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"This case says a lot about the inadequacies of our justice system."
 — Randall Berg, executive director of the Florida Justice Institute in Miami

PRISON HOUDINI

Mark DeFriest has been in prison since 1980.

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Mark DeFriest could escape anything but a 35-year sentence for stealing some tools — that were his

BY BILL CORNWELL
 Florida Weekly Correspondent

If Kafka, Shakespeare and John Grisham could breach time and space to forge an unlikely collaboration, they would be hard-pressed to fashion a character more representative of their literary archetypes than Mark DeFriest, the mad, mercurial master of mischief and misdirection who is known as Florida's "Prison Houdini." Kafka would have under-

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Warm gulf waters bring cool world of critters to light

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The Gulf of Mexico feels like bathwater these days, and while we're all anxiously awaiting the tropical storms that feed off its heat, the annual crop of summertime sea creatures are making their appearances.

The reason so many animals hug the

coastline this time of year is that food is in high supply while water temperatures are warm, according to Capt. Dennis Kirk, a wildlife guide and owner of Nav-A-gator Grill & Marina at Lake Suzy in Charlotte County.

"The closer to shore, that's the food source for them," Capt. Kirk says. While food sources do exist farther from shore, he adds, there are also bigger predators

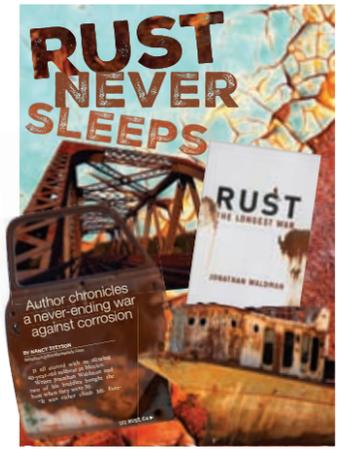
out there.

Lucky for Southwest Florida beachgoers, the calm waters of the gulf afford a good view of summer's underwater goings-on, says Mark Nicoletti, assistant park manager at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park.

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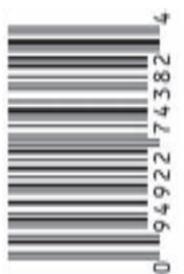
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COMMENTARY

Patrician arrogance and Dolly Parton



When Associate Justice Antonin Scalia wrote the blistering dissent from the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision last week guaranteeing the equal right of homosexuals to marry, he suggested that a bunch of highfalutin' elitists had arbitrarily enshrined social upheaval as law, messing with an issue best left to legislators who represent everybody.

After all, the United States is a coat of many colors, to paraphrase country singer Dolly Parton, one of more than 300 million Americans who lack any Supreme Court representation whatsoever, in Judge Scalia's view.

The five justices voting in the majority made their decision with "patrician" arrogance, which is only one color, he insisted. They know little about the hearts or minds of most American men or women.

Instead, they're just a bunch of Ivy Leaguers who should stick to strict constitutional interpretations of law, he argued. On that narrow playing field, being a geek from Harvard or Yale doesn't matter.

I liked that a lot — Judge Scalia's willingness to hold up a mirror to nature, as Shakespeare said, and to recognize that there are other people in this land besides Ivy Leaguers.

A Harvard Law School graduate himself, Judge Scalia is known on the court

for two qualities: one, his staunch defense of conservative values springing from the notion that the Constitution is not a "living" document. It should not be changed as the weather or the country changes, like a repainted signpost.

And two, he's been celebrated for his writing ever since Ronald Reagan appointed him in 1986: at once witty, acerbic, vivid and literate. I love reading his pronouncements from on high just for that reason alone.

So let me share with you the typically muscular heart of his dissent. The Court, he said, "consists of only nine men and women, all of them successful lawyers who studied at Harvard or Yale Law School. Four of the nine are natives of New York City. Eight of them grew up in east- and west-coast states. Only one hails from the vast expanse in-between. Not a single Southwesterner or even, to tell the truth, a genuine Westerner (California does not count). Not a single evangelical Christian (a group that comprises about one quarter of Americans), or even a Protestant of any denomination. The strikingly unrepresentative character of the body voting on today's social upheaval would be irrelevant if they were functioning as judges, answering the legal question whether the American people had ever ratified a constitutional provision that was understood to proscribe the traditional definition of marriage. But of course the Justices in today's majority are not voting on that basis; they say they are not. And to allow the policy question of same-sex marriage to be considered and resolved by a select, patrician, highly unrepresentative panel

of nine is to violate a principle even more fundamental than no taxation without representation: no social transformation without representation."

That's sophisticated, strong and compelling thinking. Also, it's completely wrong.

Historically, Americans have always relied on representation by those unlike themselves for their social transformations.

The Constitution itself was written mostly by patricians — white landowners who had little in common with those they inspired.

Slavery was put to rest in a violent civil war less than 90 years later by white men who had little in common with those they freed.

Civil rights came about fully beginning a century after the Civil War because once again white men, people who had little in common with many other members of society, decided to represent all of us by passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

And now in 2015, a nation of almost 320 million people who elected a black president twice is represented by 530 congressional lawmakers who sometimes seem to have hailed from (not Harvard, not Yale) Pluto.

But did we choose them because they look like us or went to the same schools we did or had the same experiences?

The evidence would suggest no.

The median net worth of members of Congress is just over \$1 million. In the Senate alone, it's \$2.7 million, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Does that represent our experiences?

Not in Florida, where the median household income is about \$47,000.

There are 108 women in Congress, comprising 20 percent of our leaders. But roughly 51 percent of Americans or Floridians are women. There are 48 African Americans in Congress, or 8.9 percent, but about 16.7 percent of Floridians are African Americans. There are 38 Hispanic or Latino members of Congress, or 7 percent — but almost 24 percent of Floridians are Hispanics or Latinos.

Does Congress represent us, therefore, in a way that would satisfy Judge Scalia?

One of our greatest strengths as Americans is a quality our enemies and naysayers have never understood: We are the coat of many colors. We are the people who can champion the rights of all, not just the rights of those who look like us or agree with us or have sex with the same model of human as we do.

Even if we did go to Harvard or Yale.

Even if we did grow up in Locust Ridge, Tenn., as one of 12 children in a Pentecostal family, like Dolly Parton.

Although few or none of the Supreme Court justices have likely been to Locust Ridge, apparently five of them — a majority — represent her viewpoint. And they represent the viewpoints of many other Americans, most of whom haven't been to Locust Ridge, either, or Harvard, or Yale.

"I don't want to be controversial or stir up a bunch of trouble," Ms. Parton told a British magazine last year, "but people are going to love who they are going to love."

"I think gay couples should be allowed to marry. They should suffer just like us heterosexuals." ■



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OPINION

The next gay marriage battle



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Everyone knows where the debate over gay marriage is going next. Now that the Supreme Court has imposed its edict on the land, the question is whether religious institutions and people of faith will still be permitted to act on moral beliefs that the court has portrayed as bigoted and deeply wounding.

In his long prose-poem about love masquerading as a judicial opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy made a bow to these concerns. He cited the First Amendment for the proposition that religions and those who adhere to them “may continue to advocate with utmost sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned.” Gee, thanks, Mr. Justice.

This assurance is about as convincing as the rest of Kennedy’s airy majority opinion with little or no connection to the Constitution or law — which is to say, people of faith ought to brace for the worst.

Kennedy’s statement was carefully hedged to include only advocacy and teaching, a lawyerly wording that the other lawyers on the court were quick to pick up on. The First Amendment, Chief Justice John Roberts pointed out in his dissent, actually protects the freedom to exercise religion. That means people of faith acting on their beliefs, not merely advocating them or teaching them.

In oral arguments, Justice Samuel Alito asked Solicitor General Donald Verrilli whether, on the model of Bob Jones University a few decades ago when it banned interracial dating and marriage, a college that opposed same-sex marriage could be denied tax-exempt status. “It’s certainly going to be an issue,” Verrilli admitted. “I don’t deny that.”

If supporters of same-sex marriage truly have no interest in punishing the exercise of religion they find objectionable, they can sign off on legislation to prevent it. Utah Sen. Mike Lee, a Republican, has a bill called the First Amendment Defense Act — yes, it’s come to that — protecting organizations from government retaliation over their opposition to gay marriage.

There is unlikely to be a rush on the

left to endorse it, when the American Civil Liberties Union is heading in the opposite direction. It has just withdrawn its support for the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, on grounds that it can be used to protect organizations refusing to get on board with gay marriage. Already, there are a few calls to remove the tax exemption of churches, now opposed to what the Supreme Court has deemed a fundamental right.

These are only tea leaves. The move against religious groups will surely start small, with some isolated, unsympathetic Christian institution, and then grow until what once had been called unimaginable becomes mandatory.

The push for gay marriage is motivated by a moralistic zeal that sees only one point of view on the question as legitimate. If its supporters weren’t patient enough to see their cause through the inevitable fits and starts of the democratic process, they aren’t going to let procedural niceties stand in the way of an effort to bulldoze their way to a more thoroughgoing conformity on the issue. The gay-marriage debate isn’t over; it has merely entered a new phase. ■

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Amazing grace



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“The march isn’t over.” That is how President Barack Obama described the efforts to end racism. It was not a profound statement. Profound had already made its appearance earlier as a bloody massacre by a white racist of nine African-Americans attending a Bible study class in an historic black church in Charleston. The nation was still grieving, left distraught by the slayer’s unspeakable act of violence.

In his eulogy to the slain The Rev. Clementa Pinckney and his fallen brothers and sisters in Christ, the president said the amazing grace of the victims’ families saved us all. They forgave the gunman of his racist crime.

Three days later, the president was in Los Angeles giving a one-hour interview with someone off the pundit radar and in the unlikeliest of places — with a comedian, in a garage.

Marc Maron interviews celebrities and uploads podcasts on his “WTF” website. The call letters for his podcasts are not the same as the address for your favorite radio station.

The interview was a huge coup for Maron, but before it took place, I had never heard of him — a very uncool thing to admit to a millennial. He describes himself as, “first, and foremost, a standup comic” but his vitae includes radio broadcasts and appearances in film, television, print and social media.

Says he about his online incarnation, “I’ve been fortunate enough to have a few dispersed clicks throughout what I guess has been a show biz career of relative obscurity but with a real freedom from the bondage of mediocrity.”

His modest self-appraisal and unscripted chat with the president brought him colossal success. The podcast went viral, attracting 1.6 million downloads the week after it became available online.

I listened to it. It was an unusual and remarkable dialogue. The tone between guest and host is relaxed and thoughtful; a conversation between two individuals who had an hour to spare to talk about issues of common interest — except one of them is the president of the free world, and the other one is...who?

President Obama was nonetheless warm and unusually candid on a wide range of topics, from the transformations he experienced as a young person on matters of race to the challenges of a dysfunctional Congress.

Yet the take-away subsequently reported was in majority limited to soundbites regarding the N-word, spoken by Obama during the interview. He used it in the context of remarks about racism, saying the demise of the N-word in public was not a yardstick to verify racism’s decline.

This is how President Obama used the N-word: “Racism, we are not cured of it. And it’s not just a matter of it not being polite to say ‘nigger’ in public. That’s not the measure of whether racism still exists or not. It’s not just a matter of overt discrimination. Societies don’t overnight completely erase everything that happened 200 to 300 years prior.”

I totally relate.

Obama’s statement brought to mind my father. He was born in the shadows of the great cotton mills in South Carolina, raised by a father widowed multiple times and who outlasted at least three wives that I know of. Racial segregation in his town, his state, and his South was absolute.

The Klan was as much a communal franchise as the Rotary Club is today. The N-word was as firmly ingrained in

his personality as the cigar that always teetered dangerously from the corner of his mouth.

Still, he was a good, honest and hard-working man and not born a racist. Growing up white in the South taught him to become one. That cultural tattoo is more than skin deep and not easily undone, and his giving up the use of the N-word hardly tested the depth of change necessary to eradicate the systemic racism found throughout the South. He didn’t have to just change his language. He had to change his attitudes and beliefs.

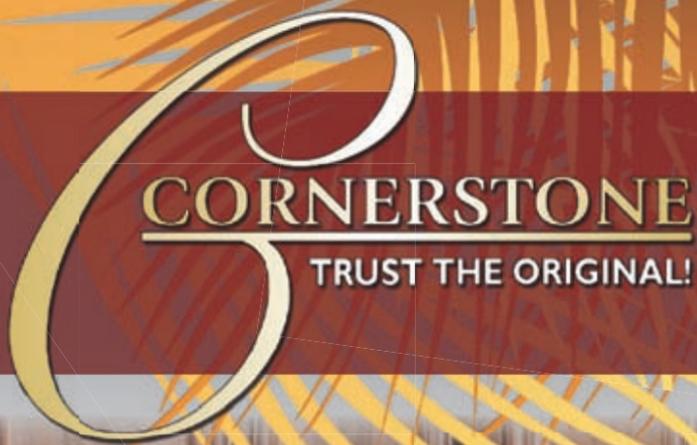
It became unacceptable in his day to use the N-word in polite company. He knew it and migrated from the N-word to “negras,” then to “coloreds,” then to “colored people,” then to “black people” and had he lived long enough, would have arrived in the 21st century to describe the race of his co-workers and neighbors as “African-American.”

Underneath the cosmetics of that shift, his heart changed his mind — the dam of segregation was broken. Greater equity in opportunities for African-Americans forced my father to confront his own racism. He, too, once was lost, but now was found, was blind, but now could see.

In his lifetime, he was able to witness his own humanity reflected in the lives of others who shared the same hopes and dreams but whose race made them different. This is the transformation by amazing grace awaiting us all.

Until it is complete, it is just as the president said, “The march isn’t over.” ■

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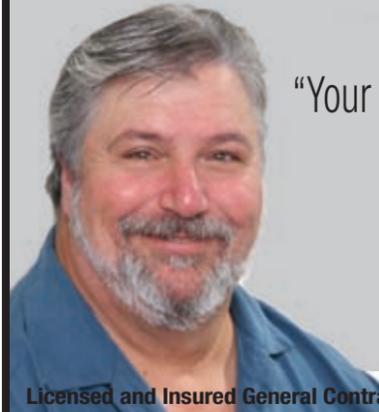
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In 2013, 2,752 Collier County children were the subject of maltreatment investigations; 146 of them were removed from their homes, 53 percent due to caretaker/parent drug or alcohol abuse, 17 percent because of physical abuse, 15 percent because of neglect and 13 percent because of abandonment.

Who looks after these children?

Family and friends sometimes are willing and able to provide temporary shelter and support; when that is not the case, Youth Haven offers a safe harbor.

Numerous community sources refer children for shelter at Youth Haven, including child protective services, courts, families needing respite, or even the children themselves. The solution to their problems, however, is not simply giving these children temporary shelter. It is providing them with the resources they need to improve their resiliency so that they can grow into happy, healthy, productive adults.

The solution also requires intervention with families in which the parent or parents lack the skills to successfully raise the child. Finally, the solution includes helping the child find a safe and secure connection with their family or a responsible, caring adult.

In addition to providing emergency shelter, Youth Haven offers a wide array of

Jinx Liggett

Something your father was always right about: You are never better than or less than the person you are looking in the eye as you are speaking to them.

Something your mother was always right about: Everything!

Advice for your grandkids: Whatever you do in life, do it with passion and energy.

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

What was your first job? I worked at a jewelry store as a clerk.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? It's difficult to imagine not doing what I'm doing, but it would be something in the community positively

impacting the most challenging abused and homeless teens.

Guilty pleasures: French bread, cheese, wine at the beach, watching old movies and traveling with my husband.

Next vacation destination: Our next trip is to Turkey.

One thing on your bucket list: I want to travel to Machu Pichu in Peru.



Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could speak multiple languages.

Last book you read: "The Glass Castle" by Jeanette Walls. She is going to be the speaker at our annual Home, Hope & Healing luncheon in January.

What are you most proud of? Our children, grandchildren and the incredible Youth Haven team I am a part of.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: More awareness of the community's unmet needs, i.e., the homeless teen.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The friendly people and the beautiful weather.

individual and group counseling services to adolescents and adults to treat a range of behavioral and mental health issues and to assist in solving personal and interpersonal difficulties.

Jinx Liggett's introduction to Youth Haven was through a friend who was a member of the organization's board of directors. Jinx immediately became excited by the potential to build and strengthen the programs that had been in place for 43 years. Today, she is executive director of the nonprofit. When she came on board, there were six children in residence; today there are 47.

James Jessee, president of the Youth Haven board of directors, credits Jinx for being instrumental in establishing a col-

laborative effort by like-minded charities to address the continuing concern for Collier County's youth in need.

Jinx earned a bachelor's degree and an MBA from the University of Maryland and started her professional career in human resources at a general hospital in Maryland. From that experience, she built her career in health-care administration at a variety of hospitals, including working in a leadership capacity in for-profit and nonprofit inpatient mental health treatment facilities for children, adolescents and adults.

As the daughter of a Navy pilot, Jinx moved many times in her youth.

"I always felt fortunate and was excited to have lived many places in the United States," she says. "We were able to experi-

ence many cultures and meet many people. I believe that my brother and I have a greater appreciation for life and people due to our wonderful experiences."

Her parents were always involved in numerous church and community activities. "They instilled in us the importance of community involvement and giving back to the community in which we lived," she says. "You are part of a community, and as a member of the community you must provide community support."

Jinx is a past president of the board of directors for The Shelter for Abused Women & Children and a current member of Greater Naples Leadership and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Magic Under the Mangroves committee. ■



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stood the psychological torment of Mr. DeFriest, who was initially cast into the maw of the legal system in 1979 at the age of 19 for “stealing” a set of tools that had been legally bequeathed to him by his late father. Shakespeare surely could have defined the tragedy of the man who possesses prodigious mechanical talents which could have been put to productive use but whose disordered mind compels him into a seemingly never-ending loop of self-defeating acts that have propelled him deeper into the abyss. And Mr. Grisham, of course, invariably loves a character who is abused by a callous and uncaring legal system (Mr. DeFriest personified) only to be rescued by idealistic, indefatigable heroes, who in this instance are Gabriel London — an intrepid, New York-based maker of documentary films — and dogged attorney John Middleton of Melrose, Fla.

Mr. DeFriest’s Houdini-like escapes from straitjackets, leg irons, handcuffs and prison cells and his highly annoying (though brilliantly conceived) antics while incarcerated have driven officials within the Florida Department of Corrections and a string of befuddled judges, bureaucrats, sheriffs and correctional officers to a point somewhere on the far side of exasperation. As a result of his rebelliousness and rank insubordination, what was initially to be a four-year prison term (a sentence that virtually everyone familiar with the case now concedes was not only unjust but unconscionable as well) has grown into 35-plus years of continuous confinement during which Mr. DeFriest has been subjected to repeated sexual violation and other forms of physical and psychological degradation. Incredibly, 27 years have been spent in solitary confinement — sometimes in conditions so squalid and unsparing that they can only be characterized as medieval. During one horrendous stretch, he was “kept out of sunlight for 10 years,” says Mr. Middleton.

Because Mr. DeFriest’s saga is so compelling, so shocking and, well, so downright weird, the larger significance of his ordeal often is lost in the surrounding hubbub.

How many other Mark DeFriests — perpetrators of nonviolent crimes that are symptomatic of mental defects rather than true criminality — languish in Florida’s prisons and jails? How many other Mark DeFriests grow sicker by the day as they serve out their sentences in violent, nerve-fraying cell blocks, surrounded by inmate predators and indifferent — and sometimes barbarous — correctional officers who are ill-suited to deal with their special needs and peculiarities? And what will become of these lost souls, who are warehoused in overcrowded prisons that have become modern-day Bedlams, when they are released back into society?

No one can answer these questions with anything approaching precision, but what the experts can say is that we undoubtedly are incarcerating substantial numbers of people who desperately need treatment, not imprisonment, and to that end, the mournful tale of Mark DeFriest stands as Exhibit A.

Into the abyss

Mechanical genius, savant, prodigy — these are terms that have been used to describe Mr. DeFriest. His extraor-

dinary talents were displayed early and often. By the time he was 6, Mr. DeFriest could breakdown and then reassemble almost anything — from watches to engines.

“I’ve met a lot of brilliant people in my time, but I’ve only met one Mark DeFriest,” says Ron McAndrew, a former warden at Florida State Prison. “His brilliance is so great that it is hard to describe.”

But this brilliance and mechanical acumen came with a price. Mr. DeFriest suffers from some sort of mental disorder. The exact nature of this disability is a matter of debate. Diagnoses over the years have run the psychiatric spectrum. The consensus now seems to be that Mr. DeFriest’s behavioral problems arise from something associated with autism. Asperger’s syndrome, which impairs one’s ability to cultivate social skills and relate to others, could be the culprit.

Whatever the cause, Mr. DeFriest’s quirky, eccentric character does not always endear him to those who cross his path. In fact, it would not be incorrect to say that he could (and still can) get on people’s nerves. Not violent or threatening, mind you, but exceedingly grating nonetheless. And thus Mr. DeFriest, by the time he was a teenager, had pretty well tested the boundaries of his stepmother’s patience.

“Mark definitely was a pain in the ass when he was younger,” says Mr. Middleton. “No doubt about that.”

Mr. London, the filmmaker who was the director and driving force behind the widely praised documentary, “The Life and Mind of Mark DeFriest,” concurs.

“Mark was a handful,” says Mr. London. “His family tried to deal with him in a number of ways.”

Mr. DeFriest himself concedes that he “was a wild child.” He says that he often conducted elaborate scientific experiments in the basement of his home.

“I blew myself up a couple of times.”

(A note: Mr. Middleton declined to make his client available for a jailhouse interview with *Florida Weekly*. Direct quotes attributed to Mr. DeFriest in this article are taken from Mr. London’s superb film.)

The DeFriest family was living in rural Gadsden County in 1979 when his father died. Mr. DeFriest was 19 years old, and he knew that his father had willed to him his prized tool collection. Mr. DeFriest had no understanding of the laws of probate, and before the will was properly run through the courts, he decided to go to a shed where the tools were kept. He used a key to enter and claim his inheritance.

“In a sense, Mark and his father had this deep connection that was really a mechanical connection,” Mr. London told an interviewer last year. “His dad had a history of having been in World War II, was an OSS person, really believed that the Communists were coming, and he sort of prepared his child, his only son, his only child, in a way to be prepared for the Russians who were coming.”

Mr. London continued, “And Mark grew up around guns. He grew up around, you know, essentially what he calls guerrilla warfare, the sort of avoidance tactics and theories that his dad prepared him in.”

In other families, the stepmother might have explained the proper procedures to the young man and advised him to return the tools and wait for the will to be properly probated. Not so in this case. The stepmother called the cops, and Mark DeFriest was arrested and later pleaded guilty to



Mark DeFriest and his father in this undated photo.



Some of the keys Mark DeFriest used in his serial escapes.

theft. When police came to apprehend Mr. DeFriest, he panicked and ran. When captured, it was discovered that he had a gun, which he neither brandished nor used during the incident. In essence, the stepmother had used the criminal justice system to resolve what was little more than a family spat.

Given the extraordinary circumstances — after all, the tools were willed to Mr. DeFriest and he was only 19 years old — one might expect a judge to administer a slap on the wrist. Instead, Mr. DeFriest was sentenced to four years in prison.

“Four years in prison for petty theft; that is just outrageous,” says Steven Leifman, a Miami-Dade County Criminal Division judge who also has served as a special adviser to the Florida Supreme Court on criminal justice and mental health.

Judge Leifman flatly believes that Mr. DeFriest “should never have gone to prison.”

But to prison he went, and for Mark DeFriest, the nightmare was about to begin.

His unruliness, erratic behavior, tangled thought patterns and fondness for escape led to concerns about his mental capacity. Mr. DeFriest was thought to be incompetent and was packed off to Chattahoochee, where the moldering relic known as Florida State Hospital was located.

When Mr. DeFriest arrived at FSH in early 1981, he entered a Dickensian, forbidding, “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”-style place. I know this to be true, because at about the time Mr. DeFriest took up residence at FSH, I visited the hospital, as a reporter working on an unrelated story.

Unsurprisingly, Mr. DeFriest surveyed the surreal scene at FSH and

decided that he wanted out.

Mr. DeFriest says his initial plan at FSH was “to get everybody stoned... when everybody started freaking out, I was gonna go.”

To accomplish this audacious feat, Mr. DeFriest used his extraordinary skills to gain access to the hospital’s pharmacy, from which he obtained 75 to 100 tabs of the powerful hallucinogenic drug LSD-25, which he then used to spike the coffee pot used by the staff.

As Mr. DeFriest had anticipated, his captors did indeed begin to “freak out,” but his plan quickly collapsed.

“Well, somebody got wise and called security,” Mr. DeFriest recalls. “Before I could make my move, they surrounded the whole... ward.”

Undaunted, he later successfully made his way out of FSH, fleeing “into the swamps,” as he puts it.

Mr. DeFriest was not loose long before he was recaptured and thrown into the Bay County Jail, where he proceeded to escape from three different cells and fashion a zip gun from a toothpaste tube. His misbehavior infuriated his keepers, and he was placed in solitary confinement for 11 days. During this time he was often muscled into a straitjacket, from which he managed to free himself twice, and leg irons. He was routinely doused by deputies with water and pepper spray. He was kept naked, shoeless and there was no mattress, running water or light in his cell. A judge would later compare the conditions to that of a North Vietnamese prisoner-of-war camp. The ability to wrestle his way out of straitjackets and other restraints at the Bay County Jail possibly prompted the first comparisons to Houdini.

Desperate to escape his torturous

conditions, Mr. DeFriest once again agreed to enter an unfortunate and misinformed plea of guilty, this time to matters relating to his escapes and other acts he had committed while in custody. The sentence this time around: life in prison.

Mr. DeFriest was deemed competent enough to be returned to the prison system, and he was housed in a series of facilities. Four of five court-appointed psychiatrists who had examined Mr. DeFriest found him to be mentally ill and incompetent. The fifth examiner — who has since reversed his diagnosis and now advocates on Mr. DeFriest's behalf — said he was faking symptoms. The court agreed with the lone dissenter.

Once back in the system, he bounced from institution to institution. One of his stops was the Leon County Jail where Mr. DeFriest — in a scene straight out of a movie — knotted sheets together and lowered himself out of a third-floor cell, Mr. London recounts.

The Leon County incident was the final straw, as far as the Department of Corrections was concerned, and Mr. DeFriest was transferred to Florida State Prison sometime around the beginning of 1982, according to Mr. London.

"When he got (to FSP) he was entering hell on earth," says Mr. McAndrew, who was the warden at FSP for a portion of the time that Mr. DeFriest spent there. Mr. McAndrew is now a nationally renowned lecturer and consultant on prison management and reform. He was a longtime official in the DOC and FSP's warden from 1996 to 1998.

FSP had long been ungovernable, Mr. McAndrew says, adding that "goon squads" composed of correctional officers roamed the cell blocks, beating and degrading prisoners with impunity. Additionally, inmates themselves inflicted great violence on one another while authorities turned a blind eye.

"(FSP) was run like an organized crime operation," Mr. McAndrew says.

Mr. McAndrew is not alone in this assessment. James McDonough, a former secretary of the DOC, told CNN that FSP's administrative structure was shockingly tainted when he assumed his job in 2006.

"Corruption had gone to an extreme," Mr. McDonough said in the interview. "(Many of the prison's hierarchy and staff) seemed to be drunk half the time and had orgies with the other half, when they weren't taking money and beating each other up."

For his part, Mr. DeFriest says he encountered nothing but "death and drama" at FSP.

Mr. DeFriest — who, at the age of 54, still retains a faint youthful look — was a prime target at the prison, for both inmates and rogue correctional officers. He was brilliant. He was odd. He refused to align with any gang. His mental problems were apparent. In prison parlance, he was a "walk alone." Anyone familiar with the inner workings of a penal institution will tell you that an inmate who stands out, who is a loner, who is troubled and vulnerable, is imperiled.

The dangers facing mentally challenged inmates were graphically outlined in a report released last May by Human Rights Watch titled "Callous and Cruel: Use of Force against Inmates with Mental Disabilities in U.S. Jails and Prisons."

"Jails and prisons can be dangerous, damaging and even deadly places for men and women with mental health problems," Jamie Fellner, the report's author, said in a statement at the time of its release.

"Every day our courts, correctional facilities and law enforcement agencies are witness to a parade of misery brought on by untreated mental illnesses," Judge Leifman said in testimony before a subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. DeFriest quickly learned how dangerous and damaging prison can be. Not long after he was deposited at FSP, he claims 15 inmates gang raped him. He underwent surgery to repair the damage that arose from the sexual assault.

Precise, official details of the multiple atrocities visited upon Mr. DeFriest and other facts about his stay at FSP and other correctional facilities are difficult to obtain. Florida's DOC refuses to discuss or comment on anything involving Mr. DeFriest or the time he spent in its custody.

"Unfortunately, due to Mr. DeFriest being listed as a protection case, we cannot disclose any information," Alberto Moscoso, a DOC spokesman, wrote in an email to *Florida Weekly*. "This is in accordance with Florida Statute 119."

