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Last week President Barack Obama visited the National Hurricane Center in Miami for his yearly briefing on hurricane season.

Protecting your home from hurricanes can mean great savings in the long run

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting a slower than average storm season, with at most 11 official storms, six of them hurricanes, only two of them really big ones. Only two monster hurricanes! But as NOAA is quick to point out, it only takes one Andrew (in 1992, another slow year) or Katrina or Charley to destroy what for many is their most valuable asset.

There are a number of ways to harden your home to the crushing effects of a storm, but for some specific ones, the state requires insurance companies to give you

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Nonprofit profile: Neighborhood Health Clinic

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Health care for low-income workers has long been a hot topic in the U.S., but Neighborhood Health Clinic has been providing it to uninsured working people in Collier County for more than 15 years.

"We started it because we saw a missing link in the delivery of care to low-income

workers," says Nancy Lascheid, a nurse who co-founded the clinic in 1999 with her husband, the late Dr. Bill Lascheid.

One of the problems the clinic aimed to address, she adds, is that the health department in Collier County only provided care to children, pregnant women and people with infectious diseases such as AIDS or



tuberculosis. A huge portion of the local population was left empty-handed when they need health care, particularly young men working low-wage jobs.

"When we first started the

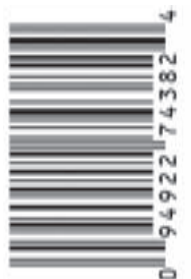
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COMMENTARY

Public school stew



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As the year winds down this week in 4,200 Florida public schools where the halls and classrooms fill each day with a roiling stew of hope, curiosity, anxiety, excitement, self doubt, narcissism, ambition, passion, stupefaction, sexual desire, delirium, somnambulant distraction, joyous focus, generosity, jealousy, boldness, shyness, and finally the nearly universal longing of children to become perfect by changing the shapes of their body parts, adding things to them, wearing different clothes or eradicating their pimples, I have a few concerns.

I don't plan to talk about those concerns, though. Why bother?

Instead, I want to provide a prescription for education in public schools — for stirring that stew pot you and I pay for — certain to catapult the Sunshine State's 2.5 million public school students into the stratosphere of achievement and success (whatever that is).

First, teachers. Republicans and Democrats alike should always vote to pay teachers more.

You should vote, no matter what, to hire more teachers, to provide smaller class sizes, and to require more opportunities for students in the arts, in travel and field experience, and in tools and resources. "Just say, 'Yes,'" should be the model for

every caring citizen in every voting booth in the land, when it comes to the stew-pot of public education. If that sounds foolish, it isn't.

This approach calls for a little trust, of course, but also for a healthy dose of realism. Most of us are not designing an education program or administering the way money is spent in providing education. We aren't standing in the command tent plotting the battle on a big-board map, or on the hardened super-computer.

If you want to do that, quit being a private or a lieutenant and run for the school board. Barring your entrance into politics, which is the easy way, you can enlist in the system as a teacher, then work your way up through the ranks to become a senior administrator.

Or, you can read everything you can find and then organize a public interest group that weighs in with letters, meeting attendance and participation on school policy.

But either or any way, you on the right or the left of our political spectrum should accept this single, undeniable reality: School districts and states that spend more money across the board buy a much better education for their children, and they produce more accomplished students. That's not an opinion, it's a demonstrable fact.

As a voter who cares, therefore, don't try to parse coins. Just vote for more, because when you do, you're voting for young people and their futures. Don't bail out on them by getting miserly.

Second, students. There's a lot of talk about what they should learn these days and how they should be tested on what

they learn. Behind that talk, there's always a muted background whisper floating in like a nightmare voice from the center of a dark room: You're losing the race. You're falling behind...

Behind the Chinese. Behind the Russians. Behind the Europeans. Behind aliens who might arrive from a distant star system — not that the Russians, the Chinese or the Europeans aren't aliens from a distant star system. Clearly, they are. After all, they don't talk like us, do they? (Always vote for a required second-language budget.) Unfortunately for our egos, science shows that we are also from a distant star system. (Always vote for more money for science education. Every one of us is made entirely of matter that originated somewhere else deep in the universe, as it turns out.)

One of the features of our current educational system is called high-stakes testing, based on "common core" values. Students who don't pass the tests, given on computers that sometimes work, can be held back or not graduate. Teachers whose students don't do as well — whether or not those kids had no breakfast, their parents punched it out while stoned or drunk the night before, they were born with lower IQs or they were beaten up by their felonious older brothers — can be fired.

Let me make this simple. High-stakes testing is a digital business model designed in Florida by former Gov. Jeb Bush to make money for giant corporations that befriended both Republican and Democratic politicians here (Jeb Bush, and later governors Charlie Crist and Rick Scott). Companies created the tests, then sold

them and continue to sell them for hundreds of millions of dollars each to many states, including Florida.

Significant evidence suggests these tests aren't doing the job — nor are they fair. And they're based on the notion that we were falling behind en masse, and have to catch up digitally, by striving to learn a "common core" of information and knowledge.

Let me leave that debate, however, by suggesting again that we trust teachers more to judge what their students need to know, and by citing just two essential elements that should be required of every one of our students, in every one of our 4,200 schools, at the beginning and even throughout every single year:

One, they should get muddy. For two or three days at least twice a year, every student should be required to wade through wetlands, to slop along beaches and bays, to struggle through mangrove swamps and cypress heads, and to get bitten by mosquitos.

And two, every student should have to spend at least four days each year — two at the beginning and two more near the end — with an old fogey. Certainly no one under 70, and preferably only with those over 80. But over 50 or 60 could be accepted in a pinch.

That means you have to volunteer — all of you 50 or older. It's you, people. You Democrats and Republicans, you grandmas and grandpas and parents. You have to go help in a public school.

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OPINION

Boiled in oil



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The seaside town of Santa Barbara is in the news lately, but not in a good way. The pristine beaches of this California town are awash in more than a 100,000 gallons of crude oil, the result of a pipeline break that should have been preventable but wasn't.

The company responsible apologized, and ironically is employing the same firm to clean up the mess that undertook a similar task following the Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005.

Here at home, the consequences of the Gulf spill are still with us, although BP Oil would like us to think otherwise, and if we think the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history has reduced the inevitability of oil spills, Santa Barbara proves us wrong.

The systems of prevention are so riddled by Murphy's Law (anything bad that can happen, will happen) that entrepreneurs are making a profit out of everyone else's bad news, and the clean-up sector for drilling when drilling goes bad is prospering — not a good sign.

The failed plan to protect Santa Barbara's coastal environment is symptomatic. It is another example of failures occurring periodically wherever the oil industry has inserted itself into the geographic picture.

Coastal communities and businesses understand the risks associated with drilling and pumping oil in near proximity.

An oil-soaked beach is their nightmare. The Deepwater Horizon was pumping oil 40 miles off the coast of Louisiana.

When it exploded, the chickens came home to roost faster than you can say, "Workers will be fired for raising safety concerns."

The coastal economies of hundreds of communities consist of thousands of jobs fueled by the multi-billion-dollar tourism and fishing industries. These sectors generate millions more in tax revenue. Coastal communities like the way they butter their bread now and are resistant to the shotgun wedding the oil industry and its supporters never tire of proposing in Congress or our state capitals.

New plans are in the air to open yet further the door to drilling for oil and gas off our coastlines.

When things go bad, and the unthinkable that Big Oil denies will happen does happen, we push the reset button to slowly open the door to more drilling. But it is only temporary. Coastal communities face hurricane force winds in favor of opening up more territory for exploration, despite the risks. They also shoulder the burden of enormous liabilities that are the potential downside of the deal. When a disaster happens, the question always come up: What is the true cost of drilling and are the risks worth it?

The "before" and "after" of the spill in Santa Barbara are instructive. Oil transformed the beautiful beaches from a Memo-

rial Day haven for bathers and seaside campers into a toxic waste dump, littered with dead fish and fowl. Vinyl-clad aliens in hazmat suits added to the surrealism of the scene, populating the beach like brothers from another planet.

The spill covered 10 square miles.

Closer to home, five years ago, BP's Deepwater Horizon exploded, leaving 11 dead, and spewing an estimated 4.2 million barrels of oil into the gulf. Do you remember how excruciating each of those 87 days were until BP finally staunched the flow? All the pretensions and the hubris to the contrary, this engineering marvel failed on every measure of regulation, management, safety, prevention, and containment that matters, and on a massive scale, affecting millions of people. Today, we still do not know the full extent of the permanent damage to the gulf, but we know we have been boiled in oil.

The Obama administration expects to permit seismic exploration in the Atlantic Ocean, from Delaware to Florida's Cape Canaveral. Scientists know little about the impact on endangered fish, whales and sea turtles. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection wrote to the feds requesting a delay, noting, "Much of Florida's economy is dependent on these healthy and sustainable marine and coastal resources" — a profound understatement if you ask me. ■

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The pre-charge punishment of Julian Assange



amy GOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Tucked away on a side street in one of London's toniest neighborhoods, just across the street from the sprawling department store Harrods, sits a brick, Victorian-era apartment building that houses the Ecuadorian Embassy. Julian Assange, the founder and editor of the whistle-blower website WikiLeaks, walked into this embassy on June 19, 2012, and hasn't stepped foot outside since.

Ecuador granted him political asylum, but the United Kingdom refuses to grant him safe passage to leave the country. Instead, the U.K. wants to extradite him to Sweden to answer questions about allegations of sexual misconduct, although charges have never been filed. For close to three years, he has remained a prisoner in the embassy, denied even the hour of sunlight daily that most prisoners are guaranteed. For two years before that, he was either jailed or under strict house arrest in England, all without charge. When I went to London to interview him in the embassy this week, Assange asserted his belief that this pretrial phase is serving as both punishment and deterrent, and that Sweden is acting as a surrogate for the United States, which wants him jailed to stop the work of WikiLeaks.

Nevertheless, WikiLeaks continues, releasing groundbreaking information about potentially catastrophic conditions in Britain's nuclear-weapons submarines, full chapters of the secret and intensely controversial Trans-Pacific Partnership trade treaty, and more. It was from within the embassy that Assange helped National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden escape Hong Kong after releasing millions of documents detailing U.S. government

surveillance programs. En route to political asylum in Latin America, Snowden became stranded in the Moscow airport only after the United States canceled his passport. Russia then granted him temporary political asylum.

When the sexual-misconduct allegations surfaced in late 2010, Assange waited in Stockholm for the prosecutor to question him, then the charges were dropped. He had government permission to leave the country. It was only after he traveled to the United Kingdom that the charges were resuscitated by a second prosecutor. This second prosecutor, Marianne Ny, has had years to question Assange, either in person in London or via video link. Instead, she insisted that Assange be forcibly extradited, until a Swedish court urged her to interview him in London. She has indicated that she will, but so far has not said when.

Assange, his lawyers and his supporters are concerned that, if he were extradited, Sweden would hand him over to the United States, where all signs point to a secret grand-jury investigation of him and WikiLeaks. "Julian would have gone to Sweden a long time ago had he gotten a guarantee from Sweden that they will not forward him to the United States for standing trial on the espionage charges," said Assange attorney Michael Ratner, president emeritus of the Center for Constitutional Rights. Ratner explained: "Sweden has never been willing to give that guarantee. And Sweden has a very bad reputation of complying with U.S. demands, whether it was sending some people from Sweden to Egypt for torture or whether it's guaranteeing people who are asylees in Sweden that they won't be deported."

Vice President Joe Biden called Assange a "high-tech terrorist," and elected officials and pundits from both major parties have said publicly that he should be assassinated. Assange told me: "The U.S. case against WikiLeaks is widely believed to be the

largest-ever investigation into a publisher. It is extraterritorial. It's setting new precedents about the ability of the U.S. government to reach out to any media publisher in Europe or the rest of the world, and try and achieve a prosecution. They say the offenses are conspiracy, conspiracy to commit espionage, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, computer hacking, conversion, stealing government documents." The espionage charges, if they materialize, could come with the death penalty. Sweden, like most European nations, cannot extradite a person who might thereafter be put to death.

The statute of limitations will expire in August on all but one of the potential Swedish offenses for which Assange is wanted for questioning. The Swedish Supreme Court declined to quash the arrest warrant lodged against him in late 2010, in a 4-1 vote. Justice Svante Johansson, dissenting, wrote that Assange's de facto detention was "in violation of the principle of proportionality." Sitting across from me in the conference room of the small embassy that has for three years served as his home, his refuge and his jail, Assange told me, "We have no rights as a defendant because the formal trial hasn't started yet. No charges, no trial, no ability to defend yourself ... don't even have the right to documents, because you're not even a defendant." His skin is pale from years without sunlight, matching his prematurely white hair. But his resolve is unbroken, and the leaks he originally sought to publish when he founded WikiLeaks almost 10 years ago are still reaching the light of day. ■

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Surprising lessons learned while traveling with children



Last week, I think I accomplished my most amazing feat as a mother.

During my tenure, I have overcome a long list of challenges that include prolonged sleep deprivation, childhood aversions to medicine, awkward public announcements, chronic ear infections and the persistent desire to brain myself during prolonged toddler tantrums. However, I'm pretty sure that we topped ourselves as a family with a whirlwind trip to New Jersey over Memorial Day weekend.

For a little background, James, my husband and the loving father of our children, had gone up 10 days earlier — as had I — to manage some family business, and I came back home alone to care for Thing One and Thing Two in his absence. Within three days of my return, both kids finished up the school year, I tied up some loose ends and purchased three tickets for the kids and I to return to Newark. We headed back to the airport, determined to join James and salvage something that resembled the actual family vacation we had planned months ago.

The hitch was that I would be traveling as the lone adult with small children. This trip had been abbreviated to only

a weekend, rather than the seven days we had originally planned, and every moment was packed with get-togethers and excursions. Within the span of 36 hours, we would make an exhausting turn-around that included planes, trains and automobiles (literally). I wasn't quite sure how we'd make it.

It started at 5 a.m. on a Friday and ended with an 8 a.m. flight home from Newark on Memorial Day. In that time, we gamely managed a 2½-hour layover (on the way up), three cookouts, a day trip to Manhattan, another day trip to visit family friends and an early morning rousing to speed off to our departing flight. We were back in our home by noon that Monday.

Now that it's finished and we've recovered, I've realized it actually says more about the kids than it does me. I also don't know whether we would have tried if Southwest Florida International Airport weren't so close and user-friendly. The direct flights between Northeast hubs were a lifesaver, particularly because I'm sure none of us had the gas to deal with another layover after that weekend.

The weekend went well, but not seamlessly. I learned a few things about myself and traveling with children, among them:

- For years, I've asked James to chauffeur me whenever we go out of town and now I'm ruined. It seems Florida's grid systems and wide lanes are all I can manage anymore, as my driving privileges were revoked the one time I tried to navigate mountain roads and potholes on this adventure.



The writer with her children on a subway platform in New York City.

- Spring in the northeast is no joke. Our son occasionally has seasonal allergies at home, but it didn't occur to me that he would have a problem while we were gone. Pollen was thick on car roofs and porches — and his sinuses. His last day was miserable.

- On our flight up, I shamelessly allowed the kids to cycle through every hand-held device we own. And I'm not sorry. I was outnumbered, weak and just didn't care how much iPad time they logged.

- I can sleep when I'm dead, which may have actually happened in the hours before our flight to come home. The final

time our alarm sounded at 4:30 a.m., my soul left my body and returned two days later after I'd had enough rest to coax it back.

These days I'm barely inspired to get out of bed in the morning, let alone follow through with other plans we have in the next few weeks. That suits me just fine, as it gives me more time to recover from this stunt and bask in the glow of my success. ■

— Lindsey Nesmith was unaware of how desperately her kids want to wreck themselves on subway platforms.



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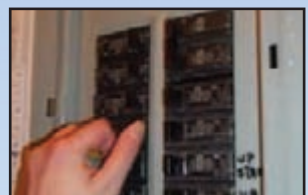
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Make a plan for your home and yard

Start thinking about what you need to do to secure your home, keep your costs minimal after the storm and potentially lower the cost of your homeowner's policy. Where are your weaknesses? Will you plan to ride out the storm or evacuate?

"You can't wait 'til the hurricane is on you," said Bud Hornbeck, CEO of Lutgert Insurance in Naples. "Look around the property to make sure there's nothing there you can't do to make it a safer area. It's just a matter of proper planning and trying to visualize when the storm hits what I'm going to do."

Get a wind mitigation inspection

This can be an essential part of the plan. It will show you what areas of your home could be improved and where you may be leaving insurance credits on the table. It costs in the neighborhood of \$85 to \$150. Google it along with the city or county where you live, or ask your insurance agent. The report details specific improvements that can make your home safer and save you money on your insurance premium as required by state statute 627.711. Take the report to your insurance agent and he or she can tell you how much you'll save based on a list of possible improvements.

"That's probably the best way to be able to evaluate what your options are," said Mr. Hornbeck. "It's very valuable to have that report even if you're getting some (improvements) and not all of them. (And) at the end of the day, you have a house that's going to give you the maximum credits on your policy."

Homes built prior to 2001 especially may be eligible for discounts for upgrades to roofs, garage doors, windows, and other openings. Unless you're very handy, the ones with the largest discounts (for your roof) need to be done by a contractor. They may cost thousands, but you'll know beforehand how much money you'll save and if it's enough to cover the cost immediately, in two years or 10 years. Even some simple fixes like bracing for a garage door could help lower policy costs and make the difference between coming through a bad storm with minimal damage or facing a disaster. From a real estate standpoint, the improvements also increase value.

Upgrading the roof

The wind mitigation report should be your guide here, including small fixes like replacing loose shingles or any damage that could be worsened by wind.

Some options with insurance discounts include replacing the roof completely, adding a "secondary water paper" barrier to protect your home if the primary covering blows off, and adding new roof clips or straps to hold it down as more tightly, said Lee Scott Crowther, CEO of Crowther Roofing.



Upgrading your roof straps and installing hurricane shutters are ways to save on insurance while protecting your home.

Here's how the price might break down.

A new shingle roof on an average house could run in the \$14,000 range, or more for metal or tile. Adding new truss strapping or clips might add \$2,000 or \$3,000 to that if you're already replacing the roof. It could be significantly more if you only replace the clips. The insurance discounts may also be \$2,000 or \$3,000 every year, so the savings would add up fast depending on how long you stayed in the home.

"Every insurance company is going to be different but that's what our customers are telling us," Mr. Crowther said. "The biggest bang for the buck would be to do all these things together... Quite frankly, the interest cost on the loan to do all that would probably be exceeded by the (savings on) insurance premiums."

Hurricane shutters and impact glass

Hurricane shutters and impact-resistant glass may be expensive, but you might consider a mix of shutters and properly sized plywood or other approved material to cover all the openings on your house. (Tape does not work). A sales point for the impact glass is that it can also reduce energy costs and make your home more secure against vandalism, said Brian Rist, CEO Storm Smart, which makes and installs hurricane protection products. Discounts on insurance in some cases "pay for the cost of shutters or windows in just a few short years," he said.

Even if you're not in a high-risk area, consider buying flood insurance

Flooding and storm surge are often the most costly threats to life and property, and if you live in a high-risk zone,

flood insurance is required. Others may assume that because they're not in the highest risk area (with a one in four chance of flooding in 30 years), it's not worth buying or they won't be flooded, even though that is not uncommon. About 20 percent of flood insurance claims come from moderate-to-low risk areas, according to the National Flood Insurance Program. A slow-moving storm that dumps plenty of rain could cause severe water damage to homes in both areas. In the lowest risk areas homeowners can buy fairly cheap "preferred risk" flood insurance policies in the \$300 to \$400 per year range, said Danny Hinson, who works for the Florida Division of Emergency Management, although better policies can cost at least three times that.

How communities save residents money on homeowners insurance

Mr. Hinson is state coordinator for Florida's Community Rating System. Counties and cities go above and beyond storm mitigation codes required by the National Flood Insurance Program and by doing so earn their residents automatic discounts on flood insurance. In Florida, 216 total communities participate, with residents saving a combined \$180 million annually on federal insurance. All of Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties and cities are in, and most communities in Palm Beach County. Only a few, Palm Beach Gardens and Mangonia Park, have opted out.

Residents' discounts are based on how compliant the local government is with the CRS plan. A rating of 1 is the best and 10 is the worst, meaning they don't participate and get no discount. Communities earn credits for ratings in four categories: public information, regulations, flood damage reduction, and warning and response. But no Florida community (and few in the United States) have earned better than a 5: that may be partly the fault of a federal CRS



High winds pose a danger during a storm, while flooding can wreak havoc after the storm has passed.

in the know

Average homeowner insurance premiums by county: with and without wind mitigation improvements on the home

The rates shown are the lowest and highest from a list of insurance providers for a home valued at \$150,000, built before 2001, with no claims in the last three years and a 2 percent hurricane deductible.

Lee County:

>> Rates with no wind mitigation ranged from \$1,958 to \$4,634. With wind mitigation improvements, \$1,039 to \$2,708.

Collier County:

>> Without wind mitigation improvements, \$2,304 to \$5,318. With mitigation, \$1,127 to \$2,785.

Charlotte County:

>> Without wind mitigation, \$1,980 to \$4,149. With mitigation, \$1,025 to \$2,384.

Palm Beach County:

>> Without mitigation, \$2,713 to \$7,855. With, \$1,444 to \$2,578.

Check your own county and compare a list of insurance providers and their costs with the Rate Comparison Tool at <https://choices.fldfs.com/pandc/homeowners> Premiums vary depending on individual circumstances. They are based on the most recent filings approved by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation.

Websites

>> Get your plan started at Florida Division of Emergency Management's flgetaplan.com, which in about 10 minutes allows you to plug in information about your home or business. Or check out ready.gov.

The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes website flash.org offers a more complete list for protecting homes from hurricanes. At the top of the website, choose "hurricanes." Under Hurricane Safety, choose Protect Your Home for instructions on how to board up and secure doors, and other tips and instructions.

Learn more about flood insurance policies at fema.gov/nfip

rating system that needs reform, Mr. Hinson said. For instance, Cape Coral is rated a 5, so residents in higher risk areas save 25 percent on their policy, or on average \$234 per year. Those outside high-risk areas saved \$138 per year on average. Out of the Cape's more than 32,500 policies that's \$6.5 million in savings every year. If the city were rated a 4 residents would save \$7.8 million.

Read your policy and check with your agent annually

"If you haven't had that annual conversation with your insurance agent this is the time to do it," said Lynne McChristian, a representative for the Insurance Information Institute in Tampa. "There's a lot of trust on the part of insurers you're going to tell them what you have and it's properly protected."

A few terms to look out for. "Replacement Cost" policies offer full protection in a loss. It would replace used, damaged equipment with new equipment, without regard to its age and condition. "Actual Cash Value" policies may cost less but, by taking into account how used say a couch is, it can reduce the amount you'll be reimbursed.

Make home improvements part of your overall hurricane plan

Some other details to consider: Trim trees and shrubs around your home so they are more wind resistant. Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.

Plan to bring in all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans and anything else not tied down.

Check out the health of trees in your yard. Reground trees with clay and soil if necessary and cut them away from rooftops. ■

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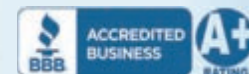
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Storm gadgets can put a chill on hot air, frustration

BY ELLA NAYOR

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Hurricanes can create hot air in other places than inside the home. It's a known fact that the uncertainty and turmoil that can ensue before, during and after a major storm can lead to emotional stress and frustration.

The American Psychological Association's online site cites strong emotional reactions as a common experience for many people after weathering a hurricane.

Lets face it — we all get stressed and a bit off kilter when unpredictable and damaging events happen in our lives. Aside from structural damage and disruption in our daily lives, at the very least hurricanes tend to leave us without power for an often-unknown period of time.

Since we can't all hire a personal psychologist and costly full-coverage generator for our homes, we need to collect a few affordable, stress-relieving devices to help keep us cool when we need it most.

Florida Weekly has gathered a few gadgets to help keep cell phones, computers and other communication devices charged as well as some effective devices to maintain clean drinking water and light.

Clean water

Clean drinking water is essential to health and well-being. If electricity gets knocked out during a storm, having a water-sanitizing device is vital. Though there are a number of water sanitation systems available, the Sawyer PointONE All In-One Water Filter in conjunction with a bucket can create a large-volume gravity filtration system for you and your family. Great for hurricane-ready kits. Attach the filter to a faucet for ease of use. The system available at outdoor stores such as Rei. Cost is \$69.95. To learn more, go to: sawyer.com/products/sawyer-pointone-one-filter/



The Sawyer PointONE All In-One Water Filter is great for having on hand during power outages. The water-filtration system is easy to use and attaches to a faucet or bucket for high-volume drinking water.

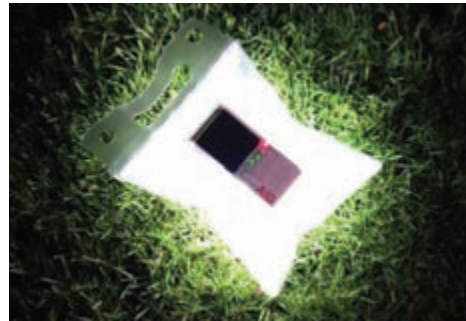
Power up

The ability to communicate with family, emergency responders and ser-



Voltaic Solar Charger Kits harness solar energy to power cell phones, laptops and larger devices.

vice workers is vital during and after a storm. Voltaic Solar Charger Kits harnesses solar energy to power cell phones, laptops and larger devices. The company features customizable kits to meet power needs. Cost varies depending on the charging device. The company is also known to donate to charitable causes such as the Hurricane Sandy storm victims. To learn more about Voltaic products, go to: voltaicsystems.com.



LuminAid is a waterproof bag that contains an LED bulb and a solar cell on the outside. It creates bright light.

Light up your life

This inflatable, solar-activated, portable light is a must-have for this year's hurricane-ready kit. LuminAid is a waterproof bag that contains an LED bulb and a solar cell on the outside. The light can be hung up or placed outside to charge during the day. The LuminAid costs \$19.95. To learn more about this light or other products, go to: luminaid.com/.

Solar-powered light and charger

With the same application and function as wall-based chargers, this solar-powered light and charger by WakaWaka will meet your charging needs in the event of a power outage. The solar-based technology allows you to charge batteries on a cell phone or USB-enabled cell phone in about two hours. It also provides about 40 hours of bright



The Waka Waka charger kit is solar-based technology that allows you to charge batteries on a cell phone or USB-enabled cell phone in about two hours.

LED light. Water-resistant and rugged. WakaWaka Power costs \$79 on Amazon. For more information, go to: us.waka-waka.com/.



The Eton American Red Cross Hand-Crank Radio can also charge a smart phone or small LED flashlight.

Crank up the tunes and news

A must-have for any hurricane-ready kit is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio to keep up to date with weather alerts and warnings. Eton features a hand-crank radio that can be powered by hand or via the solar panel on its back. The power produced by the Eton American Red Cross Hand-Crank Radio can also charge a smartphone or small LED flashlight. For more information or to purchase, go to: etoncorp.com/en/productdisplay/frx3-american-red-cross. Cost is \$69.99 on Eton's web site.

Keep food and suds cool

Sundanzer features a 1.8-cubic-foot, solar-powered refrigerator to use outdoors. It safely stores products for future use or consumption. Great idea for keeping food basics, ice, beer and medicines cold when power is out. The Sundanzer is available on Amazon for \$699. For more information, go to Amazon.com.

