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“The number of individuals that die under the circumstances that make them good candidates to donate their organs is quite limited. ... We need to work within the parameters of what exists.”

— **Bob Walsh**, director of the HRSA division of transplantation

## THINK YOU'RE AN ORGAN DONOR? THINK AGAIN

**1,039,363**

people who died in U.S. hospitals in 2014

**8,596**

people who died who became donors in 2014

**0.8**

percentage of those deaths that led to donations

Regulations curb donations as need, registrations grow

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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PEOPLE WHO REGISTER TO BE ORGAN donors think their organs will be donated, that they will save lives.

But that rarely happens.

Organs are donated from the dead less than 1 percent of the time. Government regulations and transplant bureaucracy set the limits. To be an organ donor, you basically have to be brain dead and you have to die in a hospital.

“If you die at home in your sleep, you can't become an organ donor. If you die in a restaurant choking on a piece of meat, you can't become an organ donor. If you die in a car accident on (Interstate) 95, you can't become an organ donor,” says Dr. Michael Goldstein, executive director of Life Alliance Organ Recovery

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## Summer slow-down not so slow for businesses anymore

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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From a patron's perspective, perhaps, there is some relief that the traditional summer alchemy still exists — the alchemy created by departing snowbirds,

dwindling out-of-state tourists and therefore sharply declining prices at hotels, restaurants and the many venues of play and recreation along the southwest coast.

From the perspective of business owners in the service industry, however, things are definitely looking up: Summer

is no longer synonymous with hardship, although it might require more work on their part.

“The challenge this summer is to keep your service levels up, keep your product

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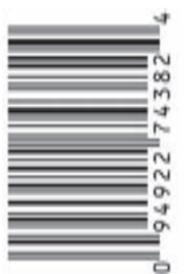
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# COMMENTARY

## Letters: 'Were you just having a bad day...?'



*Editor's note: One of the joys of living on the southwest coast is the chance to hear a wide range of opinions. Here, readers respond to the column, "Becoming a Republican," which first appeared on April 29. We welcome your letters and opposing viewpoints.*

Dear Roger,

It's very telling and unsettling to think that the best solution Republicans can come up with to govern effectively is either to sue the federal government for funding Medicaid expansion, sue the president for doing their job (executive order on immigration reform), or setting the stage for getting us into yet another war, this time with Iran, thanks to Islamophobes like Arkansas's Republican senator, Tom Cotton.

Incidentally, I'm picking the #12 Republican-owned horse to win the Kentucky Derby today, in honor of the 12th anniversary of G.W. Bush's "Mission Accomplished" speech on the Iraq war (May 1, 2003).

It was refreshing to read your commentary, and kudos to you for speaking the unfiltered truth.

— Sergio Hernandez

Roger,

Are you always this big of an asshole or were you just having a bad day?

— Bob Michnal

Roger,

I am one of those Republicans of the GOP, not the GBSFCP — the Grand (#!!\*\*!#X!) Party.

The GOP fought to end slavery, fought internally to put the brakes on runaway capitalism, somewhat successfully, and established a system of natural and heritage sites that are the envy of the world, and widely copied. It extended the rights of individuals to all, regardless of race, creed and color. OK, gender limped.

My folks were Democrats but converted to vote for Ike, that and the community they were in was the KKK-dominated Democratic Party and they were part of a group that was as brave as Atticus Finch's fictional group (but involved a police chief, not a sheriff), so Republican was the choice of conscience.

Somewhere along the line, the wheels went off the bus and the G(#!!\*\*!#X!)P seems to have abandoned every founding principle. Nowhere was that more apparent than the Rich Lowry column on the death tax ("Death as a taxable event," April 29). It was wrong in so many ways that the only positive thing I can say is that his autospell worked.

First off, the death tax is 100 percent because the deceased cannot take it with him/her, and we know that if the deceased could, they would.

Second, it is important to have an inheri-

ance tax because that way the beneficiaries have a reason to mourn.

Third, if the deceased cared, and could overlook the shortcomings of the heirs, most of the wealth would transfer before death so some love could be involved. And compared to love, the taxes matter?

Fourth, why should someone work all their lives paying taxes on what they receive from the sweat of their brow, but the moneyed class get to transfer wealth from one to another without taxation?

And fifth, unless Lowry uses any history books as coasters, the society he wants... the eternally wealthy and the eternally poor... is fragile internally and externally. So basically, the America he wants is the America that did not end slavery, establish governance of, by and for all the people, and would not have triumphed against the most powerful military and expansionist totalitarian states.

Instead, it would have been (the equivalent of) the Polish kingdom that got stripped of all it valued because its ECONOMIC leaders, holders of immense wealth, sold out the country for their own advantage to foreign powers. And Poland was the most powerful force in middle Europe for 300 years. In other words, Lowry is a useless (so-and-so), selling his words for the wealthy under the mistaken belief that they give a damn about him, other than being a stooge.

Every Friday, the old-school GOP here gathers in a coffee shop, at one table, and plots how to change the situation. When we have it figured out, we will let you know.

— Wayne Daltry

Roger,

Thank you for your fine take on our horrible governor. I have been working with our homeless for eight years, and health care can save lives.

— Fred Schillfarth

Roger,

Kudos to your "Becoming a Republican," in *Florida Weekly*. You are fearless, tackling not only the Republicans here in the de facto John Birch retirement center, but their strange interpretations of Christianity used to bolster their platforms and agendas, as well.

— George Mindling, Port Charlotte

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Florida for less than three years — coming from Illinois, Massachusetts and Connecticut — I am indeed not very comfortable with Gov. Rick Scott. I think it's a travesty, how 800,000 people are too poor to get medical insurance. And I am horrified that 40,000 children go without mental health attention. The refusal to take the Medicaid expansion for Florida is based on... what? Is this a Republican sticking point? Is it ego?

Unfortunately, because I am a mother and an advocate for the disadvantaged, I feel my days are numbered here in Florida. I do not sleep soundly when such issues exist. ■

— Robin Montesano

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# OPINION

## Baltimore, a Great Society failure



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama responded to the Baltimore riots with a heartfelt bout of self-righteous hectoring.

Supposedly, we all know what's wrong with Baltimore and how to fix it, but don't care enough. Not only is this attitude highhanded, it rests on a flagrantly erroneous premise.

President Obama doesn't have the slightest idea how to fix Baltimore. His solutions fall back on liberal bromides going back 50 years. Dating back to the Kerner Commission after the riots of the 1960s, the left's go-to solution to urban problems has been more social programs. Since then, we've gotten more social programs — and just as many urban problems.

Exhibit A is Baltimore itself. The city hasn't been "neglected." It has been misgoverned into the ground. It is a Great Society city that bought fully into the big-government vision of the 1960s, and the bitter fruit has been corruption, violence and despair.

This is a failure exclusively of Democrats, unless the root causes of Bal-

timore's troubles are to be traced to its last Republican mayor, Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, who left office in 1967. And it is an indictment of a failed model of government.

The city has been shedding jobs and people for decades, including in the 1990s when the rest of the country was booming.

Baltimore is a high-tax city, with malice aforethought. "Officials raised property taxes 21 times between 1950 and 1985," Steve Hanke and Stephen Walters of Johns Hopkins University write in *The Wall Street Journal*, "channeling the proceeds to favored voting blocs and causing many homeowners and entrepreneurs — disproportionately Republicans — to flee. It was brilliant politics, as Democrats now enjoy an eight-to-one voter registration advantage."

To counterbalance the taxes, they note, developers need to be lured to the city with subsidies, and the developers, in turn, contribute to politicians to stay in their good graces. This makes for fertile ground for the city's traditional corruption.

At the same time, the city has failed at the basic functions of government. Mayor Kurt Schmoke, in office for three terms beginning in the late 1980s, was notoriously soft on crime.

As urban experts Fred Siegel and Van Smith write in *City Journal*, "During the '90s, tolerant Baltimore's crime rate, much of it drug-fueled, rocketed upward (75 percent of the city's murders were drug-related); tough-on-crime New York's plummeted."

Under Mayor Martin O'Malley's subsequent, more strenuous policing, the crime rate dropped. But it is still a violent city. Baltimore has the fifth-highest murder rate among cities with a population of 100,000 or more.

The schools, predictably, are a disaster, run by and for the teachers unions. On top of all this, two-thirds of births in the city are out-of-wedlock.

What is Obama offering in response to this deep, decades-long decline? Among other things, more pre-K education and job training, even though these programs have a long history of ineffectiveness.

The imperative in Baltimore should be to think and act anew. But the left's takeaway will be that there's an urgent need for more of the same, as Baltimore and places like it continue to rot. ■

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

## The American dream: living to 18



**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

"What do you hope to accomplish with this protest," I asked a 13-year-old girl marching in Staten Island, N.Y., last August, protesting the police killing of Eric Garner.

"To live until I'm 18," the young teen, named Aniya, replied. Could that possibly be the American dream today?

Aniya went on: "You want to get older. You want to experience life. You don't want to die in a matter of seconds because of cops." It's that sentiment that has fueled the Black Lives Matter movement across the country.

Most recently, a week of protest in Baltimore was largely quelled when a remarkable prosecutor announced that six police officers would be charged in the death of Freddie Gray. Marilyn Mosby, the 35-year-old state's attorney for the city of Baltimore, is the youngest lead prosecutor in any major U.S. city. Just 100 days into office, she made national headlines on Friday, May 1, with the stunning announcement that the officers would face various charges, from assault to second-degree murder.

According to police reports, Baltimore Police Lt. Brian Rice was on bicycle patrol on the morning of April 12 when he made eye contact with Freddie Gray, who then ran. Rice pursued Gray, joined by officers Garrett Miller and Edward Nero. A bystander videotaped Gray screaming in pain as he was dragged into a patrol wagon. Though he asked for medical help repeatedly, none was given. He soon became unre-

sponsive. Other police involved in his arrest and transport did nothing either. His family reported that his spinal cord was 80 percent severed, and his voice box crushed. After a week in a coma, he died.

Gene Ryan, president of Baltimore's police union, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge No. 3, said, shockingly, "The images seen on television look and sound much like a lynch mob." These words are unfathomable, uttered by a white man describing African-Americans protesting the death of another African-American man whose neck was broken while in police custody. Then, at the same press conference, Michael Davey, the FOP attorney spoke up, defending the police for chasing Gray: "If you are in a high-crime area, and you flee from the police unprovoked, the police have the legal ability to pursue you." So Freddie Gray was arrested for running while black?

The outcry has been consistent and growing, after each high-profile police killing of people of color. Eric Garner's death by police chokehold on July 17, 2014, went unpunished. The district attorney for Staten Island, Daniel Donovan Jr., declined to press charges against any of the officers. Donovan, a Republican, was rewarded this week, winning a seat in Congress representing Staten Island, replacing Rep. Michael Grimm, who resigned in disgrace after being indicted for multimillion-dollar tax evasion. (Grimm also notoriously physically threatened a reporter on live television after the reporter asked him about the charges. Grimm told the reporter: "I'll break you in half. Like a boy.")

Back in Baltimore, many people heaved a sigh of relief after prosecutor Marilyn Mosby announced that she had

filed charges against the six police officers. "I come from five generations of law enforcement," she said. "My father was an officer. My mother was an officer, several of my aunts and uncles. My recently departed and beloved grandfather was one of the founding members of the first black police organization in Massachusetts."

Marilyn Mosby went on: "To those that are angry, hurt or have their own experiences of injustice at the hands of police officers, I urge you to channel the energy peacefully as we prosecute this case. I have heard your calls for 'no justice, no peace'; however, your peace is sincerely needed, as I work to deliver justice on behalf of Freddie Gray."

She closed with what is certainly unique in the annals of prosecutorial oration: "Last, but certainly not least, to the youth of this city, I will seek justice on your behalf. This is your moment. Let's ensure that we have peaceful and productive rallies that will develop structural and systemic changes for generations to come. You're at the forefront of this cause. And as young people, our time is now."

With determination like this, demanding accountability for all, maybe Aniya will get her wish: to celebrate her 18th birthday, and many, many more. ■

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— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,300 stations. She is the co-author, with Denis Moynihan, of "The Silenced Majority," a *New York Times* best-seller.

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## Taking a moment to rant about homeowners associations



Homeowners associations are curious organizations. Most sane people I know — the ones who work, bring up children and have lives — would rather eat glass than install themselves in these petty dictatorships. It takes a special type of person to involve himself (or herself) in strangers' lives, usually someone who enjoys passive-aggressive assault tactics to spy on his neighbors or who employs one-strike-you're-out policies so he doesn't have to use grown-up words to discuss problems.

Inevitably, the residents who get caught in the crosshairs are those who are too busy managing their own lives. They are never on the board (ain't nobody got time for that), never around at 10 a.m. on a weekday to make a show of hosing off the community sidewalk and typically are happy with the landscaping that has been chosen for them. While they're busy toiling away at their teaching or sales jobs, the condo commandoes are eyeballing their driveway and figuring out how long the toddler's bike has been sitting near the doorway.

And God forbid they entertain. Suddenly, the condo commandoes start furiously washing their cars and doing (unnecessary) yard work so they can

keep tabs on how many vehicles are in the driveway, where overflow is parking and whether anyone has left a car bumper encroaching on the sidewalk after 9 p.m.

Should a resident actually address a real dilemma with the condo board, its members often invoke the notion that perfect and enthusiastic compliance with all rules and bylaws — 100 percent of the time, in perpetuity — is required for negotiation. If a resident ever received a letter because his dues were two days late (despite the fact that the manager waited four weeks to cash it), he has relinquished all credibility and expectation of leniency.

It's very important to remember that you only live there. This is not a democracy.

Let me say it again.

**THIS IS NOT A DEMOCRACY.**

Despite the fact that you pay the mortgage, the property taxes, the fees and much of maintenance and repairs on that home you foolishly liked, you are there to indulge the whims and caprices of a group of busybodies.

The only way to win the war is to become one of them, which itself is a hellscape beyond imagination.

Why should I care that my neigh-

bor hides her dog's walkie bags behind the bushes until trash day? Why would I want to insert myself? Maybe her garage clicker doesn't work and she doesn't want them in the house. Since we're required to keep trash bins in the garage (often considered an unhygienic fire hazard), what she does makes sense to me.

The kicker, of course, is that associations are usually so busy picking on the trees that the forest runs amok. It's totally OK to tow residents' cars from their driveways without warning after midnight, but it's unthinkable to send that same tow truck down the res-

idential roads in broad daylight pick off cars blocking the right of way. People would know what they were doing! They might have to explain themselves!

Standards are nice. So are privacy, transparency and adult conversations — because homeowners associations are unavoidable in most parts of Naples.

I often wonder how neighborhoods were allowed to naturally evolve in parts of the country that have a firmer grasp on reality. What possibly motivates people to live in a compound where your guests are interrogated upon entry, but the gate guard gives a tow truck driver free access to the community at 2 a.m.?

And unfortunately, reason never prevails. Well-intentioned neighbors join boards thinking they're going to change things for the better; inevitably, they drink the Kool-aid instead. I cannot even conceive of an instance where I would be moved to join a board.

Run for public office?

It would be an extraordinary circumstance, but I could see it.

Fill my head with speculation and hearsay about 300 strangers? Never. ■

— Lindsey Nesmith obviously had an encounter with a homeowners association.



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Staff from the clerk's office will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the North Collier Government Ser-

vices Center on Orange Blossom Drive to assist people with the application process. On a Saturday earlier this month, 76 applications were prepared for mailing to the U.S. Department of State.

Here are a few tips that will save time:

- Before going to the government center, visit the clerks' website, [collierclerk.com/recording/passports](http://collierclerk.com/recording/passports), and read about

passport application requirements and fees.

- Download a passport application at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

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- Make sure to use black ink on the application.

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- Bring a birth certificate or original naturalization papers.

- Get there early.

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## Memorial Day ceremony set

The 2015 Memorial Day ceremony hosted by the Collier County Veterans Council will mark the 75th anniversary of WWII. With Capt. James Elson (ret.) presiding, the

program begins at 9 a.m. Monday, May 25, at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens and includes a performance by the Pine Ridge Middle School symphonic band.

All are welcome. A free picnic lunch will follow. Catered by Cook Brothers Barbeque and compliments of Hodges Funeral Home, the lunch is in memory of U.S. Navy veteran

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# ORGANS

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Agency in Miami.

This sets the stage for the shortage of organs:

■ More than 1 million people die in the United States every year, but only about 8,000 of them become organ donors. It's been that way for a decade and experts do not expect it to change.



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■ More than 123,000 Americans are waiting for organs.

■ Doctors expect to perform 25,000 transplants this year, but feel the need will eclipse their efforts, as another 40,000 patients may be added to the waiting list.

■ Last year, 6,216 patients died while waiting for an organ, most likely more, as there's an increasing trend of centers removing candidates from the waiting list for "being too sick to transplant."

■ All the while, 125 million Americans are registered to donate their organs. They mark their drivers' licenses, saying should something happen to them, they want their organs to go to someone else.

Government officials say the potential to transplant more organs rests in the hands of surgeons. Procurement surgeons should be more aggressive and recover more organs. Transplant surgeons should accept more organs.

Surgeons say their hands are tied by the government. Federal guidelines restrict them from taking risks — transplanting less-than-perfect organs into the most critical of patients.

No federal regulations say a doctor has to recover an organ or has to accept an organ, but regulations do look at expectations versus outcomes. Surgeons are told to take more risks, but say if they do, they could compromise their outcomes and their programs could be shut down.

Some doctors believe people who die on the street should be put on heart-and-lung machines to save their organs. Some believe borderline organs should be put on machines to prime them for transplant. And some believe federal regulations should be relaxed so doctors can take more chances to save more lives.

Federal regulators and transplant directors like to blame lack of awareness, saying there needs to be more outreach, more donor drives, more education, but the numbers show that in the past seven years registered donors have grown by 55 million. Today, more than half the U.S. population over the age of 16 is registered, yet the likelihood of being a donor is still less than 1 percent.

Federal regulators and transplant directors pass the blame to families, saying families do not always give consent, but of all the deaths deemed "eligible" for organ donation in the U.S. last year, consent was obtained 76 percent of the time. Florida mirrored the nation, meaning in 76 percent of cases the donor was either on the registry or the family said yes.

People are willing, people are waiting, but organs are wasting.

Organ procurement and transplant program directors say they want to be more aggressive, more accepting, but reiterate that federal regulations keep them from taking more risks.

"The federal government expects transplant centers to be successful," says Liz Lehr, executive director of LifeLink of Florida in Tampa. "I think there are a

in the know

## People who died in hospitals vs. those who were eligible organ donors



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lot of good reasons to try to regulate transplant centers into doing the best job that they can. Unfortunately, when you do that, you regulate a lot of people out of being able to be transplanted."

Ms. Lehr lays out a hypothetical: You need a heart transplant. "Would you accept an 85 percent chance of getting a transplant and having your life saved if your opportunity to live otherwise was zero?"

"Yes," she answers for you, playing out the scenario.

"But (the government) wants the transplant center to have a 95 percent rate of success ... (Transplant surgeons) can't do an 85 percent job or they'll be shut down," she says.



LEHR

Lending her voice to the plight of organ donation doctors, Ms. Lehr says, "We (procurement surgeons) need to put more organs out there for transplant, and these guys (transplant surgeons) are saying, 'I want to accept more organs, but I can't maintain my 95 percent rate if I do that because I'm going to have to take organs that are less-than-perfect and put them in people who are really sick.'"

Ms. Lehr sees promise in those less-than-perfect organs, those organs on the margins.

The most radical change she could see happening in the organ donation system would be a way "to evaluate transplant centers to say if you take a group of really sick patients and you give them marginal organs that would otherwise have gone in the trash, we're not going to count those toward your 95 percent, we're going to be happy that you gave them an 85 percent chance of survival."

Ms. Lehr remembers reading about a transplant center that was accepting more organs, taking more risks, but was almost shut down.

"They had to take organs from less sick patients and transplant fewer people in order to stay in business," she says. "But they can't save as many lives as they would otherwise."

Organ donation falls under the domain of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. From there down, it's a tangle involving the Health Resources and Services Administration, the United Network for Organ Sharing, the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Bob Walsh, director of the HRSA division of transplantation, says risk adjustments are already calculated into the metrics governing organ donation,

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“I could count hundreds, hundreds of times where organs were just wasted. ... And nobody knows it. I think that’s the worst part. ... People think, ‘I’m an organ donor. My organs will be donated.’ They have no clue that it doesn’t work that way.”

— Kristie Evans, retired Charlotte County sheriff’s deputy

there’s always discussion about how to adjust the metrics further, but there’s “no specific issue under discussion right now about what can or should be better risk adjusted for ... HRSA and (other agencies) stand behind the metrics that are in place.”

Dr. Daniel Schwartz, chief medical officer of the survey and certification group at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, acknowledges there may be concern in the field over risks of accepting marginal organs, but says, “I’ve not seen a single program have a problem with their outcomes based on the organs they accepted.”

As far as surgeons seeking the liberty to accept more marginal organs, Mr. Walsh says, “Physicians make the decisions ... that’s always been the case.”

More than 1 million people are dying, only 8,000 are donating and it’s been that way for a decade. Why?

“The number of individuals that die under the circumstances that make them good candidates to donate their organs is quite limited,” Mr. Walsh says.

Where does the potential exist to recover and transplant more organs?

“We need to work within the parameters of what exists — who dies and how they die,” Mr. Walsh says.

And when someone dies, on the procurement side, Ms. Lehr says there are expectations for organ recovery agencies to recover a certain number of organs per donor. She is not in favor of such regulations.

“We’re looking at a lady ... in Lee County ... 46 years old, she has multi-system failure, for a number of different reasons, she is a potential heart-only donor, and we’re going to look at that, but in terms of the federal measurement statistics, that could be a problem for me, because they’re looking for me to recover a certain number of organs transplanted per donor, but if you’re on the heart waiting list, what do you want me to do?”

Andrew Spehr wanted a heart. He wanted a heart or he wanted to die. He says he was so sick, he wanted one of those two things to happen, either sounded inviting.

Danielle Bogue was driving up Alligator Alley. Her last words shared with her mother, her mother told her, “I love you. Drive safe,” and she said, “I love you too, Mama. I always do.”

The front tire blew. The car flipped. Danielle Bogue was ejected.

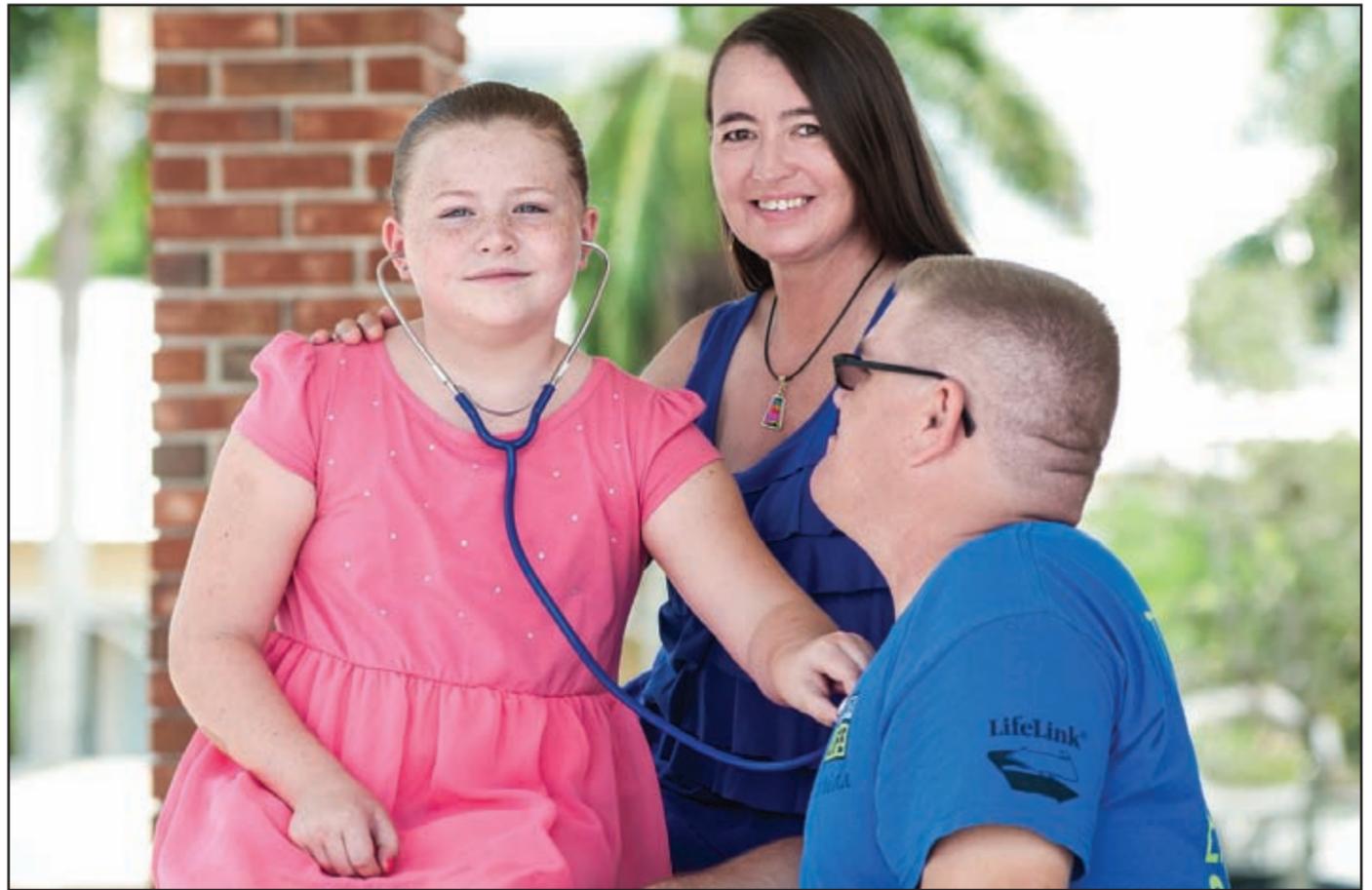
Andrew Spehr got his call.

Danielle Bogue’s family requested her organs be donated; the hospital did not ask. Danielle’s mother, Dana Grey, remembered a conversation she had with her daughter. They were standing at the kitchen sink, right after Danielle got her driver’s license. She wanted her mother to know she wanted to donate her organs.

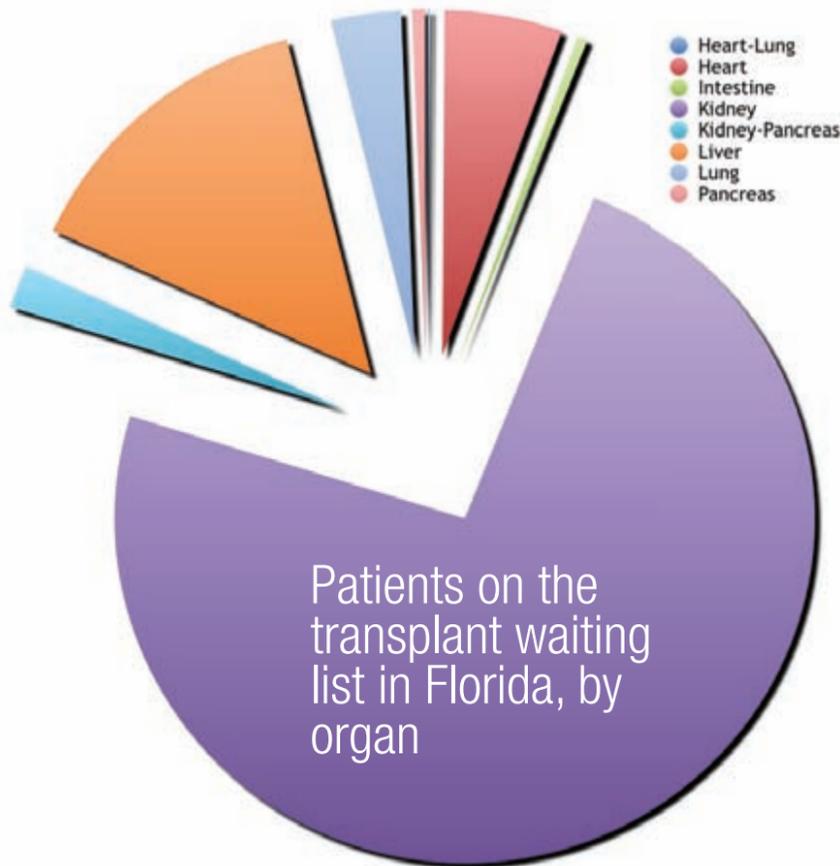
Danielle Bogue died when she was 22. She was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers. She was declared brain dead. When her family said their goodbyes, they put Danielle’s baby girl in her arms. Mrs. Grey says that’s when her spirit let go. Her body was still there. And her organs saved five lives.

“Really, that’s what keeps you going, knowing ... you saved another family from suffering the same grief,” Mrs. Grey says. If she had not been able to donate her daughter’s organs, she says, “I’m not sure I would have gotten out of bed.”