Despite the lack of official verification of a number of incidents, Mr. McAndrew, for one, says there is little reason to doubt Mr. DeFriest's accounts of life within the walls of FSP.

In 1986 Mr. DeFriest finally caught a break when attorney John Middleton entered the picture. Mr. Middleton succeeded in getting the life sentence overturned, and he remained committed to Mr. DeFriest as a client. But the Prison Houdini still faced decades of prison time.

Mr. DeFriest continued his unruly behavior, which included acts that he considered to be "pranks." Prison officials, however, were not amused.

In one memorable stunt, Mr. DeFriest contrived a way to pop open all the locked doors in his cell block, allowing inmates to roam free. (To this day no one, save Mr. DeFriest, knows how he accomplished this.)

"Mark did those things to pass time," says Mr. McAndrew. "He was never violent, but he was treated violently."

While correctional officers despised Mr. DeFriest, Mr. McAndrew says they also were intimidated by his superior intellect, which only deepened their contempt. Inmates continued to view him as a prime target, and this forced Mr. DeFriest to take a drastic measure in hopes of securing his safety.

Mr. DeFriest "married" a violent Cuban offender who was one of FSP's most-feared inmates. At the behest of his "husband," Mr. DeFriest was advised to "behave like a lady." He began dressing as a woman and adopted the persona of "Mrs. Wendy Castro." Mr. DeFriest says he "wasn't gay" or a "transvestite" when he was "dropped into this zoo." He merely hoped to survive by any means possible.

"What's a poor girl to do?" he now asks.

Mr. DeFriest's protector could not afford him total security within FSP's infamous "X-wing," which was a veritable chamber of horrors that sat one floor above the room that housed the electric chair. The X-wing was reserved for the worst of the worst. For many years, Mr. DeFriest's X-wing home was a 7-by-8-foot windowless cell that had been specially designed for him. He went years without access to the prison yard or exposure to sunlight or exercise.

An attorney for a prisoner advocacy group compared the X-wing to "something out of the Dark Ages." The wing's cells were likened to dungeons. As further punishment, Mr. DeFriest



Mark DeFriest speaks on camera from prison in Gabriel London's 2014 documentary, "The Life and Mind of Mark DeFriest."

was put on a diet of "prison loaf." This non-nutritious, practically inedible concoction is fashioned — unseasoned — from mashed vegetables, beans and starches. Those who have tried it compare it to eating cardboard or chalk. By all accounts, prison loaf would gag the proverbial maggot.

The goon squads of correctional officers operated with impunity in the X-wing. What went on in that bizarre little world of madness and mayhem was not known to the general public until July 17, 1999, when nine officers entered the cell of convicted murderer Frank Valdes for what is known as an "extraction." At the time of the incident, Mr. Valdes was awaiting execution for killing a correctional officer in Palm Beach County — a crime that made him a prime target for those who guarded him. The officers contended that the prisoner had fallen or jumped off his bunk and died as a result. There was a suggestion of suicide. Autopsies told a different story. The examinations found that Mr. Valdes suffered 22 broken ribs, a broken sternum, a broken nose and partial fracture of the left clavicle. A medical examiner said that the injuries could not have been self-inflicted. Mr. Valdes, the medical examiner concluded, was beaten to death.

Among those who witnessed the fracas was Mark DeFriest, who was in a nearby cell. Mr. DeFriest's account confirmed the medical examiner's report. Mr. DeFriest insisted that Mr. Valdes was the victim of a prolonged and savage beating.

(Several officers were indicted in the death and all were acquitted by a Bradford County jury that, according to Mr. McAndrew, included members who were openly sympathetic to prison employees.)

By giving his account of the Valdes incident, Mr. DeFriest was further marked by officers who now were bent on revenge for his blowing the whistle on their comrades.

For his safety, Mr. DeFriest initially was transferred out of FSP to a prison in California under a program known as the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, which allows states to transfer inmates for a variety of reasons, including those deemed to be at risk of exceptional violence.

"If he had stayed (at FSP) there is no doubt that he would have been killed," Mr. McAndrew says. "Not only was he a witness in the Valdes case, he talked about it. Most (inmates) know that their best chance for survival is to keep quiet. But Mark chose to talk."

Since then, Mr. DeFriest has been transferred to prisons in at least three other states. Mr. Middleton will not say where Mr. DeFriest is currently

being held.

While in prison in Florida, Mr. DeFriest's repeated escape attempts and other supposed infractions of DOC rules had earned him 209 disciplinary reports, which is believed to be a record number for a single inmate.

Mr. McAndrew says he is certain that most of the disciplinary reports for things such as possession of "escape paraphernalia" and "destruction of state property" were "false accusations" specifically designed to prolong Mr. DeFriest's captivity.

The escapes and many of the rules violations earned Mr. DeFriest additional prison time. These add-on sentences meant that the initial four-year term eventually mushroomed into an astronomical total. His earliest possible release date, when the escapes and violations were tallied, was 2085 — a staggering 106 years after his first conviction for theft. Mark DeFriest, it seemed, was destined to die in confinement. And to think that all of this mess was started because a 19-year-old mentally unstable young man unlocked a shed and took some tools that his late father wanted him to have.

Mr. Middleton worked diligently on behalf of his client, but things appeared bleak and dispiriting. "I've represented inmates who did a whole lot worse and got out sooner," he says.

It would take an instance of pure serendipity to drastically change Mr. DeFriest's fortunes.

Resurrection

It was 2001, and Gabriel London was fresh out of Pomona College in California. He had signed on with the Human Rights Watch to research prison rape in the United States. As part of that research, he came across a story from the *Miami Herald* that outlined Mr. DeFriest's terrible plight.

"It mentioned that he had never harmed another individual," Mr. London recalls. "His story grabbed me immediately."

It grabbed him so much that over the next decade or so, the story of Mark DeFriest would come to dominate his professional life. Mr. London envisioned a film — a documentary — about Mr. DeFriest's case. He was particularly struck by the fact that Mr. DeFriest had been the only nonviolent prisoner to be housed in the X-wing. The draconian measures taken against the obviously troubled inmate made no sense to Mr. London.

The aspiring filmmaker was not content with merely chronicling the plight of the imprisoned man; he

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wanted to set him free. Mr. London's documentary debuted last year to widespread critical acclaim. Showtime bought it (where it is now airing through July), giving it wider viewership than many documentaries receive. Most important was the outrage generated by the film. Suddenly, those who had long trumpeted Mr. DeFried's cause were being heard and taken seriously. His ordeal took on a larger meaning and came to symbolize the plight of the mentally ill in prison.

"This case says a lot about the inadequacies of our justice system," says Randall Berg, executive director of the Florida Justice Institute in Miami. "Being locked up all that time exacerbated his mental illness."

While Mr. DeFried's saga is bizarre and therefore of interest, Mr. Berg says that thousands of nonviolent prisoners in Florida who need treatment for mental ailments are doing time under the radar and growing sicker and sicker as a result.

"The mentally ill get convicted, go to prison and they spiral downward from there," he says.

Judge Leifman says the justice system is "inept at how to handle these people." He had high hopes earlier this year that Florida lawmakers were finally ready to tackle some of these problems.

"More bills have been filed (in the Florida Legislature) on mental health in the last seven years than in all previous years combined," Judge Leifman

notes.

But a compromise prison bill, hailed as an important first step at significant reform, was rejected in April in the Florida Senate after passage in the House. On the positive side, though, a lawsuit settlement was reached in May between the DOC and an advocacy group. Under this settlement, the DOC agreed to new protections for mentally ill inmates at Dade Correctional Institute, which houses the state's largest mental health facility for inmates.

As for Mr. DeFried, both Mr. London and Mr. Middleton knew that it would be difficult to find an avenue for his release. Florida abolished parole in the 1980s. Some cases were grandfathered in, and Mr. DeFried was among them. But there were few grounds for optimism. The ill will that Mr. DeFried had engendered seemed to have sabotaged any realistic chance for release.

But last December, the unthinkable happened; Florida's Commission on Offender Review (formerly the Florida Parole Commission) — perhaps bowing to public sentiment and pressure — moved Mr. DeFried's release date from 2085 to 2015.

"They did something that was courageous," Mr. Middleton says, referring to the commission. "It was a politically dangerous move."

Mr. DeFried will not be released immediately. Charges involving prison misconduct in two states where he has been held need to be resolved. But the belief is that he will be set free as early as this year or possibly in 2018 or shortly thereafter.

The question now is this: Can Mr. DeFried, after more than three decades of imprisonment and physical and mental abuse, adjust to life in the

outside world?

Mr. Middleton and Mr. London have put together a comprehensive post-release plan that they believe gives Mr. DeFried a good shot at living out his days peacefully and successfully.

An important element in this plan is the role that Mr. DeFried's wife, Bonnie, will play. Mr. Middleton describes Mrs. DeFried as "very, very kind," calling her "a very good soul."

"Both Mark and Bonnie are at a point in life where they want companionship," says Mr. London. "They both see the world through the same glasses. They are so close there is no daylight between them."

Mrs. DeFried — who lives in Oregon, where she and her husband most likely will live following his release — agreed to answer questions presented by *Florida Weekly* via email.

She writes that she became acquainted with Mr. DeFried through a "metaphysics/higher consciousness" pen pal list that "somehow fell into the hands of inmates at FSP."

Soon, the two were corresponding regularly.

"Although I was a little uneasy about writing to an inmate, as I had never known one before, I felt drawn to him and I chose 'love' instead of 'fear' — feeling that this man needs my help. So I began my letter to him — 'Dear Holy Child of God...'"

They were married in a judge's chambers in Montana on May 31, 1994, in a "proxy" marriage. Mrs. DeFried's brother filled in for the absent groom.

Five days after the ceremony, Mrs. DeFried traveled to Florida to meet her husband for the first time. She describes the meeting in prose that would make a writer of lush romance

novels proud.

"(W)hen I waited in the visiting room for him to appear, and then saw him come through the ... door from the changing room, I practically sprouted wings and FLEW into his arms!!! The attraction was so POWERFUL — the energy between us undeniable!!! His response was immediate as his tall lanky body's arms took possession of me and he planted a wonderful deep kiss on my mouth — (Yes, ladies, he IS a Good Kisser!)."

As Mrs. DeFried points out, she is "lot older" than her 54-year-old husband.

"I'm 84 now, and hanging on the best I can. I have some heart problems, and pretty severe arthritis in my back and knees, so I have to walk with some support. He feels determined to come home and take care of me, and that's a PLUS — for me!!!"

Asked if she harbors concerns about Mr. DeFried's ability to adapt to life as a free man, she writes, "No doubts at all. He'll figure something out."

"We have a detailed plan," says Mr. Middleton. "It includes jobs offers, health insurance and a lot of things."

Mr. Middleton says that once freed, Mr. DeFried is "gonna have to behave himself."

"Was (Mr. DeFried) ever a danger?" asks Mr. London. "No, he was a nuisance. He was punished for his symptoms. Mark's looking for a community where he can be himself. No one's going to find him at the local bar getting angry."

If all goes according to the plan, Mr. London is confident that Mr. DeFried will live out his days in peace and quiet.

"But," he cautions, "it's a big if." ■

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Immokalee Road and Winterview Drive: Aggressive driving
 Airport-Pulling Road and Poinciana Drive: Red-light running
 Collier Boulevard and Mission Hills Drive: Speeding

Tuesday, July 14

Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Red-light running
 Naples Boulevard: Speeding
 Golden Gate and Coronado parkways: Speeding

Wednesday, July 15

Oil Well and Immokalee roads: Speeding
 99th Avenue North and U.S. 41 North: Aggressive driving
 Livingston Road and Grey Oaks Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Thursday, July 16

U.S. 41 East and Barefoot Williams Road: Speeding
 Napa Boulevard: Aggressive driving
 Collier and Green boulevards: Red-light running

Friday, July 17

Piper Boulevard: Aggressive driving
 U.S. 41 North and Old 41 Road: Red-light running
 Santa Barbara and Devonshire boulevards: Red-light running ■

Classes can help for older drivers

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

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

Tuesday, July 14: 9:15 a.m. to 3:34 p.m. at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 269-6050.

Tuesday, July 21: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 No. Collier Blvd.; Marco Island; (734) 968-3105.

Tuesday, July 21: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 269-6050.

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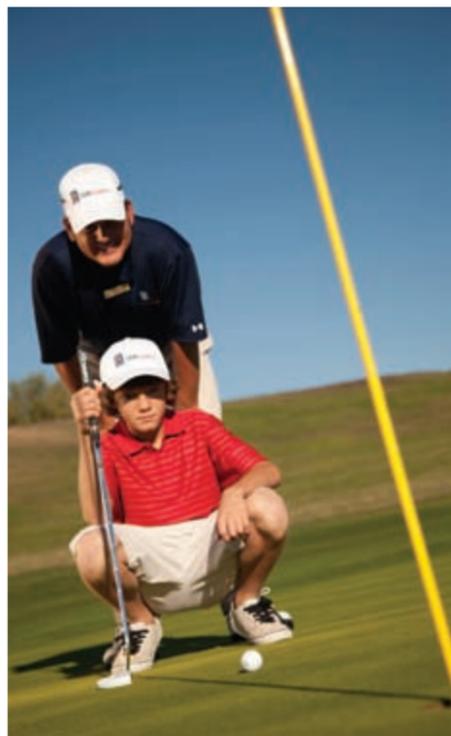
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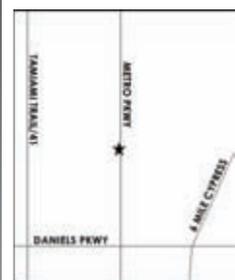


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Government in action

■ The federal Medicare Fraud Strike Force obtained indictments of 243 people in June in a variety of alleged scams and swindles, and among those arrested was Dr. Noble U. Ezukanma, 56, of Fort Worth, Texas, who once billed the government for working 205 hours in a single day (Oct. 16, 2012). Other indictees were similarly accused of inflating the work they supposedly did for Medicare patients, but Dr. Ezukanma clearly had the most productive day of the bunch.

■ Republican presidential contender Carly Fiorina, who with her husband earned \$2.5 million last year, disclosed that the U.S. tax system required her to file not just a federal return but returns in 17 states, as well, and a June *New York Times* report chose one state (Michigan) to highlight the Fiorinas' plight. Ultimately, the Fiorinas determined that

they owed Michigan income tax of \$40, but they had no way of knowing the exact amount until they had completed 58 pages of documents (to rule out various Michigan attempts to collect more because the tax they owed was more justly payable to other states and could thus be excluded).

■ Canada's naval vessels stationed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, currently lack supply-ship services, according to a May *Canadian Press* report. One of the two supply vessels has been decommissioned, and the other, 45 years old, is floating limply because of corrosion, and work on a replacement will not begin until 2017. Consequently, according to the report, the navy has been forced to order repair parts for the ship by advertising for them on eBay.

News you can use

■ A brief *Washington Post* review in June heralded the new edition of the Routledge International Handbook of Ignorance Studies, covering "different types of ignorance" in a range of subjects by authors from various countries. Among the valuable conclusions in the

book is that while "individual ignorance" may be rational in some cases, it is unlikely that "collective ignorance" advances the society. In any event, the author concluded, "The realm of ignorance is so vast that no one volume can fully cover it all."

Only in Florida

■ Because the walkway in front of a Publix supermarket in Fort Lauderdale had seen its share of Girl Scout cookie sellers, Patrick Lanier apparently thought the venue a natural for his product. On June 4, he plopped down a live, 5-foot-long shark he had just captured, and which he hectored shoppers

to buy, asking \$100 (and occasionally tossing buckets of water on it to keep it shimmering). He had less success than the cookie-peddlers, and in short-order loaded it back into his truck, took it to an inlet and released it. However, he did avoid the police; it is illegal to sell fish without a commercial license.

Oh, dear

■ The New York Court of Appeals ruled in June that, when a body is taken for official autopsy and organs are removed (including the brain), the deceased's family does not necessarily have a right to receive the body with organs re-inserted. "Nothing in

our common law jurisprudence," the judges wrote, mandates "that the medical examiner do anything more than produce the ... body." The family had demanded the entire body back for a "proper" Catholic burial.

Least competent criminals

■ Marijuana is purported to make some heavy users paranoid, and the January arrest of alleged Bozeman, Montana, dealers Leland Ayala-Doliente, 21, and Craig Holland, 22, may have been a case in point. Passersby had reported the two men pacing along the side of Golden Beauty Drive in Rexburg, Idaho, and, when approached by a car, would

throw their hands up until the vehicle passed. When police finally arrived, one suspect shouted: "We give up. We know we're surrounded. The drugs (20 pounds of marijuana) are (over there)." According to the Idaho Falls *Post Register*, they were not surrounded, nor had they been followed by undercover officers — as the men claimed.

Cultural diversity

■ A low-caste minor girl was beaten up by several higher-caste women in the village of Ganeshpura, India, in June (in retaliation for the girl's having disrespected a male relative of the women — by allowing her shadow to partially cover the man). The girl's family managed to get to a police station to file charges, but in some remote villages like Ganeshpura, higher-caste aggressors can intimidate the victims into silence (and in this case, allegedly threatened to kill the girl and members of her family

for the shadow-casting).

■ Yunessan Spa House in Hakone, Japan, recently began offering guests supposedly soothing, skin-conditioning baths — of ramen noodles (elevating to health status what might be Japan's real national dish). The pork broth that fills the tub is genuine, but because of health department regulations, only synthetic noodles can be used, and it is not clear that the artificial ramen achieves the same (allegedly) beautifying collagen levels as actual noodles. ■

Everyone loves the Fourth of July parade



In the tradition of patriotic Neapolitans of all ages, thousands of spectators lined the streets of downtown for the Fourth of July parade on Saturday morning, July 4. From veterans organizations, civic groups and scout troops to politicians and performers, participants earned their stripes for defying the heat and humidity to salute the red, white and blue.

1. Ethan Perez
2. Anita Ashton and Chiffon
3. Destin Cook and Jacob Cook
4. Laura Bonavico and Carol Bonavico
5. Maureen Broitzman
6. Iris and Raul Bermudez
7. VFW Post 7721
8. USS Florida submarine veterans
9. TenPin (a.k.a. Dave Walther, head mechanic at Woodside Lanes)
10. Robyn Jones and Dori Crowell
11. Araba Shrineres, Naples
12. Sons of the American Revolution
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tions of the surf, we've compiled a list of cool creatures you have a good chance of spotting in the water. So take advantage of the empty beaches and wade out to a sandbar, or poke around in the estuaries. Just keep your eyes open, shuffle your feet and leave it where you find it.



Sand dollar

COURTESY PHOTOS

■ Sand dollars

Two types of sand dollar are common to the Southwest Florida coast: the Florida keyhole sand dollar easily found close to shore, and sea biscuits, which going a bit farther afield. Snorkelers have a better chance of finding the puffy and very delicate sea biscuits in waters at least 150 yards from the beach.

While these echinoderms make pretty ornaments when strung onto wire, taking live ones home to bleach and embellish is illegal. Instead, feel along the sea floor with your feet to find them, clasp one with your toes and bring it to the surface to examine the hundreds of squirming feet on the under side. At the center is its mouth, which it uses to eat small plants and food it finds in the sand. Analyzing a sand dollar is infinitely more interesting than bleaching and decorating it. And come late summer, there will be a healthy supply in the gulf to keep you occupied.



Sea biscuit

■ Nine-armed sea star

Another invertebrate, sea stars are fascinating to small children. They can mostly be found in calm waters with a sandy or muddy bottom, which includes most beaches in Collier County. Its diet consists mostly of mollusks, small crustaceans and worms that it ingests by expelling its stomach and engulfing its prey.

As with sand dollars, beachgoers are free to pick up sea stars from the water, but they cannot take them home or even carry them up to the beach. It's not uncommon to find a sea star that is missing some legs, but don't fret, they grow back. A full-grown sea star can be more than 1 foot wide. If you're feeling brave, put a big one on your head and hold tight as their legs drape around your skull.

■ Sea turtles

Each spring, loggerhead and green female sea turtles trudge up the beach to bury their ping-pong ball sized eggs in the sand. The hatchlings start emerging in July and make a perilous journey to the water, navigating predators, disorientation and typical newborn naïveté. Floridians are very protective of their sea turtles, and tampering with one of the taped-off nests is likely to get you in a world of trouble with anyone who knows about the long-standing, state-wide protection program. It's unlikely that many beachgoers will catch the emergence of hatchlings, which usually happens after dark, but they will definitely see the nests cordoned off by local environmental agencies.

Turtle hatchlings are drawn to the sea by the light emitted by the water, but they can be easily confused by streetlights and porch lights. Beachgoers are advised to alert the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission if they



Sea turtle



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Southern stingray



Ghost crab

find hatchlings headed in the wrong direction.

A third sea turtle species, the Kemp's Ridley turtle, hatches in Mexico, but the hatchlings ride the gulfstream to the Ten Thousand Islands, where there is an ample supply of food.

■ Southern stingrays

Odd looking and docile, Southern stingrays are most likely to be seen just off the beach in late summer when large groups converge to mate. Their flat, triangular-shaped body allows them to easily disguise themselves from predators as they forage for food on the sandy sea floor.

Groups of stingrays are not difficult to spot and avoid. However, individuals that are hiding in the sand do pose a small threat to bathers. Once buried in the sand, stingrays are impossible to detect by sight — which is unfortunate, because they are equipped with a stout, barbed stinger that while not poisonous to humans, is incredibly painful. Be advised to employ the “stingray shuffle,” sliding your feet underwater through the sand so the rays can detect the vibrations and move elsewhere.

■ Variegated sea urchin

While not very pretty, Southwest Florida's sea urchins are cool to look at and can be found in sea grasses and rocky reefs. Although their spherical shell covered in spines gives them a formidable appearance, urchins are mostly herbivorous and won't hurt anyone unless they're stepped on. Surprisingly, they are edible and even considered a delicacy in some circles, though they are difficult to cultivate or capture in large enough quantities for commercial purposes.

■ Shells

Summer storms churn up all manner of flotsam and jetsam and eject it onto local beaches. For beautiful specimens to take home, Capt. Kirk suggests heading to Sanibel Island, a prime location for washout in shells.

Naples is a good destination for those who want to find live mollusks — but only to look at, not to take home. Possible finds? Coquinas are small filter feeders that live under the sand at the shoreline. To find them, look for small holes in the sand when a wave retreats, as the clams rapidly bury themselves after having been exposed. Some Caribbean cultures like to eat coquinas.

Capt. Kirk says lightning whelks are easier to find this time of year as they favor water temperatures between 77 and 82 degrees. As a predatory and relatively large mollusk, the whelk eats mostly bivalves by prying open their shells with its foot and sucking out the animal with its proboscis.

■ Crabs

Florida is home to several varieties of crabs, particularly hermit crabs, which beachgoers are more likely to see in the summer, when stormy weather brings them ashore. The giant hermit crab, the largest in North America, is the most common type in our area. It seeks shelter in empty mollusk shells and finds new homes as it grows.

Ghost crabs are beach-dwelling crustaceans that live in burrows to keep their gills wet and use their strong claws to crush mollusks and other crabs for food. They are incredibly agile; watch for them scurrying along the sand on the tips of their toes on Key Island or the estuary at Clam Pass in Collier County.

Where to look

To find sea creatures that most people would miss, Capt. Kirk suggests inspecting clumps of seaweed, particularly long strands of turtle grass. Tiny creatures cling to the vegetation and are carried by currents up to the beach.

“(The animals) kind of coagulate together,” he says. “You can actually see little seahorses and crabs.”

Local parks and environmental research groups provide a wealth of information about which animals are at local beaches and where to find them.

In Collier County, Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida all offer various guided walks and interpretative programs about various aspects of the local marine environment and its inhabitants. Check the park schedule at floridastateparks.org/delnor-wiggins and visit the conservancy.org and rookerybay.org for schedules, cost and more information. ■

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Brookdale Bonita will offer free memory checks

Lee Physician Group Memory Care will conduct free memory screenings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 26850 South Bay Drive in Bonita Springs.

Memory is often overlooked during health-care checkups. This can be attributed to misperceptions and fears, perhaps the most common of which is an apprehension that nothing can be done about memory loss. But many forms of memory loss are reversible, and for other forms of memory loss, early detection is the key.

Screenings will take approximately 20 minutes. Results and further recommendations will be mailed. Call Rachel Russell at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 948-2600, for an appointment. ■

The Terraces partners with Hope Hospice

The Terraces at Bonita Springs has partnered with Hope Hospice to provide end-of-life palliative care at the Terraces' Renaissance health center.

"We saw an opportunity in the fact that some of the beds in our health center weren't always full," says Ross Dickmann, executive director of The Terraces at Bonita Springs. For more information, visit theterracesatbonitasprings.com. ■

Smart mouth guard could take a bite out of teeth grinding

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

The next big thing in wearable technology might show up right inside your mouth.

Researchers at the University of Florida have developed a smart mouth guard equipped with sensors that allow it to detect if you're grinding your teeth, tell your dentist and even help you stop doing it.

What's more, the next version of the guard, currently under development, might be able to tell when an athlete is becoming dehydrated or overheated and even whether he or she may have gotten a concussion.

The device is the creation of Yong-Kyu "YK" Yoon, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, and his colleagues. Mr. Yoon, who also is director of the Multidisciplinary Nano and Microsystems Lab at UF, worked on the project with Fong Wong, an associate professor in UF's Restorative Dental Sciences Department and Craniofacial Center.

Their concept won them a second-place prize at last month's International Contest of Applications in Nano/Micro Technologies in Anchorage, Alaska, where the UF team represented the United States.

Mr. Yoon came up with the idea about five years ago when he was developing a set of dentures that alert the dentist to an improper fit even if the patient doesn't complain about it. That got him to thinking about something similar that could help an even larger share of the population: those who suffer from bruxism, aka teeth grinding.

Mr. Wong said at least 20 percent of the U.S. population — about 30 million people — suffer from bruxism, which frequently is caused by stress and can lead to damaged teeth, headaches, insomnia and a sore jaw.

Most people don't even know they do it.

The most common way to diagnose it is for the patient to spend a night in a sleep clinic.

Wouldn't it be easier and more efficient, Mr. Yoon thought, for the patient to stay home using a mouth guard equipped with sensors that could detect bruxism, measure how much force was being applied by the jaw and which teeth



were most affected?

Ms. Wong thought the same thing.

"Wearing a mouth guard is less intrusive than spending time in a sleep clinic," she says. "It cuts cost when it reduces the number of clinical psychology sessions."

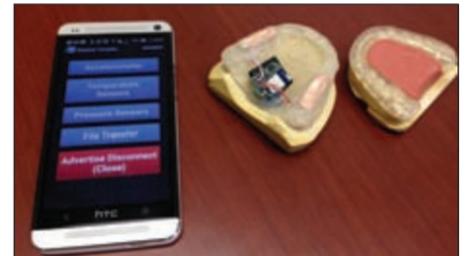
The prototype they created does all of that and can send the information to a computer or smart phone via Bluetooth, enabling a dentist or orthodontist to retrieve it, make a diagnosis and suggest treatment.

"That kind of information has been unavailable until now," Mr. Yoon says.

The mouth guard is an improvement over traditional bruxism therapies, such as behavioral modification training during clinical sessions, Ms. Wong says. "The advantage is that the guard extends the treatment beyond the time spent in the clinic," she adds. "This promises greater effectiveness and lower cost."

Mr. Yoon says one population that could stand to benefit from the smart mouth guard is combat veterans with post-traumatic stress, which can lead to bruxism.

But the smart mouth guard's potential extends beyond dentistry.

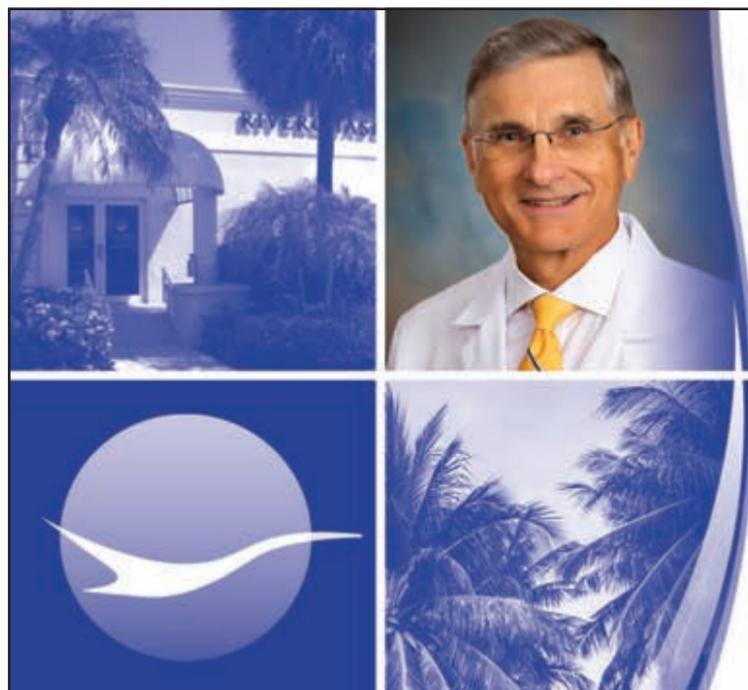


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The smart mouth guard developed by researchers at the University of Florida was the U.S. entry in the recent International Contest of Applications in Nano/Micro Technologies in Anchorage, Alaska.