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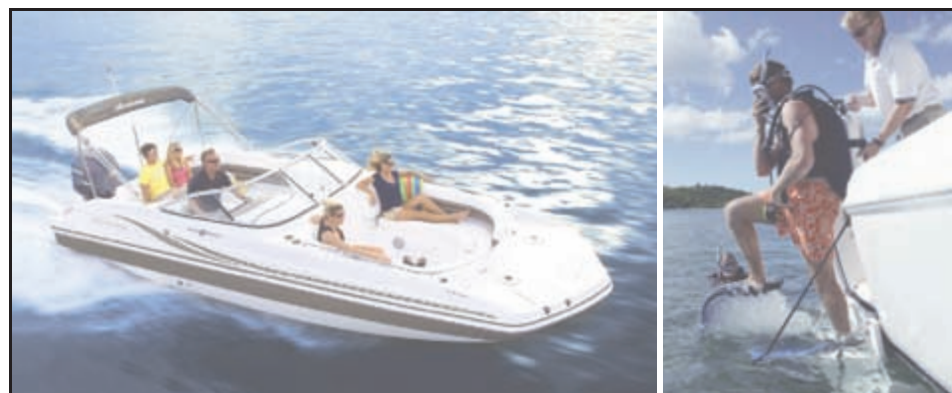
There are several high-quality apps available for use on your Apple IOS or Android-based smart phones and devices. Hurricane Hound uses Google Maps to track and forecast the paths of tropical storms in the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific basins. The app also gives access to the National Weather Service forecasts, public advisories, tropical outlooks and satellite imagery. The app is free. There is also an ad-free app for \$1.99. Requires Android 2.1 and higher. And Hurricane HD is an award-winning, Apple-based app that includes storm tracking and forecasting, satellite and radio imaging, text bulletins, tracking maps, tropical outlooks and bulletins, global models, news and data feeds. Hurricane HD is sold by Kitty Code iTunes. The app is free but an ad-free version is available for \$3.99. Hurricane HD requires IOS 5 or later. For more information on hurricane apps, check: ict-pulse.com/2013/07/5-hurricane-tracking-apps/. ■



Hurricane apps are available for use on your Apple IOS or Android-based smartphones and devices to track hurricanes. Hurricane Hound for Android and Hurricane HD for IOS operating system.



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Trust live, local radar to keep you safe this hurricane season

BY ROBERT VAN WINKLE

NBC2 Senior Chief Meteorologist

Every year around this time you see news articles and commercials about the upcoming hurricane season. Sometimes it seems like a bit much, doesn't it? But it's not rocket science and it's really nothing new. If you've lived in Southwest Florida for more than a year then you already know that we live in a tropical climate and hurricanes or tropical storms are to be expected.

Hurricane season officially starts on June 1 and runs through Nov. 30. Mother Nature sometimes looks at the calendar, and sometimes not (this year we had our first tropical system on May 7).

I offer you two reminders:

■ This area will be hit again by a hurricane or a strong tropical storm.

It's not a question of "if," it's a question of "when."

■ Long-range forecasts for hurricane activity are not really important. They might be interesting; however, it only takes one storm to strike this area to make for a bad season.

Living here demands a certain amount of attention to the weather and this is the time of year to make a plan about what to do when the inevitable storm hits.

NBC2 made a significant investment in the only live Doppler Radar in Southwest Florida several years ago. This weather tool is what you count on for accurate storm tracking year-round, but during hurricane season the advantages of using live Doppler Radar are even greater.

The NBC2 Doppler Radar, located in Fort Myers, sees the weather as it happens. It provides real-time images showing storms as they grow and predicts where they will move. Other radars can be working with data that is 5 minutes old. And this less-timely data comes from a location many miles away. Only certain parts of a storm can be seen with distant radars. But with live, local Doppler Radar you can see the difference on television and you'll experience the difference when



warnings and forecasts come to you a precious few minutes before the rest of the pack.

Tropical weather is more than just the "eye" of the storm. It is a weather event and you need the information a local, live Doppler provides.

The outer bands of heavy rain and wind around a hurricane often arrive hours before the center of the storm. Live Doppler Radar tracks everything in real-time, including the potential for flooding, lightning strikes and tornadoes. Just as important, our Doppler Radar has forecast models built into the software that will predict where the storms will go.

Our team of meteorologists has the experience and training you can count on to use the advanced tools in our weather center and keep you safe before, during and after tropical weather events.

Summer is a great time to be in Southwest Florida. Traffic is lighter, beaches are less crowded and the afternoon thunderstorms help cool us off before a beautiful sunset. But during the summer, don't be complacent about preparations for a potential tropical weather event.

Part of our shared responsibility as full-time residents is to have a plan about what to do in case of a weather emergency. We may be 'lucky' again this year and have no storms - or we may not. If something does happen, you can count on the timely accuracy of the only live and local Doppler Radar in Southwest Florida at NBC2. ■



in the know NBC2 unveils live streaming

A new live streaming system will make it possible to watch NBC2 in the event of severe weather if a storm has taken out your television picture.

The streaming system will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, showing nearly all live newscasts on viewer's computers, cell phones or tablets.

During a storm, streaming will be available via wi-fi Internet access, or if that's out, the broadcast can be streamed live on a cell phone — an important feature if a storm has knocked out hardwired connections.

The live stream will provide instant access to NBC2 Power Doppler Radar while meteorologists let viewers know what to expect next.

The new feature is being rolled out in the NBC2 News App for iOS, Android and Windows phones and tablets. To download the app, visit nbc-2.com/story/17843801/download-the-nbc2-news-app.



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Storm action timeline

Early summer

- Develop your storm plan.
- Stock your hurricane supply kit.
- Create a checklist of items you will want to take with you if you have to leave.
- Take “before” pictures of your home for insurance purposes.
- Find out the elevation of your home.
- Make sure your street address is clearly marked on your home.

Hurricane watch is announced

- Hurricane conditions are possible within the next 48 hours.
- Clear your yard of potential flying debris, including lawn furniture, toys, etc.
 - Lower the water level in the swimming pool by one foot.
 - Board up windows.
 - Gas up the car.
 - Check your oil and tire pressure.
 - Get cash. ATMs and banks may not be open after a storm.
 - Turn the refrigerator to the coldest setting.
 - Store plenty of water.

Hurricane warning is issued

- Hurricane conditions are possible within the next 36 hours.
- Gather important documents.
 - Finish shuttering doors and windows.
 - Evacuate if you are ordered to do so.
 - If you’re staying home, designate a safe room. Interior bathrooms or closets on the lowest level with no windows work best.
 - Charge cell phones and other devices.

During the storm

- Stay indoors.
- Stay away from windows even if they’re shuttered.
- Listen to media reports for the latest information.
- Stay inside even if it appears calm. Do not go out until the all-clear is given.

After the storm

- The longest part of the process, recovery can take weeks.
- Move slowly and cautiously as you survey and clean up. Most injuries take place after the storm.
- Do not use public water until you are notified that it is safe.
- Avoid travel if possible.
- Do not connect generators to house wiring.
- Beware of downed power lines, wild animals and even domestic animals that may be frightened or lost.
- Take pictures of damage and contact your insurance agent.

in the know

What’s in a name? Wind and rain

Every year since 1953, the National Hurricane Center has generated an alphabetical list of names for the season’s tropical storms and hurricanes. At first, the lists consisted of only female names; since 1979, the names alternate between male and female. There are six lists that continue to rotate, changing only when there is a hurricane so devastating that its name is retired.

These names have been retired:

2000 - Keith	2004 - Frances	2007 - Noel
2001 - Allison	2004 - Ivan	2008 - Gustav
2001 - Iris	2004 - Jeanne	2008 - Ike
2001 - Michelle	2005 - Dennis	2008 - Paloma
2002 - Isidore	2005 - Katrina	2010 - Igor
2002 - Lili	2005 - Rita	2010 - Tomas
2003 - Fabian	2005 - Stan	2011 - Irene
2003 - Isabel	2005 - Wilma	2012 - Sandy
2003 - Juan	2007 - Dean	2013 - Ingrid
2004 - Charley	2007 - Felix	

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Ana	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Joaquin	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Erika	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda

Bridges

Travel across the area’s bridges becomes unsafe once winds reach gale force, or in excess of 34 mph. Even if physical barricades are not present, drivers should exercise common sense when pre-storm travels involve crossing bridges. Evacuation orders for Southwest Florida’s barrier islands will be issued well in advance of a storm, and those affected should promptly heed such orders, before travel across bridges becomes unsafe and roads are closed off. ■

Agencies and organizations offer emergency help

Hindsight is always a dishonest voice for the present. Storms on the west coast have been few since Hurricane Wilma during the 2005 season — the last major hurricane to affect the Fort Myers area. But no one wants to walk down the street and see fallen trees and power lines scattered along the road, and wonder what to do next. Yet, this scenario is a reality we should prepare for during every hurricane season.

Floridians know from experience that neighbors, churches and local busi-

nesses come together in unprecedented ways to help with recovery efforts. Nevertheless, we’ve compiled some of the contact information for the “big” organizations that can serve as a starting place for either volunteerism or for your own recovery once the weather system has passed.

From reporting downed power lines to who to call about clean water, canned food and local shelters, these accredited contacts will help with your questions and needs. ■

Important Phone Numbers

* American Red Cross
278-3401
www.redcross.org

* Emergency Management
656-2300
www.leccoc.com

* FEMA
Disaster assistance
(800) 621-3362
www.fema.gov

* The Salvation Army
334-3745
www.salvationarmy.org

* FPL
334-7754
www.fpl.com/storm

* United Way
433-2000
www.unitedway.org

* LCEC
656-2300
www.lecc.net/hurricane



The costliest storms in U.S. history

	Name (State)	Year	Category	Damage
1	Katrina (Fl, La, Ms)	2005	3	\$108,000,000,000
2	Sandy (N.J., N.Y.)	2012	1	\$ 50,000,000,000
3	Ike (Tx, La)	2008	2	\$ 29,520,000,000
4	Andrew (Fl, La)	1992	5	\$ 26,500,000,000
5	Wilma (Fl)	2005	3	\$ 21,007,000,000
6	Ivan (Al, Fl)	2004	3	\$ 18,820,000,000
7	Charley (Fl)	2004	4	\$ 15,113,000,000
8	Rita (La, Tx)	2005	3	\$ 12,037,000,000
9	Frances (Fl)	2004	2	\$ 9,507,000,000
10	Allison (Tx)	2001	TS	\$ 9,000,000,000

— Source: National Hurricane Center



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An aerial view of Miami-Dade County showing damage from one of the most destructive hurricanes in the history of the United States. Hurricane Andrew did extensive damage to homes in Miami, leaving little behind in its wake. One million people were evacuated and 54 died in this hurricane.

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Make sure your storm plan includes family pets

When formulating a hurricane plan, make sure it includes all members of the family, including pets.

After so many animals were abandoned following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Hurricane Charley in Southwest Florida, disaster preparedness officials have stepped up measures to help pets and to encourage owners to plan ahead in case a hurricane strikes.

Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties all have emergency shelters for people and their pets, although space — and therefore, access — is largely restricted to those in spots where evacuation is mandatory.

“People should have a hurricane plan for their pets as well as family but the pet-friendly shelter should not be their plan,” says Ria Brown, public relations and information manager for Lee County Domestic Animal Services. “It is intended as a last resort if they cannot execute their personal plan, not because they failed to have a plan.”

If people find they need to go to a county-run pet shelter, they will be required to stay as well and will need to care for their pets throughout the stay.

Animals must be current on immunizations and have sufficient food, water and an approved crate.

The best option is for people to leave the area and take their pets with them. Don't expect local veterinarians or boarding kennels to accept animals. They will fall under the same guidelines and conditions as residents. And, should a hurricane strike, they are likely to be without power as well.

To prepare their pets for hurricane season, owners should attend to the following:

■ **Vaccinations:** Make sure pets are current on these now. It takes a couple of weeks for most immunizations to become protective so it's too late once a storm approaches.

■ **Identification:** Put pets' county licensing tags on their collars, as well as an ID tag with your phone number. Make sure your address and phone number is current on ID tags. A microchip ID (available through most veterinarians as well as Animal Services), is highly recommended because collars can be lost during storms but the chip will remain implanted and owners can update the

company as to their whereabouts.

■ **Hurricane kit:** Gather up pet supplies. (See accompanying segment)

■ **Medications:** Make sure you keep a few weeks' worth on hand so you won't have to rush to refill them at the last minute.

■ **Destination:** Secure a place to stay.

Pet hurricane kit

- Leash and secure collar
- Pet food (in waterproof containers), enough for at least one week
- Water for one week
- Manual can opener
- Bowls for food and water
- Impact-resistant crate of sufficient size (no soft-sided or homemade models and one for each pet)
- Bedding (blanket or towels)
- Litter, litter box and scoop for cats
- Pet's regular medications
- Toys, chewies and other stress relievers
- County license and other identification (microchip IDs are encouraged)

■ Proof of vaccinations

■ Photo of pet

■ Pet first-aid kit

■ Grooming items

Websites

■ **Leelostpets.com:** The Lee County Domestic Animal Services site has a section dedicated to storm preparedness for pets.

■ **Colliergov.net/pets:** For Collier County information.

■ **Charlottecountyfl.com/emergency/hurricanes:** For Charlotte County information.

■ **Pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/hurricane.htm:** For Palm Beach County information.

■ **Hsus.org:** The Humane Society of the United States also has a downloadable pamphlet on disaster preparedness.

■ **Petswelcome.com:** A listing of hotels and motels that accept pets. ■

Portable generator safety tips

- Follow the instructions that come with your generator.
- Never run generators indoors, including garages and sheds.
- Locate the unit outdoors and far from doors, windows and vents.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms in your home.
- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool down. ■

— Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission



Important Information for manufactured and mobile-home residents

Safety is the most important part of storm preparedness. Please remember that no matter how good your tie-downs are or how complete your insurance coverage is, evacuation is the best plan to save your life.

Before the storm, secure your home.

■ **Anchors required:** Florida law requires manufactured home owners to secure their homes using anchors and tie-downs. Homes without proper tie-downs are more vulnerable to high winds. Taking proper precautions now will ensure that your mobile home is properly secured, reducing possible damage to your home and your neighbor's property. Tie-downs should be checked at least once a year.

■ **Windstorm insurance:** Florida law prohibits the sale of windstorm insurance on manufactured homes not anchored in accordance with Florida law.

■ **Flood insurance:** Damage caused by flooding is not covered by most homeowner's polis. You may need flood insurance even if you do not live in a flood zone. The National Flood Insurance Program makes flood insurance available for manufactured homes on foundations. See your insurance broker for details.

■ **Contractor's license:** Florida law requires tie-down installers to be licensed by the state. To verify a contractor's license, call the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, Manufactured Housing Section of Division of Motorist Services.

■ **Inspections:** Have your tie-downs inspected by an installer. Most installers will inspect your home and provide a free estimate. Get estimates from three installers and ask them to explain the installation.

■ **Installation rules:** Tie-down

installation requirements are set forth in Florida Administration Code 15C-1. Ask your installer about the requirements of that Code. For detailed information contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Bureau of Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Construction at (850) 617-3004.

■ **Time and cost:** A typical tie-down installation costs less than \$2,000 and takes less than a day.

■ **Alternative anchoring systems:** When a contractor inspects for tie-downs, ask if there are dependable, state-approved anchoring systems available for your home. Also ask about recommended methods to secure storage/utility sheds, carports, and other vulnerable structures.

■ **Group estimates:** Most contractors provide discounts for group installations. Meet with your neighbors to

plan a group inspection and/or installation.

■ **Utilities:** Learn how and when to turn off gas, water, & electricity.

Safety Tips

- Check for loose straps.
- Make sure straps are properly aligned and not on an angle.
- Check to be sure the proper number of tie-downs is installed.
- Verify that ground anchors and stabilizer plates have been installed properly.
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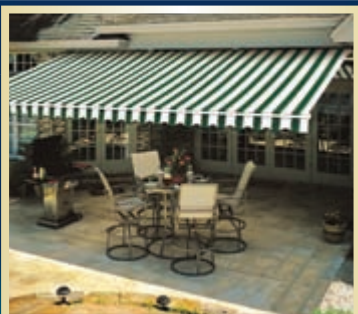
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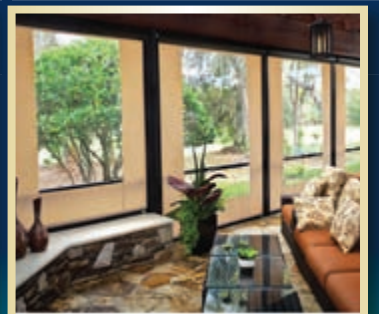
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Caregivers need to have a special plan in place

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The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association encourages families and caregivers of persons living with Alzheimer's or related dementia to make a plan for hurricane season.

"Families must prepare for the additional steps needed for family members with memory disorders," says Gloria Smith, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

Advance preparations

- Consult with your physician and pharmacy about what mechanisms they have in place for continuity of care and prescription needs in the event standard communications lines are down.

- If your loved one lives in a residential facility, find out about its disaster and evacuation plans. Ask if you will be responsible for evacuating your loved one.

- Prepare an emergency kit (see next segment for suggestions).

- Enroll in MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return, a 24-hour, nationwide emergency response service for individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementia who wander or have a medical emergency. Call (888) 572-8566 or visit alz.org. If you are already enrolled in MedicAlert + Safe Return, make sure your information is up to date.

- Keep all medications organized and in a safe, accessible place.

- Pre-register at your county's special-needs shelter in case you need to evacuate to a shelter.

- Know your evacuation route.

Emergency kit

Consider preparing an emergency kit in advance. Keep it in a watertight container and store it in an easily accessible location. Your emergency kit might include:

- A recent picture of the person with dementia.

- Easy on/off clothes (a couple of sets).

- Supplies of medication (or minimally, a list of medications with dosages).

- Velcro shoes/sneakers.

- Incontinence products.

- Extra identification items for the person, such as an ID bracelet and clothing tags.

- Copies of legal documents (such as power of attorney), medical documents that indicate the individual's condition and current medications, insurance cards and Social Security cards.

- Physician's name, address and phone numbers (including cell phone).

- Flashlights and batteries.

- Battery-operated radio.

- Earphones and calming music, as loud areas can increase agitation of someone with dementia.

- Simple activities (photo album, scrapbooks, etc.).

If a hurricane is coming your way

- Get yourself and the person with Alzheimer's to a safe place.



Coping with agitation

- Approach the person from the front and use his or her name.

- Use calm, positive statements and a patient, low-pitched voice. Reassure.

- Respond to the emotions being expressed rather than the content of the words. For example, say, "You're frightened and want to go home. It's OK. I'm right here with you."

- Don't argue with the person or try to correct. Instead, affirm his or her experience, reassure and try to divert attention. For example, "The noise in this shelter is frightening. Let's see if we can find a quieter spot. Let's look at your photo book together."

- If the need to evacuate is likely, do not delay. Try to leave as early as possible to minimize long delays in heavy traffic.

- Alert others (family, friends and medical personnel) that you are changing locations, and give them your contact information. Contact them regularly as you move.

- Be sure there are people other than the primary caregiver who have copies of the person with dementia's medical history, medications, family contacts and physician information.

- Purchase extra medications.

- Stock up on bottled water, non-perishable foods.

- Have the Alzheimer's Association and MedicAlert + Safe Return phone numbers.

Take care of yourself

Now more than ever, caregivers need help managing their stress and handling some of the behaviors their loved ones may be experiencing during a hurricane.

- Take care of yourself by finding a good listener to hear your thoughts and feelings about the event.

- Find moments to breathe, meditate and reflect.

For more information

The Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter can help you prepare. For more information, call (800) 272-3900 or visit alz.org/FLGulfCoast. The website has additional recommendations for hurricane season preparedness and a list of all shelters, including pet and special-needs shelters. ■

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Cleaning up after a storm

Hurricanes can leave millions of tons of debris in their wake, and segregating the detritus is critical in assisting in the recovery. Following these guidelines will help ensure that debris can be collected in the most efficient, safe and timely manner from your residential property after the storm. Businesses are required to make separate arrangements for debris cleanup.

Here are the types of debris:

■ Normal household garbage - This consists of the things that normally are placed out for collection in your weekly trash and recycling containers.

■ Yard debris or trash - Vegetative matter including shrubs, palm fronds, tree trimmings, grass clippings, bushes, leaves, twigs or cut-up tree branches.

■ Construction/demolition debris - Materials directly relating to construction or demolition of buildings, such as cement, glass, drywall, insulation, concrete block, etc.

■ White goods - Large appliances, including refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers, water heaters, freezers, microwave ovens and air conditioners.

During the first 72 hours after the storm has passed, officials with FEMA, Solid Waste Management and your local sheriff's office will be assessing the damage and road conditions to determine when collections can resume. It is critical that you do not mix the types of debris for collection. There will be separate collections for each, and they will be picked up according to priority in the immediate aftermath of the storm.

■ First priority: Normal household garbage - Put in your regular collection cart container or in heavy-duty plastic bags, and place where you normally do for your regular weekly collection.

■ Second priority: Yard debris - Small quantities should be prepared as

for weekly collection (in containers, bags or bundles of less than 50 pounds). Large quantities of storm-related yard debris should be placed alongside the curb, with trees and branches prepared into easily manageable lengths. Do not place near low-hanging objects or around mailboxes, water meters or fire hydrants. Large quantities of storm-related yard debris may be collected using a mechanical grab that will require room to operate. Collection crews will not enter private property to collect debris.

Only yard debris directly generated from the storm event will be collected. Land clearing and landscape improvements are not eligible for collection. Debris from these activities will require removal and disposal to be arranged by the property owner at their expense.

There will be no collection of large quantities of yard debris on private roads or in gated communities unless properties in these locations are included in a FEMA declaration or where an immediate threat to health and safety exists.

■ Third priority: Construction/demolition debris, white goods, bulk items, electronic equipment, tires and lead acid batteries - You will be notified through media when collection of these items will take place. Disposal rules for small quantities of C&D materials vary by location, so look for media notices for specific guidance in your areas. In many areas, small quantities of C&D materials (less than 2 cubic yards) can be placed at the curb alongside normal household garbage. These materials would generally be in containers and/or bundled, weighing less than 50 pounds each and not exceeding 6 feet in length. Refrigerators, freezers and other appliances must be emptied of all contents prior to collection. ■

Recovery after the storm

The longest and hardest part of dealing with a hurricane is the recovery. Relief supplies and other aid will arrive as quickly as possible, but it might take several days. Try to remain calm, patient and understanding. Your attitude affects you and everyone around you.

There might be residual flooding, and roads could be blocked for days or weeks, making damaged areas inaccessible. This could mean you will not be allowed back to your home for days or weeks. Listen to local media for reentry information and do not go into unsafe areas. Drive only if absolutely necessary; do not go sightseeing.

If you evacuated out of the area, consider staying away for a few extra days. Before you decide to return, consider the following:

■ Power will be out for an undetermined period of time. This means no air conditioning, no lights, no refrigeration, no water pump.

■ Landline and cellular telephone service will be out or limited. This includes 911 calling. Even if your phone works, use it only for emergencies.

■ Water supplies might be unsafe to drink without boiling or chemical treatment. Treat all water as unsafe until you are notified that it is safe.

■ Sewer lift stations will not work, meaning toilets will not flush and sinks will not drain. They might backup into your home or property.

When you do return, some damage may not be readily apparent. Here are some things to keep in mind for your safety:

■ Inspect your home for damage to the water and sewer lines and electrical

system. Turn off the main breaker until you are sure the system is safe. Check for natural gas and/or bottled gas leaks. Do not enter or stay in a structure if you smell gas.

■ Be careful when you go outside. Pay attention to where you walk and stand. Avoid downed power lines and standing water. Check above you for low-hanging objects or things that could fall.

■ Beware of wild animals that might be dangerous. Fire ants, bees, wasps, snakes, rodents and others will be seeking high ground. They can create health and safety hazards.

■ Be careful of domestic animals, even ones you know. They might be frightened or injured and more dangerous than you expect.

■ Use your generator only in a well-ventilated area, and shut it down during re-fueling.

Insurance companies will send disaster assistance teams, as will the state and federal governments. Still, it might be more than a week before those teams get into operation. Take pictures of any damage to your house and its contents for insurance claims. Have all your insurance documents ready, and be patient.

Finally, disasters can also attract unscrupulous fortune seekers. Do not sign repair contracts until you have checked out the contractor. Do not pay for any services until the work has been completed. Ask for a valid county contractor's license. Is the contractor bonded? Does the price seem fair? Are high-pressure tactics being used? Report anything suspicious to authorities to be checked out. ■

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Crime does pay

When officials in Richmond, Calif., learned in 2009 that 70 percent of the city's murders and firearms assaults were directly linked to 17 people, they decided on a bold program: to pay off those 17 to behave themselves. For a budget of about \$1.2 million a year, the program offers individual coaching, health-care coverage and several hundred dollars a month in stipends to for-

mer thugs who stick to their "life map" of personal goals and conflict-resolution training. According to an April report on National Public Radio's "This American Life," Richmond is no longer among the most dangerous towns in America, with the murder rate in fact having fallen from its all-time yearly high of 62 to 11 last year.

Can't possibly be true

One might believe that a 6th-grader, suspended for a whole year after school officials found a "marijuana" leaf in his backpack, might be immediately unsuspected if authorities (after three field tests) found the leaf was neither marijuana nor anything else illegal. Not, however, at Bedford Middle School in Roanoke, Va., whose officials said they had acted on gossip that students called

the leaf "marijuana," and therefore under the state schools' "look-alike-drug" policy, the sixth-grader was just as guilty as if the leaf were real. Formerly a high-achiever student, he has, since last September, suffered panic attacks and is under the care of a pediatric psychiatrist, and his parents filed a federal lawsuit in February.

The job of researcher

■ Biologist Regine Gries of Canada's Simon Fraser University devotes every Saturday to letting about 5,000 bedbugs suck blood from her arm — part of research by Gries and her biologist-husband Gerhard to develop a pheromone-based "trap" that can lure the bugs from infested habitats like bedding. (She estimates having been bitten 200,000 times

since the research began, according to a May Wired magazine report.) Regine holds each mesh-topped jar of bugs against her arm for about 10 minutes each (which Gerhard cannot do because he is allergic) — leading, of course, to hours of itchiness and swelling in the name of progress.

The continuing crisis

The three gentle grammar pedants (one an environmental lawyer calling himself "Agente Punto Final," i.e., "Agent Period") devoted to ridding Quito, Ecuador, of poorly written street graffiti, have been patrolling the capital since November 2014, identifying misplaced commas and other atrocities and making sneaky corrective raids with spray

paint. Punto Final told *The Washington Post* in March that he acts out of "moral obligation" — that "punctuation matters, commas matter, accents matter." As police take vandalism seriously in Quito, the three must act stealthily, in hoodies and ski masks, with one always standing lookout.

Suspicious confirmed

Almost half of the DNA collected from a broad swath of the New York City subway system matched no known organism, and less than 1 percent was human. Weill Cornell Medical College researchers announced in February that they had identified much DNA by swabbing passenger car and station surfaces, finding abundant matches to beetles and flies (and even traces of inactive

anthrax and bubonic plague) but that since so few organisms have been fully DNA- "sequenced," there was no cause for alarm. The lead researcher fondly compared the bacteria-teeming subway to a "rain forest," deserving "awe and wonder" that "there are all these species" that so far cause humans relatively little harm.

Latest religious messages

"I'm doing what God wants," Mike Holpin, 56, told British TV's Channel 5 in April. "In the Bible, God says go forth and multiply," said the unemployed former carny who claims to have fathered at least 40 children (now aged from 3

to 37) by 20 different women. Holpin has been married three times, and lives with his fiancée Diane and two kids in the Welsh town of Cwm. "I (will) never stop," Holpin said. "I'm as fertile as sin..."

First things first

■ A 21-year-old man in Hefei, China, collapsed in May after 14 straight days of Internet gaming, yet when paramedics revived him, the man begged them to leave and put him back in front of the screen.

■ Then, two weeks later in Nanchang, China, a 24-year-old female gamer took

only a minutes-long break at an Internet cafe, at 4 a.m., to head to a rest room and give birth — returning with her blood-covered baby in her arms to resume her place at the mouse pad. (London's *Daily Telegraph*, reporting from Beijing in May, estimated that China has 24 million Internet "addicts.") ■

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Survey: Residents support commercial airline service at Naples airport

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A phone survey commissioned by the city of Naples Airport Authority showed 78 percent support among city and county residents to add commercial passenger airline service to Naples Municipal Airport. When asked about offering flights to Atlanta, Charlotte, Miami and Orlando, 84.6 percent thought it was a good idea.