Heart recipient Andrew Spehr says knowing he helped a family survive their grief helps him balance feelings of grati-



Hannah Bogue-Grey listens to her mother’s heart beat inside of organ recipient Andrew Spehr’s chest. Dana Grey (center), Hannah’s grandmother, says if she had not been able to donate her daughter’s organs, she does not know how she would have gotten out of bed.



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tude and guilt, feeling so thankful, yet so sorry that a family had to lose a loved one for him to live.

Danielle’s daughter Hannah loves hearing stories of her mother. She was 4 months old when Danielle died. She was in the car, in the back seat, in her car seat. “Not a single scratch on me,” says Hannah, who has grown up hearing about her mother, “She loved me.”

When Hannah, now 8, first met Andrew Spehr, she held a stethoscope up to his chest and heard her mother’s heart beat.

Trying to put emotion into words, Andrew Spehr says, “Your saying yes to being an organ donor ... you are going to help many other people, enhance their lives.”

Kristie Evans, a retired Charlotte

County sheriff’s deputy, says she has seen such good intentions not come to pass. She has seen people die on the side of the road, seen healthy, teenage organs go cold, seen bodies lie there for hours for crime-scene investigations, seen organs wasting by the roadside.

“It happens every day, all over the country, it happens constantly,” Ms. Evans says. “I think that was one of the most jarring things that I learned as a police officer ... here I always thought that being an organ donor meant that someday somebody would get to use organs that I can’t anymore,” but as a deputy she saw that seldom happens.

Ms. Evans remembers the call when it first sunk in. A mother lost her son, he was 30-something, a registered organ donor who died unexpectedly. Ms. Evans

says finding out his organs could not be donated made his death feel in vain, made his death twice as tragic for his mother.

“I could count hundreds, hundreds of times where organs were just wasted,” says Ms. Evans, after a decade of first-responder experience.

“And nobody knows it. I think that’s the worst part ... People think, ‘I’m an organ donor. My organs will be donated.’ They have no clue that it doesn’t work that way.”

Last year in Florida, hospitals reported 70,892 deaths, and of those, only 572 became organ donors. From motor vehicle accidents there were 2,576 traffic fatalities, and of those, 118 became organ donors.

Ms. Evans says there were times she was first on the scene, she would sweet talk paramedics, pretend she saw some sign of life moments prior to their arrival to persuade them to transport accident victims to the hospital, for if victims were found dead on the scene, she says they were often not transported and their organs were useless.

Todd Soard, president of the Florida EMS Association, says when medics arrive on scene, they are looking to save lives, not organs. Their goal is survivability, not salvage. If someone were to be found dead on the scene, the body goes to law enforcement and the medical examiner’s office.

Ms. Evans says she understands that people pass away unattended and paramedics cannot turn back time, she understands paramedics must prioritize the living, “But when you have a death that happened so close to emergency personnel and hospitals and then they say, ‘Well, because there’s no chance of bringing them back we’re just not going to transport them,’ it’s upsetting,” she says. “I mean it seems like a waste, and I guess that’s the best way to describe it, it’s just a waste.”

Dr. David Klassen, chief medical officer of the United Network for Organ SEE ORGANS, A10 ►

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Sharing, says he sees the loss of organs: "Sure. It happens. It happens all the time."

He sees the loss from a medical vantage. "There are organs that are procured but end up not being transplanted because transplant programs feel that the quality of the organ isn't suitable," he says. "That happens fairly commonly."

Last year, more than 30,000 organs were recovered from deceased donors in the U.S. Of those, about 26,000 were transplanted. Roughly 3,000 were discarded. More than 6,000 patients died waiting for organs.

In March, Dr. Klassen presented a study to the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation looking at the potential to increase the number of deceased organ donors. The study was done at the request of HRSA. The study projected less than 1 percent of growth in deceased donors over the next five years, maybe longer.

Accountability turns into a game of pointing fingers — organ procurement organizations and transplant centers blame hospitals, saying hospitals are not recognizing potential donors. Procurement surgeons point to transplant surgeons. Transplant surgeons point to procurement surgeons.

Asked for the measure of lost potential, Dr. Klassen says, "We don't really have a good handle on that, truthfully."

Dr. Klassen sees potential residing in the older population of patients dying in hospitals. He says procurement programs and transplant centers need to be "more creative" and "more willing" to take risks in recovering and accepting organs for transplant from less traditional patients.

Dr. Goldstein, director of the organ recovery agency in Miami, sees potential outside the hospital.

People dying in hospitals are sick. People waiting on organs are sick. Young, healthy people dying sudden, unexpected deaths, Dr. Goldstein says, their organs are lost before they get to the hospital. He sees this as the Achilles heel of organ donation: fatal.

"So our greatest opportunities are to ... increase opportunities for DCD donation (donation after cardiac death, versus brain death), so the folks that do die in the street or die in a restaurant or die in a home, we can create processes where we can help them become organ donors, if they want to be," he says.

In the United States, if you die of cardiac death, you can become an organ donor, but that's a rare occasion. Doctors estimate it happens 10 percent of the time, in the less than 1 percent of deaths that do donate. For it to happen, you have to be in a hospital, one of those situations where doctors know your heart will shortly stop, when they remove you from life support.

In Spain, if someone dies on the street, Dr. Goldstein says, medics bring the person back to a hospital and put the individual on an external machine. It does not bring the patient back, but it does restore oxygen and blood flow to organs to keep the organs viable.

He would like to see the same thing happen in the U.S.

"I think we should be able to use assist devices and machines to maintain oxygen and blood to people who have been declared dead in the field to see if we can increase the opportunity for these people to donate," Dr. Goldstein says.

He believes medicine should pave more of a way, where if your heart stops, you can still give, so your organs will not be lost.



Laura Murphy has been waiting for a kidney for a year. She wishes the transplant system were more transparent. She wants to know why more organs are not being transplanted.

For some, this raises the question of when death occurs. If your heart stops and you die, but then a machine starts your heart again, are you really dead?

Dr. Alghidak (Sam) Salama, chief medical officer of Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency, says typically, once you are pronounced cardiac dead, your organs are gone. They could be recovered rapidly, but if you were put on a machine, time would be more forgiving, and your organs could stay in your body indefinitely, maintaining viability.

"This is the scenario, a patient, car accident ... or heart attack, brought by



SALAMA

emergency medical technicians to some emergency department and pronounced dead in the emergency department, organ donation cannot take place," Dr. Salama says. "If that person, same person, same circumstances, brought to the emergency department, pronounced dead in the emergency department, there was somebody within 20, 30 minutes to put that person on a heart-and-lung machine, and this, we do have the expertise, and restart the circulation and oxygenation, that person, we can recover kidneys and liver from that person."

Nationally, more than 100,000 patients are waiting for kidneys; more than 15,000 patients are waiting for livers. "I think that will certainly save a few lives," Dr. Salama says.

Some registered organ donors may inherently think this happens already,

"I just once again remember, things do happen for a reason, and it's not like you're wishing anything bad to happen to people, you just know that bad things sometimes happen, and you hope that in that situation that that person did sign up to be an organ donor and did talk to their family and that they're able to make that decision."

— Laura Murphy, waiting for a kidney

that if they were to die, everything possible would be done to save their organs for donation.

But this becomes a matter of ethics: "It is for the medical community, for us as ethicists, as clergy, as a society as a whole," to start debating, Dr. Salama says. "Would the practice of doing a medical procedure after somebody has been pronounced dead be acceptable to us, for the sake of saving somebody else's life?"

Along with trying to recover organs from people who die outside of the hospital or people whose hearts stop, Dr. Salama says he thinks doctors should be taking marginal organs, putting them on machines and optimizing those organs, turning fatty livers into transplantable livers.

Dr. Salama says such machines are "at our fingertips" and could be implemented immediately.

Dr. James Huang, a transplant surgeon at Tampa General Hospital, says the same can be done with lungs: You can recover a marginal lung, optimize it on a machine and turn an organ that may have been discarded into a transplant.



HUANG

But Dr. Huang brings up the question of expense: "Let's say you take 10 lungs and put them in this machine and you only recover one lung, or you're only able to use one or two lungs after this process ... if you say 80 percent are not usable, is it worth it to spend the amount of dollars to recruit these two lungs that may be used? Now if you're the recipient, you need a lung and you receive one of these lungs, you would say yes, but what if I say I could spend the money that I spent for these 80 percent that I discarded, into promoting donor awareness, or increasing donor drives, or maybe even yet, pay living donors."

Estimates show that doctors may recover organs from 6,000 living donors this year.

Dr. Huang has 700 patients waiting for kidneys. His mind drifts to a football game where there might be 25,000 people in the stands and he wonders, why can't he find 700 living donors?

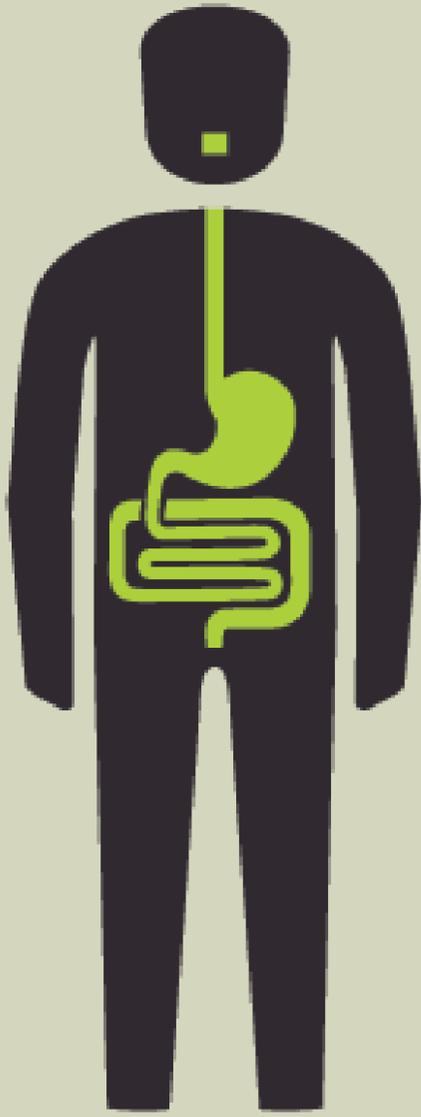
Of the increasing numbers of registered donors, Dr. Huang says, "It's fine that more people signed up, but they have to die, unfortunately, to be organ donors."

When Dr. Huang thinks of hooking up trauma patients to heart-and-lung machines to recover and transplant more organs, he again thinks of money and questions the yield.

Beyond heart-and-lung machines, beyond maximizing organs on machines, Dr. Huang sees the medical world moving more toward science. He says doctors are growing organs in labs, taking

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## By the numbers:



- More than **125 million** registered organ donors across the U.S.
- More than **8 million** registered organ donors in Florida.

### In Florida in 2014:

- **70,892** deaths in Florida hospitals
- **572** became organ donors
- **1,905** organs recovered
- **1,722** organs transplanted
- Of those transplanted in Florida, there were **163 hearts, 827 kidneys, 476 livers, 169 lungs, 71 pancreases and 16 intestines**
- There were **448** patients waiting for a heart, **6,066** waiting for a kidney, **167** waiting for kidney/pancreas, **1,176** waiting for a liver, **267** waiting for a lung, **8** waiting for heart/lung, **51** waiting for a pancreas and **39** waiting for intestines.

— Source: United Network for Organ Sharing



pig kidneys, removing all the pig cells, repopulating with human cells, to create an organ, though he would be surprised if transplanting lab-grown organs happened in his lifetime.

Presently, he sees variation in the ambitions of mature programs and small programs, because every transplant center and every organ procurement organization has its own criteria for organ utilization.

“If it’s a small program where they only do 30 or 40 kidneys, if they have one or two bad results, then UNOS will look at them and say, ‘Look, you have too much error or too much failure and we’re going to shut your program down,’” Dr. Huang says. “So in those cases, those programs are going to be much more selective, use organs that really have a high chance of working and not use organs that have a low chance of functioning,” even though

every organ could mean a life.

More than 1 million deaths each year, that’s more than 2 million kidneys.

Laura Murphy has always known she would be diagnosed with kidney disease. Her dad was diagnosed when she was a baby. She watched her dad go through kidney failure, dialysis and transplant.

Now she’s the one on dialysis, eight hours a night, at home in Sarasota, connecting a machine to a catheter in her abdomen. She’s been on the waiting list for a year.

She remembers when her dad was sick, he was given a less-than-ideal kidney. Doctors did not expect it to last 17 years, but he has seen his daughter graduate college and he’s still living.

Ms. Murphy says if she were really sick, she could see herself taking the chance, if she were offered a marginal organ. Pondering the potential to connect trauma patients to heart-and-lung

machines, she says, “That would open so many possibilities.”

The sound of an ambulance siren interrupts her words, as if for emphasis.

As the siren fades, her thoughts fade. She’s not letting her mind run away. She thinks of her condition as temporary, hopefully.

A friend of hers told his mom Ms. Murphy’s story. His mom said she would pray for Ms. Murphy. A few weeks later his mom said, “I feel like I’m praying for something bad to happen to someone else.”

Ms. Murphy understands this knot of emotions. When her mind goes down that train of thought, she says, “I just once again remember, things do happen for a reason, and it’s not like you’re wishing anything bad to happen to people, you just know that bad things sometimes happen, and you hope that in that situation that that person did sign up to be an organ donor and did talk to their family

and that they’re able to make that decision.”

Hearing that organs are donated in less than 1 percent of deaths, she feels a little angry, she feels a little sad. She would appreciate more transparency, see the reasons why so many kidneys were not transplanted. She knows not all kidneys are viable, she knows organs have to stay alive long enough for a recipient to get to there, for her to get there.

“I guess they haven’t found a way yet,” she says. “But that would be amazing, if at some point, they found a way.”

Ms. Murphy says the world of organ donation is a big business, but it’s not questioned much.

She reels her thoughts back to where she chooses to steady her focus, as a person on a waiting list: “You have to wait your time and you have to trust that they are allocating things the correct way.” ■



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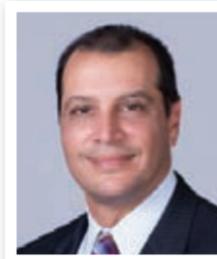
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**Monday, May 18**

Collier and Capri boulevards: Speeding  
 U.S. 41 North and Audubon Boulevard: Speeding

Radio Road and San Marcos Boulevard: Aggressive driving

**Tuesday, May 19**

Pine Ridge Road and Forest Lakes Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Immokalee Road and Strand Boulevard: Red-light running

**Wednesday, May 20**

Davis Boulevard and Kings Way: Red-light running

Airport-Pulling Road at Pelican Marsh Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Immokalee Road and Orange Tree Boulevard: Aggressive driving

**Thursday, May 21**

Magnolia Pond Drive at Mike Davis Elementary School: Speeding

Golden Gate Parkway and 45th Street S.W.: Speeding

U.S. 41 East and Commerical Drive: Red-light running

**Friday, May 22**

Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 East: Red-light running

Livingston Road and Grey Oaks Boulevard: Speeding

Logan Boulevard and Pine Ridge road: Red-light running ■

**AARP class for  
 older drivers**

AARP offers classes to help older drivers learn about new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend. Here's what's coming up:

**Monday, May 18:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd., Naples; 596-6007.

**Tuesday, May 19:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 269-6050.

**Thursday, May 21:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germain Toyota 13315 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 269-6050. ■

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up, because season was such an incredible blowout no one has seen anything like it — we were up 21 percent over a record year, over a record year, over a record year,” says Lorah Steiner, director of tourism for the Charlotte Harbor Visitor & Convention Bureau.

“At every beach on the Southwest coast, people were wondering, why?” she adds. “Because it was the perfect storm of good and bad: a terrible winter in the Northeast, much lower gas prices, and the economy was robust.”

So don't let your guard down now, if you're an owner.

On the other hand, plan to find wonderful and either less expensive or more convenient and accessible ways to enjoy some off time right here in your own neck of the woods, if you want to play.

“While summer here isn't as quiet for tourism as it was years ago, there are still some great offers from hotels, restaurants and attractions that locals can take advantage of for day excursions or overnight staycations,” says JoNell Modys, the PR and communications manager for the Collier Convention & Visitors Bureau.

On the business side, she notes, “there isn't nearly as much of an ‘off season’ as there used to be.”

And what a relief for workers. “Gone are the days when business would close down for extended (periods) or do mass



Stump Pass Beach State Park in Englewood.

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layoffs of staff,” she says.

A look at Collier's occupancy rates, for example, confirms Ms. Mody's view and reflects similar patterns in Lee and Charlotte counties — and it also suggests that the average daily rate for rooms will be a bit higher than in past summers.

The occupancy rates for June, July and August of 2013, in Collier County, were 65.2 percent, 68.6 percent and 57 percent, respectively. Which was higher than in 2011 or 2012.

But the occupancy rates for the same period of time last summer, in 2014, look like this: 68.3 percent for June; 73.2 percent for July; and 62 percent for August.

Not only that, but the average daily rate of rooms in June alone increased 11 percent between 2013 and 2014, from \$146.70 to \$162.80. Those rates are significantly lower than peak winter season rates, but they will continue to move up this summer, tourist officials predict.

Anecdotal evidence of these changes is abundant, and in some cases it comes with very good news.

On Sanibel Island, restaurateurs Christian and Mari Vivet, owners of the popular Blue Windows Bistro in south Lee County, opened a brand spanking new restaurant at almost exactly the moment when tourists and snowbirds have finally fled the region in large numbers: the first days of May.

That aggressive entrepreneurial summer ambition would likely not have been possible in years past. The new place, Blue Rendez Vous French Bistro, was packed the first week with locals, says Ms. Vivet — the summer ideal for business owners.

And her auspicious opening came almost simultaneously with a widely celebrated announcement that Family-Fun Magazine, followed by the “Today Show,” named Sanibel as the nation's number one family tourist destination.

All of which allowed Mrs. Vivet to suggest that special deals, lower rates or creative marketing schemes designed to draw in patrons are unnecessary this year.

“We honestly have no tricks other than taking our beloved menu and open-

ing a new place at a strange time of year to give new people a chance to have French, on the island,” she says.

“Some of our friends think we're crazy, but I suppose we are entrepreneurial risk takers.”

The Vivets are not the only ones who might fit that bill.

Rob Pailes and Charlie Hartley, co-owners of SBL (Sanibel) Vacations and its sister business, SBL Outfitters, offer condos, stand-alone homes and rooms — each coming with easy access to their paddleboards, top-quality bicycles and kayaks — for surprisingly inexpensive summer stays on Sanibel and Captiva islands.

“We have condos here where you can stay for about \$100 a night, and single-family homes for as little as \$125 a night, from May to October,” Mr. Pailes says.

As for lower summer rates even though demand is increasing, that still happens, he adds.

“Season rates have continued to increase, but I think off-season rates have remained pretty low. And since we're a boutique rental company, we add services and value to what we do.”

Any examples? “There are fresh flowers for every patron. Homemade soap. A greeting card and an expensive gift bag. We start the hospitality when they arrive.”

They're also sponsoring a contest (see winsanibel.com) conceived in part by SBL Vacations' partner, Noise Inc., and designed to attract attention.

Contestants who enter by May 31 can win seven free nights on the gulf, good until Dec. 12, in “Shorewood C-2.”

Elsewhere, there are summer-long deals at baseball stadiums both in Charlotte and Lee counties, special rates to the zoo and to other attractions in Collier County, and reduced-rate restaurant and hotel deals everywhere. ■

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# CLUB NOTES

■ **Pilot Club** of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Guests and new members are always welcome. The next meeting is May 14. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Big Cypress Chapter**, National Society **Daughters of the American Revolution**, meets at 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, at the Country Club of Naples. Chapter curator Peggy Reagan will presents "American Women and Fashion, 1890-1925." Members and guests are welcome. Reservations are required. Call Madonna Crame at 455-7295.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are May 16 and June 6. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Democratic Women's Club** of Collier County welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is May 16. For more information, email dwcpresident@gmail.com.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is May 18. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit [ussvi.org/base/naples.asp](http://ussvi.org/base/naples.asp).

■ Members and guests of the **Gulf Coast**

**Orchid Alliance** will hear about "Growing Vivacious Vandas" Thursday, May 21, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a sale of rare and exotic orchids flown in from Hawaii just for the event. Following the sale, American Orchid Society award-winning exhibitor Tom Coffey, who serves as president of the alliance, will present the program about Vandas. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging. An orchid raffle will also be held. Admission to the meeting is free.

The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information about the alliance, visit [gulfoastorchidalliance.com](http://gulfoastorchidalliance.com).

■ The Naples chapter of **PFLAG**, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is May 21. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit [pflagnaples.org](http://pflagnaples.org).

■ **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. The next meetings are May 26 and June 9. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the second Wednesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at varying locations. The next meetings are May 27 and June 10. For more information, call 774-2623 or email [naplescivitan@aol.com](mailto:naplescivitan@aol.com).

The Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are May 26 and June 9. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email [marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com](mailto:marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com).

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental dis-



Above: Susan Greiner, Ron Guthrie, Gaby Peden, Sherri Weidman and Michael Jones, all members of the Wine Tasters of Naples, pitched in for the recent volunteer day at Youth Haven. For information about upcoming group events, visit [thewinetastersofnaples.com](http://thewinetastersofnaples.com) or follow Wine Tasters of Naples on Facebook. New members are always welcome.

abilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

■ The **Naples Press Club** meets for its monthly lunch and program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be John Cox, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Reservations are required. For more information, email [rsvp@naplespressclub.org](mailto:rsvp@naplespressclub.org).

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is May 28. Stamp trading will follow the program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club**, whose members collect and study antique clothing buttons, meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. The next meeting is June 2. Guests are always welcome. Buttons from several members' collections are currently on display at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have moved to the area within the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking and conversations over coffee. A coffee for prospective new members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [naplesnewcomers.com](http://naplesnewcomers.com).

■ **Coastal Chess** clubs in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email [wk@kellerpublishing.com](mailto:wk@kellerpublishing.com) or visit [chess7.net](http://chess7.net).

■ The social season is winding down, but the **Naples Italian American Foundation** still has bridge, bocce ball, mah jongg, movies, dance nights and card games on a regular basis through May at 7035 Airport-Pulling Road (corner of Orange Blossom Road). For more information, call 597-5210 or visit [niafoundation.org](http://niafoundation.org). ■



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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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## Donating for dollars

Already, healthy people can donate blood, sperm and eggs, but now the nonprofit OpenBiome offers donors \$40 for bowel movements — to supply “fecal transplants” for patients with nasty *C. difficile* bacterial infections. (“Healthy” contents are transplanted into the infected gut via endoscope or frozen swallowed capsules so that the good bacteria drive out the antibiotic-

resistant bad.) Over 2,000 transplant units have been shipped to 185 hospitals so far, and OpenBiome allows daily “donations” so that, with bonuses, a donor could earn \$13,000 a year. However, extensive medical questioning and stool-testing is required, and only about 4 percent of potential donors have exquisite-enough feces to qualify.

## The job of the researcher

California State University Los Angeles researcher Marc Kubasak spent about 2,500 hours (sometimes 12 hours a day) training 40 brain-damaged rats to walk on a treadmill, after sewing little vests to tether the critters, suspended, to a robotic arm. His work paid off, though, according to the

February Popular Science magazine, as doctors in Poland and University College London used his procedures to help a man with a damaged spine. (In the middle of the project, Kubasak developed a rodent allergy and was forced to wear a body suit every day with a respirator.)

## Ironies

■ UK's Bedfordshire Police were searching in April for the thief who ran off without paying for his Jesus arm tattoo at the RedINC Luton studio (to go with his “Only God Can Judge Me” inking on the other arm.) In fact, the shopkeeper also believes the man swiped the equivalent of \$1,548 from a cash drawer when he was momentarily alone in the studio.

■ Former Virginia state Delegate

Joseph Morrissey, already scheduled for trial for submitting false documents in one case, was foiled in March qualifying for a state Senate primary because 750 of the 972 voter signatures he submitted were found to be bogus. (Morrissey was sworn in as delegate in January while wearing an ankle monitor as part of his sentence for having sex with an underage girl, but resigned to run for the Senate.)

## Remembrance technology

■ In March, the U.S. patent office approved Google's application covering robot software that mimics human personalities (voice, mannerisms) using a variety of moods (happiness, fear, surprise) with a notable use that family members might employ it to continue to “interact” with a loved one after he has passed. One disquieting possibility might allow a deceased person to be directed to act in ways that the person never acted while alive.

■ Entrepreneurship: (1) A curious woman, inspired by her own mother's attachment to her unlaundered pil-

lowcases following the death of her dad, has partnered with France's Université du Havre to produce a person's bottled scent by processing old clothing. A September rollout is planned, with the probable retail price of about \$600. (2) Artist Mark Sturkenboom has described plans for an even more remarkable remembrance device (if the deceased is male): a dildo that holds 21 grams of cremated ashes (accessorized, perhaps for non-sexual “cover,” by a necklace and music player). “After passing,” Sturkenboom explained, “the missing of intimacy” is “one aspect of the pain and grief.”

## Suspicious confirmed

The controversial ex-Greenpeace campaigner who years later turned against the environmental group's program walked out of an interview in March for a French documentary in which he assured viewers that Monsanto's Roundup weed killer was safe for humans. “You can drink a whole quart of it, and it won't hurt you,”

Patrick Moore told the interviewer for Canal Plus. The interviewer then offered Moore a swig of Roundup he had on hand. “I'd be happy to, actually,” Moore reportedly said on camera, but then quickly changed his mind. “No, I'm not an idiot.” At that point, Moore declared, the interview was “finished.”

## Is this a great country or what?

The owner of a New York City condominium apartment that sold for \$100.5 million recently received a property tax reduction of \$360,000 last year — and is likely to keep receiving reductions over as many as 25 years, based on “Section 421-a” benefits the state enacted to encourage “affordable” housing in the most desirable parts of New York City. The tax abatements are available to developers that

promise to create “affordable” units in the same zones (“affordable” to families making under about \$40,000 annually), but in recent years, the new “millionaire” units (with tax breaks) have outnumbered the new affordable units by about 11-to-1, according to a February *New York Times* report, costing the city more than \$1 billion a year in revenue. ■

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## Buckle up for safety on the road

Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies are keeping an extra eye out for seat-belt violations as part of the state-wide Click It or Ticket campaign May 18-31. CCSO is joining forces with other law enforcement agencies across the state, along with FDOT and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to crack down on drivers and passengers who fail to buckle up. Here are some seat belt safety basics:



- The driver and front-seat passenger must wear a seat belt.
- Anyone younger than 18 must wear a seat belt no matter where they are sitting.
- Children 12 and younger should ride in the back seat for safety.
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and up to 4 feet 9 inches tall should ride either in a car seat or a booster seat, depending on their age.

The fine for not wearing a seat belt is \$113 in Collier County. A ticket for a violation of child restraint violations will cost you \$163. ■

## So you think you can teach?

Florida Gulf Coast University's lifelong learning program, the Renaissance Academy, has put the call out for instructors and course proposals for the coming fall (October-December) and winter/spring (January-May) sessions at RA locations throughout Collier and Lee counties.

There are no advance degree requirements for instructors, who give single lectures or lead short courses (two to four lectures of 75-90 minutes each) in the following categories: art, business, computer instruction, ecology, environment, government, history, law, life enrichment, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, sociology, medicine and U.S. and world affairs. The academy pays an honorari-

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Those interested in lecturing can download a course proposal form from [fgcu.edu/racademy](http://fgcu.edu/racademy) or can arrange to receive one via mail by calling 425-3272.

Renaissance Academy class and programs are held at the following locations: the FGCU Naples Center in Naples; The Club at The Strand, North Naples; the Marco island Center for the Arts; The Terraces, Bonita Springs; The Club at Grandezza, Estero; Estero Country Club at The Vines, Estero; The Brooks Commons Club, Estero; the Atrium Executive Center, Fort Myers; and Calusa Harbour, Fort Myers.

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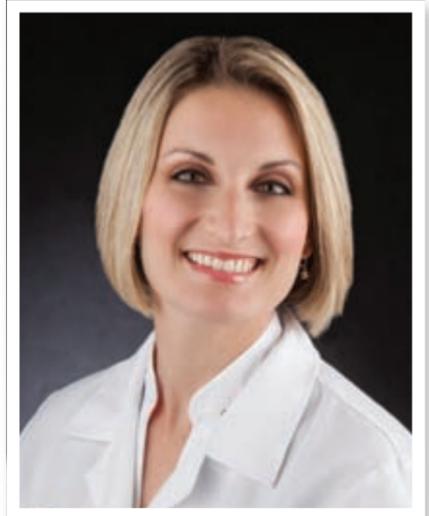
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# ALUMNI NEWS

■ The next meeting of the Greater Naples **Alumnae Panhellenic** begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at Naples Yacht Club. The luncheon will honor recipients of the organization's high school and college merit scholarships. Cost is \$30. For reservations or more information, call Lynda Ewen at 498-4769 or email [lrewen1@gmail.com](mailto:lrewen1@gmail.com).

