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Killer TOADS

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GINA STANCEL AND HER TWO NEIGHBORS patrol the streets where they live on the river side of McGregor Boulevard, scanning with small, powerful LED lights. The group checks out drainage ditches, strolling along the street and sidewalk. They take long, slow steps into front yards, pushing around in the bushes. They've got weapons and they're ready to kill. Their prey is *bufo marinus*, also known as the marine toad and most recently renamed by biologists as the cane toad.

The group's mission can be summed up thusly: Find the cane toads. Kill the cane toads before they get one of ours.

For its part, the deadly cane toad never asked to come to Florida in the first place. Humans brought the amphibians here more than 60 years ago. And now that they're here, they can't help themselves.

They secrete a poison that can kill cats and dogs within minutes. They eat native animals. They gorge on pet food and get stuck in drains. They're the ugliest damn things you've ever seen. Worse still, they

SEE KILLER TOADS, **A8** ▶

Why this invasive amphibian is dreaded in Southwest Florida



▲ The cane toad secretes poisons known to be lethal to pets and harmful to humans.

"If you see these things, you've got to kill them. They're coming for our dogs and cats. They've got to go."

— Jim Woodard, Realtor



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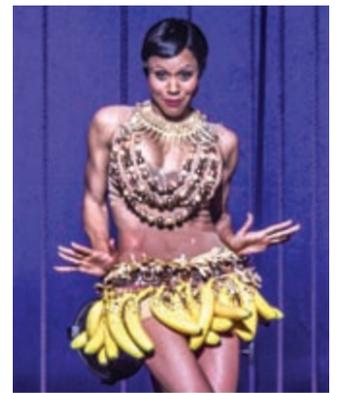
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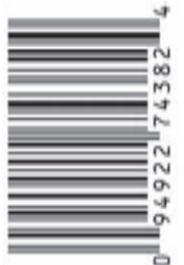
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COMMENTARY

Ice cream nation



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The time has come, my fellow capitalists, to begin planning for the vast sea of opportunities certain to arise in the American economy only months from now.

It will begin in Texas and extend to Florida. By the middle of May next year, the weather along the Texas border will be warm enough to fry an egg on a rattlesnake's back. That's ice cream weather, friends.

Donald Trump will be eating taco salads prepared in the Trump Tower grill in New York and flown to Washington to be delivered to the back door of the White House. (There, throughout the history of the United States, small brown delivery men or large black ones have frequently been required to report, which will lend a comfortable familiarity to the routine).

And in Texas, meanwhile, the largest force of pick and shovel operators assembled since FDR's Work Progress Administration of the 1930s might be riding into the Lone Star State on Greyhound buses and the tops of train cars and in the backs of watermelon or hay trucks — or maybe they'll just be walking down that ol' lonesome road, as Woody Guthrie said, with their two-dollar shoes a-hurtin' their feet, and their cornbread and peas a-hurtin' their bellies.

At least that's what I envisioned at first. More likely, though, they'll come in Ford, Chevy and Dodge pickups, or on Harley-Davidson choppers, the trucks and leather jackets sporting NRA stickers and Take Back Our Country slogans and Make America Great Again mantras.

They'll come to work, because that wall has to be tall. Fifty feet tall. And it has to be long. Eight hundred miles long. And it has to be American — by delegation, not by direct action.

You see, the contemporary army of workers won't be coming to work on the wall, because that's too hard. Mr. Trump has already delegated that job — between bites of his taco salad — to the Mexicans. So I'm afraid it will not be "made in the U.S.A."

At first, I was discouraged by that because I thought we could all use a little toughening up, like our parents or grandparents.

I envisioned us all wandering into Texas still fat and potato pale next May, after Mr. Trump has been in the White House for four months. But by September or October we'd be as brown as nut-berreries and as lean and sinewy as beef jerky.

At first I thought, "Damn, the rich boy comes up with a great idea, one that could provide 1 million well-paying jobs to eager young obese Americans, and then he just up and gives it away to Mexico. We need them to keep sneaking in here illegally so we can underpay them to harvest tomatoes and watermelons and to put roofs on our houses. We can't have 'em building border walls just when

these new gated communities are going up all over Florida."

That's what I thought, but now I see I was wrong. I want to personally apologize to Mr. Trump and all his supporters for underestimating his brilliant strategic thinking.

Now I see Mr. Trump's economic strategy, and I applaud him. He is going to create millions of jobs for us, the Americans — but not carrying shovels and picks. And not even driving bulldozers or cement trucks.

No, his strategy is to make the United States the most powerful ice cream nation the globe has ever seen. He will maneuver those Mexicans around the dance floor of international politics like a master, and set 'em up so we can sell 'em millions of tons of ice cream and Pepsi, the traditional Republican soft drink of choice.

So now, I recommend that we all go into the ice cream business, or the soda pop business, because it's hot in Texas. In the summer. And those Mexicans building that wall are going to want to buy a hell of a lot of ice cream and soda pop during their siestas. (Do Mexicans still take siestas? I've only ever seen Mexicans working. Hard. On rooftops or in fields. I have not seen any Mexicans taking siestas).

We need ice cream makers and bowls and spoons and cones. We need cows to produce the milk and cream, and refrigerated trucks to deliver it all.

And best of all? We need sugar, and lots of it.

That's why I expect Mr. Trump to get even more practical — and by the way, it's that ferocious pragmatism, devoid of any concern for others, that so many of us Americans appear to love about him.

Anyway, here's how he'll do it. Mr. Trump is supported by Gov. Rick Scott of Florida. Who is, in turn, the darling of such Florida sugar honchos as the Fajul brothers and the owners of U.S. Sugar. Who together grow about 400,000 acres of cane around Lake Okeechobee.

To make enough ice cream and soda pop to supply the wall builders, therefore, we're going to have to grow more sugar. And that means grow it where it grows best: in the Everglades.

So it's clear to me that Mr. Trump has long since figured out what we all know, if we're honest: It's time to do away with the 'Glades, which have cost Americans far too much in money and anxiety already, while just sitting there doing nothing.

Mr. Trump's plan is typically audacious: He's by God going to muck out that worthless and dangerous Lake Okeechobee, extend the vast system of canals and pumps American taxpayers already maintain in the 700,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area around the lake for the sugar barons, and grow sugar cane from the Kissimmee River valley south to Florida Bay.

Can you imagine? The jobs will be unheard of! The ice cream economy will make a war-time economy look like a recession.

I like chocolate, myself. What about you? And I'll bet those Mexicans do, too. ■

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OPINION

What's in your wallet?



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Nobody asks a man what he has in his wallet. He has a man card. It doesn't have to think about it. It just is; and though the scales may be tipped against him by some prejudice of identity or difference, being a man isn't one of them. A man card is like a gender-based hall pass that gets you instant social, legal and material advantage in most cultures, including our own.

Women, on the other hand, carry a woman card. They do have to think about it. The woman card comes with a large balance due and the expectation its bearer will run a lifelong, gender-based deficit. Receiving a woman's card at birth automatically incurs indebtedness that must be overcome in a man's world. A woman's talent, intellect, passion and moral character may carry her and her gender forward, only to have opportunities foreclosed by a glass ceiling. Then some brave Amazonian soul breaks through and women rise up and meet with success, but the man card still gets played.

Woe to the woman who is or aspires to be the first anything where only the man card has currency. Just ask Hillary Clinton — or any woman, really. Women begin two lengths behind the starting line in every race that men dominate. The habit is customary, even unto the founding of the nation.

For example, the U.S. Constitution did not originally grant women any specific rights. Abigail Adams anticipated the oversight before the framers put pen to paper. She wrote her husband, John Adams, encouraging him and the Continental Congress to

not forget the ladies once the nation's independence was won.

She wrote, "I long to hear that you have declared an independency. And, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

She knew of what she spoke. It took a civil war and the Congressional battle over the 15th Amendment for women to get the issue of their enfranchisement on the table. The 15th Amendment passed Congress and subsequently ratified by the states in 1870. But it granted only African-American men the right to vote. It took women fomenting another 50 years before the U.S. House of Representatives saw fit to consider an amendment giving women the same privilege.

Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucrecia Mott, Alice Paul and thousands of their followers joined in the fight for the right. In 1919, they won approval by Congress of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. The states ratified the amendment the following year.

The U.S. Treasury is honoring these early feminists. The images of Anthony, Stanton, Mott and Paul will be incorporated into the \$10 bill. It is a timely gesture but for a reason in addition to the obvious one. The only specific right granted to women by the Constitution is the right to vote; and nada, nothing more.

Whoa, millennial gals might say. How can that be? A bright lawyer pipes up (the first woman named partner in a previously all-male firm), "Aren't women protected from sex discrimination under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment?" Well, that's debatable.

The recently departed Supreme Court Justice, Antonin Scalia, didn't think so. His originalist view of the matter was the 14th Amendment did not outlaw sex discrimination. Said Scalia, "The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't. Nobody ever thought that that's what it meant. Nobody ever voted for that. If the current society wants to outlaw discrimination by sex, hey, we have things called legislatures, and they enact things called laws."

It's the type of jurisprudence that raises questions once thought settled; and, given its progenitor, should register an "uh-oh" for those witnessing the sexist, racist, and contentious gender politics roiling the race for the presidency.

The Republican Party's presumptive nominee is using his man card to defame the Democrats' leading candidate, a woman. She is "loud," lacks "strength," and, most damning of all, she is a woman.

Said he, "Frankly, if Hillary Clinton were a man, I don't think she'd get 5 percent of the vote..." In other words, no women need apply for the job. The empathy accorded Clinton's gender is the only qualification she can claim.

In 1982, the Equal Rights Amendment was defeated three states short needed for ratification.

No ERA means the Constitution does not explicitly guarantee the rights it protects are held equally by all citizens, without regard to sex.

So, what's in your wallet? ■

We don't care that Trump is not telling the truth

Editor's note: When somebody emailed former Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Molloy a Washington Times editorial (Jan. 7) by one-time Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich, the writer added a section under the Gingrich byline purporting to be the politician's words.

Mr. Gingrich recommended Donald Trump's book, "The Art of the Deal," to readers.

The anonymous writer then recommended Mr. Trump to voters, comparing him to a man a homeowner should hire to get rid of raccoons in the basement, no matter what he looks or smells like.

This is Mr. Molloy's response.

I have gone through the five stages of grief regarding all presidential candidates. I was in denial for a long time, but now I am at acceptance. Mark Twain said Americans get the candidate they deserve. And they will: as I write it will either be Mrs. Clinton or Mr. Trump. I don't have a political party, or unfortunately, any candidate to support for the most important position in our world. But my life's work has been about my love, my passion, my belief in this country. That sounds like something I might set up for a punch line. It ain't.

So: what if the smelly, alcoholic, much-married, butt-cracked guy the email describes — the man that you hire to get the raccoons out of the basement — lied to you about raccoons actually being in the basement? What if he created your belief and fear that there were raccoons in the

basement, even went around the neighborhood scaring all the old couples, the working people who don't have time to check the basement, and folks who want to believe there are raccoons in the basement, for unhappy reasons of their own? That would be a great businessman: Creating a demand for him to fill a need that doesn't exist.

Anything wrong with that? Maybe not. I'm not sure. But there aren't any raccoons in the basement.

When Mr. Trump says we should make America great again, I have to gently suggest: America is great. Right now. We have prosperity and freedoms that no other country enjoys. You hear that phrase all the time, but we really freakin' do. I know a lot about the criminal justice system in the United States and the criminal justice systems in other countries, and ours is, not perfect, but amazing and just. We are a strong, compassionate, and intelligent nation. And that the United States is a strong vibrant nation is how we are perceived around the world.

The wall is impossible to build, by every estimate, Republican, Democrat, architect, designer, construction person, anyone who has built a wall or held a shovel. The whole idea is a sad joke that would be a lot funnier if it just didn't symbolize hate. The last country that built a wall that revealed a similar symbol of ugliness of the soul, albeit to keep people in, was the Communist-built Berlin Wall, and they killed people from that wall vantage point. The cynical idea about the wall that could never be built serves no purpose other than to get applause at a rally.

Illegal immigration from Mexico has gone down by the hundreds of thousands of people over the past few years. It is neither an economic problem nor a criminal one.

A loathing exists in the country I can't understand. A disgust I can't understand.

I have not seen so much hate against our country by our country since the Oklahoma City bombing.

Disagree with the candidates. Disparage their views. But don't hate them. Don't drown in that unreasonable bitterness. These people running for office, including Mr. Trump, Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Sanders, have given up any semblance of a normal life to push forth their ideas for the country they love. All of them. We have to acknowledge that. And respect it.

I don't dislike Mr. Trump. He is a very intelligent, manipulative businessman (and therefore successful) with a cynicism that is flat-out stunning (and successful), because he knows we can't build any kind of wall, but he knows how it plays to the crowd and has no compunction using it. Kind of fearless in a way: I think he genuinely doesn't care what he says as long as cheers and applause follow it.

But dearly beloved, he knows we can't renegotiate our business agreement with China: we don't have one. He knows that. He knows that almost everything he states is incorrect, purposefully misleading, and in a very weird way, inspiring to the folks he was never one of and never will be. The contempt that cynicism shows for the people he is talking to is impressive, deformed and astonishing.

The only victim, so far, of Mr. Trump's campaign is the truth. But the other truth is: we don't care.

One of Robert Penn Warren's characters in his great novel, "All the King's Men," offered this advice to the Huey Long-type candidate: "Whatever you do, Willie, stir 'em up, make 'em mad, even mad at you. But never have them think."

Now, we have to think about what we're doing, with the smarts and bravery we possess. ■



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As the end of the school year draws near, Leah Porrata is gearing up to be in “full summer swing.” As director of education at Gulfshore Playhouse, she’s planning, plotting, creating and calculating the company’s STAR Academy summer camps.

Summer is when Student Theatre Artists in Residence step into the spotlight on the same stage professional actors and crew work during the rest of the year.

“There are so many ways for them to shine,” Leah says about the kids who take part in programs from specialty camps for the younger actors to musical theater intensives for high-school thespians. Summer also brings two full-scale children’s theater productions to life on stage at The Norris Center; this year’s shows are “Disney’s The Jungle Book” and “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr.”

Every STAR child’s summer camp tuition is subsidized; not a single student’s tuition truly covers all of the expenses associated with putting a child through camp, Leah says, adding many participants come from households that simply could not afford the full tuition cost, as reduced as it already is. She estimates that about half of all of the summer students need some kind of scholarship assistance in order to have the STAR experience.

“We strive to create a place where every

Talking points with Leah Porrata

Mentor: I have many, but one who sticks out is Bill Goldsmith, the artistic director of Columbus Children’s Theatre. He has invested his time and talents in me since I was 12 years old, and I couldn’t be more grateful. It’s little wonder that so many Broadway and film/television stars today call him their biggest influence.

Something your mother was right about: The truth will always come out, so just be honest.

As a kid, what did you want to do when you grew up? This! Teaching and directing theater with kids of all ages and backgrounds.

What would you be doing if you weren’t doing this? I would be a kindergarten teacher, hands down.

Guilty pleasures: Sleeping in whenever I can. And ice cream. The Publix stores around here all carry Graeter’s Ice Cream, an Ohio staple. A pint is like a little trip home in a spoon!

Pet peeve: People who don’t check their email.

Next vacation destination: My husband and I go to Disney World about once a month.

One thing on your bucket list: I’m dying to see “Hamilton,” just like everyone else.

Hidden talent: I’ve been a certified rock climbing and ropes course instructor. It’s the one athletic thing I’ve ever been good at.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could play the piano. Even 13 years of lessons couldn’t give me that skill.

Advice for kids: Find what makes you happy and do it as much as you can.

Best thing about kids: Everything! With the little ones, it’s the fact that nothing embarrasses them; they’re 100 percent themselves, 100 percent of the time, loud and proud. With the middle ones, it’s their amazing capacity for growth and learning; if they put their mind to something,

they can accomplish anything. With the older ones, teenagers, it’s the way they constantly surprise me with their insight and creativity.

What makes you laugh? My husband. He’s the funniest man alive.

Last book you read: “The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden” by Kevin DeYoung. It’s a beautifully told and illustrated version of the Bible written for children, and it’s very artistically inspiring.

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child can be cared for and nurtured, where creativity and self-expression are encouraged, where friends are made and self-confidence built, and where each child can both fit in and stand out,” she says.

Leah has fond memories of growing up in Columbus, Ohio. Her mother enrolled her in acting classes when Leah was just 5 years old — something Leah says she barely remembers. At Hilliard Davidson High School in the suburbs, her favorite class was choir. “I adore music, and my high school choir director is one of my biggest teaching influences to this day,” she says.

She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2013, earning a bachelor of arts in theater education with a concentration in performance/directing along with a teaching certificate in drama/theater for grades Pre-K through 12.

Her first job after college was as a teaching artist for Columbus Children’s Theatre, where she had grown up performing. “It was a great first step,” she says.

She then began an apprenticeship in theater education at the Tony Award-winning Cleveland Play House. Not only was that a springboard into her career in profes-

sional theater, it’s also where she met her husband, Jason.

The Cleveland apprenticeship led to Leah being hired for her current position with Gulfshore Playhouse. To find out more about the education opportunities at Gulfshore Playhouse, visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of “The Bob Harden Show,” airing online from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at bobharden.com. Past shows are archived on the website.



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Hear what candidates have to say about the race for school board

More than a dozen local civic organizations host a public forum for Collier County School Board candidates from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at The Norris Center.

Jeff Lytle, retired editorial page editor for the *Naples Daily News*, will moderate the panel that includes John Brunner, Stephanie Lucarelli and Louise Penta for District 2; and Erick Carter and Lee Dixon for District 4.

All registered voters elect school board members at-large. Election day is Tuesday, Aug. 30. For District 2, if no candidate receives 50 percent or more of the vote, a runoff between the top two candidates will take place in November.

The Collier County School Board sets policies that impact 45,000 students and is responsible for a budget approaching \$1 billion. Board members make decisions on

issues such as standardized testing, textbook selection, budget reforms, Blue Zone cafeteria menus and the role of parents in establishing policy.

Forum sponsors are: Greater Naples Leadership, Collier Citizens Council, Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Coalition for Quality Public Education, Collier County Presidents Council, Greater Naples Better Government Committee, Coalition for Quality Public Education, Pelican Bay Property Owners Association, East Naples Civic Association, Golden Gate Civic Association, Golden Gate Estates Civic Association and the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, call the GNL office at 300-7055 or visit gnlwebsite.com. ■

Legislative candidates forum on tap

SWFL Citizens Alliance hosts the first of three legislative candidate forums at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Marco Island History Museum. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Moderators will be Brent Batten of the *Naples Daily News* and Don Orrico of the James Madison Institute. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates in advance by emailing info@floridacitizensalliance.com. Rather than open-ended, questions should be in a yes/no format. Example: "Yes or no, will you champion XYZ?" Questions will also be

taken from audience as time permits.

