the sluggish side. The woman I took to be Ms. Sobieski apologized, saying that two servers were out this evening. Uh-oh.

Wearing her game face, she took our



**Goat cheese and spinach in puff pastry is an excellent starter.**

wine order and returned in fairly short order with a well-chilled bottle of Domaine Saint Andre de Figuiere Cotes de Provence Cuvee Magali 2013, a crisp rose with notes of grapefruit and apricot.

On cabaret night, you can order from the regular menu or try either of the two prix fixe menus, three-course meals priced at \$32 and \$50, respectively. (The higher-priced meal includes a glass of wine.)

The main menu offered more variety, so we opted for that.

The goat cheese and spinach pie (\$12) arrived hot and fragrant. It was a lovely square of puff pastry attractively stuffed with creamy goat cheese and spinach. A side of fresh mixed greens, lightly dressed in a nicely balanced vinaigrette, served as a tangy counterpoint.

The escargots (\$14), while tender and with the requisite garlic, butter and parsley, were disappointing both because they were lukewarm and because they were

served on a plate sans garnish. I suspect the dish was ready before the goat and spinach pie and so cooled off while waiting. And, let’s face it, snails aren’t all that attractive on their own. A few sprigs of parsley or a bit of mixed greens on the side would have gone a long way toward prettifying up the plate.

A fair amount of time elapsed between appetizers and entrees, but we were in no hurry and Ms. Bastin kept us entertained, sitting at our table now and again, throwing an arm around one of us as she sang.

When the entrees arrived, they appeared freshly prepared but somewhat drab. The shrimp flambé (\$19), described on the menu as shrimp cooked in a cognac cream sauce with diced tomato and linguini, contained plenty of pasta topped with nice-looking shrimp, but the sauce and tomatoes appeared to be no-shows. By digging to the bottom of the dish, we found a bit of nondescript white sauce but still no tomatoes.

The chicken Normandy (\$16), a generous portion of boneless breast, came as advertised — liberally dressed with mushrooms and a well-seasoned cream sauce. Mashed potatoes (one of several side options) went well with the chicken and sauce.

But both dishes cried out for color. A few green beans or basil leaves or a stalk of broccoli or the absent tomatoes — anything that wasn’t beige — would have vastly improved the visual appeal of these dishes.

From the dessert list, we enjoyed a thick and rich Nutella mousse (\$8) with the characteristic chocolate hazelnut flavor, as well as a delicate crepe with chunks of pear and caramel salted butter (\$8).

I’m going to assume that perhaps because the owners were busily trying to handle the table service, oversight of the kitchen might have suffered somewhat on this night. Even Ms. Bastin gamely pitched

**Blanche Bastin serenades diners during cabaret evenings on Fridays and Saturdays.**

in between musical numbers, pouring water and delivering dishes and still finding time to change outfits as well.

At least three of the parties embraced the singer and thanked her as they left, clearly pleased with their experience and her performance. I can’t say what the restaurant is like on the nights when she isn’t there, but she definitely added some joie de vivre, making the shortage of servers seem less problematic.

I’d be inclined to return for a savory crepe and a salad, or perhaps a plate of charcuterie and French cheeses and a drink — and another taste of the cabaret life. ■

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