The next iteration could be aimed at athletes. Using different types of sensors, it could detect dehydration or dangerous core body temperature and alert a coach to pull a player off the field. That same information could be useful for firefighters.

It also could measure the strength of a blow to the head, which could give doctors early warning about the possibility of a concussion. ■



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Community foundation reaches \$100 million in charitable assets

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The Community Foundation of Collier County announces it now manages \$100 million in charitable assets. The number represents a 56 percent increase in asset size since June 2013 and puts the foundation in the Top 10 of Florida community foundations.

In the last 12 months alone, CFCC has distributed more than \$9.8 million to nonprofit organizations locally and around the world. These dollars fuel programs that meet local challenges and improve the quality of life in our region. CFCC tracks critical areas such as homelessness, hunger, health care, the arts, the environment, economic development and issues facing women and girls in Collier County.

President and CEO Eileen Connolly-Keesler credits the growth to Collier County's spirit of generosity, a commitment from private foundation fund holders who have moved their private foundation assets to the foundation, an increase in the number of nonprof-

its that have established their endowment funds with the foundation and the improved economy.

Families, nonprofits and companies have created 49 new charitable funds at the foundation in fiscal year 2015.



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Among those participating in this growth are the Community School of Naples, the Greater Marco Family YMCA, the Greater Naples YMCA, Naples Botanical Garden and the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County.

Of the foundation's \$100 million in assets, approximately 80 percent is comprised of donor-advised funds and

designated funds held at the foundation. Foundation staff continually educates these donors about needs in the community so that donors can direct funds for greatest impact.

Only \$15.5 million of the CFCC's total assets are tagged as "unrestricted" dollars that the foundation can use to respond quickly to community needs and address issues as they emerge.

Unrestricted funds are critical to almost every nonprofit, and Ms. Connolly-Keesler hopes to increase the pool of such funds. "The ratio of unrestricted dollars to total assets is somewhat higher in the majority of other community foundations," she says. "Unrestricted giving does require a deeper level of trust between the donor and the foundation," she adds. "Donors must feel confident their funds will be used to move us forward. But we believe that we have built that kind of trust."

For more information about the Community Foundation of Collier County, call 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org.

Where is your nonprofit in its life cycle?

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University and the Community Foundation of Collier County present "Understanding the Nonprofit Life Cycle," a workshop to help board members and staff identify where their nonprofit is in its evolution.

Susan Suarez of Suarez & Associates will present the workshop from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Hodges U., 2647 Professional Way.

Ms. Suarez outlines the stages of every organization's life cycle as: start-up, adolescence, maturity, stagnation/renewal and decline. And she cautions that a "one-size-fits-all" approach to roles, responsibilities and board structures is a recipe for disaster. She will guide participants through an organizational assessment so they can more effectively define the board's collective role, build a board structure and address specific needs within the organization.

Registration is \$35. Sign up by calling Marian Klink at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 598-6284, or by emailing cne@hodges.edu.



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PET TALES

Breathless

Short-nosed dogs and cats often have difficulty breathing. What you should know about the problem

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Most people recognize pet overpopulation, cruelty and animal fighting as animal welfare issues, but there's one that many don't think about or may even consider cute. We're talking about extreme physical traits, such as the excessively flat faces seen in many Persian cats, bulldogs, Pekingese, pugs, Boston terriers and other brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds.

Snorting and snoring, or the undershot jaw of the bulldog or boxer, are often thought to be endearing characteristics. But when those traits cause animals to gasp for air after minimal exertion, develop heatstroke or even die from exposure to heat and humidity, it's no life for a dog — or cat. It's not great for their humans, either, who pay high veterinary bills to treat their animals or lose them to an early death.

Pets with extremely flat faces are prone to a condition called brachycephalic syndrome. They may have pinched or narrowed nostrils, known as stenotic nares; an elongated soft palate, which partially blocks the airway; everted sacculles, small sacs just inside the larynx that can turn inside out and block the airway; and a hypoplastic, or narrowed, trachea. When the nostrils are too small, nasal cartilage is too soft or the airway is blocked, it's difficult for the animal to



Animals with excessively flat faces may need special care or even surgery.

draw breath. Dogs with the combination of a short muzzle and undershot jaw can also have difficulty breathing.

A side effect of brachycephalic syndrome is that pets with it have a harder time regulating their body temperature in hot or cold weather. They can't stay outdoors in warm weather, let alone go for a walk. Allergies can worsen the problem.

To protect pets with brachycephalic syndrome, it's important not to let them get fat or overexert themselves in the heat. They must stay in an air-conditioned environment, and need plenty of shade and fresh water when outdoors. Walking dogs with a harness instead of a collar that puts pressure on the neck can also help them breathe easier.

Noisy breathing, gurgling, gasping and a foamy nasal discharge are all signs that a dog is having trouble getting enough air. Other signs of difficulty breathing are fainting and blue gums

and tongue, indicating a lack of oxygen in the bloodstream. Left untreated, chronic lack of oxygen puts a serious strain on the heart, and breathing difficulty worsens with age.

For dogs with serious respiratory difficulty, surgery can correct stenotic nares, elongated soft palate and everted sacculles. A dog who can't walk across the room without turning blue and gasping for air is a clear candidate for reconstructive surgery.

It's best if this is done early in life if it's obvious that a pet has a problem. When the procedure is performed before the problem becomes serious, it usually has good results. Surgery may be less effective if performed when animals are older. If necessary, stenotic nares and an elongated soft palate can be corrected at the same time. A good time to do it is when the animal is spayed or neutered. You'll be able to hear the difference in breathing immediately after surgery.

No one wants to experience the heartbreak of a pet who can't breathe. Animal lovers can help by not purchasing dogs or cats with extreme facial conformation, no matter how cute they are. Breeders can work toward producing animals with not-so-flat faces and larger nostrils that enable them to breathe effortlessly and do all the things a pet should be able to do: chase a toy, walk around the block, play at the beach or compete in dog sports. ■

Pets of the Week

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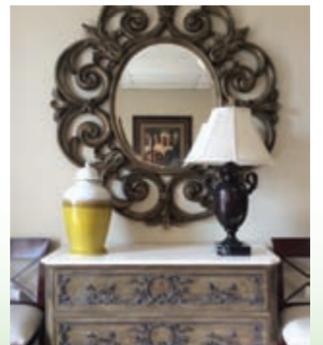
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THE DIVA DIARIES

The cost of beauty just keeps going up



I'll never forget, as a wee diva, hearing my dear mother say to me, "It hurts to be beautiful, dear." She usually said it while tearing a "rat's nest" out of my wet hair with a fine-toothed comb or squeezing a blackhead on my nose.

Now that I'm adult and know the importance of buying expensive hair conditioner (and facial cleanser), I understand more than ever what my mother meant. Not only does it hurt to be beautiful, there are long-lasting consequences.

A research letter recently published in a dermatological trade magazine reported that, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation, going to a tanning booth just *once* under the age of 35 increases the chance of melanoma by 80 percent. After hearing about that, I got to thinking about all the reckless — and painful — things I did under the age of 35 in the name of beauty.

Quite frankly, it's a wonder I'm still alive.

Growing up in Southwest Florida, I was never a tanning booth aficionado. I mean, seriously, if you live here, what's the point? How tanning booth businesses make money this close to the equator will forever remain a mys-

tery to moi. Still, when I was younger, I gave a booth a whirl a time or two, and honestly, lying there in that claustrophobic tube under those buzzing UV lights just *felt* like cancer to me. No, I was far happier to slather myself in Crisco (I'm not lying) and lie on the beach in a string bikini while fanning myself with tin foil for HOURS, baking away, listening to Styx on a transistor radio. Sunscreen? Pshaw! I was never concerned with getting sunburned; my skin would feel like fire for a day or two, but I'd be brown as a berry before I knew it. Mission accomplished. Yet, as a result, these days, I'm reporting to the dermatologist twice a year with fear in my heart.

So far, so good (knock wood). But what was I thinking back in the '80s?

Apparently, I wasn't thinking at all when I decided, in 1985, to add five extra piercings to my right ear using only a sewing needle heated with a Bic lighter along with an ice cube as a numbing agent. All I wanted was that sparkly multiple-earring look that was so popular at the time. By the grace of God, my earlobes didn't get infected and fall off; however, my home piercing job made for lots of swelling, redness and no desire to punch actual sparkly earrings into my painful homemade holes. Lots of peroxide and years of healing later, I have five tiny dimples dotting my right earlobe.

Yet it seems, back then, I'd do anything in the name of beauty. I recall when I was 19, a friend who was the daughter of a dentist recommended putting Comet on a Q-tip to scrub stains off the front of teeth (she warned not to swallow it). Just FYI, Comet is POISON. And yet, I totally did it. And it seriously worked. But don't do it! Somehow, I'm still alive.

As far as body beauty goes, when it comes to insane diets, I've tried every single one: the Cigarette and Diet Coke Diet, which worked super well for me when I was 19 (again, don't do it); the Grapefruit and Water Diet, which I tried for three days in 1990 and lost 10 pounds, but almost fainted near the end of the 72 hours; the Cabbage Soup Diet, which tastes like death and keeps one anchored to the bathroom ... I've sampled them all, and again, while they were horrible for my health, I lived.

Mom was right. It does hurt to be beautiful. And with the advances we have today, I'm thinking it hurts now more than ever. Botox needles in the face? Chemical peels? Liposuction? In 2015, not only does it hurt, it's way more expensive to hurt to be beautiful. At least Crisco was cheap.

Either way — and trust me on this, please — be sure to use sunscreen. ■

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

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



Drs. John Dobbs and Stan Headley at PharmiCare, a neighborhood pharmacy that offers functional and naturopathic products and services.

Functional medicine

A growing number of health-care providers in Southwest Florida are using the approach to find the root causes of chronic disease

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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About half of us suffer from at least one chronic disease, accounting for 86 percent of the health-care cost in this country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tells us.

A growing group of health-care providers are convinced an approach to care called functional medicine will play a leading role in preventing and reversing chronic conditions. Conventional medicine in the United States too often emphasizes “a pill for an ill,” say doctors who believe in the functional

approach, which focuses on finding “the root cause” of disease in genetics, lifestyle, diet, and environment.

“It’s like a new set of eyeglasses given to a doctor,” said Zorayda “Jiji” Torres, an internal medicine physician who last year opened UpstreamMD, a functional medicine-based practice in Bonita Springs. “It’s like a new GPS. It’s a new way of thinking.”

Functional medicine aims to combine the best practices of alternative treatments, which have grown more popular in recent years, with those of the conventional medical system in the U.S., and address criticisms of both. That

includes weeding out unproven alternative treatments, for instance, and cutting back on prescription medication.

Upstream joins PharmiCare, a neighborhood pharmacy in South Fort Myers; Hughes Center for Functional Medicine in Naples; and Restorative Medical Center in North Port as a handful of relatively new local practices that advertise functional medicine consultations and treatment.

The approach has also gained traction nationally through Dr. Mark Hyman, a physician who is at the center of its rise

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People often ask me what I miss most about working at an investment bank structuring derivatives. Was it the fancy dinners or hobnobbing with CEOs? Was it the excitement of working on the trading floor or solving complex problems with some of the smartest people in the world? The ability to bring down the entire global financial system with a product that no one could understand? No, it was the summer interns. Every summer you had, at your command, a dozen or so college juniors whose whole purpose in life at that moment was to make you like them and want to hire them. I finally understood that expression about power corrupts and absolute power is totally awesome. As Mel Brooks said, "It's good to be the king."

But besides the summer interns, one thing I missed from working at a big bank was my 401k. It was nice being able to take pre-tax money out of my paycheck and invest it each month. And I absolutely loved the company match where the bank would match some of my IRA contributions dollar for dollar. When I decided to become a small business owner, I thought my days of being able to contribute pre-tax to my retirement and company matches were over.

However, I recently became aware of a program where small business owners and employees can do just that with very little fees or setup costs. It is called a SIMPLE IRA and it is a great way to save on taxes while investing for the future.

A SIMPLE IRA is designed for small businesses with 100 or fewer employees. In addition, the employer cannot have any other retirement plan. Those are really the only two requirements. And setting up a SIMPLE IRA is really, well, simple. There are no documents that need to be filed with the IRS which is nice. I don't know about you, but I try to limit my interactions with that particular agency of government. All you have to do is go online and print out IRS form 5304-SIMPLE. It is a three page document along with the instructions that go with it. Once the business owner fills out the form establishing the SIMPLE IRA, she just has to keep it in a safe place. That's it and poof, your small business plan now has a retirement plan.

On the 5304-SIMPLE form, there are two primary decisions that the business owner has to make and record. First, the owner has to decide whether all employees are eligible for the plan or just employees over a certain compensation level. Note that the law mandates that the maximum compensation threshold must be \$5,000 per year or less so really any employee other than some part-time help will probably be eligible to participate with either choice. The IRS does this so the owner doesn't start a program that only benefits herself without benefiting her employees as well.



The second decision on the form involves the company's matching contribution. Just like with a 401k, with a SIMPLE IRA the company contributes to the employees' retirement. The first option is to match 3 percent of each employee's contribution. So let's say that employee A contributes \$1,000 to her SIMPLE IRA in 2015. The employer would then add an additional \$30 to that account. But if in 2016, employee A contributed \$0, the employer would not match any funds that year. The second match option is to contribute 2 percent of the employee's salary (up to \$250,000) to the employee's IRA, regardless of that employee's actual IRA contribution. So if employee A had a salary of \$100,000, the employer would contribute \$2,000 to the SIMPLE IRA regardless of how much the employee actually contributed to the IRA that year.

The benefits of a SIMPLE IRA to an employee of a small business are obvious. They can invest pre-tax money for retirement and get a matching contribution from their employer. But what are the benefits to the business owner? First,

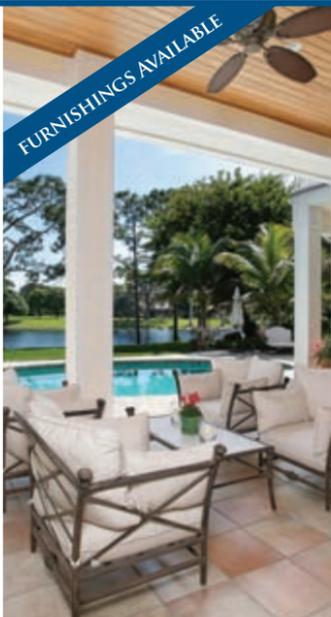
it is a relatively low cost benefit for your employees that should help with employee satisfaction and loyalty. Second, if the business is set up as an S Corp, an owner can be considered an employee and can thus get all the benefits of a SIMPLE IRA, including a company match. And that match can be written off as a business expense. Third, there are really no operational costs of a SIMPLE IRA as each employee must set up an IRA account with his or her own brokerage firm. The company does not have the expense of administering the SIMPLE IRA accounts. Plus, many online brokerage firms have no fee SIMPLE IRA accounts so the employees are not hit with an administrative fee either.

So, in summary, SIMPLE IRAs are a easy and inexpensive way for both employees and employers to contribute to their retirement in a tax-advantaged manner. Of course, as a small business owner or employee, it is prudent to discuss any retirement planning with your financial advisor. I'm sure their summer intern would love pulling an all-nighter to put together a custom pitch book just for you. ■

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



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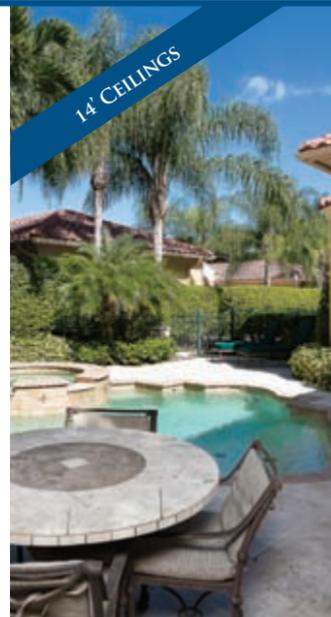
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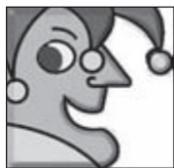
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My Dumbest Investment

Wait for the Big Board

I bought shares of a beverage company whose stock was trading on the pink sheets. That's apparently a sure way to lose money. I learned that there is a reason companies are trading on the pink sheets ... none of them good, no matter how good the companies or their promoters can make them seem. This particular company was supposedly working to get onto the Big Board.

The moral to the story: Wait until a company gets onto the Big Board, then see if it's worth the investment. Stick to good companies and don't waste your time with iffy ones.

— P., online

The Fool Responds: You learned a fine lesson. When a stock doesn't trade on the major exchanges, such as the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) or the Nasdaq Stock Market, it probably doesn't meet their listing requirements. The Big Board is the NYSE, which notes, "A listing on the New York Stock Exchange is internationally recognized as signifying that a publicly owned corporation has achieved maturity and front-rank status in its industry — in terms of assets (and) earnings ..."

Companies that don't make it onto the big exchanges tend to be small, unproven and volatile, sinking many investors. They're traded "over the counter" (OTC) or on the "pink sheets." Pink sheet companies don't even have to file financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), making it hard to find detailed information on them. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1906, when William Riley founded me in Boston in order to manufacture arch supports and orthopedic shoes. I produced my first pair of running shoes in 1938. By the 1950s I was handcrafting customized footwear, and customized sneakers are a big hit for me today. I'm now the only major company producing more than 4 million pairs of athletic footwear annually in the U.S. Over the years, my acquisitions have included the Dunham men's casual shoe brand and the Brine athletic supply company. I raked in \$2.7 billion globally in 2013. Who am I? (Answer: New Balance) ■



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Ask the Fool

Quick and Current

Q What are "quick" and "current" ratios?

— B.W., Saratoga Springs, New York

A They're measures of a company's debt level, calculated from its balance sheet. For the current ratio, divide current assets by current liabilities, revealing whether the company has sufficient resources (such as cash and expected payments) to pay its bills over the coming year. The quick ratio, sometimes called the acid-test ratio, is a bit more meaningful, subtracting inventories from current assets before dividing by current liabilities.

A result above 1 is good for both ratios, and above 1.5 is better, though a very high number can reflect assets sitting around unproductively.

These numbers vary by industry, so compare a company only with its peers — or with itself over time — to see trends. Declining ratios, for example, can be a red flag.

Q What do chief financial officers do?

— T.Y., Greenwood, South Carolina

A A company's chief financial officer (CFO), such as The Home Depot's Carol Tomé, Southwest Airlines' Tammy Romo and MasterCard's Martina Hund-Mejean, is responsible for all things financial, such as determining what the company's financial needs are and will be, deciding how best to finance those needs, and informing all stakeholders (investors, creditors, analysts, employees, management) of the company's financial condition.

The CFO also maintains the best mix of internal cash, debt financing and stock financing for the company (this is known as its "capital structure"). The CFO plans and oversees the forecasting and budgeting process, monitors all cash flow, maintains relationships with funding sources such as commercial and investment banks, and oversees the process of developing and communicating the quarterly and annual financial statements.

Finally, the CFO has ultimate accountability for maintaining the books and records of the company. ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Intel Inside ... Your Portfolio

Intel's (Nasdaq: INTC) dominant position in the PC chip business might have you thinking that it's in trouble, with PC sales weakening as consumers turn more to smartphones and tablets. But Intel is changing with the times, and with its data centers, has become a significant player in the fast-growing cloud computing arena.

In its last quarter, overall revenue was flat year over year, at \$12.8 billion, but data center revenue grew by double digits. More specifically, tablet platform unit volume surged 45 percent year over year in its last quarter, while desktop platform unit volume sank by 16 percent. Meanwhile, data center unit volume grew by 15 percent — with prices rising by 5 percent, too.

Intel's most recent big news, though, is that it's buying chipmaker Altera for about \$16.7 billion — its largest purchase ever. Altera specializes in field-programmable gate arrays, or FPGAs, which can help Intel's server and data center businesses by speeding up servers and can give it inroads into networking and wireless applications. It plans to integrate FPGAs onto its processor chips, for example.

Intel's future is not certain, but with annual free cash flow topping \$11 billion, a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the low teens and a dividend that recently yielded 3 percent, its stock is looking rather appealing. (The Motley Fool has recommended Intel.) ■

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.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at Ciao Bella Ristorante Italiano, 1000 N. Collier Blvd. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** meet for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at The Center Bar in the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Admission is free, and food and drinks will be available for purchase. Sign up at bonitaspringschamber.com. For more information, call 992-2943 or visit facebook.com/bsayoungprofessionals.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the chamber Visitor Information Center, 900 Fifth Ave. S. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Young Professionals of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hold their annual meeting from

6-10 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Free for members who sign up in advance, \$10 at the door; \$50 for non-members (includes a membership). Visit ypnaples.com or follow ypnaples on Facebook.

■ **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 Aug. 4. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgreia.com for more information.

■ **"Destination Paradise: Limitless Opportunities,"** a business-to-business trade show sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Spon-

sorship opportunities are available, as are exhibit booths. Call Judi Menard at 298-7928 or email judi@napleschamber.org. ■

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MEDICINE

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in popularity in recent years and its most visible and outspoken advocate, known for his best-selling books and high profile patients, including Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Rigorous science is behind many alternative treatments that fall under the umbrella of functional medicine, he said. While the Clintons are among a growing group who subscribe to a diet and lifestyle based on functional medicine, Dr. Hyman said, the larger medical establishment in the United States is still catching up with existing and emerging science behind alternative forms of care.

"That's where functional medicine brings the future of medicine into the current practice," he said. "(It) closes that gap between the science that we have and the medicine we practice."

For Dr. Torres, a functional medicine approach is like looking at the whole "pizza" of care models, she said. For any given patient, one small slice might be acupuncture, another homeopathy, another oriental medicine, another conventional prescription medication or surgery. Her job is "figuring out which of the slices will work better to help a person."

In functional practices, patients work more in collaboration with health-care providers, and doctors visits are generally longer. An initial consultation with Dr. Torres lasts three hours, for instance.

"Conventional medicine is great for acute care," she said, "Meaning you break a bone, you get surgery, you get rehab, you're well. But in chronic care — hypertension, chronic fatigue, high cholesterol, coronary disease, rheumatoid arthritis — that model of a pill for an ill doesn't really work."

Functional but not mainstream

Although functional medicine is far from a mainstream element of doctors' practices these days, Dr. Hyman believes that in another 10 years it will be. It took a step toward that goal last September when the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio opened its Center for Functional Medicine, the first time a big teaching and research hospital has embraced the approach, with Dr. Hyman as its director.

"Cleveland Clinic is really changing mainstream medicine," said Stan Headley, a naturopathic physician with Phar-

miCare in South Fort Myers. "This is going to change the way medicine is practiced."

He called functional medicine "pro-active, preventative, not reactive like our current medical model."

In a press release last year, the medical doctor and Cleveland Clinic CEO Toby Cosgrove said, "As the incidence of chronic disease continues to mount, we must consider new approaches to understanding and treating diseases. This is not a departure for Cleveland Clinic, but a continuation of the innovative, holistic approach that we have embraced, which includes the establishment of the Wellness Institute, the Center for Integrative Medicine, the Chinese Herbal Therapy Clinic, and the Center for Personalized Healthcare."

Functional cost

Cost is one of the biggest hurdles for patients to access functional medicine because many alternative tests and treatments aren't covered by insurance plans. Dr. Torres believes that will change.

"I think insurance company's are finding out — they're spending and yet people are staying sick," she said.

While powerful political advocates such as the Clintons could help drive policy change at the national level that supports greater reimbursement, the Cleveland Clinic Center's research will be aimed at supporting such changes as well.

One of the center's initial goals, in an effort to prove functional medicine's viability in the marketplace to insurance companies and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, is to test conventional protocol for some of the most common chronic illnesses side by side with functional ones. Patients included in the tests, to take place in the center's first three years, include those suffering from asthma, inflammatory bowel disease, type 2 diabetes and migraines.

"The total cost of care will make a business case possible for changes in reimbursement — both at the local level with payer partners and at the national level for reimbursement policy reform," reads the website of the Institute for Functional Medicine, a nonprofit that offers education and certifications for providers, and of which Dr. Hyman is board chair. It also aims "to incorporate functional medicine and functional nutrition in undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education."

PharmiCare

There is already a strong market for many vitamins, supplements and procedures incorporated into functional medicine, found John Dobbs.

A doctor of pharmacy who formerly worked as the clinical emergency services pharmacist for Gulf Coast Medi-



Dr. Zorayda "Jiji" Torres at her office in Bonita Springs where she practices functional medicine.

cal Center, he opened PharmiCare in February last year. The neighborhood pharmacy offers functional medicine consults, natural medicine, supplements and health screenings. As one of the few if only local pharmacies to take this approach, Dr. Dobbs said, revenue has more than quadrupled since he opened.

It's actually a pretty exciting time for us, tremendous growth," he said.

Restorative Medical Center

Christina Parker, a nurse practitioner in North Port, opened Restorative Medical Center, a family practice based on a functional medicine approach, in 2012.

"I opened this office after working in a traditional medical office and not feeling as if I was really helping anyone," she wrote in an email. "I felt like I was just putting a Band-Aid on the patients' symptoms and not getting down to the root cause of their ailments. I believe that chronic illness is a combination of nutrition, environment and genetics. I try to heal with alternative therapies, but sometimes traditional medicine is needed. So we offer a combination of both."

Hughes Center for Functional Medicine

Dr. Pamela Hughes, a doctor of osteopathic medicine, took over the Hughes Center for Functional Medicine in Naples in March, formerly the Perlmutter Health Center.

"I did traditional medicine for years," Dr. Hughes said. "It's what we learned, it's what we know."

A former emergency room doctor, she discovered functional medicine after researching ways to help get her husband, a war veteran wounded in Afghanistan, off opioid pain medication such as Percocet. His recovery is an example of functional medicine: conventional surgery initially played a key role while alternative or "integrated" natural medi-

cations such as organic sulfur for pain and rhodiola for stress, along with a regimen of other vitamin and nutritional supplements, help keep him healthy now.

Upstream Medical Consultants

With 17 years of clinical experience diagnosing and treating chronic disease in her patients based on conventional medical practices, Dr. Torres was looking for better methods.

"I followed the guidelines, they don't get well," she said. "And I overmedicate them and they still don't get well. I was truly frustrated."

After beginning to study functional medicine four years ago, she attended conferences through the Institute for Functional Medicine to receive certification in the approach.

"I never studied this as an (internal medicine doctor), even with board exams," she said.

In 2014, Dr. Torres opened UpstreamMD, a functional medicine practice, to go "upstream" and find the causes of chronic illnesses; in general, those lasting 90 days or more.

"Anything that goes chronic usually needs another way of thinking," she said. "We've got to ask why the problem doesn't go away."

The right diet and nutrition is emphasized in functional medicine, which might address a number of problems at once, such as depression and irritable bowel syndrome.

"We always say 'food first,' meaning as part of your treatment, food is one of your major treatments," she said, adding that functional's holistic approach takes the big picture into consideration. All the organic kale, chai seeds and grass-fed beef at Whole Foods probably won't help much if you're also addicted to crack — or for that matter sugar, and heavily processed foods.

"I can't just say it's only food," she said, "but food first. We want to make sure they're eating right." ■



Dr. Mark Hyman, director of the Cleveland Clinic's Center for Functional Medicine.

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Awards & Recognition

Lynne Tarman of Alliance Financial Group has been named 2015 Florida Volunteer of the Year by the Florida Small Business Development Center Network in recognition of her work with SBDC programs and her 10 years of support and coordination of the annual Girls Going Places program held at Florida Gulf Coast University. Girls Going Places teaches young women about financial well-being, responsibility and entrepreneurship.

Susan Watts is Ooh La La Lady of the Month for July, a recognition that is part of the Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour program to honor one local woman per month who exhibits the three Cs: character, community involvement and charitable giving of time, treasure and talent. Born, raised and educated in London, England, Ms. Watts earned a bachelor's degree in statistic-analysis and economics and also graduated from The Royal College of Music in London. A regular visitor to Naples since 1994, she spent 17 years as a trader working in the international financial currency markets before moving to the U.S. in 2002 and deciding to dedicate the second half of her career life to skin health with a focus on clinical oncology esthetics to help patients going through cancer treatment. As the owner of Simply Faces, she divides her time between healthy clients and those seeking comfort from chemotherapy and radiation side effects and auto-immune disorders. She works alongside Avow Hospice, the American Cancer Society, Oncology Infusion Centers, The Wedding Pink and other nonprofit organizations around the country. She is a member of the Make-A-Wish Southern Florida President's Council in Collier County.