The alliance also encourages attendees to review two surveys in advance for a better understanding of the upcoming legislative issues and to learn more about the candidates. The surveys are at floridacitizensalliance.com/liberty/collier-county-information.

Additional legislative forums will be held June 23 at Naples First Baptist Church and July 13 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. For more information, call Keith Flaugh at 250-3320 or visit floridacitizensalliance.com. ■



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— Niquole Varani, hospital administrator and emergency veterinarian at ASH

KILLER TOADS

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don't respect us.

“These toads, they're funny. They just look at you and sort of say, 'bring it on.' They're not afraid of you. They just stand there,” says Ms. Stancel.

Like with lionfish and pythons — other exotic species that don't belong here and harm the environment — killing the invasive toad is allowed and encouraged. What constitutes a humane way of doing that, however, remains a hot topic of discussion.

What's not up for debate, in neighborhoods that are besieged by the toads, is that they must go.

“I was out with the trash cans and saw four big-ass toads but I didn't think much about it,” recalls retired senior Judge Radford Sturgis. A few days later, he let Chips, his dachshund, out in the backyard. When he returned a few minutes later, the dog was laying on its side. “He didn't move. I tried to put some hydrogen peroxide in his mouth but his teeth were clenched. I took the hose and rinsed out his mouth. But by the time I got him to the emergency hospital he had passed. It was all within 15 minutes.” When he returned home, he searched the backyard, where he found several cane toads.

The veterinary team at ASH, Animal Specialty Hospital, in Naples, saw two cane cases just last week. As rains pick up into the summer, they expect to see more.

“Dogs will come in salivating, pawing at the mouth. They have brick red mucous membranes,” explains Niquole Varani, hospital administrator and emergency veterinarian at ASH. “After you see your first case, you know exactly what to look for.”

Two parotid glands that run along the toad's back, just behind its eyes, carry bufotoxin, a milky-white poison. When a dog or other animal agitates or otherwise comes in contact with the toad, it releases the toxin, which can be lethal, particularly for smaller pets. Some dogs will be paralyzed or convulsing. “We'll flush them out (with water) for 20 to 30 minutes. Then we treat with activated charcoal,” says Dr. Virani. Most dogs that come in survive, but some do not.

“When the summer rains come in is when we see them (cane toads). They like the humidity and they like the heat,” says Lake Worth veterinarian Archie Kleopfer. He's seen his share of cane toad exposure cases in his 32 years of practice. “Cats are too smart, they hardly get poisoned. Dogs — we won't say they're dumb — but they like to play and sometimes they bite into (the toads)... I've seen an 85-pound dog laid flat. Some dogs succumb to it and they go into cardiopulmonary collapse. Or they have a seizure and they can't come out of it.”

Pet owners who suspect their animal has been exposed should first flush the animal's mouth out with water as quickly as possible, then take it to a veterinarian. The toxin can cause irritation in humans and is particularly dangerous for small children.

While dogs are the most common victims of cane toad exposure, cats and even fish aren't safe.

Realtor Jim Woodard returned from a camping trip after his neighbors called



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Cane toads like this one, a resident of the Calusa Nature Center, can grow even larger than 9 inches. The center has a number on display.



Jerry Higby, a board member of the Calusa Nature Center, displays a large cane toad.

to tell him that the koi fish in his backyard pond had all died. He saw a cane toad as big as his fist jumping around his deck. The toad's eggs are toxic as well, and Mr. Woodard theorizes that some were laid in his pond. He shot the toad with three pellets and it hopped away. Later, he spotted the same toad by his pond. This time, he pinned it down with bricks and let it die.

“If you see these things, you've got to kill them. They're coming for our dogs and cats. They've got to go,” he said.

Unlike other amphibians, even invasive ones, the ire and gross-out-factor that cane toads engender is almost universal among those who encounter them.

Perhaps it's their flat brown-gray color, their impassive countenances or the menacing dots that sit in two triangular sacks on their backs carrying the bufotoxin.

Their call, a cacophonous jackhammer rumble, does nothing for its image either. In Australia, the widely reviled toad has invaded and wreaked environmental damage to a swath that covers nearly 400,000 square miles.

In Florida, the last time the cane toad infestation was mapped, their number spread from Miami-Dade, up through Broward into Palm Beach then across the

state over Lake Okeechobee to Tampa.

There are pockets in Lee County and they've been showing up in Collier County. They seem to have skipped over Charlotte County.

“Between Fort Myers and Sarasota, they have not been found there. I don't have a good explanation for that. Their distribution doesn't make any immediate sense to me,” said Audrey Wilson, a graduate student at the University of Florida who has been monitoring the toads and is working with Professor Steve Johnson and others to update the distribution maps. People who encounter the toads can report it using an app from eddmaps.org. Before they kill a toad, they can email photos to Professor Johnson at the University of Florida at tadpole@ufl.edu to confirm that it is in fact a cane toad.



WILSON

Ms. Wilson has also spent more than a year trying to determine whether or not the toads have invaded natural areas like the Everglades. She has set up frog loggers, remote recording devices, to listen for their distinct call. So far, she has not heard them. “It's good news for our native species,” she says.

After spending years studying the creatures, does she too find them abhorrent?

“I find it hard not to get attached to my study species. I saw them in their native range and I do find them interesting — how they've been so successful in so many places I'm not as disgusted as most people.”

The cane toad's natural range runs from Brazil and northwest up into Central America and into northern Mexico.

A research paper from 1968 titled “The Ecology of the Neotropical Toad, Bufo Marninus, in South Florida,” by Thomas Krakauer, provides what may be the most reliable account of how the toad made it's way here. Toads were released at Canal Point in Belle Glade in Palm Beach County as far back as 1936 to fight pests in sugar cane fields. The toads died off. And while there were other attempts to introduce the toads into



Rad and Kathy Sturgis, above, lost their dog Chips, right, to a cane toad.



fields, those populations didn't take hold either.

Then, in 1955, toads escaped from an animal importer at Miami International Airport. The animals then began traveling through that city's canal system and by the mid 1960s, at least one Dade County commissioner was proposing that a bounty be placed on the toads. Some exotic pet dealers still sell the toads, and it's theorized that occasionally, those critters are released or escape, contributing to the infestation as well.

“From a purely anecdotal perspective, I would say that cane toads are spottily distributed in our region but where they are found their abundance can be exceedingly high. For example, where I lived in San Carlos Park on a cool damp night we had a density of about 20 toads per lot (0.1 acres)! However, if you went three streets over, still in San Carlos Park, you wouldn't find any. I have visited many sub-divisions and I would say cane toads were present in about 50 percent of them. Fast-forward 10 years, I think they will be everywhere and in huge numbers — no direct data



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Jim Woodard points to his pond where koi fish were found dead from exposure to cane toads.

to support this, just what I am observing,” wrote John E. Herman, assistant professor of wildlife biology at Florida Gulf Coast University.

And so it is that we find ourselves with Ms. Stancel in her Fort Myers neighbor-

hood. The small-framed surgical technician shows off her BB gun that looks like a Glock. Carolin Lehnert, who has redone her landscaping and installed a buried screen perimeter around her yard to keep the toads out, peeks down drainage grates.

Jerry Higby, a wildlife trapper from up the street, tags along tonight, but he often works solo or for hire. He makes his living removing gators or raccoons from properties. Recently, some clients have called asking him to remove cane toads as well. In his neighborhood, he hunts pro bono.

“I go to the (drainage) grate with my machete and get them,” he brings his arm down twice, reenacting the thrusts he uses to impale the toads.

Mr. Higby is an animal lover. So are Ms. Lehnert and Ms. Stancel. That’s why when the topic of killing the toads come up, the standard answer is, “I don’t want

the PETA folks (animal rights activists) coming after me.” But then, the hunter, any hunter, will tell you just how it’s done.

Some people swear by smacking and thrusting with the business end of a shovel. Others use a frog gig, a gadget used for harvesting frog legs that impales the toad on spikes. This method can prove messy, however, since removing the toads from the spikes one by one requires hands-on contact. The University of Florida recommends the following humane procedure:

“Purchase a small tube of benzocaine ointment (used as a pain-killer for toothaches and teething.) Take a strip of ointment about one inch long (more for very large toads) and spread it down the midline of the neck and back of the toad. In 5-10 minutes, the toad will be groggy; in 15-20 minutes it should be unconscious, and in about 30-40 minutes it will be dead or close to dead. At this point, put the frog in a plastic container or plastic bag and freeze it for three days.”

For the people dealing with infestations in their neighborhoods, the instructions are laughable. For Ms. Stancel, a quick BB to the back of the head at close range does the job faster and appears to be more humane. She carries around a pooper-scooper to easily cart off the carcasses. “I’m an animal lover,” she says. “I’m involved with animal rescue. I won’t kill a spider.”

On this night, however, there are no toads to be found. Ms. Stancel and Ms. Lehnert bagged two of them the night before. Since she started doing this two years ago, Ms. Stancel has killed more than 130 toads. She’s stopped counting though, because she hunts every night during cane toad season. More and more neighbors have asked her to come check their yards, so a patrol can take 45 minutes to an hour. She’s happy to do it. It’s apparent that

in the know



A cane toad impaled on a frog gig.

Cane toad (Rhinella marina formerly Bufo marinus)

- >> aka ‘Bufo toad,’ marine toad or giant toad
- >> Size: 6-9 inches, but can get larger
- >> Diet: Native frogs, lizards, snakes, small mammals, dog and cat food and just about anything else that fits into their mouths
- >> Reproduction: Mating season starts in late March and runs through September. This is when the animal is usually seen.

Help track the toads:

If you see what you suspect is a cane toad, help researchers at the University of Florida track them. Email photos and descriptions to tadpole@ufl.edu.

Also, log your toads using the IveGot1 app for your phone at eddmads.org/florida/iphone/.

she relishes this mission that she’s taken on voluntarily. She’s committed to the fight to keep her dogs safe, she says. With a grin and swagger, gun in one hand and scooper in the other, she keeps scanning the bushes with the endgame in mind.

“My veterinarian says it’s possible to hunt a species to extinction,” she says. ■

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PAWS Assistance Dogs begins literacy program at Fun Time

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The Children's Literacy and Education PAWS Project, a community service program of PAWS Assistance Dogs, brings service dogs in-training to Fun Time Early Childhood Academy to help youngsters focus on reading, writing, character building and social interactions.

Fun Time's mission is to prepare preschoolers for kindergarten, with an emphasis on being ready to read. The academy employs a curriculum guided by Florida School Readiness and Head Start performance standards.

"We're very excited about watching the children learn and grow through this experience," academy Director Barbara Tyrell says about the PAWS program. "It's a wonderful experience for all of us, especially the children."

PAWS has several rotating teams working with Fun Time. Twice a month, two teams of PAWS service dogs in-

training with their trainers visit the school and read to the students. The experience encourages the children to sit quietly and listen, take care not to step on a paw or tail, keep fingers away from a service dog's eyes or mouth and pet the pups gently.

"Our volunteers love to work with the dogs and see them progress in their training," says PAWS ambassador Ellen Scott. "Likewise, the children are so excited to see the dogs and learn about them. They are extremely attentive during the reading sessions."

Eventually the children will participate more in the sessions by helping to turn pages correctly in a book, sound out letters and begin to read,



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With golden retriever Tex by her side, Joan Hedderick, a volunteer with PAWS Assistance Dogs, reads to a group of preschoolers at Fun Time Early Childhood Academy.

PAWS founder Jeannie Bates says. The experience is beneficial for the dogs as well as for the children, she adds.



The canines learn to go to an unfamiliar setting and learn to sit or lie quietly in front of eager, excited, squirming children, and the children learn to read.

"Some of these children have not had the experience of being around well-behaved dogs, and they are learning to trust and interact with them," Ms. Bates says.

PAWS Assistance Dogs is a nonprofit organization that promotes independence for combat wounded veterans and children with life-changing disabilities through partnerships with skilled assistance dogs. For more information, call 775-1660 or visit pawsassistance-dogs.org. ■

Kids can have a Fun Time getting ready for school

Fun Time Early Childhood Academy is enrolling students for the summer Voluntary Pre-K program. VPK runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, starting June 6 and ending Aug. 5. The curriculum is designed to prepare children for kindergarten so they start school ready to read, ready to learn and ready to enjoy the educational experience.

Children must be 4 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2015, and cannot have attended another VPK program.

Space for the summer session is limited. For more information about registration and

to arrange a tour of the academy, call 261-8284 or visit funtime-academy.org.

Call for volunteers

If you're thinking ahead to fall and know you will have some time on your hands, consider signing up for volunteer duty at Fun Time. There are several ways to get involved:

■ Tutors are always needed to work one-on-one for 20-30 minutes during the school



day with Fun Time students ages 3 to 5 years old, reinforcing the literacy concepts that are being taught in the classroom. Each volunteer visits the same child every week from November through mid-April; volunteers often choose to have assignments of two to three children each visit. The volunteers read books to the children, and together they engage in a related math, literacy, science or art activity to further the learning experience.

■ Chaperones and helpers are always needed to accompany Fun Time groups on school field trips.

■ If you're handy with tools, your skills can be put to work constructing and/or repairing classroom and playground equipment.

■ And if you're handy with a camera, your talents will be welcome to record special events and programs throughout the school year.

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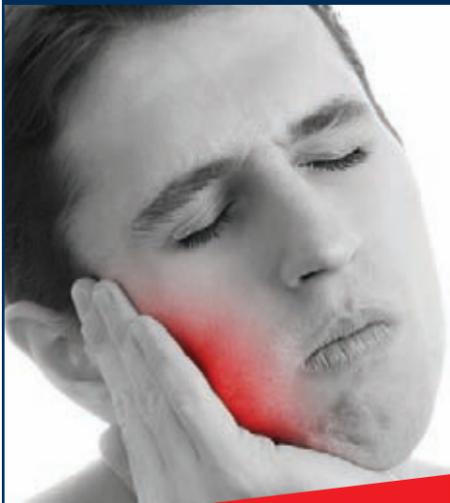
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Jail Is hell

The eye-catching Vietnamese model and Playboy (Venezuela edition) Playmate Angie Vu complained to the *New York Daily News* in April that her five-plus months in jail in Brooklyn have been “torture” and “cruel” because of her lack of access to beauty care. Vu is fighting extradition to France for taking her 9-year-old daughter in violation of the father’s custody claim and is locked up until a fed-

eral judge rules. Among her complaints: “turning pale” in the “harsh light”; lack of “Guerlain’s moisturizer”; inability to look at herself for months (because glass mirrors are prohibited); and “worrying” about being hit on by “lesbians” (thus causing “wrinkles”). At least, she told the reporter, she has found God in jail and passes time reading the Bible.

Unclear on the concept

■ “Zero tolerance” claimed another victim, in Charlotte, N.C., in April, when Jaden Malone, 12, came to his bullied friend’s aid, was knocked down himself and repeatedly punched in the head by the bully, and pushed the boy off of him to avoid further damage — but was himself suspended for three days by his charter school Invest Collegiate. A school official pointed out that the bully got five days, and besides, the policy against “all” physical violence is very clear. (After having Jaden treated for a concussion, his mother promptly withdrew him from the school.)

■ Ms. Madi Barney, 20, courageously

publicly reported her own rape accusation recently in Provo, Utah, and as a result has been disciplined as a student at Brigham Young University for allegedly violating the school’s “honor code.” (She is barred from withdrawing from courses or re-registering.) Whether the sex was consensual must be investigated by Provo police, but BYU officials said they had heard enough to charge Barney with the no-no of premarital sex. (Critics decried the advantage BYU thus gives rapists of BYU females — since the women face the additional fear of university reprisals irrespective of the criminal case.)

Latest religious messages

■ Idaho’s law protecting fundamentalist faith healers regained prominence recently in the case of Mariah Walton, 20, who was born with a routinely repairable heart defect but who received only prayer and herbs because of her parents’ religious rejection of doctors. Walton’s now-irreversible damage leaves her frail and dependent on portable oxygen, and she will likely need lung and heart transplants to survive. Idaho and five other states immunize parents from criminal prosecution if they reject medical care on the ground of religious teachings.

■ Latest From Evangelicals: (1) Christian political activist David Barton told his “WallBuilders” radio audience recently

that Disney’s anthropomorphic characters (e.g., Bambi) are simply gateways to kids’ learning Babylonian pagan worship. (2) Brooklyn, N.Y., “prophet” Yakim Manasseh Jordan told followers recently that he has arranged with God to bring people back from the dead if they — cheerfully — offer a “miracle favor cloud” of gifts as low as \$1,000. (3) James David Manning, chief pastor of the Atlah Worldwide Missionary Church in Harlem, in a recent online sermon, stepped up his usual anti-gay rhetoric, warning “sodomites” that God would soon send flames “coming out of your butthole.” (A gay and transgender support group is fundraising to buy Atlah’s building and set up a shelter.)

Police report

■ The Tap Inn bar in Billings, Mont., released April 11 surveillance video of the armed robbery staged by two men and a woman (still on the lam), showing two liplocked customers at the bar, lost in affectionate embrace during the entire crime, seemingly oblivious of danger. The robbers, perhaps impressed by the couple’s passion, ignored them — even while emptying the cash register just a few feet away.

■ Andru Jolstad, 26, was arrested on April 16 and charged with using a pry bar to break into the cash boxes of four machines at Zap’s Arcade in Mesa, Ariz. Following citizen tips, a cop arrived to find Jolstad on his knees alongside one machine with his arm still inside. His total take from the spree was \$18, and he’ll likely be sent back to prison from an earlier charge.

Yee-hah!

(1) Transportation Security Administration announced on April 27 that its screeners had confiscated 73 guns from passengers’ carry-ons — in just the previous seven days. (Sixty-eight were loaded, and 27 had a round in the chamber.) (2) Federal regulators were deliberating in April whether to stop Minnesota’s Ideal Conceal from rolling out its two-shot, .380 caliber hand-

gun disguised as a smartphone. Several police chiefs, and two U.S. senators, have expressed alarm. (3) Jeffrey Grubbs, 45, was charged with two felonies in March following a school’s 4-H Club carpentry project at which he (lacking a hammer) pounded a thumbtack into wood with the butt of his loaded handgun. (He subsequently realized the danger and removed the bullets.)

Perspective

California’s forests host major marijuana-growing operations (legal and illegal), and though the product has its virtues, cannabis farming creates massive problems — guzzling water (23 liters per day per plant — state drought or not) and needing the protection of a dangerous rodenticide.