■ Area **Delta Zeta** alumnae will meet for lunch and a program at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 18, at Magoo's Island Cafe. All alumnae from Naples, Marco Island, Bonita Springs and Estero are invited. For reservations or more information, call Kay Diltz at 262-5495.

■ **Alpha Delta Pi** alumnae are invited to join the ADPi Alumnae Chapter of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island. The May luncheon is set for noon Wednesday, May 27, at The Capitol Grill at the Mercato. RSVP by calling 404-3294 or emailing your name and phone number to [swfladpialum@gmail.com](mailto:swfladpialum@gmail.com).

■ The Naples area chapter of **Gamma Phi Beta** alumnae recently installed the following officers: Jennifer Johnson, president; Ann Boren, treasurer; Mary Frey, recording secretary; Jane Krause, corresponding secretary; Barbara High, membership; Karen Hopper and Patty Senn, program; Mary Alice French, ritual; Norma Hasen, historian; and Lynne Nordhoff, public relations.

The chapter also announced donations totaling \$2,265 this year to local and national nonprofit agencies, in addition to in-kind donations to The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The

following agencies received financial support: Laces of Love, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, The Latchkey League, First Book of Collier County, Girls on the Run, the University of Illinois and the Greater Naples Alumnae Panhellenic.

The chapter meets regularly for lunch and a program at a variety of venues in Collier and Lee counties. All Gamma Phi Betas who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome. For more information, call 594-8420 or email Ms. Nordhoff at [lynnecordhoff@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecordhoff@gmail.com).

■ The Greater Naples **Delta Gamma alumnae** chapter welcomes all Delta Gammas in Naples, Bonita Springs, Marco Island, Estero, Fort Myers and Sanibel-Captiva. For more information, call 992-2119 or email [naplesdeltagamma@gmail.com](mailto:naplesdeltagamma@gmail.com). ■

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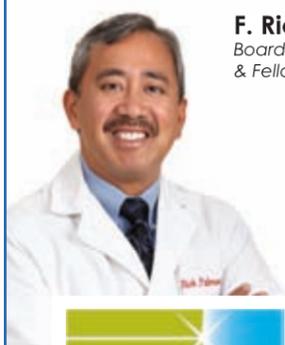
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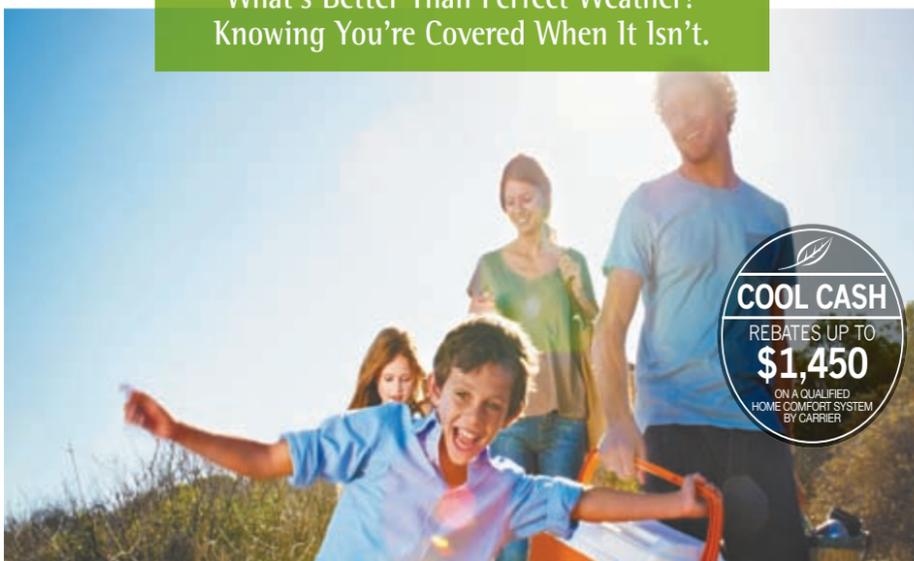


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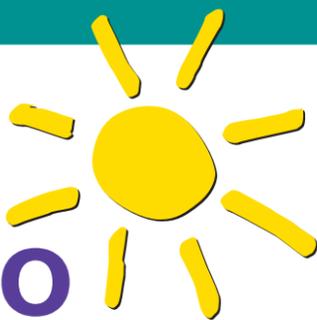
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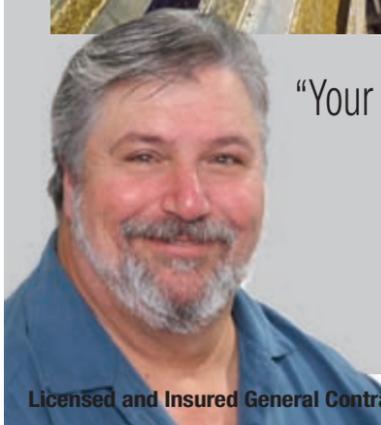
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■ Naples Pathways Coalition hosts the **Ride of Silence** at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20. Cyclists will meet at Cambier Park for a 10-mile ride in remembrance of injured or killed cyclists and to raise awareness about cyclists' legal right to the roadway. Black armbands encouraged. Free. For more information or to register, call 777-7718 or visit [naplespathways.org](http://naplespathways.org).

■ The Collier County Building Association holds its spring **golf tournament** Friday, May 22, at Talis Park Golf Club. Proceeds benefit the CBIA scholarship fund. The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$150-\$200 for single players, \$600-\$800 for foursomes. To sign up, visit [cbia.net](http://cbia.net).

■ Golden Gate Road Patrol and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 14 host a **5K Fun Run & Safety Fair** at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Golden Gate Community Center. The fair includes food and opportunities to interact with several law enforcement units. Registration the day of the event starts at 6:30 p.m. with the race

starting at 8 p.m. \$15 online, \$20 before the race. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. For more information or to pre-register, visit [colliersheriff.org](http://colliersheriff.org) or call 455-3121.

■ Naples Harley-Davidson hosts a **motorcycle ride** at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23, to benefit Fisher House, which provides accommodations for military families while their soldier receives medical care. Opening ceremonies will start the event before riders set out at 11 a.m. the route ends at Old Marco Lodge & Crab House in Goodland. Registration is \$20. To sign up or for more information, call 594-5504 or visit [hdnaples.com](http://hdnaples.com).

■ Rotary Club of Bonita Springs hosts the fourth annual **Star-Spangled 5K** to kick off the city's Independence Day celebration at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4, at Riverside Park. Register in advance for \$15-\$25, or sign up starting at 6:30 a.m. on race day for \$30. To register or for more information, call 357-3607 or visit [active.com](http://active.com).

■ The Foundation of the Collier County Medical Society hosts its second annual **Docs and Duffers** charity golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Bonita Bay Club. Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. An awards lunch follows the game. Registration is \$175 per golfer, \$600 per foursome. Sponsorships available. For more information or to register, call 435-7727 or visit [ccmsonline.org](http://ccmsonline.org).

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Awareness, prevention, early intervention are the keys to a mentally well community

BY SCOTT BURGESS

Special to Florida Weekly



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May is National Mental Health Month, a time for us to raise awareness of the importance of addressing the symptoms of mental illness early on or, as this year's theme suggests, "B4Stage4."

We must learn to address mental health concerns with the same priority and sense of urgency that we address bodily diseases such as cancer, diabetes or a heart condition. Once a person has reached Stage 4 on the mental illness spectrum, his symptoms are severe and persistent. They are impairing the person's life and can lead to hospitalization, the development of other illnesses, substance abuse issues, job loss, homelessness, incarceration and/or contemplation of suicide.

According to the Mental Health Association, about 50 percent of all Americans will meet the criteria for having a diagnosable mental health disorder at some point in their lifetime, and in half of those cases, the disorder first presents itself before a youngster turns 14. Yet many people do not seek treatment in the early stages of mental illness. Research shows that by ignoring mental health symptoms, we lose 10 years of opportunity to intervene in order to change people's lives for the better.



During these years, individuals are suffering, with only the lucky ones having home, family, friends, school and work to help them get by. Intervening effectively during early stages of mental illness can change life trajectories and allow individuals to not only survive, but thrive.

One of the easiest and quickest ways to find out if you are at risk for mental illness is to take a mental health screening. And this is where David Lawrence Center can help.

We are utilizing the Mental Health Month platform to remind everyone in the community that our free, brief screenings are available on a walk-in basis at DLC year around, not just during May. We encourage anyone in need to simply visit our admission services to be evaluated by

a highly skilled behavioral health professional. The screening will determine if it is necessary to go further with a referral for a clinical assessment or follow-up treatment for depression, ADD/ADHD, anxiety, bipolar, substance abuse, behavior problems, adjustment challenges, etc.

It is almost unimaginable in this day and age that we would be able to be seen by a health-care professional on the very same day we feel the need for help. But our innovative, centralized admissions model allows you to receive a same-day screening with no appointment necessary. This initial screening is available during normal business hours and in the evenings through our emergency services. Client satisfaction surveys score us at 95 percent for easy access and the

quality of our admissions team.

During May, we remind you that good mental health strengthens our ability to cope with life's everyday hassles as well as with its more serious crises and challenges, and it is essential for creating the life we wish to lead.

At DLC, we are dedicated to maintaining the mental wellness of our community and are committed to restoring and rebuilding lives. With our seven Collier County locations, we touch the lives of more than 50,000 people each year. To learn more about us, please visit [davidlawrencecenter.org](http://davidlawrencecenter.org).

To take advantage of the free mental health screening for yourself or someone you love, just stop by 6075 Bathey Lane, Building B-1. If you would rather call ahead to find out the best time to come in on a given day, our number is 455-8500.

Again, mental health is all about awareness and early identification, and that is why we offer free screenings. Our hope is that by addressing symptoms early, thus staving off that Stage 4 mental illness diagnosis, life-changing wellness can be achieved and enjoyed. ■

— Scott Burgess, CEO of the David Lawrence Center and a licensed clinical professional counselor, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Illinois State University, a master's degree in counseling psychology from Concordia University and a certification in clinical research trials from the University of Chicago. He pursued a doctorate in education from Northern Illinois University.

## Do you know the symptoms of a stroke?

The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association are raising awareness about American Stroke Month in an effort to prevent some of the more than 137,000 deaths annually from stroke.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and the leading cause of adult disability in the United States. In fact:

- About 795,000 Americans each year suffer a new or recurrent stroke. On average, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds.

- About one of every 18 deaths is from stroke.

- On average, every four minutes someone dies of stroke.

- About 40 percent of stroke deaths

occur in males and 60 percent in females.

- In 2010, Americans paid about \$73.7 billion in stroke-related medical costs and disability.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or ruptures. When part of the brain cannot get the blood and oxygen it needs, brain cells die causing the portion of the body affected to not function as it should.

Available for free download, the Spot a Stroke F.A.S.T. app ensures individuals have immediate access to 911 and also provides helpful resources and a video with a short overview of the following warning signs of a stroke:

**F: Face drooping** - Is one side of the person's face drooping or numb? When he or she smiles, is the smile uneven?

**A: Arm weakness** - Is the person experiencing weakness or numbness in one arm? Have the person raise both arms. Does one of the arms drift downward?

**S: Speech difficulty** - Is the person's speech suddenly slurred or hard to understand? Is he or she unable to speak? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Can he or she repeat it back?

**T: Time to call 9-1-1** - If any of these symptoms are present, dial 9-1-1 immediately. Check the time so you can report when the symptoms began.

Additional signs of stroke include: Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes. Sudden difficulty walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Anyone experiencing some or all of these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention, even if the symptoms go away. Timing is crucial; there are treatments for stroke that can be considered within 4½ hours of the onset of symptoms.

For more information about American Stroke Month, call the AHA office in Bonita Springs at 495-4900 or visit [strokeassociation.org](http://strokeassociation.org). ■

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Nutritionist and family physician Dr. Joel Fuhrman will discuss “Superior Nutrition: The Most Powerful Medicine” at 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Greater Naples YMCA.

A five-time *New York Times* best-selling author, Dr. Fuhrman specializes in preventing and reversing disease through nutritional and natural

methods. His hour-long lecture will be followed by 30 minutes for questions from the audience. Books and other materials will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$10. For reservations, call the Y at 597-3148 or visit the events page at [greaternaplesymca.org](http://greaternaplesymca.org). ■

## Toastmasters host Blue Zone presentation

The Toastmasters clubs of Collier County will host a presentation of the “The Blue Zone Project” by Dr. Allen Weiss from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, in the board room at NCH in North Naples, 11190 Healthpark Blvd.

Dr. Weiss, president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System, will explain how the Blue Zone Project will increase the quality and length of life for everyone in Collier County by bringing together citizens, schools,

employers, restaurants, grocery stores and community leaders to improve our living environment. NCH has brought the Blue Zones Project to Southwest Florida in support of its 10-year vision to make the region an even healthier, happier and more vibrant place to live. Dr. Weiss will also share his insights on the future of health care.

To reserve a seat for this free event, email Mark Beland at [mbeland@wgcu.org](mailto:mbeland@wgcu.org). ■

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- CCSO, North Naples: 776 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 597-1607
- CCSO, Golden Gate: 4707 Golden Gate Parkway; 455-3121

- CCSO, Immokalee: 112 S. First St.; 657-6168
- Naples Recycling Center: 2640 Enterprise Ave.; 643-3099
- North Collier Recycling Center, 9950 Goodlette-Frank Road; 252-8617
- Marco Island Police Department, 51 Bald Eagle Drive; 389-5050
- Naples Police Department: 355 Riverside Circle; 213-4890

For more information about Drug Free Collier and its programs and services, call 377-0535 or visit [drugfreecollier.org](http://drugfreecollier.org). ■

## Help Drug Free Collier snuff out tobacco use

Tobacco use is the most significant cause of preventable disease, disability and death in the world, causing more deaths than HIV, automobile accidents, illegal drug abuse, alcohol abuse, homicide and suicide combined.

In Florida, 1,300 people lose their lives every year as a direct result of tobacco use. Despite increasing awareness of the risks involved with tobacco use, the tobacco industry continues to attract significant numbers of young people through marketing and products developed with teens in mind.

Tobacco Free Collier calls on members of the community to become partners in making a difference. Partners

help create awareness about tobacco issues and develop and advocate for policies that will reduce the use and effects of tobacco in Collier County.



Partnership is free and open to anyone who lives, works or conducts business in Collier County. Partners meet bi-monthly at the office of the Florida Department of Health in Collier County (Building H at the Collier County Government Complex, 3339 Tamiami Trail E.). The next meeting begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. For more information, call 252-6852 or visit [tobaccofreeflorida.com/county/collier/](http://tobaccofreeflorida.com/county/collier/). ■



Joshua Jay has been hooked on magic ever since he figured out a card trick his father showed him when he was a boy.

## Seeing up close is believing in magic

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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Most of us grew up with the image of magicians as cartoonish characters in top hats and capes, pulling bunnies out of hats and making their living deceiving naïve children. Few of us, however, have experienced a real magician, a professional who has devoted his career to peeling away the layers of visual perception to reveal how people interact with the physical world.

Joshua Jay is one such magician. Ranked up there with David Blaine and Penn & Teller, Mr. Jay brings his “close-up” magic to the Inn on Fifth Thursday through Sunday, May 21-24. Each “Close-up, Up-close” show is strictly limited to 35 guests to ensure that everyone has an up-close view of the sleight-of-hand skill for which Mr. Jay is celebrated in his industry.

“This is cool because it’s right in your face,” he says. “Everyone has a front-row seat.”

Mr. Jay’s focus on magic started when he was a boy. After his father showed him a card trick, the youngster retreated to his bedroom and didn’t emerge until he had figured out how the trick worked. After diligent study and practice, he was crowned world champion of close-up magic at the 1998 World Magic Seminar. He was 17 years old. In the years since, he has won numerous other awards, appeared many times on network television, worked as an entertainment consultant and addressed Fortune 100 companies on topics such as deception and creativity.

Now 33, Mr. Jay says two decades of learning and performing the tricks of the trade has revealed to him some very interesting things about people and magic. Audiences have different ways of reconciling what they see and what they know, but ultimately they enjoy feeling

the same wonder and excitement they did as children, he says.

His “Close-up, Up-close” performances at Inn on Fifth will highlight Mr. Jay’s skills with ordinary objects such as coins, which he borrows from the audience so to assure viewers he has not manipulated the tools beforehand.

A versatile ambassador for the art of magic, Mr. Jay has written more than a dozen books for magicians and has consulted and developed tricks for HBO to promote its “Game of Thrones” and “Boardwalk Empire” shows. He says the art has reciprocated the favor and taught him important lessons as well.

“The greatest life skill that magic has taught me is empathy,” he says. “A lot of people aren’t able to get into the headspace of someone else. I’m trying to think like my audience, so it’s a really great skill to the anticipate decisions people are going to make. I wish more people had it.”

Mr. Jay tours the world over and is currently a headliner at Magic Castle in Hollywood, Calif. He first performed in Naples in 2013 at The Norris Center, where he gave nine sold-out performances. “I loved it and I’ve always wanted to come back,” he says. ■

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# PET TALES

## Pet versus parent

Parents say no to a pet? Here are six ways kids can still be involved with animals

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
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When I met with my accountant recently, he mentioned that his 14-year-old son really wanted a golden retriever. Problem is, my accountant and his wife don't especially want a dog, especially one that would be their responsibility when their son goes to college in four years.

"I wish there was some way we could have a dog just for the short term," he said.

Usually, when parents who don't want a pet ask me about getting one for the kids, I tell them to hold firm: If parents, who have ultimate responsibility for the animal, aren't interested, I think it's best for them not to give in to the pleading. In this case, though, I had a suggestion.

"Why don't you look into raising a guide dog puppy? You get the pup when he's 8 weeks old, and he goes for formal training when he's 13 to 15 months old. That would give your son a taste of dog ownership, but you wouldn't be left holding the leash when he leaves home."

(Visit [guidedogs.com](http://guidedogs.com) for more information.)

I don't know if they'll actually do it, but it got me thinking about other ways that pet-loving kids can play with, care for and train animals without necessarily bringing one home to a parent who's allergic or simply not interested — at least not in a full-time, lifelong commitment. The following options are some compromises that may meet the needs of kids and parents alike.



Reading to pets at a shelter is one way children can enjoy the company of animals even if they can't have one at home.

■ **Read to shelter pets.** When kids read to animals, the activity provides socialization and human interaction for dogs and cats and improves children's reading skills. Shelters that offer such programs include Animal Rescue League of Berks County, Pennsylvania; Bitter Root Humane Association in Hamilton, Mt; and Panhandle Animal Shelter in Ponderay, Idaho. Contact your local shelter, library or public school to see if a program is available in your area, or if they'd like to start one.

■ **Volunteer at a shelter or sanctuary.** Depending on a child's age, he or she may be able to volunteer to help feed, groom or walk shelter pets. Parents may be required to participate as well to provide supervision. Even if they can't volunteer hands-on with animals at a shel-

ter, kids can raise money with lemonade stands or bake sales or help with set-up and take-down at adoption events.

■ **Go to camp.** At Animal Friends Canine Good Manners Camp in Pittsburgh, kids spend five days working with camp counselors to teach shelter dogs the basics of good behavior so they'll be more adoptable. Critter Camp at Helen Woodward Animal Center in San Diego offers daylong and weeklong programs that teach animal handling and socialization and let kids explore animal-related careers. Another program to check out is Friends for Life Camp through SPCA LA in Los Angeles. Kids who are interested in becoming veterinarians may want to attend "vet camp." Among the veterinary schools that offer camps of up to a week are Auburn, Colorado State, Mississippi State, Ohio State, Purdue, Tufts, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania and University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Camps are geared to children of different ages. Search "camps for animal lovers" or "vet camp" to find other options.

■ **Foster kittens.** Shelters always need foster homes for kittens, especially during late spring and summer, which is known as "kitten season."

■ **Apprentice with a professional or amateur show dog handler.** "Some owners are happy to have a junior show their dog, particularly when the dog has finished his championship but loves to be in the show ring," says Phyllis M. Potterfield of Charleston, W. Va. ■

### Pets of the Week

>> **Duchess** is a 1-year-old pit bull mix who has plenty of energy. Friendly and smart, she knows the basic commands and is ready to learn more.



>> **Elsa** is a colorful calico domestic shorthair who is about 3 years old. She loves to be petted and will make a wonderful family pet.



>> **Falcor** is a full-figured, 5-year-old west highland/cairn terrier mix. He weighs about 30 pounds, likes everyone and enjoys going for walks.



>> **Mikey** is a handsome and affectionate domestic shorthair who is about 7 years old. Because of his age, his adoption is free to a qualified senior citizen and includes a complete care package.



This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit [colliergov.net/pets](http://colliergov.net/pets).

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## It's staycation season in Southwest Florida ... just sayin'



Hark back to last September, won't you? I remember a few years ago reading a magazine article about word and/or phrases that should be retired because they sounded contrived, overused or just plain dumb. As I read, I rolled my eyes in agreement when "amazeballs," "twerk" and "just sayin'" were mentioned, but I couldn't get behind the push to remove "staycation" from the lexicon — because anyone who wants to get rid of "staycation" has obviously never lived in Southwest Florida in May.

I might not be a native, but having been here since I was 10 years old definitely qualifies me as a local and gives me the right to say May is easily the best month our little corner of Florida has to offer. Season — tourist season/event season/traffic season — is over. The snowbirds have put their hurricane shutters up and returned to the Midwest. Our calendars have cleared and we can finally get in to see a dermatologist or go to Carrabba's (not because we enjoy chain restaurants, but just because we can).

Weather wise, we're in that brief, perfect time period before it becomes unbearably humid and mini tsunamis happen every afternoon like clockwork. May gives us a warm breeze and vivid red-orange blooms on the royal poinci-

ana trees. For most of us who can finally take a moment and spend a Sunday by a pool or at the beach, May gives us our first light sunburn of the year.

On the other hand, May gives us love bugs, but the majority of locals I've talked to say they'll take love bugs over out-of-state drivers doing 25 mph in the left lane of U.S. 41 any day.

My most favorite part of May, however, is the staycation part, which is why the word has to stay. When those May-September hotel and resort rates kick in, it's almost as a gift to locals who've

endured a crowded, frenzied season. Now, finally, we can enjoy our paradise — and afford it.

Todd and I are big staycation fans. Whether it's Marco Island, Fort Myers Beach or Pine Island, we're all about throwing our beach clothes in a bag, packing up some food from our refrigerator (plus adult beverages), putting the bicycles on the carrier and driving as few as 20 minutes away from home to hang out in a place that many spend years saving up to see just once.

Our favorite staycation destination

is Sanibel and Captiva. We pretended to be tourists there this past weekend, but since it was a last-minute whim, and perhaps because it was Mother's Day, it was struggle finding a room. We lucked into the cutest, funkiest little resort called the Kona Kai, right on Sanibel's main Periwinkle Way. While it isn't within walking distance to the beach (unless you *really* love walking), there's a nice pool on the property and a 7-Eleven next door. And honestly, as long as I have a pool and a 7-Eleven, I'm a happy diva.

We biked and swam; I shopped while Todd golfed. We sat behind the resort by the Sanibel River at night and actually saw lightning bugs. On Sunday, we drove to Tween Waters Inn on Captiva and took a lesson in standup paddle boarding from amazing Sanibel native John Houston (who can *stand on his head* while paddle boarding) and saw manatees, turtles and osprey.

It was perfectly wonderful. Southwest Floridians, May is *our* month. No matter where you live, there's a beach closer than you think. I urge you to reacquaint yourself with why you live here in the first place.

Do yourself a favor and staycate. (But promise you'll never say "amazeballs" again. Or "awesome sauce." Please and thanks.) ■

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

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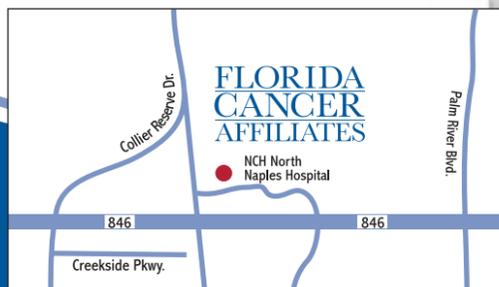
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

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— **Brad Haylett**, co-owner and president of Palm Beach Woodwork Company



Devarus Jackson moves an order at Naples Lumber & Supply Company.

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## South Florida lumber companies looking solid

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Take all the wood to build the frames of all the homes permitted in the past 12 months in Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Palm Beach counties — the places where *Florida Weekly* is distributed. Take all those two-by-four pieces of lumber, and they would stretch 26,000

miles.

That’s two-by-four enough to stretch around the circumference of the world with more than a thousand miles left over to tie a bow on the gift of good news for local lumber suppliers. About 9,200 homes were permitted in the four-county region from April 2014 to March 2015. Increased demand for lumber, tied to homebuilding, has grown steadily for

the last five years, leaving companies that survived the Great Recession in a strong position.

“Man, I can tell you at least a dozen big lumber companies in Palm Beach County alone are gone since 2008, so that’s made a big difference,” said Brad Haylett, co-owner and president of Palm Beach Woodwork Company. “As

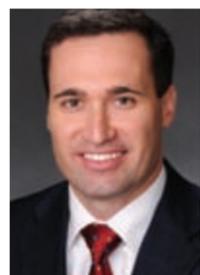
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## Sometimes it pays to bet on a boring horse



My 6-year-old son, Leif, hates to lose at anything. I know that we all want to take home the trophy, but Leif really can't stand to come in second. When we play his favorite card game, Uno, and you drop a "Wild Draw 4" on him, the color just drains from his face and he can barely stop himself from breaking down into tears. So when we were watching the Kentucky Derby a couple of weeks ago and I asked him what horse he would bet on, of course he picked the favorite, American Pharoah. In his mind, it would be foolish to pick any horse but the "best" one in the field as that one gives you the best shot to win.

Unfortunately, many investors go with the "Leif" approach to investing. They pick the favorite stocks, the ones that all the pundits on CNBC and *The Wall Street Journal* are talking about. And sometimes that strategy does work. For example, anyone who has bought Apple in the past few years has enjoyed a really nice run.

But what Leif doesn't understand, and what many investors don't realize, is that there is a handicapping system in place in both horse racing and stocks. For the Derby, this system is transparent in the horse's odds. If you bet on the favorite



horse and win, you may only get two or three times your money compared to a long shot where you can win 10 or 20 times. This system is used to equalize bets on all of the horses.

With stocks, pricing is a little more opaque. When you buy a share of stock, all you see on the surface is how much money per share you purchased it for. But with a little research and some simple division, you can calculate the "odds" on that stock.

When researching at a stock price, one of the first things I look at is the Price/Earnings ratio (simply the price of the stock divided by its earnings per share). With a high growth, "Leif" stock, the Price/Earnings ratio is going to be huge. For example, the P/E of Facebook is 76. That means for the approximate \$1 per share of earnings the company made in

the last 12 months, to buy the stock you have to pay \$76/share.

Compare this to AT&T. The telecommunications giant also had earnings of approximately \$1 per share for the last 12 months. However, the P/E ratio on this stock is only around 30, less than half of that of Facebook. So you can buy a share of stock of AT&T for around \$30 a share to get that same \$1 of earnings (plus you get a 5 percent dividend, which you will not get with Facebook).

So you can see here how the P/E ratio of stocks is like horse racing's odds and is a way to equalize the "bets" placed on stocks. After all, if both AT&T and Facebook had the same stock price and earnings per share, it would be obvious which one to buy. But with Facebook trading at double the price, the choice isn't so clear any more.

High P/E ratios signal strength of a company but also make an investment in it much more risky. Facebook's high stock price comes from not its high earnings but its high multiple. And multiples can swing wildly, much more so than earnings. So you can easily have a scenario where the company's earnings can actually go up while its stock price goes down because the company's multiple has declined. For a low P/E stock, there is much less of a chance of this happening, so when the company's earnings do increase, the stock price should increase as well.

So what is the lesson here? Investors should not forget about "boring" stocks just because Jim Cramer does not rant about them every day on his TV show "Mad Money." If the stock has the right P/E ratio, it just may be priced right where it is a good value for your money. Just be careful not to fall into a value trap where the reason the stock is trading at a low multiple is that there is something systematically wrong with the company, it is losing market share or it has poor leadership. But if the stock seems like it is positioned well, don't be afraid to buy it. Just don't try selling it to Leif. You know who he will be cheering for this weekend at Pimlico. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers (a buyer and seller of estate jewelry and diamonds) in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Virginia and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business.



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# ON THE MOVE

## Awards & Recognition

**Jose Pastrello**, head tennis professional at Quail Creek Country Club, was named United States Professional Tennis Association Florida District Professional of the Year and also won the District of the Year award for the USPTA Bonita District, which he serves as president. The awards will be presented during the USPTA convention at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club May 27-31. Mr. Pastrello moved to the U.S. from Brazil in 2001 for a tennis scholarship to St. Leo University, where he was ranked No. 1 in singles and doubles. He graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a degree in business management in 2005.