WATTS

Dan Adams has been promoted to vice president-South Florida for Stevens Construction and has also been named a principal of the company. Since joining the company as a senior project manager in 2011, Mr. Adams has worked on projects totaling more than 230,000 square feet of construction, including the multi-phase renovation of DeVoe Cadillac and Landmark Hospital, an 86,676-square-foot long-term care facility under construction in Naples. A LEED-accredited professional and licensed general contractor, he earned his bachelor's degree in building construction from the University of Florida. He also holds a certificate in Health Care Construction from the American Society for Healthcare Engineering and a certificate for Infection Control Risk Assessment, a hospital educational program for contractors and healthcare engineers.



ADAMS

Construction

Vivek Bhargava, Ph.D., has joined the Florida Gulf Coast University Lutgert College of Business as associate dean of faculty and administration. Mr. Bhargava comes to FGCU from Alcorn State University in Lorman, Miss., where he served as dean, interim dean, associate dean, director of the MBA program and faculty member. A certified chartered financial analyst, he earned a doctoral degree in finance from the University of Alabama and also holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

Higher Education

Board Appointments

Kelly Davis, a partner in the Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, has been installed as president of the Collier County Women's Bar Association. Ms. Davis has served on the CCWBA board for the past three years and previously held positions of secretary and vice president. She received her J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law and her bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University.



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Business Acquisition

Pet Paradise has acquired **The Wigglebutt Inn** in Naples as its 23rd pet boarding and daycare center. The 10,000-square-foot business at 2021 Pine Ridge Road has three indoor and two outdoor play areas, spacious dog suites and five "presidential suites" with televisions. At its locations through the U.S., Pet Paradise partners with animal rescue groups for pet food drives and Wacky Wednesdays, as well as sponsors and supports events.

Business Expansion

The father-and-son owners of **Pure Naples** have established a new parent company, **Pure Florida**, to support their vision to connect audiences with the maritime environment. Capt. Lance Julian and Capt. Harry Julian founded Pure Naples

in 2009 and Pure Fort Myers in 2014. Also included in the Pure Florida family is the Naples-based video production company Pure Image Productions.

Robb & Stucky has announced plans to open a showroom in Coral Gables at the end of this year and one in Boca Raton in 2016. Expansion to Florida's east coast is driven by steadily increasing sales in the Naples, Fort Myers and Sarasota stores, according to company president Steve Lush. The new stores will employ more than 40 people, including interior designers, sales managers, and business, office and warehouse personnel. The Boca Raton location will be designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, the same firm that designed the Naples store in 2012. Construction will begin later this year. Mr. Lush says the company has at least two additional locations planned for the east coast.



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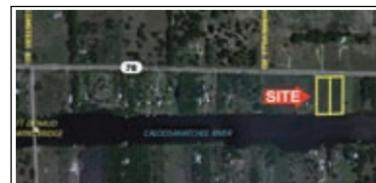
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What \$720,000 will buy in Southwest Florida



220 Bayview Road, Punta Gorda

This custom-built pool home is on a premium, deep-water, sailboat-access lot with 80 feet of concrete seawall and a 30-foot concrete dock just minutes from Charlotte Harbor.

Spacious and in like-new condition, it features high, custom-sculpted ceilings, rounded corner walls, a custom entertainment center with stereo speakers in each room including the garage and lanai, custom cabinets, granite surfaces

throughout the home, faux painting and dome ceiling in the dining room, plantation shutters throughout, 18-inch ceramic tile in the living areas, a security system, lots of storage and more. Sliders open the home to the expansive covered lanai and the screened heated pool with overflow spa.

The property is listed at \$719,000 by Five Star Realty of Charlotte, fivestarealty.com. ■



320 Madison Court, Fort Myers Beach

The sellers are offering a leaseback option on this 1,588-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath house just a short walk from the beach. The location has quick gulf access, with a boat dock and boat lift in back, where there's also room to add a pool.

This property is meticulously maintained and is move-in ready. It has everything someone who wants the beach life and gulf access is looking for.

The property is listed at \$719,000 by Naples Realty Services, naplesrealtyservices.com. ■



27140 Flamingo Drive, Bonita Springs

At this custom-built home with gulf access, you can walk out to a resort-style pool and spa and see your boat mounted on an extended, 10,000-pound covered boatlift. The home is on a lush tropical canal lot with scenic views to the gulf.

Upgrades include 18-inch porcelain tile on diagonal with decorative inlays, plantation shutters throughout, designer lighting and fixtures, a gour-

met kitchen with granite counters with beveled edge, mosaic tile backsplash, all-wood maple glazed distressed cabinetry, GE Profile appliances and a GE Monogram wine cooler. Bedrooms and baths also have been upgraded — even the garage is upgraded with porcelain tile and custom built-ins.

The property is listed at \$695,000 by John R. Wood Properties, johnrwood.com. ■



1882 Woodbine Court, Marco Island

This home has lots of charm — great space to entertain with large rooms and nice flow. Vaulted ceilings with extra windows allow for natural light throughout.

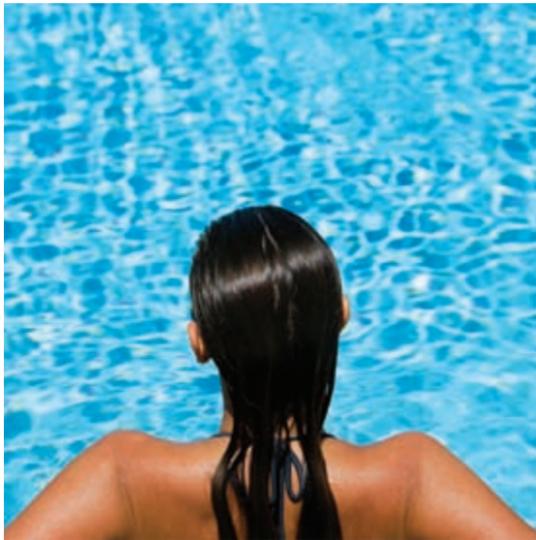
Features include a big, welcoming foyer, living room, large formal dining room, family room and tile floors in main areas. The screened lanai features a vaulted ceiling over a covered patio,

outside cooking area, in-ground spa and pool with a long lap feature. The boat dock has a fish-cleaning table. Boating to the Marco River is easy with no bridges to navigate, and the home is located near a cul-de-sac for lots of privacy and fewer cars.

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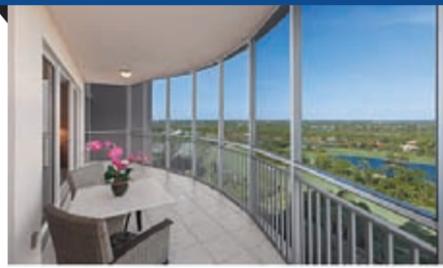
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Construction set to begin on amenity center

Taylor Morrison recently celebrated the groundbreaking for the amenity center at Esplanade of Hacienda Lakes. The center, which will serve as a common space for residents to socialize and relax, will have a fully equipped fitness center, movement room, gathering room, grand lobby with reception area, a full-service catering kitchen and a multipurpose activities room. Outdoor spaces will include a pool with spa and lap lanes, resistance pool, covered lanai, cabanas and fire pit. Also planned for



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the future are lighted pickle ball and sports courts, a dog park and tot lot.

At the corner of Collier Boulevard and Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Esplanade at Hacienda Lakes is part of Taylor Morrison's signature brand of active lifestyle communities, offering a mix of resort-inspired amenities and maintenance-free living. The gated community will have more than 400 single-family homes and villas. For more information, call 249-5844 or visit taylor-morrison.com. ■

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An aerial view of the site of the future Mystique high-rise in Pelican Bay.

Pelican Bay poised for first new high-rise in more than a decade

Gulf Bay Marketing Group has selected Premier Sotheby's International Realty as the exclusive listing agent for Mystique, the new ultra-luxury high rise in Pelican Bay.

On one of only two remaining developable land parcels in Naples between The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort and Port Royal, the 21-story Mystique will have 81 residences. Under the direction of Aubrey Ferrao, who founded Gulf Bay Group of Companies in 1986, Gulf Bay has completed 14 luxury properties along a 1.5-mile stretch of gulf-front land within Pelican Bay. Mystique will be the first new ultra-luxury high rise in Pelican Bay in more than a decade.

Construction of an onsite sales center will begin in the next few months.

The developer for Mystique is Pelican 1 Owner, LLC, an equal partnership between an affiliate of the global investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts &

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In addition to its history in Pelican Bay, Gulf Bay has developed The Brittany on Park Shore Beach, Marco Beach Ocean Resort on Marco Island and the 4,000-acre master-planned community of Fiddler's Creek between Naples and Marco Island. The Gulf Bay Group of Companies' completed and under development build-out value of luxury residential properties is estimated in excess of \$5 billion.

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The Nevis by Gulfshore Homes.

Nevis model almost ready at Miromar Lakes

Gulfshore Homes is nearing completion of its 4,100-square-foot Nevis model in the neighborhood of Salerno at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Across from the Marino on the Peninsula, the three-bedroom, 3½-bath home offers the option of a private backyard boat dock. Including outdoor living areas and the three-car garage, the Nevis has more than 5,600 square feet.

Completion of the Nevis model is anticipated this summer. It will be available to purchase on leaseback, fully furnished, for \$2,375,000.

Two other furnished models are available for viewing in Salerno, one by Divco Custom Homes and one by Harbourside Custom Homes. An additional model by Arthur Rutenberg Homes/Lyons Housing, LLC is under construction with anticipated summer completion.

Buyers also have a selection of waterfront home sites in Salerno to build a custom designed home by one of the four preferred builders.

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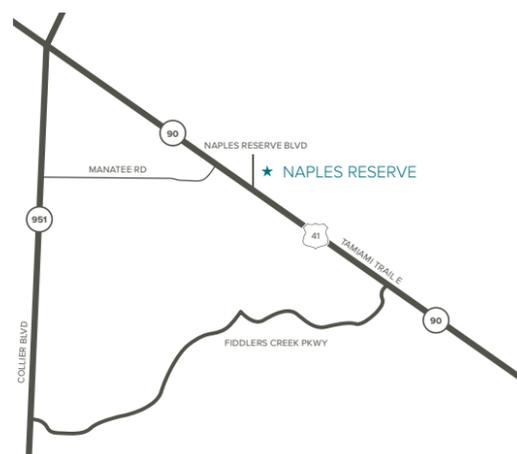


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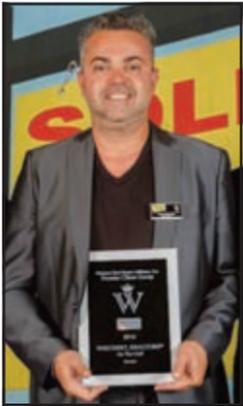
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Eben Moran has joined the John R. Wood Properties sales team at Andalu-cia, a FrontDoor Communities develop-ment in Naples. A real estate profes-sional for 11 years, Mr. Moran has been a registered Realtor in Florida since he moved to Naples in 2009.

Weichert, Realtors On the Gulf, serv-ing Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties since 2005, has been named to the Premier Cli-ent Group of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates for 2015. Only 33 companies from the franchise network have



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been invited to join the new group of top affiliates. **Jaroslaw Osinski** is broker/owner of the local affiliate.



Smith

Al Smith has joined Neal Communities as a new home sales associ-ate at the gated com-munity of Canopy in Naples. Mr. Smith has lived in Naples for 30 years and has been a Realtor for 22 years.

A team of volunteers from Miromar Development helped build a Habitat for Humanity home that was recently turned over to its new owners, a fam-ily of five, in Bonita Springs. Miromar employees raised the walls on the three-bedroom, two-bath house last November. It is one of two Habitat for Humanity homes sponsored by the development company this year in Lee County. Habitat homes are built through the use of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. The homes are then sold to low-income families with an interest-free mortgage and monthly payments set at less than 30 percent of the homeowner's income. Habitat homeowners must qualify financially for the program; save \$1,700 toward their closing costs; attend classes focus-ing on successful homeownership, bud-geting and home maintenance; and complete 300 hours of "sweat equity" by volunteering at Habitat. ■

Clubhouse opens at Artesia Naples

WCI Communities has completed construction on the clubhouse at Artesia Naples, a 261-acre master-planned community bordering the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on the way to Marco Island.

Along the community's 20-acre central lake, the clubhouse has 9,215 square feet of air-conditioned space and includes a theater, clubroom, billiards table, craft and card rooms and a fit-ness center with aerobics studio. Shaded outdoor seating areas and expansive sun decks surround the pool that has a beach entry and dedicated lap lanes. The clubhouse's 3-acre campus also has a dog park, an event lawn for neighbor-hood gatherings and a multi-use racquet sports court.

With 111 of its 261 acres set aside for nature preserves and lakes, Artesia



Naples is planned for only 600 condo-minium and single-family homes. Two- and three-bedroom homes and villas range from 1,056 to more than 3,000 square feet of air-conditioned living area and start from \$189,990.

Six model homes with interior design

by Winter Park-based Kay Green Interi-ors and CJ Décor are open for viewing.

The entrance to Artesia Naples is on Barefoot Williams Road just north of Tower Road off Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 444-3499 or visit artesianaples.com. ■

Nadia model opens in Talis Park

Norris Furniture & Interiors has unveiled its latest model home, the Nadia by Fox Custom Builders, at Talis Park in North Naples. Designers Luanza Maitland and Sydney Leigh Warren provided interior design services for the 3,650-square foot home.

"The Nadia is bright, light and invit-ing," Ms. Maitland says. "Spaces are designed for gatherings and comfort." Details include polished porcelain floors, metallic and crystal accents and white fabrics with a heavy textural hand.

The two-story Nadia model is priced at \$1,825,000, fully furnished. There are

three bedrooms, a guest retreat, 4½ baths, a study and upstairs and down-stairs lanais and family rooms.

Furnished models at Talis Park are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sat-urday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The sales center is at 16990 Livingston Road.

For more information about the Nadia, call Fox Custom Homes at 261-1082 or visit foxdev.net.

Norris Furniture & Interiors has showrooms in Naples, Fort Myers, Sanibel and Sarasota. For more informa-tion, visit distinctlyNorris.com. ■



Bonita-Estero statistics continue upward trend

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The newest report from the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors shows closed sales in the single-family home market increased by 14.9 percent in May 2015 compared to May 2014. Year over year, the average sale price of a single-family home increased by 17 percent. The median days on market decreased by 48.1 percent (25 days) compared to May 2014. Pending inventory decreased by 14.7 percent year over year, as did inventory (active listings) by a slight 0.2 percent. The months' supply of inventory increased again this month (year over year) by 19.6 percent compared to May 2014.

In the condominium/townhome mar-ket, closed sale units decreased year-over-year by 11.9 percent. The aver-age sale price increased 2.8 percent compared to May 2014, while inven-tory (active listings) decreased by 32.2 percent. Pending sales decreased year-

over-year by 13.7 percent; the months' supply of inventory, which stands at 3.7 months as of May 30, decreased by 9.4 percent year-over-year.

B.E.A.R. reports monthly real estate statistics on home listings and sales within the Bonita Springs/Estero com-bined market. Highlights of the May 2015 report include:

Single-family homes

Closed sales: 131 units, 14.9 percent increase
New pending sales: 118 units, 7.1 percent decrease
New listings: 138 units, 16 percent increase
Average sale price: \$539,067, 17 percent increase
Median days on market: 27, 48.1 percent decrease
Inventory of active listings: 432 units, .2 percent decrease

Months' supply of inventory: 4.7, 19.6 percent increase

Condominiums/townhomes

Closed sales: 111 units, 11.9 percent decrease
New pending sales: 88 units, 13.7 percent decrease
New listings: 89 units, 3.3 percent decrease
Average sale price: \$323,381, 2.8 percent increase
Median days on market: 47, 21.7 percent decrease
Inventory of active listings: 309 units, 32.2 percent decrease
Months' supply of inventory: 3.7, 9.4 percent decrease

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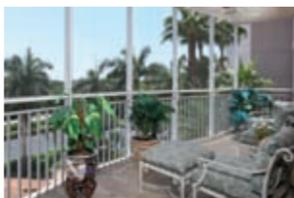
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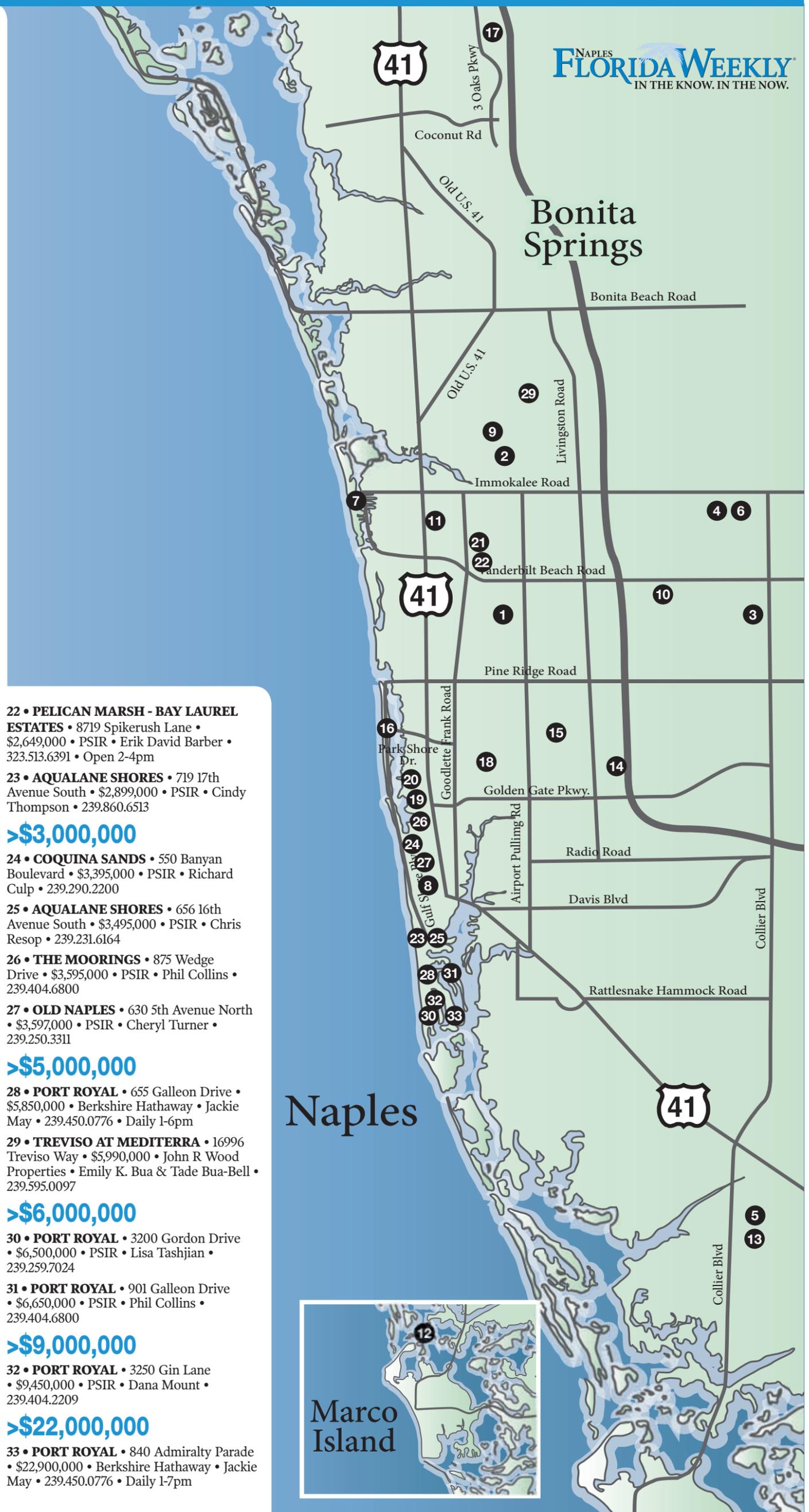
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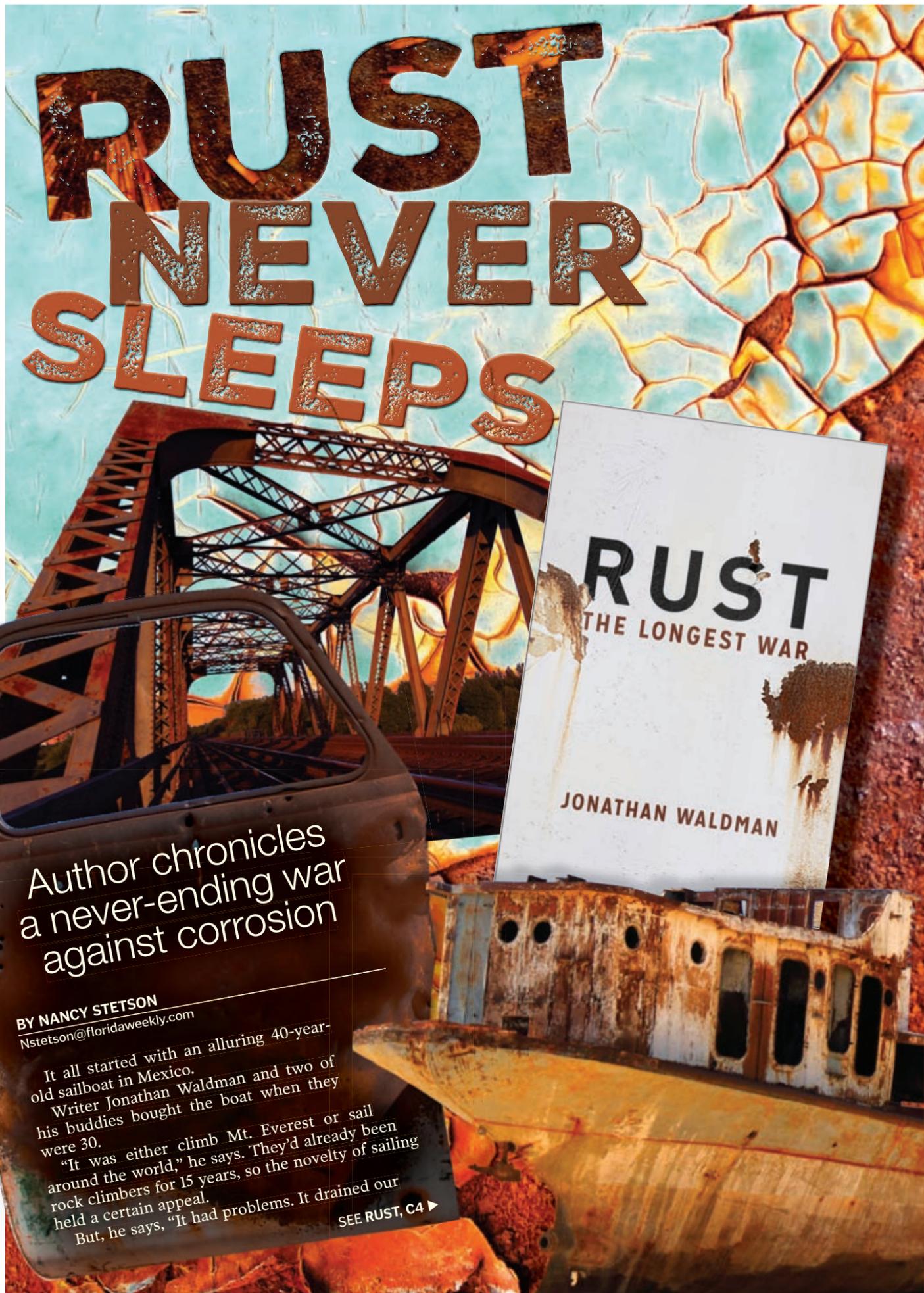
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Author chronicles a never-ending war against corrosion

BY NANCY STETSON
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It all started with an alluring 40-year-old sailboat in Mexico. Writer Jonathan Waldman and two of his buddies bought the boat when they were 30.

"It was either climb Mt. Everest or sail around the world," he says. They'd already been rock climbers for 15 years, so the novelty of sailing held a certain appeal.

But, he says, "It had problems. It drained our

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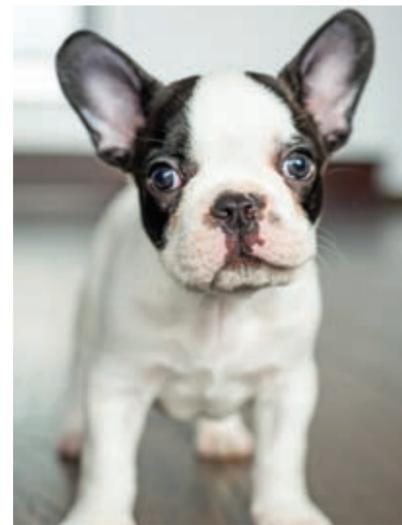
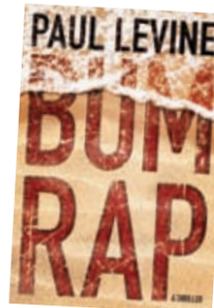


Strumming along

Guitarists Richard Smith, above, Andy Wahlberg and others set to entertain at Fred's. C3 ▶

A killer strategy

Book reviewer Phil Jason enjoys action, romance and high-risk adventure. C5 ▶



Pictures, please

There's still time to send in photos of your precious pooch or favorite ferret. C10 ▶



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"American Idol" champion Nick Fradiani, left, and finalists Jax Cole, Clark Beckham, Tyanna Jones and Rayvon Owen perform at the Barbara B. Mann Hall on Sunday, July 12.

After a false start, Nick Fradiani nabbed reality show stardom

BY ALAN SCULLEY

Nick Fradiani probably finds a little more meaning in the saying "never say never" these days.

As singer/guitarist of the Connecticut-based band Beach Avenue, he appeared on the NBC television talent show "America's Got Talent" in 2014. The experience soured him on the whole concept of music competition shows.

"We got through the first round, and when they eliminated us before the voting, I was like, 'I don't want to do these shows anymore,'" Mr. Fradiani recalled in an early June phone interview. "I remember I said that to my drummer: 'I'll never do another singing reality show thing like that ever again. I just want to keep writing and doing my own thing.'"

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Five men for every woman



My wise friend Ken used to say every woman needs five men in her life.

“One for going to the theater,” he said, ticking off his first finger. “And the museum. The symphony, too. You know, all those cultural things women like to do.”

After that, he said, a woman needs a man to go shopping, someone who will give her good advice on that cocktail dress or end table. Then she needs a man to handle all the things that need fixing around her house. He’d take out the trash, too. Next, a man who’s really good in bed. And lastly, a man she can talk to, someone who will listen to all her problems.

I was in my 20s when Ken shared this bit of wisdom, too young to understand what he meant. I figured he was talking in metaphors, implying that women have a lot of different needs and that it would be a challenge to find someone who would make me happy.

Now that I’m a little older — and arguably, wiser — I finally see what Ken meant.

He wasn’t being cryptic; he wasn’t speaking in metaphor. He was stating a simple truth: No man is ever going to have all the qualities a woman needs.

This particular truism came to mind recently when several of my married girlfriends complained that their husbands aren’t listening to them.

“Is he a good provider?” I asked one of them. “Is he a good father? Is he kind to you?”

Yes, she said. Yes and yes.

“Then maybe you’re asking too

much.”

She stared at me blankly, as if I’d said something in Greek.

But I understand her dissatisfaction.

For women, listening is fundamental. It’s as essential to how we relate to the world as breathing is to life. A man who tiles the bathroom and brings home a paycheck is nice, but in a woman’s eyes,

if he doesn’t listen, then nothing else counts.

And listening, I’ve found from my guy friends, is not always a man’s strongest gift.

I’m always advocating that women learn how to take care of themselves. Why not here, too?

My friend Susie in New York has solved this dilemma. How? By finding a good therapist.

“Sometimes I just need someone to listen to me,” Susie told me recently, “in a safe place where I can express all my emotions.”

It’s a little like getting a massage, she said. Something nice she does for herself that improves her well being. I laughed; I’d never thought of it that way.

We tend to treat therapy as a hush-hush affair, something only people with “real” problems do. But I wonder if we wouldn’t all be better off if we had someone to talk to, a person without a stake in any of it, someone to make us feel heard. The fact that we’re paying this person for his or her time is even better, because that way the terms of the exchange are clear. And there are plenty of good therapists out there, many of them men.

Now, if only we could find a man to go shopping with us. ■

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



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Head to Fred's for more than food and fun on July 18

Guitarists gathering for midsummer jam

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Bluegrass music's local cruise director, Russ Morrison, is organizing a midsummer jam at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits on Saturday, July 18. Headlining the evening are guitar virtuoso Richard Smith and his cellist wife, Julie Adams. Several local musicians, including harp guitarist Andy Wahlberg and guitarist Jon Garon, will also perform. Show time is 7 p.m.

"Richard in and of himself is a great show," Mr. Morrison says about Mr. Smith. "And he and Julie are actually very funny together. They have a nice little back and forth, and she gigs him pretty good."