A state wildlife official told NBC News in April that the cannabis sites “use massive amounts of fertilizers, divert natural runoff waters, create toxic runoff waste and byproducts, remove large amounts of vegetation and trees, ... create ... unstable soils and kill or displace wildlife.” ■



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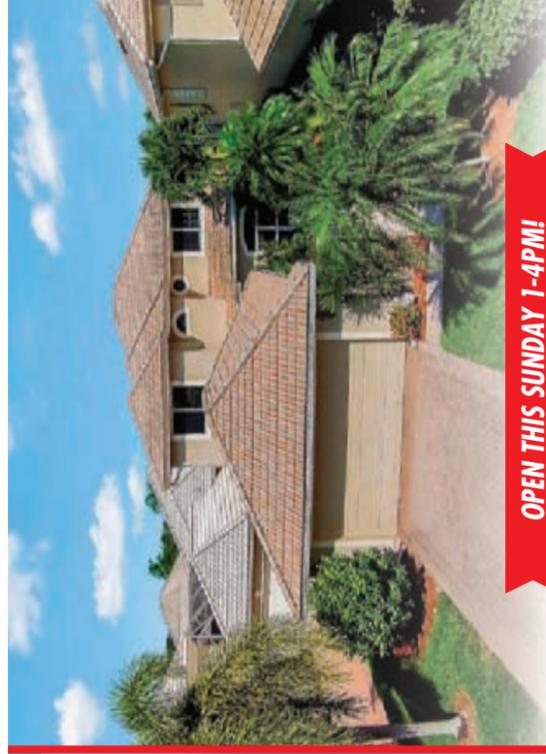


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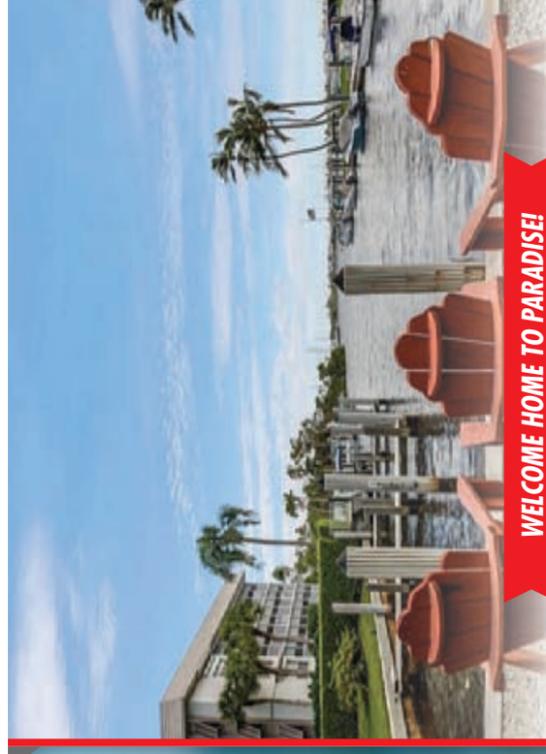
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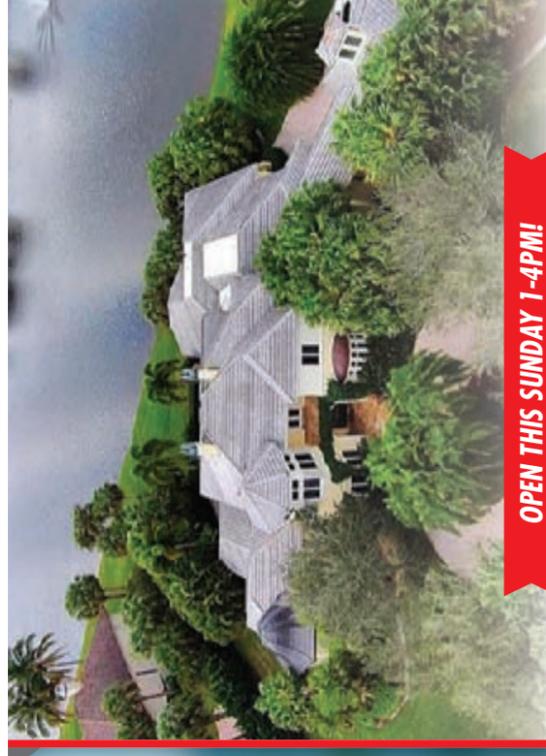
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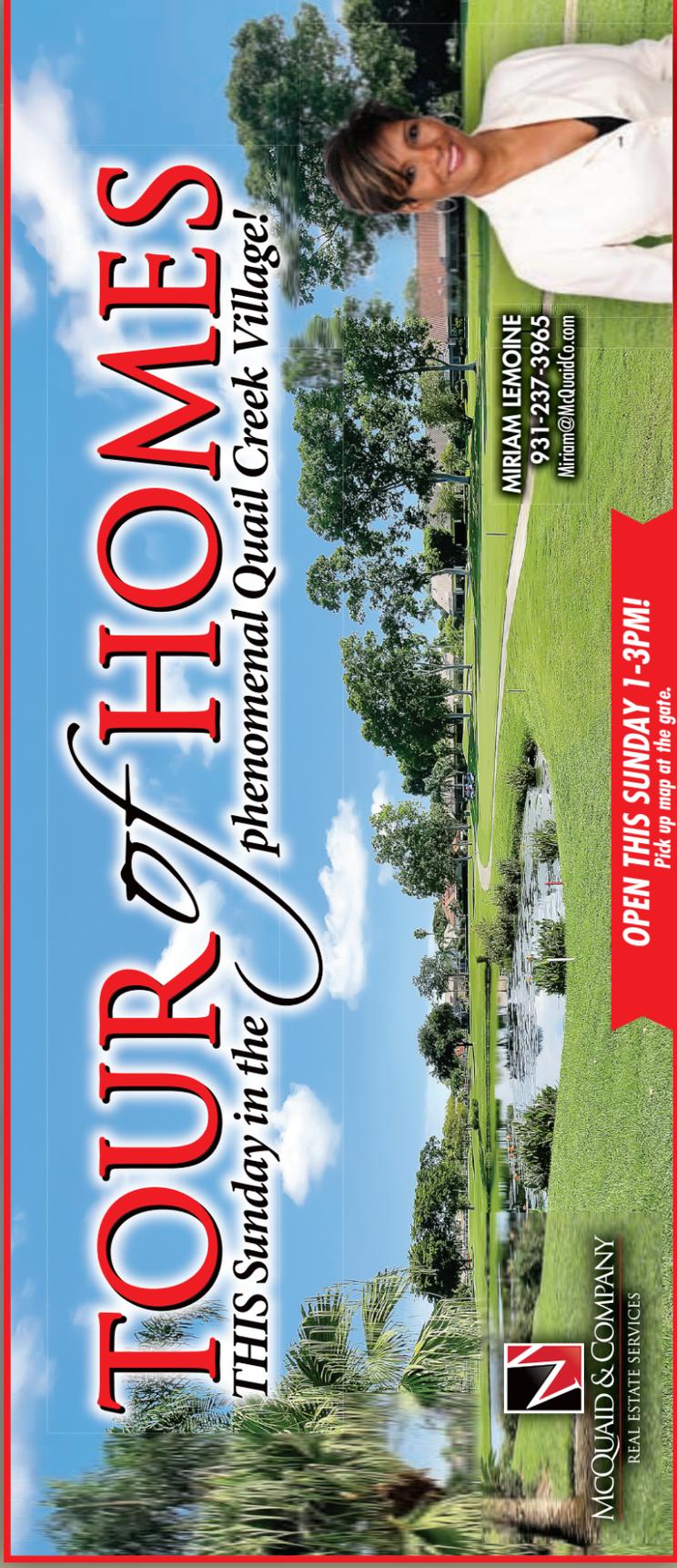
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TOURISM

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The total economic impact to Collier County also rose 8 percent, to \$1.95 billion.

Direct tourism-related jobs averaged out to 25,142 for the year in 2015.

The economic support and spending that short-term visitors bring to Collier County resulted in tax savings to homeowners of \$863 in 2015.

“Our strong tourism visitation brought 63 straight months of job growth to Collier County,” said Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr.



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Wert discussed the 2015 statistics at a tourism industry briefing at Naples Bay Resort as part of the tourism office's annual salute to National Travel & Tourism Week. He cited the CVB's destination marketing strategies and the Paradise Coast's acclaimed attributes for the continued positive outcomes.

In 2015 the region received numerous awards and accolades such as inclusion in the 2015 Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Top American Cities for Food, Marco Island's listing in the TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards Ten Best Islands-United States, and recognition by USA Today's 10Best editors and readers as the Best Luxury Destination in the U.S.

The Paradise Coast was chosen as the host destination for major sporting events, including the recently completed first-ever U.S. Open Pickleball Championship, the annual FBU Football University National Championships for middle school-aged athletes (which recently announced a two-year extension of its agreement) and the Pro Watercross Tournament.

“We are always looking at ways to continue to highlight Naples, Marco Island and the Everglades as a world-class destination for recreation, sports, leisure travelers, meeting groups and medical tourism,” Mr. Wert told the gathering.

The Naples, Marco Island, Everglades CVB is the official tourism marketing and management agency for Collier County and Florida's Paradise Coast. The CVB produces the area's ongoing destination marketing campaigns, website and visitor guides and provides information and assistance for travel media, group meeting and event planners, sports event planners, tour operators and travel agents.

All programs are paid for with revenue from the Collier County tourism development tax paid by short-term visitors. The tax also pays for beach renourishment and maintenance, beach park facilities, county museum operations, non-county museum marketing assistance, special promotional grants for events and more.

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■ **The Youth Leadership Committee at Make-A-Wish Foundation Southern Florida** hosts a golf tournament Saturday morning, May 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Registration for \$175 includes a light breakfast, golf, lunch, silent auction and raffle. Proceeds will help grant wishes to two local children. To sign up or for more information, call 992-9274 or email tmarini@slfawish.org.



■ **Collier County Sheriff's Office and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 14** host the sixth annual 5K Family Fun Run & Safety Fair starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Golden Gate Community Center. The fair features presentations by the Crime Prevention, Aviation, Bomb Squad, K9, Mounted Patrol and SWAT bureaus from 9-11 a.m. Entry fee is a suggested \$20 donation. Proceeds will provide summer camp scholarships for at-risk youth. For more information or to register, call 455-3121 or visit runsignup.com.

■ **Friends of Lovers Key** hosts the 11th annual Lovers Key Turtle Trot 5K Run/Walk on Saturday morning, May 14. The course takes participants through the state park's mangrove hammock and a hard-packed shell path. No part of the race is on beach sand. Awards and refreshments will be distributed at the beach pavilion. Registration is \$40. To sign up or for more information, call 463-4588 or visit friendsloverskey.org.

■ **Gulfcoast Runners** presents the Memorial Day 5K at 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, at North Collier Regional Park, to benefit Special Olympics Florida-Collier County. Registration is \$18 before May 18, \$23 by May 29 and \$25 the day of the race. Students are \$12-\$15. For more information or to register, visit gcrunner.org.

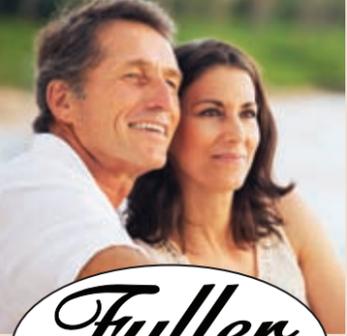


■ **Gulfcoast Runners** presents the Run Wild 5K on Saturday morning, Sept. 24, at The Naples Zoo. The course starts at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot and proceeds through Gordon River Greenway Park. A 1K for children follows at 8:30 a.m. The first-place winner will be awarded a one-year membership to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and The Naples Zoo; second- and third-place finishers will take home guest passes to both organizations. Participants will

have free entry to both all day with their race number. Pre-registration is \$25 through Aug. 31, \$30 through Sept. 23 and \$35 the day of the event. Student registration is \$12-\$15. Proceeds benefit The Naples Zoo and the Conservancy. For more information or to register, visit gcrunner.org. ■

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Traffic deputies are on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of May 16-20:

Monday, May 16

Pine Ridge Road and Whippoorwill Lane: Aggressive driving

Oil Well and Immokalee roads: Red-light running

Airport-Pulling Road and Golden Gate Parkway: Red-light running

Tuesday, May 17

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

Immokalee Drive at Immokalee High School: Speeding

Everglades Boulevard North and Randall Boulevard: Red-Light running

Wednesday, May 18

County Barn Road and Davis Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Logan Boulevard and Lancewood Way: Aggressive driving

Magnolia Pond Drive at Mike Davis Elementary: Speeding

Thursday, May 19

Goodlette-Frank and Solana roads: Speeding

18th Avenue Northeast and Desoto Boulevard North: Speeding

Livingston and Radio roads - Aggressive driving

Friday, May 20

Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving

Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Red-light running

Recreation Lane and Santa Boulevard: Red-light running ■

Tune up your driving skills at AARP class

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

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

Thursday, May 19: 9 to 3:30 p.m. at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; (734) 968-3105 to register. ■

BEHIND THE WHEEL

All new 2016 Clubman – can there really be a biggest Mini?



This is an oxymoron on wheels. How else can the biggest MINI ever be described? But aside from driving a contradiction, there is some genuine appeal behind the new Mini Cooper Clubman.

The new 2016 car has swelled five inches in its wheelbase, grown a few inches wider, and added over a foot in overall length compared to its predecessor.

That feels a bit funny from a company that has spent over a decade convincing us smaller is better. We could criticize them for trying to disguise this hypocrite with retro small car styling, but it is really hard to be upset at the best Mini around.

The Clubman tries to retain its smaller sibling's style while also trying to maximize space. The result is the Dachshund of the Mini family with the center section stretched into unfamiliar proportions. But this wiener dog is a true four-door that doesn't have to apologize to anyone getting in the back seat.

Plus, it still retains the dual vertical rear doors (a hallmark of Countryman from the 1960s) offering a wide opening that swallows large cargo with ease. So the new Clubman combines the best attributes of a station wagon and a small cargo van without the stigma of either. All-wheel drive is even available, making it as versatile as a crossover without looking like soccer practice transport.

Inside, the longer wheelbase offers much needed rear legroom and more width to add a middle seatbelt. It makes the Clubman much more accessible to small families and young urbanites who like to drive all their friends around town. These new accommodations still aren't large enough for adults to enjoy a multi-state road trip, but there are going to be fewer complaints from the rear.

Up front the extra width means the driver and front passenger feel like they have a genuine level of personal space that was not in the predecessor.



It still retains all the cool retro-style toggle switches, but the overall execution feels like the designers spent extra thought on adding details.

This includes a tartan pattern in rarely seen areas like the coin tray and within the center console as a secret reminder this car came from the British Isles.

From behind the wheel it is easy to notice the sacrifice for the retro mini-car styling. A smallish windshield was utilized to keep the new larger Clubman from looking too tall. It results in a feeling of tunnel vision. This problem aside, Mini has kept the driver in mind. They abandoned the center speedometer in the previous Clubman and have returned it in front of the driver. The wheel is still the same small diameter with grippy feel, and it isn't overloaded with buttons.

Mini takes pride in building cars that can be fun at a moment's notice. The "go-kart" handling offers a tight steering ratio that's fun to weave through urban traffic and helps easily maneuver parallel parking. The downside is one of the most sensitive steering cars on the highway. So it requires more driver attention above 60 mph than many others.

Don't mistake that last statement for unstable at high speeds. The chassis feels extraordinarily secure in all conditions. But the idea of keeping steering lively at all times means the car maintains the same composure driving

at 30 mph as it does at 80 mph. Speedy getaways were not a problem in our test car. We had the "S" model that upgrades our turbocharged motor from three cylinders to four, and our horsepower jumps from 134 to 189. It also changes the base price from \$24,950 to \$28,500. Those numbers seem like reasonable starting points, but remember that Mini also has an optional list that is as long as a cafeteria menu.

So, going wild with dessert can easily create a car well above \$30K.

The new Mini Cooper Clubman is what many people are looking for whether they know it or not. It offers extended space that better provides for family and professional obligations without giving up the sporty driving experience. If you can live with the price, this might be an oxymoron on wheels, but far from a conflicting choice. ■

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from patients with esophageal cancer. This type of cancer begins in the tube that moves food from the throat into the stomach. It is difficult to diagnose in its early stages, and usually progresses rapidly. The hope is that treating gum disease may help prevent its occurrence.

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Young author inspires students to read, write, follow their dreams

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The importance of language skills is woven through all of The Immokalee Foundation's programs, from efforts such as Immokalee Readers, after-school tutoring for reading and writing, and essays required for acceptance into the Take Stock in Children scholarship program.

A young visitor who spoke to Immokalee middle and high school students this spring was certainly on the same page.

Kyle Prue is the author of "The Sparks," the first book in a series of three fantasy novels. He wrote the book while in his senior year at Seacrest Country Day School and is taking a year off before going to college to attend book festivals and give presentations to students.

"I think the most important message is literacy and how it's just absolutely necessary no matter what you want to do," he says. "It's important in everything to communicate well."

But when he speaks to students, he also wants to convey the importance of following one's passion.

"During the school visits, I talk about a guy named Alan Watts, who asks what you'd do if money were no object. It's important to find that thing you love and pursue that. Finding a passion leads to a meaningful life. Discovering the thing you really love helps ground you and gives you a purpose. It's good for everyone to hear, too, how to recognize an opportunity and take advantage of it."

Eighth-grader Cindy Jaimes was accepted into the Take Stock in Children scholarship program earlier this year. She participates in Junior Career Develop-



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Kyle Prue, front right, with TIF students Lizette Silva, Anita Cruz, Thianica Previlus, Abryana Delgado, Stephanie Ortiz and Cindy Jaimes.

ment and, at 14, isn't sure whether she wants to be a pediatrician or a psychologist. Kyle's talk inspired her.

"He said he struggled to get through his elementary years," Cindy says. "He didn't have time to read, and then he entered this reading competition to see how many books he could read, and he accomplished his goal. It helped me because I realized that anybody can have talents that are hidden ... one day you'll discover them."

She's always enjoyed reading — especially the Harry Potter series and anything to do with arts and entertainment.

Like the other students in the audience when she heard Kyle, Cindy received a copy of "The Sparks," which was pub-

lished by Naples-based Barringer Publishing. "It's really good," she says about the book.

Kyle says he plotted out the first book, and the two to come, when he couldn't sleep one night. "The night before, I had gone to dinner with my family and the idea stemmed from the car ride on the way there with my brother and sister," he says. "They were

bickering about something. And the three-sibling dynamic kind of inspired the three-family feud (of the trilogy). I always really liked family feud books. I was always disappointed that books didn't concentrate more on stories like that." So he wrote his own.



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SanCap Cares committee members hitched their wagon to a star to help local children



Hideaway Beach Club helps working families find their homes, sweet homes

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

With their dilapidated trailer falling apart around them and the floor rotting out under their feet, the family was living in some of the worst conditions in Collier County.

But with the help of a group of Marco Islanders from Hideaway Beach Club, this family escaped the mildew-infested trailer where they stood on boards to take a shower and was launched into a new life and a new home. Other families are struggling to survive under similar conditions, in neighborhoods where drug sales happen outside their front door and in filthy conditions where they try to raise their families. Some face incredible hurdles from health woes to family crises.

With the help of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and partners such as Hideaway Beach Club, their lives are now better. They have invested in themselves and their community with a Habitat for Humanity interest-free mortgage.

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is proud to partner with the residents of Hideaway Beach Club to make homeownership possible for hard-working, deserving families in the community.

With rents reaching the \$1,300 per month level and affordable housing at a minimum for local working families, this partnership is critical.