For the 14th consecutive year, the **David Lawrence Center**, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, has earned the Family Friendly Workplace certification from the Naples Alliance for Children.

## Board Appointments

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy announces the following board of directors for 2015-16: **Connie Messner**, chair; **Jinny Johnson**, secretary; **Rusty Troth**, treasurer; **Gary Root**, assistant treasurer; **Val Trotman**, immediate past chair; and board members **Jennifer Auray**, **Maureen Denman**, **Kimberley Dillon**, **Jim Frey**, **Janet Gable**, **Craig Jilk**, **Marsha Murphy**, **Lynn Nolan**, **Bob Polizzotto**, **Gary Root** and **Heidi Varsames**. Board emeritus members are: **Jim Derham**, **Mary Frey**, **Otto Immel**, **Mary Beth Johns**, **Peter Manion**, **Susan Manion**, **Dick Munro**, **Maureen O'Gorman**, **Michael Watkins** and **Skip Zink**.

## Advertising & Marketing

**Don Gross** has joined Spiro & Associates Marketing, Advertising & Public Relations as media director. Mr. Gross earned a degree in mass media communication from Florida State University. He has worked in commercial real estate and financial planning as well as in the radio, broadcast TV and cable TV markets in Southwest Florida.



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## Golf

**Tim Hiers** has been named director of agronomy to oversee landscaping and the two Tom Fazio-designed golf courses at The Club at Mediterra. Mr. Hiers has more than 30 years of experience in agronomy and golf course maintenance, including positions at nationally ranked John's Island Club in Vero Beach, Quail Ridge Country Club in Boynton Beach, Collier's Reserve Country Club and most recently as golf course superintendent and builder for Old Collier Golf Club in Naples. In 2003, Golf Digest ranked him as the No. 2 superintendent in the country, and in 2010 he was listed among Golf Inc.'s annual 20 most admired operators. He has been active in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at both the regional and national levels.

## Interior Design

**Brandy Bailey** has joined Renée Gaddis Interiors as an interior design assistant. A Florida native, Ms. Bailey worked with the firm for several years before moving to Nashville to work in commercial and hospitality design. She has more than 10 years of experience in vendor and client relations, purchasing and overall interior design project assistance.

## Land Development

**Clark Leaming** has been named land development manager for Miromar Development Corp. Mr. Leaming has more than 25 years of experience in all phases of land development and construction for single-family and multi-family communities throughout Southwest Florida. His most recent position was as land development manager for WCI Communities in Bonita Springs. In his new position, he is responsible for the land development activities at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club and Miromar's new University Village project. Mr. Leaming is a graduate of Auburn University.

## Law

**Marcie Poulos Barese** has joined the Naples firm of Wollman, Gehrke & Solomon P.A. Ms. Barese graduated cum laude from Providence College and New England School of Law and earned a master's degree in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. A former attorney-advisor with the IRS Office of Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate) in Washington, D.C., she focuses her practice on estate, trust and business matters, including structural and transactional tax planning.

**John Costello Jr.** has joined the Naples firm of Wollman, Gehrke & Solomon P.A. Mr. Costello holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from Florida State University and graduated with honors from Emory University School of Law. His practice focuses on estate, trust, probate administration, guardianship and intellectual property matters. He is President of the Lee County Estate Planning Council and a fellow of the Florida Bar's Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section.



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at Pelican Marsh Elementary and elementary exceptional student education coordinator at the Collier County Public Schools district office level. In 2004, he was named Innovative Principal of the Year in Collier County. Prior to coming to Collier County in 1997, Mr. Ferguson spent 13 years as a teacher in Lee County schools, where he was a Golden Apple teacher in 1992. He is an adjunct professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Florida and Nova Southeastern Universities. Dave Tobiasz, CFO/COO, will continue to serve as interim executive director at Grace Place until Mr. Ferguson assumes his new role.

## Nonprofit Organizations

**Timothy Ferguson**, Ph.D., has been named executive director of Grace Place for Children & Families, effective July 1. Mr. Ferguson currently serves as executive director for student related services for the Lee County School District, overseeing exceptional student education, intervention programs and student services. He brings more than 30 years of experience in educational leadership to Grace Place. He was the founding principal of Veterans Memorial Elementary School in Naples and also was principal of Shadowlawn Elementary School, assistant principal



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**Eric Tillich** has joined Artis—Naples as vice president of development. Mr. Tillich previously owned a Milwaukee-based consulting firm that provided resource development services for capital campaigns, general fundraising and capacity building. As vice president of donor relations for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, Mr. Tillich raised a record amount for annual support in 2011. In a similar capacity for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, he played a key role in helping the MSO raise \$15 million over a three-year period. He also held positions at Concordia University System, Marian College of Fond du Lac and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Engineering. He holds a master's degree in organization, leadership and quality from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wis., and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. ■

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# LUMBER

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it's coming back there's not a ton of players like there used to be."

Those 9,200 single-family home permits represent a 100 percent increase over the same period in 2011-12, show records compiled by the Florida Building Material Association. Permits in SWFL counties, one of the areas hit hardest by the recession, have in return come back with larger gains than other areas. During the same time, for instance, Palm Beach County's single-family home permits grew by 32 percent.

"There are certain areas of Florida and the nation, for that matter, that are just rebounding differently (and) Southwest Florida has been one of the brighter spots," said Dave Weston, chief operating officer of Naples Lumber & Supply Company. "And that directly impacts us and every industry that is in this supply chain or trade group that contributes to that. That's led by residential construction more so than commercial, at this point in the recovery."

Meanwhile, he added, finding qualified help remains a challenge as companies grow, since many skilled laborers left during the recession; getting them back now isn't quite as easy.

## Niche lumber

Other segments of the lumber industry, not as closely linked to the larger housing market, reported more modest growth. Palm Beach Woodwork, which provides custom lumber and woodwork for general contractors who build mansions, is "recession resistant," president Mr. Haylett said, because the super-rich never stopped spending.

"That's why we were able to hang in there," he said. "During the recession they weren't building houses for average people but the super-rich, they don't ever really stop because even when times are really bad, that's when they get their best deals."



The stock yard at Naples Lumber & Supply Company.

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But after an uptick in that niche too, the company "slightly beefed up" on staff and inventory, and added machinery such as wood planers and larger saws to help keep up with demand.

The Port Charlotte branch of Southern Pine Lumber Company, a yard that provides composite and treated lumber for docks, decks and seawalls, opened two years ago in July. The market that includes waterfront homeowners, commercial and local government projects helped Southern Pine weather the recession and expand to seven locations that service Orlando to Naples and east to Boynton Beach. The company plans to open two more locations in the next few years.

"People have a little more income laying around and they're doing those projects they put off," said Port Charlotte manager John Largent, adding that

natural disasters such as Hurricanes Charley (2004) and Katrina (2005) may have spurred construction. "I think everyone's getting a little more safety conscious. So they're examining these decks and docks and seawalls if there is any question in their stability."

## Building at a reasonable pace

Trucks coming and going from Naples Lumber in recent days have been headed north to Fort Myers Beach, Estero, Sanibel, Cape Coral and up through Charlotte and Sarasota counties, often providing lumber for craftsmen who work for big national builders; as well as southeast to the Miccosukee Tribe's land, said Rob Highley, head of dispatch.

"It's been good, real good the last couple of years, picking back up," he said.

The company's lot and warehouses off Radio Road in Naples are at capac-

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Single family housing permits per fiscal year, April through March, by county

- >> **2011-12:** Charlotte, 295; Collier, 927; Lee, 1,314; Palm Beach, 2,007
- >> **2012-13:** Charlotte, 362; Collier, 1,451; Lee, 1,963; Palm Beach, 2,326
- >> **2013-14:** Charlotte, 571; Collier, 1,798; Lee, 2,665; Palm Beach, 2,670
- >> **2014-15:** Charlotte, 596; Collier, 2,651; Lee, 3,304; Palm Beach, 2,658

— Source: FBMA

ity. Its diversity of commercial and residential lumber includes the most common two-by-fours made of pine, fir and spruce.

Yearly revenue for Naples Lumber is, like permitting, showing growth yet still well behind the dramatic surge in home construction preceding the 2008 housing meltdown and recession. And that's fine with COO Mr. Weston. At \$14 million in 2011, the company projects \$36 million in revenue for 2015.

Business and economic leaders are looking for a more "thoughtful" approach to construction and economic diversity in general. "I think we're back to a more sustainable level without question," Mr. Weston said.

He predicts the uptick will continue in the next few years but, as pent-up demand is satisfied, "at a much more reasonable and muted pace, that I think will be healthier for everybody concerned, including us." ■



Workers build a roof frame on a multi-family housing development off Livingston Road in Naples. Home construction has given a lift to lumber suppliers.

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This year's Excellence in Industry Awards categories include:

■ **Business Expansion:** An award presented to a company that expanded in 2014 through investing capital and creating jobs in Collier County. The winner in this category will have demonstrated growth in terms of sales, staff, services, products, markets and market share.

■ **Company to Watch:** This is presented to a business with the potential to make a positive impact on Collier County's economic future. Applicants will have demonstrated significant growth trends since opening and will exhibit excellence in the areas of management, marketing, customer service and integrity. The recipient of this award sets the standard for entrepreneurship and creativity. The recipient must be a new business that has been in operation more than a year but less than five years.

■ **Heart of the Community:** An award presented to a nonprofit organization that exemplifies superior service to the local community. The recipient will have distinguished itself from others by enhancing the community through financial, volunteer and active involvement in organizations and pro-

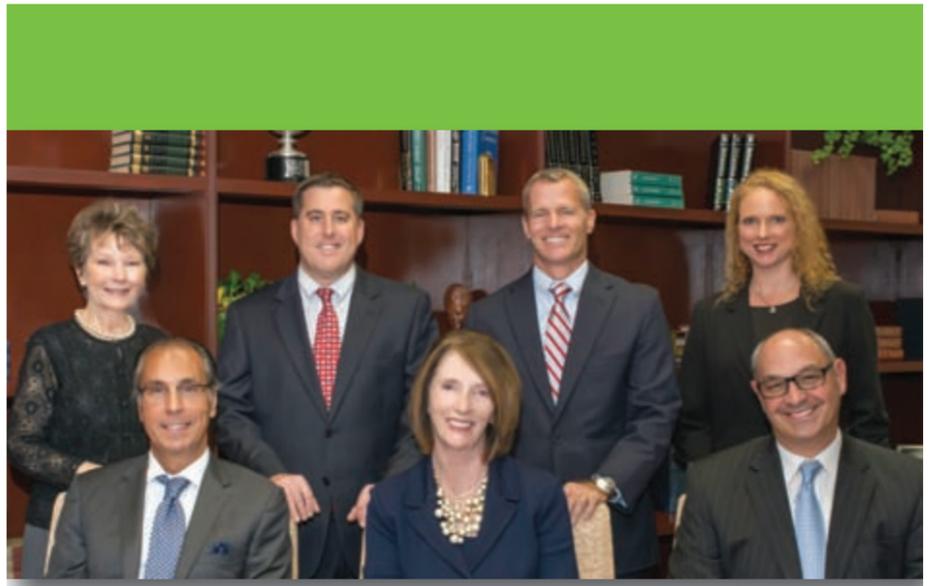


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■ **Pillar Award:** This honor is given to a company that has been in business in Collier County for a minimum of 20 years and has taken an active role in making Collier County the best place to live and do business.

■ **Young Professional of the Year:** This award is given to a young professional between the ages of 21 and 40 who has demonstrated leadership and a passion for making a difference in the community.

Nominations are due by June 12. The awards will be presented the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Hilton Naples. For more information or to make a nomination, contact Kristi Bartlett by calling 403-2914 or emailing Kristi@napleschamber.org. ■



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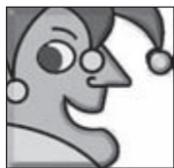
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**IRAs:** For 2015, the contribution limit is \$5,500 for traditional and Roth IRAs. If you're 50 years old or older, you can make an additional \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution to your IRA. Traditional IRAs take pre-tax money, lowering your taxable income in the contribution year and levying taxes only upon withdrawal. Roth IRAs give you no up-front tax break, but you can eventually withdraw your savings from them tax-free.

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The more you save and invest for retirement now, the more secure your future will be. Ten thousand dollars invested annually and earning an annual average of 10 percent will amount to roughly \$350,000 in 15 years.

Here's a handy to-do list:

- Increase your contributions to your retirement accounts.

- If you haven't opened an IRA account, do it — don't put it off.

- If you aren't sure your retirement plan is on track, find out. Don't leave it to chance.

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## My Dumbest Investment

### Real Estate Returns

My wife and I wanted to buy a McMansion. We did, only to learn later that real estate may not really hold the value that you think it will. We sold at a big loss.

— A.D., online

**The Fool Responds:** There are certainly some people whose homes appreciate greatly in value over the years. But many other people sell for a loss or simply don't make much over many years. Since World War II, home prices have averaged annual growth of about 5 percent, which, adjusted for inflation, is closer to 1.5 or 2 percent annually. To make good money, you need to be in the right place, at the right time — which is hard to do.

That's not to say that we shouldn't buy homes. They're great for providing comfort and shelter and raising families. Just don't think of your home as a money-making investment, because over long periods, you're likely to make far more money in other investments, such as stocks. Stocks have averaged close to 10 percent annually over many decades, or about 7 percent, adjusted for inflation. ■



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### Closed-Market Moves

How does a stock's price change sharply overnight, when the market is closed?

— P.V., Honolulu

It doesn't matter that shares aren't trading hands. What really sets the price of a stock is the perceived value of the company. Imagine that shares of Big Bangs Salon (ticker: BZNGA) are at \$50 when the market closes one day. That evening, the company reports blowout growth numbers for its sales and earnings. When trading resumes the next morning, the stock price isn't likely to open at \$50 and then creep up slowly.

Instead, it will probably just begin trading at a significantly higher level. That's because many investors are now assigning a higher value to the company, and the limited existing shares have risen in value to meet the higher demand. Buyers are simply willing to pay more for the shares. The opposite happens when a stock is viewed less favorably.

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Does a mutual fund's tax efficiency matter in tax-deferred accounts?

— M.L., Shenandoah, Iowa

Not very much. Tax efficiency is tied to a fund's turnover ratio, which reflects buying and selling activity within the fund. Funds with low turnover are hanging onto their shares longer, making fewer or smaller taxable distributions of gains to shareholders. That's usually good. (Funds' after-tax returns are now required to be listed along with pre-tax returns.)

In tax-deferred accounts such as 401(k) plans or traditional IRAs, dividends and capital gains accumulate tax-deferred until you withdraw your money. They're good places for your least tax-efficient investments, such as funds with significant short-term capital gains, taxable bonds, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and stocks you plan to hold for less than a year.

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Steel Yourself

Steelmaker Nucor (NYSE: NUE) recently reported a mixed bag of first-quarter financial results. However, much of that is out of the company's control and simply tied to the current market environment. Reflecting the weak market, revenue and earnings dropped by 14 percent and 40 percent, respectively, over year-ago levels.

On a more positive note, with steel prices down due to global overcapacity and heavy import pressure, scrap prices fell 19 percent. That's good, because Nucor buys a lot of scrap metal to recycle.

While the U.S. government took some steps in 2014 to level the playing field, it's clear that Nucor and other domestic steelmakers will have to vie with imports for the time being. Fortunately, Nucor can operate

profitably even at these challenging levels.

Demand for steel in nonresidential construction is growing. This segment has been depressed since the 2008-2009 financial crisis and is only beginning to recover. The low price of oil has reduced drilling activity, though, and along with it, demand for steel and pipes.

Nucor remains one of the best-run steelmakers out there, but there's no getting around the cyclical weakness in the market today. Still, with a recent price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 21, well below its five-year average, and a dividend that recently yielded 3.1 percent, Nucor stock is appealingly priced and offering significant income for patient believers. (The Motley Fool has recommended Nucor.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** hosts Collier County Public School leaders for its next Leadership Lunch program Wednesday, May 20, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S.

Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. Panelists will be Kamela Patton, CCPS superintendent; Luis Solano, associate superintendent-curriculum and instruction; Peggy Aune, executive director-secondary programs; and Dale Johnson, supervisor-career and technical programs. \$15 for Leadership Collier alumni, \$20 for others. Sign up at [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events).

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next members-only Builders Round Table with Collier County building and growth management officials from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at CBIA headquarters, 3200 Bailey Lane.

■ **The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** holds its next

networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Bokamper's. Guest speaker Jigsha Desai, digital director at the *Naples Daily News*, will discuss recent changes in the paper's social media strategies. Cost is \$15. Sign up at [chbnaples.org/events](http://chbnaples.org/events).

■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** meet for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Agave Bar & Grill, 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road in North Naples. Call 992-2943 or visit [bonitaspringschamber.com/events](http://bonitaspringschamber.com/events).

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five networking event from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at Woodside Lanes, 8525 Radio Road. Bowland Cen-

ters of Southwest Florida is hosting the evening. Sign up at [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events).

■ **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** holds its next luncheon meeting Tuesday, May 26, at the Hilton Naples. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker Mayela Rosales, executive vice president of MediaVista Group and co-host of the "D'Latinos" television program will discuss "Reaching the Hispanic Audience." \$27 for PRSA members, \$35 for non-members, \$27 for non-profits and \$20 for students. Reservations required by May 22. Call Deb Jonsson at 649-3689 or visit [gulfcoastprsa.org](http://gulfcoastprsa.org). ■

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## EHC laying groundwork throughout Southwest Florida

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EHC Inc., a construction company that provides pre-construction, earthwork and infrastructure services, is at work on seven residential projects in Southwest Florida. The communities include single- and multi-family, with EHC developing projects from the ground up, jumping in where others left off and everything in between.

The projects are:



■ **Kalea Bay, Naples** - Kalea Bay is a multi-tower development that EHC broke ground on with Soave Real Estate Group. Overlooking Wiggins Pass, Turkey Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, the gated community will have five towers with 582 residences and five-star amenities.

For the initial phase of the development, EHC is performing clearing, lake excavation and storm drainage as well as water, sewer and brick paver parking lot improvements for a sales building.

■ **Naples Square, Naples** - Naples Square is a development of The Ronto Group, which engaged EHC to provide the site demolition, clearing, earthwork, grading, underground storm, sewer, water, brick paver roadways, underground stormwater retention, site concrete and curbing, temporary parking and offsite improvements for the nearly 7.5 acres included in Phase I.

Development of Naples Square is in full swing, including the installation of underground utilities, roads, fountains, landscaping and signage. Vertical construction of the first building of 73 residences is in progress.



■ **Twin Eagles, Naples** - Another project of The Ronto Group, TwinEagles plans to introduce 150 new residential units. EHC is providing lake excavation and expansion, earthwork, underground utilities, roads, curbs, building pads and sidewalks for three additional blocks in the community.

■ **Orange Blossom, Naples** - EHC is now reconfiguring this existing community for The Ronto Group, finishing the roads, completing utilities, retrofitting sewer lines and more for new product.

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## What \$800,000 will buy in Southwest Florida



3817 Bermuda Court  
Punta Gorda

This Punta Gorda Isles waterfront home with four bedrooms and three baths has more than 100 feet of seawall. It sits on a quiet cul-de-sac lot with 3,600 square feet of living space, a large open floor plan with oversized rooms, French doors, sliders out to the canal and pool, and a fireplace.

The lanai features a heated pool, spa and outdoor shower. The exterior of this home includes a buried propane tank, two concrete boat docks with water and electric at each, a standing-seam metal roof, tropical landscaping and three-car garage.

The property is listed at \$799,990 by RE/MAX Anchor of Marina Park. ■



791 Cape View Drive  
Fort Myers

This immaculately maintained pool home in Town & River is only three lots from the Caloosahatchee River and offers easy sailboat access.

The four-bedroom, three-bath layout features vaulted ceilings; a large master suite with two huge walk-in closets; upgraded kitchen with stainless appliances, granite and center island; a full pool bath; a composite boat dock and lift; and a three-car garage and circular drive. Entertaining is easy with a formal living room, a family room with fireplace, a formal dining room that opens to a front courtyard with a koi pond and fountain, and a spacious pool area with screened lanai.

The property is listed at \$799,999 by Premier Florida Realty of SWFL, premierflrealty.com. ■



10237 Idle Pine Lane  
Bonita Springs

Custom built in 2001, this split-plan, three-bedroom, three-bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac street in Shadow Wood at The Brooks.

This great-room floor plan covering 2,771 square feet with plenty of built-in features and a wet bar is perfect for entertaining. It has a separate formal dining room, gracious foyer and listello tile flooring. The kitchen features oak cabinets and double ovens. Other features include tile and carpeting, along with a heated pool.

This is the chance to buy a custom home for the price of a villa. Membership in The Brooks includes access to a private golf course and beach club, among other shared amenities.

The property is listed at \$799,000 by Keller Williams Elite Realty, bonitasprings.yourkwoffice.com. ■



218 Seminole Court  
Marco Island

This three-bedroom, two-bath, waterfront home has southwest exposure, which means an endless supply of beautiful sunsets.

Out back, you'll find a boat dock and lift, heated pool and spa. The 1,725-square-foot layout shows like a model, updated with granite kitchen counters, tile throughout, and a new air conditioning unit, pool heater and water heater. The home is fully furnished and ready for move-in tomorrow.

The property is listed at \$799,000 by Independent Brokers Realty SF, ibrbrokerage.com. ■

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The open great room Azalea model is currently under construction and slated to be completed by the end of the year. Perfectly situated in Estuary's Noble Heron neighborhood, this low-maintenance villa features 3,883 luxurious square feet, three bedrooms plus study, four full baths, two-car plus golf cart garage, saline pool and spa and outdoor kitchen.

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## AZALEA BY LUTGERT CONSTRUCTION

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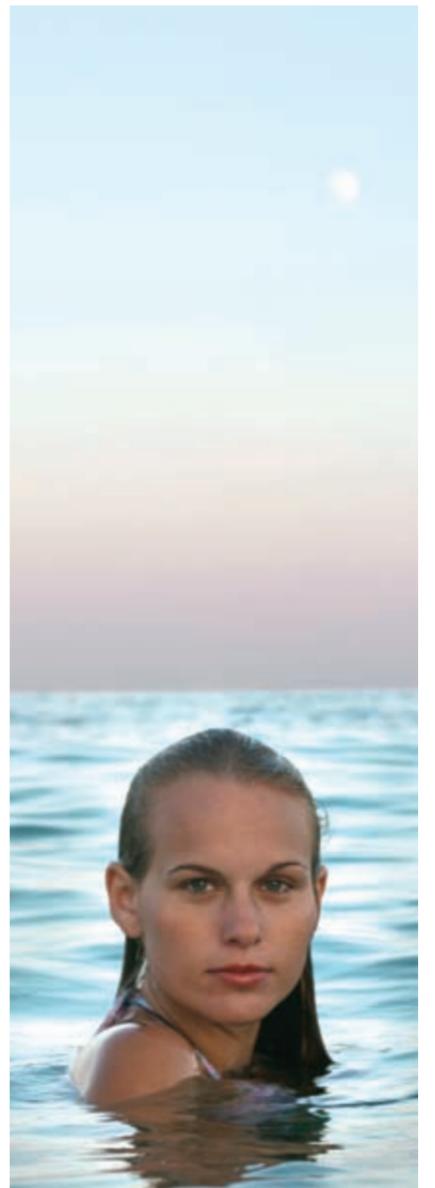
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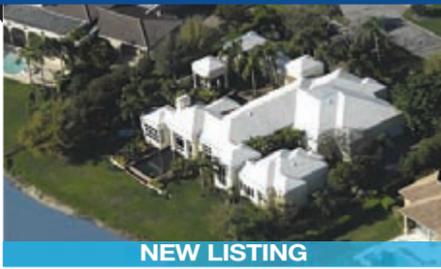
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■ **Oak Harbour, Punta Gorda** - EHC is preparing nearly 50 125-foot-wide wooded home sites for this KB Home community by KB Home.

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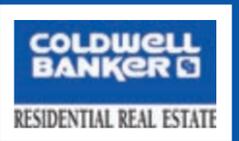


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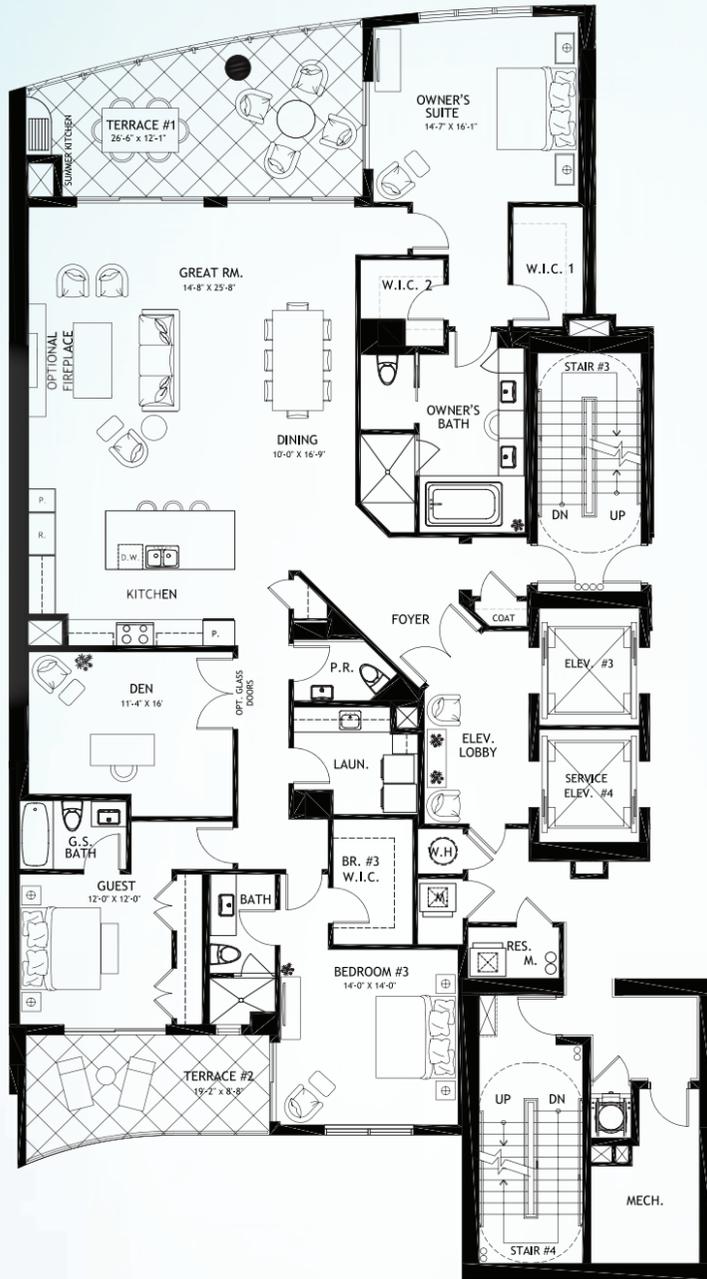
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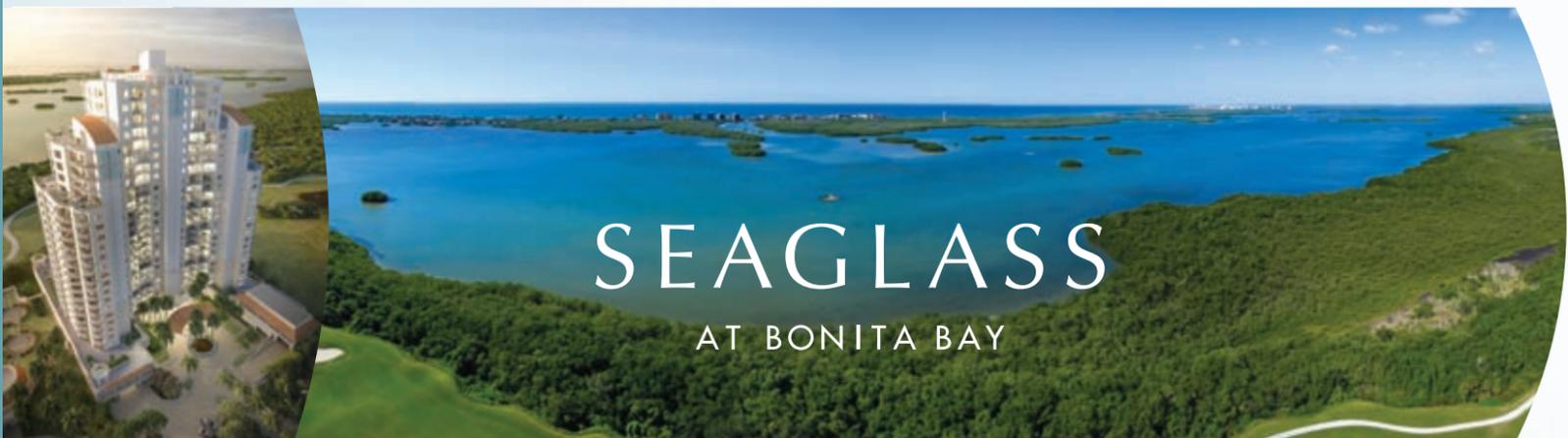
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# Two New Models Now Open In Il Corso at Talis Park

Distinctive Communities' Catania II and Berolina II furnished models are now open for viewing and purchase in Il Corso, the Watercourse at Talis Park. Il Corso is an enclave of 30 detached luxury villas ranging from 2,530 to 3,638 square feet. Situated within a short walk or bike ride of the community's Great Lawn and the fitness, spa and dining venues at the Vyne House Clubhouse, Il Corso features seven one and two-story single-family floor plans. The Spanish Eclectic great room villas open to private indoor/outdoor spaces with spectacular water views. Three and four bedroom plans include a study, island kitchens, outdoor living areas with heated swimming pools, and multiple storage areas. The Il Corso residences are being built by Artisan Associates, the exclusive builder of homes by Distinctive Communities, and are priced from \$1.1 million. Nineteen home sites remain available.