Florida Opinion Research, an independent public opinion research and polling firm, surveyed 800 Collier County residents during the last week of April using residential and cellular telephone listings. City of Naples residents accounted for 8 percent of that total, with 92 percent representing other parts of the county except for five northern Collier County, Bonita Springs and Immokalee zip codes that were excluded, due to their proximity to Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers.

The survey also showed 85 percent thought commercial service would expand the local tourist economy a lot or somewhat, but a total of 52.6 percent



would prefer things left as they are or fewer tourists.

The survey was part of a commercial air service study launched last fall to determine the feasibility and costs of attracting scheduled commercial service and to measure community support for that effort.

"We approached the study with open minds, and the survey shows the community is overwhelmingly in favor of the return of commercial airline service," says Jim Rideoutte, chair of the NAA commission and the board's commercial air service liaison. "The next steps are soliciting feedback from the community and market research

to determine what is needed to pursue that service."

The NAA has involved community members in the process and will hold stakeholder focus groups to gather additional input. Mr. Rideoutte heads the Commercial Air Service Development Study Committee, which includes Jack Wert, executive director of Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau; John Cox, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce; Bruce Register, director of business and economic development for Collier County; and Sandi Riedemann, executive director of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tampa-based Florida Opinion Research designed the questions, collected the data and analyzed the results.

Naples Municipal Airport offered scheduled commercial air service beginning in the 1950s. Since 1979, when the airport accommodated a record high of more than 230,000 passengers, service fluctuated. Naples lost passengers when Southwest Florida

International Airport opened in 1983, but rebounded within a few years. In 1995, the airport accommodated 175,500 total passengers. Commercial service ended in 2007, however, when Delta Connection and several smaller carriers left the market.

Although it has operated as a general aviation airport since then, Naples Municipal Airport complies with the same Federal Aviation Administration standards and safety guidelines as airports with commercial airline service, maintaining the same level of security and adhering to all Transportation Security Administration and FAA directives. The certificated air-carrier airport, it is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and other community services.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,120 takeoffs and landings. To learn more or to subscribe to airport updates, visit Fly-Naples.com. ■

Florida consumer confidence drops to lowest since December

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Consumer sentiment among Floridians dropped for the second month in May, falling seven points to 87.6, the lowest reading since December, according to the latest University of Florida consumer survey.

The sharp decline is in line with the University of Michigan's mid-month reading for the U.S., which also fell by seven points.

Four of the five components that make up the index fell in May.

Perceptions of personal finances now compared with a year ago rose by less than a point to 86.1, while expectations of personal finances a year from now fell by nearly 10 points to 93.4.

Expectations of U.S. economic conditions over the next year fell nearly nine points to 84.3, and long-term expectations of U.S. economic conditions over the next five years fell more than 10 points to 79.7. Perceptions as to whether it is a good time to buy big-ticket items fell 7.7 points to 94.2.

"We anticipated a slight increase in consumer sentiment rather than a reversal of this magnitude," says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. Most of the pessimism in May stems from expectations about future conditions, he adds. "Perceptions of current finances remained largely unchanged across age and income groups. But younger and lower income respondents see difficult times ahead in their own finances in the next year."

Meanwhile, respondents age 60 or older are pessimistic about the future of the U.S. economy.

The largest overall decline was in

expectations of national economic conditions over the next five years among older respondents; that number plummeted more than 20 points, from 87.0 to 66.6.

"One theory is that consumers are expecting prices to rise over the next

continue being low."

For Floridians, an additional source of unease might be the abrupt ending of the legislative session in Tallahassee, with news of a special session to resolve the state budget. Many people still remember the wide-ranging impacts

Florida consumer anticipating financial downturn, most economic indicators are still positive. Florida unemployment declined in April to 5.6 percent, only two-tenths of a percentage point higher than the U.S. rate.

All but one employment category — information jobs — made gains.

On the negative side, the state's labor force contracted again and is now at a post-recession low of 59.5 percent, the lowest since 1984. "Florida must reverse the trend toward lower labor force participation to fully recover from the recession," Mr. McCarty stresses.

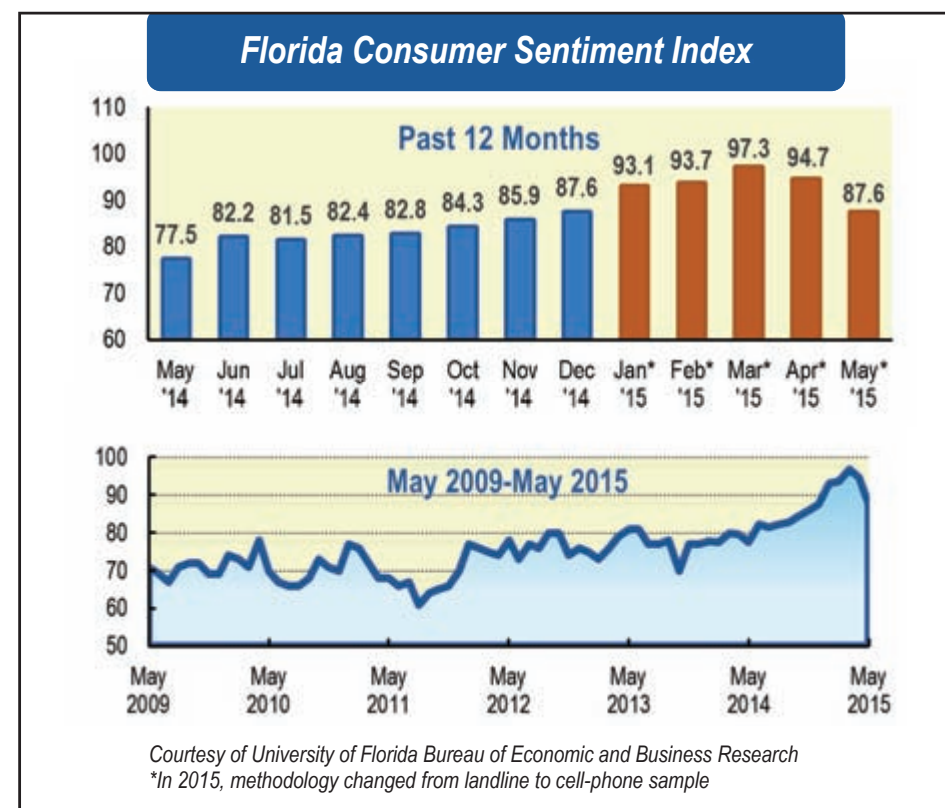
Housing continues to remain positive, with the median price of an existing single-family home now \$195,000, reflecting a \$5,000 increase. Closed sales remain at multi-year highs. The typical pattern is for prices to decline in mid- to late summer, although the potential for a rise in mortgage rates tied to the Federal Reserve could encourage some buyers to be more competitive with pricing before that happens.

Prices at the gas pump rose by almost 10 cents in May but are expected to decline again. While there were a few minor declines in the stock market in May, each time it regains those losses and rebounds to record highs, although trading volume has been low.

Conducted May 1-24, the UF study reflects the responses of 409 individuals who were reached on cell phones and who represent a demographic cross section of Florida.

The index used by UF researchers is benchmarked to 1966, which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a 2, the highest is 150.

Read the complete May survey at bebr.ufl.edu/ccf. ■



year and are anticipating being worse off because of this," Mr. McCarty says. "Some of this is based on concerns over the money that has been created by the Federal Reserve following the Great Recession. The pessimism this month might reflect an attitude among some Florida consumers that prices cannot

of the federal government shutdown of 2013. Even if they are not affected by the health-care issues at the heart of the debates, Floridians might feel uncertainty around planned vacations to state parks and other state services, Mr. McCarty says.

While these numbers reflect a Flor-



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This year's HEM program graduates celebrate with family, iTECH staff and supporters from The Immokalee Foundation.

Lighting the way to a brighter tomorrow

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Julio Estrella's future was unclear following his 2009 graduation from Immokalee High School.

In early 2010, he briefly studied auto mechanics at an Orlando trade school, but financial concerns led him to return to Immokalee. He worked in a convenience store in his hometown for several years before deciding to give higher education another try — only this time, he was much closer to home.

"I slacked on going back to school, but I did it in 2013," Mr. Estrella says. He credits The Immokalee Foundation, particularly Elda Hernandez, for introducing him to the Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) and its heavy equipment management program.

Today, he's a brand new graduate and already has a job with Vulcan Materials Co. in Fort Myers, where he's been receiving on-the-job training.

Mr. Estrella credits the HEM program with putting him in a position to have a brighter tomorrow.

"It's a huge step toward what I want to do in life and where I want to go," he says. "I didn't really see that happening without this course. It opened doors to what I want to do in the future."

Mr. Estrella was one of 10 graduates from TIF's career development program to receive diplomas from the HEM program at iTECH's graduation ceremony on May 29.

"We're all very proud of this year's graduates," said Ms. Hernandez, manager of the foundation's career development program. "They worked very hard ... It's definitely teamwork with the partnership that we have with iTECH. The HEM instructor, Bob Moore, has really worked wonders."

Mr. Estrella says TIF and its programs also have been instrumental in preparing him for post-high school life.

"It's definitely had one of the larger impacts in my life," he says. "The foundation helped guide me to where I am now, entering a career. They helped me pay for the course, and the guidance and wisdom they've provided have been invaluable."

The two-year HEM program provides students with training in heavy equipment operation, production and repair, giving them hands-on experience that prepares them for the workplace. The course content includes practical experience in electronic engine operation, rebuilding diesel engines, hydraulic system testing, heavy equipment fleet maintenance and rebuilding transmissions, along with specialized skills in electronics, such as the use of manufacturers' diagnostic tools.

Students also are able to receive internships and earn certifications through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, which certifies automotive repair and service professionals and shops in the United States and parts of Canada.

Mr. Estrella has received ASE certification in electrical systems for medium and heavy trucks, as well as a certification in mobile air-conditioning systems from the Mobile Air Conditioning Society.

TIF launched the HEM program in the fall of 2010, under the guidance of Don Fites. A former CEO of Caterpillar Inc., Mr. Fites played a key role in developing the public-private sector collaboration that raised funds for the program's creation. That partnership included The Caterpillar Foundation, Fites Family Charitable Trust, Kelly Foundation Inc., Kelly Tractor and Collier County Public Schools.

The HEM program fulfills vital needs for its graduates and for the heavy equipment industry.

"Every one of the 41 people we've graduated has been offered jobs," Mr. Fites says. "There's a real shortage of people like this throughout the country and the world. Once they complete the two-year course, which is quite rigorous, they can get a job anywhere in the world."

Graduates can earn \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year, right out of school, because the lack of qualified HEM technicians means overtime is abundant, Mr. Fites says. "It's skilled work, with all of the electronics and computers. You have to be very technically competent."

Programs such as HEM are important for several reasons, he adds. "First of all, it's



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Julio Estrella, center, with Bob Fites, left, and Bob Moore. Mr. Fites, a former CEO of Caterpillar Inc., helped develop the heavy equipment management program at Immokalee Technical Center. Mr. Moore is an instructor in the HEM program, from which Mr. Estrella recently graduated.

not just the program, it's whom the program is aimed at: people who are growing up underprivileged. These kids have very little to look forward to unless somebody is going to give them support and love, and that's what The Immokalee Foundation does. The other reason is, the country is in desperate need of people with these types of skills because there's such a shortage of qualified candidates."

Mr. Fites and his wife, Joyce Hagen, hosted this year's HEM graduation celebration at The Biltmore at Bay Colony in Naples.

HEM instructor Moore, who helped develop the program, feels gratified by the success its graduates have enjoyed. "Probably the most rewarding thing is seeing one of the guys, as their reward for working very hard over two years, in an excellent, well-paying job," he says.

TIF provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development leading to economic independence.

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clinic that's exactly who were seeing, young men in their mid-20s to early 40s, generally without children," Mrs. Lascheid says.

With the economic recession that started in 2007, however, most of those men left the area and the clinic began seeing more middle-aged women who were trying to enter the workforce. Many of them had not received health care since they had been in their childbearing years.

"There was an influx of middle-aged women who were uneducated, had no work history and who would take any job they could get," she says. "The pendulum swung."

The clinic started with eight patients its first day and grew to serve 9,401 patients in the 2012-13 fiscal year — all without a cent of government funds. The clinic is supported entirely by the community and volunteer hours, most of which are donated by local doctors, nurses and other

health-care professionals. Non-medical volunteers staff the office, conduct fundraising, serve as interpreters and couriers and fulfill numerous other duties as well.

To qualify for care, patients must prove full-time employment — usually in the form of paystubs representing the last 30 days — tax returns, photo identification and proof of Medicaid ineligibility. They also must have resided in Collier County for the last 30 days, and their total family income must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line (\$24,250 for a family of four). The clinic also asks for a \$30 contribution for a patient's initial visit and \$5-\$20 for subsequent visits.

Qualified patients can meet with NHC medical staff for a variety of services, including medical assessments, specialist referrals, laboratory testing, surgery, physical therapy and prescription medications (which are provided at no charge from the in-house pharmacy). The volunteer medical staff also provides specialty clinics for gastroenterology, cardiology, dermatology and more.

"At its nexus, nurses, pharmacists, primary care physicians, subspecialists

and the hospital combine their efforts to provide patients affordable, high-quality care," says Dr. John Diaz, a family practice physician who is one of the 700-plus people who donate their time and talent to the clinic. "It's a pleasure for me as a physician to lend my expertise to the efforts of other volunteers in making Naples a place where caring is doing."

The clinic is working on plans to physically expand after purchasing an adjacent property and, after surveying patients last year, plans to expand services to include vision care and dental care, diabetes management, social services and educational programs.

Jon Evans has been an NHC patient since 1999 and considers the clinic "an ongoing blessing."

When he started having health issues but didn't know what he had, Mr. Evans recalls, "Friends told me not to be diagnosed because if I was diagnosed, I would be unable to get health insurance." After filling out the paperwork at NHC, however, he was treated right away. "The clinic has been caring for me ever since," he says. ■

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The Neighborhood Health Clinic

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- >> **Board president:** Dr. George Ferguson
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Joseph Ursini of Parkway Construction; Michael Brooks, general manager, Naples Grande Golf Club; Jordan Kornberg, vice president, Northwood Investors; Hans Schmitt, general manager and asset manager, Naples Grande Beach Resort and Northwood Hospitality; and Todd Froehle, vice president, Century Golf Partners/Arnold Palmer Golf Management.

New clubhouse, course renovations at Naples Grande

Northwood Hospitality has begun extensive renovations to Naples Grande Golf Club following the completion of the independently branded Naples Grande Beach Resort in January. The 18-hole, Rees Jones course just minutes from the resort will get a new clubhouse as well as a complete fairway re-grass and tee renovation.

Club members and hotel guests can expect to tee off on the newly re-grassed course by September. The new clubhouse is on target to be unveiled in the first quarter of 2016.

Naples Grande and Arnold Palmer Golf Management, which oversees day-to-day operation of the course, commissioned Texas-based Parkway Construction & Architecture LP to create the 13,500-square-foot clubhouse that will feature locker rooms, golf-cart storage and a full-service dining room and bar with a patio that will have sunset views over the adjoining lake.

Northwood purchased the property in October 2013 and transitioned the brand from Waldorf Astoria Naples to the Naples Grande Beach Resort. An \$18 million renovation completed in January included three new restaurants and a coastal contemporary redesign of all 424 guestrooms and suites as well as the property's common spaces. ■



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Naples Beach Hotel offers spa memberships for locals

For the first time ever, Collier and Lee county residents can purchase memberships at the spa at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Members enjoy a 10 percent discount on spa and salon services and retail products; a 10 percent discount on food at the resort;

and use of the sauna, steam room, whirlpool, relaxation area, cardio room, weight room and lockers. Yoga classes also are available to members for a small fee. membership is available by the day, week, month, six months, or on an annual basis.

The annual membership rate includes a 50-minute massage or facial and one complimentary yoga class. The monthly membership rate for locals is \$99.

For more information or to schedule a spa appointment, call 659-4304 or visit naplesbeachhotel.com/spa. ■

LaPlaya Beach Resort & Club changes hands for \$185.5 million

LaPlaya Beach Resort & Club has been purchased by Pebblebrook Hotel Trust for \$185.5 million from Halstatt and Noble House Hotels & Resorts. The 189-room beachfront property will continue under the management of Noble House Hotels & Resorts. It was named among Travel + Leisure Best Hotels and World's Best Hotel for 2015 and was the Conde Nast Traveler No. 2 Resort in Florida for 2014.

Halstatt and Noble House purchased the resort in 2000 and invested \$54 million in renovations and improvements that included the addition of the Beach Club, which opened in 2002. In 2001,

a nearby golf course was affiliated to become the current LaPlaya Golf Club. LaPlaya Golf Club is not part of the resort sale and will remain under the ownership and management of Halstatt and SJ Lockwood & Company.

"We are proud to have overseen the evolution of such a landmark resort in Naples, and we believe Pebblebrook and Noble House will continue the same high caliber of stewardship with such a remarkable asset," says Katie Sproul, CEO of Halstatt. A member of the Barron Collier family legacy in Southwest Florida, Halstatt manages real estate, private equity and venture investments as well as liquid assets

and also oversees Halstatt Real Estate Partners, a family of private equity real estate funds.

Noble House Hotels & Resorts is a hotel ownership and management company comprised of 18 properties throughout the United States, including California, Colorado, Florida, Minnesota and Washington State.

Pebblebrook Hotel Trust is a publicly traded real estate investment trust organized to acquire and invest primarily in upper upscale, full-service hotels in urban markets in major gateway cities. The company owns or has an ownership interest in hotels in 11 states and the District of Columbia. ■



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Free breakfast, lunch available at select Collier County schools

Free hot breakfast and lunch for children ages 18 and younger will be served at select Collier County schools starting Monday, June 8, in areas where at least 50 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced-price meals during the school year. The meals are available for all children whether enrolled in a summer school or not. Be sure to call the site to confirm serving times.

The following sites will serve meals Monday-Friday, June 8-July 31:

Avalon Elementary: Breakfast 9-9:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 377-6200.

Big Cypress Elementary: Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m.; lunch 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. 377-6300.

Eden Park Elementary: Breakfast 8:30-9 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon. 377-9200.

Immokalee High: Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 377-1800.

Immokalee Middle: Breakfast 8-8:30 a.m.; lunch 12:15-12:45 p.m. 377-4200.

Lely Elementary: Breakfast 8:30-9 a.m.;

lunch 11:30 a.m. to noon. 377-7500.

Lely High: Breakfast 7-8 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. 377-2000.

Mike Davis Elementary: Breakfast 7:45-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 377-9000.

Parkside Elementary: Breakfast 7:15-8 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. 377-8900.

Pinecrest Elementary: Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m.; lunch 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 377-8000.

At **Naples Park Elementary**, free breakfast and lunch will be served from 7:45-8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday beginning Wednesday, June 10. 377-7700.

And at **Golden Gate Middle School**, breakfast only will be served from 8-9 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday, July 7-30. 377-3800.

For more information, call any of the above locations or the nutrition services department at Collier County Public Schools, 377-0280. ■

Churches invite kids for summer fun

■ Vacation Bible School and sports camp for children ages 3 through entering fifth grade takes place at **St. Monica's Episcopal Church** from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, June 8-12.

The week begins with field day races and games and continues Tuesday-Thursday with the camper's choice of two sports (basketball, kickball, flag football, soccer or cheerleading) or one non-sports activity (drama, cooking or crafts). Friday will have water sports fun for everyone.

Cost is \$10 for the week. St. Monica's is at 7070 Immokalee Road. Register by calling

591-4550 or visiting stmonicasnaples.org.

■ **Covenant Church of Naples/PCA** holds Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 through entering sixth grade Monday through Friday, June 22-26. Sessions are from 8:45 a.m. to noon. The SonSpark Labs curriculum focuses on a week of laboratory adventures and activities including songs, skits, crafts and games.

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Center receives funds for medical-assisted treatment of addiction

The Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association is administering funds to provide medication-assisted treatment, specifically Vivitrol, to treat alcohol- and opioid-addicted offenders in community-based drug treatment programs. David Lawrence Center is one of the first treatment centers in the area to receive the funds.

Vivitrol is a once-monthly, injectable form of naltrexone, which blocks the effects of opioid and alcohol cravings.

Studies have showed that compliance increases when patients do not need to make a daily decision to take medicine. In a six-month clinical trial, patients treated with Vivitrol demonstrated statistically significant higher rates of opioid-free urine screens, compared to patients not taking it.

Only a few substance abuse recovery programs include medication-assisted treatment such as Vivitrol. David Lawrence Center utilizes MAT in its Crossroads residential program and its outpatient treatment settings to help increase sobriety and reduce relapse. The center's board-certified addictionologist and psychiatrist provide this highly specialized service in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies. Patients in need in many court-ordered treatment programs can get the costly medication and associated medical services for free.

For more information, call 354-1428 or visit crossroadsnaples.org. ■

Now's the time to learn to live in the moment

Do you find yourself constantly distracted, frazzled and too stressed to enjoy life? Are you squandering the present moment worrying about past events you cannot undo or future events beyond your control?

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"Our Human Destiny," a six-week spiritual intensive facilitated by Naples resident Linda Allen and based on Mr.

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Children with sleep disorder have trouble sensing breathing problems while awake

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Researchers from the University of Florida and the University of Pennsylvania report that children with chronic sleep apnea, who are unable to perceive airway blockages while sleeping, also have trouble sensing breathing problems while awake. This discovery may help scientists find better ways to treat children with this life-threatening problem.



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"This means that information about airway occlusion or blockage takes longer to arrive to the cortex in children with obstructive sleep apnea syndrome during wakefulness, compared to children without this condition," says Dr. Ignacio Tapia, a pediatric pulmonologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. "Although by definition, this syndrome occurs during sleep, we now objectively know that children with this condition also have sensory processing deficits during wakefulness."

Individuals with sensory processing deficits are unable to sense a change in their body status, which is a function of the brain.

"Once you have some markers and can see that there is a brain processing difference, you think about possible treatment strategies," co-author Paul Davenport, a distinguished professor of physiological sciences at UF's College of Veterinary Medicine, says. "This now becomes the foundation for us to ask: Can we rehabilitate children with obstructed breathing, and will treatment such as medications, for example, be able to be used at some point to improve or even cure obstructive sleep apnea in children?"

The research made use of a technique Mr. Davenport developed in his UF laboratory in the 1980s to study, among other things, how the brains of asthmatic children process respiratory information.

Dr. Tapia became interested in how



children's brains process respiratory information during his pediatric pulmonary fellowship. He read an article Mr. Davenport published in 2000 relating to how the brains of children with life-threatening asthma respond to breathing stimuli.

"I was blown away by the methods and his findings," Dr. Tapia says. "Basically, he and his team found out that some children with life-threatening asthma have blunted responses to respiratory stimuli and that this could explain their lack of symptoms perception."

Dr. Tapia subsequently published research using Mr. Davenport's techniques to demonstrate that children with the syndrome had blunted responses to airway blockages during sleep.

The current study, funded by the American Heart Association, enabled Dr. Tapia to test his hypothesis that this altered perception of symptoms affects children with the syndrome during wakefulness as well.

A sensory pathway that goes to the cognitive and emotional centers of the brain is activated during airway

obstructions, the researchers explain. "If I obstruct your airway, you will feel the effort to breathe immediately because the brain knows the airway has been obstructed," Mr. Davenport says.

The scientists also found that after surgical removal of tonsils and adenoids, children with this syndrome improve in their ability to sense airway blockages.

Obstructive sleep apnea syndrome is a dangerous condition because it can lead to hypertension and because periods of low oxygen in the brain can result in huge sleep deprivation. Adults with this condition tend not to sleep well at night, which causes other consequences as a result of this disturbed sleep, such as depression.

In addition to Dr. Tapia and Mr. Davenport, collaborators in the research included Joseph McDonough, Jingtao Huang and Carole Marcus, all from the Sleep Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; and Paul Gallagher and Justine Shults of UPenn's Clinical and Translational Research Center. ■



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NCH is batting five for five when it comes to the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals rankings. This year, for the fifth consecutive time, we are ranked Best in Region, and we are 17th among Florida's 300-plus hospitals (up from last year's ranking of 22nd).

This also marks the first year that U.S. News ranked hospitals in "common care." The new Best Hospitals for Common Care ratings cover nearly every hospital in the country and evaluate common surgical procedures and medical conditions that account for millions of hospitalizations a year.

We were rated "high performing" in four of five conditions or procedures. Approximately 10 percent of the hospitals rated in each condition or procedure were "high performing," meaning their quality measures were statistically better than the national average. In Florida, NCH was one of only five high performing systems for heart bypass, one of 20 for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, one of 15 for congestive heart failure and one of 18 for total knee replacement.

The common care ratings represents the broadest expansion of U.S. News' analysis of hospital quality since it began ranking medical centers 25 years ago. The magazine developed the new ratings to help patients easily identify hospitals in their communities that excel in treating common conditions. At health.usnews.com/best-hospitals, patients can look up any U.S. hospital, for free, to see how it rates in three common operations (heart bypass, hip

replacement and knee replacement) and in two widespread chronic conditions (congestive heart failure and COPD). A hospital can be rated as "high performing," "average" or "below average."

The one category NCH was rated as "average" was hip replacement, due to high readmissions. When we drilled down we found that the data for this metric was from 2010-2012. Today we benchmark favorably with readmission and are in the top decile.



"The choice of hospital can be life-changing even for relatively routine surgery," says Ben Harder, chief of health analysis for U.S. News. "Hospitals can differ greatly in quality, and excelling in one area doesn't guarantee that a hospital excels in other areas." The good news for patients, he adds, is that the majority of hospitals performed average or better.

The good news for NCH patients is that quality has made a real difference here for the last decade. This is what the U.S. News & World Report data corroborate.

As we continue to be recognized nationally for clinical and service excellence, we also continue in our mission to help everyone in our community live longer, happier and healthier lives. ■

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

MOMENT

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Tolle's ancient wisdom, takes place from 6:30-8 p.m.

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Watch out with shellfish

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County reminds Floridians to be aware of the potential risks associated with eating raw or undercooked shellfish and exposing open wounds, cuts or scratches on the skin to warm, brackish or salt water.

Vibrio vulnificus is a bacterium that normally lives in warm marine waters, where people with open wounds can

be exposed to it. The bacterium can also cause disease in those who eat raw shellfish.

Ingestion of *Vibrio vulnificus* can cause vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. *Vibrio vulnificus* can also cause an infection of the skin when open wounds are exposed to warm seawater; these infections may lead to skin breakdown and ulcers. Healthy individuals typically develop a mild disease; however, *Vibrio vulnificus* infections can be a serious concern for people who have weakened immune systems, particularly those with chronic liver disease.

Vibrio vulnificus infections are rare, with an average of 30 people diagnosed with the disease each year in Florida. There have been no cases in Collier County since 2013.

Here are some tips for safely handling and eating shellfish:

- Thoroughly cook all shellfish. For shellfish in the shell, either a) boil until the shells open and continue boiling for five more minutes, or b) steam until the shells open and then continue cooking for nine more minutes. Do not eat shellfish that don't open during cooking. Boil shucked oysters at least three minutes, or fry them in oil at least 10 minutes at 375 degrees.

- Avoid cross-contamination of cooked seafood and other foods with raw seafood and juices from raw seafood.

- Eat shellfish promptly after cooking and refrigerate leftovers.

- Wear protective gloves when handling raw shellfish.

For more information, call DOH-Collier at 252-8226 or visit collier.floridahealth.gov. ■

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When you bring home a new kitten, the experience is likely his first big adventure in life. How you introduce him to his new family, home and veterinarian can set the tone for the rest of his life. The first veterinary visit can be a high hurdle for him, but we have some tips to help things go smoothly and ensure happy repeat visits.

■ **Take your time.** Unless your kitten has the sniffles or will be meeting other cats in your home, give him a few days to get comfortable. If you have other cats, your new kitten should have a fecal exam, a negative result for the feline leukemia virus and his first set of vaccinations before he comes in contact with them.