For the second year, Hideaway's participation in the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program will make the American dream possible by helping to fund and build homes for two local families. This state-funded initiative encourages businesses that collect and remit state sales tax to partner with

those who provide affordable housing. Businesses commit to volunteer hours and to funding the construction materials for each home, providing a critical revenue stream as Habitat for Humanity struggles to address the escalating need in Collier County.

Club member Ernie Stevens has led the effort on behalf of Hideaway to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Last week, the Hideaway supporters picked up hammers and paintbrushes to work on a new home.

Currently, 25 Marco Island businesses employ 75 Habitat homeowners, making the island an important partner with Habitat for Humanity. Prior to purchasing their homes, these families struggled to find affordable, safe housing accessible to their work. During the last five years, each year eight families working on Marco have partnered with Habitat to make their dream of homeownership come true.

"Hideaway Beach Club recognizes the dilemma faced by service industry workers supporting Marco Island businesses," says Claire Babrowski, a retired executive who volunteers on Habitat projects. "These workers support year-round and seasonal residents as well as tourism in this beautiful setting, but they struggle to find safe and decent housing."

Applicant families undergo an exhaustive



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Claire Babrowski, a retired executive who volunteers for Habitat for Humanity as part of Marco Island's Hideaway Beach Club, works on the roof of a Habitat home.

application process before being selected to partner with Habitat. After investing 500 hours of sweat equity, they purchase their homes with a no-interest loan held by Habitat. The hard work of the families, as well as the investment of partners such as those at Hideaway Beach Club, pays off. The new homeowners also take classes about home maintenance and financial management.

"We are so grateful for partners such as Hideaway Beach Club and their members who make this investment in the lives of their neighbors," says Lisa Lefkow, executive director of Habitat Collier. "Marco is truly making a difference." ■

— To learn about Habitat for Humanity of Collier County or the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program, call 775-0036 or visit habitatcollier.org.

Learn what it takes to file a small claim

Collier County Clerk of Circuit Court Dwight Brock invites the public to "Filing a Small Claim," a free seminar from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at South Regional Library on Lely Cultural Boulevard.

Filing a small claim is way to settle a legal dispute with someone when the damages or value of property involved does not exceed \$5,000.

It's called the "people's court," and a lawyer is not required.

Attendees will learn about the basic requirements and specific process for filing a small claim in Collier County. Mr. Brock will also review the forms and fees associated with the administrative process.

Case examples will be discussed, and questions will be welcome. However, the clerk's office cannot provide legal advice.

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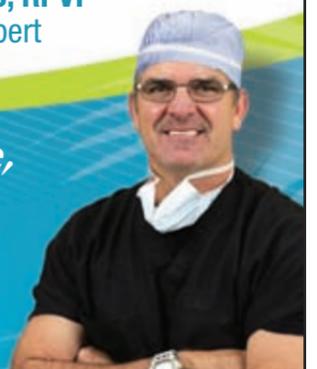
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HEALTHY LIVING

Stigma still exists around mental illness, but efforts to break the silence bring hope

BY DEENA BAXTER
Special to Florida Weekly

May is National Mental Health Month, but who's "minding the store" during the remaining 11 months of the year? Sadly, we don't need to look far: Recent federal data on surging suicide rates makes it clear we have lots more work to do to help ailing minds.

The greatest obstacle is the stigma that prevents us from having an honest conversation about mental illness — its underlying causes, effective programs and treatments independent of pharmaceutical and insurance industry influence, promising research and the responsibilities of patients, families, local, state and federal stakeholders.

Speaking of stigma, how many of you remember the game called "Cootie Bug?" Stigma is a grownup version of having cooties: It feeds on silence.

In the words of M.B. Dallocchio, "It's the silence that persists when discussion and action should be taking place. The silence one imposes on another for speaking up on a taboo subject, branding them with a label until they are rendered mute or preferably unheard."

Sixty years ago, stigma prevented patients and families from talking about cancer. Today, a cancer diagnosis brings together patients, families, the medical community and supporters who seek to heal and comfort. Compassion rules. On the other hand, mental illness is an invisible reality that one out of four people live with every day.

Thankfully, the media is spotlighting the enormous human and financial toll of mental illness on patients, families, communities and society. This is helping to peel away the stigma and replace it with helpful mental health resources and programs coupled with compassion and hope.



My family has experienced the stigma of mental illness.

Stigma made it difficult to get our youngest adult son into treatment and to take responsibility for his mental health. He found the gift of life too burdensome and ultimately died by suicide — death by bipolar mental illness.

Today, our community has an array of mental health organizations working to help families like ours. Since our son died, I've partnered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County on the Surviving Suicide and

Sudden Loss Project (writeonmymind.com) that builds on NAMI's mission: To improve the quality of life of persons affected by serious mental illness and their caregivers through support, education and advocacy.

Here's a scenario that gives me hope: A young boy shows signs of mental distress. His parents contact NAMI-Collier and a Health Under Guided Systems navigator is assigned. The child, Blane, has a complete mental health evaluation. Through the years, he, his parents and his siblings find support in NAMI's

Family-to-Family program. Blane takes responsibility for his bipolar disorder and develops helpful life skills. The family's faith community hosts a NAMI empathy training course so congregants can learn how to effectively communicate with Blane and his family and others in a similar situation.

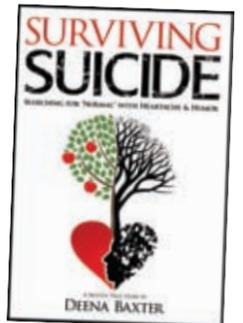
Blane forms friendships with others who are walking a similar path; they find strength in numbers. When he and his friends turn 18, they will be eligible to go to the Sarah Ann Adult Drop-in Center during the week where they find a safe place to socialize while their caregivers work or have some much-needed respite.

At the community level, the family is comforted knowing first responders and law enforcement officers have gone through NAMI's Crisis Intervention Training course. CIT keeps our community safer and welcoming for those living with serious mental illness.

All these NAMI programs and services are provided at no cost to the family and the community. A system of taboo and shame has been replaced by effective treatment, support, compassion and hope. As for Blane, he sees life as "an amazing gift."

We have the ability to make this scenario a reality. May we find the will to mend both bodies and minds. They are inseparable. ■

— Deena Baxter is a mental health advocate and author of "Surviving Suicide: Searching for 'Normal' with Heartache and Humor." Profits from sales go to NAMI-Collier County.



DLC invites public to open house and Mental Health Fair

In honor of Mental Health Month, the David Lawrence Center invites the public to the first-ever open house and Mental Health Fair at its Naples main campus from 3-5:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. The center's clients, their friends and family members and all who support the nonprofit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility are welcome.

The event will celebrate mental wellness with representatives of health, wellness and mental health providers throughout Collier County, free mental health screenings, campus tours and a series of 15-minute educational presentations on the signs and symptoms of mental illness and substance abuse.

Guests will also meet a Clydesdale therapy horse and a pet therapy dog, and will be able to participate in lawn

games and contests, crafts and an art project about expressing feelings, an "expressive" photo booth, face painting and exercise and yoga demonstrations, all while networking with like-minded mental health advocates and health-conscious members of the community.

Local vendors will offer healthy snacks and drinks, and drawings will be held for prizes including bikes, tablets, gift baskets, a yoga membership, gift cards and more.

This year's theme for Mental Health Month is "Life with a Mental Illness," which is a call to action to share what life with a mental illness feels like to someone going through it.

Through the open house and Mental Health Fair, DLC hopes to help attendees understand how common mental

illnesses are and what it is like to live with them, fight stigma, talk about mental health, encourage people to assess their own mental health through use of screening tools or by seeing a mental health professional, and have people share their personal experience with mental illness.

"We hope this event will encourage people to speak up and speak out through the fun and interactive opportunities available to express themselves and their feelings while celebrating the many ways our resource partners can support our mental health and wellness," says the center's CEO Scott Burgess.

Community partners who will be present to date include Survivors of Suicide, Home Base Veteran and Fam-

ily Care, Home Care Assistance of Naples, Florida Art Therapy Services, PAWS Assistance Dogs, Naples Equestrian Challenge, Max Flex Fitness, Open Minds Zen Center, Gulf Shore Apothecary, Green Monkey Yoga, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Collier County Sheriff's Office, Molina Healthcare, Park Royal Hospital, Fresh Fit Foods and Kona Ice.

Sponsors to date include Beasley Broadcasting, Florida Weekly and Home Care Assistance of Naples. For sponsorship opportunities or more information, call the center at 304-3505 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org.

Admission to the DLC open house and Mental Health Fair is free. The center's Naples campus is at 6075 Bathey Lane off Golden Gate Parkway. ■



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Hodges U. hosts wellness fair

The Hodges University School of Allied Health holds its 2016 Health and Wellness Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Naples campus. Event co-sponsors are Vistas Healthcare and Healthy Living Caravan.

Admission is free, and all are welcome to receive complimentary health screenings, body mass index and blood pressure checks, vision and hearing screenings, chiropractic care and spinal screening, foot and gait analysis and massages. Health and wellness education and products will be available, as will fitness demonstrations and infor-

mation about personal training.

The Community Blood Center blood-mobile will also be on campus for donors to give blood.

Dr. Caroline Cederquist of Cederquist Medical Wellness Center will discuss "Nutrition for Healthy Living," and Dr. Allen Weiss, CEO of NCH Healthcare System, will discuss the Blue Zones Project. Other speakers include Margo English with Vitas Healthcare, who will share insights on "Coping Strategies for Healthy Living," and Shawn King, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, who will discuss "Yoga - Is It for Me?" ■

Find support at Physicians Regional

Here's what's coming up as part of Physicians Regional Healthcare System's series of lectures. Reservations are required and unless otherwise noted can be made by calling 348-4180.

■ **Diabetes education and support group:** 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, May 18 and 26, at 6101 Pine Ridge Road - Pam Eichler, RN and certified diabetes instructor, discusses how to prevent or delay the progression of diabetes.

■ **Peripheral artery disease:** 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at 6101 Pine Ridge Road - Dr. Leandro Perez discusses the manifestations of peripheral artery disease that can be masked by coexisting conditions such as arthritis.

■ **Risk factors for stroke:** 2-3 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at 6101 Pine Ridge Road - Aileen Staller, ARNP and stroke center coordinator, discusses risk factors for stroke and how to manage them.

■ **Gastric double balloon for weight loss:** 6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at 6101 Pine Ridge Road: Dr. Mark Lieberman discusses a 15-minute, non-surgical outpatient procedure that can result in weight loss from 20-80 pounds.

■ **CPR and AED:** 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at 8300 Collier Blvd. - This is an AHA class to teach lay responders how to react without hesitation in an emergency situation. Call 354-6085 for the price and to register.

■ **Basic first aid:** Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at 8300 Collier Blvd. - An AHA class to give lay responders the knowledge and skills necessary to give care in an emergency until medical help arrives. Call 354-6085 for the price and to register.

■ **Biologic therapies for hip, knee and shoulder pain:** 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at 6101 Pine Ridge Road - Dr. David Eichten discusses the latest orthopedic treatments. ■

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Sundress season is here again, and you want your skin to be ready. But no matter how well you exfoliate, moisturize and protect it from UV rays, you may still be self-conscious about stretch marks on your arms, thighs or cleavage. Azul has a solution that is fast and affordable, and requires minimal recovery downtime: Infini Skin Tightening!

Stretch marks are caused by... well, stretching. Yet different causes of skin stretching (childbirth, breast growth, aging, weight loss) seem to create different types of marks. These may appear as dark or light streaks, puckering, or indentations in the skin. And of course, as many of us know, stretch marks sometimes seem to appear for no reason at all. There's not much you can do about your genetics or cortisol levels, which determine how strong (or weak) the elastic fibers in your skin are. Unlike muscle or fat, skin will not respond to exercise. And though countless products claim to minimize or even erase stretch marks, not a single one has held up under controlled scientific study.

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PET TALES

Pet versus parent

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

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

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

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

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

(Visit guidedogs.com for more information.)

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



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

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

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

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

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

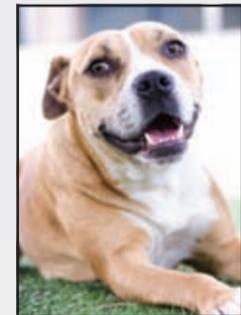
■ **Foster kittens.** Shelters always need foster homes for kittens, especially during late spring and summer, which is known as "kitten season."

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

Pets of the Week



>> **Chloe** is a cheery, 1-year-old short-coat Chihuahua mix who gets along well her kennel mates. Her adoption fee is \$150.



>> **Lilly** is a beautiful, 2-year-old Catahoula leopard mix. She loves a good game of fetch and making people smile. Her adoption fee is \$75.



>> **Lovey** is a striking, 6-year-old Manx mix. Laid back and affectionate, she enjoys watching the birds outside the lanai. Her adoption fee has been waived.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

When she's hot, she's hot



I have a friend in her mid-60s who shushes me whenever we're out in public and I happen to mention menopause.

Once when I asked her why, she whispered, "It should only be talked about privately, if at all."

So, sometimes I worry that if I bring up the M word, I might offend or embarrass. And yet, if I'm sitting in a perfectly comfortable, air-conditioned restaurant with a bunch of girlfriends over 40 and I suddenly turn pink, start perspiring and begin fanning myself frantically with my dinner napkin, almost every woman at the table will exclaim, "Oh, my God. Menopause. It's the worst!" as they all start handing me their glasses of water. I'll usually dip my napkin into one and hold it to the back of my neck until the brutal hot flash passes.

I've learned that, for the most part, women are usually OK with discussing menopause. The only reason I'm not a fan of bringing up my own menopause is because I fear it ages me — and I'm vain like that.

But now that I'm talking to my women friends about menopause, I'm finding that age really isn't a factor. I know a woman who started menopause in her mid-30s and another who, at 56, is still getting regular periods and is showing no signs



at all. My friend Asha went into surgical menopause at just 38 when she found out she was BRCA positive and elected to have a preventative hysterectomy. BRCA is a gene mutation that's associated with an increased chance of breast and/or ovarian cancer (Angelina Jolie made it famous when she started talking about her own BRCA positive test result). By the way, Asha is a talented writer with a funny, honest, informative blog that you can check out at brcapants.wordpress.com

Meanwhile, I have another friend who has been post-menopausal for more than eight years and counting and STILL gets daily multiple hot flashes. As someone who is still relatively new to this, that's not encouraging at all.

Look, the dryer skin, the slower metabolism, the moodiness — I can take those symptoms; they're annoying, but I can deal. It's the hot flashes that make me want to lock myself in a walk-in freezer and plunge my head into a bucket of ice.

I can always tell when a woman is NOT experiencing menopause; there are telltale signs. If her hair is long and she's wearing it down so that it touches the back of her neck and her shoulders, then she is hot flash free. Also, if she's drinking red wine, because since this all started, I've found that drinking red wine is like drinking burning lava — it's a guaranteed hot flash trigger (oh, how I miss my Malbec). Also, if she's wearing one of those preppy infinity scarves — if you know what a hot flash feels like, you do not

want ANYTHING touching your neck, not even pearls.

I remember pre-menopause, I asked a girlfriend who was around 10 years older than me what a hot flash felt like. She looked me in the eye and said slowly, in a flat, monotone voice, "It feels like you're on fire; only you're being burnt alive from the inside."

I learned later from experience that she spoke the truth.

When we have our occasional little cool fronts during the winter, menopause is more manageable, but this time of year and until October, when heat and humidity help trigger hot flashes, that's when I start thinking of moving to Canada (and not just because Donald Trump might win the presidency — oh no, I just got another hot flash. Did I mention stress is also a hot flash hot button?).

The air-conditioning is set at 68 at our house (my husband wraps himself in a throw blanket) and there are two ceiling fans in the living room. In the bedroom, there's a ceiling fan and a stand-up fan, both set on high. There are three cold packs of varying sizes in the freezer, and for the next several months, I will wear loose, airy caftans, wear my hair up and carry a hand fan in my purse.

And I'm not going to worry about the menopause age thing anymore, because I'm still hot. It just comes in flashes now. ■

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

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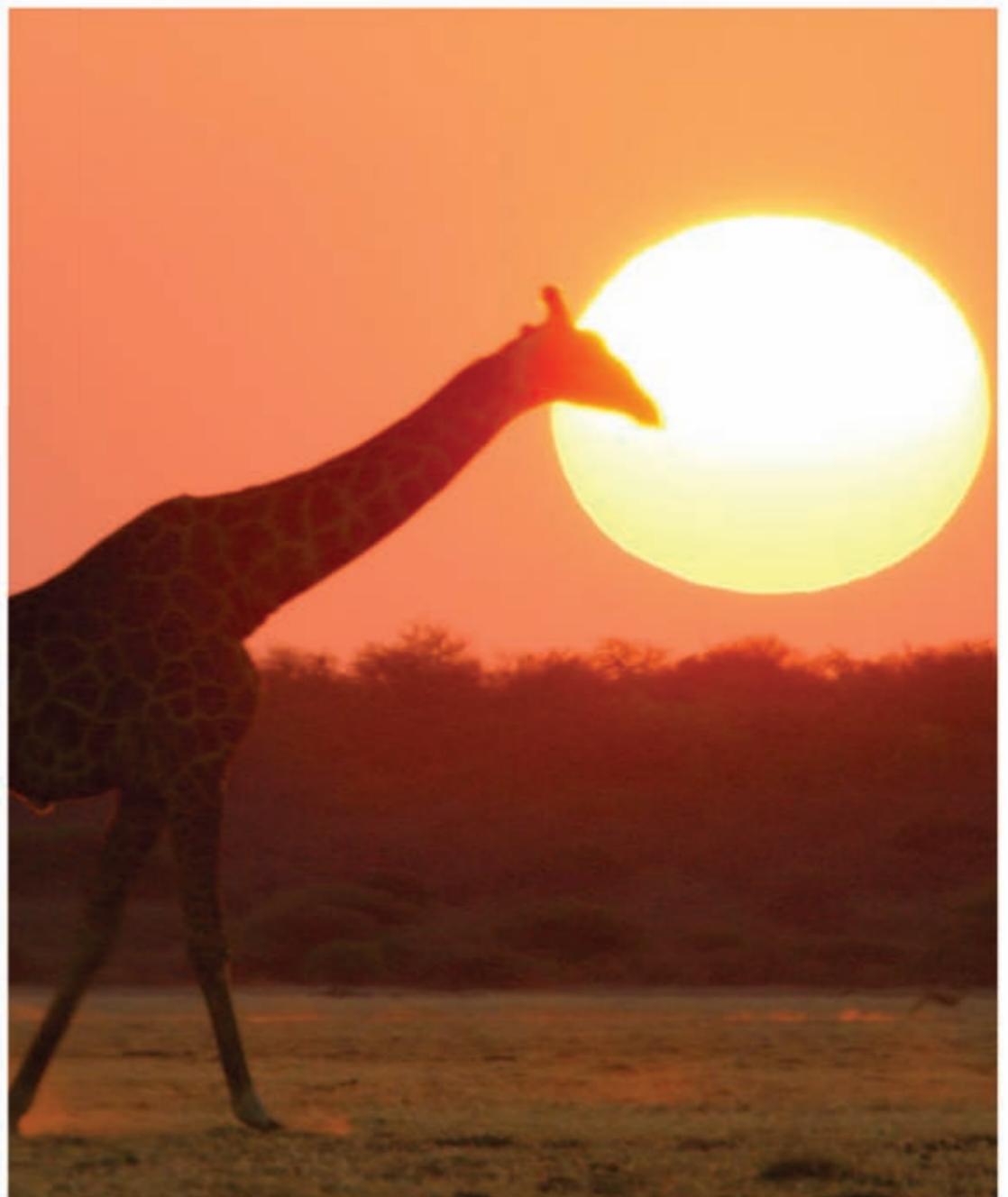


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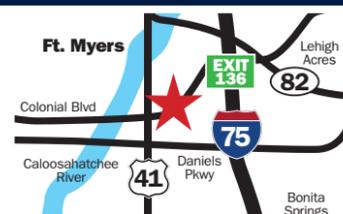
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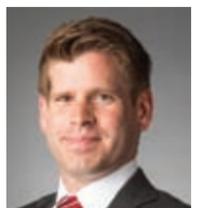
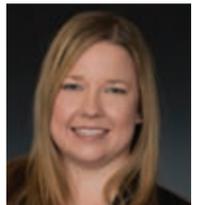
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A tendency to shake things up can make men less successful than women with investments

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Typically, men are more likely to want to shake things up with their investments, and that can be counterproductive, says Mark Chandik, the author of "10 Financial Strategies for the Smart Investor."