The two-story, 3,198 square feet Catania II model includes three bedrooms, a study or fourth bedroom, four full-baths, a spacious great room, dining room and island kitchen, and a garage with golf cart storage. The outdoor living area features a covered lanai, an optional outdoor kitchen with a natural gas grill and refrigerator, a pool with a spa, and a sitting area, all of which overlook Il Corso's water views. Two full guest suites with private baths are located upstairs along with a loft that offers a private place for guests to relax. The Catania II features an interior design by Carrie Brigham of Ficarra Design Associates and is priced at \$1,537,600 fully-furnished.

Brigham's design exemplifies the Florida lifestyle with light-toned backgrounds and pops of bright colors throughout. Her palette incorporates neutral grays and taupes with splashes of persimmon orange, aqua, and varieties of green. Flooring throughout the living areas is porcelain tile in varying widths.

The great room is a light, bright welcoming space that showcases a crossed-beam cathedral ceiling with intersecting floating beams that create an attention-getting detail. Pocketing sliders open to the outdoor pool area. The kitchen features an oversized island with a dark gray painted base. The lower perimeter cabinets continue in the dark gray while the uppers are painted a soft white. The countertops are white Pompeii quartz that blends with a Calcutta marble backsplash.

The outdoor kitchen features NatureKast cabinetry with louvered doors in a weathered driftwood look topped with an emerald quartz counter surface. Two large woven club chairs with unusual frames provide a spot to enjoy the pool view.

Soothing aqua and blue tones in the master bedroom are anchored by neutral wool carpeting. French doors lead to a landscaped patio. The bathroom flooring is porcelain tile with linear veining. A free-standing tub has a grey exterior finish and a white interior. The shower features light shell stone walls.

A carpeted staircase with white risers and a wrought iron banister leads to the second floor. A carpeted loft can serve multiple purposes. Two guest bedroom suites feature ceiling designs and a variety of details.

The two-story Berolina II model offers 3,315 square feet with three bedrooms, three baths, an island kitchen, and a spacious great room and dining area. The great room and first-floor master suite open to an outdoor space that includes an optional summer kitchen with a natural gas grill and refrigerator, a pool and spa, and a water view. The upstairs presents a guest retreat



An unfurnished, Resident Ready Azurea residence is under construction in Il Corso and scheduled for completion in July. Priced at \$1,130,000, the single-story 2,530 square feet Azurea great room villa includes an array of upgraded features and finishes.



The two-story Berolina II model in Il Corso at Talis Park offers 3,315 square feet under air with three bedrooms, three baths, a beautifully finished gourmet island kitchen, a spacious great room and dining area, and a two-car garage.



Distinctive Communities' two-story, 3,198 square feet under air Catania II model is one of two furnished models now open for viewing and purchase in Il Corso at Talis Park.

that includes a bedroom with a private bath and an optional lounge. The model showcases an interior by Molly Grup of Ficarra Design Associates and is priced at \$1,512,600 fully-furnished.

Grup's classic contemporary design incorporates clean lines with a color palette of grays and taupes accented by splashes of yellow-green. The walls are off-white with a hint of gray while the flooring is whitewashed light taupe wood.

The Berolina II's clean-lines are evident in the kitchen where cabinet styles and tones are intermingled. Lower cabinets in a java color feature slab doors while the upper cabinets showcase painted shaker doors in soft gray. Grup frames the upper cabinetry with a java wood detail to visually divide the kitchen into

defined areas. White quartz countertops are featured on the perimeter, as well as the expansive counter-height island. A slender gray tile backsplash is set in subway pattern. Wood beams adorn the vaulted ceiling to add dimension.

The great room includes a gas fireplace with a stone surround and a wine bar with dark java cabinetry. Lower cabinets house the wine refrigerator.

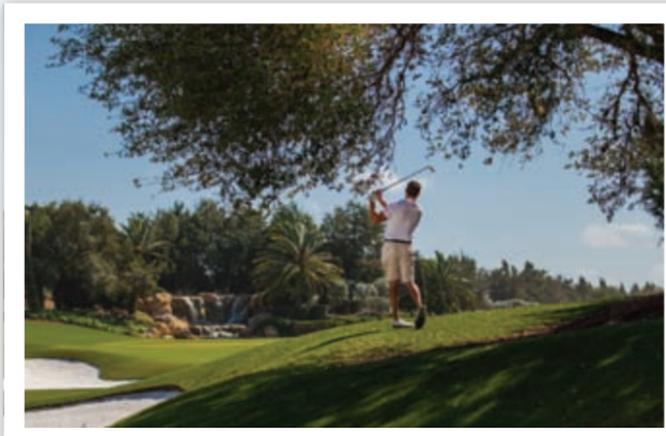
On the lanai, a dining table with a driftwood finish is paired with chairs in a combination of stainless steel and a synthetic material. Poolside, a pair of chaises with ivory cushions are served by a citrusy green drink table.

The master bedroom features white wood molding on the headboard wall interspersed with a taupe grass cloth.

The bed is upholstered with a taupe and off-white fabric. Muted taupe and white wool carpeting blends with a sheer drapery in a taupe and white stripe.

The flooring in the master bathroom is off-white porcelain tile with flecks of gray. The shower features a band of tile with a distinctive wavy carving. The vanity cabinetry is finished in dark gray with a white Carrara marble countertop. A drop in bath tub with paneling around three sides creates the effect of a free-standing tub while anchored to a wall.

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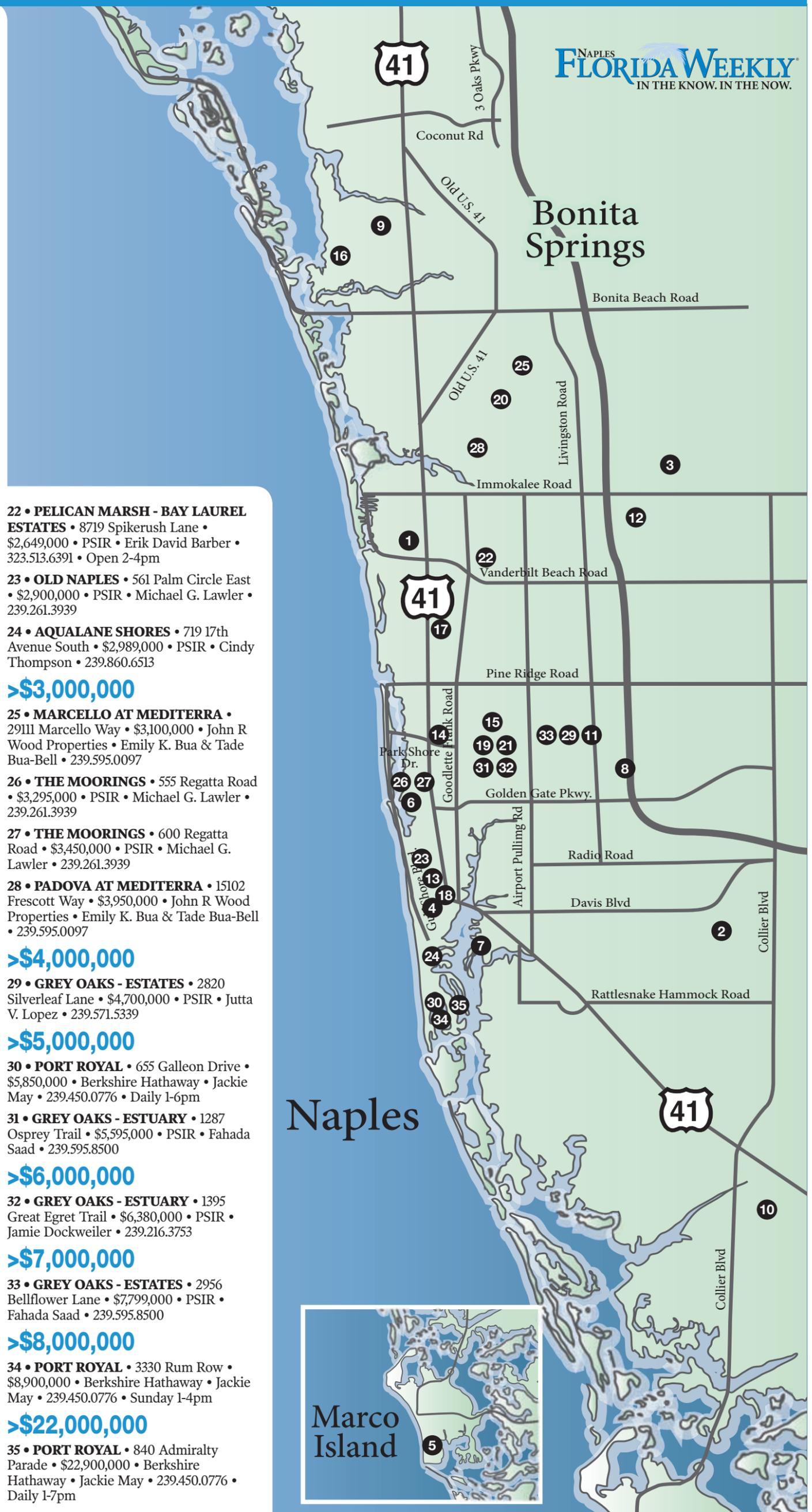
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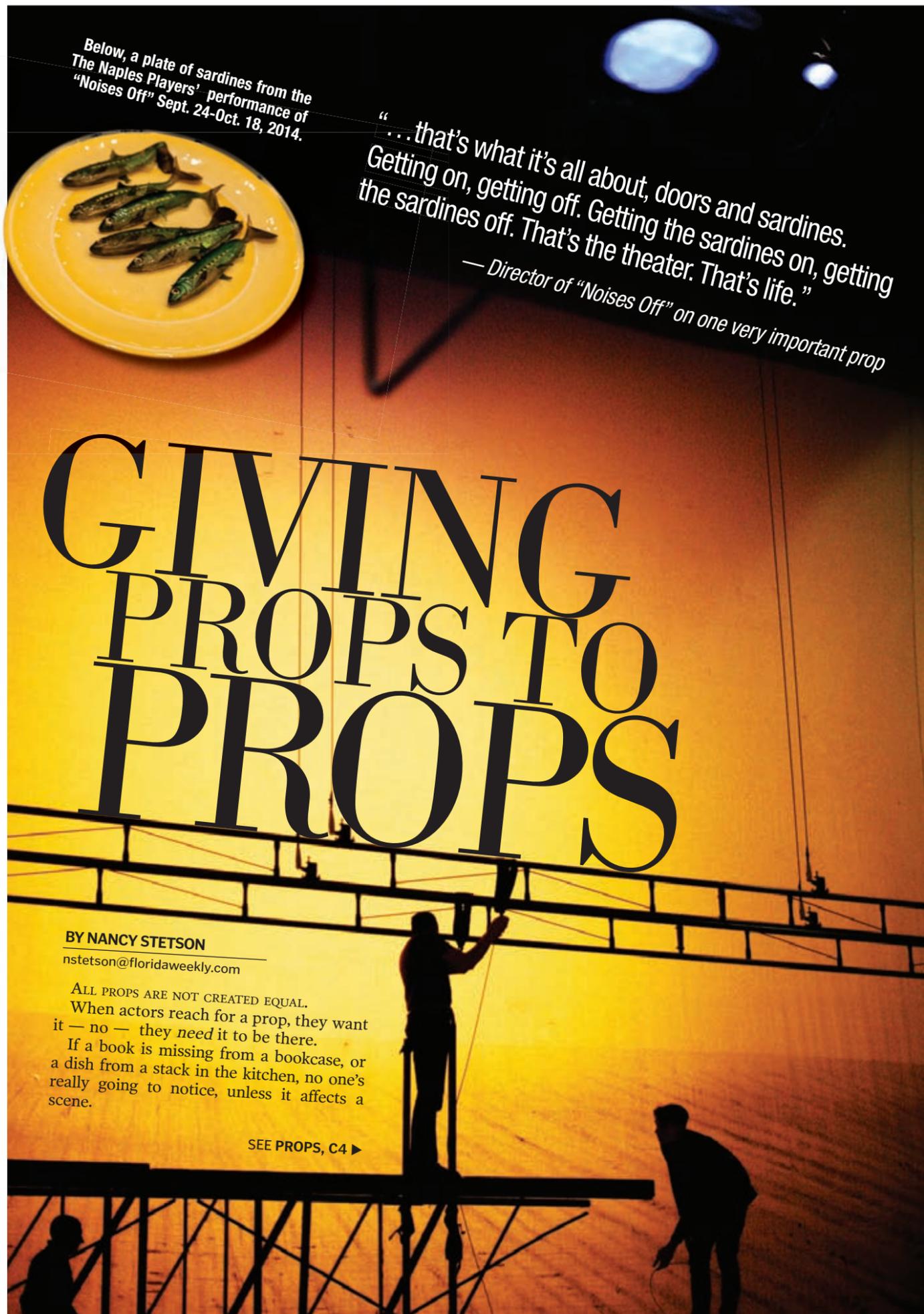
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF MAY 14-20, 2015

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



Below, a plate of sardines from the The Naples Players' performance of "Noises Off" Sept. 24-Oct. 18, 2014.

"...that's what it's all about, doors and sardines. Getting on, getting off. Getting the sardines on, getting the sardines off. That's the theater. That's life."  
— Director of "Noises Off" on one very important prop

## GIVING PROPS TO PROPS

BY NANCY STETSON  
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ALL PROPS ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL. When actors reach for a prop, they want it — no — they need it to be there. If a book is missing from a bookcase, or a dish from a stack in the kitchen, no one's really going to notice, unless it affects a scene.

SEE PROPS, C4 ▶

## Fledgling company takes on 'August: Osage County'

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
lnesmith@floridaweekly.com

Actress Mai Puccio describes her character in "August: Osage County" as "breathtakingly awful," "a spider."

Violet, the matriarch of the Weston family, is manipulative, predatory and cruel. And when her three daughters and their families join her after the suicide of their father and Violet's husband, she unleashes a torrent of abuse that Ms. Puccio believes every person in the audience will relate to — one way or another.

"Some will say, 'Oh yeah, I know that. I



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Mai Puccio on a rant as the angry, addicted Violet Weston in "August: Osage County."

lived that,' and others will say, "Thank

God my family's not that bad," says Ms. Puccio, who has been charged with bringing the heart-stopping Violet to life for Let's Put On A Show Productions. Performances are on select dates May 15-30 at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Doesn't every family have someone who loves to find tension and rip it wide open?

"She's a huge troublemaker," Ms. Puccio says, adding that the trick to playing Violet is to do so with a sense of empathy, because regardless of how terrible she is,

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#### Polyamory

It is a lot of things, but nothing new. C2 ▶



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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Polyamory is a lot of things, but it's nothing new



Those damned millennials. To hear them tell it, you'd think they invented everything, including sex. They certainly think they've invented infidelity.

A friend just emailed me an article from the MTV News site: "Why Open Relationships Can Work, According to Science." I had a hard time getting past the accompanying photo — a group of extraordinarily beautiful and irritatingly earnest young men and women draped across one another in a pose that oozed nascent sensuality. What could these children know about relationships? Or, more disturbingly, sex?

"We spend so much time looking for The One," the article began, "but could a plural mindset be a better fit for some of us?"

A plural mindset? What have they come up with now?

"It's called polyamory," the article continued. "It's a millennial thing, and it makes a lot of people uncomfortable."

Polyamory, according to the article, takes many forms: open relationships, multiple partners, anything beyond the traditional two-person

set-up. I could see why the article says it makes people uncomfortable. It's certainly morally ambiguous. And a touch scandalous.

But new? Please.

This sort of thing has been going on for centuries, long before millennials ever came on the scene.

The comedian Dane Cook does a routine where he talks about meeting an elderly couple walking hand-in-hand down the street.

"We've been married 50 years," the woman tells him.

"Wow," Mr. Cook answers. "How'd you do it?"

The wife launches into a long diatribe on communication and compromise, the importance of family time and the need for respect, while the husband looks on, nodding. When she finishes and turns away, the husband takes Mr. Cook aside.

"Have lots of affairs," he says.

Infidelity — or polyamory, or whatever slick new term the kids are calling it these days — is as old as love itself.

"Seriously, more people are in open relationships than you'd think" the MTV News article claims "they just aren't open about their open relationships. Studies have found that roughly 5 percent of Americans are in 'consensual nonmonogomous' relationships. That means one or both partners are allowed — or encour-



brows, shocked, but my friend just shook her head.

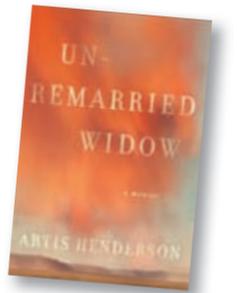
"You never know what arrangements people have made within their marriages."

Another friend calls this "building a life within a life" — all the compromises we make, the situations we create, in order to balance the complicated layers of our lives.

I won't make a case either way; I get enough spiteful email as it is ("What's wrong with women today?" one man wrote me last week. To which I wanted to reply: What's wrong with you?). But I know enough not to pass judgment on these situations. We are all trying to cultivate our own little plot of joy. Who am I to condemn the arrangements others make?

Humans have tried for millennia to sort it out, with varied success. I wish this latest rising generation luck — although I suppose they think they've already got it figured out. ■

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



aged — to pursue intimacy with other people."

A friend recently told me about another friend's father who is on his third marriage and has a Chinese mistress on the side. I raised my eye-

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June 30 is the deadline to submit works of any genre — funny, sad, scary, smart, etc. — with the exception of musicals. Strength of characterization, dialog and plot are among the criteria on which entries are judged.

The winning plays will be presented as staged readings Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18-19, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Submitting playwrights must reside in Collier, Lee, Glades or Hendry coun-

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But some props play a major role and take on greater importance.

They're vital.

Maybe they reflect a major turning point in the show or are somehow symbolic of the show itself or its theme.

Here's a look back at highlights of the 2014-'15 local theater season, as seen through important props.



## A plate of sardines

"Noises Off"

The Naples Players

Sept. 24-Oct. 18, 2014

"Noises Off" is a play within a play: a group of incompetent, bickering actors are putting on a play called "Nothing On." Dotty Otley (Bonnie Knapp), who plays the ditsy housekeeper, is getting flustered as they rehearse. She keeps forgetting the plate of sardines — does she bring it onstage or is it already there? She also keeps forgetting to bring the plate offstage with her.

The director tells them: "... that's what it's all about, doors and sardines. Getting on, getting off. Getting the sardines on, getting the sardines off. That's the theater. That's life."

We see the actors as they rehearse, then, backstage, as their relationships deteriorate beyond repair and they try to sabotage each other. Then, finally, we see them onstage again, as their play becomes a jumbled, hopeless, mixed-up mess with missed cues and disappearing props.

The plate of sardines isn't there when it should be. Then it's there when it shouldn't be. Dotty, in a performance, says her line, "Sardines! I've forgotten the sardines!" But then she notices they're actually there, and, flummoxed, has to ad lib to give herself a reason to walk offstage: "No, I 'aven't, I 'aven't forgotten the sardines. I remembered the sardines. Well, what a surprise; I guess I'll go into the kitchen and fix some more sardines to celebrate!"

In addition to being great fun, "Noises Off" demonstrates the importance of props... and why they need to be in the right place when they're supposed to be there.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jason Parrish in "Around the World in 80 Days"



## Elephant guide's tasseled hat

"Around the World in 80 Days"

Florida Repertory Theatre

Feb. 13-March 4, 2015

This quintet of actors portrays a multitude of characters, sometimes just by changing a hat and an accent, turning

this crew into a cast of, well, almost millions.

This was best exemplified by a man in a turban (Jason Parrish) telling the others where they could find an elephant guide. Then, ripping off the turban, he revealed a funny fez kind of hat with multiple tassels and voilà, he was the elephant guide. The quick change, the unusual-looking hat and Mr. Parrish's dopey expression never failed to get laughs. It exemplifies the zany nature of the play and its creative costuming.



## Trumpet

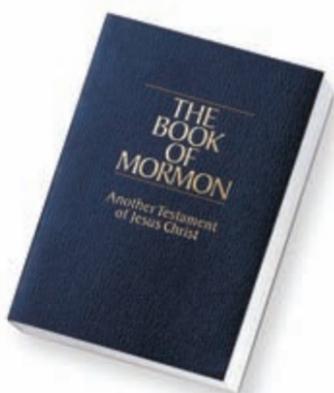
"Gypsy"

The Naples Players

June 27-July 27, 2014

How does shy Louise transform into Gypsy Rose Lee, striptease artist extraordinaire? She meets some professional striptease artists at a burlesque house in Wichita, Kan., who tell her she has to have a gimmick in order to sell her act and stand out from the others. Mazeppa, Electra and Tessie Tura sing "You Gotta Have a Gimmick," but it's Mazeppa, dressed in a gladiator's outfit, playing a trumpet, who steals the show.

"If you're gonna bump it/Bump it with a trumpet," she belts out, playing loudly but poorly on the instrument while bumping and grinding. It's a major turning point in the musical, and in the life of the woman who became Gypsy Rose Lee.



## The Book of Mormon

"The Book of Mormon: The Musical"

Broadway touring show

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall Jan. 6-11, 2015

Artis—Naples, Jan. 13-18, 2015

If it weren't for the actual religious text, "The Book of Mormon," there wouldn't be a blockbuster-hit musical making fun of it. The characters in this musical refer to the book, wave it around, read from it and wildly misinterpret it.

And in one key scene, a Mormon missionary goes to proselytize an evil African warlord, who takes the book and jams it "where the sun don't shine," causing the missionary to have to get it surgically removed.



## Styrofoam cup bunny

"Good People"

Theatre Conspiracy

Feb. 6-21, 2015

A trio of female friends who play bingo together live in South Boston. They're struggling, but they're good people. Margaret loses her job and is desperate to find a new one. Her land-



lady, Dottie, (Stephanie Davis) babysits her developmentally challenged adult daughter, but is pressuring Margaret about the rent.

Everyone's scrambling to make ends meet.

To make some money on the side, the aptly named Dottie makes bunnies out of Styrofoam cups and pipe cleaners. They're atrocious, kitsch to the extreme. You hear about them before you see them, and then, when they do make their appearance, it's difficult to tear your eyes away from them, they're so craptastic.

Margaret buys one and gives it as a gift to a doctor who used to be a high school boyfriend; it's wildly inappropriate and symbolizes the wide divide between them.



## Cell phone

"God of Carnage"

The Naples Players

Jan. 14-Feb. 7

Alan (Paul Graffy) and his wife, Annette (Deedee Brownlee) are meeting with another couple to discuss a playground incident in which their son injured the others'. But Alan's too absorbed with work. He's constantly on his cell phone, talking business. When someone else comments on his conversation, he's taken aback: "You're not supposed to be listening to my conversations!" he says indignantly.

The phone's not only a perfect demonstration of his rudeness and lack of civility, but of the couple's own communication problems.



## Pineapple

"Cabaret"

Laboratory Theater of Florida Weekly

Feb. 6-28

What do you give someone you love? Most men will give flowers, jewelry or candy, but Herr Schultz in "Cabaret" gives Fraulein Schneider a pineapple. True, he owns a fruit store, but the pineapple, as Fraulein Schneider says, is an extravagance, as it's a tropical fruit and this is 1931 Berlin. But she recognizes the message behind it.

It moves their courtship along, and also reveals the rising anti-Semitism in the city, as a brick is thrown through his shop window after they've announced and celebrated their engagement.

The giving of the pineapple also merits its own song in the musical ("It Couldn't Please Me More"), as the two croon together and ooh and ahh over the pineapple as if it's a baby.



## House Beautiful magazine

"The Lyons"

Let's Put on a Show

Feb. 20-March 7

Ben Lyons is lying in a hospital bed, dying of cancer.

And what is his wife, Rita, doing?

She's sitting in a chair, by his bedside, perusing an issue of Better Homes and Gardens and talking about how she's going to redecorate the living room after he dies — with his money, of course.



She flips through the pages, debating the merits of one style against another — Chinese modern? Early American? French Provincial? — even after he repeatedly asks her to stop.

It's the ultimate in callousness, and it's obvious that in that cold, cold heart of hers, Rita cares much more about her home's décor than she does about her husband. But then again, it's always been a loveless marriage. Why should it be any different now that he's dying?

It's horrifying, but, in this dark comedy, wickedly funny.



## Coffee cup

"Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike"

Florida Repertory Theatre, Oct. 28-Nov. 19

Gulfshore Playhouse, Jan. 17-Feb. 8

"Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike" opens with Vanya sitting in the morning room, sipping coffee and enjoying the start of a new day. His sister, Sonya, joins him, bringing him his cup of coffee, as is their morning ritual. The two bicker, because he already made himself a cup. Suddenly, Sonya takes the cup and violently throws it on the floor. She soon smashes the other cup in the same way too.

Not only does this reflect Sonya's intense dissatisfaction with her life, but it runs totally against her quiet-spoken, self-effacing nature. (As she says later in the play, "I'm easy to miss.") It demonstrates the play's absurd humor and also makes the audience sit up and realize they should expect the unexpected. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Viki Boyle as Sonya in Florida Rep's production of "Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike."

# Opera Naples has 'The Gondoliers' for 2015 summer youth program

Opera Naples holds auditions for its 2015 summer youth program Saturday, May 16, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. This year's show is Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," with rehearsals taking place June 15-26 and performances June 27-28.

In addition to preparing and performing "The Gondoliers," registrants will participate in masterclasses and workshops focusing on various aspects of opera including vocal technique, acting and prop construction. The program is designed for ages 13-21.

The registration fee for the two weeks is \$225 and includes a vocal score and CD. Scholarships are available.

All applicants are accepted into the program regardless of experience. Auditions are encouraged but not required. Those who choose not to audition will be cast in the ensemble.

"The Gondoliers" will be directed by Louis Dall'Ava, who has performed 27 principal roles in 10 of the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas with companies including The New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, Manhattan Savoyards and the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, England, and at venues including Wolf Trap and The Garden State Arts Center.

For more information or to schedule an audition, email Robin Frank at [rfrank@operanaples.org](mailto:rfrank@operanaples.org). ■

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## THEATER

**The Last Romance** - By The Naples Players through May 16 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

**A Position of Relative Importance** - By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates through May 17 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

**August: Osage County** - By Let's Put On A Show Productions on select dates May 15-30 at the Golden Gate Community Center. Letsputonashow-productions.com. See story on page C1.

**Macbeth** - By The Marco Players May 22-31 at Marco Town Center mall. 642-7270 or marcoplayes.com.

**Footloose** - By Naples Performing Arts Center Main Stage performers May 26-28 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artis-naples.org.

**Nonsense** - By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Players June 3-14. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Leading Ladies** - By the Island Theater Company June 12-20. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 394-0080 or theateronmarco.com.

**Legally Blonde: The Musical** - By The Naples Players July 8-Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

**Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** - Through May 23 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** - Through May 22 at the Broadway Palm Children's Theater, Fort Myers. 278-44223 or broadwaypalm.com.

## THURSDAY 5.14

**Spider Smarts** - Learn about how spiders benefit Florida's ecosystem from rangers at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. Reservations recommended. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

**Lunch & Learn** - Shangri-La Springs presents a free lunchtime lecture about "Emotional Intelligence in the Seasons of Life" at noon. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

**Gardening Clinic** - Naples Botanical Garden invites guests to find solutions to their plant pest problems and learn about best-care landscape techniques from master gardeners at 1 p.m. Regular garden admission applies. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Bird Talk** - South Regional Library hosts a discussion about the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker at 2 p.m. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.



Conservancy of Southwest Florida and The Naples Zoo invite everyone to enjoy educational presentations, crafts, games and more in honor of Endangered Species Day starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Pay full-price admission at either place and get in for half-price at the other. 262-0304 or conservancy.org

**Art Opening** - The Art Galleries at FGCU host an opening reception for "Stand Before Us/Photography and Paintings" from 5-7 p.m. Free. 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. 590-1086 or artgallery.fgcu.edu.