■ **Carry on.** While he's exploring his new room at home — you are confining him at first and not giving him the run of the house, right? — leave his carrier out. Stash treats and a toy inside it so he will enjoy going into it. It's also a good idea to spritz the inside of the carrier with a comforting pheromone spray about an hour before you leave. That will help your kitten relax during the car ride.

■ **Scout out the clinic before you go in.** Leave your kitten in his carrier in the car while you sign in with the receptionist. If there are dogs in the lobby, ask



One of the most challenging experiences for a kitten is that first visit to the veterinary clinic.

the receptionist to call or text you when it's time to go into the exam room. Then you can go there straightaway from the car, eliminating any time spent in the lobby with dogs.

■ **Comfort first.** A towel or soft blanket, also spritzed with pheromone spray, can give your kitten a sense of security. Place it on the exam table so he doesn't have to stand or lie on cold, slick metal.

■ **What to bring.** Have on hand any veterinary records from the kitten's breeder or the shelter from which you adopted him. These should indicate vaccinations or deworming treatments the kitten may have had already. A fresh fecal sample, less than 24 hours old, will allow your veterinarian to check for internal parasites commonly

seen in kittens, such as roundworms. When you collect the sample, remove it from the litter box as quickly as possible so it doesn't dry out, and store it in the refrigerator in a closed container.

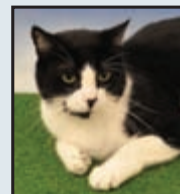
■ **The exam.** A full physical exam includes taking the temperature with a rectal or ear thermometer; listening to the heart and lungs with a stethoscope; palpating the abdomen; examining the skin and fur for signs of fleas, ringworm (a fungus) or sores; checking ears for the presence of mites; and checking teeth to make sure the kitten has the appropriate number and type of teeth for his age. This assessment will give you and your veterinarian a good picture of the kitten's overall health.

■ **Ask and tell.** You may have questions about your kitten's diet, safety, environment or activity level. Write them down beforehand so you don't forget anything. Your veterinarian may have tips on kitten-proofing your home or suggestions about ways to provide exercise and mental stimulation with food puzzles and other toys. This is the time to mention whether your kitten will have access to the outdoors. That information helps the veterinarian determine which vaccines to recommend and how often they are given.

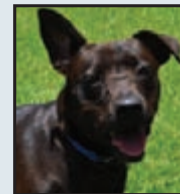
Your kitten's first veterinary visit can be the start of a beautiful relationship among the three of you, so make it count. ■

Pets of the Week

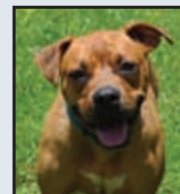
>>>**Crackers** is a 7½-year-old domestic shorthair. As friendly as he is handsome, he's a homebody who needs a forever family. As a cat over 5 years old, his adoption is free to a qualified senior citizen and includes a complete care package.



>>>**Maggie**, a 1-year-old Labrador retriever mix, is 39 pounds of energy and affection. She knows the basic commands, is good on the leash, loves the water and playing ball.



>>>**Marley** is a 2-year-old pit bull who weighs 54 pounds. He's laid back and very friendly, knows the basic commands and is good on the leash.



>>>**Ziggy**, a 5-year-old domestic shorthair, has beautiful yellow eyes and a soft, thick coat. Because of her age, her adoption is free to a qualified senior citizen.



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.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Here's to tequila and the summer of getting back into a size 12



As I wait oh, so patiently for “curvy” to be “in,” the great weight loss of summer 2015 continues.

It seems like each and every year, my favorite magazines and web sites trot out these beautiful “plus size” (that would be a mere size 12) models and proclaim that it’s OK not to weigh 98 pounds. And while I want to believe it, no one has informed *any* of the places where I buy my clothes, because every garment I think is cute is a size 6, max, while everything in *my* size looks like a tablecloth for a dining room table that seats eight.

Honestly, the more I study these allegedly size 12 models in the magazines, the more I realize they’re actually *junior* size 12 (which is real lady size 8). Seriously, they’re around 20 years old with long, bouncy hair, tans and zero wrinkles or stretch marks. Truly, I think when you’re 20 and beautiful, you can pretty much get away with anything — especially being “curvy.”

At my age, “curvy” is called “letting oneself go.”

That said, since early April, I’ve lost nearly 25 pounds and have a bit more (OK, a lot more) still to go. I have not ingested a carb in more than two months, and, yes, that includes wine.

Luckily, there are substitutes for wine, and they are called vodka and tequila.

I once read an interview in Cosmo with Cindy Crawford in which the super-model stated she never drinks wine and actually “sips” tequila with her meals. I know that sounds gross, but tape a photo of Cindy Crawford to your fridge, and you’ll develop a taste for tequila.

Living without wine has actually not been horrible. It’s bread I miss the most. There is simply *no* substitute for bread. Do not be fooled by the recipes that say you can make pizza crust out of cauliflower or pasta out of squash. They’re all lies. There is only one bread. And if you’re trying to lose weight, you cannot have any.

I don’t particularly miss sweets. As much as I love Norman Love and his chocolates, I’ve always been one to choose alcohol calories over sugar calories (I do have my priorities). But lately, there have been days when I’d happily trade Cindy Crawford’s tequila for a nice, salty, crispy Triscuit.

But then I find myself pulling on jeans that haven’t seen the light of day since 2011, and I believe that I could do this tequila-and-meat diet for the rest of my life.

Alas, it’s not just the lack of carbs, however; there’s also the working out, for which this lovely warm, humid weather is awesome (ugh). I’m walking, I’m jogging, I’m riding my bike — and I’m doing one or the other (and sometimes both) every single day. Hear me now, ladies under 40: Once you people turn the magic number, it all changes.


I remember back in the day when I wanted to lose 4 pounds (by the way, I hate anyone who says they want to lose “4 pounds”), I would just drink Slim Fast for 48 hours and do 12 sit-ups and, ta-da, the weight was magically gone. Nowadays, it takes triple the sweat, only enough food to keep a small cat alive, and a lot more time.

And my goal? Size 12, baby.

Size 12, here I come. Now if I could just get the long, bouncy hair to go along with it. ■


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

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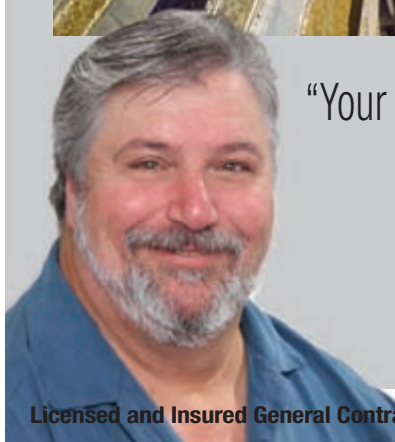
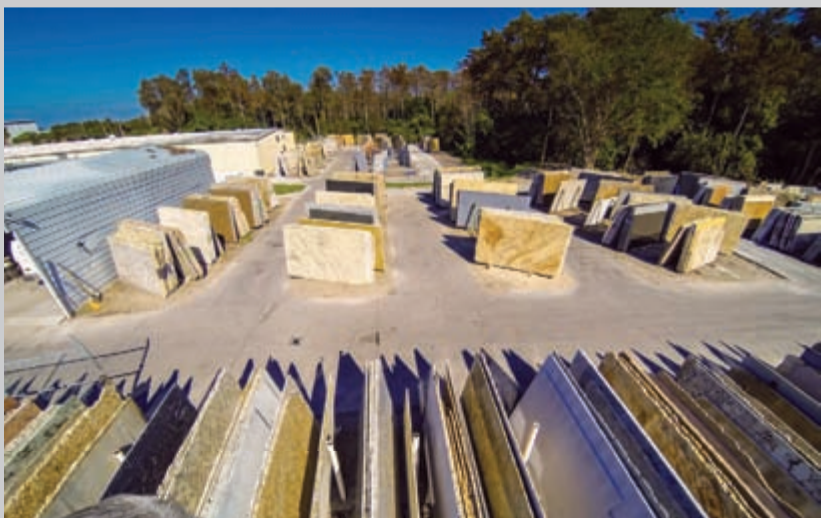
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



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FOR HOMEBUYERS, FOR BUSINESS INVESTORS and commercial property owners and for people merely trying to get to or from the beach, the story of Southwest Florida could be told almost entirely in the language of roads.

In Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, for example, the location and placement of roads, not to mention their design, occurs years before those roads create living, shopping and business places —

and therefore create wealth and access for property owners.

For that reason *Florida Weekly* asked officials in all three counties and at the Florida Department of Transportation, for a quick glimpse of the four or five road projects in each coastal county planned either for construction or completion between now and about 2020.

It's worth noting first that road construction isn't what it used to be. Put simply, it's a lot harder. It's also more expensive, and not just because of inflation. There's more traffic to contend

with as building goes on.

"On every project you start from the bottom up, below the ground," says Randy Cerchie, acting director at Lee County's Department of Transportation. "We phase our projects so that maintenance of traffic will be maintained at all times. We work on one side while traffic moves on the existing side. We put the pipes in underground first, that's how it begins."

And sometimes not just any pipes.

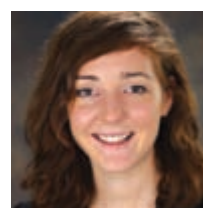
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Both short- and long-term interest rates are either directly or indirectly set by the Federal Reserve. So why would the Fed manipulate rates to the ultra-

low number that it is today? In theory, low rates stimulate an economy when it is struggling. From the borrowing side, it makes money “cheaper.” For consumers, home and car ownership becomes less expensive. For businesses, long-term projects like opening a new factory or investing in new equipment will have a more positive return in a low interest rate environment.

Lending decisions are also affected by a low interest rate environment. People and institutions that have money are often very frustrated in this situation because they feel they are not getting an adequate return on their funds. So in order to get a better rate, they will sometimes take more risk with their money like taking money out of a bank CD and buying a high-yield bond. This can have a positive economic effect by lowering the borrowing costs of higher risk projects. Or they may decide to just spend their money, also benefiting the economy.

So if keeping interest rates low is so great for the economy, why would the Fed ever raise rates? Artificially low rates penalize savers. In addition, low rates can create inflation in multiple ways. First, low interest rates often depreciate the value of a country’s currency which makes anything imported into that country cost more. This includes commodities like oil as well as manufactured goods. So low rates make everything from your electric bill to your Honda Accord more expensive. Second, low rates increase personal and

corporate spending which drives up prices on everything from Big Macs to jet airplanes and can cause price “bubbles” in the market that can destroy an economy once they explode.

Recent data has also shown that many of the historical benefits of low rates no longer are being realized in today’s economy. For example, very few corporations are taking advantage of low rates to invest in plants or equipment, or to hire new employees. Instead, they are using low-rate debt to execute stock buyouts and higher dividend payments. These actions benefit only a small fraction of the economy. In addition, low consumer interest rates have created dramatic housing price increases, making housing less affordable for most which was the opposite intention of a low rate policy.

These factors have caused many analysts to speculate that higher interest rates are around the corner. Already, the Fed has stopped its Quantitative Easing program, where it purchased long-term bonds to drive down long-term rates. This action has not had a dramatic effect on rates so far. The next step would be for the Fed to adjust its target Fed Funds Rate. The Fed Funds rate is the rate at which banks lend to each other. This is a bank’s cost of funds and the rate that every other rate such as LIBOR, Prime Rate, your checking account rate, and your home equity rate is based on. Any adjustment to this rate would have a significant affect on overall interest rates.

If we are looking at higher rates in the near future, what actions would I recommend? First, lighten up on fixed income investments such as corporate bonds or even “bond-like” investments like REITs or utility stocks. These will all underperform. Next, I would not lock into a long-term CD even if it pays a little more than a one or two year CD. If you have a floating home equity or business loan, it may be a good idea to explore paying off that debt with a fixed rate mortgage. Finally, stocks typically perform well in a rising rate environment, especially bank stocks that can charge higher interest rates as overall rates rise. But I would be cautious of U.S.-based companies that sell a lot of product overseas as higher rates could translate into a strong U.S. dollar, which would make their product less affordable outside of the U.S. Unless, of course, they have a super-cute talking cartoon kangaroo as their spokesperson. You just can’t resist. ■

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





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Engineering

Jeremy Arnold and **Trent Stephenson** have been promoted to vice presidents of Waldrop Engineering, P.A. Mr. Arnold joined the firm in 2011 and has served as director of engineering in the Bonita Springs office since 2013. Mr. Stephenson joined the company in 2010 as director of operations in the Tampa office.

Alexis Crespo has been promoted to director of planning at Waldrop Engineering, P.A. Ms. Crespo joined the Bonita Springs main office in 2011 as principal planner and has assisted in the expansion of services in the planning and landscape architecture department.

Health Care

Dr. William Bentz, a family physician, has joined the Health Care Network of Southwest Florida. He is a graduate of the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Jan Barrios has joined Millennium Physician Group in Naples. Board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology, Dr. Barrios completed his internal medicine residency and gastroenterology fellowship at the University of South Florida in Tampa and has been



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treating patients in Southwest Florida for more than 10 years. He earned his bachelor's degree and medical degree from the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan. He is a professional member of the American College of Gastroenterology and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

New officers and board members installed for the Collier County Medical Society for 2015-16 are: **Dr. Eric Hocman**, president; **Dr. Rafael Haciski**, vice president; **Dr. Catherine Kowal**, treasurer; **Dr. Cesar De Leon**, secretary; **Dr. Paul Dorio**, officer/director at large; and **Dr. Eric Eskioglu** and **Dr. David Wilkinson**, directors at large.

Home Watching

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Retail

Sean Carroll has been named director of marketing and business development at Coconut Point, a Simon property. He is responsible for staff supervision of customer service, sponsorships and business development, budgeting and monthly marketing analysis, along with maintaining community, tenant and public relations. Mr. Carroll began his Simon career as the marketing administrative assistant at Coconut Point in 2011. Most recently, he was director of marketing and business development at Treasure Coast Square in Jensen Beach. He also served as assistant director of marketing and business development for Town Center at Boca Raton. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Florida Gulf Coast University.



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Wealth Management

Noelle Matthews has joined Andrew Hill Investment Advisors Inc. as investment management associate responsible for supporting client relations, marketing and event management. Ms. Matthews most recently worked as office manager at Naples Equestrian Challenge and before that was a legal assistant at a local law firm. Originally from Chicago, she earned a bachelor's degree in marketing communications at Columbia College and is working on obtaining her series 65 securities license. ■



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ROADS

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Brian Barnes, Charlotte County's engineer for Public Works Capital Projects, says that contractors had to put an 84-inch pipe under U.S. 41 to move water and prevent flooding during one recent project that took four months.

"We couldn't just close 41, so we had to do it while people continued to drive overhead," he explains. First, the contractor had to order a 101-inch (8 feet, 5 inches) drill bit from Japan and have it shipped to the U.S.

"We never had a problem. Nobody knew we were doing it," Mr. Barnes adds — that is, until the day a crane fell on a power line and the road had to be closed for a few hours. But that was above ground and quickly repaired.

Not only are planners, designers and builders facing significantly changing demographics — there are now roughly 1.2 million residents of the three counties, and Lee County, now approaching 700,000 by itself, will likely include a population of more than 1 million before 2040, demographers say — but citizens have much higher standards.

In particular, designated bicycle and pedestrian lanes are now de rigueur on new construction, and road designers are also trying to retrofit them to old roads where those designs were absent.

There is particular urgency in Southwest Florida since the region has one of the highest rates of bicyclist and pedestrian injuries and mortalities in the United States. A significant portion of the blame for that horror story lies with once-upon-a-time planning that took no thought for people walking or pedaling in significant numbers, or any numbers.

That's changed, or at least it's changing, thanks in part to vocal and energetic grass-roots citizens groups in all three counties that continue to insist on improvements.

"Almost every (road project) has pedestrian and bicycle facilities now," says Jay Ahmad, director of Collier's transportation engineering division.

"Certain projects done over 10 years ago don't have them, but it's becoming a standard. In addition we've (retrofitted) pathways along certain arterials. Collier Boulevard, for example, will have a dedicated 8- to 12-foot pathway in addition to the road projects we're doing there. The goal is to reduce (high mortality or injury among bicyclists and pedestrians). Still, some segments remain unfunded."

And when money appears tight, dedicated bike and pedestrian pathways



might be the first to go.

In Lee County, commissioners may take transportation money from the general fund provided by taxpayers, to pay for some road projects. They'll discuss the proposal during budget workshops on June 16 and Aug. 18. Although the summer workshops allow no public comment, two formal, final public hearings on the budget do — one on Sept. 9 and the second on Sept. 23.

The organization BikeWalkLee offered three suggestions for how transportation funds should be spent:

"If the board plans to use some of next year's general funds budget for transportation, a significant portion of these funds should be dedicated to bike-ped retrofit projects and transit funding," members wrote to commissioners.

"All road projects in the Capital Improvement Plan should be designed with a complete streets approach... to improve the safety for all road users."

And finally, "We recommend that you act now to restore impact fees to 100 percent."

The need to use general fund money for some transportation work arises after commissioners reduced impact fees traditionally paid for by developers for growth.

Upcoming county projects

Collier County (colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=122 or 252-8192)

■ Improvements on U.S. 41 and the 941 intersection. Also restoration and

improvements on 951 (Collier Boulevard) from U.S. 41 to Fiddler's Creek.

■ Collier Boulevard from south of Green Boulevard, north to Golden Gate Boulevard. This is a major capacity improvement project, taking it to six lanes. Completion: 2018/19.

■ Golden Gate from east of Wilson Boulevard to 20th Street, about two miles, going from existing lanes to a four-lane boulevard with a median and turning lanes at intersections.

■ In the planning stages of the five-year work plan The continuation of widening from 20th east for another two miles to east of Everglades Boulevard. In future years, planned for continuance to DeSoto Boulevard.

Charlotte County (charlottecountyfl.com/publicworks/Engineering/transportation or (941) 575-3612)

■ Burnt Store Road from the Lee County line to north Zimmel Road Expansion to four lanes by the end 2015.

■ Edgewater Drive between Harbor Boulevard and Midway Boulevard, becoming four lanes by 2017/18.

■ Midway Boulevard from Harbor Boulevard to King's Highway, widening to four lanes. Construction starts by or before July with completion by 2017.

■ Gasparilla Road or CR 771 from SR 776 (McCall) to Rotonda Boulevard East Expansion to four lanes by mid-2017.

■ Winchester Boulevard, from SR 776 south to 775 or Placida Road, a new four-

lane road on a new alignment — ribbon cutting to begin the job, June 15, to complete a four-lane corridor from Rotonda north to River Road and on up to I-75.

Lee County (leegov.com/dot or 533-8580)

■ Burnt Store Road, connecting with four lanes from SR 78 (Pine Island Road) north to Charlotte County, and from Van Buren to Diplomat Parkway. Completion by 2020.

■ Estero Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach, a six-phase project. First-phase from Crescent Street near the bridge to Lover's Lane, about a mile, with the town of Fort Myers Beach improving the water and sewer lines down the middle. No additional lanes included, but with pedestrian and bike facilities in the form of either 7-foot sidewalks with a 2-foot planting strip, or 9-foot sidewalks (except in Times Square where space is too tight to put sidewalks, officials say). Completion dates for the entire six-phase project may take a decade.

■ Homestead Road in Lehigh Acres, expansion to four lanes from Alabama Road to Sunrise Boulevard, about 2.5 mile. Construction begins in 2016 with completion in 2017/18. Includes both bike lanes and sidewalks.

■ Alico Road from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Airport Haul Road to become four lanes by 2020. ■



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Florida construction jobs drop in April, but up for the year

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Construction firms added jobs in 40 states and the District of Columbia between April 2014 and April 2015 and in 30 states and D.C. between March and April, according to an analysis of Labor Department data by the Associated General Contractors of America. Association officials say that even as construction employment continues to expand, workforce shortages and infrastructure funding challenges threaten future growth.

"The latest data show that construction is growing across most of the country, but the gains remain uneven by month and state," says Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist. Although construction employment grew faster than overall employment in most states in the latest 12 months, he adds, the industry faces two challenges: a lack of experienced workers in many locations and a risk that funding for highway and transit projects will lapse in the next few months.

California added more new construction jobs (42,600 jobs, up 6.4 percent) between April 2014 and April 2015 than any other state. Other states adding a high number of new construction jobs for the past 12 months included Florida (32,200 jobs, 8.2 percent), Texas (25,300 jobs, 3.9 percent), Washington (18,700 jobs, 12.0 percent) and Michigan (14,800 jobs, 10.6 percent). Idaho (4,400 jobs) added the highest percentage of new construction jobs during the past year, followed by Washington,

Michigan and New Jersey (9.9 percent, 13,900 jobs).

Seven states shed construction jobs during the past 12 months, while construction employment was unchanged in three states. West Virginia (-4,400 jobs, -13.1 percent) lost the highest total and percent of construction jobs.

Eighteen states lost construction jobs during the past month, while construction employment was unchanged in Arizona and Utah. Texas (-5,400 jobs, -0.8 percent) lost the most construction jobs between March and April. Other states experiencing large monthly declines in total construction employment included New York (-3,200 jobs, -0.9 percent), Florida (-2,300 jobs, -0.5 percent) and West Virginia (-1,600 jobs, -5.2 percent). West Virginia lost the highest percent of construction jobs, followed by Vermont (-4.6 percent, -700 jobs), Hawaii (-2.8 percent, -900 jobs) and Rhode Island (-2.5 percent, -400 jobs).

Mr. Simonson observes that construction employment fell so far and for so long in most states that many veteran workers have left the industry for other sectors or have retired. While overall employment has been at record levels for more than a year, only five states have exceeded pre-recession highs for construction employment: Iowa, Louisiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

"Contractors are struggling to find workers with the right skills in states that had really deep losses in construction employment, such as Nevada, where employment remains 51 percent below the peak set in June 2006," Mr. Simonson says. ■

Deadline nears for award nominations

Opportunity Naples, in coordination with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, is accepting nominations for the 2015 Excellence in Industry awards.

Opportunity Naples showcases the "best of the best" businesses in Collier County that exemplify the use of innovation and a responsible approach to economic diversification, and business and community enhancement.

This year's Excellence in Industry awards categories are:

■ **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 programs that assist in the creation of a better quality of life for all citizens in Collier County.

■ **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. ■

Save the date for 'Telling the Story'

Nonprofit organizations in Collier County are encouraged to mark their calendars for "Telling the Story," the sixth annual Thinking Outside the Box seminar presented by Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff & Associates and real estate professional Kelly Capolino.

This year's free session is set for 8:30

a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 14, in the community room at the Naples Daily News.

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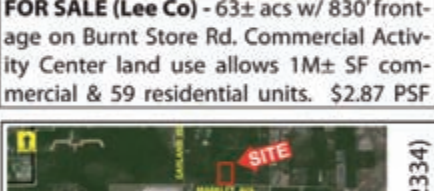
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Superinvestors Warren Buffett and his business partner Charlie Munger recently held forth at their Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. Here are some paraphrased nuggets:

- On inflation: Buffett, who has called inflation a "corporate tapeworm," explained that the best businesses in inflationary periods are those you buy once and that don't require subsequent investments. Real estate is one example, and a strong brand is valuable, too, as a brand's value rises with inflation. On the other hand, utilities and railroads, in which Berkshire is heavily involved, require investments over time that rise in cost due to inflation.
- On income inequality: Buffett is sympathetic, but sees a major minimum-wage hike as economically dangerous. To help the poor, he recommends significantly increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- On energy: It's expected that 58 percent of Berkshire Hathaway's energy will come from wind by the end of 2016. The company has committed more than \$18 billion to renewable energy. Munger sees renewable energy as a huge benefit to humanity.

- On corporate taxes: Buffett views the current tax code as too complicated and in need of an overhaul, and is optimistic that Congress might improve it. He would not agree that corporate taxes are too high, though, noting that they have been far higher in the past, when America prospered. When it comes to taxes, "I don't shed any tears for American business."

- On how to get others to like you: To a young questioner, Buffett suggested looking at the people around you and seeing whom you like and dislike. Figure out the characteristics of those you like and develop them in yourself, and what you don't like in others, get rid of in yourself.

- On being rational: Munger opined that being rational is a moral imperative. "You should never be stupider than you need to be."

There's much more to learn about money, investing and life from Buffett. Read his annual letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. Roger Lowenstein's book, "Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist" (Random House, \$19) is an excellent read, too. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Out of Energy

I bought 1,000 shares of America's Energy Company for about \$5 per share. I would have fared far better, in terms of personal satisfaction anyway, if I had given that \$5,000 to the people living on the streets of Seattle! Today that stock is worth nothing.

— N.B., Seattle

The Fool Responds: We've long urged investors to avoid penny stocks — those trading for less than about \$5 per share. America's Energy at the time seems to have been a borderline penny stock. A close look at its financial records might have tipped the scales firmly into penny-stock territory, if you found little in the way of revenue and earnings growth.

Many penny stocks are companies with more story than actual business results. Easily manipulated because they're so small with relatively few shares, they're often "pumped and dumped" by fraudsters who have hyped them.

Here's what someone was saying about the company online in 2010. Learn to spot and disregard language like this, promising all-but-guaranteed massive profits: "America's Energy Company projects its revenues will soar to \$4.3 million a month ... this is sufficient to propel ... shares (to) triple what you can get in for now."

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Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1957 and the construction of the Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas. In 1966, I opened The Lancers Club, my first business club, providing first-class food and service to members and their families and business associates. Today, I'm a leading owner-operator of more than 200 golf and country clubs, business clubs, sports clubs and alumni clubs in 26 states and beyond. My golf courses offer more than 3,400 holes, and several of my courses have hosted major golf championship tournaments. My 20,000-some peak-season employees serve more than 430,000 members. Who am I? (Answer: ClubCorp) ■



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Studying a Portfolio Contender

Q What factors should I examine before deciding whether to invest in an exciting, growing company?

— I.C., Worcester, Massachusetts

A For starters, look for competitive advantages, such as a strong reputation, powerful brands, valuable patents or economies of scale. Here are some more considerations:

On the balance sheet, you don't want to see inventory levels or accounts receivable growing faster than sales, as that's a red flag. So is steep or quickly growing debt. Two companies with similar income statements (showing revenue and profits) can have very different balance sheets (showing cash and debt, among other things).

Examine the statement of cash flows, to see how the company's cash is being generated. Ideally, most cash should come from ongoing operations — the stuff produced and sold — and not from the issuance of debt or stock or the sale of property.

Also look at the company's profit margins (gross, operating and net). Higher margins suggest that a firm has a proprietary brand or technology it can charge more for. They often indicate a higher-quality company. Rising margins are best.

Finally, assess how attractive the price is. You can get a rough idea by comparing its price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio or price-to-sales ratio to its five-year average, which you can find at Morningstar.com. (Enter the company's ticker symbol and then click on the "Valuation" link.) Learn more about how to evaluate companies at fool.com.

Q What's a "block trade"?

— G.B., Owasso, Oklahoma

A It's a big buy or sell order, generally involving at least 10,000 shares of stock or \$200,000 worth of bonds. Block trades are usually placed by institutions such as pension funds or mutual funds, and they're often privately negotiated sales between two such parties. ■

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Name That Company

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2 million pounds of Green Giant vegetables, and 1 million servings of Häagen-Dazs ice cream. My predecessor firm and I have paid dividends for 116 consecutive years. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

A River of Revenue

Shares of Amazon.com (Nasdaq: AMZN) almost always seem overvalued, but those waiting for a big pullback often end up just watching the stock keep rising. Indeed, the company, raking in more than \$90 billion annually, recently sported a market valuation of about \$200 billion.

The company's latest earnings report offers a lot for investors to like. Its \$5 billion Amazon Web Services cloud computing business, for example, saw revenue surging 49 percent year over year in the last quarter. Its business model of generating billions in sales without having to staff and maintain costly brick-and-mortar stores is powerful.