"Men love to tinker with things," he says. "Risk stimulates them. Their buddies give them tips or they read an article in *The Wall Street Journal*, and they want to do something."

Women, on the other hand, tend to make careful choices up front and then leave

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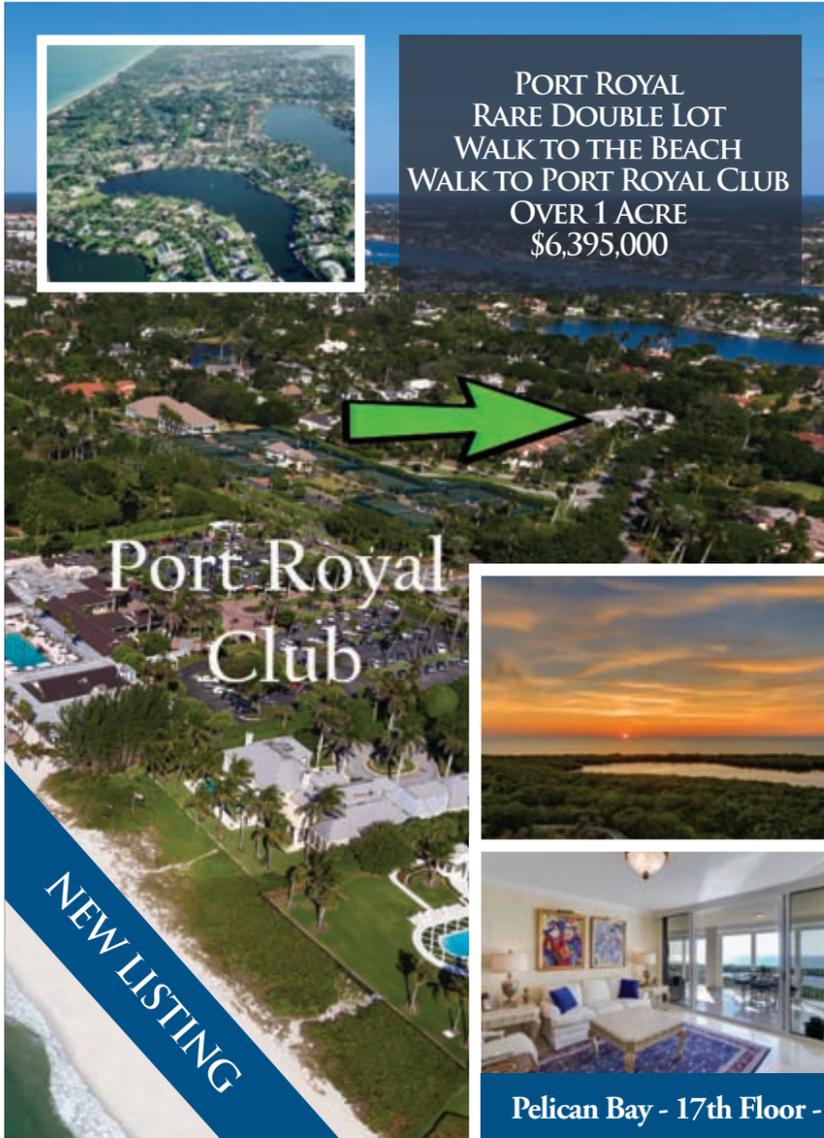
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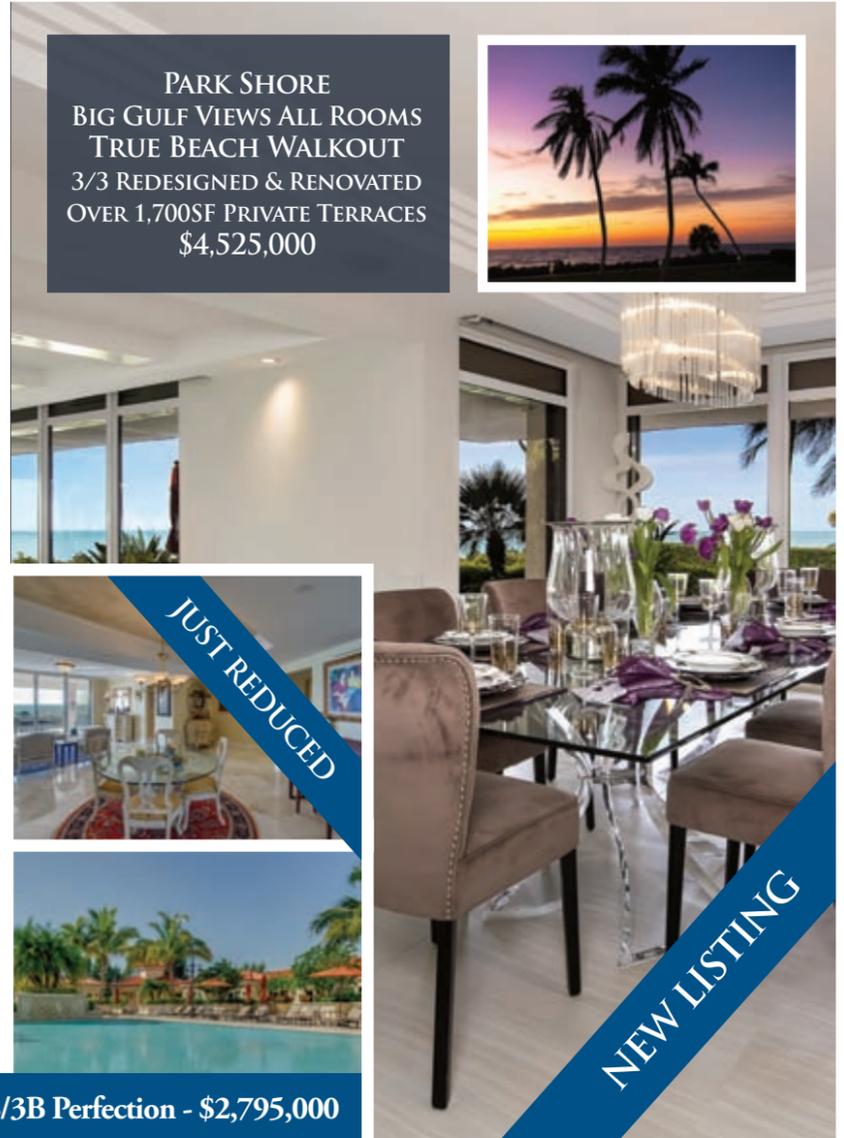
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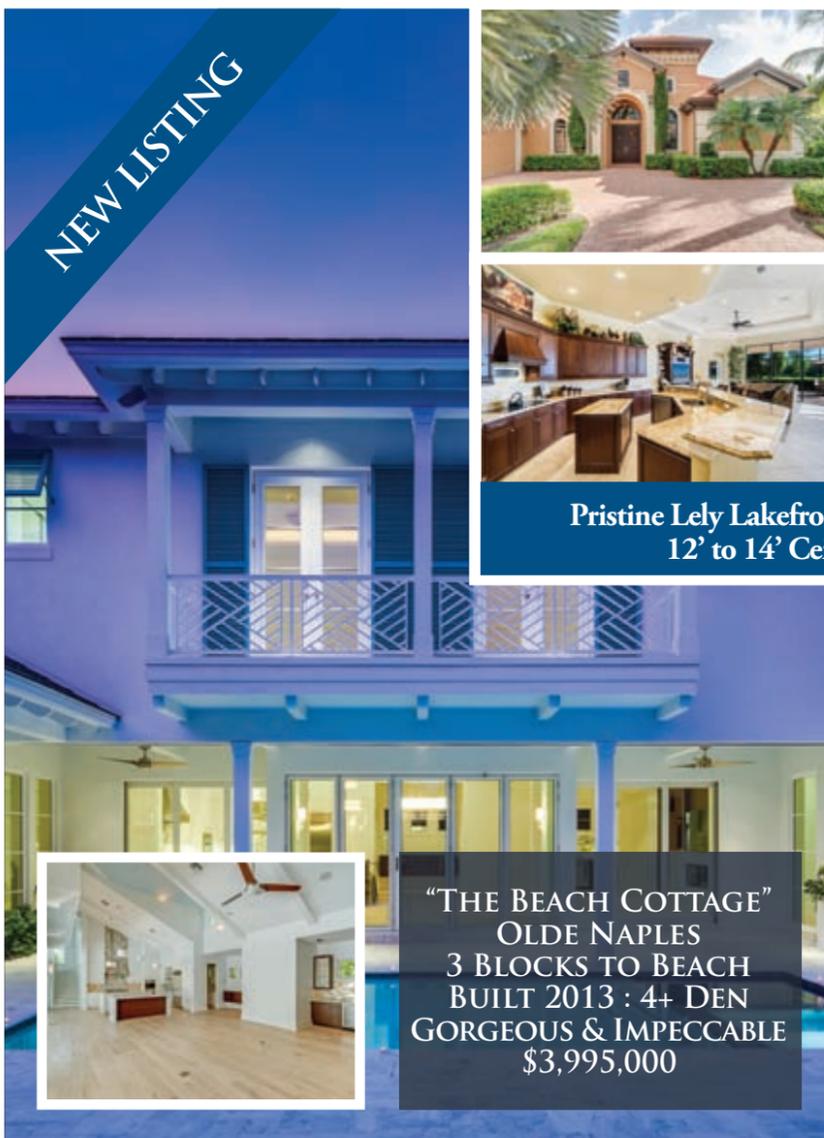
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The SCORE business office is at 900 Goodlette-Frank Road in the Fifth Third Bank branch building. Counseling can be done there or at a public location of your choosing.

The Naples chapter of SCORE has been helping local small businesses succeed for the past 30 years. For more information about becoming involved, call 430-0081 or visit naples.score.org. ■

Hodges U. has workshops for the nonprofit industry

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University presents **“Selecting and Retaining Top Talent in Nonprofits”** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 19, at the university’s Naples campus. Collier County’s workforce demographics can make recruiting the best candidates a challenge. The Mathews Finch Consulting Group has developed the recipe for the “secret sauce.”

Also coming up:

■ **“Understanding the Generational Mix in the Workplace,”** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the university’s Fort Myers campus - For the first time in

recent history, there are five generations working side-by-side in organizations. This workshop will examine these different groups and their behaviors at work.

■ **“Delegate with Meaning,”** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9, at the university’s Naples campus - Getting results through others requires effective delegation of tasks, duties and responsibilities. Participants will learn rules and methods for delegating as well as how to avoid common pitfalls.

For registration or more information about the above workshops, call Marian Klink at 598-6284 or email cne@hodges.edu. ■



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their money alone, he adds. "Often, when I look at a husband and wife's IRAs, I'll see that after 20 years she has accrued substantially more capital than he has, and he was the one doing all the active management."

One study by SigFig, an online portfolio manager, showed that over a 12-month period ending in early 2015, women investors beat men by a 12 percent average. Men were also 25 percent more likely to lose money in the market, the study reported.

"Many active investors brag about their latest wins, but just like gamblers, they don't talk about their losses," Mr. Chandik says. "If you look at the tax return of a typical active investor and see how much money their investments made for them after taxes, you often find a story that's not so compelling."

Several factors probably lure men into thinking that constant churning of the portfolio is the smart investing option, he says. For whatever reason, the same factors don't entice women to a similar degree.

Among those factors are:

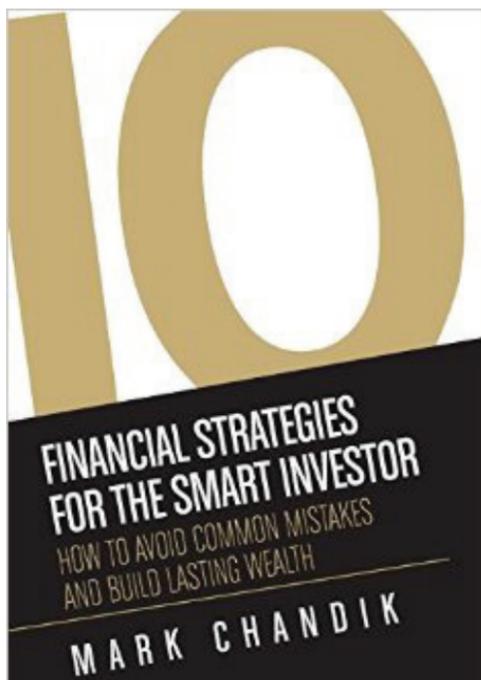
■ **Misunderstanding gains, losses** - A major reason many investors — and men in particular — fall in love with active investing is that they have a misguided notion about gain and loss, Mr. Chandik says.

For example, he says, from 2009 to 2015, many people saw double-digit annual returns and came to regard that as the norm. They expect it to continue, but such growth is not sustainable. When weak or negative years occur, they need to resist the temptation to abandon a patient approach.

■ **Timing the market** - Some investors become convinced that the secret to good investing is all in the timing, or buying and selling a stock at just the right moment.

"Market timers might score big once in a while, but not repeatedly and not over time," Mr. Chandik says. "There are too many factors involved, too many things you can't know or control. You not only have to buy a stock at the right time — just before or after it hits bottom — but you also have to sell it at the right time, dumping it while it's still hot."

■ **Technology encourages bad habits** - One reason timing the market has become such a temptation is technology has made buying and selling quicker and easier than ever.



"Today, a client can pull up an app on his iPhone while he's on the phone with me, buy something and then turn around and sell it by the end of our conversation," Mr. Chandik says. "The liquidity is crazy, and it leads to some very bad habits."

While working with a skilled advisor can go a long way toward curbing these bad habits, that in and of itself isn't a cure, he stresses.

"It's essential that both the client and the advisor have clear expectations from the start," he says. "Many people, for example, are under the impression that it's the financial advisor's job to beat the market. Not so. No advisor, at least no ethical one, can promise market-beating returns."

Instead, he explains, the advisor's role includes understanding a client's life goals, assessing risk factors and putting together a blueprint that addresses the client's needs.

"The advisor also acts as a support system. In times of stress or down markets, the advisor can say, 'Just hang tight. Be patient. Stick to the plan.'" ■

— *Mark Chandik is president and chief investment officer of FDP Wealth Management in Orange County, Calif. He serves as chairman of the Professional Advisory Council for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and speaks at industry meetings throughout the U.S. on topics such as advanced life insurance planning, multi-disciplinary practice and the role of the financial advisor.*



CHANDIK

ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

■ **Kevin Steffanni**, the owner and principal interior designer of Kevin Steffanni Design Group, was Miromar Design Center's Designer of Distinction for April. Mr. Steffanni's Ohio-based firm serves clients from Southwest Florida to Europe. He has more than 30 years of experience designing residential homes.



STEFFANNI

Board Appointments

■ **Margaret Chevalier** has been appointed to the board of directors for the Cultural and Performing Arts Center. Ms. Chevalier grew up in Austria and studied fashion and textiles before moving to Montreal and then to Miami. She is a sculptor who has participated in the South Miami Art Show and Fairchild Garden Show and exhibited at the historic Merrick House.



CHEVALIER

Officers and board member recently seated for 2016-17 to serve the Jewish Federation of Collier County are as follows: **Alvin Beckerm**, chair; **Kevin Aizenshtat**, **Jane Schiff** and **Phyllis Seaman**, vice chairs; **Wallie Lenchner**, secretary; **Jerry Sobelman**, treasurer; **Judge Norman Krivosha**, immediate past chair; and **Josh Bialek**, **Rosalee Bogo**, **David Braverman**, **Harvey Brenner**, **Dan Carp**, **Stephen Coleman**, **Karen Deutsch**, **Dr. Edwin Ezrine**, **Michael Feldman**, **Alan Gordon**, **Neil Heuer**, **James Knafo**, **Joel Pittelman**, **Marc Saperstein**, **Arlene Sobol**, **Michael Sobol**, **Marc Saperstein**, **Steve Strome**, **Dr. Daniel Wasserman**, **Beth Wolff** and **Edward Wollman**, directors.

Interior Design

■ **Nancy Hoag** has been named office manager at Wegman Design Group. Ms. Hoag manages all aspects of office administration, including company accounting and procurement. A graduate of Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, she has served as a staff



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accountant for Noble Food Group in Chicago and has also worked for Domino's Pizza and The Walt Disney Co.

Law

■ **Justin Hoag** has joined the Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP in its Estate, Trust and Wealth Preservation Practice Group. Mr. Hoag has experience serving clients in trial



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as well as drafting motions and legal opinions. He has drafted motions for summary judgment, response motions and tax opinions. He has a bachelor's degree from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tenn., and earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Professional Advancement

■ Three members of the staff at David Lawrence Center, Collier County's nonprofit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, have become licensed mental health providers: **Timothy MacGeorge** is now a licensed clinical social worker, and **Keith Mattson** and **Mariana Perez** are now licensed mental health counselors.

Mr. MacGeorge, an adult outpatient clinician, joined DLC in 2013 and prior to that was director and deputy director of the National Resource Center on ADHD and director of information and referral at the National Alliance on Mental Illness. He earned a master of divinity degree from St. John's Seminary College and a master of social work degree from Catholic University of America.

Mr. Mattson, an adult outpatient clinician, joined DLC in 2012 as a Crossroads clinician. Prior to that he was a mental health technician and therapist at The Willough. He has a bachelor's degree in music from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a master's in clinical mental health counseling from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ms. Perez, DLC's Immokalee satellite services clinical coordinator, joined the center in 2010 as a case manager and previously was a school counseling assistant at Colegio de La Salle Pereira in Colombia. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Universidad Catolica Popular Del Risaralda in Colombia and a master's in mental health counseling from Walden University. ■



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We all want to invest in the strongest companies, but how do you identify them? Seek competitive advantages.