**Dinner Show** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts a three-course dinner and show featuring Neapolitan Jimmy Keys at 6 p.m. \$59.95. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or fredsdiner.com.

**BYOB** - Vino's Picasso hosts a guided painting session starting at 6:30 p.m. \$36. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

## FRIDAY 5.15

**Yoga and Art** - Naples Art Association combines art and yoga every Friday from 9-11 a.m. Each session begins with an hour of Kundalini yoga followed by an hour-long intuitive art class. \$100. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

**Botanical Class** - Naples Botanical Garden hosts a class on the biology of roots with botanist George Wilder at 10 a.m. \$5 members, \$10 non-members. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**The Power Within** - Goddess I Am hosts a meditation session at 10 a.m. \$10. 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

**Games Time** - The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts mah jongg and card games from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$3. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Happy Hour Flow** - Shangri-La Springs hosts Yin Yang Happy Hour Yoga at 5 p.m. \$15. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

**Two Left Feet?** - Step up for a dance lesson at 5:30 p.m. at the Naples Italian American Foundation. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Sacred Circle** - Happehatchee Center hosts a women's sacred circle for healing and empowerment at 7 p.m. 8791 Corkscrew Road. 992-5455 or happehatchee.org.

**Live & Local** - Gator Nate and the Gladezmen perform at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. \$15. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

## SATURDAY 5.16

**Field Trip** - Florida Native Plant Society hosts a field trip to the royal palm hammock at Collier-Seminole State Park at 9 a.m. Reservations required. Call 597-7222.

**Alligator Fishing** - Everglades Wonder Gardens visitors can feed hot dogs to the alligators (with \$5 and staff supervision) from 2-4 p.m. Regular garden admission also applies. 27180 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

**Weekend Jazz** - Naples Jazz Masters perform at 1 p.m. every Saturday through September at The Norris Center. Donation at the door. 263-1113 or naplesjazzmasters.com.

**Comedy Show** - Steve Lazlow performs at Room2Laugh at 8:30 p.m. 5555 Golden Gate Parkway. 352-1401 or room2laugh.com.

## SUNDAY 5.17

**Fishing Clinic** - Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club hosts demonstrations, fishing and boating vendors and officials from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission starting at 8 a.m. 1600 Danford St. 417-6717 or hamiltonharboryachtclub.com.

**Design Your Ride** - Six Bends Harley-Davidson holds a women-only "garage party" at 11 a.m. Women bikers will learn how to design, fit and personalize their rides. Free, but reservations required. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

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**Community Day** - Artis—Naples invites everyone to its spring Community Day of free activities for all ages starting at noon. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

**Pump You Up** - Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts the Naples-Bonita Classic Bodybuilding Competition at 6 p.m. Pre-purchase online is recommended. \$25-\$65. 506 S. First St. 658-1313 or npcnaplesbonitaclassic.com.

## MONDAY 5.18

**Go with the Flow** - Shangri-La Springs hosts qigong for everyone at 5:30 p.m. \$20. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

**Meditation** - Chelsea's Resale hosts a free meditation class at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. 949 Second Ave. S. 261-0005.

**Pasta e Pellicola** - The Naples Italian American Foundation serves dinner at 5:30 p.m. before a screening of "La Scorta" (Italy, 1993). A high-profile judge is murdered and four reluctant officers are assigned to protect the replacement prosecutor. \$15 for dinner and film, \$5 for just the movie. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Young@Heart** - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening of "Young@Heart" (2007) at 7 p.m. The documentary follows a chorus of senior citizens who cover songs by Jimi Hendrix, Coldplay, Sonic Youth and other unexpected musicians. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

## TUESDAY 5.19

**Moss Balls** - Naples Botanical Garden presents Andrea Grace with a workshop about how to make kokedama. \$35 for Garden members, \$40 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**See Shells** - Learn about the hidden life of common seashells in a program at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Library. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or collierlibrary.org.

**Classic Film** - South Regional Library screens "Some Like It Hot" (1959) at 2 p.m. When two musicians witness a mob hit, they flee the state disguised as women in an all-female band. Of course, hilarious complications ensue. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

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**Likey Lichen** – The Florida Native Plant Society hosts a talk about the life cycle of lichen at 6:30 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Free. Visit [naples.fnpschapters.org](http://naples.fnpschapters.org) for more information.

**The Blind Side** – Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle on the lawn at Mercato for a free screening of “The Blind Side” (2009) beginning at 8:15 p.m. 254-1080 or [mercatoshops.com](http://mercatoshops.com).

**Start to Tango** – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or [pablrepuntango.com](http://pablrepuntango.com).

## WEDNESDAY 5.20

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**Sunset Yoga** – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts an all-levels gentle yoga session with a Bala Vinyasa instructor at 7 p.m. \$5 plus park entry fee. 597-6196 or [bvyoga.com](http://bvyoga.com).

## COMING UP

**Mangrove Walk** – Stroll through the mangroves and learn why they are vital to the health of Florida’s ecosystem at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Reservations recommended. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or [floridastatepark.org](http://floridastatepark.org).

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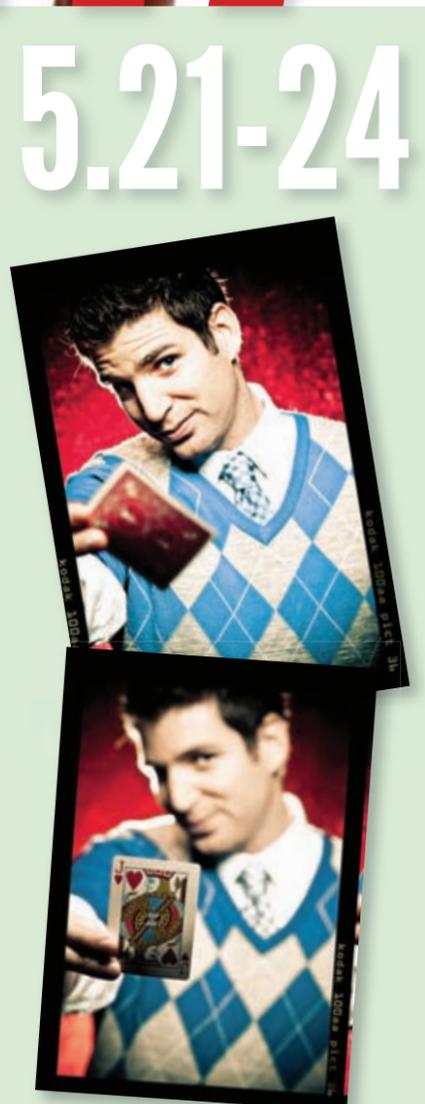
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## All is not shipshape in this seaborne mystery



Wait, there's more: Partners Don and Charlie (also Darcy's good friends), who are traveling with their precocious, temperamental adopted daughter, and several other fellow cruisers who all went to high school together and are having a floating reunion. Brooks, head of a large travel agency, put this special group together.

■ **"A Current Deception" by Arleen Alleman. Xlibris. 340 pages. Hardcover, \$29.99.**

There is trouble all around. Daughter Rachael, a woman in her early 20s from whom until recently Darcy had been long separated, is having trouble with motherhood and with her decision about whether her future will include young Anna's father.



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The fifth in Arleen Alleman's series of cruise adventure novels mixes the excitement of new vistas, in this case Australia, with murder mystery suspense. One thing is for sure: This series will not make the author any friends in the cruise industry. It could, however, make her many new fans among readers.

Freelance journalist Darcy Farthing is the central character, and her point of view prevails (though there are some risky point-of-view shifts that are sometimes unsettling). She's traveling with a group of family and friends, including her second husband (Mick), her former husband (Brooks) and her best friend (Sid), who is about to be married onboard to Brooks. Also in the crowd is Darcy's daughter Rachael and Rachael's baby daughter Anna.

Sid, thinking of this voyage as her honeymoon trip, feels that Brooks is way too busy with his clients.

Then things get much worse.

Yellow crazy ants (I'm not kidding) turn up and leave their acid burns on some of the shipboard

guests in Brooks' group. Is this infestation the result of negligence, or is someone using the ants as a weapon? Attempted murders onboard and a murder on the streets of Adelaide put the group in a panic, especially as the chief of security seems indifferent, incompetent, or both.

Darcy is out-sleuthing the professionals, but she's having a hard time selling

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her insights. Curiously, items are found in Brooks' stateroom that point to him as the criminal. It's clear to Darcy and to us that the criminal (if there is only one) is extremely clever; however, she knows that Brooks can't possibly be guilty.

Remember those "Columbo" episodes with Peter Falk? We see the crime, know who the culprit is and wonder if the faux-discombobulated detective will figure things out? "A Current Deception" has a bit of that as readers are given many scenes presented from the whacko's point of view. We can't put it all together until Darcy does, but it's fun to try.

The author has a sure sense of knowing just how much to reveal at each stage of the investigation, ratcheting up the suspense.

Just as worrisome to Darcy, Mick and Brooks as the physical dangers is Rachael's unexpected infatuation with a handsome fellow whom they all meet on board. Noah seems polite and open, but when Darcy presses Rachael to slow down, she is angry. What's her rush? It doesn't take long for Noah's controlling side to emerge; he manipulates Rachael's neediness and instability into a showdown with her parents.

A background check indicates that Noah is not who he claims to be. Smart and sensitive Penelope, the daughter of Don and Charlie, is distressed by a scary

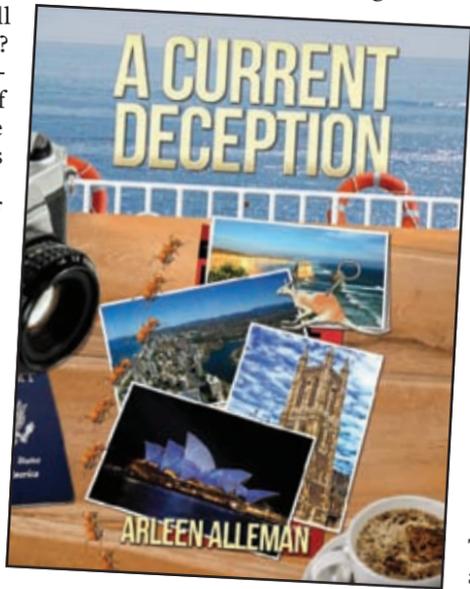
person whom she describes as at once Noah and not Noah, introducing the element of malevolent disguise.

Several intertwined strands braid through the novel. The primary story line has already been described: an unusual and dark murder mystery. The second element involves set pieces of tourist guidebook prose that take us along on the main characters' excursions to the various Australian port cities and elsewhere. The third strand is the fancifully styled but scientifically based descriptions of the yellow crazy ants.

The travelogue passages are cleanly written, but they seem to be in someone else's voice, not Darcy's, and feel pushed into the narrative rather than blended into it. The material on the ants doesn't fit so well either (and it introduces yet another voice in a story filled with voices), but it has a quality of wit and imagination that is very appealing.

Ms. Alleman has found a special niche and has exploited it with compassion, cleverness, and care. ■

— 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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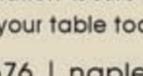












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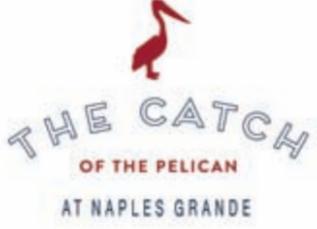
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# Wondering what to read this summer? Look no further

## Book critic Elaine Newton has a wealth of suggestions

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Following her 25th season of Critic's Choice book review lectures at Artis—Naples, Elaine Newton has announced the first part of season 26: her summer reading list.

This list includes well-known authors alongside newer discoveries. There are eagerly anticipated works, including one selection more than a half-century in the making. From a book held over from last fall — Lily King's "Euphoria" — to Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman," which was originally written in the 1950s, the list includes some of the best books released in the past few months as well as several coming out this summer.

And, of course, there are selections from among Ms. Newton favorites, including Kazuo Ishiguro's "The Buried Giant" and Ian McEwan's "The Children Act."

"This list is the best of what's out now and the best of what is yet to come," she says. "It has voices from different countries, ethnic voices, women's voices, men's voices. We aim for a very broad spectrum. It's not canon, but it's suggested reading."

Compiled in conjunction with employees of the Barnes & Noble stores in Naples and Fort Myers, the list represents months of meeting and reading. Ms. Newton says



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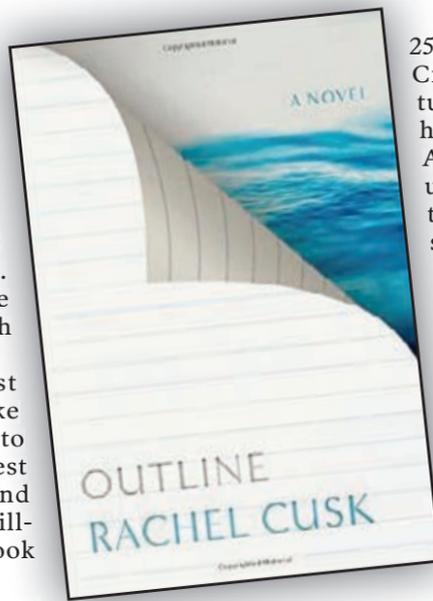
the group begins thinking in January about what kinds of books their audiences will devour.

"I know the kinds of books (Critic's Choice attendees) like to do," she says. "And I know the books that stretch us."

The final list is a give-and-take between all parties to come up with the best blend of voices and styles, from taut thrillers to National Book Award contenders.

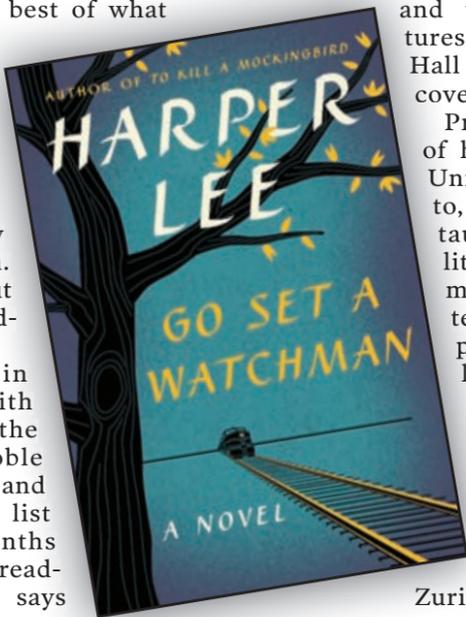
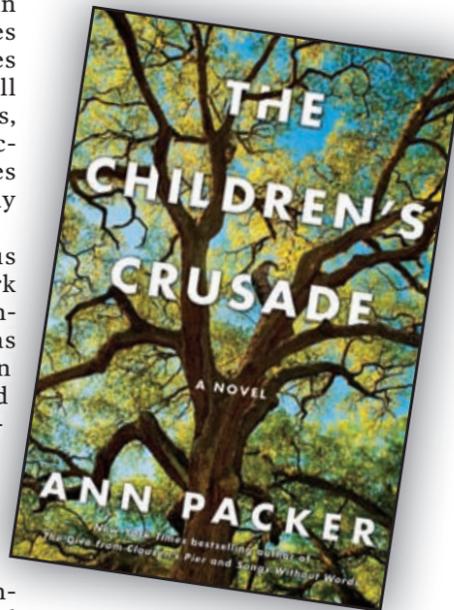
During her 25 years at Artis—Naples, Ms. Newton has been an inexhaustible resource for booklovers in the community. What started as a group of 60 people has grown exponentially, with more than 1,100 attending one of the lectures this season. Her Thursday lectures in the intimate Daniels Pavilion sell out before the season begins, and the Saturday lectures in the main Hayes Hall are an increasingly coveted ticket.

Professor emeritus of humanities at York University in Toronto, Ms. Newton has taught courses in literary theory and methodology, contemporary fiction, psychology and literature and archetypal criticism. She has lectured throughout Canada and the United States, as well as in London, Hong Kong, Zurich and Caracas.



In addition to her 25 years leading the Critic's Choice lectures, she is entering her 20th year leading Artis—Naples' popular Four O'clock at the Movies lecture series.

She is part of a team of scholars and lecturers who make up the Artis—Naples Lifelong Learning program that deepens relationships with the arts for thousands of people each year. ■



- Elaine Newton's 2015 summer reading list**
- >> "Outline" by Rachel Cusk
  - >> "The Story of the Lost Child," the fourth book in the Neapolitan Novels Series by Elena Ferrante (it can stand alone, as can each of its predecessors: "My Brilliant Friend," "The Story of a New Name" and "Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay")
  - >> "The Narrow Road to the Deep North" by Richard Flanagan
  - >> "Let Me Be Frank with You" by Richard Ford
  - >> "Inside the O'Briens" by Lisa Genova
  - >> "At the Water's Edge" by Sara Gruen
  - >> "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah
  - >> "Fourth of July Creek" by Smith Henderson
  - >> "The Season of Migration" by Nellie Hermann
  - >> "Funny Girl" by Nick Hornby
  - >> "The World Before Us" by Aislinn Hunter
  - >> "The Buried Giant" by Kazuo Ishiguro
  - >> "A Map of Betrayal" by Ha Jin
  - >> "Euphoria" by Lily King
  - >> "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee
  - >> "The Children Act" by Ian McEwan
  - >> "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain
  - >> "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel
  - >> "Black Diamond" by Zakes Mda
  - >> "God Help the Child" by Toni Morrison
  - >> "Florence Gordon" by Brian Morton
  - >> "Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage" by Haruki Murakami
  - >> "Us" by David Nicholls
  - >> "The Children's Crusade" by Ann Packer
  - >> "The Accidental Empress" by Allison Pataki
  - >> "The Rise & Fall of Great Powers" by Tom Rachman
  - >> "Happy are the Happy" by Yasmina Reza
  - >> "Lila" by Marilynne Robinson
  - >> "The Architect's Apprentice" by Elif Shafak
  - >> "How to be Both" by Ali Smith
  - >> "We Are Not Ourselves" by Matthew Thomas
  - >> "All My Puny Sorrows" by Miriam Toews
  - >> "Nora Webster" by Colm Tóibín
  - >> "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler
  - >> "The Discreet Hero" by Mario Vargas Llosa



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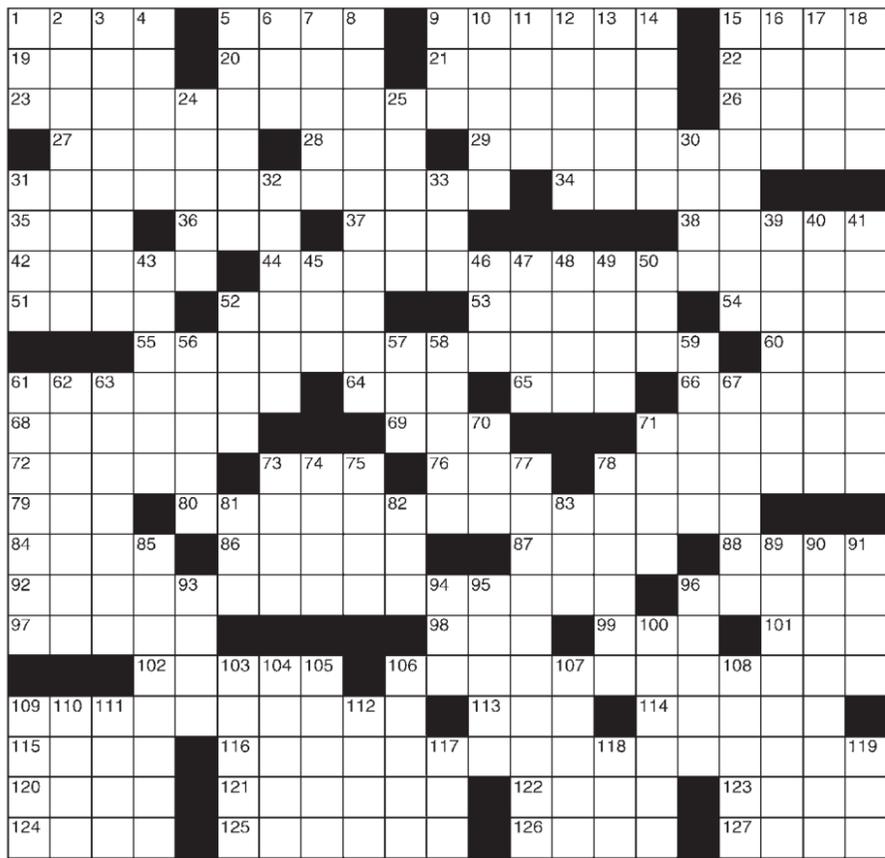
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| 1 Duelist's weapon                                  | 1 Sheffield loc.                   |
| 5 — Club (retail chain)                             | 2 Pervade                          |
| 9 Weds on the sly                                   | 3 It's negatively charged          |
| 15 Swine food                                       | 4 Vote in                          |
| 19 Carter of "Gimme a Break!"                       | 5 Twain's Tom                      |
| 20 "Stat!"  | 6 "— live and breathe!"            |
| 21 Film director George A. —                        | 7 Very virile                      |
| 22 Bluish hue                                       | 8 Nearly globe-shaped              |
| 23 Cruel Curry in a London borough?                 | 9 Palindromic "before"             |
| 26 Kitty chip                                       | 10 Lounges idly                    |
| 27 The real —                                       | 11 All: Prefix                     |
| 28 Skirt's edge                                     | 12 Lab's — dish                    |
| 29 Give Mason the ax?                               | 13 Great Lakes tribesmen           |
| 31 Make do with Paul?                               | 14 Northern French river           |
| 34 "— a Letter to My Love" (1981 film)              | 15 Commence                        |
| 35 Road goop  | 16 Monocle, e.g.                   |
| 36 Song syllable                                    | 17 Pledge                          |
| 37 Acne care brand                                  | 18 Answer from the accused         |
| 38 Physics prize of note                            | 24 "Warrior" co-star Nick          |
| 42 Show penitence                                   | 25 2,065, in old Rome              |
| 44 College founded by Hagen?                        | 30 Year, in old Rome               |
| 51 Heredity determiner                              | 31 Fawn's father                   |
| 52 Attired  | 32 Defective                       |
| 53 Flummoxed  | 33 Uvea's organ                    |
| 54 Mrs., in Bonn                                    | 39 Cat breed                       |
| 55 Question for Knotts when he's holding a package? | 40 Virtual marketer                |
| 60 Bygone space station                             | 41 Victors' wreaths                |
| 61 Extreme joy                                      | 43 Sir Isaac —                     |
| 64 Arcing tennis shot                               | 45 Slangy negative                 |
| 65 Second letter addendum: Abbr.                    | 46 Shaft of light                  |
| 66 Singer with the 2011 album "21"                  | 47 Call a halt to                  |
| 68 Goes by car                                      | 48 "The jig —"                     |
| 69 Came in first                                    | 49 Turner and Kennedy              |
| 71 Sculpting aid                                    | 50 Ming of basketball              |
| 72 Not too tasty                                    | 52 Elliot of the Mamas & the Papas |
| 73 "— a Rock" (1966 hit)                            | 56 Feature of "gum" but not "gem"  |
| 76 "Ni-i-ice!"                                      | 57 Pledge                          |
| 78 Semis, say                                       | 58 Download for a Kindle           |
| 79 Go bad   | 59 Bible book before Habakkuk      |
| 80 Return Shearer's phone call?                     | 61 Give a hug to                   |
| 84 Operatic solo                                    | 62 Fill with a crayon              |
| 86 Running shoe brand                               | 63 Not dynamic, as a verb          |
| 87 Traffic sound                                    | 67 Expand                          |
| 88 Billion : giga :: trillion : —                   | 70 "— so much"                     |
| 92 Anthony championing personal liberties?          | 71 Lug                             |
| 96 — noires (bugbears)                              | 73 "Who's there?" answer           |
| 97 January, in Spain                                | 74 Make — deal out of              |
| 98 Coll. dorm supervisors                           | 75 Speed-of-sound ratio            |
| 99 — haw (donkey's sound)                           | 77 Scorching                       |
| 101 Moose kin                                       | 78 "The — Coochi Coo" (1961 hit)   |
| 102 With 111-Down, connect two dots, maybe          | 81 Musicality                      |
| 106 Battling it out with Murdoch?                   | 82 Winter hrs. in Wichita          |
| 109 Put Arthur on mood-stabilizing medication?      | 83 "... — iron bars a cage"        |
| 114 Poet John Kahlo arrived!"                       | 85 When shows are broadcast        |
| 120 Area  | 89 Forever                         |
| 121 Samplings                                       | 90 Had faith in                    |
| 122 Kin of beige                                    | 91 Inquires                        |
| 123 Prep school on the Thames                       | 93 Bereft                          |
| 124 Tram loads                                      | 94 — Lanka                         |
| 125 Ukrainian port city                             | 95 Myopic "Mr."                    |
| 126 Exclude   | 96 "I — You" (hit for Elvis)       |
| 127 Unit of force                                   | 100 Concludes                      |
|   | 103 Hard — follow                  |
|   | 104 "I thought — a deal!"          |
|   | 105 Humble                         |
|   | 106 Phonies                        |
|   | 107 Fast one                       |
|   | 108 One way to mark losses         |
|   | 109 Clown name                     |
|   | 110 Love deity                     |
|   | 111 See 102-Across                 |
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|   | 118 Hexa-halved                    |
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## HOROSCOPES

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a time to expect the unexpected. So don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Taking a different tack on a work project might rattle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** An insensitive act makes a difficult

situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** It's a good time to look into that training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You might not like some people's idea of a surprise. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go. ■

By Linda Thistle

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BY STEVE BECKER

“What can defeat me?” is a question declarer should ask himself prior to beginning the play of many hands. The failure to pose this simple question to oneself has led to the ruination of many a makable contract. Here is a typical case.

South reached four spades as shown, and West led the king of diamonds. Declarer covered with the ace, ruffed by East, and East returned a club, taken by South with the ace.

After drawing two rounds of trumps, South led a low heart to dummy's queen, hoping West had the king. In that case, after West took the king, South would eventually have been able to discard one of dummy's clubs on the ace of hearts. But the queen lost to the king, after which South had to go down one, losing a diamond, a heart and a club, plus East's initial diamond ruff.

South would have gotten home safely had he asked himself at the outset if there was any way he could lose the contract. He might then have seen the advantage in ducking the king-of-diamonds lead — especially in view of the bidding, which made it very likely that East would trump the ace. He could then also duck the queen, as well as the jack (which he would ruff) if West persisted with the suit.

By ducking the first three leads, South would have preserved the

West dealer.  
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**EAST**  
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**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q J 10 8  
 ♥ A 8 5  
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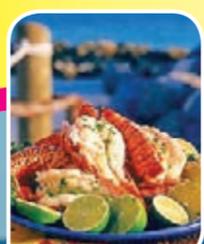




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# FILM CAPSULES

## Hot Pursuit ★★1/2

(Reese Witherspoon, Sofia Vergara, Michael Mosley) A by-the-book cop (Ms. Witherspoon) has trouble escorting a drug lord's wife (Ms. Vergara) from San Antonio to Dallas. There are the normal buddy comedy/road trip bits you expect, but Ms. Witherspoon and Ms. Vergara have enough chemistry to make it worth recommending. Rated PG-13.

## The D Train ★

(Jack Black, James Marsden, Kathryn Hahn) Loser Dan (Mr. Black) recruits a former classmate-turned-actor named Oliver (Mr. Marsden) to attend their high school reunion, thinking getting Oliver there will make Dan cooler. Complications ensue. It's so unfunny it's painful to sit through. When it was over I felt bad for the actors, talented as they are and undone by such horrid material. Rated R.

## Avengers: Age of Ultron ★★1/2

(Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, James Spader) Tony Stark (Mr. Downey Jr.) hopes the world will be safe after he creates Ultron (voice of Mr. Spader), but it turns out Ultron wants to destroy the world instead. The Avengers to the rescue! It's an action-effects extravaganza that lacks the novelty of its predecessor but is nonetheless quite entertaining. Rated PG-13.

## Clouds of Sils Maria ★★1/2

(Juliette Binoche, Kristen Stewart, Chloe Grace Moretz) A personal assistant (Ms. Stewart) helps a successful actress (Ms. Binoche) prepare for a challenging role. The acting is superb (especially Ms. Stewart), and the story is dense with symbolism. Rated R.

## The Water Diviner ★★

(Russell Crowe, Olga Kurylenko, Jai Courtney) In 1919, an Australian farmer (Mr. Crowe) travels to Gallipoli, Turkey, to retrieve the remains of his three sons, who're presumed killed during World War I. The story has an epic feel but only mediocre execution. Rated R.

## Ex Machina ★★1/2

(Domhnall Gleeson, Oscar Isaac, Alicia Vikander) An aspiring computer programmer (Mr. Gleeson) joins his boss (Mr. Isaac) at an isolated research facility and tests the conscientiousness of a robot named Ava (Ms. Vikander). It is smart, futuristic sci-fi that'll get you thinking and encourage conversation afterward. Rated R.