Some may get nervous that Amazon's bottom line has been in the red for most of the past decade, but that's largely due

to the company choosing to invest heavily in its future. Its copious innovations include multi-featured Prime memberships, "Dash" one-button ordering, possible drone delivery, one-hour delivery in some cities, its Fire TV Stick, and its voice-activated personal assistant and music player, Echo. It's planning to enter the travel-booking and service-provider recommendation businesses, too.

Investors will benefit far more by taking a position in Amazon's multi-decade expansion than worrying about its possible stock price a year from now. It's already a major player in many businesses and can expand into many more, grabbing market share and driving future profits. (The Motley Fool has recommended and owns Amazon.com.) ■

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 or visit 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 Florida Gulf Coast Real Estate Investors Alliance** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Road. The next meeting is June 9. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgrea.com for more information.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 8, at the Hilton Naples. For more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or visit aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Randall Kenneth Jones will discuss the importance of branding. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Business After Hours** for members and guests of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Estero. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door for members, \$40 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com/events.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Classics at Lely Resort. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. The evening's sponsor is Mercato Madison Marquette. The July Business After Five takes place Thursday, July 16, at the chamber Visitor Information Center, 900 Fifth Ave. S. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The third program in the summer **Power Networking Lunch Series** presented by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Artichoke & Company in Bonita Springs. The public is welcome. Guest speaker Tony Solgard, president of Bookkeepers Plus, will discuss how to use your business financial statements as a tool to help you work smarter, not harder. Mr. Solgard's accounting firm specializes in QuickBooks training, bookkeeping services and financial management counsel for businesses and nonprofits. He has been ranked by Intuit as one of the top QuickBooks consultants in Southwest Florida. Tickets are \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for others. Reservations are required by June 22. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com. ■

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WEEK OF JUNE 4-10, 2015

A GUIDE TO THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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B.E.A.R. report shows numbers going in right direction

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The newest market report from the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors shows closings of single-family homes increased by 15.3 percent in April 2015 compared to April 2014. The average sale price increased by 3.9 percent for the same period, and the median days on market decreased by 13 days. Pending inventory also decreased by 5.8 percent year over year, and active listings decreased by 8.1 percent.

In the condominium/townhome market, closed sale units continues decreased year over year by 16.1 percent. The average sale price showed an increase of 50.9 percent compared to April 2014, while inventory decreased 37.2 percent. Pending sales increased year over year by 13.3 percent.

“The average sale price in both single-family home and condominium markets continues to increase compared to 2014,” says Judi Gietzen, B.E.A.R. president and broker/owner of Elite Realty of Southwest Florida. “Available inventory, however, remains a challenge for buyers,” she adds.

B.E.A.R. reports monthly real estate statistics on home listings and sales within Bonita Springs and Estero combined market. Additional highlights from the April 2015 report include:

- Single-family homes, as compared to April 2014 year over year – Closed sales: 136 units, up 15.3 percent; new pending sales: 147 units, up 8.9 percent; new listings: 138 units, up 10.4 percent; average sale price: \$499,866, up 3.9 percent; median days on market: 44, down 22.8 percent; inventory of active listings: 441 units, 8.1 percent decrease.

- Condominiums/townhomes, as compared to April 2014 year over year – Closed sales: 115 units, down 16.1 percent; new pending sales: 128 units, up 13.3 percent; new listings: 111 units, down 17.2 percent; average sale price: \$392,293, up 50.9 percent; median days on market: 42, down 6.7 percent; inventory of active listings: 329 units, down 37.2 percent.

View the complete report at bonitaesterorealtors.com. For more information, call B.E.A.R. at 992-6771. ■



House Hunting:

438 Putter Point Court The Moorings

Nestled in a quiet cul-de-sac setting, this spacious home offers three bedrooms and two full baths in the main house plus a detached one-bedroom guesthouse with full bath, living room and kitchen. The guesthouse offers a multitude of opportunities for use as an office, artist studio, quarters for kids home from college or live-in staff.

The split floor plan in the main house unites the inside with outside via doors opening to an inviting back yard and pool area surrounded by expansive paver decking. Additional features include a custom-designed kitchen, tile flooring throughout, plantation shutters, hurricane shutters and a generator for the main house. From the completely fenced site, it's an easy walk to The Moorings Country Club, where golf, social and dining memberships are available.

Cheryl Turner of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$1,595,000. To arrange a showing or for more information, call 250-3311 or email Cheryl.turner@sothebysrealty.com. ■





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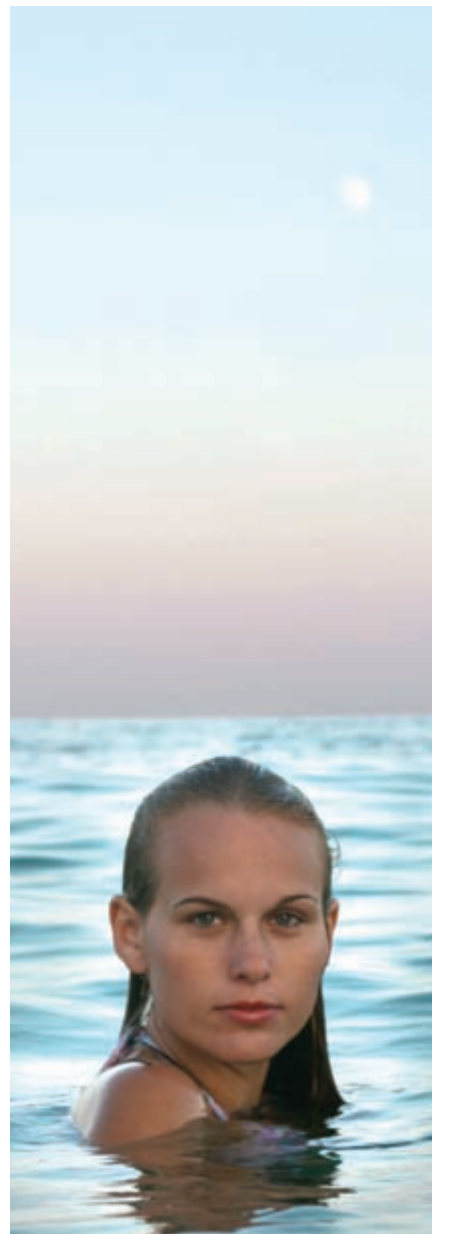
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GRAND ISLE TOSCANO ESTATE
• 6BR/ 7 Full + 4.5BA, 6-Car Garage
• Beautiful, Covered Outdoor Area
• **\$8,500,000** MLS 214028789
Steve Suddeth & Jennifer Nicolai 239.784.0693

AQUALANE SHORES



NAPLES
• 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath with Southwest Views
• 26,000 lb. Boat Lift
• **\$3,495,000** MLS 214052997
Gary, Jeff & Becky Jaarda 239.248.7474.

MEDITERRA



MEDICI
• 4 Bedroom + Den, 4 Full & 2 Half Baths
• Expansive Outdoor Living Area for Entertaining
• **\$2,599,000** MLS 214055960
Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.564.5717

NAPLES CLUB ESTATES



NAPLES
• 4 Bedroom + Den, 4 Full & 3 Half Baths
• Gated 155 Acres w/Just 28 Estate Homes
• **\$1,795,000** MLS 213003435
Roger Stening/The Fischer Group 239.770.4707

PARK SHORE



NAPLES
• Beautiful Single Family Home
• Walking Distance to Beach, Venetian Village & Fresh Market
• **\$1,540,000** MLS 215017759
Dodona Roboci 239.776.8123

OLDE NAPLES



PARKSIDE OFF 5TH
• 3BR + Office Nook and 3BA
• Beautifully Turnkey Furnished
• **\$1,395,000** MLS 215000446
Kurt Petersen 239.777.0408

BAREFOOT BEACH



BONITA SPRINGS
• Direct Gulf View, Listen to Calm Ocean Waves
• 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Extra Storage
• **\$975,000** MLS 215009409
Gabe Mellein 239.825.2234

GOLDEN SHORES



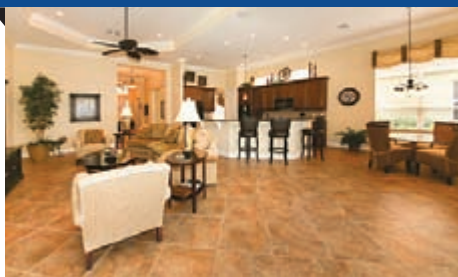
NAPLES
• 3BR, 3.5BA Waterfront Townhouse
• Investors: Existing One Year Lease at \$3,000/mo.
• **\$839,000** MLS 214030966
Steve Suddeth & Jennifer Nicolai 239.784.0693

BONITA BEACH



BONITA SPRINGS
• Build Your Dream Home-Located 1 Block From Beach
• 0.40 acres, 106' wide, deep water
• **\$799,000** MLS 215006615
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

VASARI



BELLINO
• Spacious & Bright 3 BR +Den Pool Home
• Expansive Lake View, Large Screened Lanai
• **\$620,000** MLS 215020858
Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

BONITA BAY



LOST LAKE
• 3 BR +Den or 4 BR, 3 Full Baths
• Two-Story Detached Villa, Master Bed on 1st Floor
• **\$599,000** MLS 215010783
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

SHADOW WOOD AT THE BROOKS



LONGLEAF
• Pool, Spa & Great Views
• 3BR + Den, 2.5BA
• **\$553,000** MLS 215027418
Gary Ryan 239.273.6796

SATURNIA LAKES



NORTH NAPLES POOL HOME
• Perfectly Maintained, Amenity Rich Neighborhood
• MBR on Ground Floor, Loft Upstairs, Gorgeous Lake View
• **\$499,900** MLS 215015645
Dodona Roboci 239.776.8123

GRANDEZZA



ESTERO
• Turnkey Furnished
• Beautiful Courtyard Home
• **\$499,900** MLS 215032361
Bette Pitzer 239.560.2627

VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB



NORTH NAPLES
• 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Baths
• Among Best Views at VCC
• **\$479,900** MLS 215018074
Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

PARADISE VILLAGE



BONITA SPRINGS
• Gulf Access Off Imperial River, Calling All Boaters!
• 3 BR, 2 BA Home with Private Boat Dock
• **\$399,000** MLS 215030435
Pamela McCall 239.273.7428

BENT PINE VILLAS



NAPLES
• Light, Bright & Airy 2BR + Den/2BA
• Pet Friendly Community - No Size Restrictions
• **\$299,999** MLS 215009693
Liz Appling 239.272.7201

PARADISE VILLAGE



BONITA SPRINGS
• Canal Front Building Lot with Dock
• Direct Gulf Access
• **\$295,000** MLS 214008189
The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB



NORTH NAPLES
• 2 BR + Den, 2 BA Carriage Home
• Private Setting on Golf Course (Preserve View)
• **\$294,900** MLS 215001832
Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

LAS BRISAS AT SPANISH WELLS



BONITA SPRINGS
• Turnkey Furnished 2BR + Den, 2BA 2nd Floor Condo
• Expansive Pond, Water Feature & Golf Course Views
• **\$269,000** MLS 214064015
Jim Griffith-Boeglin Team 239.322.2409

VANDERBILT WATERFRONT HOME



ATTENTION BOATERS
• Furnished 5 Bedroom Custom Built Home
• Pool/Spa and Boat Dock on Water's Edge
• **\$2,595,000** MLS 214054239
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

MOORINGS



NAPLES
• 5 BR, 4.5 BA, 4,655 Sq. Ft. Under AC
• Minutes to Beach, Shopping & Downtown Naples
• **\$2,450,000** MLS 214051295
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

BONITA BAY



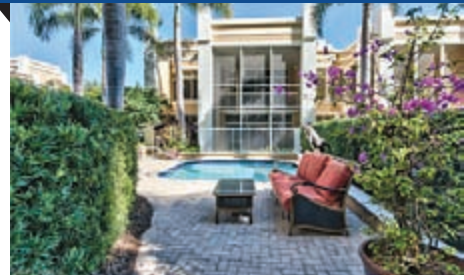
IBIS COVE
• Must See 3 BR +Den, 3.5 BA Pool Home
• Wraparound Lake Views with Southern Exposure
• **\$2,149,000** MLS 215018066
Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

BONITA BAY



RIVERWALK
• Completely & Tastefully Remodeled
• Lake View from All New Pool & Lanai
• **\$1,849,000** MLS 215023931
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

PELICAN BAY



ST. RAPHAEL
• Private Pool
• Highrise Amenities
• **\$1,395,000** MLS 215008601
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BONITA BAY



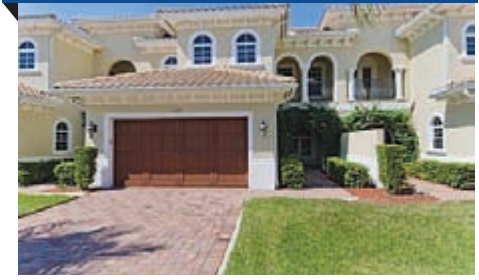
CREEKSIDE
• 3BR + Den, 4 Full Baths on Quiet Cul-de-sac
• Solar Heated Pool/Spa, Outdoor Kitchen
• **\$1,350,000** MLS 214059142
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

OWN A PIECE OF PARADISE



FORT MYERS
• Organic Farm Tree and Plan Nursery on 5.15 Acres
• Main Home w/Heated Pool, Additional Historic Cottage and Barn
• **\$1,195,000** MLS 215007309
Roger Stening, The Fischer Group 239.770.4707

LUSSO VILLA



NAPLES
• 3 Bedrooms + Den, 3.5 Baths, 2 Car Garage
• Private Pool & Spa
• **\$995,000** MLS 214062784
The Taranto Team 239.572.0066

GOLDEN GATE ESTATES



NAPLES
• 5 Bedroom/3 Bathroom, 3 Car Garage
• Huge Screened Lanai with Pool
• **775,000** MLS 215013690
Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

GOLDEN GATE ESTATES



ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS
• 3 Fenced Pastures, 6 Stall Barn, Riding Arena
• Completely Remodeled Ranch Home, 5BR/4BA
• **\$749,900** MLS 214054247
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

WILSHIRE LAKES



NAPLES
• Estate Home with Pool
• 3 Bedrooms Plus a Den
• **659,900** MLS 215025252
Debbie Dekevich 239.877.4194

SPANISH WELLS



BONITA SPRINGS
• 4 BR+, 3 BA, 2-car Attached Garage
• Fantastic Architectural Features
• **\$655,000** MLS 215017868
Zach Fischer, The Fischer Group 239.777.7500

NAPLES POOL HOME



FIRANO AT NAPLES
• Tosara Model Perfect
• 4 Bedrooms 2.5 Baths, Pool & Lanai
• **\$549,900** MLS 215002843
Roger Stening/The Fischer Group 239.770.4707

PALMIRA GOLF & CC



BONITA SPRINGS
• 4 BR, 4 BA on Quiet Cul-De-Sac
• Heated Pool & Spa, Sunrise Views Over Golf Course
• **\$549,000** MLS 215023033
The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

ESTERO ISLAND STILT HOME



FORT MYERS BEACH
• Quiet, End of Street, 3 Minute Walk To Beach
• 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath Stilt Home
• **\$539,900** MLS 214057889
Michael May 239.989.6357

SPANISH WELLS



BONITA SPRINGS
• Charming 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Pool & Spa
• Extensively Updated
• **\$499,990** MLS 215019667
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

SPANISH WELLS



BONITA SPRINGS
• 2nd Floor Condo with Private Elevator
• 3BR + Den, 3 Full Baths, Lake View
• **\$385,000** MLS 215023944
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

BONITA BAY



LAKESIDE
• 3 BR, 3 BA, 2-Car Garage, End Unit
• 2nd Floor SW Long Lake View
• **\$372,500** MLS 215018400
Sandy Kass, The Fagan Team 239.292.4044

PLANTATIONS



PLANTATION
• Newly Renovated
• Open Floor Plan
• **\$369,000** MLS 215018000
Kurt Petersen 239.777.0408

BRIDGEWATER BAY



HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER
• 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom with Attached Garage
• Tons of Natural Light and Lake Views
• **\$340,000** MLS 214063279
Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

SERRANO



BONITA SPRINGS
• Coach Home with Garage, Built in 2006
• Low Density Gated Community w/ Canoe Launch
• **\$246,000** MLS 215020370
Vahle Team 239.450.7805

HAWTHORNE



CHESAPEAKE COVE
• Spacious 1st Floor Carriage, 2 BR +Den, 2 BA
• Private Preserve & Cul-de-Sac Setting
• **\$243,900** MLS 215021374
Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

SUNSET HOMES



NAPLES
• Less Than 4 Miles From Downtown Naples
• Canal-front Home on Double-Lot
• **\$200,000** MLS 215011018
Loretta Young's Team Lavita 239.784.1984

LOVELY CONDO AT BLUE HERON



BEING SOLD TURNKEY
• Top Floor 2BR, 2BA Condo
• 9.5' Ceilings, Crown Molding
• **\$173,900** MLS 215019092
Michael May 239.949.0000

REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Bill Price, Jim Hamilton, James Nulf, Matt Price and Joe Schulz have joined forces to form Seagate Development Group, a full-service residential and commercial real estate development and construction company. With offices in Westlinks, the new Fort Myers-based company serves Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. Seagate has begun construction of Windward Isle, a 28-home enclave in North Naples, as well as the first of its two estate homes in Quail West, where Seagate is a preferred builder. Through its affiliate, SW Management and Realty, Seagate has secured the property management and leasing responsibilities for more than 1 million square feet



HAMILTON, NULF, B. PRICE, SCHULZ, M. PRICE of commercial space in Fort Myers and will remain active in the tenant improvement projects for these properties.

Naples-based DeAngelis Diamond has promoted **Robert Lewis**, executive project manager, and **Scott Currens**, director of pre-construction, to division managers of the Birmingham, Ala., and Sarasota offices.

Joanna Carignan has joined Weichert, Realtors On the Gulf as an agent to assist buyers and sellers in Estero, Bonita Springs and Naples. Ms. Carignan is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors. She previously worked in the gaming industry.



CARIGNAN

Robert Silhavey has joined the Fort Myers office of Weichert, Realtors on the Gulf. A member of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach, Mr. Silhavey holds an MBA and previously worked with Hewlett Packard.



SILHAVEY

CRE Consultants and the team of **Randall Mercer, Brandon Stoneburner** and **Nicole Gray** have been retained as the exclusive leasing agents

for Walden Center I & II in Bonita Springs. The Class A buildings have space for corporate headquarters, professional offices and other businesses.

Steelbridge Capital introduces The Offices at Pelican Bay, formerly Pelican Bay Executive Center, at 5801-5811 Pelican Bay Blvd. The complex features two, six-story class A office buildings totaling 171,926 square feet of rentable office space and a three-level parking garage. There is a café and a conference on site. The 12 spaces available for lease range from 1,200 to 12,637 square feet. Current tenant partners include Hahn Loeser, Wells Fargo, NewsBank, Marsh USA and Baird & Co. Under the new ownership, capital improvements to the building interiors and exteriors are underway. The Offices at Pelican Bay are managed and leased by CRE Consultants.

CC Devco, Del Web Naples and **Pulte Homes** will host special events at their sales centers and in 17 model homes in Ave Maria from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13. The merchants of Ave Maria Town Center will hold a sidewalk sale throughout the day.

CC Devco builds in Maple Ridge, and Pulte Homes builds in Hampton Village and Emerson Park. Del Webb Naples is Ave Maria's active adult community.

The main entrance to Ave Maria is Oil Well Road just west of Camp Keais Road in eastern Collier County. From I-75, take Exit 11 east and follow the signs. For more information, call 352-3903 or visit avemaria.com. ■

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Furnished Model Home



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3 BR/3 1/2 BA - \$885,000
Waterfront Condominium



MONTELAGO
18081 Montelago Court
4 BR/4 BA + DEN - \$869,000
Private Pool & Cabana



MONTEBELLO
10722 Mirasol Drive, #503
3 BR/3 BA + DEN - \$850,000
Coach Home



BELLINI
10671 Via Milano Drive, #1901
2 BR/2 BA + DEN - \$705,000
Waterfront Residence



VIVALDI
10821 Vivaldi Court, #1902
3 BR/3 1/2 BA + DEN - \$750,000
Waterfront Condominium



BELLAVISTA
10101 Bellavista Circle, #802
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Luxury Coach Home



BELLAVISTA
10240 Bellavista Circle, #1503
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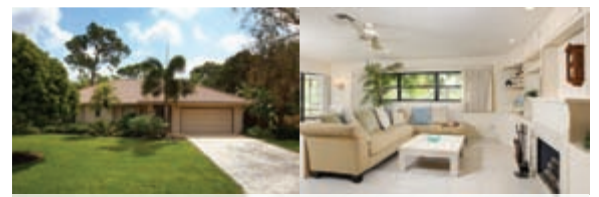
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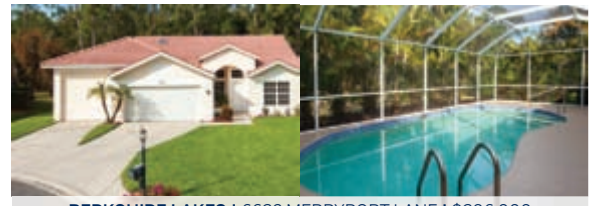
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SATURNIA LAKES
1852 SENEGAL DATE DR.

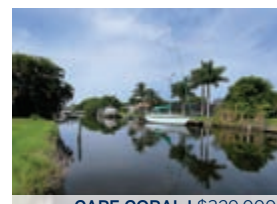
VANDERBILT BEACH
5 BLUEHILL AVE.



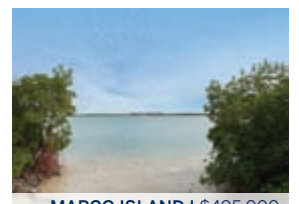
PALM RIVER | 174 OLD TAMIAMI TRAIL | \$386,000



BERKSHIRE LAKES | 6632 MERRYPORT LANE | \$396,000



CAPE CORAL | \$329,000
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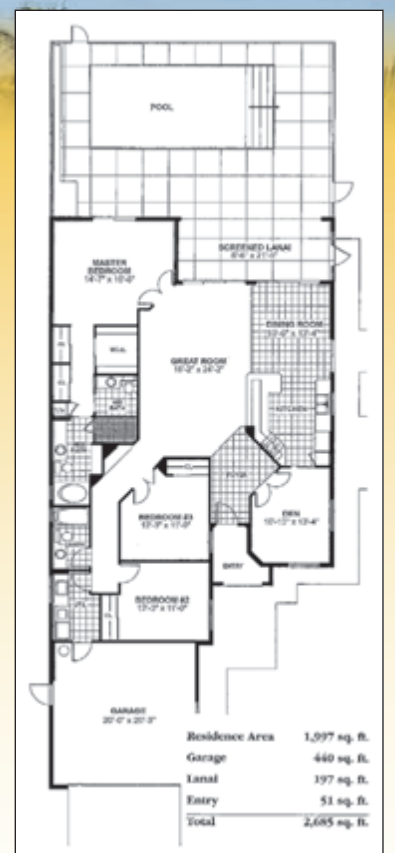


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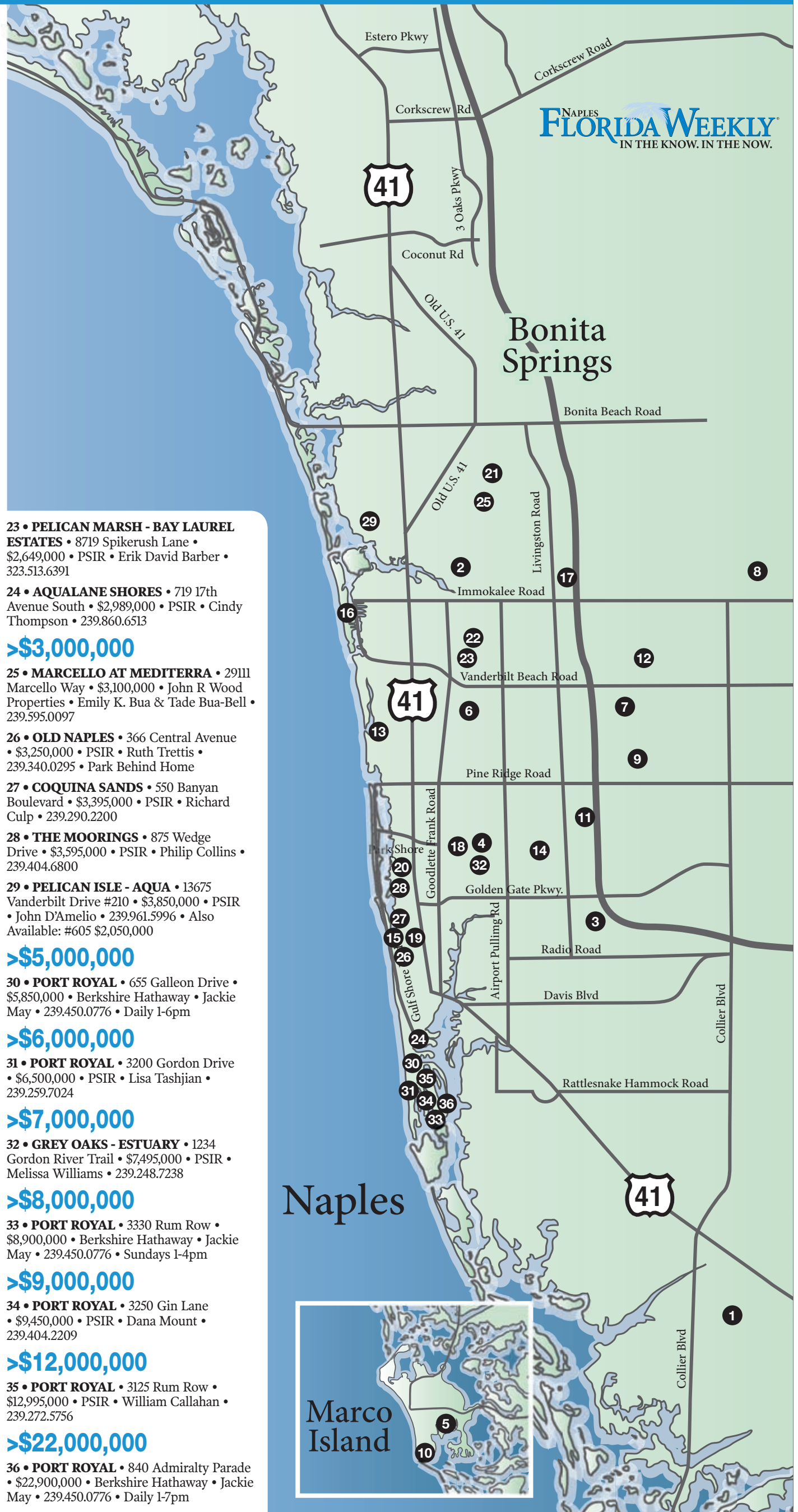
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the underpants



*Laboratory
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BY NANCY STETSON
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*"Never underestimate the power of a glimpse of lingerie."
— Theo in "The Underpants"*

Life changes drastically for Louise after she accidentally drops her bloomers in public.

She and her husband, Theo, attend a parade to see the king pass by. In order to get a better view, Louise stands on her tiptoes on a bench, and the knot tying her bloomers comes undone. The bloomers slide down her legs and pool at her feet.

Mike Dinko, Dena Galyean, Rick Sebastian, Angie Koch, Marcos Martins and Andy Savoie in their underpants.

SEE UNDERPANTS, C4 ▶

Watercolor exhibit opens at The Naples Depot

"Sights of Paradise," an exhibit of watercolors by Michaela Castaldi depicting iconic Naples buildings and scenes as well as local flora and fauna, is on display at The Naples Depot Museum through July. Friends of the Collier County Museums hosts an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

"To show one's artwork in an actual historical building is an honor all its own," the artist, a Naples retiree, says. "Train depots as we remember are

about beginnings and endings. My artwork shows just some of what Naples was and is today," she adds. "I am hoping visitors will enjoy the journey from the past to our tropical future."