Warren Buffett highlighted some of these in his 1993 letter to shareholders, discussing Coca-Cola and Gillette: "The might of their brand names, the attributes of their products and the strength of their distribution systems give them an enormous competitive advantage, setting up a protective moat around their economic castles. The average company, in contrast, does battle daily without any such means of protection."

Many analysts consider Harvard Business School professor Michael Porter's famous "Five Forces" of competition when they're looking for deep moats:

(1) Threat of new entrants: An industry's existing players have a strong advantage if it's very hard for new companies to enter. It would be very costly and complicated to enter the airplane-building industry, for example, and easier to enter the apparel industry.

(2) Suppliers' bargaining power: The fewer suppliers a company has for the goods, services and raw materials it needs, the more those suppliers can charge. Drugs still under

patent protection, for example, are typically provided by one or few suppliers, giving them the power to charge high prices.

(3) Customers' bargaining power: If there are few buyers, they will wield more power. Companies selling weapons systems, for example, have mainly the U.S. military and other governments to sell to, while tire makers target a handful of huge automakers.

(4) Threat of substitute products: For a long time, consumers of cable TV had few alternatives. Now, though, there are viable substitutes, such as streaming video. Many disruptive innovations cause grief to existing companies, ushering in new substitutes. Meanwhile, there are many available substitutes to a gas station's gas — at other stations.

(5) Competitive rivalry: Industries tend to be very competitive when there are many rival companies, the industry is slow-growing, there is little customer loyalty, products are commodities, and/or substitute products abound, among other factors. This can lead to lower profitability.

These forces can help you assess how protected a company's business is and how sturdy an investment it might be. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Economic Alternatives

My dumbest investment? I bought stock in Apple way back in 1983 for around \$8 per share — which was actually considered a high point by some, as the stock had recently surged. I sold it after a few years to pay off all my student loan debts. What a regrettable move!

— S.J.S., online

The Fool Responds: You obviously would have made a massive profit if you'd hung on, but that's only clear with hindsight. Remember that Apple went through some tough years, written off by many. Its market share was long puny compared to that of other PC makers. It had lots of flops, too, such as the before-its-time Newton personal digital assistant, the Macintosh TV and the Apple Lisa, the first personal computer to offer a mouse and interactive graphics, but with a price tag of about \$10,000 — nearly \$24,000 in today's dollars!

Few people suspected that Apple would get past management shakeups and other problems, start creating and/or dominating whole new product categories, and become one of the most valuable companies on Earth.

Think, too, of your debt. Hanging on to your stock would have given you possible gains, but possible losses, too, while paying off debt — especially high-interest debt — can free you to save and invest more effectively. You reaped a gain by not having to pay a lot of interest on that debt. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1875, when Conoco was launched as the Continental Oil and Transportation Company, and to the 1917 founding of a petroleum company in Oklahoma. The two companies merged in 2002 and then split up in 2012, creating me. Today, based in Houston, I'm a diversified energy company, processing, transporting, storing and selling fuels and products globally. My assets recently included thousands of service stations, interest in 15 refineries, 86,000 miles of pipeline and massive chemicals processing capacity. I employ around 14,000 people and rake in more than \$100 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Phillips 66) ■



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Valuation Made Simpler

How can you figure out a stock's fair value?

— T.N., Butler, Pennsylvania

A stock's fair, intrinsic value is not necessarily the same as its current price. Determining it isn't easy, and many skilled stock analysts will arrive at different numbers. They often employ "discounted cash flow" analysis, estimating future free cash flows and assigning them present values based on chosen discount rates. That may sound precise, but it's still based on guesses.

Individual investors often employ simpler approaches to valuation, such as comparing a company's price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio to its growth rate. If the growth rate is much higher, the stock may be undervalued. You might alternatively compare the company's current P/E ratio with its historical P/E ratio range or average P/E, which you can find at sites such as Morningstar.com. If the stock's five-year average P/E ratio is 17 and it's at 24 now, there's a good chance it's overvalued.

Remember, though, that P/E ratios will vary by industry. Automakers, for example, typically sport low ones, while less-capital-intensive businesses such as software companies often have higher P/Es.

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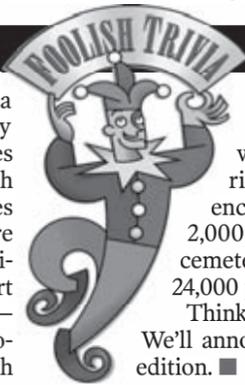
— J.E., Fort Wayne, Indiana

The footnoted.com website reports on surprising information buried in financial reports. You might also read "What's Behind the Numbers? A Guide to Exposing Financial Chicanery and Avoiding Huge Losses in Your Portfolio" by John Del Vecchio and Tom Jacobs (McGraw-Hill, \$34) or "Financial Shenanigans" by Howard Schilit and Jeremy Perler (McGraw-Hill, \$38). ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1962 when a funeral director founded me in order to buy up more businesses. He achieved economies of scale by having funeral homes near each other share resources and make services such as embalming and transportation more efficient. Over the years I acquired competitors such as Alderwoods Group and Stewart Enterprises and The Neptune Society — America's largest cremation service provider. Today, based in Houston, I'm North



America's largest death-care company, with my Dignity Memorial network recently encompassing more than 2,000 funeral homes and cemeteries. I employ about 24,000 people. Who am I?

Think you know the answer?

We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

Generic Profits

If you're looking for a growing stock that offers dividend income, take a closer look at Teva Pharmaceutical Industries (NYSE: TEVA). Teva is a hybrid drug developer, generating substantial revenue from both branded drugs and generic products.

Branded drugs provide the juiciest profit margins, but they have finite periods of patent exclusivity. Once a drug loses its patent protection, generic makers tend to start offering less expensive substitutes. Conversely, generic drugs feature lower profit margins, but there's a strong stream of opportunities, as branded drugs keep coming off patent. Additionally, generic drug prescriptions are growing in the United States.

More important, Teva is in the process of acquiring Allergan's generic drug

business, which sports more than 1,000 approved products, for more than \$40 billion. Following completion of this deal, Teva will cement its spot as the world's No. 1 generic drug developer and will have more power to negotiate with public and private payers. Even if Teva's profit margins take a hit due to increased generic sales, the company may well make up the difference in sheer volume.

Recently down about 18 percent year-to-date and expected to grow its full-year earnings per share by a high single-digit percentage annually through 2020, Teva Pharmaceutical is well worth considering. It even offers patient believers a dividend recently yielding 2.5 percent. (The Motley Fool has recommended Teva.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ Business After Hours for members and guests of the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Pinot's Palette at Coconut Point. Cost is \$20 for members, \$40 for others. Sign up at bonitaspringschamber.com or call 992-2943 for more information.

■ Business After Five for members and guests of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Golisano Children's Museum of Naples. The evening will include a new "ice-breaker" activity made possible by SWFL Marketing Group. \$10 for chamber members, \$25 for others. Reservations are recommended. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** holds a behind-the-scenes event from 3-5 p.m. Friday, May 13, at the Greater Naples YMCA. Registration for \$30 includes an opportunity to try the Y's team-building ropes course from 5-6 p.m. Reservations required. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** welcomes Antonio Guernica, station group manager for Media Vista Group, for a presentation on the Hispanic media market on Wednesday, May 18, at Artichoke & Co. in Bonita Springs. Doors open at 11 a.m. for a 30-minute speed networking session, and the lunch event concludes by 1 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required by May 13. Tickets are \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for future members. Call 992-

2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual dinner on Thursday evening, May 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Individual tickets for \$175; table sponsorships are \$2,000. Visit napleschamber.org/events for reservations or more information.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** hosts a real estate industry panel discussion from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Hilton Naples. John Wiseman of CORE Construction will moderate the panel discussion with Steve Brinkert of Moorings Park, Cheryl Deering of John R. Wood Properties, Michael Diamond of Diamond Custom Homes, Richard McCormick of Pulte Group and Anthony Solo-

mon of The Ronto Group. No walk-ins will be accepted. RSVP by May 19 by calling 436-3878 or emailing nancy@cbia.net or going online to cbia.net.

■ 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. ■

— Email business meeting announcements to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

NETWORKING

The Barrister's Bash for Legal Aid Service of Collier County



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3. Hon. Geoffrey Gentile and Hon. Christine Greider
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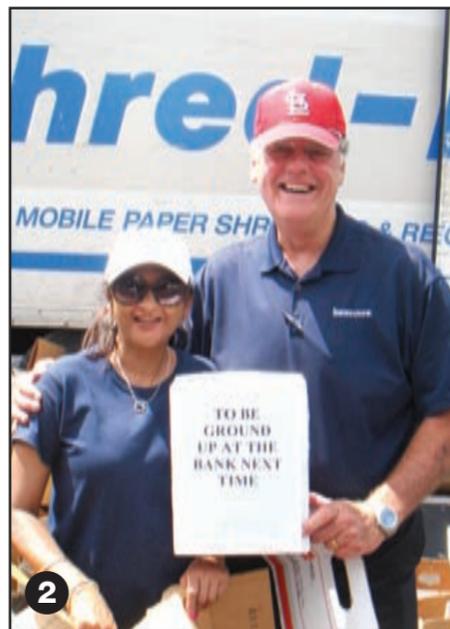
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- 1. Dennis D'Auvergne loads the Shred-It truck
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What \$200,000 will buy in Southwest Florida



337 Mendoza St., Punta Gorda

There's more than 2,100 square feet of living space in this three-bedroom, two-bath home in the desirable Punta Gorda neighborhood of Deep Creek. All bedrooms are nicely sized with the master measuring 20-by-16 feet and having his and her closets and a bath with dual sinks, a soaking tub

and separate shower. Located in the northern half of Deep Creek, the location allows for convenient and easy access to Kings Highway and Interstate 75.

The property is listed at \$199,000 by Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty, cbfloridahomes.com. ■



11218 Lakeland Circle, Fort Myers

This two-bedroom-plus-den, two-bath home is in the heart of Gateway in the popular SilverLakes neighborhood. The master suite sits to the back of the home and includes a large closet and walk-in shower as well as access to the screened lanai. The kitchen has plenty of room to work

with lots of counter space and opens to the living room and formal dining room. The back of the home faces a green space, giving the feeling of privacy.

The property is listed at \$199,000 by Cornerstone Coastal Properties, cornerstonecoastal.com. ■



10771 St. Lucia Court, Bonita Springs

Here's an opportunity to own a home in the heart of Bonita Springs, about 15 minutes from the beach and with easy access to U.S. 41 and Interstate 75. The three-bedroom, two-bath, split floor plan has vaulted ceilings in the living room, a spacious

master bedroom with a walk-in closet and private bath with dual sinks.

The property is listed at \$199,977 by NextHome Advisors, yournexthomeadvisors.com. ■



4074 24th Ave. NE, Naples

This 2007-built home sits on 1.14 acres and has finishes that make it a unique find in Golden Gate Estates. It has three bedrooms and two baths with an attached two-car garage on 1.14 cleared, sodded acres. Inside, you'll find newer appliances, tile floors, upgraded

cabinets throughout, radius drywall corners and much more. The master suite is a private retreat with soaking tub, tiled shower and dual sinks.

The property is listed at \$195,000 by 1st Premier International Properties, 1stpip.com. ■



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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

London Bay Homes announced the promotions of **Sabra Smith** to vice president of human resources and **Lisa Van Dien** to general council/vice president for the company.

Ms. Smith joined London Bay Homes in 2014 and has more than 20 years of human resources experience in Southwest Florida. A certified senior professional in HR, she earned a bachelor's in human resources from Eckerd College and previously served under Gov. Jeb Bush as appointed chair of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida. She has also served as chairman of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of Leadership Lee County, Leadership Bonita and Leadership Florida.



SMITH

A member of The Florida Bar since 1996, Ms. Van Dien has practiced law in Naples for more than 20 years. She has also served on the 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee and the Florida Bar's Real Estate Board Certification Committee. She has held leadership positions with the Collier County Bar Association, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, Leadership Florida and the Naples Area Board of Realtors' Legal Resources Committee. She is also a founding member of the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples.



VAN DIEN

Jeff Clapper has joined AJS Realty Group Inc. as senior associate of sales and leasing. He will be involved in all facets of commercial real estate services at AJS, including property management, investment sales, leasing and tenant representation. He has served as the leasing and acquisitions manager in Southwest Florida for Courtelis Company, an owner/developer of shopping centers, and most recently was senior associate at the Naples office of Equity Inc., a full-service brokerage firm based in Ohio.

Mr. Clapper brings extensive experience in retail, medical and office leasing, as well as property management and sales and acquisitions of investment properties. He has been a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers since 2008.

His experience includes extensive involvement in downtown Naples, having represented the largest landowner on Fifth Avenue South from 2009-15. He has served on boards for the city of Naples and the Downtown Naples Association and is an active member of Rotary International and a past president of the Naples North Rotary Club.

Gulf Bay Group of Companies has selected GradyMinor as the civil engineer for Mystique, the ultra-luxury high-rise in Pelican Bay. On one of only two remaining developable land parcels in Naples between The Ritz-Carlton on the beach and Port Royal, the 21-story Mystique will have 68 estate and four penthouse residences.

Founded by Aubrey Ferrao in 1986, Gulf Bay has completed 14 luxury properties along a 1.5-mile stretch of gulf

front land within Pelican Bay.

Operating in Southwest Florida since 1981, GradyMinor specializes in civil engineering, land surveying, land planning and landscape architecture. With a staff of more than 40 engineers, surveyors, mappers, certified land planners, a landscape architect, technicians, survey crews and administrative professionals, the firm's portfolio includes a wide variety of projects in Southwest Florida in the public and private sectors.



Rick Mercer has joined the staff at Owen-Ames-Kimball as project manager. The construction contracting and management company is based in Fort Myers. Mr. Mercer has more than 25 years of experience in the construction industry as a construction engineer, land development director, operations manager and most recently as director of construction for all 171 Florida State Parks from Pensacola to Key West.

He has a degree in civil engineering, is a Florida certified general contractor and has served in the role of guest-professor for college level courses on community development. He has led multi-discipline professional teams in the design, permitting and construction projects ranging in size from small commercial sites to \$100 million master-planned communities. He also has experience in commercial land acquisition, land management and, as a prior business owner, providing consulting ser-

vices to financial institutions related to real estate asset portfolio management.

Gerald Murphy, managing broker for the Bonita Springs office of Downing-Frye Realty Inc., has been appointed to serve as chair for the new Media Relations Committee of the Bonita Springs/Estero Association of Realtors. The committee was formed to be the source for real estate news in the Bonita Springs/Estero market, including closed sales, pending sales and inventory levels. This news will be conveyed to both consumers and the media through published statistics by the committee, which consists of brokers and broker managers in the area.

Prior to moving to Southwest Florida, Mr. Murphy owned and operated a realty firm in Monmouth County, N.J., that had five offices and more than 300 agents. That firm was sold to NRT-Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. He also was president of Hovnanian Realty Inc.

In addition, he had an extensive commercial banking career, including being an intrinsic part of the start-up of Shrewsbury State Bank as senior vice president and treasurer. He was an organizing founder of Tinton Falls State Bank, serving as chairman and director prior to its sale to Commerce Bank Corp., a multi-billion dollar bank holding company. He also served as vice chairman and director of Commerce Bank Shore.

He is a frequent real estate trainer, showing agents how to develop their marketing, sales and language skills to reach higher levels of success. ■

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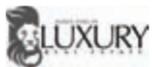
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NAPLES
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• 5 BR + Den, Loft, 5.5 BA, Pool & Spa
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PELICAN BAY



NAPLES
• 2 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Bathrooms, Furnished
• Commanding Views of the Gulf
• **\$1,099,000** MLS 215056701
Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

BONITA BAY



VISTAS
• 19th Floor, Open Floor Plan, 3 BR + Den, 3 BA
• SW Exposure, Views of Gulf, Bay & Golf Course
• **\$995,000** MLS 216021074
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VINEYARDS



AVELLINO ISLES
• 3+ BR, 3.5 BA, Luxurious Coach Home
• Custom Kitchen, Granite, High End Appliances
• **\$889,000** MLS 215055786
Vito Bauer 239.777.7080

PELICAN BAY



SAN MARINO
• Updated 3 BR, 2 BA Carriage Home
• Bamboo Floors in Living Area & Lanai
• **\$798,000** MLS 216026754
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AVIANO



NAPLES
• Toll Brothers Custom Lakefront Home
• Two Story 3 BR + Den, 3.5 BA Pool Home
• **\$757,000** MLS 216026353
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CAMELOT PARK
• 3,300 SF Upscale Home, Oversized Pool/Spa w/Aqualink
• 4 BR + Den, 3 BA & Separate Game Room
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• Only 1.5 Acre Estate Lot Available in Quail West
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• 2 BR + Den, 2 BA, Pool/Spa
• **\$649,000** MLS 216027015
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VINEYARDS



AVELLINO ISLES
• Newly Decorated, Furnished 3 BR, 2.5 BA Condo
• Amazing Views of Lake & Fairways
• **\$629,000** MLS 216000546
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ROOKERY POINTE



NEW LISTING

ESTERO
• 4 BR, 3 BA + Study, Bonus Rm, Family Rm
• Waterfront, Maintenance Free, Gated Community
• **\$489,900** MLS 216029577
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BORDEAUX CLUB
• Third Floor, 2 BR, 2 BA Condo
• Furnished, Extra Storage
• **\$487,000** MLS 216025749
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MARBELLA AT SPANISH WELLS



BONITA SPRINGS
• Outstanding 3 BR + Den, 2 BA Pool Home
• Golf Course & Lake Views, Southern Exposure
• **\$465,000** MLS 216001128
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HAMMOCK BAY



NEW PRICE

NAPLES
• World Class Golf & Amenities Galore
• Spacious 3 Bedroom, 3.5 Bathroom
• **\$449,000** MLS 216023913
Starr Whiting 239.404.1219

BONITA BAY



WHISKEY POINTE
• 2 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Bathrooms
• Offered Furnished
• **\$319,000** MLS 216019372
Gary, Jeff & Becky Jaarda 239.273.4596

MARBELLA AT SPANISH WELLS



BONITA SPRINGS
• Upgraded 3 BR, 2 BA Coach Home
• 2-Car Garage w/1,705 S.F. Under Air
• **\$299,000** MLS 216011626
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PARK SHORE INCOME PROPERTY



NAPLES
• Everything Beautifully Remodeled
• Great Water View
• **\$269,900** MLS 216023855
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HAWTHORNE



CHESAPEAKE COVE
• First Floor Condo 2 BR + Den, 2 BA
• 2-Car Garage
• **\$253,900** MLS 216003603
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WEST BAY BEACH & GOLF CLUB