A native of the United Kingdom, Mr. Smith first picked up a guitar when he was 5 years old and aspired to master the finger-picking stylings of American country legend Chet Atkins. At age 11, Mr. Smith shared the stage with his idol when Mr. Atkins invited him to play at Her Majesty's Theater in London. He has since enjoyed international acclaim for his acumen and vast repertoire that encompasses bluegrass, country, jazz, classical styles and many more.

Mr. Smith married Ms. Adams in 1999 and moved to Nashville. A classically trained cellist who studied at Interlochen Center for the Arts and the Cincinnati Conservatory, Ms. Adams has played in orchestras around the country and is a highly sought-after session player for albums and film scores. Together, they combine their instruments and talents to create a sound



When he was 11 years old, Richard Smith, above, performed with his guitar idol Chet Atkins in London.

that has been described as emotional, witty and versatile.

Mr. Wahlberg started playing harp guitar in the 1970s as a teenager and since then has toured extensively, recorded four albums and made hundreds of television and radio appearances.

In addition to playing guitar, Mr. Garon runs one of the nation's largest online Martin guitar dealerships.

Mr. Morrison says the roster for July 18 is still taking shape and promises a diverse and entertaining evening of music.

"(Mr. Smith) is liable to do some requests and hook it off into jamming (with the other musicians)," he says. "Pretty much anything you throw at him he can do. It's a treat to have something like this in July in Naples."

The performance is free, but reservations are recommended. Call Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits at 431-7928. The restaurant is at 2700 Immokalee Road, in the Sam's Club plaza. ■



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RUST

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bank accounts dry, as boats are wont to do. We were just throwing money at rust. Everything on the boat that could've rusted, rusted."

That included the water tanks, the reef hook, the heat exchanger, shackles, turnbuckles, clevis pins, chain plates, backing plates, furler bearings, engine parts, the windless axle.

Mr. Waldman was blogging about it for *Outside* magazine. "And then I did that little journalistic thing where I extrapolated my situation and thought: I bet the Navy has bigger problems," he says.

And so he went to the Mega Rust conference in Norfolk, Va., where he met the highest-ranked rust official in the land: Dan Dunmire, director of the Department of Defense's Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight.

In 2005, Mr. Dunmire's office declared corrosion was responsible for \$2.4 billion in annual damage to the Navy's 256 ships. In 2011, the office announced the direct cost of corrosion to the military as a whole was \$21 billion.

"I met (Mr. Dunmire) and some admirals in the Navy and heard them express the belief that the most powerful navy on earth was losing the fight against rust," Mr. Waldman says. "They didn't want more funding. 'We can't buy our way out of this problem,' they said."

The cost of rust

Rust is a universal problem, he says. Everyone has a rust story, whether it's their car, their lawn mower, a bicycle chain or a pump in the bottom of a well.

Rust costs the U.S. \$437 billion a year, which is more than all other natural disasters combined, Mr. Waldman says.

Horror-film script writers couldn't come up with a plot as scary as the reality: the insidious and pervasive slow corrosion and eroding of our planet, of cars, planes, ships, bridges, buildings, pipe lines, food containers.

So Mr. Waldman wrote a book about it: "Rust: The Longest War."

You might think a book about such a topic is as interesting as ... well, watching something rust. You'd be wrong. "Rust" is as entertaining as it is informative.

In a blurb for the book, science writer Mary



WALDMAN



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In renovating the Statue of Liberty, the National Park Service sought the advice of Robert Baboian, who ran the corrosion lab at Texas Instruments' office in Attleboro, Mass. At the end of 1983, he began measuring the thickness of the patina on Lady Liberty's copper. Based on his results, he figured her skin would survive 1,000 years.

Roach, known for her humorous best-sellers about cadavers, sex research and the digestive system, calls "Rust" "... a remarkable, fascinating book. ... The clarity and quite wit of Waldman's prose, his gift for narrative, his zeal for reporting, and his eye for detail ... put him in a class with John McPhee and Susan Orlean."

People told Mr. Waldman that "rust is just not sexy," putting the subject "somewhere between cholesterol and hemorrhoids: somewhat uncomfortable and kind of gross; 'Can we talk about something else?'"

But, he says, a lot of things are fascinating — including rust — once you start taking a closer look.

A force of nature

Though his book includes science and history, it also includes a diehard "Star Trek" fan, a woman who makes art out of rust and rust boogers in the Statue of Liberty's nose.

"Rust is such a ubiquitous force of nature," he says. "Most people, they're intrigued. If you can get them to open up the cover, they say, 'I can't imagine this would be so

fun or entertaining or curious.'"

Readers and critics agree; "Rust" has been positively reviewed in the *New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Atlantic* magazine, among others.

Gregory Cowles of the *New York Times* was so pleased with the book he wrote that, "Mr. Waldman makes rust shine."

"Rust" was named a Barnes & Noble Discover Great Writers selection, a Powell's New Favorite selection, an Amazon Best Book of the Month and an Editors' Big Spring Reads pick.

The book examines the problem of corrosion on objects as small as the everyday soda or beer can to ones as monumental as the aforementioned Statue of Liberty. Mr. Waldman attended Can School, observed the shooting of a corrosion video (narrated by LeVar Burton and paid for by the Department of Defense), went to Fairbanks, Alaska, to watch the inspection of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and walked through the shuttered Bethlehem Steel mill in Detroit, watching Eve Csük.

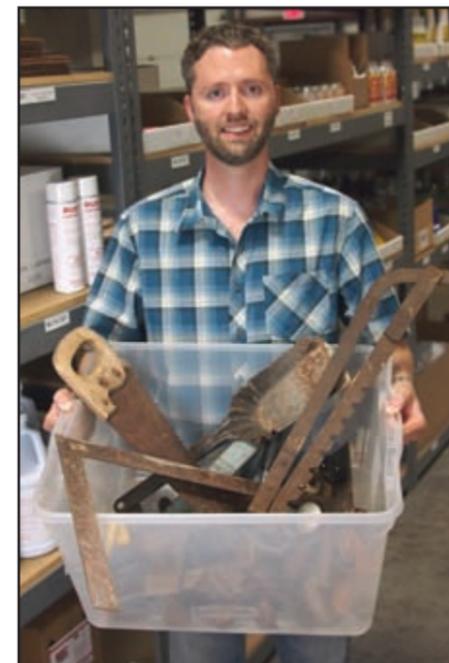
He even attended a convention of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers.

"At lot of industries attend," he says. "Plumbers do not go, or anyone from the plumbing trade groups, because they make their money on pipes rusting. It is in their interest for pipes to rust ... Plumbers said: We don't want your solution."

But, he points out, "A water leak is not that big a deal. But a leaking oil pipe is a huge disaster."

Maintenance helps

Mr. Waldman wanted to cover a mix of big and little things, he says,



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John Carmona, proprietor of The Rust Store in Madison, Wis., collects rusty stuff for product research.

acknowledging that there are many people and industries he didn't cover, from bridge inspectors to auto manufacturers.

"A lot of what I did was where I could get access," he says.

He spent half a year writing his proposal, then spent a year and a half writing the book.

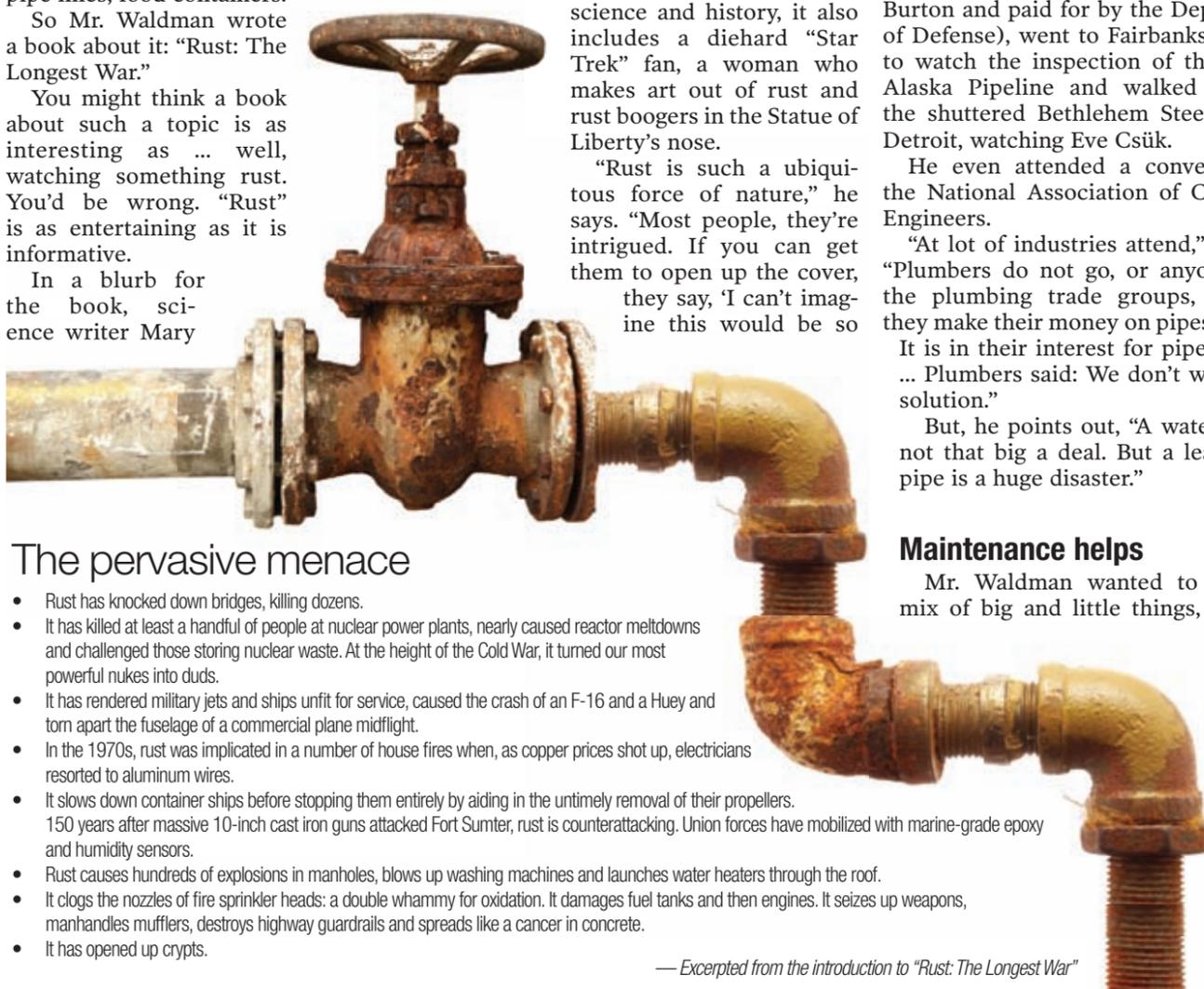
Although you can't stop rust, there are a handful of approaches you can take to try to slow it down, he says, adding maintenance is of critical importance.

When Mr. Waldman does book signings and speaks to groups, he'll often tell audiences: Raise your hand if you love to take care of your bike chain.

No one does.

"That's too bad," he says. "There's something special about an inanimate object, something special about taking care of a thing. It's as cool as taking care of a plant or a cat or dog. Maybe we're not developing relationships with the material world any more.

"The world we built requires our love and care." ■



The pervasive menace

- Rust has knocked down bridges, killing dozens.
- It has killed at least a handful of people at nuclear power plants, nearly caused reactor meltdowns and challenged those storing nuclear waste. At the height of the Cold War, it turned our most powerful nukes into duds.
- It has rendered military jets and ships unfit for service, caused the crash of an F-16 and a Huey and torn apart the fuselage of a commercial plane midflight.
- In the 1970s, rust was implicated in a number of house fires when, as copper prices shot up, electricians resorted to aluminum wires.
- It slows down container ships before stopping them entirely by aiding in the untimely removal of their propellers.
- 150 years after massive 10-inch cast iron guns attacked Fort Sumter, rust is counterattacking. Union forces have mobilized with marine-grade epoxy and humidity sensors.
- Rust causes hundreds of explosions in manholes, blows up washing machines and launches water heaters through the roof.
- It clogs the nozzles of fire sprinkler heads: a double whammy for oxidation. It damages fuel tanks and then engines. It seizes up weapons, manhandles mufflers, destroys highway guardrails and spreads like a cancer in concrete.
- It has opened up crypts.

— Excerpted from the introduction to "Rust: The Longest War"

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Legal hotshots team up for a scintillating adventure set in Miami

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■ **“Bum Rap” by Paul Levine. Thomas & Mercer. 350 pages. Trade paperback, \$15.95.**

Author Paul Levine has done the inevitable in “Bum Rap,” bringing together the lead players from his two popular series into a slick legal thriller.

Steve Solomon, partner of Victoria Lord through Mr. Levine’s four previous Solomon vs. Lord novels, is arrested for murder. Given the nature of the case, the partners feel that Jake Lassiter (whose series boasts 10 previous titles) is the man for the job as chief counsel for Steve. The interplay among the three throws off plenty of sparks, as does their frantic striving to combat the prosecution’s case.



LEVINE

What’s going on? Steve had been hired by a gorgeous B-Girl, illegal Russian immigrant Nadia Delova, to help obtain money she is owed by her employer, mobster Nicolai Gorev, who has also locked away Nadia’s passport. During a meeting in Gorev’s office, weapons are drawn and Gorev ends up shot to death. Steve’s fingerprints are found on the murder weapon, and gun-

powder traces are found on him.

In a confused panic, Steve confesses to the murder. From various perspectives, the narrative rehearses the facts as alleged by Steve and Nadia (not quite identical) and the facts as used, abused and refused in various iterations of Jake’s proposed trial strategy. Though Jake is a stickler for the truth, he is also bent on winning every case and doing all he can for a client.

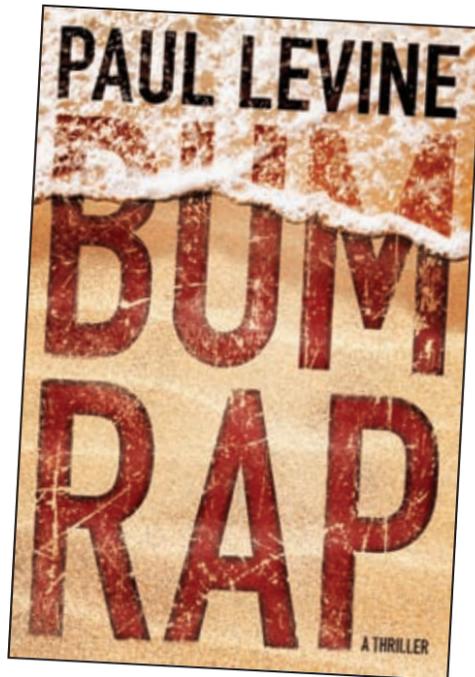
Did Steve pull the trigger accidentally? Did he pull it at all, or did the weapon simply misfire? Do these details make any difference with regard to murder charges if Steve is viewed as Nadia’s accomplice in a robbery? Can Steve change his story during the trial with any credibility?

Slowly, deliberately and with uncanny humor, Mr. Levine uses this case to expose many slippery aspects of the legal system, including laws regarding criminal charges and sentences that seem to contradict one another.

The reader is blessed with a device that the author uses to add contextualizing background to the case: the piecemeal presentation of Nadia’s testimony in an interview with Deborah Scolino, an assistant U.S. district attorney. Ms. Scolino is investigating the Russian mafia-like enterprise that has Gorev as its front man and Benny the Jeweler as the ultimate boss.

Nadia’s testimony reveals the operations of Club Anastasia, run by the Gorev brothers, and the Q&A underscores how Nadia’s future is governed by how many charges against her will be dropped or reduced in exchange for her testimony against others, including Steve.

Illegal immigration, scamming custom-



usually take advantage of her vulnerability? You’ll have to find out for yourself.

Another romance, much more sudden, grows out of a Pennsylvania pretzel manufacturer’s attraction to Nadia. He moves quickly from being her good times customer to being her suitor and perhaps her husband.

An aging Jake Lassiter is still a blessing. Jake stays in good physical condition, remains a sarcastic wise guy, continues to be quick-witted and proves more an attack dog than a counterpuncher. However, his sense of how to conduct himself in life and in court has mellowed, as has his relationship to truth and justice. When he looks at his client, attorney Steve Solomon, he sees the kind of rawness and brashness that will be toned down in time.

Jake is considering his future in retirement, which seems to be not so far away.

As he handles these subtle changes in his best-selling character, Mr. Levine shows his skills as a writer who reveals his characters through sharp-edged dialogue and convincing excursions into their thoughts and feelings. He sets the action in one of the country’s most intriguing cities.

Miami is the place, presented with confident authority and telling detail, and Mr. Levine is the ace. ■

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Out of Order – Through Aug. 1 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com

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Shooting Star – By The Marco Island Players Aug. 6-23. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Shrek the Musical – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 14-16. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

THURSDAY 7.9

Free Flick – Pack up the kids for a free screening of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" starting at 10 a.m. at Paragon Theaters. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Storm Talk – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents a lecture about the science of hurricanes and the history of recording them at 10 a.m. at the FGCU Naples campus. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Plant Clinic – Troubleshoot with a master gardener at Naples Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. Regular Garden admission applies. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Pop-Cultured – Revisit the 1960s through games, trivia, books, movies and more at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Alla Fun! – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs invites guests to paint wine glasses while they enjoy pizza and wine starting at 5:30 p.m. \$55. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

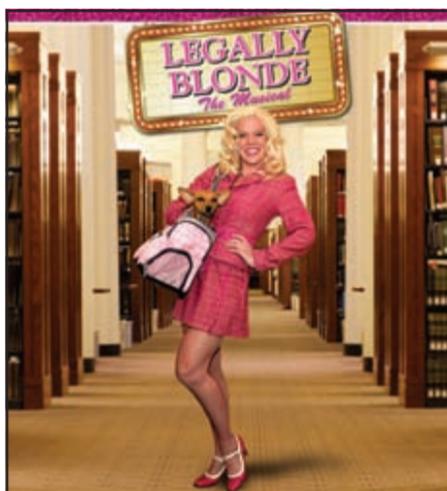
Painting with a Purpose – Painting with a twist hosts a two-hour guided session starting at 6 p.m. as a benefit for Humane Society Naples. Registration required. \$35. 13500 Tamiami Trail N. 643-1555 or hsnaples.org.

BYOB – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session at 6:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring their own wine or beer. \$42. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

Stand-Up Guy – Ralphie May performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday, July 11. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

FRIDAY 7.10

Kids Get In Free – The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers free admission every Friday for kids ages 12 and younger. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.



Perky Elle Woods (Paige Raleigh) embodies the power of determination and positive thinking in The Naples Players' production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical," running through Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theatre. naplesplayers.org

The Power Within – Chill out by joining a meditation session at 10 a.m. at Goddess I Am. \$10. 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

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.

Dr. Who? – Fans of "Doctor Who" are invited to Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops for trivia, games and giveaways from 7-9 p.m. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Two Left Feet? – Step up for a dance lesson at 5:30 p.m. at the Naples Italian American Foundation. \$10. If you're already comfortable with your moves, come for dancing beginning at 7 p.m. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Great Outdoors – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for its All Outdoors exhibition from 6-8 p.m. Free. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Youth Group – Unity Faith Missionary Baptist Church kicks off its Youth Jamboree 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Activities continue through the weekend and include speakers, workshops and concerts. 1620 39th St. S.W. 353-6604.

SATURDAY 7.11

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 – Strive for 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.

Wonder Garden – Kids can learn about aquatic plants from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.com.

Nature Flick – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida screens "Invasion of the Giant Python" at 1:30 p.m. This PBS nature series film explores the Burmese pythons' invasion of Florida habitats. Free with regular admission. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

Kids Paint – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session for children starting at 12:30 p.m. \$30. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

Family Fun – St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes families for games, hot dogs and more fun from 6-8 p.m. Free. 9801 Bonita Beach Road. 992-4343 or stmarysbonita.org.

SUNDAY 7.12

Beachcombing – Set out at 9:30 a.m. with a volunteer at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to see what kind of treasures you can find in the sand. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 593-2568 or floridastateparks.org.

Foreign Film – The Renaissance Academy screens "My Afternoons with Marguerite" (France, 2010) at 2 p.m. at the FGCU Naples campus. In a small French town, a nearly illiterate and lonely man in his 50s bonds with an older and well-read woman in the park. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

MONDAY 7.13

Read-a-thon – Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops hosts a marathon read-in of "To Kill A Mockingbird" starting at 9 a.m. 598-5200 or bn.com.

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.

Ommmm – Chelsea's Resale Shoppe hosts evening meditations at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. Peace offering welcome. 949 Second Ave. N. 261-0005.

Movie Night – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Phoebe in Wonderland" at 7 p.m. Confounded by her clashes with the seemingly rule-obsessed world, a troubled young girl seeks enlightenment from her unconventional drama teacher. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 7.14

Book Release – Barnes & Noble opens at 7 a.m. for the first day of sales of Harper Lee's "Go Set A Watchman." Free coffee with purchase, and a complimentary tote bag for the first 20 shoppers. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Free Movie – Paragon Theaters welcomes kids and parents for a free screening of "Mr. Peabody and Sherman" at 10 a.m. today through Thursday. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Bridging the Gap – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts bridge for beginners at 11 a.m. and for intermediate players at 12:30 p.m. Free for members, \$3 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or naifoundation.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.

Vet Chat – Dr. Joanna Fitzgerald, director of the von Arx Wildlife Hospital at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, gives guests a peek at the goings-on at the area's primary trauma center for native wildlife at 7:30 p.m. \$10. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

WEDNESDAY 7.15

Beach Yoga – Candice Oligney of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Bring 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.

Stand Up and Paddle – Learn the basics of standup paddleboarding from staff at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park starting at 9:30 a.m. For ages 12 and older. Boards supplied by Naples Beach Adventures. Reservations required. Free with regular park entry fee (see previous item). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Mom & Me – Local artist Marjorie Pesek guides kids and their accompanying adult through the process of creating a layered-imagery piece of art to take home. Class starts at 10 a.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$25 for adult and child. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Free Film – The Israel Advocacy Committee of Collier County screens "Above and Beyond" (2014) at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Federation of Collier County. In 1948, a group of World War II pilots volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. Free. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. RSVP by emailing iacnaples@gmail.com.

Dinner & Cards – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner, cards and mah jongg at 6 p.m. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Tall Tales – Storyteller Mary Lou Williams presents a program about tall tales as guest speaker at the Toastmaster Academy meeting at 7 p.m. at the North Collier Government Center. \$10. 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. toastmasteracademy.org or tmapresident@aol.com.

COMING UP

Sea Turtle Talk – Delnor-Wiggins State Park hosts a presentation about loggerhead sea turtles at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 16. Free with regular park entry fee. (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Throwback Thursday – Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops celebrates the '70s starting at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 16. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Third Thursday – Third Street South hosts a musical performance by Steve Fentiman at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16, in the Fleischmann Courtyard. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Hot Summer Nights – The Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts family fun with bounce houses, rock walls, karaoke and more from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 17, at Mackle Park on Marco Island. Free. 642-0575 or cityofmarcoisland.com.

Slumber Party – Kids ages 11-17 are invited to bunk at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center and explore the estuarine environment at night with a variety of activities starting at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17. \$45. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Improv – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' youth improv group performs at 3 p.m. and the adult troupe performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 18. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

New Exhibit – The Naples Zoo debuts its new panther exhibit on Saturday, July 18. 262-5409 or napleszoo.com.

Tropical Fruit – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture and tasting on tropical fruits at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 18. A fruit tree sale by Hopkins Tropical Fruit Nursery follows the educational portion of the event. \$15. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Star Wars Saturday – Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops welcomes Star Wars fans of all ages for fun and games at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Car Show – Seminole Immokalee Casino showcases American classic cars from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, July 18. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Blues to Bach – Guitarist Richard Smith and his wife, cellist Julie Adams, headline an evening of music including several local guitarists starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. Free, but reservations recommended. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or freedsdiner.com.

LBD Night – Women are encouraged to wear their favorite little black dress to Blue Martini in Mercato on Saturday night, July 18. 591-2583 or bluemartini-lounge.com.

Classic Film – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU screens "One Touch of Venus" (1948) at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19. A bumbling department store clerk unwittingly brings to life a sculpture of Venus de Milo when he kisses it. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Manga Mania – Barnes & Noble in Waterside shops hosts fans of the popular style of Japanese comic books and graphic novels with special offers, activities and giveaways at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Film Night – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The World's Fastest Indian" (2005) at 7 p.m. Monday, July 20. It's the life story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who spent years building a 1920s Indian motorcycle, a bike that helped him set the land-speed world record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 489-9595 or artcenterbonita.org.

Free Movie – Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in on the lawn at Mercato for a free screening of the classic "Key Largo" starring Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

History of Hurricanes – Collier County Museums presents "Southwest Florida's Hurricane History" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.org.

Gopher Tortoises – Learn about the humble gopher tortoise's role as a keystone species in Florida at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Passion for Fashion – Mercato hosts Fashion Passion for PACE where guests will enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, fashion show and goody bags at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23. Proceeds benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee. \$40. 431-6661 or mercatoshops.com. ■

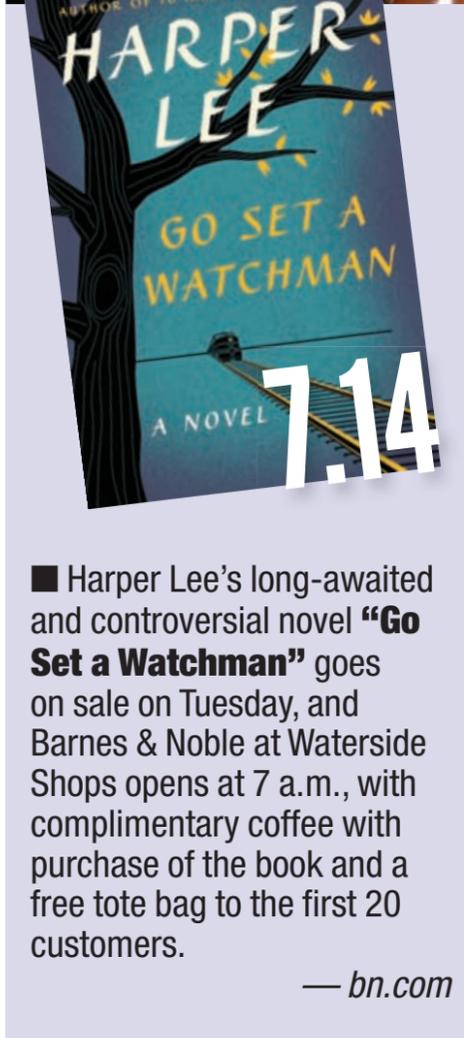
— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs with pertinent details, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.



#SWFL TOP PICKS

7.9-10

■ **Ralphie May** brings his brand of offbeat, R-rated comedy to the Off the Hook Comedy Club at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. — offthehookcomedy.com



7.14

■ Harper Lee's long-awaited and controversial novel "**Go Set a Watchman**" goes on sale on Tuesday, and Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops opens at 7 a.m., with complimentary coffee with purchase of the book and a free tote bag to the first 20 customers. — bn.com



7.10

■ Step up for a dance lesson at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the **Naples Italian American Foundation**. \$10. If you're already comfortable with your moves, come for dancing beginning at 7 p.m. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. — niafoundation.org



GO WILD

■ **The Naples Zoo** debuts its new panther exhibit on Saturday, July 18, and introduces Uno, a young panther who was wounded by two shotgun blasts last year and now resides at the zoo. — napleszoo.com



7.14

■ Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents a screening of PBS' "**Invasion of the Giant Python**" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday The film explores the exotic species' move into Florida habitats. Free with regular admission. — conservancy.org

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This summer, as the SWFL Community Foundation gears up for the next competitive grant cycle, we have asked our 2015 grantees to send us their stories. This week we hear from Chad Washburn of the Naples Botanical Garden about how our grant allowed the Garden to provide therapeutic programs for people with Alzheimer's disease and students with special needs. The foundation is pleased to partner with these change makers. If you have ideas and hope for the future, we'd love to hear from you at info@floridacommunity.com or @SWFLCFnd on Twitter.



Garden is in world-class shape for visitors; however, gardening is not the main reason they are here.

These eight high school students from Jacqueline Williams' special-needs class are just one of the many groups here to learn skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. Each month, 16 exceptional students come to the Garden through a partnership with Collier County Public Schools. Guided by a job coach and the Buehler Enabling Garden program coordinator, they are learning the skills necessary for a successful transition to the workplace.

The goal of the program is to empower students by improving their opportunities to gain meaningful employment after graduation. In addition to learning the skills needed for the workplace, the program helps the students identify their strengths and interests, improves personal and social skills, and reinforces daily living skills in a positive and welcoming environment.

Gigi, a recent graduate of the program, has been growing radishes and moon flowers at home for a month in hopes of expanding her very own garden. Kristy Burke Graham, Gigi's mother, said the program has been "life-changing" for both Gigi and herself. "While in the program, I saw Gigi's confidence come back... and now she is ready and wants to explore the real world."