Born and raised in New Hampshire, Ms. Castaldi attended the Ringling School of Art, the University of New Hampshire and the Rhode Island School of Design. She retired from the A.T. Cross Pen & Pencil Company,



SEE EXHIBIT, C3 ▶

Michaela Castaldi's watercolor of The Naples Depot.

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The origins of civilization ... and fine-looking men



Greece was never on my travel itinerary. It always seemed too far, too hard to reach, a lot of work to get to a place that was neither fully in the West nor absolutely in the East. Plus the news coming out of Greece lately has not been good, making it seem less than ideal as a vacation spot.

But I needed a break from Florida, from the relentless traffic, the heat that has already set in and the day-to-day obligations that make life feel like one long to-do list. When a friend mentioned a writing retreat in Greece she had visited a few years ago, I had the sudden thought: Why not?

So I booked a ticket to Athens and set out for a far corner of the country, a bright spot where sea and mountains met, a place as cloudless and blue as in all the travel posters.

The terrain felt familiar, standard Mediterranean: lime trees, figs, olive groves, bougainvilleas, roses, oleanders. And the food was similar to what you'd see on the menu at any Greek restaurant in the States: stuffed grape leaves, moussaka, rounds of fried calamari.

But what surprised me were the people.

Specifically, the men.



Years ago when I lived in New York, I frequented a Greek restaurant near my apartment. It was the real deal: Greek owners, Greek patrons, retsina on the table and folk music on the stereo. But what really drew me to the restaurant

was a particular waiter, a tall, quiet young man with dark hair and a thick dark beard. This was at the beginning of the beard trend when guys everywhere started sporting ridiculous facial hair. But the young Greek man didn't look ridiculous.

He looked masculine and sexy.

Imagine my delight to discover in Greece a country full of men just like him. All bearded, all sexy, looking like they might at any moment jump out of a fishing boat to wrestle a giant octopus.

During my travels around the country and through small coastal villages, I understood for the first time why Greek art is so interested in the human form, especially the male form. The men were beautiful. Even performing modern mundane activities — driving a bus or pouring orange juice or counting out change — they had a grace and masculinity that I found astonishing.

Still, the most unexpected thing about them? Their kindness. I remember the waiter in New York being shy, deferential, with an appraising gaze that was never aggressive. That's how the men in Greece struck me —interested, but without the smug sneers of other Mediterranean men (yes, I'm talking about you, France). The men I encountered in Greece were on the whole warm, polite and quick to smile. And did I mention the beards?

I'm beginning to think the Greek tourism board has it all wrong. Instead of posters of whitewashed villages perched on hills over the sea, what they really need to be sending out is photos of this other national treasure. My sense is that tourism would soon be on the rise. ■

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

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The artist also paints flora and fauna.

EXHIBIT

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where she designed corporate emblem logos, and moved to Naples in 2005. What was once a hobby has since blossomed into a second career.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Naples Depot Museum is at 1051 Fifth Ave. S. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission to the wine-and-cheese reception for "Sights of Paradise" is free. For more information, call 262-6525 or visit collier-museums.com/exhibits. ■



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UNDERPANTS

From page 1

(This is in 1910s Dusseldorf, Germany. There were no elastic waistbands then.)

Theo, an uptight government clerk, is horrified, scandalized. How will this affect him? What will people think of him, that this happened to his wife... in front of the king?

So begins "The Underpants," a German farce by Carl Sternheim, adapted by comedian Steve Martin. The play runs June 12-27 at the Laboratory Theater of Florida.

"On the surface, she goes to the parade for the king, the panties drop — it's totally by accident — and then suddenly, she has all this attention (from men who want to rent a room in her house)," says Rick Sebastian, who's directing the LAB Theater production.

"My concept of what this is about is: She's been married for a year, she doesn't feel appreciated, she doesn't feel loved, she's lost her own self-worth. And because of this accident, she now has these men showing her attention.

"It's romantic, it's exhilarating. And she has a confidante — an older upstairs neighbor who tells her: You can go out and have affairs with many men! There are many men better than what you have!"

Over the course of the play, Louise blooms and gains self-confidence because of the men's attention.

The farce is a story about miscommunication of that age, Mr. Sebastian explains. "(The playwright) Sternheim wrote the play to mock the bourgeois society values of the Victorian age," he says.

"It's poking fun at German manners," says LAB Theater artistic director Annette Trossbach.

It's not a subtle comedy at all, she adds. "All the characters are outrageous. They're wonderful. They're out of this world," she says. "They're very broad and zany and larger than life."

The theater staged Mr. Martin's "Picaso at Lapin Agile" two years ago, so



Mike Dinko



Mike Dinko

This was when I was in college. We



Rick Sebastian

were at a regatta where everyone was drinking. But it wasn't a regatta, because there weren't any boats, so it was just a party. It was a Penn State party. So you understand the magnitude of it.

We were drinking all day. And it started raining, a torrential downpour ... Everybody was leaving, and it was like a concert, where everyone's trying to leave at once.

There was a field down below. So I came up with the idea that I'd drive down into the field and make a fishtail, and I'd come up the other side. So then I wouldn't have to wait to back out.

To my dismay, when I got down into the field, I basically buried my car up to the chassis in mud. We

then tried every way to get the car out. Mud was flying everywhere, all over us ... We got to the point where clothes were no longer relevant. I stripped down to my underwear ... We were finally rescued by a Jeep that pulled the car out with a chain.

The girls didn't want to get mud on the car seats, so they stripped to their underwear and put raincoats on top.

I would not get back in the car because I was so covered in mud. I was in my underwear, sitting on the hood of the car, holding on ... The mud was about an inch deep and was so caked on, it had to basically be clawed off.

That's my underpants story.

Dena Galyean

Wouldn't you like to know?

Andy Savoie

My pair of underpants is loud and eccentric because of the different roles I've played onstage. I was just doing "Cabaret" in February here, playing Bobby, a flamboyant Kit Kat Club boy, and Rudy the sailor. Now I'm playing Versati, who is poetic and basically trying to sleep with Louise, the lead. I've been Peter in "Jesus Christ Superstar" and Skip Snip in "Little House of Horrors."

Rick Sebastian

They're size 60 boxers. Twenty years ago, I weighed more than 400 pounds. These underpants are from that time. And I save them to remind myself that I once fit into them.

The first role I did at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, I was Officer Krupke from "West Side Story." I wore these (under my costume.) I was still big.

I tried a couple of diets and I hit on Atkins. I went hardcore on that. It took me a year and a half and I lost 130 pounds. Twenty years later, I'm just under 300, so I've maintained (that weight loss).

As a single person working multiple jobs back then, I only ate with the clown,

in the know

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the king and the little girl with red hair — fast food all the time: Supersize it, please supersize it.

I cook and make my own food now, and I walk on the beach.

Angie Koch

We were in our early 20s and were rafting on the Huron River in Michigan. We were coming to an area where there was rumored to be a nude beach. So we thought, oh, we should all take our clothes off (when we pass) because it's a nude beach.

We took our shirts off, but the girls had bathing suits underneath. We get there to the beach and there's nobody there. And somehow, we tipped the raft over, so we had to get out and wade. And when we tipped it over, most of our clothes got away from us (and floated downstream).

So there we were, two girls in swimsuits and our male friend David, who was in his underpants. He had to walk three or four miles back to the car in order to drive back and get us and the raft.

We'd tied our button-down white shirts around our waists, so we gave them to David, and he tied them around his middle, so one covered the front and one covered the rear.



Marcos Martins





Andy Savoie

Then he walked to the car. When he got there, he realized that he didn't have his keys. They were in his pants, which had floated down the river. And the park was about to close.

He then had to walk another mile to my parents' house and ask for help. Fortunately, my parents weren't home, but my brother was, and he came and got us.

Annette Trossbach

When I was in high school in the Netherlands, I was a singing telegram girl. No, it was not in one of those bars you immediately think of, and not behind glass. It was a legit gig, raising money for the school drama club.

I wore very, very frilly, full bloomers, covering everything. Now they'd be

called a boy short or full briefs.

They were very lacy and went up to the waist. And I had a red and white gingham micro-mini skirt on top of those. I was supposed to flash my underwear as part of the routine. It had a big red heart stitched on the back of it.

I was wearing a black leotard, as well, sheer panty hose and black tap shoes, of course. And a Santa Claus hat.

Different people would send singing telegrams to their friends and families and loved ones for the holidays ... I would go by myself or with one other singing telegram. We'd tap and sing, then flip up our little skirts.



Dena Galyean

I was 18 ... It was darling and cute. It was fun at the time.

Looking back at it now, I think it was risque. I can't believe we got away with that. I would feel discomfort, if I had I daughter, she wanted to do that. I would be vetting these dance routines before they went out to the public.



It was the Netherlands. Men will be men. We learned lessons. That's all I'm going to say.

That's my underpants story.

They're here and they're lacy. ■



Angie Koch



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Sylvia – By The Marco Players June 11-28. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

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

Church Basement Ladies – Through July 4 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

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

The Underpants – By The Laboratory Theater of Florida June 12-27. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com. See story on page C1.

The Gondeliers – By Opera Naples Summer Youth Program June 27-28 at the Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

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

THURSDAY 6.4

All About Avocado – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a walking tour followed by a discussion about everything you need to know about avocados, including how to incorporate them into your diet, from 10 a.m. to noon. \$35 for Garden members, \$40 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Arty Party – Guests can paint their own version of Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" in a session starting at 2 p.m. at the studios of Paul Arsenault in Crayton Cove. \$50. 571-2770 or artypartiesnaples.com.

Exhibit Opening – Friends of the Collier County Museums hosts an opening reception for "Sights of Paradise," an exhibit of watercolors by Michaela Castadli, from 6-8 p.m. at the Naples Depot Museum. The exhibit remains on display through July. Free. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6525 or colliermuseums.com. See story on page C1.

Free Concert – The Wilder Sons perform on the lawn at Mercato from 6-8 p.m. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Off the Hook – Gary Menke performs at 9 p.m. tonight through Sunday, June 7, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. \$20-25. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

FRIDAY 6.5

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.

The Power Within – Join the meditation session and chill out at Goddess I Am at 10 a.m. \$10. 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.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.



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Game Day – 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.

BYOB – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session at 7 p.m. Guests can bring their own beer or wine. \$36. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

SATURDAY 6.6

Farmers Market – Dozens of vendors bring their food and wares to the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Food Trucks and Farmers Market – The summer farmers market at Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and the food trucks stay until 2 p.m. 273-2350.

Peace and Paddleboarding – Achieve perfect balance in a class that combines yoga and paddleboarding from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on the beach at Second Avenue North. \$35 includes board rental; \$15 if you bring your own board. Text 595-3199 to obtain confirmation beforehand.

Green Thumbs Unite – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts a seminar on community gardening starting at 9 a.m. Email reservations to wgvolunteer@gmail.com. 27180 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Jazz Concert – Naples Jazz Masters perform at 1 p.m. at the Norris Center. Free, but donations welcome at the door. jazzydrjim@gmail.com or naplesjazzsociety.com.

BYOB for Two – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session for couples at 7 p.m. Bring your own beer or wine. \$36. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

SUNDAY 6.7

Great Pipes – Some of the area's finest organists play the 3,604-pipe Casavant organ at Artis—Naples in a program beginning at 3 p.m. \$20. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Afternoon at the Movies – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of "In the Loop" (UK, 2009) from 2-5 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. The run-up to war makes for curious rivalries and uneasy alliances, when the United States president and the prime minister of the UK fancy a war and their respective cabinets don't. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu. Reservations strongly recommended.

MONDAY 6.8

Yoga for Youngsters – Green Monkey Yoga offers classes for kids ages 4-8 starting today. Sessions are from 4-5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. \$10 per class, \$90 for 10 classes. 6200 Trail Blvd. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Wheel Throwing – Aspiring artists are invited to pottery classes at Chelsea's Resale Shoppe at 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. \$50 per class. 949 Second Ave. S. 261-0005.

Meditation – Chelsea's Resale Shoppe hosts an evening meditation at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. Donations appreciated. 949 Second Ave. S. 261-0005.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a screening of "King of Melody." The 1953 film tells the story of Giuseppe Verdi and his struggles for musical and romantic success. \$15 for dinner and the movie, \$5 for just the film. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

The Full Monty – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Full Monty" (UK, 1997) at 7 p.m. Six unemployed steelworkers form a male striptease act. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 6.9

Picture Perfect – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU offers a class in "Making/Taking Better Pictures" from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. Learn how lighting, exposure and composition techniques can turn snapshots into works of art. \$34 for RA members, \$39 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

Art Reception – Marco Island Center for the arts hosts a reception for artist Tara O'Neill's solo exhibition from 5-7 p.m. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.com.

Sunrise in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden staff member Britt Patterson-Weber leads a tour from 6-8 a.m. giving visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy the peaceful morning hours as the plants and wildlife wake up for the day. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Start to Tango – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pabllorepuntango.com.

WEDNESDAY 6.10

Beach Yoga – Instructor Candice Oligney of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. \$5 plus park entry fee. Bring your own yoga mat, water, a towel and bug spray. \$5 plus regular park entrance fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-1938 or visiting greenmonkey.com.

Paddleboarding Basics – Delnor-Wiggins State Park invites ages 12 and older to learn paddleboarding basics with park staff at 9:30 a.m. Boards supplied by Naples beach Adventures. Reservations required. Free with park entry. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Mom & Me – Rookery Bay invites moms and kids ages 5 and older to join an art session led by Marjorie Pesek at 10 a.m. \$25 for mom and child. 300 Tower Road. 590-5940 or rookerbay.org.

More than Myths – Brush up on "Who's Who in Classical Greek Mythology" from 10-11:30 a.m. at Moorings Park. The FGCU Renaissance Academy promises this lecture is NOT the mythology you remember from high school. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. Instructor is Carol Johnson. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

Dinner Social – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner, cards and mah jongg at 6 p.m. \$25 members, \$30 non-members. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

COMING UP

Black Widow – Delnor-Wiggins State Park hosts a presentation about Florida's 900 species of spiders at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11. Reservations recommended. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Cruisin' – David Lawrence Center's Young Executives host a sunset cruise aboard the Naples Princess setting out at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11. \$40. 304-3505 or paiges@dlcmhc.com.

Tile Tournament – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a mah jongg tournament to benefit Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support at 8 a.m. Friday, June 12. Includes continental breakfast, lunch buffet and raffle drawing. Please bring mah jongg sets. \$45 cash due by Friday, June 5. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Garden Tour – Naples Botanical Garden staffer Liz Chehayl leads a lecture and tour of the Irma Garden and the Kathryn Garden at 10 a.m. Friday, June 12. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Camera USA – The Naples Art Association hosts the opening reception and awards ceremony for the 2015 Camera USA National Photography Award competition and exhibit from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, at The von Liebig Art Center. Free for NAA members, \$10 for others.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Talent Match – Miromar Outlets hosts its annual talent show preliminaries at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, in the restaurant piazza. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Marine Celebration – Naples Harbour celebrates National Marina Day from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 13, with live music, poolside barbecue, face painting and more. Proceeds benefit the Marine Industries Association of Collier County. 213-1441 or floridamarinaclubs.com.

Diaper Swap – Bring a sealed pack of disposable diapers to Whole Foods Market between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 14, to receive a pack of Seventh Generation Free and Clear diapers in exchange. All collected diapers will be donated to Baby Basics of Collier County. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

OM Sunday – Whole Foods Market hosts a free yoga session with an instructor from the Naples Yoga Center at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 14. Sign up at customer service. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

Here Come the Brides – Area brides-to-be are invited to meet Southwest Florida wedding vendors and specialists at the Naples Bridal Expo from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at Hilton Naples. \$5 (brides can pre-register for free admission). 272-8477 or naplesbridalexpo.com.

Afternoon at the Movies – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents a screening and discussion of “Gilda” (USA, 1946) starring Glenn Ford and Rita Hayworth from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 14, at the FGCU Naples Center. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu. Reservations strongly recommended.

Love the Louvre – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents “The History and Collection of the Louvre, Paris, France” from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, June 15, at The Terraces in Bonita Springs. Carol Jonson is the instructor. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and screens “Gli Zitelloni” (Italy, 1958) at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 15. A man who is falling in love seeks advice from a professor whose philosophy is that men are not meant to be married. \$15, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Foreign Film – Centers for the Arts of Bonita Springs host a screening of “Soul Kitchen” (Germany, 2009) at 7 p.m. Monday, June 15. In Hamburg, German-Greek chef Zinos unknowingly breaks the peace in his locals-only restaurant by hiring a more talented chef. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Electric Magnates – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents “Tesla, Edison, Westinghouse: The Men Who Invented Electricity” from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Moorings Park. Instructor Steve Mutart discusses the early 20th century saga of brilliance, jealousy, showmanship, deceit, money and greed. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs with pertinent details and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.



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■ The Naples International Film Festival presents a screening of “**Cinema Paradiso**” on Wednesday evening at Silverspot Cinema. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. \$30 includes a glass of wine, beer or other beverage and an assortment of savory and sweet bites.

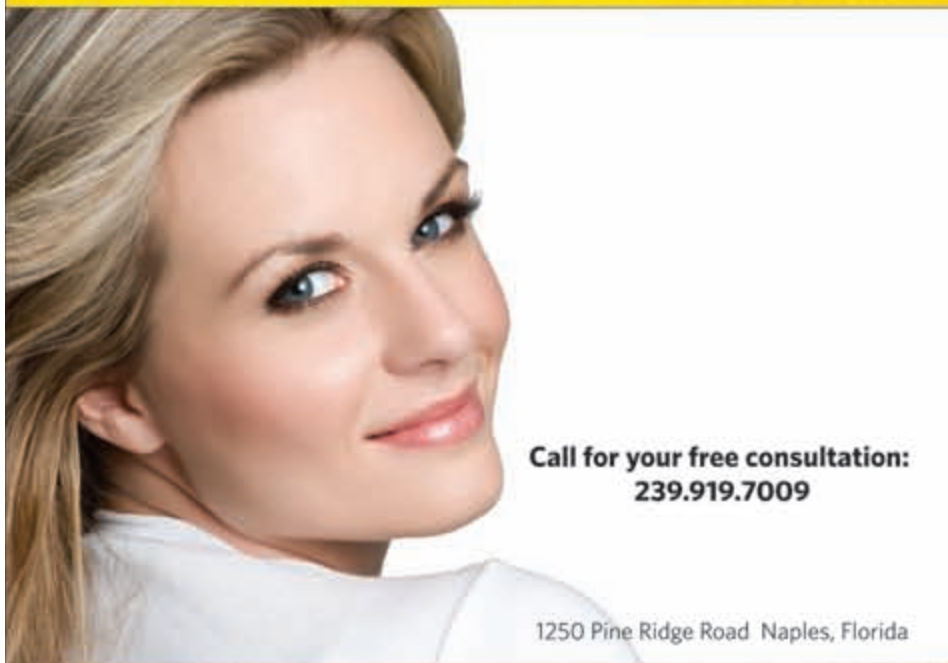
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FLORIDA WRITERS

Naples newcomer turns out a highly original second novel

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■ **"Ginger Quill" by Kay Taylor Burnett. iUniverse. 170 pages. Trade paperback, \$13.95.**

Kay Taylor Burnett, a recent transplant to Naples, is a retired Texas newspaper publisher and magazine editor. Before publishing "Ginger Quill" last year, she published her first novel, "No Odes to Widows," in 2009. She's working on her third, which is set in Florida.



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"Ginger Quill" is set in scenic stretches of New Mexico and Colorado and focuses on the anxieties of Mae Maguire, recently divorced and concerned about being followed and possibly harmed by her imbalanced ex-husband.

As readers learn, Ginger has every right to be worried.

Michael Montrose is stalking her, convinced that their mutual friend Joel has betrayed him. In fact, Joel has offered

Mae the safety of his home and continued friendship while she prepares for her future; she hopes to make a living as an artist.

Joel's serene fishing cabin in Colorado, along the northern Rio Grande, is just the place for Mae's emotional healing. The gorgeous natural setting inspires her art, though she remains unsettled about Michael being out there scheming revenge over the divorce.

Joel Zivoloski works as a geothermal engineer for the Los Alamos National Laboratory, a U.S. government operation. His Colorado neighbor, Johannes Ackerman, is a hydrologist connected with the prestigious Santa Fe Institute. Johannes is concerned about water purity, and his concerns might have something to do with the book's subplot: the illegal extracting and sale of uranium from ostensibly closed Colorado mines.

Born in the U.S. of German parents, Johannes has interesting stories to tell about German prisoners of war who were impressed into labor in the United States at the end of WWII. While his background and the "story within a story" are fascinating, it is hard to connect them to the main plot. They do add some dark local color, however.

The complication arises when Katja Richter becomes a co-worker with Joel at the Los Alamos lab. She turns pale when Mae and Joel mention the name of Johannes Ackerman. Something is wrong here.

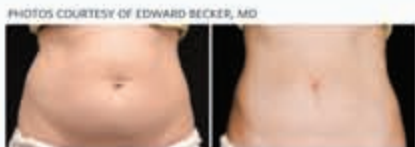
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the local sheriff signals even more trouble.

Unexpectedly, Mae overhears a conversation between Katja and the uranium smugglers. It sounds like she represents the buyers or is at least part of that operation.

What follows, dear reader, is best left to your own engagement with this suspenseful, compact and attractively written novel.

Is there romantic potential for Mae with the solicitous Johannes? Will her platonic friendship with childhood friend Joel take on another dimension? These are sturdy hooks with which the author holds onto the reader while the criminal elements of the plot and the doings of deranged Michael Montrose come closer and closer to exploding.

Ms. Burnett's descriptive abilities are impressive. Snowstorms, sunny days, mountain vistas, rippling waters, small town restaurants and cafés, wildlife and vegetation, Mae's pet dog, falconry and a small aircraft flight are all handled with a sure touch. South-west Floridians will especially enjoy a flashback scene that renders childhood memories of a tarpon-fishing tournament in Charlotte Harbor.

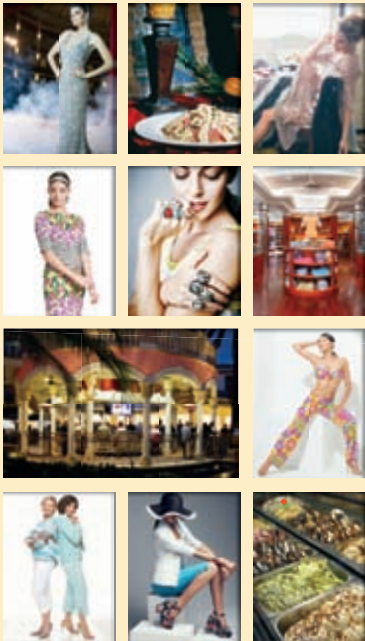
This is a well-crafted, highly original narrative that has not yet found its audience. I encourage you to give it a try while we wait for Ms. Burnett to finish that novel set in Florida. ■

— 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.

Mae realizes that Katja has performed a speedy seduction of her old friend, and that Katja's interest in Joel is probably not truly a romantic one. Katja's background as someone raised in East Germany but escaped to the west before the wall came down excites Joel, but it adds to Mae's nervousness about her.

Not much later, Mae discovers that Katja also has a work and possibly a romantic relationship with Johannes. What's going on here?

More scenes that include the criminals involved in the uranium operation encourage readers to think the various strands of narration will be tied together before long. The disappearance of



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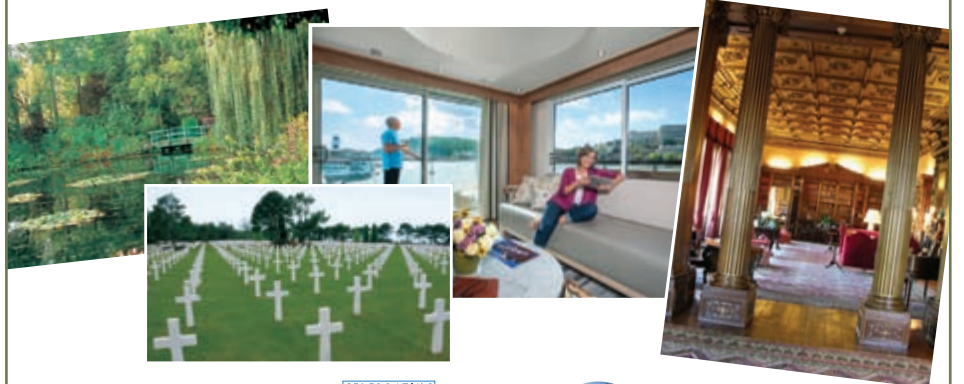
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ARTS COMMENTARY

Late nights seem lonely without Letterman



Life seems strange without Dave.

Like so many others, I might not have watched "The Late Show with David Letterman" every night, but it was a comfort to know it was there.

It's like the local beaches: Unless you have property on or near the Gulf of Mexico, you probably don't go to the beach every day. But you know it's there, and you can go when you want to. When you need to.

David Letterman was like that for me. He was someone I grew up watching, someone who was woven into the fabric of my personal history. Someone I always took for granted would be there.

He wasn't always overly ingratiating, like so many other late-night talk-show hosts. He could be prickly. He was enigmatic, obsessively private.

Sometimes he seemed like so many other men: a boy in a man's body. He had that obsession with messiness and blowing things up. He liked to smash things. He dropped watermelons from a roof. He played pranks.

He'd send out Rupert Jee and via an earpiece, tell him to say and do rude things to strangers just to see how they'd react — Letterman's grown-up version of calling strangers on the telephone and saying crazy stuff.

Truthfully, those pranks were probably my least favorite stunts. Annoying more than funny.

But it was fun to see him stick to a wall in a Velcro suit and submerge himself in water in an Alka-Seltzer suit. It was absurdist, bordering on performance art.

He played with the conventions of television the way Ernie Kovacs did. (Though Letterman denied he was an influence, citing, instead, Steve Allen.)

You can see Letterman saying, "What if we ..." or "How about we ..." Nothing was out of bounds. He did things just for the sake of doing things, to see what it would be like.

I loved the Stupid Pet Tricks. The Stupid Human Tricks.

And I adored his mother. She was so ... well, so mom-like.

So Midwestern, so sweet and friendly. Like she'd invite you into her kitchen and feed you some milk and cookies.

And I also loved the late Calvert DeForest (known as Larry "Bud" Melman). So hilariously awkward. An older, white-



David Letterman waves to the crowds outside the Ed Sullivan Theater after taping the final episode of "The Late Show with David Letterman."

GREG JANNACONE / SHUTTERSTOCK

haired, chunky-shaped guy, he wore thick black-rimmed glasses way before there were Brooklyn hipsters. His face was the first thing viewers saw when "Late Night with David Letterman" debuted on NBC Feb. 1, 1982.

I loved Letterman's Top Ten lists.

And the street views of New York City, when they took the cameras out of the studio, and I got to see my hometown.

The guest bands.

I watched with the rest of the country when Letterman came back on the air after 9/11, trying to make sense of the senseless, not even sure it was proper to be making jokes after such a horrific tragedy.

I was surprised, along with many others, when NBC didn't make him Johnny Carson's successor, choosing, instead, to go with the much more conventional Jay Leno.

Letterman, in my book, was much funnier. And he didn't pander.

That was NBC's loss, when Letterman switched to CBS.

Thirty-three years in any profession is a great feat.

Letterman did his job in public, and entertained well.

It's jarring to think that he's retired, that he's making this big transition in his life. I should know better, but sometimes I expect things to go on forever, for people to always be here.

I was sad to see him go, but one great thing happened once he announced his retirement: It really seemed to fire up his staff and crew, realizing there'd be an end.

And so the show seemed to be the best it ever was, with top-of-the-line guests and bands. Everyone wanted to come on the show one last time. The jokes seemed to be funnier, sharper. Letterman also

seemed to become more pointed with his jokes, not caring about potential fallout.

What was NBC going to do? Fire him?

As for possibly losing viewers, what did it matter? He was going off the air anyway.

Those last weeks, I have to say, were just superb.

He graciously thanked his staff and gave them airtime. He paid tribute to those who have died. He thanked Les Moonves, president of CBS Television, "for being more than patient with me."