## Monkey Kingdom ★★1/2

(Narrated by Tina Fey) Cutesy Disney-nature documentary follows the adventures of a tribe of monkeys in Sri Lanka over the course of a few years. It has some amusing moments for kids younger than 10 to enjoy, but it offers little to adults. Rated G. ■

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# LATEST FILMS

## 'Mad Max: Fury Road'

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So this is what a two-hour action scene looks like.

"Mad Max: Fury Road" is 120 minutes of noise, action and more noise. It's an unrelenting assault on the eyes and ears that almost feels invasive, as if director George Miller wants us to experience every bone-crushing moment rather than simply watch it. It's a helluva ride.

There is no story. We're talking absolute zero in terms of plot. We have people on the run and people trying to catch them. That's it. The entire movie is one long chase, with small breaks to map out strategy before the next fight starts. It's episodic, and it almost feels like a video game: After one level/fight is completed, you move on to the next, more challenging fight.

Coincidentally, video game play and "Mad Max" have the same core objective: survival. Consider that word for

a moment: survival. The most primal of human instincts, it's very fitting here.

The barbaric savages who inhabit the post-apocalyptic hellhole in which the movie is set will stop at nothing to kill one another and claim the few precious valuables (water and ammunition among them) left on the planet. Our morality aligns more with former cop Max (Tom Hardy) and renegade Furiosa (Charlize Theron) because they're escorting a group of innocent girls away from villain Immortan Joe (Hugh Keays-Byrne) — who looks like the Predator if Predator had to make his own outfit. Joe has convinced his followers, called War Boys, that he's returned from the dead, so they're willing to die for him because they believe they will live again too.

Director Miller, who made the original "Mad Max" trilogy (1979-85) and is credited as a co-writer (with Brendan McCarthy and Nick Lathouris) here, storyboarded the entire film before he had a screenplay, so he knew all along the emphasis would

be on visuals rather than narrative. As a result, the action scenes are elaborate and spectacular, particularly one in a sand storm and the numerous ventures through a canyon. Best of all, the choreography and execution of the sequences is clear and suspenseful. Nothing is over-edited to the point of incongruity.

The setting is a barren future. It's almost surreal how the desert is oversaturated to the point that it's nearly orange, and at night it doesn't get dark but rather steely blue, which reflects the cold and unforgiving world in which they live. The costumes (by Jenny Beavan) and makeup (by Nadine Prigge) are outlandish and gaudy, extreme for the sake of shock value rather than practicality. In fact, nothing about "Mad Max" needs to be as over-the-top as it is, yet because it is, we appreciate its energy and effort that much more.

As for the lack of story, let it go. It feels like there's plenty of backstory for all the main characters that Mr. Miller either forgot or neglected to tell us, perhaps because he wanted to focus exclusively on the action. Given that Mr. Hardy is signed for three "Mad Max" films after this, we can presume that more will be revealed in future installments.

As for now, embrace "Mad Max" for all the well staged fighting and chaos that it's worth, because

most of it is pretty exciting. And just when you think it's over, just when you think the last explosion/impalement/roadkill/stabbing/shooting has crossed your eyes, you won't be able to get the movie out of your head. That's because the musical score by Junkie XL, so repetitive throughout, becomes an incessant earworm that you can't turn off no matter how hard you try. Some will consider that a good thing; others will find it annoying, even haunting. Regardless, having a thrill ride like "Mad Max" stay with you well after the credits roll is a sign Mr. Miller did something right. ■



in the know

>> It took eight months to shoot "Mad Max: Fury Road" in Namibia, Africa, and various locations in Australia. By the end of principal photography, more than 480 hours of film was shot, which roughly equates to three consecutive weeks worth of footage. Cutting 480 hours down to two could not have been easy.

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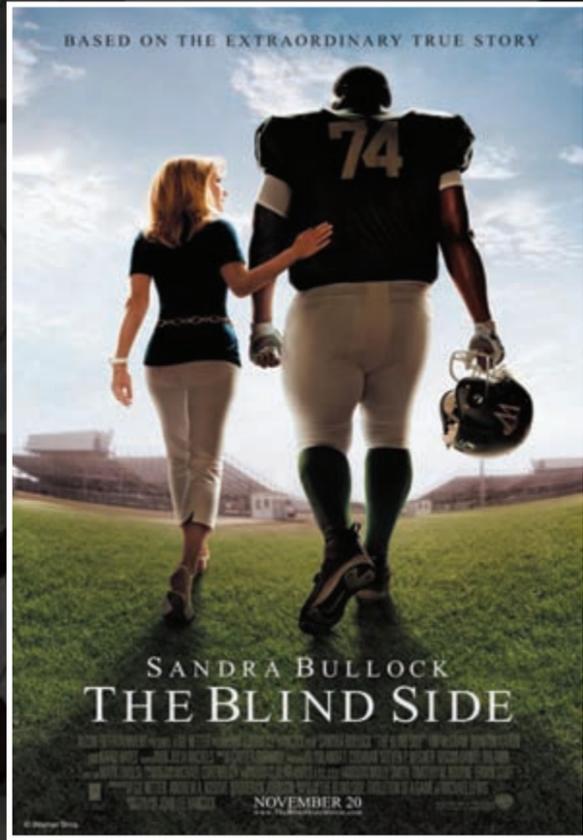


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## KOVEL: ANTIQUES

### Sometimes, a little luck comes in handy in search for treasures

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Geography, knowledge and luck are a big part of finding a treasure in an unexpected place, and at a low price. It happens. A number of years ago, a collector found a stack of five enameled ashtrays at an estate sale. The trays were artwork made by a friend, but they were out of style and of no interest to the heirs. The collector asked the price and willingly paid the \$5 for all of them. It was a number of years later that the name of the artist, Mildred Watkins (1883-1968), became nationally known. A small round silver box with an enamel picturing a ship in the center sold at a January 2015 Skinner auction in Boston. It brought \$15,990, about three times the high estimate.

Ms. Watkins' name was well-known in Cleveland where she worked as a silversmith, jeweler and enamelist. She studied at the Cleveland School of Art from 1897 to 1901. She moved to Boston to study enameling, then returned to Cleveland and taught at the Cleveland School of Art from 1919 to 1953. She made enameled jewelry, boxes and ashtrays for local shops and shows.

Today, the best of the five estate sale ashtrays is worth about \$2,000 or more. The others should sell for \$250 to \$500. The collector found a bargain because she was informed. But living in the same city as the artist and being lucky enough to get to the sale early led to finding a treasure.

**Q:** I have quite an extensive collection of American Brilliant Period cut glass that I started collecting when I was about 16 years old. I'm now 74. I know it has lost a considerable sum since the beginning of this century. Do you think the value of my collection will ever return?

**A:** The American "Brilliant Period" of cut glass was from 1876 until about 1910. The glass was "brilliant" because it was deeply cut and highly polished. Colored cut glass was made from the early 1880s until about 1900. The most popular type was "colored cut to clear" glass. American Brilliant cut glass has gone down in value partly because copies now can be made today in Europe for much less money. The older, heavy-cut glass is out of style, perhaps because it requires hand washing. I wish I could see into the future, but so many uncontrollable factors influence price. An article showing a collection that belonged to a movie star or a sudden interest in elaborately decorated clear glass can raise prices. Like any antique, the prices may go up or down and it usually takes about 25 years for the price of a collection to recover from a loss.

**Q:** I have a small burl walnut cabinet with two doors. It has an inside drawer that is branded "Hekman." The cabinet has metal loop door pulls. It's 28 inches high and the top is 38 wide by 18 inches deep. What can you tell me about it?

**A:** Edsko Hekman was a baker who

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Mildred Watkins, a well-known Cleveland enamelist, made this sterling silver box set with the enameled picture of a ship. It sold at a 2015 Skinner auction in Boston for the unexpectedly high price of \$15,990.

emigrated from the Netherlands to Grand Rapids, Michigan, hoping to fulfill his dream of becoming a furniture maker. Towards the end of the 19th century, Grand Rapids companies had become leading producers of machine-made furniture and the city became known as "The Furniture City." Hekman started out as a baker in Grand Rapids, selling cookies door to door, and started the Hekman Biscuit Co., which later became the Keebler Co. It was Hekman's three sons who inherited his love of furniture craftsmanship and started the Hekman Furniture Co. in 1922. The company made affordable desks, cabinets, consoles, and all sorts of occasional tables and stands. In 1983, Hekman was bought by the Howard Miller Clock Co. of Zeeland, Michigan, and in 1993, Hekman bought a company noted for its upholstered furniture. The company is still in business. Your cabinet was made by Hekman about 1950 and is worth \$200 to \$300.

**Q:** I have a glass bank that is 4¾ inches high by 4½ inches wide. It has raised letters that read "Watch your savings grow with Esso" and an oval with the Esso logo. Is it worth anything?

**A:** Clear glass block banks were popular advertising or promotional giveaways and souvenirs. They were printed, etched or embossed with all kinds of designs or company logos. Your glass block bank was available at service stations that sold Esso gasoline. The embossed logo and slogan on your bank was used by Esso starting in 1934. The bank probably had a paper label band around it when it was new. Some of the labels encouraged saving to buy U.S. Defense Bonds; later labels encouraged saving for Christmas, vacation, new car, and clothing. Your bank is from the early 1940s and is worth \$40 to \$75, depending on condition and clarity of the glass (some have yellowed). A bank with its label will bring a higher price. A glass block bank was also a popular souvenir at the 1939 New York World's Fair. It has the same Esso logo on one side and the Trylon and Perisphere and "New York World's Fair 1939" on the other. It can sell for up to \$100. ■

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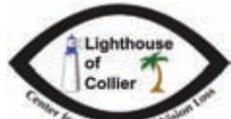
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## 'The Good Witch' conjuring another season

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I'm a huge fan of "The Good Witch" movies on Hallmark Channel, and was thrilled that it became a series. Will "The Good Witch" be back for more episodes?

— Deenie F., via email



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**A:** The popular supernatural series starring Catherine Bell and James Denton recently aired its season-one finale, and I am happy to report that it will be back for a second season. Michelle Vicary, executive vice president of programming and publicity for Crown Media Family Networks, says, "Our viewers have fallen in love with Catherine Bell and her enchanting journey, as well as her talented co-stars, James Denton and Bailee Madison. After seeing the overwhelming response to the series, there was no question that 'Good Witch' would be renewed for a second season."

There will be a two-hour season-two premiere this fall, followed by 10 new hours to follow in early 2016. While there's no word yet on the exact dates of these airings, I'll be sure to keep you posted.

**Q:** Can you give me any news about the next "American Horror Story"?

— Nina D., Mount Carmel, Indiana

**A:** The list of big names who have signed on to star in "American Horror Story: Hotel" keeps getting bigger. I previ-

ously reported that Lady Gaga, Chloe Sevigny, Kathy Bates, Evan Peters, Wes Bentley, Matt Bomer, Cheyenne Jackson and Sara Paulson were checking into "Hotel," and it was recently announced that Angela Bassett has been added to the hotel's registry. Rumors have been swirling that Alexander Skarsgard and Michelle Pfeiffer also would be on the show, however, that casting news is looking more and more to be a red herring, unfortunately. I'll keep you posted on developments as the premiere date gets closer. Season five is set to start in October on FX.

**Q:** Aside from "The X-Files" reboot, can you tell me what Gillian Anderson has coming up?

— Betty R., via email

**A:** Ms. Anderson is one busy lady. On Thursday, June 3, "Hannibal" returns to NBC for its third season, where you can see Gillian as Dr. Bedelia Du Maurier. It was recently announced that Gillian will co-star in the Lifetime/A&E/History networks' joint production of "War and Peace," based on the classic novel by Leo Tolstoy. The limited-series event will be simulcast on all three networks in 2016. Ms. Anderson also is set to return for season three of the BBC2 psychological-thriller series "The Fall," which should air sometime in 2016. ■

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she came by it honestly.

"You find out she had a really horrifying life," the actress says. "She's angry with her life ... She's angry her kids didn't have as tough a life as she did." And then there are the pills. Of course.

Violet is also an addict, a fact that further increases the tension amongst everyone in the family.

Written by Tracy Letts, "August: Osage County" premiered at the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago in 2007. It won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2008 and is still running on Broadway. The 2013 screen adaptation starred Meryl Streep as Violet and also included Julia Roberts, Ewan McGregor, Benedict Cumberbatch, Juliette Lewis, Abigail Breslin and Dermot Mulroney, among others.

Another interesting character is Little Charles, the awkward son of Violet's sister. Mr. Cumberbatch played the part in the film; for Let's Put On A Show Productions, Ryan Sullivan reluctantly wears the mantle of family idiot his mother imposes on him. He has, however, found a bright spot in his life that is inevitably going to cause strife between him and the rest of the family.

**in the know**

**'August: Osage County'**

- >> **Who:** Let's Put On A Show Productions
- >> **When:** Select dates May 15-30
- >> **Where:** The Golden Gate Community Center
- >> **Tickets:** \$25 for general admission seating
- >> **Info:** [letsputonashowproductions.com](http://letsputonashowproductions.com)



VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY  
 Ryan Sullivan as Little Charles, right, and Stan Zawatsky as his father in "August: Osage County" by Let's Put On A Show Productions.

"I'm really grateful that I'm playing a character who is a source of purity in the midst of all this cruelty and meanness, but in such an atypical way," Mr. Sullivan says. "He's still perverted. It's a dichotomy."

Steve Lilly and Kevin Moriarty, co-founders of Let's Put On A Show Productions, have long planned to stage this show and know it's a very ambitious undertaking for their relatively new and small-scale company. For starters, it's three hours long and there are 13 people in the cast, several of who have never performed on stage before.

But Mr. Lilly had the vision for it. "I knew exactly how we were going to do it and how we were going to stage it," he says.

Ms. Puccio echoes that confidence. "We've really taken on the Everest of



The Weston family gathers for dinner after burying their patriarch.

plays," she says. "But what I think will happen is that we will pull it off and it will be a very good show." Her fellow cast members, in addition to Mr. Sullivan, are: Stacey Boisvert, Rebecca Bronzini, Kelsey Brown, Carol Comeaux, Keith Gahagan, Jesse Heindl, Kip Jones, Tracey Lane, Sean O'Shea, Esther Snyder and Stan Zawatsky. ■

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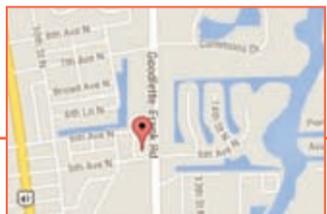
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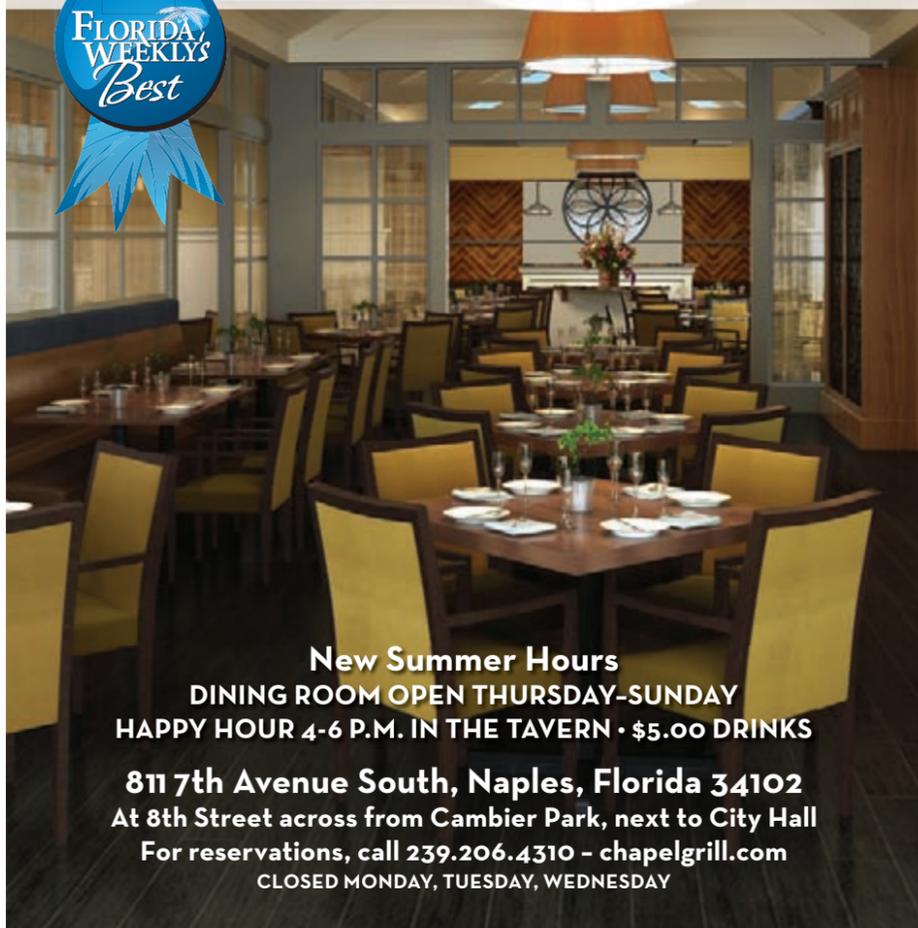
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**The Details:** When there's a burger on the menu, I usually go that route. But for lunch recently at Agave Bar & Grill, the Saratoga Veggie Burger caught my attention and won out over the beefy Lafayette Burger with mushrooms, Swiss cheese and a marsala reduction (it was probably because the Saratoga

involved goat cheese, one of my biggest weaknesses when it comes to food). The thick, handmade patty of quinoa, rice, beans and veggies was nicely grilled and topped with a smear of smashed avocado and the aforementioned goat cheese.

It seemed sacrilegious to order fries with that, but of course I did, opting for the "lightly truffled" variety I'd heard so much about from friends over the sweet potato kind. Nothing about the dish disappointed, from the tangy, crunchy pickle to the soft, gluten-free roll.

**One More Thing:** The complementary basket of chips and chilled red salsa with just the right amount of kick is a perfect lunchtime appetizer at Agave. ■

— Cindy Pierce  
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Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
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■ **The Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road, Naples; 591-3837**

Seated in the dining room gazing out on the tranquil mangrove-lined Coo-hatchee River, you'll find it hard to believe U.S. 41 is just yards away. The grand view is matched by superb food and polished service. Executive Chef Andy Hunter and his team have done a masterful job of showcasing fresh

seafood (with a nod to carnivores in the form of steak and one chicken dish). An appetizer called South of Broad features perfectly cooked fried green tomatoes, tangy goat feta, basil puree and tomato jam. A roasted beet and citrus salad, which included a delicious horseradish panna cotta, was an equally good start. The Coastal Pan Roast consisted of golden tilefish, shrimp, a Tampa devil crab, Carolina gold rice, baby vegetables, corn pudding and red wine sauce. Seafood pirlau, a Low Country version of bouillabaisse, contained scallops, shrimp, mussels, and an outstanding house-made seafood sausage in a mild seafood brandade served with seafood fumet on the side. Florida Sunshine — goat cheese cheesecake with pink grapefruit gelee and pools of blood orange and lemon curd, finished with tangy lime granita — was an excellent end to a top-notch meal. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Reviewed May 2014

■ **Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grill, 8001 Plaza del Lago Drive (Coconut Point), Estero; 992-7611**

The palm fronds and plantation shutters of Hemingway's Island Grill have given way to myriad TV screens and oversized images of sports figures that are the trappings of Bokamper's. The small chain started in Plantation by a longtime Miami Dolphins player has another location off Vanderbilt Beach Road in North Naples. Not surprisingly, the menu is mostly dedicated to sports-bar fare — appetizers of dips and

fried snacks along with wings, burgers and other sandwiches, flatbreads, sliders and tacos. The majority of the dishes we tried, though not particularly innovative, were nicely executed. The jalapeno crab dip, a bubbling bowl of molten cheddar, sour cream and real blue crabmeat, is a good way to start, as are Southwestern chipotle eggrolls stuffed with tender chicken, corn, black beans, spinach, bell peppers and cheese. Bokamper's burgers achieve a good balance of ingredients. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ½  
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■ **La Bazenne, 474 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 682-8623**

Whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner you fancy, La Bazenne is prepared to serve it to you with proper French style and flair. A cozy little spot on Fifth next to Osteria Tulia, it's operated by Martine and Bernard Giacometti. (His parents have run the original La Bazenne in France for 40 years.) From crepe, salads and burgers early in the day to the more complex and interesting dinner lineup, Chef Andy Hyde's fare is tres magnifique. The octopus salad is outstanding (rendered tender via sous vide preparation) and served with broccoli rabe, cherry tomatoes and lemon verbena pesto. A chevre starter with cherry tomatoes, dried cranberries, pumpkin seeds and mixed greens was also excellent. Entrees of diver scallops with English peas, scallops and pomes fondants were elegant and perfect, as was the crisp lavender duck with

Florida orange glaze, kohlrabi and pomes almond. A cheese plate and aphrodisiaque crepe provided a wondrous ending to a flawless meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Reviewed July 2014

■ **Patric's, 2091 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 596-7708**

Long-time area chef Patric Achilles and his husband, Gary Teater, are back with a breakfast and lunch joint named, not surprisingly, Patric's. The owners are as friendly and charming as ever. There are loads of breakfast and lunch items, including paleo options (proteins, veggies, fruits, roots and nuts), of which the chef is a devotee. Want gluten free? They've got that, too. Those who have no such dietary limitations might tuck into the Brie-stuffed French toast with peaches for a decadent, satisfying start to the day. The pot roast skillet was a hearty blend of home fries, pot roast, gravy, onions, eggs, cheddar cheese and a fresh biscuit. Even if you're full, take home some homemade chocolate-chocolate chip cookies for later.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
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## Randy's in Bonita is seafood lover's Paradise



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**Left: Conch fritters are served with Carolina-style barbecue sauce. Right: A grouper and chips basket contains an abundance of fish.**



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If your routine involves hitting the gym after work, you probably have noticed this: Most of the commercials airing from 5-7 p.m. are food related. There you are, sweating on the treadmill — uh, treadmill — while the attached TV screen tortures you with images of food you shouldn't be eating after trying to burn off a few hundred calories: crispy fried chicken, pizza slices draped in melted cheese, pasta bathed in cream sauce.

On the upside, that's how I heard about Randy's Paradise Shrimp in Bonita Springs. An offshoot of Randy's Fish-market Restaurant in North Naples, it sells fresh seafood wholesale and retail and late last year debuted an attached café that serves lunch Monday-Saturday.

The location in a corporate-looking plaza off Old U.S. 41 and Bernwood Parkway is a little hard to spot, and there are a lot of vacant units in the complex. But Paradise Shrimp is worth tracking down. Like its sister restaurant, it offers a wide range of seafood options but at a more affordable price point. The atmosphere is casual and whimsical. Flying fish soar overhead through puffy clouds painted on the ceiling. Blue waves curl in graphic patterns on the walls. A mounted swordfish hangs over the market's seafood case.

After ordering food at the counter and dispensing our fountain drinks, we seated ourselves at a tin-topped table. You could shop while you wait for food, too. There are shelves of gourmet pastas, jarred sauces and mixed-spice rubs. You can also take home one of Randy's famous Key lime pies. (Name-sake Randy Essig is no longer associated with this company. Earlier this year, he and a partner opened Fish Crazy in North Naples.)

First to arrive at the table: appetizers of lobster and shrimp bisque (\$3.99 cup) and conch fritters (\$5.99). The soup, a special that day, was indeed special.



**Grouper tacos are drizzled with smoky chipotle sauce.**

Lushly textured and intensely flavored with the essence of the shellfish, the creamy soup was a superb showcase for fresh seafood. The live lobsters in the market tank are flown in from Maine, and the gulf pinks come in straight off the boats. The fritters weren't quite as impressive, though we were served seven instead of the five the menu said would be included. There was a lot of batter, along with finely chopped bits of peppers and onions, but not much in the way of conch. A tangy golden Carolina-style barbecue sauce was served for

dipping.

For the main course, there are plenty of never-frozen fish to choose from, such as hogfish, swordfish, mahi-mahi, snapper and cod. You can order fish as a sandwich basket with cole slaw and choice of French fries, potato salad, tomato slices or chips; if you order a platter, the fish can be sautéed, broiled, blackened or fried with four choices of chef's signature toppings for a couple dollars more. If someone in your party isn't a seafood lover, they can get a basic burger or grilled chicken breast sandwich.

The friendly woman working at the counter had recommended Randy's House Favorite Grouper & Chips (\$12.99), and we were not disappointed. The basket contained a surprisingly generous serving of grouper considering the price. The sweet, moist fish was coated in a very light breading that tasted like cornmeal, maybe thinned out with flour. It was fried to a perfect golden crust without absorbing a lot of oil. Someone in the kitchen knows his or her way around a fryer. The "chips" were fairly ordinary French fries, but they were thickly sliced and crisply fried.

We also had grouper blackened and tucked into tacos (\$11.99) with a side of fries. Again, the fish was moist and tender, well seasoned but not overwhelmed by fiery spices. The two flour tortillas were filled out with shredded cabbage, sliced avocado, diced tomato and shredded cheddar and drizzled with chipotle sauce. Cole slaw on the side was fine but nothing noteworthy.

Another recommendation was the fried gulf oyster sandwich (\$9.99). With eight plump, lightly breaded oysters, this was a bargain. The bun was not substantial enough to hold up to this bounty of fried deliciousness, but that's quibbling. I simply plucked out a few and popped them in my mouth. A cup of tartar sauce was provided, but the oysters deserved a remoulade or some other kind of amped-up flourish as a finishing touch. Hot sauce had to suffice. On the side, I chose the potato salad, which was oh-so-creamy with mayo.

With an abundance of seafood and potatoes in our bellies, we didn't really need dessert. But we ordered the miniature Key lime tart (\$1.99) anyway. The filling had a muted tanginess, not the sharp acidity we usually associate with Florida's signature dessert. It's been a long time since I've tasted Randy's pie. Maybe it's always been this way, or perhaps they've changed the recipe for broader appeal.

As I said, we didn't need dessert anyway. There are plenty of other reasons — fresh seafood, skilled cooking, friendly service — to experience this Paradise. ■

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DESIGNER Q & A

# LAVERNE GEHMAN

... is a fresh new design mind in town

By **KELLY MERRITT**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

While Laverne S. Gehman is new to Southwest Florida, he is a veteran of the design world. After his first visit to Naples just more than a year ago to work on a design project for a longtime client who purchased a home in Fiddler's Creek, he and his wife both fell in love with the area and made plans to live here.

Having been in the interior design and home furnishings industry for three decades — including operating a 30,000-square-foot showroom — Mr. Gehman has had access to the finest décor and home products anywhere. But this personable designer says he derives the biggest rewards from the relationships he establishes with his clients. Mr. Gehman enjoys listening to clients, and says learning where they are in life and what they want their home to reflect allows him to design a space that fits. For him, the design process is a team effort. Mr. Gehman loves nothing more than hearing his clients say that their home is everything they envisioned and “watching them light up with a huge smile” when they see the final project.

Mr. Gehman will be working out of



Laverne Gehman

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the Norris Home Furnishings showroom in Naples. We caught up with him to ask about his favorite designs, most

memorable challenges and best advice.

**Q: What's your favorite home design trend right now?**

A: While I prefer to create spaces that are timeless and not limited to any current trend, I like to use a variety of shapes and styles in a room, mixing old and new interior-design ideas. Comfort should be the driving force in any design, plus incorporating a mixture of textures and colors in building a room and an entire home will make for the most inviting spaces. With many of the large window areas in many homes today, I like also to consider the exterior setting when planning the interior spaces.

**Q: What trends are you glad have gone by the wayside?**

A: I believe the trend of having every element in a home or room be matched has sailed. While continuity of color and basic flair of a design are important, having everything match is at best predictable and at worst boring. A number of years ago, there was a significant move away from wallpapered space to faux finishes, which I see us moving away from in lieu of well-chosen plain wall colors. When it comes to walls, I feel the overuse of accent walls is for the



Mr. Gehman had to hire a crane to install furnishings in this condo.



most part a passing trend. Large, patterned sofas are a thing of the past, too. And when it comes to windows, heavy treatments have gone by the wayside

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in favor of simple shading for function, while simple valences and side panels bring softness and color to a room.

**Q: What architecture/design-build books or magazines do you recommend?**

A: "Beauty at Home" by Aerin Lauder is a fun-to-read coffee table book with generous amounts of photography. "Inspired Styles" features current leading designers, again with copious amounts of photography.

**Q: If you could have another designer — celebrity or local — design your house, who would that be?**

A: Two designers who I have had the pleasure to meet on numerous occasions are Michael Weiss and Raymond Waites. It would be a fun experience to work with either one of these entirely different designers, who have a vastly different approach to design. Michael Weiss is a second-generation interior designer who got his start at a very young age collaborating with his mother, Lillian August, an accomplished artist and designer. He works in simple, new-modern styles, while Raymond has a flair for the elegant and vintage styles.