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The bus departs from Crossroads Shopping Center in Naples at 2 p.m. (boarding begins at 1:30 p.m.), after picking up the first passengers in Cape Coral at 11:45 a.m. and stopping in Fort

Myers at 12:30 p.m.

Here's next season's lineup: "Barber of Seville," Nov. 21; "Norma," Jan. 30; "The Passenger," April 9; and "Don Pasquale," May 14.

Season tickets for the rear orchestra are \$600; mezzanine seats are \$500. Single tickets are \$165 and \$140. To save your seat, send a check made out to Naples Opera Society to: Ron Bowman, 2485 Crayton Road, Naples FL 34103.

For more information, visit naplesoperasociety.org, call Gene Buffo at 431-7509 or email ehandjhb@gmail.com. ■

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In the two years since the partnership began, the students' aspirations have grown along with their successes in the Garden. The vegetables they raise from seed are harvested and taken back to school where they are cooked in the classroom. This year the students began designing artwork for labels and hope to launch their own line of seeds in the Garden gift shop.

In addition to the pre-vocational program, the Garden hosts a wide range of plant-based therapeutic programs with a goal of improving quality of life. Each year, over 200 local students and adults visit the Garden for formal therapeutic programs. The Garden strives to inspire the local community with educational and therapeutic programs that cater to and empower all ages.

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If you want to visit and become part of this slice of heaven in Southwest Florida, check it out at naplesgarden.org, or call 643-7275.

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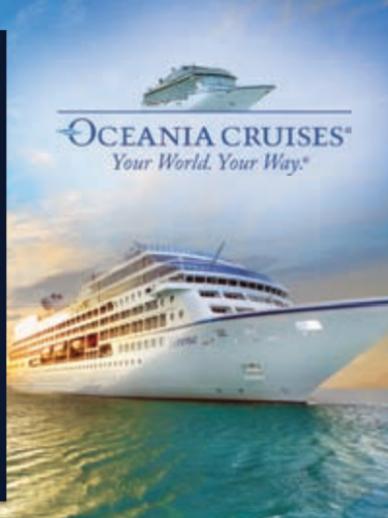
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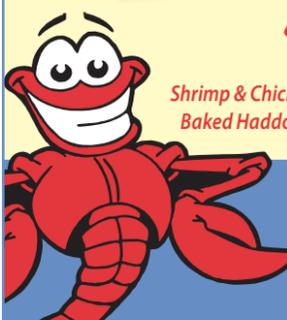
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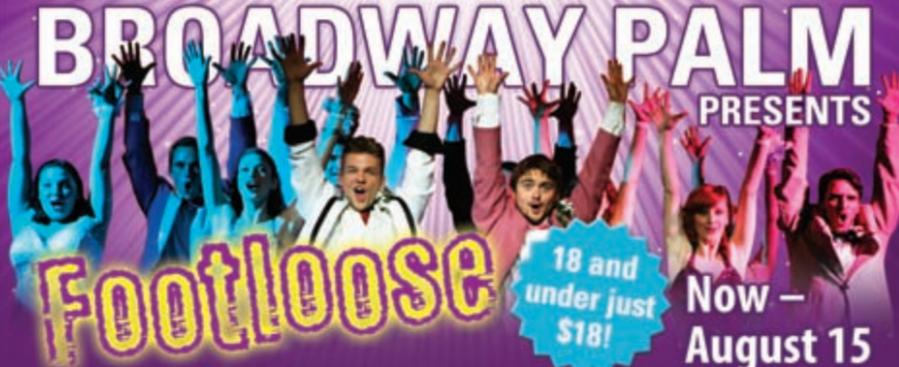
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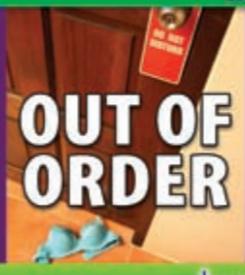
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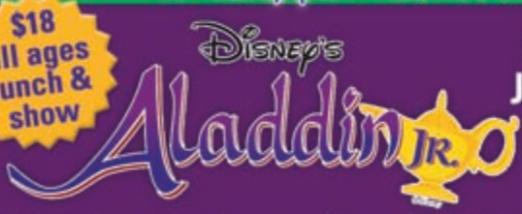


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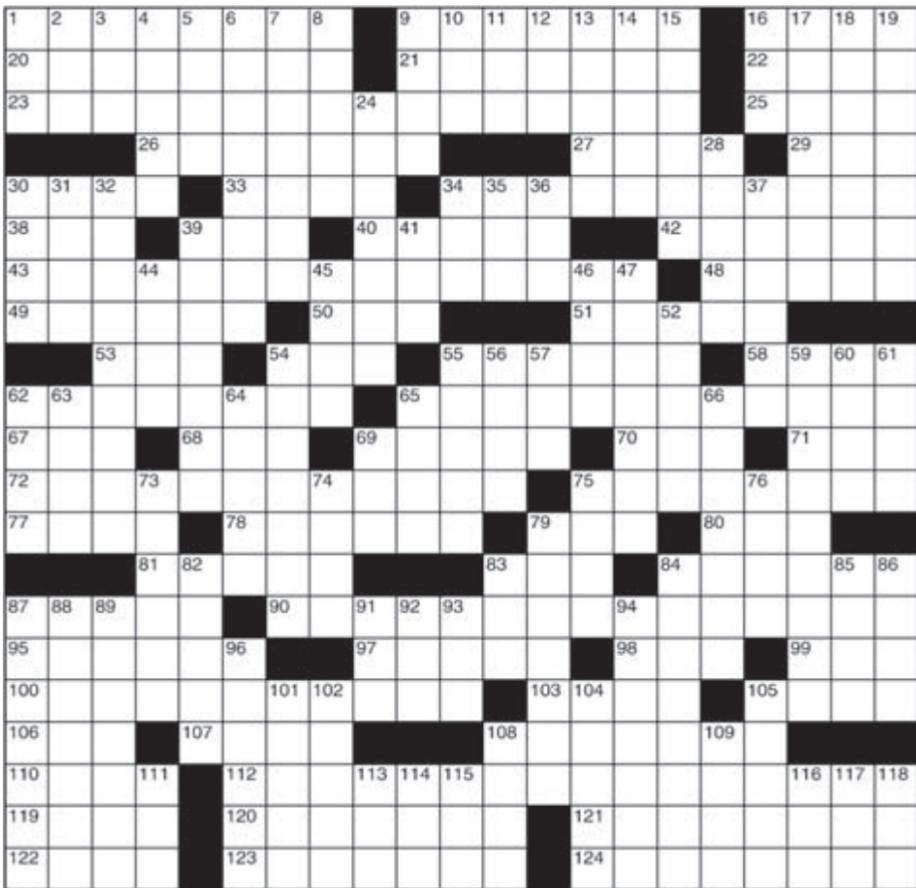
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BUG-INFESTED



- ACROSS**
- 1 Subject to quizzing
 - 9 Analyzed, as ore
 - 16 A little of a lot
 - 20 Not positive about
 - 21 Placards and posters
 - 22 Scheme
 - 23 Insect from East
 - 25 Bucket
 - 26 Mechanical twisting
 - 27 Singer Young
 - 29 Thurman of "Bel Ami"
 - 30 Cato's 2,002
 - 33 Ho-hum grades
 - 34 Insect enjoying a novel?
 - 38 Tiny charged thing
 - 39 Had life
 - 40 Plains tent
 - 42 Diner activity
 - 43 Think it's terrific when insects wed?
 - 48 Iowa, for one
 - 49 Bell sounds
 - 50 It's "just a number"
 - 51 Form a bloc
 - 53 Use a couch
 - 54 Use a bed
 - 55 Fire-starting stones
 - 58 Puppy bites
 - 62 Joins, redundantly
 - 65 Insect with a shiner?
 - 67 Low-graphics
 - 68 — Jima
 - 69 Opposite of everybody
 - 70 "— Blu Dipinto di Blu"
 - 71 USSR's Cold War foe
 - 72 Insect mailing a package?
 - 75 Stabs, so to speak
 - 77 Baseballer Martinez
 - 78 Chides
 - 79 Cry to a matador
 - 80 Alternate spelling of a wd.
 - 81 Remove from a mailing list, informally
 - 83 All — sudden
 - 84 Oater bar
 - 87 See 105-Across
 - 90 More sizable lake swimmer, from an insect's perspective?
 - 95 Triple Crown town on Long Island
 - 97 Chicago air hub
 - 98 Iowa college
 - 99 Grafton's "— for Evidence"
 - 100 Don't notice an insect?
 - 103 Martha of old comedy
 - 105 With 87-Across, Jerry Stiller's wife
 - 106 Laugh half
 - 107 Faith faction
 - 108 Mortars' mates
 - 110 — for the long term
 - 112 Insect that's an agent to celebrities?
 - 119 "Ixnay"
 - 120 Ductile
 - 121 Mends
 - 122 Increase
 - 123 Turn traitor
 - 124 Having vowel rhyme
- DOWN**
- 1 Bathing spot
 - 2 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
 - 3 Erie-to-Raleigh dir.
 - 4 "— Frutti"
 - 5 Guthrie of folk
 - 6 Bar recyclables
 - 7 Least tense
 - 8 Escort in "The Hunger Games"
 - 9 Slippery — eel
 - 10 Auntie, to Dad
 - 11 USMC NCO
 - 12 Singer DiFranco
 - 13 One-named New Ager
 - 14 Urged (on)
 - 15 Craving
 - 16 Angry Birds, for one
 - 17 Supermodel Schiffer
 - 18 Apparel
 - 19 Increase
 - 24 Kidnappee, at times
 - 28 Slightest
 - 30 "1%" drink
 - 31 Europa, e.g.
 - 32 Buys, as stock
 - 34 Mar. follower
 - 35 Architect I.M. from China
 - 36 "... from man, made — woman": Genesis 2:22
 - 37 Go to
 - 39 Racecar driver Darrell
 - 41 Previous to folk
 - 44 Tahari of fashion
 - 45 Chief
 - 46 Icky stuff
 - 47 Multination cooperation
 - 52 "The best — to come"
 - 54 Pride baby
 - 55 See 57-Down
 - 56 Lang of Smallville
 - 57 With 55-Down, frozen floating sheets
 - 59 Advil is a brand of it
 - 60 Irking insect
 - 61 A whole lot
 - 62 Once, once
 - 63 Longtime soda brand
 - 64 — chard
 - 65 Fearless
 - 66 Give a lift to
 - 69 Pro Bowl gp.
 - 73 Add abundantly, as salt
 - 74 Desert in east Asia
 - 75 Jai tail?
 - 76 St. — (resort near Rennes)
 - 79 Bidding one
 - 82 Some iPods
 - 83 Bobby of the NHL
 - 84 Barefoot, perhaps
 - 85 Actor Ken
 - 86 NASDAQ counterpart
 - 87 Fitting together
 - 88 The Beatles' Rigby
 - 89 Italian explorer Vespucci
 - 91 URL ending
 - 92 J preceders
 - 93 Ending for ether or arbor
 - 94 Crop loppers
 - 96 Dweebs
 - 101 Collège or université
 - 102 Net sales?
 - 104 "Ad — per aspera"
 - 105 — Martin (James Bond's car)
 - 108 Shelley, e.g.
 - 109 This, in Peru
 - 111 Triple-A job
 - 113 Hitter Ripken
 - 114 "Girls" ailer
 - 115 Winter bug
 - 116 Parseghian of football
 - 117 "— and Stimpy"
 - 118 Onetime JFK jet

SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** It's a good time to buckle down and tackle those unfinished tasks so you'll be ready to take on other projects. The week's end could bring an invitation from a most surprising source.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Mixed signals could create a few stressful moments for the Lion. But by midweek, explanations should help ease the tension. The weekend is party time! Share it with someone special.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a good "catching up" week for finishing tasks, calling old friends and maybe reading that book you haven't opened yet or renting that movie you wanted to see again.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Money matters should be worked out, even if it takes time away from a more romantic situation. Better to settle things before feelings turn hard and angry on all sides.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A job-related problem could turn out to be less troublesome than it seemed at first. Just a few moments of talk 'twixt the parties resolves everything to everyone's satisfaction.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The Sagittarian Archer takes aim at health and fitness issues this week. Watch your diet, and try to put more exercise time into your typically busy schedule.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** As you continue to focus

on a career or job change, it's a good time to look over some of your rarely used skills and see where they can fit into your future workplace plans.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A loved one's health might be worrisome, but there's good news by midweek. Expect people who share your ideas and your goals to try to contact you by the week's end.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A colleague's request that makes the typically perceptive Pisces feel uncomfortable is a request you probably will want to turn down. The weekend favors family get-togethers.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Starting something new is always exciting for the adventurous Aries. And here's the good news: This time you might be able to get some assistance in helping you finish what you've started.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Put your daydreaming penchant on hold for now, and face the facts as they are, not as you'd like them to be. Your customary hardheaded approach to "deals," etc., is called for.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Problems beyond your control might delay some of your plans. But things should start to get back to normal by midweek. The weekend could bring an unexpected (but welcome) visitor.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for making others feel warm and wanted. Even newcomers will feel like old friends. ■

By Linda Thistle

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

A matter of good technique

BY STEVE BECKER

This deal comes from a rubber-bridge game. South's bidding certainly left something to be desired, but, since the final contract was reasonable and he made the slam, we need not belabor the point.

West led the diamond jack, and the outcome hinged on declarer's play to the first trick. Had he let the jack ride, East would have taken the king and returned a diamond to put the slam down one.

But South recognized the implicit danger of the lead and put up dummy's ace. Moreover, he thoughtfully dropped his queen on the ace, and it was only this careful combination of plays that enabled him to make the slam.

South next drew four rounds of trumps and cashed the A-Q of hearts before leading a diamond to the 10-9. East could do no better than take his king and return a spade. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond and discarded two spades on the K-J of hearts to finish with 12 tricks.

Now let's suppose declarer had not played the diamond queen on the ace. In that case, he would have gone down at least one, assuming proper defense.

Thus, if he drew trumps, cashed the A-Q of hearts and then led the queen of diamonds, East would refuse to win the trick, and South would finish down two, losing two spades and a diamond. And, if declarer instead led a low diamond rather than the queen,

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 9 7 2
♥ K J 7 4
♦ A 10 9
♣ 10 8 3

WEST

♠ K J 10 5 4
♥ 9 8 6 5 3 2
♦ J
♣ 4

EAST

♠ Q 6
♥ 10
♦ K 7 6 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 6 5

SOUTH

♠ A 8 3
♥ A Q
♦ Q 8 4
♣ A K Q J 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♣

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

East would, of course, take the king, and again South would go down two.

By dropping his queen under the ace, declarer assured the slam regardless of how the adverse cards were divided or how the defenders played. The unblock guaranteed scoring four heart tricks by creating a sure entry to dummy later in the play. ■



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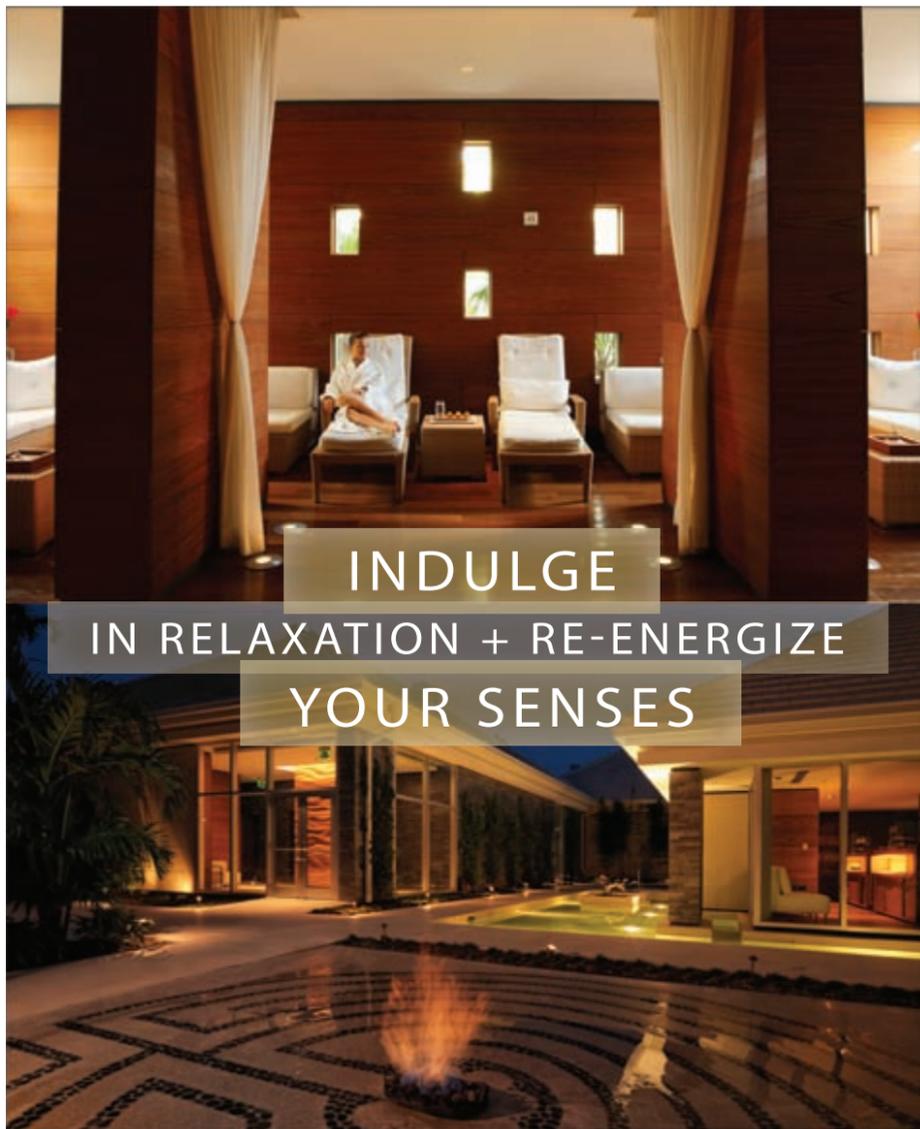
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Terminator: Genisys ★★

(Emilia Clarke, Jason Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger) John Connor (Mr. Clarke) sends Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) back in time to protect John's mother (Ms. Clarke). This is not just a standard redo of James Cameron's "The Terminator" (1984). Although the story is quite clever, the action is disappointingly underwhelming. Rated PG-13.

Magic Mike XXL ★★★★★

(Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello, Jada Pinkett Smith) Three years after Mike (Mr. Tatum) leaves the stripper life behind, he reunites with his boys for one last show at a stripper convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It's uneven but ultimately satisfying in terms of showmanship and story. Rated R.

The Overnight ★★

(Adam Scott, Taylor Schilling, Jason Schwartzman) New to Los Angeles, Alex (Mr. Scott) and Emily (Ms. Schilling) accept a dinner invitation from bohemian Kurt (Mr. Schwartzman), not realizing the awkwardness that lies ahead. It's an interesting idea, but the inability to balance comedy and drama inhibits the film from strongly making its points. Rated R.

Ted 2 ★★★★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried, voice of Seth MacFarlane) Ted (Mr. MacFarlane) and Tami-Lynn (Jessica Barth) are married and want to adopt, but need a lawyer (Ms. Seyfried) to prove Ted is a real person before they can do so. This sequel to the 2012 hit is funnier and a better overall movie than its predecessor, which is saying something. Rated R.

Max ★★

(Robbie Amell, Lauren Graham, Thomas Haden Church) A Texas family welcomes in the Belgian Malinois dog that accompanied their now-deceased Marine Corps son in Afghanistan, but people around the family cause trouble. Sappy and sentimental, it's something that belongs on the Hallmark Channel, not the big screen. Rated PG.

Inside Out ★★★★★

(Voices of Amy Poehler, Bill Hader, Mindy Kaling) The emotions of an 11-year-old girl, including Joy (Ms. Poehler), Fear (Mr. Hader) and Disgust (Ms. Kaling), take center stage as the girl moves to San Francisco. The latest from Pixar Animation, it's tender with its heart in the right place, but not as funny as you'd expect. Rated PG.

Jurassic World ★★

(Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Ty Simpkins) A genetically modified dinosaur gets loose and endangers everyone at an island-based amusement center, including the operations manager (Mr. Howard) and a Velociraptor whisperer (Mr. Pratt). The action and effects are fine, but not impressive enough to justify a trip back to the park. Rated PG-13.

Entourage ★★1/2

(Adrian Grenier, Jeremy Piven, Kevin Dillon) Movie star Vinny's (Mr. Grenier) directorial debut stresses out studio boss Ari (Piven), while other members of Vinny's entourage get into trouble of their own. It's an amusing bit of showbiz buffoonery, much more accessible to fans of the show than newbies like myself. Rated R. ■

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★ ★
Is it worth \$10? No

All I knew about the late Amy Winehouse going into "Amy" was that she was a soulful singer with substance abuse problems and beehive hair who once ironically had a hit song called "Rehab."

What I learned while watching "Amy," a documentary about her life and career from director Asif Kapadia ("Senna"), is that she never wanted to be famous and had terrible taste in men. This doesn't give much reason to recommend the film to anyone who isn't already an Amy Winehouse fan.

Worse, at 128 minutes long the film is far too repetitive, seemingly dwelling on her unhappiness as a way of inflicting a similar emotion on its audience. If there's one thing you leave "Amy" with, it's a morose feeling of gratitude that you're not Amy Winehouse.

Who was she? Where did she come from? What were her friends and family like? What inspired her? All are answered, and throughout I struggled for a reason to care. Surely someone who'd been so popular would have some fascinating characteristics, but as rendered in this doc, Ms. Winehouse is one-dimensional: All she wants to do is write and sing, she couldn't handle fame, her personal life was a mess and she abused various substances. That's the entire movie, with those four elements repeated ad nauseam.

When asked after she signed her first record deal if she thinks she'll be famous, Ms. Winehouse responds, "I don't think I could handle it. I'd probably go mad." History suggests these foreboding words were at least partially true, making Ms. Winehouse and "Amy" a cautionary tale for all current and future celebrities.

But Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain and other musicians have already taught this lesson.

How many people it has saved is unknown, but what makes Ms. Winehouse's story especially sad is that she was aware of her demons and couldn't control them (she was also bulimic and on antidepressants starting when she was a teenager). That's the most dangerous part about addiction: It

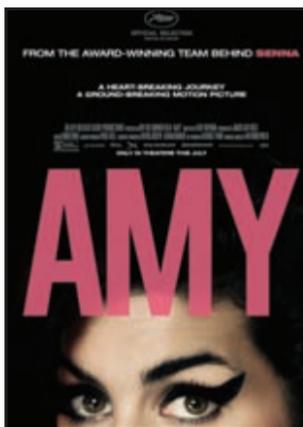
cannot be controlled without help, and Ms. Winehouse could never get enough help to make a difference, largely because two of the people closest to her — her father Mitchell and boyfriend/husband Blake Fielder-Civil — were more avaricious than loving.

Perhaps, deep down, she didn't want help. Her best writing came when she was intoxicated, and the recognition and money she received for her work became validation and acceptance for a shy girl from North London who never aspired to amount to anything. Thus she's caught in a vicious circle of success and substance abuse, all the while lacking the sense of self that would have been necessary to move beyond her lot in life to a better, safer place of happiness.

For perspective, the director includes interviews with Ms. Winehouse's friends, family and professional counterparts, as well as with Ms. Winehouse herself. As they lend insight into her youth, family life, desires and more, you quickly realize she's an impulsive personality with a proclivity to addictive behavior, a dangerous mix for someone who has more money than she can imagine. Worse, due in part to the abandonment issues she faced after her father left her and her mother for another woman when Amy was 18 months old, she repeatedly makes terrible decisions regarding men, especially Mr. Fielder-Civil, who openly mooches her money and keeps her addicted to various drugs, including heroin.

As depicted here, Mr. Fielder-Civil is a scumbag loser who was the worst thing to ever happen to Ms. Winehouse — yet she loved him more than she ever did anyone or anything else. He also was the fuel to some of her best work, specifically the "Black To Black" album, which prompted her to be reminded of him every time she hit the stage. To say she had self-defeating tendencies would be an understatement.

Fans of Ms. Winehouse will likely want to see her in the intimate private moments, the archival video footage and the previously unreleased music that's included in "Amy." But if you're not familiar with her work and career, it's hard to imagine being intrigued by her journey, as it's full of little besides despair. ■




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BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Being "green" is not a new idea. Our ancestors recycled and reused precious pieces of fabrics, broken dishes and glass, iron, tin and more. Until the mid-1850s, textiles often were woven on a loom at home. For most families there was no nearby store with a replacement, and no way to order something to be delivered until Victorian times.

Someone — probably a talented housewife — stitched a decorative panel of the silk bands that came on cigars (see photo next page). The bands were pieced together and then fringe was added. Because cigar bands are very small, they were not often re-used. Today's collectors of advertising, cigar-related items and quilts would want this unusual piece. It was made in the mid- to late 19th century. And although it only was a 23-inch square mounted in a 32-inch metal frame, it sold at Brunk auction in Asheville, N.C., for \$1,200 last March.

Q: I have a 5½-inch Hummel pitcher in the shape of a monk who happens to have crossed eyes. I believe this is a mistake. I was told that the factory had a recall on them and that only five remained. My family has all five. Can you tell me if these really are a rare find, and how much they are worth?

A: Germany's Goebel Porcelain Factory introduced the popular Friar Tuck

series in the early 1950s. About 125 everyday table items were made, from sugars and creamers to toothpick holders. Your pitcher is one of the No. 141 line of four pitchers that were made in graduated sizes from 2½ inches to 8 inches. Older models of the No. 141 pitchers were made, intentionally, with crossed eyes. While they are more rare than pitchers with regular eyes, the rarity is minimal for collectors and they sell for only a few dollars more. Your pitchers are worth about \$25 to \$30 each.

Q: I have a coffee or teapot, creamer and sugar set that I think is made of pewter. The pieces are marked on the bottom "Jennings Bros., Bridgeport, Co., 1890" and "876." Are they of any significant value?

A: Jennings Bros. Mfg. Co. was founded by Edward, Erwin and Henry Jennings in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1890. The company made metal objects in pewter, silver plate, gold plate and with brass or bronzed finish. The "876" probably is a catalog or factory number. When the company closed in 1953, the molds were bought by another company that made cheaper replicas. Your set is worth about \$100 to \$150.

Q: When my mother married in 1952, two aunts bought her a set of Fiesta dinnerware. It had four place settings, each in a different pastel color. She never used the dishes. They are in the original

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COURTESY PHOTO
Someone in the family was a heavy smoker. This panel made of almost 100 19th-century silk cigar bands sold in March 2015 for \$1,200 at auction in Asheville, N.C.

carton. How much is the set worth?

A: The colorful Fiesta dinnerware was introduced in 1936 by Homer Laughlin China Co. of Newell, W. Va. Original Fiesta colors were blue (cobalt), red, light green, ivory and yellow. Turquoise followed in 1937. In 1951, the company discontinued the original blue, light green and ivory, continued to use turquoise and yellow, and added the softer colors of chartreuse, gray, rose and forest green. Called Fiesta's "Fifties colors," these were used until 1959.

The Fiesta line was retired in 1972, but Homer Laughlin Co. started making the dishes again in 1986 in new colors: black, white, apricot and cobalt blue. Vintage Fiesta ware of the 1930s

to '50s is more valuable than pieces made since 1986. There are auctions and websites that specialize in Fiesta ware — there's even a Facebook page — where you can learn more about the age and value of your set. The carton adds value. ■

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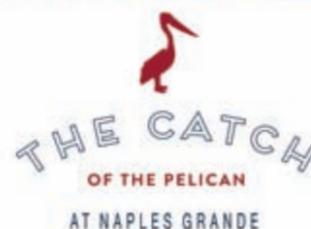


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IDOL

From page 1

As this season's "Idol" champion, Mr. Fradiani has a featured role, performing his own set near the end of the evening.

This year's tour is different from the previous outings in two major ways. Instead of featuring the latest season's top 10 finalists, as the earlier tours have done, the current outing includes only the top five finishers. Mr. Fradiani thinks the change makes for a better show because each performer has more time on stage.

"You're going to really get to see us as the artists we're trying to be outside of the show," he said. "And it will be a little more intimate ... " As for his part, he'll do "Beautiful Life," his current single, as well as a song he wrote before the "Idol" competition. "I'll talk about why I chose some of the songs. I just think you're going to ... feel more connected to the contestants than you were in years past or from just watching the show."

Some of the intimacy of this year's show will come from the other major change in the tour. Instead of visiting arenas, "American Idol Live," for the most part, is booked into theaters and halls. The smaller venues would seem to be another outcome of the declining popularity of the long-running show, which at its peak was easily the most popular show on television, reaching more than 30 million viewers for season finales for seasons four through seven. By contrast, season 14's finale in May drew little more than 8 million viewers.