Tina Fey stripped down to Spanx to deliver a message to Dave written across her abdomen. Bill Murray stepped out of a multi-layered cake like a showgirl (well, if a showgirl wore a mechanic's suit and goggles) and proceeded to smear frosting all over Dave.

George Clooney, bless him, handcuffed himself to Dave and threw away the key, doing what all of us wished we could do. He even stayed handcuffed to Dave during the next guest's segment, sitting on a stool while Letterman interviewed gravel-voiced musician Tom Waits.

Of course, everyone had to tell Letterman how much they would miss him, and how much he and the show meant to them.

He gave a general gracious thank you at one point, but cautioned, "Save some for my eulogy."

And it was, in some ways, a long-ranging eulogy for someone who is very much alive (having survived quintuple heart surgery in 2000) but whose show was ending.

No one comes near his genius on late-night TV right now.

Jimmy Fallon comes close.

But James Corden, whose show followed Letterman's, falls far short. I still haven't been able to sit through an entire

show of his. It simply isn't funny.

Will Stephen Colbert be a good replacement?

Judging by "The Colbert Report" and Colbert's quick wit, no doubt. Will it be strange to see him out of character? Yes.

Late night, unfortunately, is still a male domain. Why someone hasn't given Tina Fey and Amy Poehler a late-night talk show, I have no idea. Lack of vision on TV executives' part, perhaps.

Letterman's show was something everyone aspired to.

Comedian Steve Mazer, who was diagnosed with inoperable cancer in his intestines and liver, even made a movie about his attempts to get on the show, called "Dying to Do Letterman." The film was shown at the Naples International Film Festival in 2011, and my interview with Steve ran in Florida Weekly Nov. 11, 2011.

(SPOILER ALERT) Steve did eventually make it onto "The Late Show with David Letterman," and here's what he told me about it: "It was amazing ... if I have a bad day or I'm not feeling good, I have that memory of being on stage at The Ed Sullivan Theater.

"Very few things in life live up to what you've built them up to be, but it really exceeded everything I could imagine, every part of it."

Everyone wondered who Letterman's last guest would be.

The Foo Fighters were his musical guest, but other than that, it was Letterman himself, and clips from previous shows.

He presented a star-studded Top Ten list of "Things I Wish I Could Have Said to David Letterman," which included appearances by Barbara Walters, Steve Martin, Ms. Fey, Chris Rock, Peyton Manning, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Bill Murray. (Dave seemed really star-struck by Mr. Manning.)

Out of all 10, I thought Ms. Fey was the funniest. The last thing she wished she could've said to Dave: "Thanks for finally proving men can be funny." Not only did it give me the biggest laugh, but was smart and funny on a number of levels.

There were tribute cameos from "The Simpsons" and "Wheel of Fortune."

Letterman even introduced his wife and his 11-year-old son Harry (and Harry's best buddy, right next to him), sitting in the audience.

There were heartfelt thanks, and highlights from the past 33 years.

He was sincere, emotional but not maudlin.

It was a class act.

I hate good-byes, but I have to say, this was a good good-bye. ■

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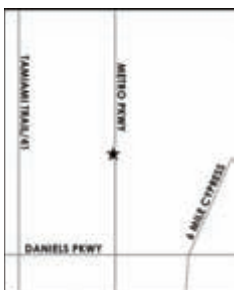
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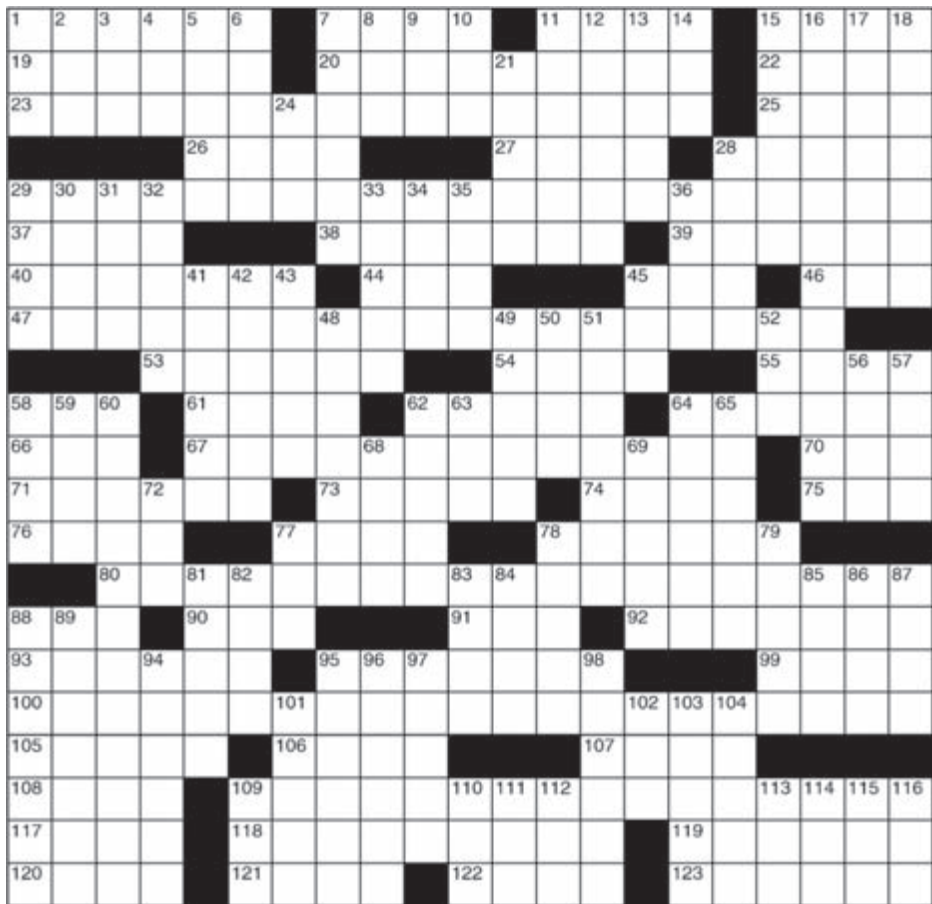
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Choosing to work with someone you once thought might have been disloyal is a courageous move. The logical next step is to talk things out so there'll be no reason for raising suspicions again.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take your time making a decision about a personal or work-related relationship. New facts are still coming in, and you'll want to know the full story before you take a definitive step.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect to learn something new about an old problem. This could provide some insight into how the problem began, and why it still defies efforts to find a resolution. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An uneasy work-related relationship can be eased with compromises by both sides. The parties might consider putting the agreed-upon changes in writing in case of a future misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Oh, you lucky Felines: Your romantic aspects are in absolutely purrrfect form. Don't be surprised at how especially attentive the ladies and gentlemen in your life are going to be this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Looking to prove yourself in a difficult situation is laudable. But try paying more attention to advice from experienced contacts. It could help you avoid time-wasting missteps.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business decision seems easy

enough to make based on what you know. But this week could bring new facts to light, and you might have to do some heavy rethinking.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Feeling sure about the steps you expect to take is great. But you may need to share a few dollops of that confidence with those who have some doubts about your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sense of well-being dominates much of the week. A slightly depressed mood could set in on the weekend. But being with family and friends helps shoo it away.

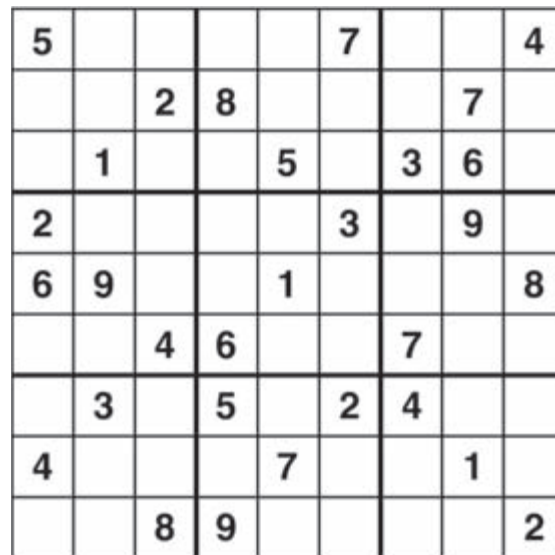
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You appear to be walking your life's path like the sure-footed Goat you are. But someone might feel you could do better. Listen to the advice, but make up your own mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With positive signs growing stronger, Aquarians could find themselves facing choices that are each too good to turn down. Best advice: Go for the one you feel most comfortable with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you know might need your comfort and wisdom during a particularly difficult period. Your encouraging words help restore self-confidence and rebuild strength.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your kindness to all who need you is always appreciated and sets a fine example for others to follow. ■

By Linda Thistle



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A heart-rending tale

BY STEVE BECKER

They say that truth is stranger than fiction, and here is a tale to bear it out. The hand was played in a rubber-bridge game. The stakes were high, the atmosphere tense, and all the players except South were first-rate.

North had been having a hard time all evening, largely because he had cut South as his partner most of the time. So when he heard South open the bidding with a diamond, North perked up, since he was about to win a rubber at last. To make sure South got the message, North responded by jump-shifting to two spades.

South now bid two hearts, which was not sufficient. West called attention to the insufficient bid and offered to explain the options South had, but South, gazing intently at his score pad, said: "No, it's all right. I bid three diamonds. We have game and 40."

North groaned deeply and said: "For your information, sir, we happen to have game and 30, and furthermore, you've now succeeded in barring me from the auction. Can't you even keep score correctly?" So South played the hand at three diamonds, making seven, and, of course, lost the rubber on the next deal.

Had South corrected his bid to three hearts, there would have been no penalty under the laws, and North-South might have reached a slam and made it.

When North tried to explain this to his partner, South replied: "Well, I've

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South have a partscore of 30.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 9 7
♥ Q 9 5
♦ 10
♣ A K J 7

WEST	EAST
♠ Q J	♠ 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 8 7 6 2	♥ J 4
♦ 7 6 5 3	♦ J 8 2
♣ Q 6 2	♣ 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ A K 10 3
♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ 10 9 4

The bidding:
South 1♦ West Pass North 2♠ East Pass
2♥ (!)

Opening lead — two of clubs.

already told you three times I thought I was making a game bid because I thought we had 40 on. Besides, I wouldn't dream of rebidding my hearts with a four-card suit!"

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I'll See You in My Dreams ★★☆☆

(Blythe Danner, Sam Elliott, Malin Akerman) Widower Carol (Ms. Danner) is content on her own, but finds happiness when she spends quality time with fellow retiree Bill (Mr. Elliott). There's something to be said for the simplicity of a good, touching story — which is what this is. It's intended for an older crowd but is certainly a movie we can all learn from. Rated PG-13.

Mad Max ★★☆☆

(Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult) In the post-apocalyptic future, former cop Max (Mr. Hardy) teams with a female renegade (Ms. Theron) as they try to escape a villain named Immortan Joe (Hugh Keays-Byrne). Loud and exciting non-stop action, it's rather artfully done by director George Miller. Rated R.

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.

Tomorrowland ★1/2

(George Clooney, Britt Robertson, Hugh Laurie) Young genius Casey (Ms. Robertson) and a disgraced inventor (Mr. Clooney) travel to an alternate dimension to try to save the world. The story is a convoluted mess and the visual effects are far from impressive. What a disappointment. Rated PG.

Good Kill ★★1/2

(Ethan Hawke, January Jones, Bruce Greenwood) An Air Force pilot (Mr. Hawke) now remotely flies drones into enemy territory, but struggles balancing family life with the morality of his work. Mr. Hawke gives a strong performance and it's a new part of war being explored, but it's not always compelling. Rated R.

Pitch Perfect 2 ★★☆☆

(Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow) The Barden Bellas must win the world championships of a cappella or they'll have to disband. It isn't better than its 2012 predecessor, and it doesn't have to be. All it has to do is satisfy the throngs of fans who loved the original and are eagerly coming back for more of the same. Thankfully, it delivers. 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. I felt bad for the actors, talented as they are and undone by such horrid material. Rated R.

Avengers: Age of Ultron ★★☆☆

(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. ■

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Is it worth \$10? No

Sometimes movies fail when all the right pieces are in place but the final product just doesn't come together. And then there are times when either the concept or structure of the story couldn't possibly have worked, which gives the film no chance from the start.

"Insidious: Chapter 3" never had a chance.

In terms of narrative structure it's a nightmare, a story so poorly told that it's a shock the script ever got the green light.

Writer/director Leigh Whannell co-wrote and starred (as Specs) in the first two "Insidious" films (which were directed by James Wan, who passed on this project due to his "Furious 7" commitments). Clearly, Mr. Whannell is familiar with what a good script should look like as production begins. How we wound up with such a disjointed and poorly told story only he knows, but it's disappointing.

"Chapter 3" is a prequel to "Insidious" (2010) and its 2013 sequel. You need to have seen at least the first movie in order to understand what's happening here. What you need to know is that the "Further" is another dimension in which the souls of dead people lurk with the hope of attaching onto a living person. When the demons do attach to the living, horrible things happen and an exorcism is needed. Elise (Lin Shaye), the psychic who helped others travel into the Further in the first two films, is one of the few who can help expel the demons.

"Chapter 3" doesn't tell Elise's origin story, it tells of a case she worked shortly before helping the Lambert family in the first movie. After teenager Quinn (Stefanie Scott) comes to Elise in the opening scene asking to communicate with Quinn's recently deceased mother, Elise tells her she can't help her and not to try to contact her mother, with foreboding words of warning: "If you call out to one of the dead," Elise says, "all of them can hear you."

So of course in the very next scene, Quinn tries to contact her mother.

She doesn't reach her mother, but she

does get a pesky demon on her tail. And for the next 45 minutes this demon messes with her head, throws her out of bed, knocks on walls, rings bells, tries to pull her out of a fourth story window, etc. It's unclear why the demon would come and go instead of just taking over her body, but I think that's one of those logical questions you're not supposed to ask at horror movies, so I won't.

After these very repetitive 45 minutes of the demon toying with Quinn and her poor father (Dermot Mulroney) struggling to take care of her, Elise agrees to help. A full 15 minutes later, they get together and try to attack the demon, now with the help of paranormal investigators Specs (Mr. Whannell) and Tucker (Angus Sampson).

So yes, it's a full hour into the 97-minute running time before the main action begins. This is what I mean by "structural nightmare." Understand: Usually the main action/con-

flict comes roughly 30 minutes into the movie and thrusts the story forward, leading to a second conflict at the 60-minute point that leads to the conclusion. This allows suspense to build gradually and culminate in the climax. By having only one conflict of note, "Chapter 3" draws out what little suspense it has until it gets tiresome, and even then, the movie isn't over.

This would be more forgivable if the scares were decent, but nothing is scary when it's repetitive and predictable. Anyone who's seen a horror movie knows these tricks: Demon shockingly appears in the distance, behind the curtain, in the doorway, on top of the heroine, leaves bloody footprints behind, etc. Although the sound and production design are solid, the narrative and so-called frightening moments are too underwhelming to be effective.

It's also worth asking the question: Why a prequel? Why not continue moving the "Insidious" story forward rather than put it in reverse to reveal inconsequential information that predates the first two films? There's nothing here that we absolutely had to know.

All of "Insidious: Chapter 3" feels like unnecessary filler. There's a place prequels are supposed to go when they're this unessential: straight to DVD. ■



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>> James Wan has a quick cameo as a theater director in "Insidious: Chapter 3."



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BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

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Q: My elaborately carved wooden chair with a high back, no arms, and a circular hole carved out in the center of the seat puzzles me. Can you tell me how this type of chair was used?

A: This is a potty chair or commode. Before indoor toilets became available in the late 19th century, people used a chamber pot or "thunder mug" in their bedroom. A chamber pot was put in the hole and held by the rim of the pot. After use, it was removed and the contents emptied into a slop jar. After indoor plumbing became common, some potty chairs eventually were altered for use as traditional chairs

and the hole in the seat was covered with a board or cushion. Sometimes the back was altered and the frame tipped back to make the chair more comfortable to sit in. Only a well-to-do family would have had an ornately carved potty chair. Fancy potty chairs can sell for several hundred dollars or more, but the hole lowers the value by as much as 50 percent.

Q: I am collecting old rectangular glass paperweights that look as if a photograph was inserted into the glass. Most of my collection has pictures of buildings or ads for products. How long ago did they start making these? My Brownie Scout daughter made something similar with a photograph inserted into a new glass holder made to look like the old paperweights.

A: Advertising photo paperweights come in two basic forms, domes about 3 inches in diameter, and rectangular weights about 2½ inches by 4 inches. The earliest domes were patented in 1882 by William Maxwell, who had a glass factory in Pennsylvania. The picture or ad was printed on a piece of white glass, then put in a mold and molten glass encased the picture image. The name Brown & Maxwell Ltd. has been found stamped on a few weights but the company had a fire in 1883 and soon closed. The patent was used by others and some have been found dated as late as 1888. Other very early weights were made by Albert Graeser using a different method that he patented in 1892. Most rectangular Graeser weights seem to be mass produced ads for business-



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men, celebrities, companies and buildings. The company was closed by the 1920s. You may be able to find marked examples of weights by some makers from the first half of the 1900s or earlier, including Barnes & Abrams, John & Joseph Lobmiller, Mid-Atlantic Glass Co. and Pittsburgh Glass Novelty Co. There are also many modern glass factories that make similar paper-

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Q: My Heatmaster electric curling iron is marked "Pat. No. 1,562,349." I know it's over 100 years old. I'd like some information about it and its value.

A: Curling irons were first used to curl hair over 100 hundred years ago, but your curling iron isn't as old as you think. Early curling irons were heated by holding them over the flame on a stove or fireplace. The patent for a curling iron was granted to Hiram Maxim in 1866 for his invention of a steam-heated curling iron fueled by gas, alcohol or other inflammable liquid. Electric curling irons were first made in the 1920s. The patent on your curling iron was issued to Theodore S. Lorenze and Warren S. Schmidt in 1925 for a "new and useful electric curling-iron heater" and was assigned to the Master Electric Co. of Chicago. Old curling irons aren't easy to sell. Value: \$10-\$20.

Tip: Don't use your mother's maiden name, the town you or your parents were born in, or other personal information when asked for a security question with an online account. The answers easily can be found in a genealogy search. ■

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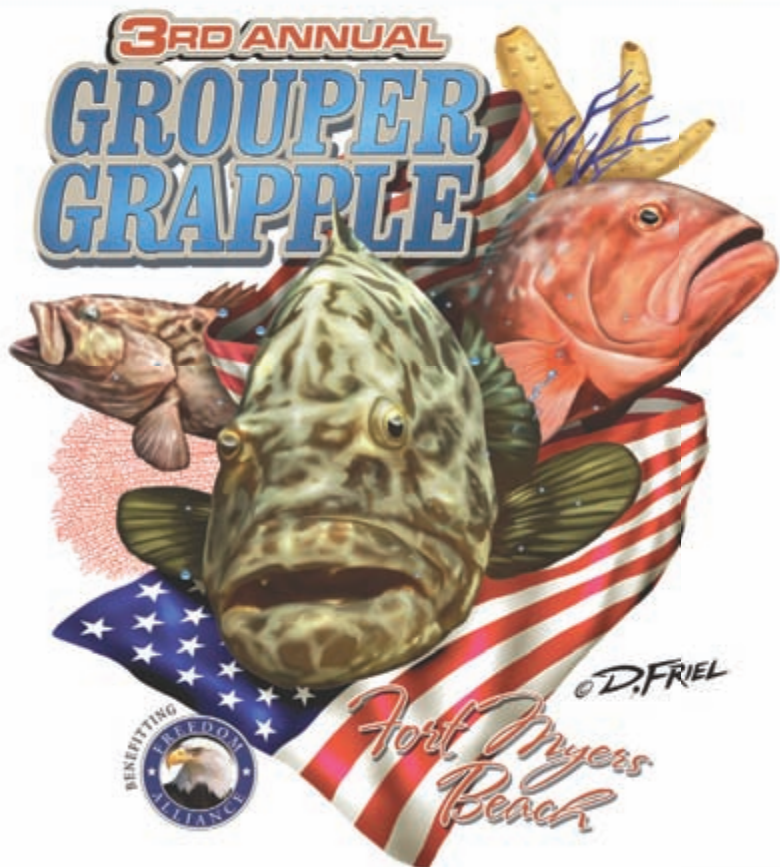


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■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** hosts its next French-speaking table and lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at Café Normandie. Anyone who speaks French at any level and wants to converse with others in the language is welcome. Attendees pay for their lunch; there is no fee for the session that is monitored by French teacher and Alliance Francaise de Naples president Denyse Jenkins. Summer lunches continue on Thursdays, June 25, July 9 and 23 and Aug. 13 and 27. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 261-0977. For more information, visit afnaples.org.

■ **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 June 6 and 20. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcrichie@comcast.net.

■ **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 June 9 and 23. 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 June 10 and 24. For

more information, call 774-2623 or email 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 June 9 and 23. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

■ **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is June 10.

Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is June 14.

EAA The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eal067.com.

■ **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.

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month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is June 15. 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.

■ The **Rev. Rafael Cruz**, the father of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, will be the keynote speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Tiburon. The Men's Republican Club of Collier County will join the women's group for a celebration of Father's Day.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to a social mixer from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Wine Loft in Mercato. For reservations or more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

The Rev. Cruz was born in Cuba. As a teenager, he fought President Batista's regime, was imprisoned and tortured. He came to the United States, worked while he studied at the University of Texas and then built a successful small business.

■ 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 June 20. For more information, email dwcpräsident@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$25. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 598-9833 or emailing pwag53@aol.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, June 18, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging. An orchid raffle will also be held. Admission to the meeting is free for all, and guests are always welcome.

■ The **Naples Sigma Chi** alumnae chapter meets for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Pelican Bay Club. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 239-5239 or emailing warmco@aol.com. The chapter will meet again in July but not in August.

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 gulfcoastorchidalliance.com. ■

■ The **Naples base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every

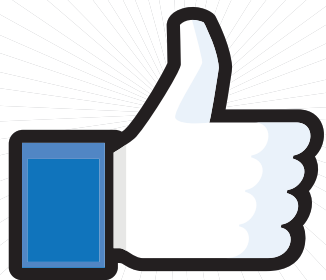
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

'Limitless' film to continue on TV

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: My sister told me that Bradley Cooper is going to star in a network TV show, but I told her that can't be true, because he has a huge movie career.

— Bobby S.,
Fresno, California

A: That's mostly true. CBS has picked up the drama series "Limitless," which is a continuation of the hit 2001 movie that starred Bradley in the lead role of Eddie Mora. Bradley does appear in the pilot episode, reprising his movie role, and will recur throughout the season as his schedule permits. This is a new show I definitely plan to keep an eye on.

Q: Nooo! I read that Fox canceled "The Mindy Project." Please tell me this isn't true.

— Nina D., via email

A: It's true, however, it isn't the end for "Mindy." Hulu announce in mid-May that it has ordered a 26-episode season four of the critically acclaimed series, to air exclusively on hulu.com. A premiere date for the fourth season has yet to be announced.

Q: I have never written to a reporter in my 77 years on Earth. I simply enjoy your column each and every Sunday in our local Florida paper. I felt compelled to write you because my new favorite guilty pleasure is "Battle Creek," which I hear is already canceled. Every character had a unique role, and the way Russ (played by Dean Winters) and Milt (Josh Duhamel) interact is hilarious. Thank you for reading this.

— Rosemarie C., via email



Bradley Cooper

A: You'd think that with the likes of Kal Penn, Candice Bergen and Patton Oswalt also involved, the show would be a shoo-in for a second-season pickup. The renewal gods are a strange lot, and it sometimes just comes down to timing. Perhaps if "Battle Creek" had premiered in the summer on a network like TNT or FX — networks that are known for nurturing and taking time with their new shows — it would have had more of a chance.

Readers: Here are the Fox shows that have been renewed and canceled, starting with the renewed shows: "Bob's Burgers," "Bones," "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," "Empire," "Family Guy," "Gotham," "Hell's Kitchen," "MasterChef," "MasterChef Junior," "New Girl," "The Last Man on Earth," "The Simpsons," "Sleepy Hollow," "So You Think You Can Dance" and "World's Funniest Fails." TV shows that have either ended their run or been canceled include: "Ameri-

can Idol" (after season 15, which begins January 2016), "Backstrom," "The Following" (although it is being shopped elsewhere), "Gang Related," "Glee," "Gracepoint," "Kitchen Nightmares," "The Mindy Project" (see Hulu announcement above), "Mulaney," "Red Band Society," "Utopia" and "Weird Loners." ■

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■ The **Women's Fund of Southwest Florida** holds the SMART Party 2.0 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the Richlin International showroom at Miramar Design Center. The fund's programs promote women's economic security and help fight the sale of children for sex in Southwest Florida.

The SMART Party utilizes a software platform to facilitate real-time participation from guests live and online. All guests, ticket holders and virtual registrants receive a personal fundraising page that can be shared with their networks on any device. Guests can watch the fundraising and social media activity grow and realize the power of their collective effort. Prizes will be given to the most active guests throughout the event. For more information and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit womensfundflorida.org and click on "Events."

■ The third annual **Castles for Kids** sand-sculpting contest to benefit Golisano Children's Museum of Florida takes place Wednesday, Aug. 12, at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort. Teams of five (one adult, four children) can sign up now for the day that also includes live entertainment, activities with Coach B Aquatics, lunch and sand

buckets and shovels for the children. Registration is \$125 for C'mon members, \$150 for others. For contest details and information about sponsorship opportunities, call C'mon at 514-0084 or visit cmon.org.

■ The 25th annual **Sand Dollar Awards** gala hosted by the Collier Building Industry Association takes place Saturday, Sept. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The silver anniversary theme is "Vintage Grace & Glamour." The evening begins at 6 p.m. and includes cocktails and dinner. Tickets are \$150. For reservations or more information, including details about various sponsorship opportunities, call 436-6100 or visit cbia.net.

■ **Physician Led Access Network** of Collier County hosts a "Swanky Speak-easy" evening of fun Saturday, Oct. 17, at an as yet undisclosed location (you'll need a password, too). The night includes professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit planc.org.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 17th annual Tea & Fashion Show from 1:30-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's theme is "Matinee at the Movies." For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hnaples.org.

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■ The 12th annual **Hats in the Garden** The Confection Collection - Delectable Designs from Garden to Runway" to benefit Naples Botanical Garden takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Garden. Leslie Fogg and Kathleen Rooney are this year's chairs; Kathy Wood is Hats in the Garden ambassador. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor; additional sponsors include Naples Illustrated; Saks Fifth Avenue; Arthrex; Premier Sotheby's International Realty; Arabesque of Naples; Kellie Jacoby, J3 Multi-dimensional Marketing; Rufino Hernandez, The Garden District; Sukie Honeycutt and Tony's Off Third; Naples Soap Company and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vandenberg. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275. n

■ The **Immokalee Foundation** holds its Charity Classic Celebration & Fund A Dream Auction on Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The TIF Charity Classic Pro-Am Golf Tournament precedes the celebration on Monday, Nov. 16. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 430-9122 or email info@immokalee-foundation.org. To register online, visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ The **Aqua Gala** to benefit the Gua-

dalupe Center takes place Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, contact Megan Becker by calling 657-7124 or emailing mbecker@guadalupecenter.org.

■ The sixth annual **Home, Hope & Healing** luncheon to benefit Youth Haven takes place Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest speaker will be Jeanette Walls, whose memoir "The Glass Castle" has been a *New York Times* best-seller for more than six years. Lionsgate has purchased the rights to Ms. Walls' story and has cast Jennifer Lawrence to star in the movie.

Luncheon chairs are Jill and Steve Miller. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Shelly Long at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or emailing shelly.long@youghhavenswfl.org.

■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** hosts "Between the Covers with Elaine Newton: How to be Your Own Book Critic," a luncheon and program Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at Stonebridge Country Club. Tickets are \$75. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

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■ Collier Building Industry Association's summer **CBIA golf tournament** tees off at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and an awards lunch follows the tournament. \$150 for one, \$600 for a foursome, with proceeds to benefit the CBIA scholarship fund. Sign up online by July 31 at cbia.net. For more information, visit the website or call 436-6100.