**Q: What type of decor would you most like to have in your home?**

A: I already have it. While eclectic is a somewhat overused term, that is the prevailing look in my own home. My wife and I have included many classic pieces that we had in our home



for many years while adding simple, contemporary pieces to create a livable space. We always include many spaces for our collection of books, and florals and accessories to complement comfortable seating in every room, which is a must.

**Q: What was the most difficult project or home you've ever done, and why?**

A: In my memory, it would probably be a penthouse condo project outside

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, overlooking the Susquehanna River. It was a fun space to design using custom-built Italian cabinetry and hand-painted finishes throughout, but the project was wrought with many challenges. One regarded a 22-foot wall on which I specified a 12-foot long, 3-inch thick stone top console table that weighed over 1,000 pounds. I had to engage a crane service to lift the table as well as several other pieces up to the outside deck and then finally into the condo. We should have

made the six o'clock news.

**Q: Please share any advice you have for a homeowner embarking on new-home construction.**

A: Know and trust your interior designer. Find a qualified designer with whom you feel comfortable working together on your project and communicate with each other. Your designer must be a person with whom you can establish mutual trust and confidence who should take time to learn your lifestyle and daily living patterns. Within reason, any interior-design project can be adjusted to what you are able or willing to spend. Always know what you are paying for ahead of time. If you have a realistic budget, don't be afraid to share that with your designer of choice up front. ■

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# Make your guests feel at home

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Homeowners learned how to make every guest's stay a memorable one when Miromar Design Center in Estero hosted a recent "Luxury in Florida: The Pampered Guest" seminar at Ralph Lauren Home.

The focus was on using linens, lighting and accessories to create havens for houseguests. It was hosted by interior designers Ruth Condit and Dean Farris. Mrs. Condit of Ruth Condit Interiors, who holds a certificate in interior design from the New York School of Interiors Design, serves as a guest designer at M-P Interiors at Miromar Design Center. Mr. Farris, the LUXE featured designer in August 2014, is a designer at MP Interiors, which sponsored this event.

Attendees learned how to use furnishings and accents to make over a spare room into a guest respite. As part of their presentation, the designers referenced legendary designers Bunny Williams and Carleton Varney. Mr. Farris and Mrs. Condit fielded several questions, mostly about the centerpiece of any guestroom — the bed.

"People wanted to know how to keep comforters from sliding around duvet covers, where to go for demonstrations on how to layer and fold the various bed layers (answer: YouTube)," Mrs. Condit says. "They also asked about how many pillows were too many pillows, and we said no limit, and there were a couple of questions on what colors are good for



Ruth Condit and Dean Farris

guest rooms, such as bright or soothing."

They also covered what not to do. Mrs. Condit cautions against putting old, unwanted furniture in the guest

room, especially if it doesn't fit. Rather, buy new furnishings, reupholster or paint.

"Do not use the closet for storage," Mr. Farris adds. "Keep it empty with nice, upscale hangers and a folding luggage rack."

How small is too small for a guest room? According to Mrs. Condit and Mr. Farris, there's no such thing as too small.

"The famed Sister Parish changed her spare New York City closet into a guest room for one of her grandchildren," he says.

Be careful of what you put in such a small space, though. Both Mr. Farris and Mrs. Condit say a folding bed should be a solution of last resort, calling it "not the ideal for creating a luxurious retreat."

Outfitting a guest room and being a great host are about more than just good furnishings, as Mrs. Condit pointed out. She shared how to use monograms with seminar attendees and how they can look really fresh when they are over scale, unusually colored or unusually shaped.

"A few other favorite things to put in any guest room include a good, small, flat-screen TV, the latest magazines reflecting the guests' interests and local, recent guides on where to go, what to do," she says.

Mr. Farris agrees about the TV, but adds he would include fresh flowers and books.

Ideally revamping a guest room would include hiring a designer to ensure a

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beautiful outcome, but Mr. Farris has good advice for homeowners who don't have the budget to hire a designer, especially when structural work is necessary.

"For the DIY decorator, get the best, most trustworthy contractor and select the best, most reputable painter and buy the best quality upholstery," he says. "And in the case of furnishings, buy from reputable sources and see them in person before making the purchase."

DIY renovators can find bargains at Miromar's clearance showroom, especially for end-of-season furnishings. Items can be as much as 50 percent off retail prices. The design center has 45 home-furnishing stores featuring furniture, fabrics, flooring, lighting, kitchen and bath products, art, accessories and wall coverings. Brands include Ligne Roset, Henredon, Poliform, Ralph Lauren Home and Ralph Lauren Home Lighting & Accessories, Poggenpohl, Francesco Molon and others.

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Left: A bedroom design by Mr. Farris and Mrs. Condit gets top marks. Top right: Susan Sully's guest bedroom is delicately charming. Bottom right: A romantic scene by Barbara Westbrook is featured on a distressed trunk.

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— Mike Diamond of Diamond Custom Homes



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Top: The outdoor space is streamlined and focused, like the interior.

Bottom: Clive Daniel Home designers Rebekah Rerrett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen

# Model of teamwork

*Clive Daniel Home, Diamond Custom Homes pair up for Quail West project*

By **KELLY MERRITT**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Excellence begets excellence, so it wasn’t a surprise that the first project pairing Clive Daniel Home and Diamond Custom Homes produced a model home that begs to be lived in.

The model, perched on Williston Way in Quail West, is a stretch from typical Naples models. The home has cathedral ceilings, streamlined accents, little nooks and surprises around every corner. Designed by Clive Daniel Home designers Rebekah Rerrett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen, the home is a comfortable environment that also manages to be rich, clean and user-friendly. The model will be open to the

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public until it sells.

“Whoever winds up living in this home will love the way it feels to them when they walk in,” Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky says.

Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky put a presentation together for Diamond Custom Homes, which moved forward with making the project house a model.

“We did quite an extensive presentation of all of our ideas, and the overall look and feel, after many meetings about how style and execution of the design was going to be,” Mr. Hansen says.

Developing the schematics of the interior design for any home pre-construction is a highly involved process. From selections of backgrounds, hard surfaces, ceiling and tile details to paint colors and furniture, the interior-design package is critical to the success of the final product.

“When we design something, we see it done before the house is even done, and that includes looking at wall covers and paint materials,” Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky says. “In our heads, we see it done; it is just conveying it and seeing it executed.”

Both Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky say they can walk through any house and visualize what the colors should be, what the residence feels like.

“When we present it to the builders, everything is all drawn in and scaled, and the things we are selecting will fit ... although we have done houses without any sets of plans at all,” Mr. Hansen says.

It all begins with a set of blueprints and a builder with vision.

“The builder, Mike Diamond with Diamond Custom Homes, was willing to step outside the normal box, especially for the neighborhood,” Mr. Hansen says. “We had been working on trying to develop a relationship and project



A gathering nook upstairs makes this model perfect for easing into the day.

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together.”

Mr. Diamond is a custom-home builder in Naples who prefers one-on-one relationships with homeowners instead of mass-producing cookie-cutter houses. Diamond Custom Homes focuses on 15 to 20 homes a year, mostly in the \$2 million-plus range.

“We work directly with clients to construct their homes, but in this case, for the model, we hired Clive Daniel Homes, and Rebekah and Charlie worked with us on the interior,” says Diamond, who worked with John Cooney of Stofft



Two wood piles balance the outdoor hearth.



Masculine tones make for a striking entry into this bedroom.



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A vast open space between the kitchen, living and dining rooms allows for plenty of breathing room.

Cooney Architects on the architecture. “Everything we build, we build from scratch, and displaying your work is the best way to show people what you can do.”

As a space plan developed for furniture, door hardware, trim, flooring and ceiling, the house began to take shape. Mr. Hansen and Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky agree that, stylistically, the project was adventurous.

“We don’t build the same house twice, so each is a special place to call home, and this became a contemporary architectural design that also has warmth,” Mr. Diamond says. “Although it’s contemporary, the warmth softened the edge of the design.”

### The light touches

The house is awash with light from elongated glass doors throughout the living area. Floor-to-ceiling drapery provides privacy at night. Elegant lighting makes the large, open space feel more personal.

The outdoor space — with its neutral colors, natural accents and vast pool — is an upscale-yet-casual place to gather. While the marriage of open air between the kitchen, dining and living room allows room to breathe, each segment has its own design personality. The combination of wide chairs, ottomans and couch in the seating area is formal enough to entertain, but feels comfortable.

“There are straight lines and dark cabinetry, which is a little bit of different thinking than what’s typical in Naples, and it is an interesting environment,” Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky says.

The designing duo attended events and parties in the model, but point out an ironic fact about people and models: typically, visitors don’t lounge around in model homes. They walk through them cautiously like in a museum, often to the detriment of learning the personality of the home.

“We spent a lot of time there and saw people sitting down at the dining-room table, sitting outside in the chairs, and it was fun to see people use the space as opposed to how it usually is when you go into a model,” Mr. Hansen says. “That



Cathedral ceilings help the home feel larger.

was a testament to the execution of the plan.”

Customization contributes to the home’s uniqueness. A lot of the artwork was custom created for the space. Clive Daniel Home works with an art distributor to create anything a customer wants — a key selling point when everyone wants things no one else has.

“We’re not trying to shop to accommodate the space and delineate what already goes with the color palate,” Mr. Hansen says.

The type of custom design he references is reflected most prominently in the study, which Mr. Diamond says is his favorite room in the house.

“The days of a study with a big, old, mahogany desk are in the past now that we have portability and can do work anywhere,” he says. “And people don’t always want to watch television in the great room.”

Mr. Hansen says the custom pieces really make people pay attention to detail. Case in point: the artwork and sofa in the vast study. The sofa has been dubbed “the couch from heaven” for good reason. The massive couch allows everyone to have a seat. The designers wanted to make it more of a cool place where the homeowners could relax, and all of the pieces are custom-made to fit the space.

“This is more of a relaxed, Florida-feeling house versus super formal with a big expanse, and that’s why we did the study as a family seating area where everyone can gather,” Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky says.

For the kitchen, the designers designed a big, white kitchen counter and little conversation area in the corner with occasional chairs, which contrast with the tall windows and bench seat. The sitting area is made-to-order for the Florida lifestyle, because so many homeowners do not use their formal areas. As the homeowner comes in from the garage, the first thing he or she will see is the wine room encased in glass, which lends another layer of pizzazz to the space. Next to the wine room is a small working area, also designed to match

the kitchen. The main hallway is flanked with oversized artwork with a framed, glass doorway.

### No downside upstairs

In so many homes, design style drops off upstairs. Not so with Diamond’s Williston Way model. Seating areas at the end of each bed and VIP suites for guests with bathrooms that are as sexy as those in the main house make the upstairs as user-friendly and luxurious as the downstairs.

“We have the depth in these bedrooms, and often times you don’t have enough depth to put chairs at the end of the bed,” Mr. Hansen says. “Typically, you might have a bench or window seat, but in this case, we were able to do more.”

The guest rooms also have their own bathrooms and king beds, and are designed with distinctive feminine and masculine looks.

“One of the rooms has some sizzle, with a sexy look and balcony that looks over the golf course in the back,” Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky says.

Even the powder room is decked out, like the walls were carved from something rather than built. Everything is very linear, which enlarges the perspective of the space.

“For people to see, feel and touch it — build a home like this,” Mr. Hansen says. “It’s a great tool for a builder to have.”

One of the biggest selling points of the upstairs is a small loft lounge, which the designers say makes a big statement as soon as you get off the stairs. The lounge has its own television, mini wet bar and water and refrigerator access. It has seating for four, plus a large ottoman.

“You can have your coffee up there in the morning,” Mrs. Rerrett-Pikosky says.

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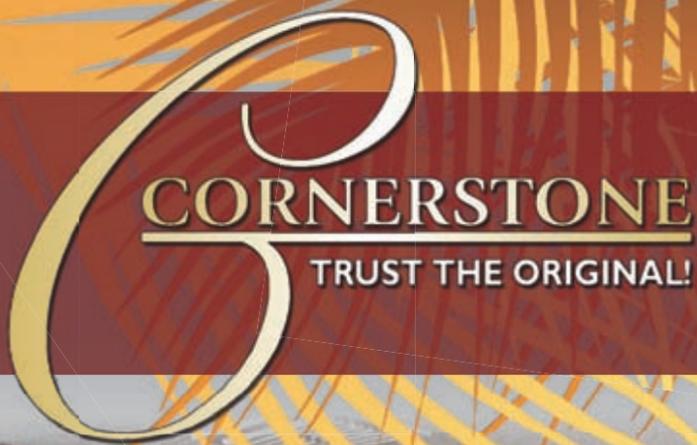
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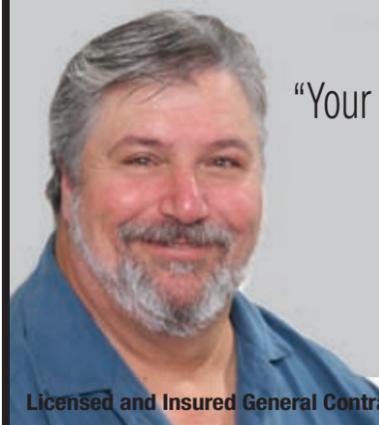
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— Tom Williams, Williams Magical Garden and Landscape



Color abounds in pottery, flowers and green gardens at Williams Magical Garden Center and Landscape on Pine Ridge Road.

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# Where dreams go to grow

Williams Magical Garden Center and Landscape celebrates 50 years of making Naples more beautiful

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

The folks at Williams Magical Garden Center and Landscape embrace the philosophy that just adding a single potted plant can transform the appearance of a home. Add a few statues, some masonry, more greenery and a stunning fountain, and your entire property becomes your very own Zen respite.

Owners Tom and Mary Williams have spent decades helping people realize their green dreams of everything from landscape design to construction, from tiny paver projects to extravagant water features. The company also performs maintenance, tree work, pool and lanai design and provides irrigation solutions, among other services. But it’s the sharing of personalized green thumbs — theirs and those of the Williamses’ staff — that makes people return to the familiar building on Pine Ridge Road.

“We have always had a garden center in conjunction with our landscaping and tree maintenance, and since we are 50 years old — it’s 50 years old this year — we actually do all phases of landscaping,” Mr. Williams says. “The days when we started 50 years ago, there were no other landscapers at the time, and we’d build the patios and put in swimming pools and driveways and graded and put in fill dirt — whatever the homeowner needs, so we are always dealing with

the ultimate consumer.”

Today, the Williams family still loves working with homeowners who come to the nursery for inspiration and the hundreds of plants and garden accents for sale. Mary Williams helps create landscape designs from the simplest container garden to grand gardens replete with winding paths, trellis masterpieces and water features.

“We love to use customer ideas and build upon what they want, and we can construct the landscape on existing properties and new properties,” says Mr. Williams, who has pushed the business toward renovations rather than initial installations. “We want to work with the homeowners no matter how small or large the project.”

Customers who come to Williams Magical find a secret garden of sorts full of treasures that encourage creativity. There’s a flowering plant, charming garden accent or stunning statue in every nook and cranny. Everything one could want or need for a landscape plan is available here, including acres of plants. Despite the plethora of garden resources, including staffers who simply love helping a person cul-



The Williams team loves to help dream gardens come true.

town. Fountains are located throughout the property, but the larger fountains are positioned outside the garden center closest to the road.

“Early in the morning, there are eight of our trucks in the driveway, but by 8:30 or so, they are gone with our staff for maintenance and installing landscapes,” Mr. Williams says. “We can get that type of service done for you or teach you how to do it yourself.”

One of the most alluring aspects of Williams Magical Garden Center and Landscape is the layout. The plants are not stacked on shelves, but arranged in such a way that the customer is free to get ideas and envision what they might be able to achieve in their own green space. The business is designed in a serpentine fashion, which beckons wandering and pondering. Staffers are always nearby to answer questions.

“We make coming here as much of an experience every chance we get,” says Mr. Williams, whose mother was a gardener.

Several staff members have been with Williams for decades, too. One just celebrated 23 years, another

tivate a green thumb, many Naples residents falsely assume the business is strictly about fountains. That’s because the company has some of the most beautiful water features in



25 years, another 16 years. Together, the Williams family and their team are a book of knowledge. Mr. and Mrs. Williams also have customers who come in to purchase statues to honor beloved pets and pottery from throughout the world. The business also sells trees, cacti and flowering plants of all sizes, hedges, shrubs and succulents. Customers can sign up for the Williams Magical Garden Center and Landscape Garden Club online.

As the Southwest Florida heat

looms before the rainy season commences, the staff gets busy helping customers who are seeking drought-tolerant plants.

"We can easily direct someone on how to make a butterfly garden or a fairy garden, or simply learn to care for potted plants," Mrs. Williams says. "On the bigger scale of it, we can go out to the home, take pictures and design a plan around that, including a personal sketch, and that covers a wide range of budgets."

Some of the more common gardens

customers ask about are container, Japanese, contemporary and butterfly gardens. But Mrs. Williams says people begin with a single potted plant and grow slowly.

"Being around plants is very therapeutic, along with water features, with the sound of the water and the birds that come for the bird baths and fountains," she says. "Bring in pictures right off your cell phone. It doesn't have to be a whole yard, it could be just an entryway." ■

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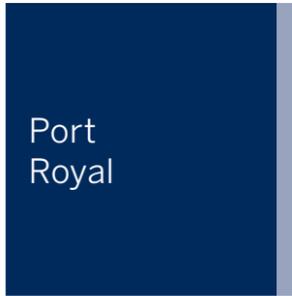
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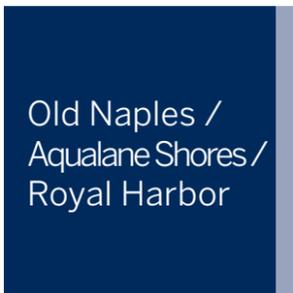
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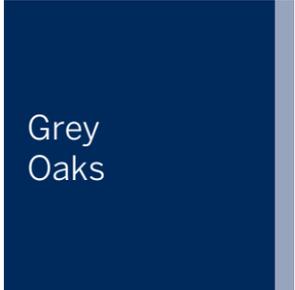
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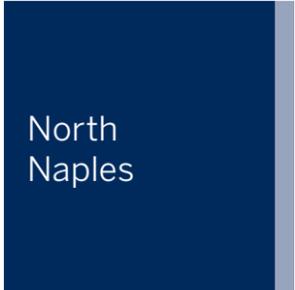
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**Great Upgraded Condo in Reflection Lakes!**  
Beautifully upgraded ground floor condo in Reflection Lakes that is ready for immediate occupancy.  
**\$199,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM024909.

CAPE CORAL



**The Exclusive Somerville Subdivision of Sandoval**  
This home has only been used as a second home for 8 weeks of the year. This home boasts 2 bedrooms 2 baths.  
**\$199,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS070849.

CAPE CORAL



**3/2/2 With Many Upgrades**  
Mrs. Clean lives here. 2nd floor water front delight in well sought after Concordia lakes Impact resistant windows.  
**\$192,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS022420.

NORTH PORT



**Pristine North Port Estates Pool Home close to I-75**  
3/2/2 with beautiful landscaping, great room, cathedral ceilings, hurricane shutters. Scenic & peaceful!  
**\$184,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS017957.

OPEN SUN  
1-4PM

CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous Home with New Pool!**  
Beautiful, fenced in home on corner lot surrounded by gorgeous waterfront homes. Clean and bright. Assessments paid.  
**\$184,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC015970.

PORT CHARLOTTE



**3 Bed Sailboat Water Home No Bridges or Locks!**  
3/2/1 home on city water/sewer with quick access to Charlotte Harbor. Private canal view.  
**\$182,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH210785.

FORT MYERS



**Rare Kelly Greens 3rd Floor End Unit/Lake View**  
Come see this oversized condo on the top floor with a magnificent view of lake and golf course.  
**\$182,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM026157.

CAPE CORAL



**Great Neighborhood - Not in the Flood Zone!!!**  
Come swim in your solar heated pool with new pool pump or sit and relax on your oversized lanai. Cute as a button.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS020724.

ESTERO



**Rare 2nd Floor 2+Den, 2 Full Bath**  
Rare 2nd floor 2+den, 2 full bath, 1,196 SqFt, end unit condo in Bella Terra, Estero. Unit features upgraded tiles.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS057015.

LEHIGH ACRES



**3/2/2 w/Den, Pool in N. Lehigh**  
Meticulously maintained 3B 2B home w/den, 2 car garage & screened in pool. Large back yard is completely privacy fenced.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE024177.

CAPE CORAL



**2005 Great room Home**  
1400 Square Feet, Spacious Master suite opens to screened lanai, Quick access to Pine Island Road.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC059796.

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# FEATURED LISTINGS!



## VENICE



**Minutes to Venice Beach & Golf Course**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, split plan home with large living room & dining room. Spacious lanai.  
**\$179,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH209790.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**OPEN SUN  
1-4PM**

**Turnkey Furnished - Oversized Pool Home**  
3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. New septic, appliances and roof. Comes with Home Warranty.  
**\$178,800**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH210675.

## PUNTA GORDA



**Kings Gate 55+ Community**  
2 Bed 2 Bath with den on oversized corner lot with lush landscaping & upgraded lanai.  
**\$175,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH208202.

## CAPE CORAL



**NW Cape. Wonderful 3/2 on Freshwater Canal**  
Northwest Cape Coral. Wonderful 3 bedroom 2 bath on freshwater canal.  
**\$169,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC026715.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**2 Story Home in Lehigh Acres**  
Beautiful large 2 story home. Large downstairs w/formal living, dining & fam. rm. Also 1/2 bath on 1st fl. large bed & baths.  
**\$169,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE056599.

## FORT MYERS



**Wyldeewood Lakes! Best Lakefront View**  
In community! Desirable western exposure! 2 bedroom /2 bath/2 car garage villa.  
**\$169,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM014796.

## CAPE CORAL



**Beautiful 3/2/2 in Popular Burnt Store Area**  
3/2/2 with formal dining & living rooms w/open family room & kitchen. Enjoy breathtaking sunsets from your lanai.  
**\$168,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC018979.

## FORT MYERS



**Conveniently Located - The Forum**  
Walk to the clubhouse from your townhome & enjoy the pool, fitness center, playground and tennis.  
**\$168,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM004638.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Gorgeous Community Pool**  
Excellent community area, 2/2/2 In Port Charlotte the Heritage Oak Park.  
**\$166,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH053782.

## CAPE CORAL



**Wonderful SE Cape Coral Home**  
Updated kitchen with granite and stainless appliances that opens to the living room. Entire home has tile flooring.  
**\$164,995**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC026793.

## CAPE CORAL



**By Land or Water, Beautiful Gulf Access Condo**  
2/2 condo in Cape Coral. Boat dock, community pool, granite countertops, crown molding, wood floors and more! Charming!  
**\$156,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS019739.

## FORT MYERS



**Expansive-Affordable-Whiskey Creek Villa**  
Desirable Section 2 WC Village Green with low low LOW \$270/mo condo fees!! Discover real VALUE here.  
**\$155,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM013897.

## CAPE CORAL



**3/2/2 SW Cape Pool Home**  
Great SW Cape Location! What a charming 3/2/2 car garage pool home. Perfect for entertaining, with a large 3 lot site.  
**\$154,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC015044.

## MOORE HAVEN



**5 Plex Located Downtown Moore Haven**  
The unit is a 5 Plex w/each unit having 1B & overall unit being approx. 616 sq ft under air. Each unit has a porch.  
**\$149,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE022066.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Professionally Remodeled Better than New!**  
Exceptionally decorated and updated 2 bed 2 bath w den, turnkey, ready to move in!  
**\$149,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH208258.

## FORT MYERS



**Investment Duplex in Fort Myers Shores**  
Great investment, units rented. Each is 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 car att. gar. Good location close to shopping.  
**\$145,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM005570.

## CAPE CORAL



**Furnished 1st Floor Unit in Van Loon Commons**  
Furnished, large and spacious 1st floor unit in Van Loon Commons. Large living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen.  
**\$139,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC011111.

## ESTERO



**Breckenridge Golf & Country Club**  
Breckenridge Golf & Country Club 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom second floor unit turnkey  
**\$132,400**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA068607.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Single Owner Home in Lehigh**  
Well maintained home with large screened porch in Lehigh Acres.  
**\$129,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE026308.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Great Home in Lehigh**  
Nice 3B 2B home located in Lehigh. Large great room open to the kitchen w/sliders leading to the backyard, tile floors.  
**\$129,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE014140.

## FORT MYERS



**Triplex Fully Rented**  
Triplex fully rented. Concrete block with stucco siding and tiled roof. Separate meters for each unit.  
**\$119,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS057962.

## FORT MYERS



**2 Bed/2.5 Bath Townhouse Convenient Location**  
Well kept community of Cypress Landings is close to shopping.  
**\$118,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM026539.

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### CAPE CORAL



**Check Out This Beautiful 1 Bed, 1 Bath with Loft**  
Located in the quiet neighborhood of Concordia. This unit features granite counter-tops in the kitchen and bathroom.  
**\$117,700**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC066117.

### CAPE CORAL



**Exceptional Remodeled Gulf Access Condo**  
Beautiful kitchen with white raised panel cabinets and granite countertops, and expansive tray ceiling. Formal dining.  
**\$114,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC059249.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Fabulous 3 Bed/2 Bath Starter Home!**  
WOW! What a fantastic deal for a fantastic price!! You must see to appreciate this 3 bedroom 2 bathroom starter home.  
**\$108,995**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE026305.

### CAPE CORAL



**Country Club Beauty on 3 Lot Site**  
Beautiful starter home in Country Club neighborhood. 3/2, Oversized 1 car garage, 3 lot site.  
**\$104,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC325358.

### BOKEELIA



**Captain Cove Efficiency Condo**  
This unit comes fully loaded and move in ready, 1 assigned parking, community pool, tennis, private boat ramp.  
**\$95,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI013577.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Seller Financing Available A Must See!**  
Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage with lanai. Walking distance to US41 but located in a quiet neighborhood.  
**\$75,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH209700.

### NORTH FORT MYERS



**2 Bed/2 Bath Manufactured Home**  
Furnished Well maintained 2/2 in Serene Lake Arrowhead where you own the land. Open concept w/large living room.  
**\$69,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC025378.

### MOORE HAVEN



**Cute Home In The Country- Florida Room**  
3 b 2 b w/carport and extra buildings. Front & back wood built porches & handicap ramp on front porch. Lots of pretty trees.  
**\$39,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE061262.

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### FORT MYERS



**Attention To Detail in Palmetto Point**  
Striking Mediterranean design combines with classic southern charm in this gorgeous Gulf access salt water pool home.  
**\$2,100,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC013951.

### NORTH FORT MYERS



**Key West Style Riverfront Estate**  
Custom built home. Boasts crown molding, wood trim, wainscoting plantation shutters and more. 2nd floor master.  
**\$1,699,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC058253.

### CAPE CORAL



**Riverfront**  
Boat lift & dock ~heated pool~spa~2 story~ 3 bed/3 bath~2 car garage!  
**\$1,185,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM068880.

### NAPLES



**Beautiful Estate Home-Lely's Classics Estates**  
Amazing 4/4. French door entry, spacious courtyard, salt water pool/spa, walk in closets, gourmet kitchen. A must see!  
**\$999,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA015905.

OPEN SUN 1-4PM

### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Access Home on Preserve + 80x125 Building Lot..**  
Enjoy paradise in this amazing home! It has 155 feet on the water and includes the building site next door.  
**\$990,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC006815.

### CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous 5600 sqft 4 Bed/5 Bath Gulf Access Canal**  
Versatile floor plan, 1/1 guest house w/living room, pool, 40' dock, breathtaking views. This property is a must see!  
**\$875,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC019377.

### CAPE CORAL



**Gulf Access 5 Bedroom 4 Bath Home**  
Plantation shutters throughout, wood & tile gourmet island granite kitchen w/SS appliances.  
**\$675,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC400353.

### CAPE CORAL



**Exquisite Estate Home in Cape Coral**  
Western exposure with incredible sunset views all nestled in lush tropical landscaping that surrounds this Estate home.  
**\$634,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS001204.

### BOKEELIA



**Pine Island Dream Home**  
Five acre French country like estate in Bokeelia. 4 bedroom, 4 bath, fireplace, guest house, gorgeous kitchen, pool.  
**\$610,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI006581.

OPEN SUN 1-4PM

### ST. JAMES CITY



**Private Waterfront Paradise**  
3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath double lot, vaulted ceilings, 275' water frontage on intersecting canals with direct gulf access.  
**\$584,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI003573.

### FORT MYERS



**Live on the Golf Course...**  
Spectacular views of the golf course and sunsets! Large island kitchen with wood cabinets, granite counter tops & more.  
**\$559,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023340.

### BONITA SPRINGS



**Bonita Lakes Home. Enjoy the Relaxed Atmosphere**  
Pristine 3/2, 18 month old home in Bonita Lakes natural gas community with extensive options. A must see!  
**\$548,995**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS019246.

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