"American Idol" producers have announced that next season will mark the end of the show. They've promised it will be a unique season for "Idol," one that will have an element of celebrating the show's history, while also having contestants vie for the final "American Idol" crown.

Last year, though, Mr. Fradiani found himself auditioning for "American Idol." This time, he didn't get cut in the preliminary rounds. He didn't get voted out in the early rounds that were televised during the show's recently completed season 14. He didn't get voted down at all.

Mr. Fradiani emerged as the champion, taking the crown in the final over Clark Beckham.

Winning "Idol" was about the last thing crossing Mr. Fradiani's mind when he decided to audition. He was actually approached during his time on "America's Got Talent" by some personnel who had connections with "Idol." They promised him he could get in front of some executive producers of "Idol" and avoid the standard cattle-call audition.

Still, he was lukewarm to the idea. Besides, Beach Avenue was making progress, having released a couple of EPs and starting to build a following around the Northeast.

"I said no at first because of the band," he said of the invitation to audition. "And then I talked to some family and friends and they were like, man, this could be something you regret ... I kept fighting it and then I was like, 'Why not?'"

"It's amazing how a decision like that can change your whole life."

Now he's busy co-writing songs for his debut album and rehearsing for "American Idol Live," the tour that for years has followed the completion of each season of "Idol." The show comes to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Sunday, July 12.

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In the meantime, Mr. Fradiani will be trying to buck the recent trend of "American Idol" winners who have failed to make much of an impact with their debut albums.

In its early years, the show lived up to its promise of being a star-making endeavor, producing three bona-fide stars in Kelly Clarkson, Carrie Underwood and Jennifer Hudson. And other "Idol" alumni, including Phillip Phillips, Chris Daughtry, Adam Lambert, Scotty McCreery, Ruben Studdard and Jordin Sparks, have had considerable success.

But the winners from the previous two seasons — Caleb Johnson and Candice Glover — whiffed with their debut albums, while three other champions, David Cook, Kris Allen and Lee DeWyze, have not sustained the decent success they enjoyed with their debut albums.

Mr. Fradiani thinks he has one major advantage over recent "Idol" champions: the enthusiastic support of his record label, Big Machine, and its president,

Scott Borchetta.

Big Machine became the new record label partner of "Idol" for season 14, after RCA/19 Entertainment had served in that capacity for the first 13 seasons.

Mr. Fradiani thinks Big Machine is more invested in his future than RCA/19 might have been with some of the other recent "Idol" winners. "This guy (Mr. Borchetta) is not a guy who likes to lose. He's a very, very competitive guy," he said. "So he wants this to work just as much as I want this to work, and that's huge." ■

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Reservations and payment in advance are required. Mail a check to Alliance Francaise de Naples, P.O. Box 110075, Naples, FL 34108-0102. For more information about the club, visit afnaples.org.

■ Members of the **Naples chapter of Sigma Chi** alumni meet for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 10, at the Pelican Bay Club. Results of the national convention will be discussed. The group will not meet in August. Members are reminded that 2015-16 dues are payable now. For more information, call Bill Roberson at 293-5239 or visit naplessigs.com.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae** are invited to join the chapter of Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs for monthly luncheons, speakers, socials and other events. The next luncheon is at noon Monday, July 13, at La Bazenne, 474 Fifth Ave. S. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Betsy Penzo at 404-3075 or emailing penzob@aol.com.

For more information about the chapter, call chapter president Linda Shafer at (402) 770-3737, email lsworklife@msn.com or visit NaplesMarcoIslandBonitaSprings.KappaAlphaTheta.org.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, July 16, 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 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 chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is July 16. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.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 July 18 and Aug. 1. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **Naples Writers Forum** invites writers of all levels to a workshop and get-acquainted meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 18, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 11th Ave. N. Bring 10 copies of a page of your writing, or just come. Attendance is free. Sign up by calling 949-3621 or emailing gwmelhart@gmail.com.

■ The following officers have been installed to serve the **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** for 2015-16: Marilyn Lewis, president; Joan Hurd, president elect; Nicole Cucuzza, treasurer; Becky Jarrell, secretary. New directors for the term are Susan Berg, Ruth Fralick and Rosemarie Kirk.

Members meet at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month — except July, when the meeting is on the third Thursday, July 16 — at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals.

The Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation is a division of Pilot International, which has more than 400 clubs around the world. The organization focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism.

The Naples chapter partners with Safe Kids of Lee and Collier Counties and has

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For more information about the club, including how to become a member, call Sue Lester 289-8268, email les1612@aol.com or visit pilotclubofnaples.com.

■ **Pearls of Naples** is a club for women offering monthly luncheons with speakers, excursions to local venues, theaters, art galleries and restaurants. Women who want to form lasting friendships and have fun with other women are welcome to learn more by visiting pearlsofnaples.org (click on "how to join") or by emailing the membership chairman at 3rd_vice_president@pearlsofnaples.org.

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

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

■ The **Bridge Club of Naples** has its home at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church at the northeast corner of Airport-Pulling and Orange Blossom Roads. Duplicate games begin at 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday throughout the year; novice games are played weekly November-April. All games are ACBL sanctioned. For more information, call head teacher and club director Guy Germer at 910-4205 or email guygermer@gmail.com.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Maverick to fly again in 'Top Gun' sequel

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I read in a previous column that there was going to be a "Top Gun" sequel. Do you know if Tom Cruise will be a part of the project?

— *Danny J., via email*

A: All signs point to yes. "Top Gun 2" producer David Ellison revealed during a press junket for "Terminator Genisys" that "Justin Marks is writing the screenplay right now. He has a phenomenal take to really update that world for what (the idea of) fighter pilots in the Navy has turned into today.

There is an amazing role for Maverick in the movie, and there is no "Top Gun" without Maverick, and it is going to be Maverick playing Maverick. We are very, very hopeful that we get to make the movie very soon. But like all things, it all comes down to the script."

He went on to reveal that drone technology will play a role in the sequel, stating:



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"When you look at the world of dog-fighting, what's interesting about it is that it's not a world that exists to the same degree when the original movie came out.

"This world has not been explored."

Q: Oh no! I just heard that NBC can-

celed "Hannibal"!

— *Sara F., via Twitter*

A: NBC has indeed canceled the prequel series to the feature film "Silence of the Lambs." NBC will show all of season three, with the last episode scheduled to air Aug. 27. However, don't despair just yet. "Hannibal" creator Bryan Fuller said he is shopping the series around to different outlets, most likely Amazon Prime. The show currently has a contract for seasons one through three with the online streaming service, so it would make sense for a possible season four to air there. Bryan also said that with the online-streaming method of releasing an entire season at once, it could present an opportunity to do something new with the show.

Readers: I am pleased to announce the winners of the autographed copies of "The Lee Bros. Charleston Kitchen" cookbooks by Matt and Ted Lee. I picked three winners at random, who

told me their favorite Southern city for culture and cuisine.

Let's congratulate Bobby V. for choosing Lafayette, Louisiana, for its "multicultural-inspired food that you can't find anywhere else. The folks are real and the festivals are awesome"; Andrew B. for letting me know that "Birmingham, Alabama, always seems to surprise people. We have fabulous music venues, amazing people and a healthy food culture. There's plenty of high-end tastiness here"; and Pat M. for telling me that Charleston, South Carolina, is where she learned to love she-crab soup at Perdita's, which was "a speakeasy with no sign, and a knock on the door got you in." Enjoy your books, and cook me up something spicy as a thank you. ■

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Father Brown, Season 3
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Explore the phenomenon behind "To Kill a Mockingbird" and the mysterious life of its Pulitzer Prize-winning author. Tom Brokaw, Rosanne Cash, Anna Quindlen, Scott Turow, Oprah Winfrey and others reflect on the novel's power.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 11 P.M.

Last of the Summer Wine

Three old men from Yorkshire who have never grown up face the trials of their fellow town citizens and stay young by reminiscing about the days of their youth.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 8 P.M.

Last Tango in Halifax
Season 3, Part 3

Celia builds bridges with Alan and accepts Gary into her life, despite her initial reservations. Although relations with Caroline are still fraught, Celia doesn't hesitate to stand by her side when she receives some devastating news.

9 P.M.

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10 P.M.

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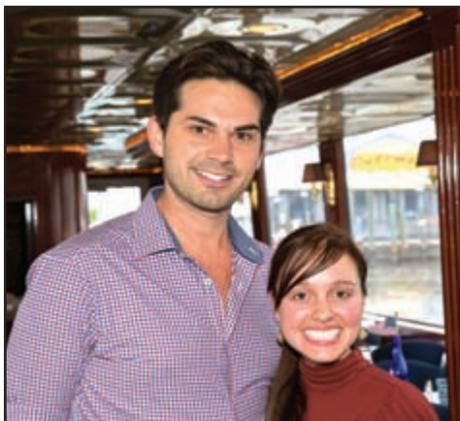
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Mix up an agua fresca,
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BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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It's too hot to do anything worthwhile, so what to do instead? Drink. It doesn't have to be boozy, and agua frescas are a perfectly respectable solution to the dehydration and unrelenting heat we Floridians are suffering through right now. These light, refreshing concoctions are popular in Latin America and the Caribbean — particularly Mexico — where residents are pros at weathering stifling temps.

As a drink whose name literally means "cool water," it's not surprising that recipes are very simple, requiring little more than juice, water and sugar. Popular varieties are watermelon, tamarind, hibiscus, papaya and other tropical fruits. Sometimes, grains are used to make a creamier version of the drink. Horchata, a milky concoction made with rice and spices, is found throughout Latin America in a variety of forms.

To beat the heat, take a quick culinary tour of the tropics with this recipe that will leave you cool as a cucumber by the time you reach the bottom of your glass.

Cucumber Mint Lime Agua Fresca

Ingredients:

½ pound cucumber, ends trimmed

¼ cup fresh lime juice

¾ cup mint leaves, packed

1/3 cup panela (unrefined, whole cane sugar), shredded*

5 cups water

Cucumber slices and mint leaves for garnish

* Panela can be found in the ethnic foods section of the grocery store

Directions:

Add all ingredients to blender and blend until smooth.

Source: The Latin Kitchen, latinkitchen.com.

Tamarind Agua Fresca

Ingredients:

1 14-ounce package thawed tamarind pulp

6 cups cold water

¾ cups sugar, or to taste

Directions:

Combine in a pitcher and blend well.

Source: Goya

If you can stand the heat ...

The Harry Chapin Food Bank invites chefs and chef-wannabes to step up for the fifth annual Great American Chili Cook-off on Sunday, July 19, at Pink Shell Resort on Fort Myers Beach.

The contest is limited to 30 teams or individuals, with each entrant paying a \$40 registration fee. Set-up begins at 10 a.m. and a cooks' meeting will be at 1 p.m. Cooks must prepare their chili from scratch at the cook-off location and bring a printed recipe card.

A panel of local personalities will judge the entries based on aroma, consistency, color, taste and aftertaste. The public will be admitted at 3 p.m. to taste the entries and vote for the People's Choice and Most Unique winning concoctions. Prizes include medals and cash awards from \$50-\$250.

Chili aficionados are encouraged to make a \$5 donation to the food bank and to bring canned goods and non-perishable foods for the pantry shelves.

For more information about the competition, contact Dave Rashty at Pink Shell by calling 263-8613 or emailing drashty@pinkshell.com.

Take note

■ TripAdvisor has named **Brooks Gourmet Burgers** among the Top 10



burger restaurants in the U.S. for the second year in a row. The annual list is based on online customer reviews. The family-owned restaurant north of Fifth Avenue South in the former home of Lindburger's Gourmet Burgers serves more than a dozen styles of burgers.

■ **Chez Boet French café** celebrates Bastille Day on Tuesday, July 14, by offering \$6 glasses of wine and \$6 small plates from 5-7 p.m. in the bar and \$16 per bottle on select wines with the purchase of two dinner entrees in the dining room. 755 12th Ave. S. 643-6177 or chezboetnaples.com.

■ **Mereday's Brasserie in Bayfront**, formerly Alto Live Jazz Kitchen, hosts a five-course Belgium Independence Day beer dinner at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. Menu selections include a torchon of foie gras with raspberries, framboise reduction and French toast and braised pork belly with frisee, candied pecans, Roquefort blue and a natural reduction. Cost is \$80. For more information or to make reservations, call 261-2586 or visit meredaysbrasserie-bayfront.com.

■ The July special at **D'Amico and Sons** is shrimp fettuccine with saffron cream, roasted tomatoes and asparagus for \$21. 4691 Ninth Street N. 430-0955 or dami-coandsons.com.

■ **Barbatella's** \$10 white wine flight for July features Attems Pinot Grigio, Ca Bolani Sauvignon Blanc and Hess Shirl-tail Creek Chardonnay. The \$12 red wine flight features Quattro Mani Montepulciano, Frescobaldi Nipozzano Chianti RSV and Luce Lucente.

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— Email food and restaurant news to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com.



THE DISH

The Dish: Barbacoa Taco and Taco Al Pastor

The Price: \$3 each

The Place: El Rincon de Mexico
2248 Tamiami Trail E.

The Hours: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

The Details: I don't find myself driving down the East Trail terribly often, but when I do, I always pass an inconspicuous little Mexican restaurant that I've wanted to visit for years. It's one of those places I see and think, "I've got to try that place one day." Well, I did it. I had a light(ish) lunch for the low, low price of \$6 and had two of the best tacos ever in return.

The Barbacoa Taco offered seasoned and barbecued beef, which was awe-

some, but the standout was the Taco Al Pastor. The chef left just enough fat on the pork to make the filling taste like meat candy. Though I wouldn't necessarily call it sweet, the pork certainly had a roundness and depth that hinted at the traditional pineapple marinade in which I'm sure it had spent a lengthy time.

Eventually, I'm going to return and have a full-on meal. It just might consist strictly of Tacos al Pastor.

One More Thing: El Rincon de Mexico offers at least a dozen types of traditional taco fillings, from tripe and tongue to pig snout — which are all the best kinds, by the way. ■

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VINO

The resurgence of rosé



In a way, wine styles are like skirt hemlines. They're up, they're down, in fashion and out of fashion. One day everybody's drinking Chenin Blanc, and a few months later it's all Pinot Grigio.

Rosé wines are sort of like that. They were extremely popular in the mid-1950s and have come back strong of late, partly because that's just the way things work, but mostly because new offerings are coming onto the market, providing wine lovers (that's us) with interesting and unique flavors and sensations. After all, if Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie can spend \$60 million to buy a vineyard in France just to make rosé wines, how bad can they be?

Unfortunately, the pink wine that most readily comes to mind for most of us is the inevitable sweetish, low-alcohol white Zinfandel. In 2014, more than 7.7 million cases were sold in the U.S. (less than previous years) but it's still a biggie. However, we're interested in more serious stuff.

And now that summer is upon us, let's not turn to those traditional light whites as our first sipping solution. For picnic purposes, we can forsake the traditional Pinot Grigio and enjoy the many rosé wines on the shelf that give us bright refreshing flavors, plus a really pretty



Rosé wines can be made from just about any red grape.

pink liquid to look at while we sip.

First of all, there are two ways to make rosé wines. You can mix a white and red together. Indeed, many big red wines contain a percentage of white, like Australian Shiraz, which is often enhanced by about 5 percent Viognier, a white grape. The second, more legitimate way, is the saignée method. You crush red grapes, leave the juice on the skins until it just turns pink, then drain it off. That's the kind we'll discuss here.

Rosé can be made from just about any red grape. It is also made in an incredibly wide range of styles because it's entirely the winemaker's choice as to how long the juice stays on the skins, how dark it gets, and when it's drained away. That's why it's critical to drink a lot of wine, to sample widely, and find producers who make wine in a style you enjoy.

In a way, the spiritual home of rosé

wine as a specific type is the area around Tavel and Lirac in Provence. These are tiny areas, just north of Avignon, and Tavel is the only appellation in the Rhone that produces rosé wines exclusively. The rosés in this area are based primarily on Grenache and Syrah, but tradition allows several other grapes as minor components of the blend. In other parts of the world, as mentioned above, just about any red grape can be used.

The flavors of rosé wines are traditionally light, because it's long-term contact with the skins that makes red wine big and bold. But that's OK, because these delicate flavors are perfect not only for summer sipping, but also for pairing with a wide range of foods and cheeses. The flavor profiles will be the same as the major grape in the blend, but lighter and more delicate.

In my last column we reviewed the

enjoyable Mulderbosch rosé made from Cabernet Sauvignon. Here are some other examples that will give you a wide range of choices... and pleasures.

Sample widely.

■ Melior de Matarromera Cigales Rosé 2013 (80 tempranillo/20 verdejo) – Bright deep pink in the glass, the Melior offers sweet fruit flavors with honey and notes of red flowers. It's a dry style, with some spice on the long finish. WW 90

■ Otazu Merlot Rosé 2014 - A favorite at our sampling session. It's a very rich rose color in the glass with ruby highlights. Jammy strawberry and raspberry flavors make this wine surprisingly rich for a rosé. WW 93

■ Waxwing Blair Vineyard Arroyo Seco Pinot Noir Rose 2014 - Winemaker Scott Sisemore (and we'll review some of his other wines at a later date) crushes whole Pinot Noir clusters, with no destemming. The juice stays on the skins for only an hour or two before racking and fermenting in stainless steel. The result is a very light salmon color with aromas and flavors of roses and rose petals. About \$23. WW 91.

Have questions about the world of wine? Write me at vino@floridaweekly.com. ■

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Tarpon Bay at the Hyatt serves a bounty of fresh, albeit pricey, seafood



Because we live here and probably don't often check into local hotels, it's easy to forget that some very fine restaurants permanently reside at area resorts. The Hyatt Regency at Coconut Point Resort & Spa, for instance, has devoted thousands of square feet to provide an array of distinctive dining environments indoors and out.

Tarpon Bay alone is a sprawling warren of rooms with a beach cottage vibe, all sun- and sand-washed ivory from the tables and chairs to the walls and rafters. The neutral canvas makes an effective backdrop for dramatic Clyde Butcher prints in the room where we were seated. Steel drum and salsa music added to the coastal island charm.

It's easy to pretend you're on vacation like most of the other patrons, even if it's just for a couple of hours. Of course, even a pretend getaway comes at a price — as in \$30-\$40 entrées and sides that are served a la carte. The cost of three coconut shrimp alone at Tarpon Bay would buy you a pound of gulf pinks at your neighborhood seafood market.

Considering the restaurant's price points, it's surprising how ordinary the wine selections are. Bottles include familiar labels such as Kendall-Jackson, Cakebread, Rodney Strong. We opted for glasses of Murphy-Goode Fume Blanc (\$10) and Estancia Pinot Noir (\$12), both of which are solid if commonplace supermarket options. We sipped them while enjoying good bread served with a bowl of briny olive tapenade, which arrived soon after we were seated.

One feature unique to Tarpon Bay is its ceviche bar, which was serving up interesting combinations of citrus-marinated seafood well before the wave of Peruvian and other South American restaurants started popping up around Southwest Florida with the dish.

From the eight variations available, we chose a flight of three for \$12 (you can sample the whole list for \$23). They come in small cups with a basket of various chips for scooping. Our favorite version paired rough-chopped



Tarpon Bay is known for expanding the tradition of ceviche.



Coconut shrimp are paired with limey remoulade.

scallops with thinly sliced celery and radishes and laced lemony oil; fennel pollen added a lovely hint of anise to complement the sweet shellfish and peppery radishes. The calamari ceviche had remarkably tender rings of squid dressed with a sweet-tart-spicy combo of honey, guava and jalapenos. The shrimp version was less remarkable, tasting like a watery salsa with shellfish tossed in.

The aforementioned coconut shrimp (\$13) were butterflied jumbos with a crispy coat of flaky breading. Price-per-piece aside, it was a good rendition of this classic appetizer. The shrimp were not overcooked, and we liked the limey remoulade provided for dipping.

Courses were well timed, and our server was efficient and friendly. A manager was highly visible, too, stopping at our table three times before perhaps realizing he was overdoing it.

For entrees, non-seafood options include barbecued chicken, filet mignon and quinoa risotto. But with the wealth of fish and shellfish on the menu, it



A heart-shaped wahoo steak comes with choice of sauce.

made sense to stick with the bounty of the sea.

From the eight a la carte "specialty" catches, offered with choice of eight sauces, I ordered the wahoo (\$30) with corn and pepper emulsion. The heart-shaped steak had a hashtag of bronze grill marks and was perfectly moist and flaky. The bright orange sauce, served on the side, added a smoky sweetness that enhanced the mild fish. Sides are \$4 extra, whether you choose mascarpone and sweet corn risotto or house fries. The blackened kale I picked had no blackening seasonings; it tasted more like kale sautéed with shallots.

From the signature dishes, the Tarpon seafood linguini (\$34) was a highlight. The dish was loaded with treasures of the sea: chunks of moist grouper, small clams, several large shrimp and lots of bay scallops. A simple scampi-style sauce with red and yellow grape tomatoes tossed in allowed the seafood to remain at the forefront of the dish and made for tasty bread dipping.

Compared to the rest of the menu,

desserts are affordably priced. Go with the strawberry shortcake (\$8), two rounds of lemony chiffon cake layered with fluffy mascarpone cream, macerated strawberries and balsamic glaze. Less impressive was "Cookies and Milk" (\$8), which sounded like a novel idea but fell short in execution. It consisted of ice cream (the "milk") accompanied by four breakfast-cereal-based cookies, such as corn flake-marshmallow cookies and puffed-rice peanut butter squares. The Cap'n Crunch cookie tasted of stale cereal, and simply plopping Cheerios on top of a snickerdoodle is kind of a half-baked idea, if you'll pardon the pun. It might be good enough for the kiddies, but they're not footing the bill.

Tarpon Bay is admittedly a bit of a splurge, which we knew going in. Still, at these prices they should be able to throw in a fistful of greens without charging extra, like some swank steakhouses do. For resort guests, add-ons might go unnoticed in the blur of vacation fun, but locals might find them reason enough to book elsewhere. ■

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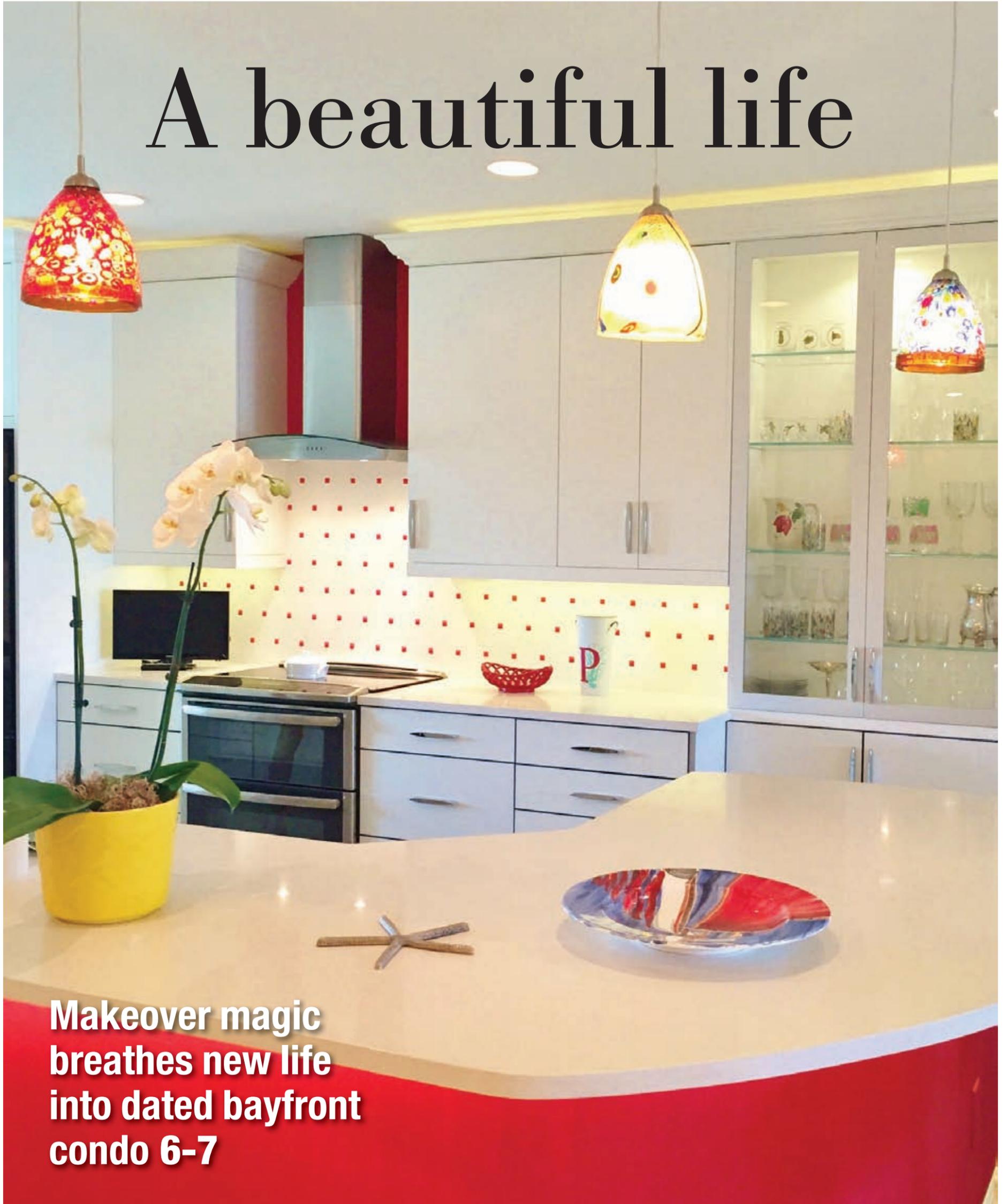


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Domnick Minella completed this Sanibel Island model with his design partner Zsuzsanna Wass De Czega.

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DOMNICK MINELLA

... tastefully melds modern with tradition

BY KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Ever the dapper gentleman, Domnick Minella adds a lifetime of experience to the design team at Norris Furniture & Interiors. This career designer has been a member of the National Interior Design Society since 1979; in 2011 he served as national chairman and currently serves on its executive board.



DOMNICK MINELLA

Known for his expertise in lighting, color and accessorizing, Mr. Minella has a talent for incorporating dramatic changes to dated designs and uplifting otherwise dreary spaces. Which designs is he glad to see exit the design stage, and what are some of his favorite designs? He gave us the answers to those questions and more.

Q: What is your favorite design trend right now?

A: What makes the interior design business interesting is the constant change in trends including color, fabrics and finishes. My favorite today is the new transitional style that is a blend of traditional and modern elements. Sofas have lost their skirts to shaped wooden legs, and sofa arms have transformed using clean, straight or sloped silhouettes to create a more casual yet sophisticated design.

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Q: Which designs are you glad have gone by the wayside?

A: Florida is about color with sunny bright prints, cool water blues and dashes of coral. I don't believe that the old-world neoclassic design with heavy dark patterns ever really fit our area. Faux finishing in dark textures is now a thing of the past, replaced by a resurgence of beautiful wall coverings in an array of fresh colors and patterns. Heavy wall-to-wall drapery is updated with clean, printed panels hung to the sides of windows using new sheer-style Hunter Douglas blinds for light control and energy efficiency.

Q: What design periodicals should we be reading for inspiration?

A: Architectural Digest, Elle Décor, House Beautiful and Southern Living all have inspirational photos and articles to help you stay current in the interior design field. Online sites like Zite also can be great places to visit for ideas.

Q: What do you have in your own home?

A: No one knows your style better than you. However, as a designer, selecting pieces for my own home is always harder than choosing for a client. At the High Point Market in North Carolina, I was inspired by the Chad-dock furniture company with beautiful transitional designer rooms presented by Larry Laslo and David Easton. Having a background from the Midwest, I still feel comfortable in our traditional home design.



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Our dining room includes a two-tone table with warm cherry and a black base, an antiqued white glass-front china cabinet and classic bow-back Windsor chairs. A Chippendale camelback sofa in a large classic plaid is in the office, and small-scaled wing chairs in combination cotton prints are placed in front of the living room French doors. Glazed antiqued white painted wainscoting completes the commons area. Our library has wood plank floors accented by an area rug, with a bun-footed leather sofa and shaped nail head chairs. A few antique pieces and lots of books and accessories give our home a cozy feeling.

Q: What have been some of your most challenging projects?

A: One of the most difficult challenges in designing was my experience with the Jesuits at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. They had a committee of five priests who all had different ideas of what they wanted. I was chosen to redo their living area and

several small rooms used for consultations. Floor planning was the easiest task; choosing fabrics, paint colors, tables and lighting was a test of both my patience and fortitude. Making sure all the committee members liked the design was daunting, but after several months we all came to terms, and the project was a success.

Q: What is your favorite over-the-top interior?

A: That would be the Hearst castle in California. Elaborately wrapped wood walls and ceilings from Europe adorn many areas throughout the castle. The grand dining room includes a huge trestle table with 30 armchairs balanced by beautiful antique tapestries covering the walls. And the gold inlaid mosaic flooring of the crystal clear indoor pool is spectacular.