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■ The 2015 **Walk to End Alzheimer's** steps out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Fleischmann Park. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated. Sign up online at act.alz.org or starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information, visit the website or call (800) 272-3900. ■

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CUISINE NEWS

Calling young chefs: Contest seeks healthy snacks

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Got a little chef working on his pate brisee? The Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services is holding a competition for healthy snacks created by young chefs in grades 4-12. Entries will be divided into grades 4-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.

Original recipes that can be prepared in no more than 45 minutes must contain one fresh, Florida-grown fruit or vegetable and provide four servings. Here are some tips for creating a healthy snacks recipe:

- Keep portion size in mind. Snacks should not replace a meal.

- Include at least two food groups, with fruits/vegetables making up the majority of ingredients.

- If using foods from the grains group, choose whole grains such as whole-wheat flour, whole-grain bread, whole-wheat cereal, brown rice or quinoa.

- If using foods from the dairy group such as milk, yogurt or cheese in your recipe, choose either the fat-free or low-fat version.

- Limit the amount of or do not use added sugars in your recipe.

- Limit the amount of fat in your recipe and choose healthy fats such as nuts, seeds, peanut butter and avocados if possible.

- Consider baking, broiling or grilling your snack instead of frying. Skip or limit the breading.

The deadline for entry is midnight Sept. 13. Finalists will be chosen for regional competitions in October and November. High school students who win first place in the regional competition will continue to the state cook-off in Tampa on Feb. 6, 2016. The state champion will win a \$500 Publix gift card and the title of 2015-16 Fresh for Florida Kids Student Chef.

For an entry form and complete contest rules, visit freshfromflorida.com/cookoff.

Take note

- Rusty Bucket in Mercato has added a few menu items and specials to its lineup, including buffalo chicken pizza and a Full of Baloney sandwich, which featured thinly sliced and griddled beef bologna stacked with American cheese, red onion and yellow mustard. Additionally, guests can enjoy taco salad on Tuesdays and spaghetti and meatballs on Thursday. Call 260-4152 or visit myrustybucket.com.

- Cru Night, which spotlights one rare Italian wine in select restaurants across the country, takes place Wednesday, June 10. The only restaurant in Southwest Florida that will pour the top red wine from one of Sicily's leading estates, the Rosso del Conte from Tasca d'Almerita, is Osteria Tulia in Naples.

Guest sommelier Marcello Palazzi from Winebow will pour the Rosso del Conte from a 3ml or 750ml bottle to accompany a two-course meal of arancine with sugo, English peas and mozzarella, and spiedini of beef tenderloin with provolone, local chard, oregano potatoes and salmoriglio.

The \$50 cost includes one glass of wine. For reservations, call 213-2073 or visit tulianaples.com.

- Vergina has introduced a customer loyalty program that includes cash-back bonuses, birthday and anniversary gifts, referral gifts and more. Call 659-7008 or visit verginarestaurant.com.

- Chez Boet in Crayton Cove is closed for the month. Call 643-6177 or visit chezboet-naples.com.

- Three60 Market has Pasta Tuesday each week through August, when diners can enjoy



A grilled bologna sandwich is one of the newest additions to the menu at the Rusty Bucket in Mercato.

a Chef's Choice selection, buy-one-get-one ravioli dishes or take home three bags of homemade pasta for \$25. 2891 Bayview Drive. Call 732-7331 or visit three60market.com.

- To celebrate 15 years in Naples, USS Nemo offers a complimentary appetizer and glass of wine or beverage with the purchase of an entrée. 3745 Tamiami Trail. Reservations recommended. Call 261-6366 or visit ussnemorestaurant.com.

- Barbatella is offering several summer specials, including a three-course dinner for \$21.50. Also available is a community dining experience every Friday night, where diners are served family-style with other guests. The \$35 meal includes appetizer, Italian-style timbale, dessert and a glass of house wine. 1290 Third St. S. Call 263-1955 or visit barbatellanaples.com.

- Whole Foods Market in Mercato has a whole lot going on for foodies this summer, including:

Uncorked Friday - Wine tasting from 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 5; \$10, with proceeds to benefit Collier Child Care Resources.

Artisan charcuterie tasting - 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 6; free.

Toddler Thursday - 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11; free. Moms and kids can learn to make raw and vegan bites.

Pint Night - 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 12; free. Try a sip of the featured beer, Saint Arnold Santo, at the High Tide Bar.

Teens & Tweens in the Kitchen - 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17; free. A hands-on class for teens and tweens about how to make the perfect portable salad.

For more information, including a complete schedule of store tastings, classes and other events, visit wholefoodsmarket.com.

- Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifefor Naples.com -Fast & Healthy: Saturday, June 6 (\$50); Sushi: Friday, June 12 (\$55); Vegetarian Cuisine: Thursday, June 18 (\$55); Fourth of July Favorites: Wednesday, July 1 (\$55); Beef Grazed to Perfection: Friday, July 3 (\$65); Flavors of Thailand: Thursday, July 9 (\$60); Florida Seafood: Wednesday, July 15 (\$65)

Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com - Essence of Tuscany: Friday, June 5 (\$69); Date Night A Taste of Morocco: Friday, June 5 (\$69); Croissant Workshop: Saturday, June 6 (\$69); Incredible Indian Flavors: Saturday, June 6 (\$69); Date Night Sumptuous Italian Supper: Saturday, June 6 (\$69); Vietnamese at Home: Sunday, June 7 (\$69); Sizzling Summer Grilling: Sunday, June 7 (\$79); Savory Summer Meals: Monday, June 8 (\$69); Fresh Summer Pastas: Tuesday, June 9 (\$69); Fresh Summer Pastas: Tuesday, June 9 (\$69); Sizzling Summer Grilling: Wednesday, June 10 (\$69); Savoring the South of France: Wednesday, June 10 (\$69). ■

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THE DISH

The Dish: New England Lobster Roll

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The Place: The Boathouse
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643-2235

The Full Menu: naplesboathouse.com

The Details: I'd been hearing about the lobster rolls at The Boathouse for some time and finally had the opportunity to try one myself one evening last week. I convinced my dining companion to order one, too, only she had hers with a side salad (crisp and perfectly chilled, lightly dressed with oil and vinegar), while I opted for the potato wedges (not as photogenic, but soft and fluffy inside and just crispy enough on the outside

— perfect, take my word). The main attraction lobster rolls were beyond our expectations: chunked lobster meat gently tossed with mayo and a hint of celery and heaped on a warm, fresh baguette. Plain and simple. Exactly how a lobster roll should be.

One More Thing: There are other ways to enjoy lobster at The Boathouse as well, including a whole Maine lobster or just the tail (market price), lobster bisque in a cup or bowl (\$7 and \$10) and lobster mac 'n' cheese (\$28). I see a return visit soon, especially since a trip to New England isn't on my itinerary this summer. ■

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What's up with Washington?



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wine appreciation is drinking it where it's made, and tasting rooms in some downtown area just don't have the same charm.

The Columbia Valley and the several vineyard regions around it (Walla Walla, Horse Heaven Hills, Rattlesnake Hills, etc.) get about eight inches of rain a year, which makes irrigation absolutely vital. There's lots of sun in the summer, and early onset of cold weather. It's a terrible place to grow anything except apples and wine grapes. Plus, the area is vast. The Columbia Valley appellation alone covers almost half the state, and some of it spills over into Oregon. So there are hotels and restaurants, a wine tourism industry and almost 700 registered wineries. The biggest drawback is that it's a heck of a drive to get out there.

It may not be worth the trip to eastern Washington, but the state's wines are definitely worth a trip to the supermarket or your favorite store. First of all, in addition to some nice Chardonnays and elegant Rieslings, the area's long suit is big, mouthwatering reds. They grow more than 80 types of grapes up there, but you should look mainly for cabernet sauvignon, syrah and (if you can find them) wines made from cabernet franc and even nebbiolo, which is the primary grape in the big expensive barolos from northern Italy.

There are two big names in Washington wines: one is Chateau Ste. Michelle, and the other is Columbia Crest. Both of them make wines in several price ranges (starting around \$5-\$6), but the



Jerry Greenfield and Butch Milbrandt

ones you should look for are these:

■ **Chateau Ste. Michelle Indian Wells** - There's a chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon. They're both terrific and cost under \$13 a bottle. WW 89-90

■ **Columbia Crest Grand Estates and Horse Heaven Hills** - Both these labels offer excellent quality. The H3 style has an excellent cabernet and a red blend called Les Chevaux which is big, bold and fruity.

There are other wines from the region that are well worth sampling, but my best discovery comes from the Milbrandt family. Butch Milbrandt is doing some great things with cabernet sauvignon and the other big red varieties and

putting them out at under \$15 a bottle.

■ **Milbrandt Merlot Wahluke Slope The Estates 2010** - Darker than most Merlots, it has a soft, plush edge, nicely structured with aromas of cocoa, cassis and plums. Taste carefully and you might get a hint of maple and vanilla. WW 92

■ **Milbrandt Brothers' Blend 2011** - I guess only the brothers know what's in the bottle... the blend must be a family secret. But there are nice aromas of fresh blueberry, cherry, plum and vanilla. On the palate, you'll get some dark berry, cocoa and vanilla. WW 92-93.

When shopping for Milbrandt wines, look for the "Traditions" series at around \$12-\$14.

Note: The "WW" in front of the point scores stands for "Wine Whisperer." These are ratings I assign based on the sample done by myself and some of my very knowledgeable wine buddies. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is creative director of Greenfield Advertising

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CUISINE

Meet the executive chef at CJ's on the Bay



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Name: Laura Owen

Position: Executive chef, CJ's on the Bay

Culinary training: Culinary Institute of America, Class of '92

How long have you held your current position?

I accepted the position of executive chef at Bayview Restaurant on Marco Island in June 2007. The following March, the restaurant was sold to Curt and Jacquie Koon and subsequently was renamed CJ's on the Bay. I was promoted to executive chef and restaurant manager in the fall of 2009.

Did you grow up in a family where food was important?

My parents have always enjoyed food and cooking. I have wonderful memories of their "Gourmet Group" dinners where each couple would cook a course from a predetermined menu. The most distinct memory is of the evening my parents hosted the dinner and were tasked with preparing roast suckling pig.

Who was the main cook in your family?

Mom did most of the cooking and she was pretty darn good at it.

Were there other people in your life who inspired you to want to become a chef and, if so, who were they?

My godfather, Myles Anderson, loves to cook and showed me how to make my first hollandaise when I was 13. He now co-owns Walla Walla Vintners. My maternal grandmother was a good cook as well. Watching Julia Child on "The French Chef" when I was young was also an inspiration to me.

When did you realize you wanted to be a chef?

When I was a senior in high school, my mother said she would send me to France to go to cooking school (I had had three years of French). I laughed it off and ended up at the University of Georgia on a music scholarship. My time at UGA was invaluable. However, instead of earning my degree there, I went on to the CIA. I knew the first day on campus I was exactly where I needed to be. Culinary school was rigorous, exhilarating, challenging and fun.



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Laura Owen

Where else have you worked?

My very first job was at Wendy's. I also worked at a Morrison's Cafeteria and Bennigan's in Athens, Ga. Following graduation from the CIA, I moved to Atlanta and worked at The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, mostly in the banquet department.

I moved to Naples in September 1993 to be the food and beverage coordinator at Naples National Golf Club. In January 1995, I began working for Peter Marek at Marek's Collier House on Marco Island and was there for almost nine years as the chef's right hand (wo)man. This time was heady with learning about cooking, ordering, loyalty and dedication. In October 2004, I helped open at Café Lurcat in Naples and was a sous chef there for four years.

Can you describe your style of cooking?

I rely heavily on comfort food and seasonal ingredients. I believe in using the best ingredients and handling them with care and respect.

Can you describe the concept of CJ's on the Bay?

Our menu is designed to have something for everyone, whether you are boating, stopping by for happy hour, bringing friends and family for dinner or celebrating a special day.

How do you approach creating dishes/menus?

My approach is to gather ingredients that are at their peak and prepare them in a way that lets them shine.

What are your favorite dishes on the current menu? What makes them special?

On our current menu, I especially like the crab cakes. The recipe is as close to my grandmother's as I can get. I also very much like our tuna tartare, Niçoise salad, shrimp and angel hair pasta and pork chop with redeste barbecue sauce.

What seem to be the favorites among your clientele?

Our best-selling item is our crispy calamari. The fresh Catch of the Day and Rum Butter Mahi Mahi are also very popular.

Who in the culinary world do you admire and why?

I have great admiration for Julia Child. She was a trailblazer, headstrong and loved life. My mentor is and always will be Peter Marek. He taught me so much and is still someone I turn to for advice, both professionally and personally.

With so many people now following special diets —vegetarian, vegan, low-salt, gluten free — how do you handle these in your restaurant?

We have an allergy guide as a resource that assists in making a menu choice as it relates to each of the eight major allergens. If a guest has special dietary needs, either I or our sous chef will consult with them to find a meal that will satisfy their needs.

Besides cooking, what are some of your other interests or hobbies?

I just went kayaking for the first time and now want to make that my hobby. Otherwise, I enjoy reading cookbooks and cooking magazines. I love the Naples Botanical Garden and Collier-Seminole State Park. They are my go-to places when I need to re-center.

Where do you like to go for a meal when you have a night off?

I have several favorite local restaurants: The Local, Eurasia, Campiello and Margarita's on Marco. I also have a list of places I need to try: Osteria Tulia, The Continental, Sea Salt and La Tavola. ■

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Gulf Access Pool Home - Southern Rear View
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\$520,000
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NAPLES



Live On Great Marco River
2 bed 2 bath fully updated view of the Gulf of Mexico 3rd floor unit gated community to many amenities to mention.
\$497,000
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Beautiful 5 Acre Horse Property in Buckingham!
Highly desired Buckingham Area. 3,000 under air customer built home w/7 stall barns, 4 separate paddocks, screened porch.
\$465,000
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FORT MYERS



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3 Bedroom + Den
The ever popular Manchester.
1-866-657-2300 **\$450,000**
800NA058055.

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Newly Remodeled Gulf Access Pool Home
Starting with entry amongst the beauty of the lush landscaping, you will enter through double french doors.
\$449,500
1-866-657-2300 800SS030240.

CAPE CORAL



Total Renovated Sailboat Access
The creme de la creme! All the upgrades plus a 20,000 lb. lift with canopy. Must see to totally appreciate.
\$448,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC065784.

NAPLES



Waterways 3 Bedroom Lakefront Beauty
3 bedroom/2 bathroom/3 car garage. Hurricane shutters/heated pool/gorgeous long lake view. Tile throughout the home.
\$399,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA016460.

MATLACHA



Beautiful Matlacha
This 3 bedroom home offers a view of Matlacha Pass. Close to art galleries, restaurants and the community park.
\$399,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI021853.

CAPE CORAL



Waterfront Gulf Access-Everest/Horton Park Community
Only 5 minutes to the River, this sailboat accessible property is located on a triple lot in the Everest/Horton Park.
\$390,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC000864.

CAPE CORAL



Palacio Grande Pool Home with Sailboat Access
Sailboat, Gulf access SE Cape Coral Pool Home with Southern exposure! Terrific location.
\$384,995
1-866-657-2300 800CC007059.

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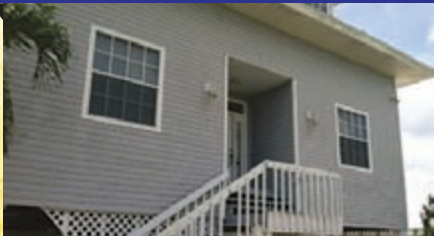
Belle Largo Estero
Spacious St Regis model a gated community.
1-866-657-2300 **\$384,000**
800FM000363.

CAPE CORAL



Perfect For Entertainment
3 Bed/2bath home. Just minutes from Cape Harbour. Great room concept. High ceilings & bonus room. Move in ready!
1-866-657-2300 **\$379,900**
800CC007881.

ST. JAMES CITY



Unique Waterfront Gulf Access Home
Upstairs master suite with screened balcony offers great water views, 3 bedrooms 2 bath, boat house with davits.
\$379,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI331676.

CAPE CORAL



OPEN SUN 1-4PM

SW Cape 3/2 Gulf Access Pool Home -Assessments Paid
Well maintained gulf access pool home in highly desired southwest Cape near Surfside Blvd. Southern exposure on pool.
1-866-657-2300 **\$365,000**
800SS023897.

CAPE CORAL



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Exceptional Lakefront Home On Alhambra Lake
3 bedrooms, 2 bath home built by Villa Homes. Granite counters, stainless steel counters, large lanai, screened pool.
1-866-657-2300 **\$349,900**
800CC055303.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Gulf Access Pool Home
Elegant gulf access home perfect for entertaining. Large open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, large kitchen.
1-866-657-2300 **\$349,000**
800CC064066.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Home in NW Cape!!!
Built in 2005, 1,723 sf, 3/2 pool home with endless water views! Wood floors, open kitchen, granite counters, and more!
1-866-657-2300 **\$344,900**
800CC024157.

BOKEELIA



Famous Shell House in Bokeelia
Terrazzo floors, 1 bed, 1 bath upstairs with living area, kitchen and screened porch. Downstairs 1 bed, 1 bath, patio.
1-866-657-2300 **\$319,000**
800PI031167.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Gem very near Cape Harbour
Stunning views to your heated pool with pocket sliders. New kitchen, roof, fence, and more.
1-866-657-2300 **\$305,000**
800CC030713.

FORT MYERS



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Huge 5 Bed/4 Bath/3 Car Garage
5 bedrooms/3 baths, 3 car garage under \$300k
1-866-657-2300 **\$299,900**
800FM027606.

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Fantastic Gulf Access Home
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage with a huge dock and 13,000 lb lift, and large tiki hut. Only minutes to the river.
\$299,900
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FORT MYERS



Briarcliff Home on 2 Acres
Beautiful home on 2 acres with mature landscaping. Secluded location with a lot of privacy, yet easy access to malls.
\$299,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM030335.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Waterfront
4 bedroom 2.5 bath pool home on a freshwater canal.
\$289,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI012651.

CAPE CORAL



Heatherwood Lakes, Large 2 Story, Lakefront, Pool
Heatherwood Lakes Community, with over 2,900 SF, 2 Story, pool. Impact windows updated & modernized kitchen.
\$285,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC010414.

CAPE CORAL



NW Cape Gulf Access - 2011 Built
Gulf access - 2011 built - Western Exposure - 3 bed/2bath. Open concept kitchen to Family room, granite countertops.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC070635.

BONITA SPRINGS



This Custom Decorated Carriage Home
This Sanibel II, carriage home at Woods Edge, offers beautiful upgrades throughout.
\$274,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS021810.

FORT MYERS



Perfectly Priced
3/2 Home in S Ft. Myers with large screened in cedar lanai with summer kitchen. Light, airy and tropical.
\$269,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM018801.

CAPE CORAL



Lake Kennedy... Spectacular Sunsets
3/3 w/large lanai pool & spa. Over 2,100 sqft of living. Utilities in & paid. Large family room w/fireplace.
\$269,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC030537.

CAPE CORAL



3 Bedroom Gulf Access Home
Gulf access home on a large canal with southern exposure! Beautiful sunset views and just 15 minutes to open water.
\$265,000
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FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Villa Home - Upgraded
Villa home! 3/2/2 in Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club - 3 miles from the beach and Sanibel.
\$250,000
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FORT MYERS



Single Family Home in Whiskey Creek at Shalley Circle
Great single family home in desirable Whiskey Creek subdivision overlooking the golf course, with beautiful lake view.
\$249,900
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NAPLES



Have Horses? Want Land and Space?
2/2 Jim Walter design wood frame home on pilings w/metal roof. 2 large out buildings on 5 acres. Just needs TLC.
\$249,500
1-866-657-2300 800NA018063.

FORT MYERS



Buckingham 4.62 Acre Ranch
Two story 4/3 Colonial in sought after Buckingham. A lot of privacy here. This home is open and bright.
\$229,000
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NAPLES



Luxury Condo. 3/2.5 Condo w/Attached Garage
Luxury upgrades include new ceramic wood tile, gutters, huge screened lanai. Gated community w/tennis & more!
\$225,000
1-866-657-2300 800SS030660.

BOKEELIA



Aiden Pines Country Club
Located at the 9th tee and overlooking a lovely lake this 2 bedroom 2 bath piling home with garage and storage.
\$214,900
1-866-657-2300 800PI007187.

ALVA



Charming 2/2 +Den Lake View Home in Cascades
A must see this charming home is one of the most sought after floor plans built. There is a wonderful galley kitchen.
\$209,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM030762.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Lakefront 3/2/2 Pool Home w/Spa
Over 2000 sq ft of living area, a fishing pier to relax or watch the beautiful view of the lake.
\$209,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH203224.

FORT MYERS



Nestled in a Country Setting
This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is located in the charming community of Florimond Manor.
\$205,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM031514.

FORT MYERS



Beautiful Place
Come see for yourself.
\$199,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM018446.

LEHIGH ACRES



You Have To Come & See A Must!
Beautiful well maintained home on a quiet street. This 4 b 2.5 bath all tile, metal roof & full house alarm system, screened lanai.
\$189,250
1-866-657-2300 800LE001538.

NORTH PORT



Pristine North Port Estates Pool Home
3/2/2 with beautiful landscaping, great room, cathedral ceilings, hurricane shutters. Scenic & peaceful!
\$184,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS017957.

FORT MYERS



Desirable South Ft. Myers Location
Quiet condo at end of cul-de-sac with preserve view. Short drive to beaches, restaurants, shopping and Health Park.
\$184,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM037912.

FORT MYERS



Newer Duplex
Large duplex with gated entry. Each unit has 5 bedrooms and 2 baths.
\$180,000
1-866-657-2300 800SS016647.

CAPE CORAL



Split Bedroom, Pool, Brick Paver Patio
3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage/living and family rooms/all assessments paid located off Del Prado across from Wal-Mart.
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Look No Further! Charming Home SW Cape Coral
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Turnkey Furnished - Oversized Pool Home
3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. New septic, appliances and roof. Comes with Home Warranty.
\$178,800
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FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Golf Condo First Floor
Great condo upgraded on golf course with garage!
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM020560.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Ground Floor Condo-Riverbend Golf & Boating Community
This feels more like a house w/1500+ sq ft! There is plenty of room for family & friends 2/2!
\$174,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC021681.

CAPE CORAL



Just Completed 4 Bed/2 Bath in Gator Circle Area
Never lived in, just completed 4 bedroom 2 bath house with brand new appliances in the Gator Circle area.
\$170,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC022882.

CAPE CORAL



Immaculate 4 Bedroom 2 Bath NW Cape Home
4/2 in undiscovered NW area of Cape Coral. Beautifully landscaped corner lot in a quiet, friendly neighborhood.
\$166,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC021455.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Courtyard Pool Home w/Mother-in-Law Suite
Don't miss out on this large 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 4 car garage home w/circular drive on a double lot.
\$164,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH207780.

CAPE CORAL



Updated Governor's Island Villa
2 bed / 2 bath / 1 car garage / cathedral greatroom / oak flooring / community pool / walking distance Bell Tower.
\$164,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC030482.

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Flamingo Bay!
Great get away, end of the canal location, great enclosed porch, cement dock and lift, community pool and clubhouse.
\$159,000
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Gorgeous Home
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CAPE CORAL



By Land or Water, Updated Gulf Access Condo
2/2 condo in Cape Coral. Boat dock, community pool, granite countertops, crown molding, wood floors and more! Charming!
\$146,900
1-866-657-2300 800SS019739.

IMMOKALEE



Community Living in a Country Setting
3/2/2 in a gated community of Jubilation in Immokalee close to Seminole Casino & Alligator Alley.
\$141,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE012998.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Cape Coral Condo
Gulf access 2nd floor condo. Move in ready! Relaxing views, area pool & dock. Close to downtown Cape. 18 unit complex.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC030229.

ESTERO



Breckenridge Golf & Country Club
Breckenridge Golf & Country Club 2 bedroom 2 bathroom second floor unit turnkey.
\$129,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA068607.

LEHIGH ACRES



A Must See
3 bedrooms plus den 2 bath 2 car garage very spacious a must see home.
\$125,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE030072.

FORT MYERS



Pristine Gem
Located in desirable Club at Crystal.
\$122,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM009556.

FORT MYERS



Waterfront 3 Bedroom Condo in Bellasol
Waterfront condo located close to Clubhouse and Pool. Great rental property or second home. Low HOA fees.
\$119,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM030281.

LEHIGH ACRES



Freshly Redone 3/2/2 in SW Lehigh
This First Home Builders home offers 3 bedroom, 2 baths and a 2 car garage.
\$116,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE027202.

FORT MYERS



In the Much Desired Terraverde Community
Boat, Golf, Tennis, and more! Beautiful turnkey 2nd floor unit.
\$114,995
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FORT MYERS



Lovely 2/2 2nd Floor Unit in Partridge Place
Gorgeous views of the 4th tee & creek from private screened lanai, great room concept boasts wonderful fire-place.
\$114,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC023668.

LEHIGH ACRES



Gorgeous Greenbrier
3/2/2 on quiet settled street. Functional and friendly with new paint and tile, New carpets in bedrooms. Shows very well.
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\$108,995
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LEHIGH ACRES



Property has been Totally Remodeled
New roof 2015, electrical in 2015. Plumbing and well with new pump in 2015.
\$107,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM019699.

FORT MYERS



Oversized Corner Lot
Across the street from the river. Cottage on oversized corner lot across the street from Caloosahatche, great potential.
\$99,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS055604.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Sail Boat Water-Retirement Heaven
Charming, well maintained mobile home on 2 corner lots. Furnished, move-in ready!
\$99,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH207745.

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



Oaks III Condo
Excellent condition 2/2 condo. Unit has been fully renovated including updated baths and kitchen. End, corner unit.
\$77,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH211736.

FORT MYERS



2/2 In The Polynesian Condo Community
Enjoy the best view of the community from the screened lanai overlooking the clubhouse and pool!
\$74,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC022590.

LEHIGH ACRES



Nice 2B/2BTH Villa Home
Take time to come & see this nice 2 bed/2 bath home. Relax & enjoy the beautiful sunsets great buy will go fast.
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Looking for a Waterfront Lifestyle
In Prestigious Whiskey Creek? Come watch manatees playing in your own back yard!
\$1,600,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM028672.

CAPE CORAL



Recently Constructed, Turn-key Luxury Home!
4/4. 3000+ sq/ft. Home office, infinity caged pool w/spa, in pool bar, outdoor kitchen, lift/dock, and much, more! WOW
\$1,100,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC017294.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Across From Cape Harbour
Better than new construction. This home is located in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral. 3/2/2 Pool home.
\$849,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC025565.

CAPE CORAL



Great South Spreader Canal Location
Sunny southern exposure. 2,744 sqft living space. Home is just a stones throw from Cape Harbor. Tile roof.
\$819,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC027486.

ST. JAMES CITY



Views of Sanibel, the Sound, and Intracoastal
Only 5 minutes to open water at the southernmost tip of Pine Island across from Sanibel Island. Totally remodeled. WOW!
\$749,000
1-866-657-2300 800SS025152.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access 5 Bedroom 4 Bath Home
Plantation shutters throughout, wood & tile gourmet island granite kitchen w/stainless steel appliances.
\$675,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC400353.

CAPE CORAL



Key West Style Home
With 3 docks/lifts. Located on an intersecting canal. Direct sailboat access and minutes to the river.
\$649,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM056158.

FORT MYERS



Live on the Golf Course...
Spectacular views of the golf course and sunsets! Large island kitchen with wood cabinets, granite counter and more.
\$559,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC023340.

CAPE CORAL



Spectacular 2,355 SF Home 4 Bed/3 Baths
Popular neighborhood with Joe Stonis Park near Matlacha restaurants, Publix, Walgreens, etc. New Construction.
\$549,900
1-866-657-2300 800SS014775.

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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Sanibel Condo on the Beach!!
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