RIVERBROOKE
 • Former Cornerstone Furnished Model
 • Golf Course Views Over Lavish Pool & Spa
 • **\$1,695,000** MLS 216008062
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GLEN LAKES
 • Custom Executive Estate 4 BR + Den, 4 BA
 • 4,174 S.F. Living Area, SE Lanai, 3-Car Garage
 • **\$1,550,000** MLS 216013634
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LUSSO VILLAS

PARK SHORE
 • 3 Bedrooms + Den, 3.5 Bathrooms, 2-Car Garage
 • Soaring Ceilings, Great Floor Plan
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 • West of 41 and Close to Your Own Private Beach
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 • Gas Heated Pool & Spa
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 • 3+ BR, 3.5 BA, Elegant Coach Home
 • Magnificent Southern Exposure
 • **\$849,000** MLS 215055834
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ANCHORAGE
 • Lovely Courtyard Pool Home w/Lake View
 • All Bathrooms and Kitchen Updated
 • **\$840,000** MLS 216023429
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GOLDEN SHORES

NAPLES
 • 3 BR, 3.5 BA Waterfront Townhouse
 • Investors: Existing One Year Lease at \$3,000/mo.
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 • 2 BR + Den, 2 Full BA, 2-Car Garage, Oversized Lanai
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NAPLES
 • Lowest Priced Camelot Townhouse
 • Amenities Galore
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PALM RIVER

NAPLES
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 • Beautiful Kitchen, Huge Island, High End Appliances
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NAPLES
 • Completely Redone Rare Find
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MAHOGANY COVE
 • Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA Home
 • Stunning Upgraded Kitchen
 • **\$579,000** MLS 216015957
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SPANISH WELLS**NEW PRICE**

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 • Oversized 26' x 21' 2-Car Garage
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 • "A" Rated School District
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MOON LAKE**NEW PRICE**

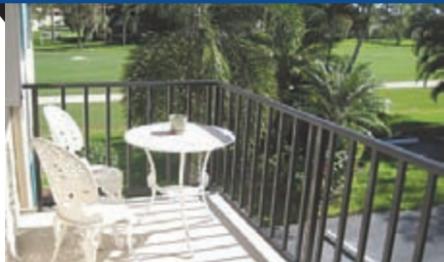
NAPLES
 • Tropical 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Home
 • Heated Swimming Pool w/Private Kid's Playground
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PELICAN RIDGE

NAPLES
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 • Less Than 1 Mile to the Beach & Mercato
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 • Located in 55+ Community w/Pay As You Go Golf
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NAPLES
 • Furnished 2nd Floor Unit
 • 2 BR, 2 BA, Great Golf Course Views
 • **\$195,000** MLS 215072044
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NAPLES
 • 5 Acre Residential Lot
 • Excellent Location Close To Collier Blvd.
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 • Very Private Area w/Marina
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Open Houses are Sunday, May 15, 2016

OPEN HOUSE 1-4



AQUALANE SHORES \$6,995,000

1920 6th St S - New Construction with beautiful views on premium west-facing, deep-water location. Harmonious and classically proportioned residence. Developed by Viv-Homes. 5+Den/5+2half (H10538) Kathleen Stanton, 777.3062



MEDITERRA \$3,750,000

29055 Teramo Way - Transitional decor and finishes on this oversized estate lot! 4/5 bedroom, den and loft space! 4-car garage. 4+Den/5.5 (H9637) Tade Bua-Bell, 595.0097, Emily K. Bua, 659.6115



OLD NAPLES \$2,249,000

597 4th Ave S #2 - Unique upscale 3-story townhome with private elevator. Heart of Old Naples (5th Avenue). Custom throughout over 5000 T.SqFt. Corner 4th Avenue S and 6th Street. Close to beach. 4/5 (C12345) The Hutchison Team, 272.7000



RESIDENCE AT VYNE HOUSE \$1,895,000

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LOGAN WOODS \$1,750,000

5140 Tamarind Ridge Dr - Grand home conveniently located yet privately situated on 2.27 acres of well-maintained and landscaped lot. Room for 6 plus cars, RV or boat. So much more! 4+Den/5.5 (H10454) Patrick Fulton, 682.3078, Lynn H. Fulton, 293.3125



PINECREST AT PELICAN BAY \$1,290,000

817 Bentwood Dr - Soaring ceilings. Superb Bermuda-style ranch, on 1/3 acre, 4650 Apx T. Sq ft. Oversize pool, sunny western exposure, renovated, volume ceilings. 3+Den/2 (H10274) The Hutchison Team, 272.7000



VINEYARDS \$1,150,000

5658 Sago Ct - Expansive lake views! Shows like a model! Travertine and hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, many custom features. Private cul-de-sac lot. Must be seen to appreciate. 4+Den/3.5 (H10204) Alice Zaimes Strong, 248.2176



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

PARK SHORE \$720,000

146 Colonade Cir #901 - Enjoy lake views from spacious 1st floor home. Featuring marble flooring, granite counters, 3 ensuite baths and garage. Community pool, fitness and hot tub. 2+Den/3.5 (C11990) Josie Mennini, 398.3643



HORSE CREEK ESTATES \$649,000

314 Saddlebrook Ln - Pristine home with updated tile floors (wood floor look) throughout. Custom woodwork, crown molding, open kitchen and family, pool, lake view, western exposure. 2-car garage. 3+Den/2.5 (H10415) Lana Marville, 331.0104



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

LONGSHORE LAKE \$639,900

11057 Phoenix Way - Rarely available 1st floor developer's unit. Brand new tile floors with wet bar for entertaining. Open floor plan, SS appliances in kitchen and very private lanai. 3+Den/3 (H10658) Kathleen Burd, 249-2993



VANDERBILT BEACH \$595,000

11 Bluebill Ave #405 - Peaceful sunsets, balmy breezes, walk to beach and turnkey furnished! Colorful, clean corner unit with electric shutters and tile on lanai. Move-in ready! 2/2 (C12138) Lynn H. Fulton, 293.3125, Patrick Fulton, 682.3078



HAWTHORNE \$575,000

26342 Stonewall Ln - Lovely 2-story home with large great room and 1st floor master and bath. Beautiful kitchen cabinetry with granite, views to inviting pool and spa. Plantation shutters. 3+Den/2.5 (H10595) Gil & Donna Clark, 860.6752



MADISON PARK \$550,000

8269 Potomac Ln - Single-story home on the lake with nearly 2,800 SF. Pool and spa. Brand new kitchen, new master bath, new A/C. Formal and casual living areas. Quality finishes. 3+Den/3.5 (H10479) Alysia Shivers, 877.9732



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HAWTHORNE \$539,999

10368 Yorkstone Dr - Fresh new look with design-forward new paint in sea salt and comfort grays interior for this beautiful custom-designed pool/spa home close to beaches, Hertz and shopping! 3+Den/2.5 (H10456) Christy Ruschel, 450.4977



WINDSTAR \$499,000

2124 Paget Cir - Sunny, southern exposure villa with wood floors, vaulted ceilings and beautiful, spacious backyard providing the perfect setting for children to play. 3/2 (V2277) Kathleen Stanton, 777.3062



PARADISE WOODS \$459,000

10043 Hidden Pines Ln - Brand new home. Move-in ready. 2-car garage with pool. www.Paradisewoods.net or call for details. 4/3 (H9345) Elaine Zacka, 470.3191



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

GLENCOVE AT PELICAN BAY \$429,000

5817 Glencove Dr #402 - Spacious end-unit, new paint, new tile throughout, plantation shutters new stainless steel appliances and hot water heater 2014. West of US41. Great beach access. 2/2 (C12347) Connie Spitzmiller, 248.7616



MADISON PARK \$409,000

8178 Valiant Dr - Exceptional Naples pool home on a peaceful, preserve lot. Great room floor plan. Granite in the kitchen, tile floors. Southwestern exposure. 2-car garage. 3/2 (H10478) Alysia Shivers, 877.9732



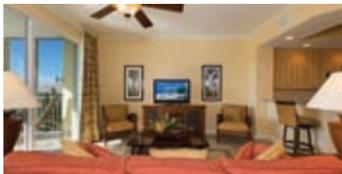
LAKE FOREST \$409,000

927 11th St N - Desirable Lake Park neighborhood! Split bedroom floor plan with family room, sun porch, screened lanai and attached carport. Located on a quiet street. 3/2 (H10603) John Turner, P.A., 272.0013



THE GROVES \$399,000

20680 Fruitful Dr - Corner lot with private pool, updated kitchen, wood and tile floors, large living, separate dining and breakfast area and a den. 3+Den/2.5 (H10349) Elaine Zacka, 470.3191



BONITA VILLAGE \$375,000

3901 Kens Way #3401 - Beautiful SW corner unit boasts tons of sunlight with sweeping views of resort pool. Fabulous weekly rental policy, furnished, beach shuttle plus 2 parking spaces. 2/2 (C11681) Tade Bua-Bell, 595.0097, Emily K. Bua, 659.6115



COCONUT POINT \$359,900

23161 Fashion Dr #302 - Coconut Point Mall with shops, dining and movie theatre complements this condo with 2 parking and private storage. Upgraded kitchen and floors with 1770 sq. ft. Living Area. 2+Den/2.5 (C11493) Ron Sinks, 877.6878



BONITA FAIRWAYS \$339,900

26750 Sammoset Way - Located in tranquil community of Bonita Fairways, this lovely home is sure to delight. Walk to the club and enjoy bocce, tennis, or a swim. 3/2 (H10405) Debbie Frost, 250.8701



HAWTHORNE \$339,000

10546 Yorkstone Dr - Light and lovely Great Room floor plan built in 2012 decorated like a model. Private lot with park-like view. Located near shopping, RSW, FGCU and Hertz. 3/2 (H10674) Heidi Varsames, 776.2173



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

THE VINES \$329,000

19319 Silver Oak Dr - Delightful Brighton model offers soaring ceilings, custom moldings, chef's kitchen, 2-car garage, all with gorgeous lake/golf course views. Fabulous value! 2+Den/2 (H10541) Linda Hammer, 248.2973



LAKE FOREST \$328,900

1106 9th Ave N - One of the lowest priced homes in Lake Park. Redo or build your dream home on a quiet, desirable street in this centrally located neighborhood. 3/2 (H10448) John Turner, P.A., 272.0013



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES \$315,000

13020 Hamilton Harbour Dr #1 - 12 - Special ground floor end unit with spectacular views. Beautiful floors, crown molding and tall baseboards. One-car garage. 3/2 (C12196) Debbie Frost, 250.8701



LAKES OF ESTERO \$299,700

21857 Rainbow Lake Ct - Large master bedroom, bathroom and living areas on cul-de-sac overlooking lake. Bedrooms all upstairs. Vacant. Move-in ready! Easy to show. 3+Den/2.5 (H10480) Elaine Zacka, 470.3191



OLD NAPLES \$295,000

277 8th Ave S - Bright and airy, low density complex located only 2-1/2 blocks to the beach. Walk or bike to 5th Avenue and 3rd Street shopping, restaurants, parks and churches. 1/1 (C12274) John Turner, P.A., 272.0013



IBIS COVE \$289,900

8187 Ibis Cove Cir - Immaculate home, recently upgraded throughout. 2-car garage. Granite stainless appliances, storm protection, large screened lanai. Gated community with great amenities. 3/2 (V2289) Ron Sinks, 877.6878, Mal Griffin, 398.9908



BELLA TERRA \$269,999

13795 Cleto Dr - Water views from open and largest 2/2 Villa featuring 2 living areas, tile throughout. Screened lanai. Extended front screened lanai overlooking over-sized lot. 2+Den/2 (V2263) Christy Ruschel, 450.4977



ARTESIA \$269,900

1419 Santiago Cir #1603 - Never lived in end unit, 2-car attached garage under \$270,000! Amazing resort-style pool with beach entry and lap lanes at new Artesia amenity center. 3/2.5 (C12336) Jerry DiGiacomo, Jr., 961.7000



VINEYARDS \$259,000

244 Via Perignon #9-4 - Bright, light second floor home with cathedral ceiling and spacious rooms. Lanai overlooking landscaped garden area. Impeccably maintained home! 2+Den/2.5 (C12055) Lynn H. Fulton, 293.3125, Patrick Fulton, 682.3078



FALLING WATERS \$233,000

2350 Hidden Lake Ct #8514 - Priced to sell! 2nd floor, 3-bedroom unit with detached garage and quiet west view of the landscape. Stainless appliances, granite counters. Partially furnished. 3/2 (C12244) Alysia Shivers, 877.9732



CYPRESS WOODS GOLF & CC \$225,000

2770 Cypress Trace Cir #2414 - Immaculate coach home in sitting on 16th Par 3 with lake views in highly sought after North Naples for under \$250K. Featuring front and rear screened lanais. 2+Den/2 (C12301) Christy Ruschel, 450.4977



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■ John R. Wood Properties has debuted "This Week in Southwest Florida Real Estate," on online TV show highlighting real estate news, market trends, interviews with local real estate players and tours of luxury properties for sale. The show is available via Facebook, at johnrwood.com and on YouTube.

Filed by Scott Kelsey and hosted by Ashley Wells, both of the company's marketing department, the show consists of five-minute episodes released two times a month. The second episode goes live the week of May 16.

■ Heather Wightman, Alice Dent and Jessica Ledbetter, the The TreasureMyHome.com Real Estate Team, have joined Keller Williams in Bonita Springs. The team has been a top producing real estate team in the Southwest Florida market for more than 20 years, working with buyers and sellers in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero, Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach. Ms. Wightman is the team leader, Ms. Dent is a Realtor and Ms. Ledbetter is the team assistant.



WIGHTMAN

and shower. There is a three-car garage. The model will feature interiors by Luann Powers Gliwski of Romanza Interior Design.

London Bay Homes is the exclusive builder in Cabreo, a neighborhood of 39 villas overlooking lakes and nature preserves. The builder provides alternative elevations for the Bettina, including classic Mediterranean-inspired architecture and a more clean-lined façade. Stone is also an exterior option for the villas in Cabreo, which offer paver driveways, tile roofs and impact-resistant glass.

The company and its affiliates manage all new home sales and marketing for Mediterra. The 1,700-acre community in North Naples offers The Club at Mediterra, with two world-class Fazio-designed courses, and the private 10,000-square-foot Beach Club on the Gulf of Mexico, with an elevated swimming pool, casual dining/full bar and valet service for beach chairs, umbrellas and beverage and food menus.

Mediterra also has themed neighborhood parks, eight miles of walking and jogging trails and a fitness complex with tennis and bocce courts, a pool and spa services.

The entrance to Mediterra is on Livingston Road two miles north of Immokalee Road in North Naples. For more information, call 949-8989 or visit mediterrannaples.com.

■ Greg Ulrich, president of KGT Remodeling, and fellow members of the business peer group Remodelers Advantage Roundtables, met with InSite Builders to analyze that company's operation and develop strategies for enhanced success.



ULRICH

The 11 executives from non-competing companies in the U.S. and Canada spent three days working together to help one another improve customer service, increase responsiveness and become the premier remodeling firm in each company's respective markets.

A portion of the meeting was spent analyzing the operations of one member company, in this case InSite Builders of Bethesda, Md.

To gather pertinent information, the remodelers interviewed InSite Builders staff, reviewed processes and analyzed performance in order to identify strengths and weaknesses. Next, they developed practical action plans to help InSite Builders continue to hone its operations.

They were led in the process by Paul Winans of Remodelers Advantage. Based in Laurel, Md., the business improvement organization helps successful remodeling companies become even more organized, productive and efficient.

When business owners like Mr. Ulrich of KGT Remodeling participate in a program like this, all of the members benefit from the vast collective experience of the group, says Victoria Downing, president of Remodelers Advantage, which started the Roundtable program in the 1990s.

KGT Remodeling is a five-time Sand Dollar Award-winning firm and 2015 CBIA Remodeler of the Year.

■ Homebuyers can explore a new Cottage Home model at Artesia Naples, WCI Communities' 261-acre master-planned community between Marco Island beaches and Fifth Avenue South in Naples.



■ Encore Realty and Encore Development have completed a new home at 444 Third Ave. S. in the heart of Old Naples, just two blocks from Fifth Avenue South.

The two-story residence has 3,664 square feet under air was drawn by MHK Architecture & Planning and built by T. Jerulle Construction. There are five bedrooms plus a loft, six full baths, a pool and spa, outdoor kitchen with fireplace and lounge, and a two-car garage with entrance from a rear alley. The home is offered at \$4,475,000, including furnishings by Clive Daniel Home. For more information, visit encore-realty.com.



■ London Bay Homes is halfway through construction of the Bettina model, a single-family villa in the Cabreo neighborhood at Mediterra.

The four-bedroom, four-bath home is an encore version of a similar model that sold this past season. Completion is anticipated for July. Ownership includes lawn and landscape maintenance provided by the homeowners' association.

One of three floor plans offered in Cabreo, the 4,500-square-foot Bettina emphasizes openness, combining the great room with adjoining dining room, island kitchen/pantry and café. Sliding glass doors in the great room and café connect to a large covered living area with a summer kitchen. The master suite has dual walk-in closets and a master bath with dual vanities and separate tub

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The Areca model joins six fully furnished models that showcase the variety of home designs available at Artesia Naples, including multi-family Mansions and single-family Villas, Garden Villas and Grand Villas. The models are open for viewing daily and feature interiors by award-winning Kay Green Design of Winter Park and CJ Décor of Fort Myers.



In the Areca Cottage Home, Kay Green Design selected deep, rich bronze tones and pops of chartreuse as counterpoints to a creamy white, silvery grey and warm copper palette.

“The Areca embodies refined com- fort in an updated, traditional style,” says Lou Paratore, WCI’s regional director of sales. “Clean lines in a mix of wood tones, modern statement pieces and metal details give a bold focal point

to each space,” he adds. The Areca’s spacious owner’s suite is balanced by a den, second bedroom and full bath on the opposite side of the 1,557 air-conditioned-square-foot-home. Cottage Homes in Artesia Naples start at \$244,900. The multi- and single-family homes available in the community feature open great room designs and range from 1,056 square feet to more than 3,000 square feet of air-conditioned living area. Prices start in the \$200,000s.

inspired pool has a beach entry and dedicated lap lanes, and the clubhouse includes a theater, club room, billiards table, craft and card rooms and a fitness center with aerobics studio. There is also a dog park, an event lawn and multi-use racquet sports court.