Q: What are some of your tips and tricks for designing a home?

A: First and foremost, determine a plan of action based on your wants and

needs. Once you have found the perfect home, your attention can move to furnishing the interior. Work from a floor plan and choose your colors starting with tile, wood or carpet for the flooring, then kitchen and bathroom cabinets and solid surfaces.

Confer with your designer before selecting a paint color, because color choice is a big factor in the interior design scheme. Furniture selection also takes time. Other selections will include wall coverings and lighting fixtures and floor receptacles, along with window coverings to shield your home's interior from Florida's harsh sunlight.

Make sure everything is in writing to avoid costly upgrades and change orders. A model walkthrough with your designer before you start planning is also recommended. ■

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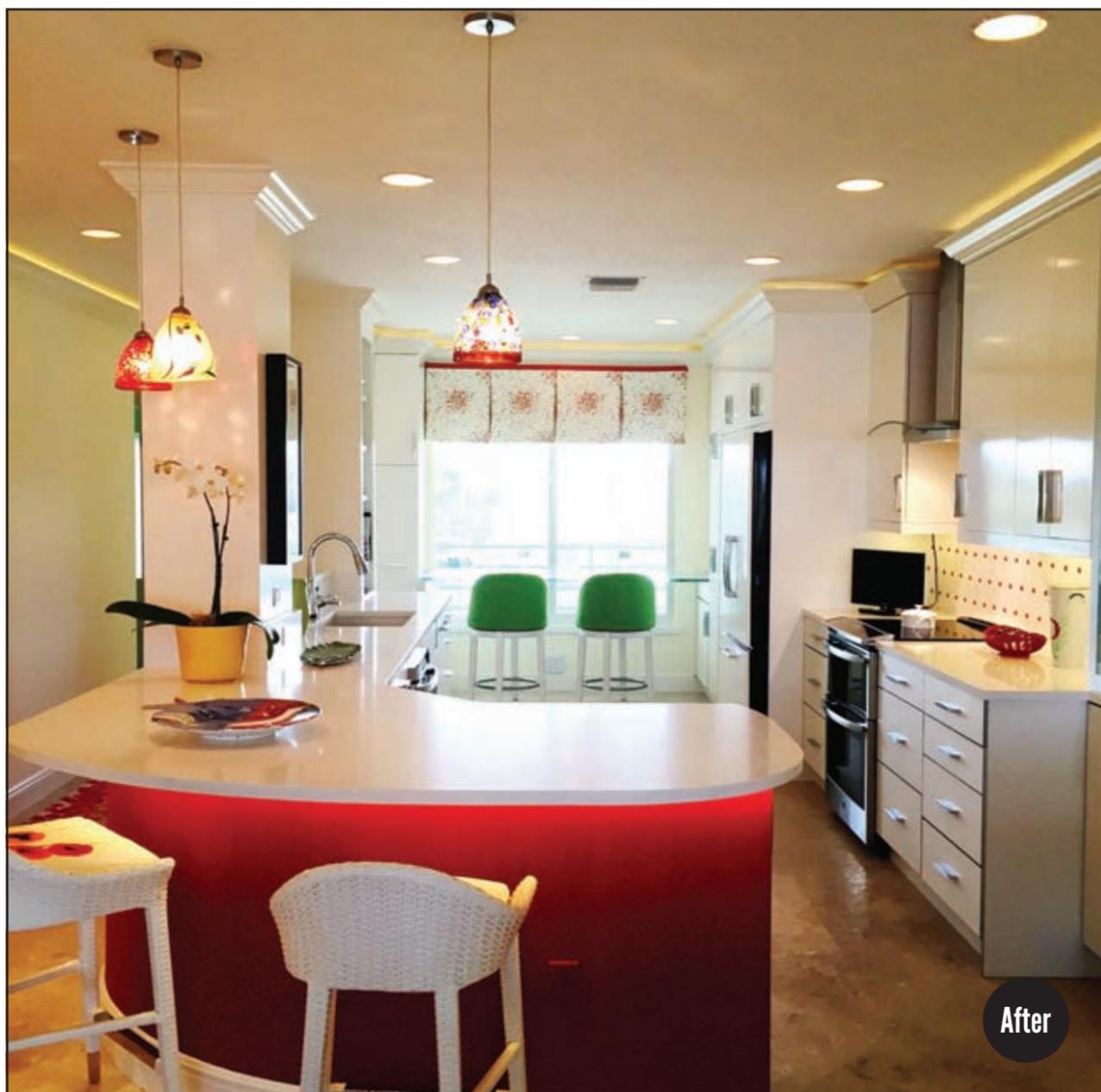
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A beautiful life

Makeover magic takes bayfront condo from dated to dazzling

This month's makeover designer is a bit of celebrity in the residential design/remodeling business well beyond Naples, where her touch is reflected in homes from Port Royal and Pelican Bay to Wyndemere and Grey Oaks. Abbie Sladick of Abbie Joan Fine Living was selected by Remodeling magazine to join the Remodeling Big 50 as one of the country's best remodeling companies.

"We make the remodeling process a pleasure by being committed to exceptional experiences and outstanding outcomes," Ms. Sladick, whose business has been based in Naples for the past 15 years, says.

One of the biggest things for which Abbie Joan Fine Living is known is its owner's follow through, which continues past the sale and construction to the concierge services she offers after projects are complete.

Whether she's doing a whole-house reno or a single bathroom makeover, "It's about helping clients create a home that is the perfect balance between style and function," she says.

By KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

The Abbie Joan Fine Living slogan — "Build a beautiful life" — perfectly matches the end products of Ms. Sladick's remodeling efforts, one of the most recent of which was a floor-to-ceiling project in every room of a bayfront condominium on Parkshore Drive.

"My clients had rented in this condo complex for a few years and loved the view and the people," she says. "There was a unit that had started being remodeled without a permit or condo association approval. The county stopped construction mid-stride, citing many areas of work done incorrectly."

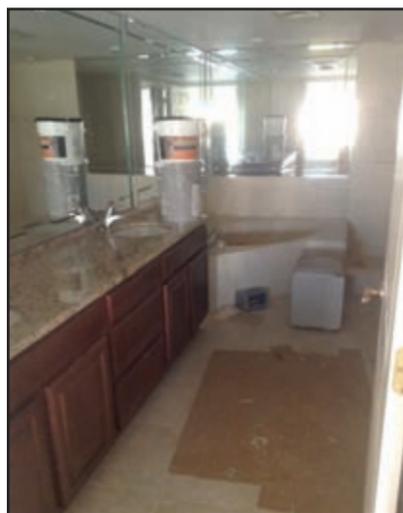
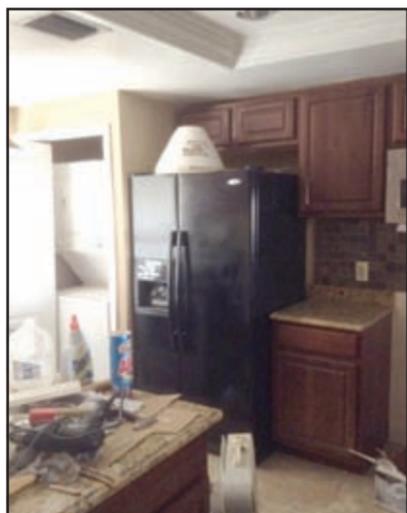
Ms. Sladick's clients purchased the unit when the owners decided to sell instead of hiring a licensed and insured contractor. Fortunately, the clients were astute enough to see past the mess and the closed-in floor plan and envision

the possibility of charm and elegance to come.

"We opened the kitchen and enclosed the terrace, and the result was a spectacular open floor plan that lives large and gracious," the designer says.

Dark and depressing, the original condo was made more so by an odd layout. Ms. Sladick infused pops of color, including reds and greens contrasted with lots

DARK AND DEPRESSING



of white to created an energetic yet soothing space. The new kitchen is in stark contrast to the old, with bright white cabinetry and two bright green barstools at a glass-top counter in front of a window. Even the guest bathroom became a joyous space, thanks to a rich red/pink countertop and matching frame around the mirror.

Shades of green with fresh white turned the guest bedroom into a little oasis. The guest shower received its own treatment with dots of strategically placed color to keep it looking spacious, but adding just enough charm. A spiral piece of art in the hallway is striking but doesn't detract from the simple white double doors. Quaint white chairs with splashes of red color add a touch of whimsy.



ABBIE SLADICK

One of the special challenges for Ms. Sladick occurred because despite their desire to enclose the terrace in glass, the client still wanted the ability to open it up completely. Her solution: installing roll-up screens that hide behind the drapery cornice and allow the space to be used as either closed, screened-in or entirely open air.

Her favorite "wow" factor is the aforementioned glass counter at the kitchen's east-facing window. "It's a great spot for sitting in the morning with the paper, or for standing and folding laundry and even for setting up a buffet," she says. ■

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Remodeling is never without challenges, but Ms. Sladick has a few suggestions that will help minimize the headaches:

- ▶ Always use a licensed and insured contractor for construction work. In a condo you have no other alternative. This is for your protection and the protection of your neighbors.
- ▶ Have questions? Ask a professional. Oftentimes a design professional can re-imagine a space and offer suggestions you never would have considered.
- ▶ Don't be afraid of color. In the warm Southwest Florida climate, bright colors can lend a cool feel when combined with white.

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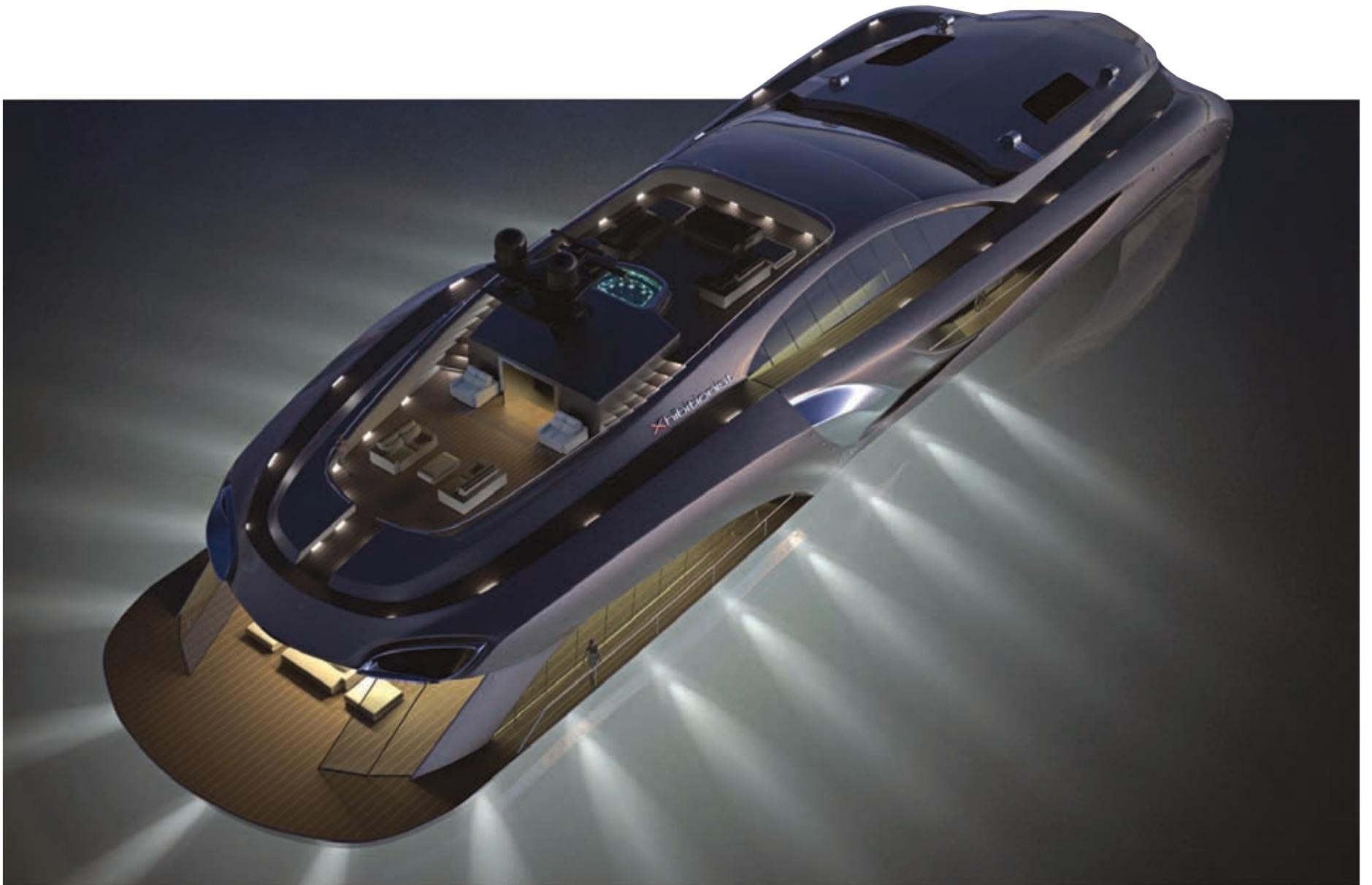


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Luxury on the Water

Design in motion reaches new heights

One of the biggest benefits to yacht ownership is the ability to be mobile in ways that are not possible on a road trip. For example, it takes several hours to drive to Key West by Southwest Florida. By boat, in particular by high-powered yacht, boaters can cast off early in the morning and be in Key West for lunch, not to mention cruising by Fort Jefferson or parking in deeper passes and bays, or running up to Sanibel for the day.

By KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Then there's the added bonus that over-nighting on a yacht yields some the best zzzzz's you'll ever get. People pay big bucks for recordings of the sounds those on the water fall asleep to every night.

Even when money is no object, buying a yacht is a huge decision. Eduard Gray, CEO of Gray Design / ZeusTwelve, says many considerations should factor into the purchase.

"The first thing is that a yacht must fulfill the essential functions that you require in terms of space, practicality and performance," he says. "Once these requirements are fulfilled, however, a yacht demands a soul and character that reflect the personality and interest of its owners."

Some want their yacht to have a more classical and traditional style, while others prefer a more flamboyant and sculptural feel. The latter are the kind of clients his company tends to work with the most, Mr. Gray says, adding they view their yachts as their own piece of floating artwork.

"It should make you smile inside," he says about plying the water aboard your yacht. The client dictates the parameters and scope of every project, of course, but it's Mr. Gray's company that comes up with a proposal that pushes the boundaries "of a fairly stagnant yacht design market."

In a time when people are purchasing houses and planes online, buying a yacht is still very much face-to-face deal. While yacht brokers are a very important part of the process, even the most private of clients enjoy meeting the designer in person, Mr. Gray has found.



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The Xhibionist by Gray Design accommodates a sports-car showroom in the hull, above, and has plenty of room for a party on deck, top.



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Above: Yacht interiors must incorporate creative use of space to ensure maximum functionality. Below: The Sovereign has three decks, one with a helicopter pad.



complete, we begin production of the yacht at the chosen shipyard."

Mr. Gray is known for creating what's been called the "Batmobile" of super yachts in the Xhibitionist, which looks like something James Bond would keep on hand to save the planet from an evildoer bent on world domination. The yacht has solar panels, evening lighting by OceanLED, a sports-car showroom in the hull, eight guest rooms and room to launch up to three helicopters (plus its matching automobile, Xhibit G).

Other Gray Design / ZeusTwelve yachts include the Sovereign, a low-profile, 100-meter athletic superyacht; and the Fairwei superyacht that draws parallels to golf with tee-off points and putting and chipping greens. There's an indoor swimming pool and spa, and crystal embellishments throughout that create an ethereal look.

Design in motion

The designer dream team Wilfredo Emanuel and Rhett Josey of Clive Daniel Home has more than a few insights to share when it comes to the interior design of a luxury yacht.

"It's called design in motion," says Mr. Emanuel. "This refers to design on yachts and airplanes ... smaller spaces. I like light tones contrasted with wood, which gives the interior of a yacht a rich feel."

One of Mr. Josey's favorite tricks is to paint. It requires multiple coats, but the result is a lacquer that takes wear and tear beautifully and embodies a stunning reflective surfacing.

"Think of it like mise en place in a restaurant — a place for everything and everything in its place, everything in the right dimensions for the space, similar to an airplane with the same logistics and engineering," Mr. Josey says. "Not only it is important to use lighter materials, like veneering of marble instead of whole slabs, sleek and minimal makes everything much more appealing." Every design decision must be carefully weighed, figuratively and literally, he adds.

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— Eduard Gray, CEO of Gray Design / ZeusTwelve

"Good ideas are fragile and need space to be nurtured and explained visually and conceptually" in order for the buyer to make informed decisions," he says. "A lot of hand-waving goes on at the start to capture shapes and layouts that do not translate through video or phone calls."

Mr. Gray adds that yacht ownership is as varied as the clients who buy them. Some prefer to use their boat exclusively, while others offset the cost of yacht ownership by making it available for charter. Usage can factor into what type of yacht one purchases.

"Once we have chosen a direction for the yacht, we continue to refine the details of the general arrangement and styling to get it ready for the next stage," Mr. Gray says. "When the final design is agreed upon and the parties contract for the production, the production drawings can take up to six months to produce, depending on the size of the yacht," he adds. "Once these are



EDUARD GRAY



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Top and above: The Fairwei super yacht is in homage to the game of golf. Crystal embellishments lend an ethereal vibe to the master suite.



The Naples Yacht Club is home base for the Naples yachting community.

“Unique boats are an extension of your home, but on the water,” he says. “They can be as grand as a salon or done like a (more casual) living space. But they must also be secure at the same time.

You are on a moving and sometimes tumultuous sea, so you’ve got to have everything battened down — even things like a coffee table that sits low to the ground.”

Club camaraderie

Ah, marina life.

Marinas and clubs make up a segment of yacht ownership that for many informs the social side of the yachting lifestyle. Membership in a yacht club enriches the boating experience and can provide valuable maintenance and peer resources.

Locally, one of the most historic clubs is the Naples Yacht Club, founded in 1947. Membership director Brenda O’Connor lists dining and socializing in a splendid setting with like-minded boaters among the benefits of belonging to a yachting social circle. “We also enjoy the support of a dedicated dock master and staff, plus on-the-water activities befitting a Top Ten Yacht Club.” NYC is an affiliate of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, an organization of 31 yacht clubs throughout Florida.

NYC Commodore Rusty Overton says many of the relationships that begin in a club atmosphere like Naples Yacht Club last a lifetime. “Boating is in your blood, and people that love it, love it,” he says. “There is clearly a strong sense of community among all the boating participants of our club ... the yachting community is their neighborhood.”

Designer Mr. Gray agrees and says the lifestyle around yachting extends to life ashore in restaurants, shopping and activities, hence the recently unveiled partnership with Ronn Motor Group to bring integrated super-performance hyper cars with performance superyachts to market. The exclusive 2017 RMG Bird of Prey, an all-wheel-drive hyper-hybrid producing 1,200-plus horsepower and Formula One electric drive technology, will go with the aforementioned Fairwei yacht, the set capped at just seven to maintain exclusivity.

“This is by no means industry standard, but we see it as a way to get the maximum enjoyment out of a superyacht purchase by extending the fun that could be had on land,” the designer says. ■

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Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.



“Hedda Hopper, Hollywood, ca. 1948,” Weegee (Arthur Fellig), The Baker Museum. Courtesy of the Collection of Jean Pigozzi.

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Following the preview reception, the exhibition will be on view July 27-Sept. 4. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Also hanging at the center: “Olde Naples: Works from the Legacy Collection” and “Camera USA.”

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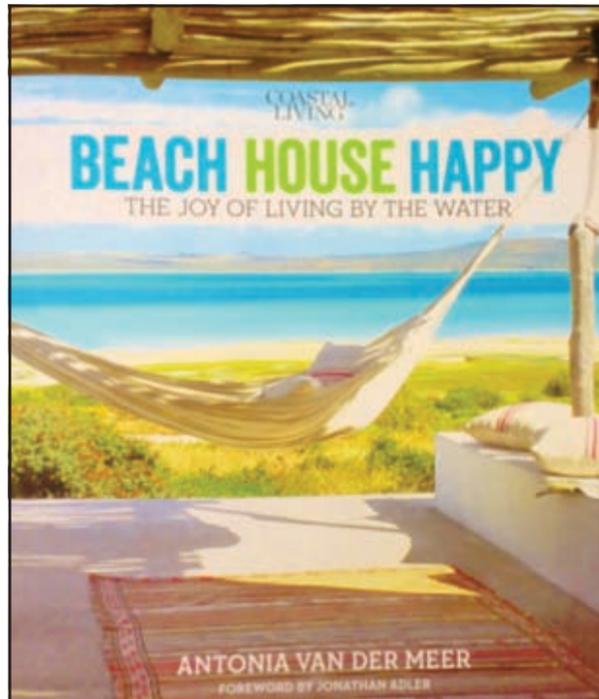
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The Definitive Guide to Becoming 'Beach House Happy'



BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

It's no wonder Antonia van der Meer is the author of more than a dozen books, many of which feature some of the world's most glorious coastal images. The editor of Coastal Living magazine knows all about living on and by the water, plus she has her own beloved coastal home in Connecticut.

In "Beach House Happy: The Joy of Living by the Water," Ms. van der Meer touts the many joys of living the waterfront lifestyle. Focusing on architecture and design, she invites readers into her beach house world of clean lines and the colors of the sand and surf.

With a foreword by Jonathan Adler, the book features nearly two dozen homes, each of which will make readers rush out to either go house hunting or pound on the door of their favorite designer.

For families with children, couples longing for a romantic getaway or anyone who simply wants to turn one landlocked room into a retreat reminiscent of the seaside, "Beach House Happy" is filled with ideas to incorporate the coast into your environs.

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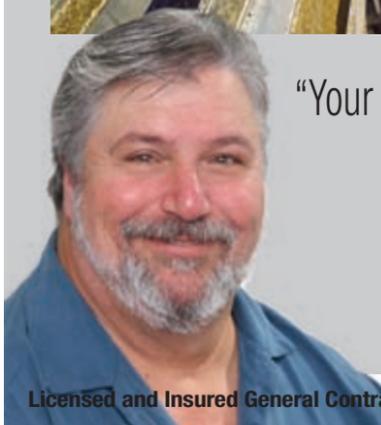
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Below: Anthony Zannette and Anne-Marie Zannette in the showroom at the Outdoor Kitchen Place.



All the right ingredients

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By **KELLY MERRITT**
Florida Weekly Correspondent
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Cooking, sharing, breaking bread — these are some of the reasons the kitchen is the heart of the home. In Southwest Florida, many luxury homes have a second “heart” in the form of a fully equipped outdoor kitchen that allows owners and their guests to enjoy the pleasures of preparing meals and dining together under the sun and stars.

It’s not as easy as one might think to select and install an outdoor kitchen. There are many factors to consider and special planning is required. It can be challenging to know where to start, and even once a homeowner has an idea of what they want their outdoor kitchen to resemble, all of the parts must align for everything to work properly and look beautiful at the same time.

Enter the Outdoor Kitchen Place in Bonita Springs. Here homeowners can get a turnkey outdoor kitchen that matches anything they can cook up in their dreams. Custom outdoor kitchens are the specialty at this family-run business.

“Everything we do is custom, so typically we can give the client exactly what they want,” owner Anthony Zannette says. “When you walk into our showroom, we take you through all of the options, and from there we supply a 3-D drawing of the layout and breakdown the cost of the kitchen.”

Mr. Zannette knows the Florida lifestyle well, having grown up in Naples and graduated from Barron Collier High School and the University of Central Florida. He works with a broad range of clients, most of who come in to the store with at least some idea of what they want their outdoor kitchen to look like and how it should perform. That — and a good idea from the client as to how much money they want to spend

(grills can range from \$1,400 to more than \$10,000) — becomes the starting point from which he and his team set forth to design.

“The selection of appliances and features is always a difficult choice for the client as we offer many of the top branded grills and appliances on the market,” he says. “Outdoor kitchens can be equipped with fridges, sinks and side burners, two-tiered bars, drop-in coolers, icemakers, teppanyaki griddles and margarita machines, for example.”

Solid construction runs in the Zannette family, which is helmed by Louis Zannette Sr. of Zannette Construction. Mr. Zannette Sr. purchased the building that houses the Outdoor Kitchen Place in 2008. Anthony Zannette opened the custom kitchen operation in 2013. He and his mother, Anne-Marie Zannette, run the showroom that accommodates a dizzying array of six outdoor kitchen vignettes incorporating Alfresco, Fire Magic, AOG, Delta and Twin Eagle appliances.

People who want an outdoor kitchen tend to enjoy entertaining family and friends, and Mr. Zannette knows all the right questions to ask in the early stages of working with a client. “We generally ask our customers what they like to cook, how many people they cook for and how often they entertain,” he says. The answers help him come up with a custom recipe for outdoor cooking fun.

“Once the kitchen is complete,” he says, “the outdoors becomes a great meeting area. Everybody loves hanging out by the grill to see what’s cooking.” ■

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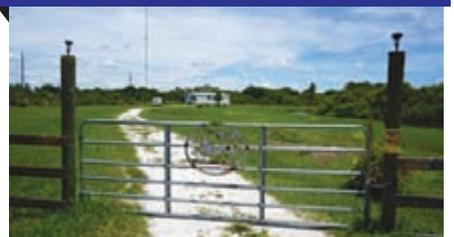
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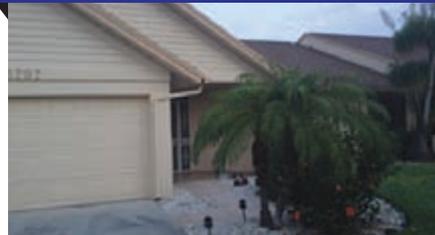
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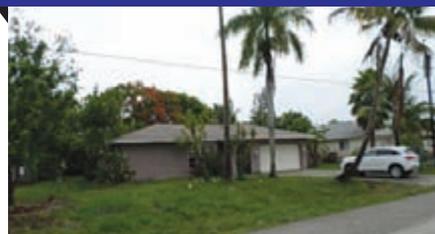
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1-866-657-2300

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
800BS055604.
1-866-657-2300

IMMOKALEE



Nice
Come and check it out
1-866-657-2300
\$98,999
800FM036622.

BOKEELIA



Captain Cove Efficiency Condo
This unit comes fully loaded and move in ready, 1 assigned parking, community pool, tennis, private boat ramp.
\$89,000
800PI013577.
1-866-657-2300

LEHIGH ACRES



Remodeled 2/2/1 in S. Central Lehigh
Beautiful & upgraded 2/2/1. Large living space all remodeled. Upgraded kitchen, stainless appliances, wood cabinets. Fence.
\$86,500
800LE007726.
1-866-657-2300

LEHIGH ACRES



Great Opportunity 2 Bed 2 Bath
Great opportunity or starter home! 2 bed, 2 bath with 1 car garage with laundry room and large workshop area!
\$59,900
800CC029485.
1-866-657-2300

ARCADIA



2005 Turn Key 2/2 Sunny breeze MHP
Just bring your suitcase! Meticulously maintained w/2 storage sheds, washer/dryer, golfing, public boat ramp.
\$59,900
800CH212814.
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Stunning Canal Home
Breathtaking views of the bay! Watch sea life & shrimp boats! Superb location! Open Floor Plan.
\$1,800,000
800FM032841.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Riverfront
Simply the best! Gorgeous Riverfront home. The best of everything in this wide open floor plan.
\$1,750,000
800FM024728.
1-866-657-2300

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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
800FM028672.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Luxurious Estate
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sqft. Schedule your private showing today!
\$1,590,000
800SS032693.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Home on Preserve with Additional Lot
Enjoy paradise in this amazing home! It has 155 feet on the water and includes the building site next door.
\$990,000
800CC006815.
1-866-657-2300

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Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated! WOW!
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more!
\$970,000
800SS016561.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Great South Spreader Canal Location
Sunny southern exposure. 2,744 sqft living space. Home is just a stones throw from Cape Harbour. Tile roof.
\$819,000
800CC027486.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Stunning High End Gulf Access in Surfside Neighborhood
This 3000 sq ft home has it all: the beautiful spacious kitchen with granite counter tops and island.
\$749,000
800CC028472.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Big House, Bigger View!
If your looking for a spacious home with wide intersecting canal views you owe it to yourself to see this luxury home!
\$749,000
800CC030292.
1-866-657-2300

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McGregor Reserve Custom Home
5 bedroom custom home with 4 full baths, 2 half baths, chefs kitchen, lake front views, pool, wood burning fireplace.
\$689,000
800PI028165.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



No Bridge - Sailboat Access & RV Garage 5000+ Sq Ft.
Custom built 3 story home ** 5 Bed/4 Bath * Oversized 3 car garage with one bay being able to accommodate RV.
\$649,900
800FM065329.
1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Pool Home In SW Cape
Only minutes to intercostal waterway. Only minutes to ICW, this home is nestled in a tropical setting.
\$600,000
800CC034992.
1-866-657-2300