The 261-acre community will have 600 residences, with 111 acres set aside for nature preserves and lakes. The community borders Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a regional destination for bird watching, canoeing and kayaking. Entrance to Artesia Naples is on Barefoot Williams Road just north of Tower Road off of Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 444-3499, stop by the welcome center at 1347 Artesia Drive E. or visit artesianaples.com. ■

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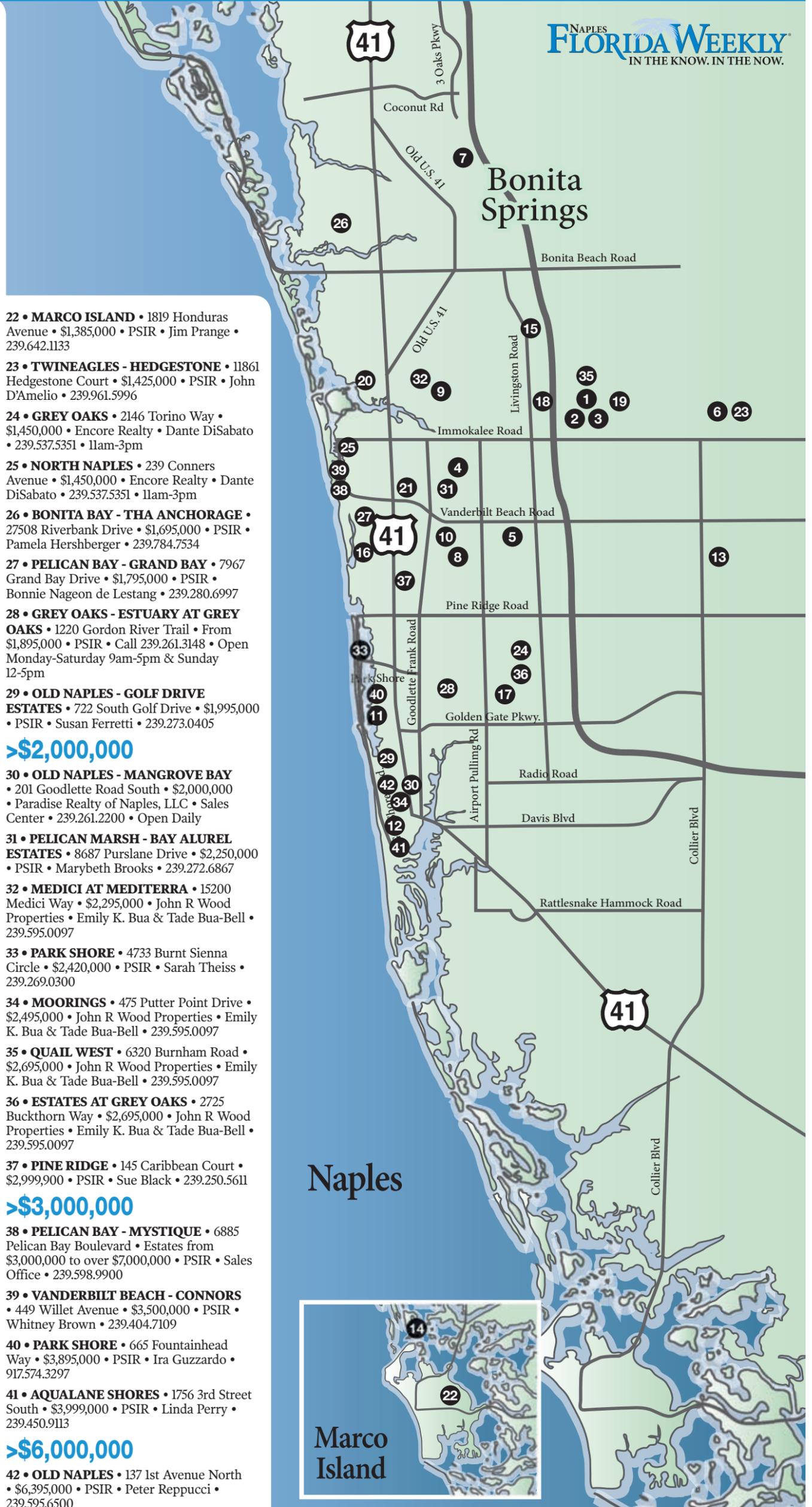
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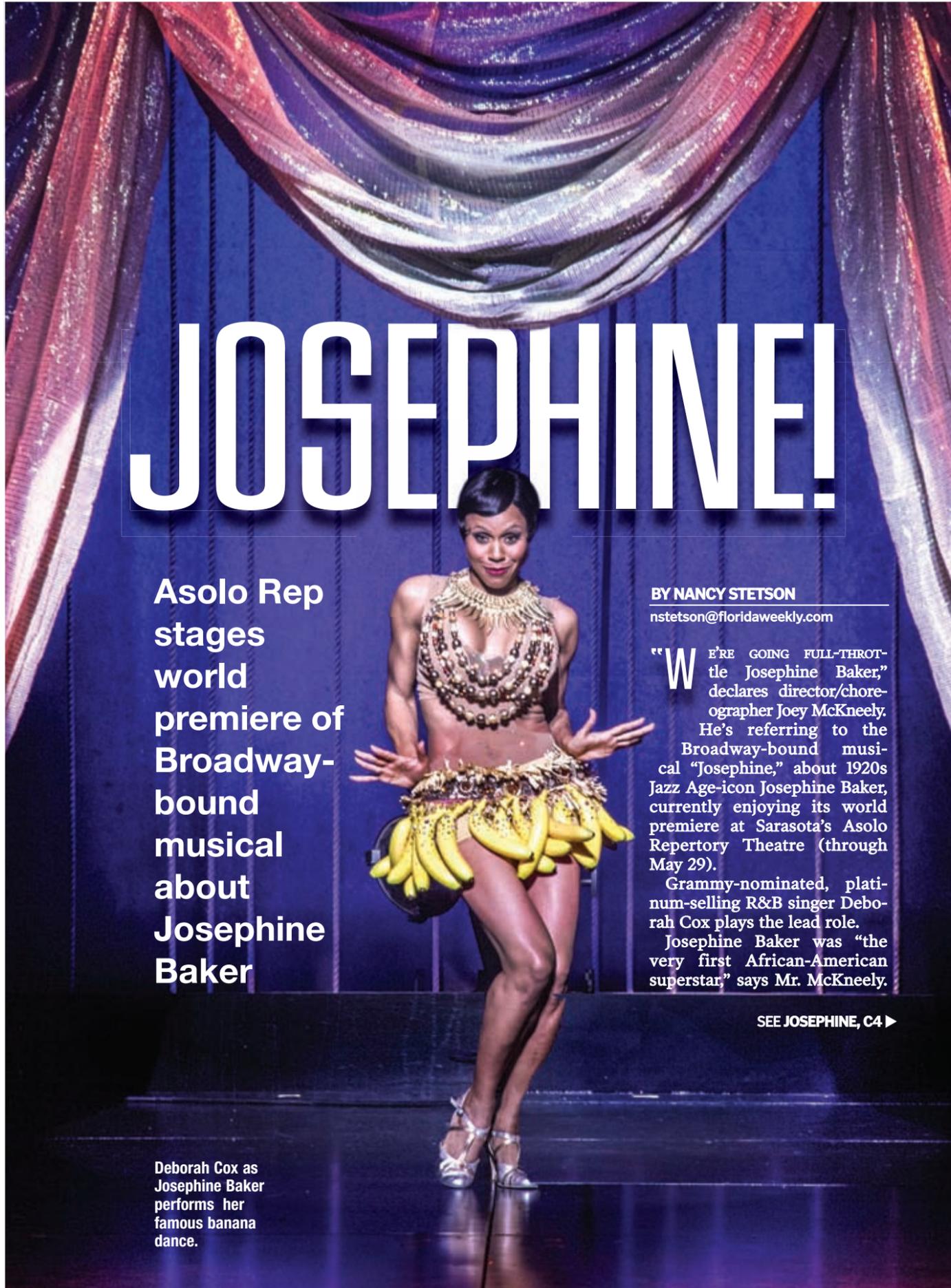
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



JOSEPHINE!

Asolo Rep stages world premiere of Broadway-bound musical about Josephine Baker

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WE'RE GOING FULL-THROTTLE Josephine Baker," declares director/choreographer Joey McKneely. He's referring to the Broadway-bound musical "Josephine," about 1920s Jazz Age-icon Josephine Baker, currently enjoying its world premiere at Sarasota's Asolo Repertory Theatre (through May 29).

Grammy-nominated, platinum-selling R&B singer Deborah Cox plays the lead role.

Josephine Baker was "the very first African-American superstar," says Mr. McKneely.

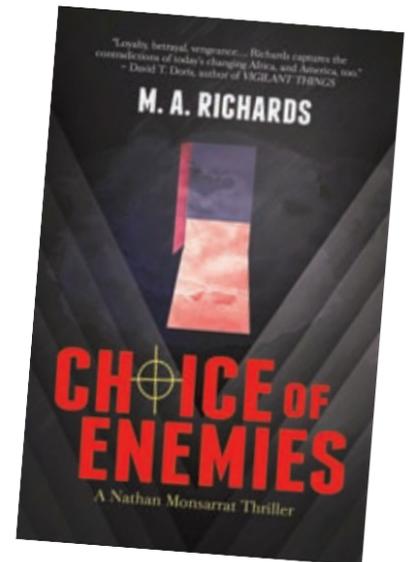
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Deborah Cox as Josephine Baker performs her famous banana dance.

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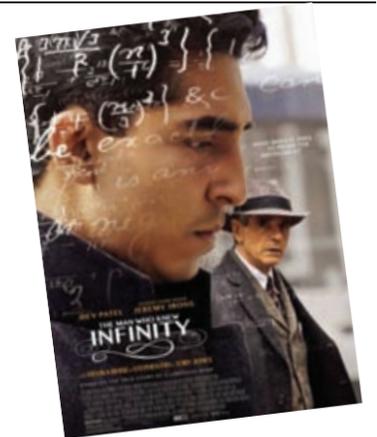
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A painter gifted with the art of listening



COURTESY PHOTO

Ignacio Alperin's exhibition "A Visual Jazz Affair" is showing at The von Liebig Center through June 3.

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Synesthesia, the neurological phenomenon where the activation of one of the five senses stimulates another, could be considered to be a quirk of human evolution. Being able to smell laughter is an odd talent, but is also nothing to get worked up about if you happen to be the one person out of 2,000 who experience it.

If you're an artist however, synesthesia can be a wonderful gift, particularly if you have an affinity for music and the ability to visualize it.

Argentinean artist Ignacio Alperin, whose exhibition "A Visual Jazz Affair" is showing at The von Liebig Center through Friday, June 3, is so blessed: He "sees" music as he hears it. His work is often compared to that of Kandinsky, who he learned also experienced sound-to-color synesthesia.

Visitors to The von Liebig exhibit can tune in to the music that inspired several of the paintings in "A Visual Jazz Affair" by scanning a QR code next to the painting and listening through their smartphones.

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African darkness looms over high-stakes thriller

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■ **“Choice of Enemies” by M.A. Richards. Sunbury Press. 224 pages. Hardcover, \$24.95. Trade paperback \$16.95.**

Billed the first Nathan Monsarrat Thriller, “Choice of Enemies” introduces Nathan working as an academic dean at Greylock College in western Massachusetts. Actually, the novel opens a couple of years earlier, with the narrator detailing the last chapter in Nathan’s career as a CIA deep cover operative.

We see a confused tableau in which Nathan is rescued after many months of incarceration and torture in Africa at the hands of a Nigerian rebel group named FATA. His rescuer, who is also his CIA superior, is a man of many identities. One of those identities is as Felix Sanhedrin, a cruel egocentric with expensive tastes, a warped sense of fashion and no loyalties.

Nathan had been caught up in the battle to control African oil, the goal of a consor-

tium of American oil companies in league with the CIA. African national leaders, who may just as well be called African criminal gang bosses, have other ideas — as do the rebels seeking to overthrow them. Nathan is still not done making the transition to his new bucolic life in Berkshire territory when Sanhedrin shows up with an assignment that has the additional benefit of allowing Nathan to settle scores and perhaps rescue a woman very dear to him.

The assignment has to do with the transfer of a rare terracotta statue, but that mission soon leads to others, including an assassination that leaves Nathan rather gleeful.

The lure of M.A. Richards’ book is its virtuoso game of high style and authentic details of espionage tradecraft. Clothes and gadgets make the man, whether we are observing Nathan Monsarrat or Felix Sanhedrin. It’s hard to know what kind of audience they are dressing for, especially the zany Sanhedrin, who has at some point assumed a surname that is the Hebrew word for the high court of ancient Israel. (His surname for another persona, Seleucid, also alludes to the ancient Middle East.)

The author has a penchant for Jewish references, including choosing a setting

in Namibia that has the same name as a town in Israel — Rosh Pinah. Mr. Richards even finds room for a minor character called the “yeshiva bocher” (an Orthodox Jewish schoolboy), now switching from Hebrew to Yiddish for his Jewish-toned running joke.

Threat and suspicion are everywhere in Nathan’s world, and he himself is the cause of it in worlds that he enters. Thus, suspense is everywhere, too. Mr. Richards is already a master at manipulating his readers and raising the suspense thermometer to higher and higher levels. Nathan Monsarrat’s stony deliberateness is part of the process. Will all of his careful planning produce its intended end result? Or will things go wrong?

We get to watch Nathan select his arsenal of weapons, pack the perfect array of garments, choose the most secure way of traveling to his various destinations, find vantage points from which to check and recheck his scheme and locate other vantage points, and stay constantly alert to the possibility of being followed or led into a trap.

Nathan’s experience leads him to half-expect betrayal at any moment.

The romance of the unfamiliar as another

engaging element that Mr. Richards uses to advantage: places like Abuja and Port Harcourt in Nigeria, Cape Town and other sections of South Africa, and the aforementioned town in Namibia, Rosh Pinah (the name translates to something like “cornerstone”). These places, particularly Abuja, are filled with interesting sights and oddball characters, like the villain named Innocence and his influential, racketeering family.

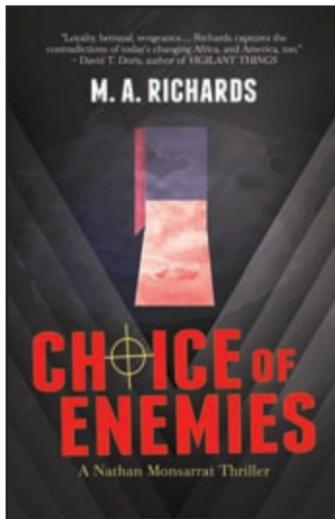
Are there beautiful women? Yes. Is there a bit of sex? Of course. Are there Russians up to no good in this novel? Couldn’t do without them. Mr. Richards knows his genre obligations and works hard to satisfy them.

Connoisseurship is a hallmark of Nathan Monsarrat’s personality and of Mr. Richards’ novel. Connoisseurs of exciting espionage thrillers are likely to find this series debut satisfying to their educated palates.

About the author

M.A. Richards’ career as a U.S. State Department cultural attaché included service in Baghdad, Jerusalem, Lagos, Moscow, Seoul, Tel Aviv and Washington, D.C. A speaker of Arabic, Hebrew, Korean and Russian, he divides his time between Palm Beach and Tel Aviv. ■

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JOSEPHINE

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"Before Lena Horne, before Beyonce of course, and Diana Ross. She did it in the '20s. She was the first."

The performer left the racism of 20th century America to sing and dance in Paris. Ms. Baker's exuberant, uninhibited dancing was something the French had never seen before. In "Danse Sauvage" she performed wearing nothing but a feather skirt; in "La Folie du Jour" she famously danced in a skirt made of 16 bananas strung together.

Admirers showered her with diamonds and cars; it's said she received approximately 1,500 marriage proposals. (She married four times.) Ernest Hemingway declared her "The most sensational woman anybody ever saw. Or ever will."

"Josephine was known for her abandonment, to just be so free in her movement," says Mr. McKneely. "Her story has not been told on the stage. I think the time is right for this show. We're capturing her story in a unique, original way, in an inventive way," he says, adding that the musical is not a revue.

"The concept of the show is: we're in a Folies Bergere in 1945, and we flash through her mind to tell very specific stories of her life. We're using the big production numbers as storytelling devices."

The musical looks back at her rise to fame, but also revolves around her days as the star of the Folies-Bergere, her affair with Swedish Crown Prince Gustav VI and her participation in the French Resistance during WWII.

Because Ms. Baker was an entertainer, she could travel freely, without suspicion. She smuggled secret messages under her clothing and notes in invisible ink on her sheet music. She received the Medal of the Resistance with Rosette and a Legion of Honour medal for her efforts.

Ms. Cox is the perfect woman for the role, Mr. McKneely says.

"I couldn't imagine anybody else," he says. "Once we did a reading with her, we knew we had found our Josephine in Deborah. We knew this was our Josephine to bring to Broadway, and began developing it around her. Deborah Cox is an amazing singer."

She also had previous Broadway experience, having performed the title role in Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida," and Lucy in a revival of "Jekyll & Hyde."

Ms. Cox's been involved in the development of the musical for seven years.

"The world premiere at the Asolo is giving the opportunity to see the essence of Josephine, the show, the woman, in all her complexities," she says, describing the musical as a spectacle, a combination of "Vegas, Mardi Gras and Gay Pride."

"It has to be a spectacle, something bigger and larger than life. It's the only way to do it," she says. "Joey did the indescribable job of finding that fine line of telling a complex story, but keeping it entertaining, larger than life. Her personality just comes through in this show. It's so intensely overwhelming, the energy you have to put into this show to make it work."

The creative team is impressive. Mr. Waissman's been involved with producing Broadway successes such as "Grease," "Torch Song Trilogy" and "Agnes of God." Writers Ellen Weston and Mark Hampton wrote the book and composer Steve Dorff and lyricist John Bettis wrote the score. Mr. McKneely was originally brought on to be the show's choreographer; he was then later asked to direct it.

For Ms. Cox, "Josephine" is a rare opportunity to originate a role.

"Those roles don't happen very



Deborah Cox in Asolo Rep's production of "Josephine."



The cast of Asolo Rep's production of "Josephine."

often," she says. "There's nothing like originating a role like the great women of Broadway did: Chita Rivera, Audra McDonald, Patti LuPone."

Preparing to portray the loose-limbed, highly inventive dancer was a challenge. Ms. Cox had to take Pilates as well as a variety of classes in tap, tango, ballet and African dance.

"Working with Joey was like being in a master class and boot camp at the same time," she jokes.

"That's what's required to make it look like it's effortless onstage. That's the part that has stressed me, but it made me trust myself, trust that my body can do those movements."

"This role has taught me a lot about myself. I learned I can push myself to the limit. When I get to what I think is the limit, the spirit and energy of Josephine kicks in, and I can take it that much further."

After all, she says, the Europeans "never saw anything like that before, this woman and her body and what she could do. She was having fun and enjoying her life. She looks like she's having a great time and just connects to the audience. She just had a spark."

Prepping shows for Broadway

The Asolo Rep is becoming known in theater circles as one of the few theaters where you can develop new musicals prior to Broadway.

"It's an incredible organization," says Mr. McKneely, pointing out that the Asolo has its own costume shop and set shop equivalent to those on Broadway.

The shops are union, explains Asolo Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards.

"That puts us on the level of major theaters in the country," he says. "If we build a set, it has the union stamp of approval, the same union that works on Broadway. It gives producers a level of reassurance that the work will be at a certain level."

"Our commitment, our artistic vision, our stewardship and our respect for the artist are also things they respond to."

"We have a great support system here," says Mr. McKneely. "And we have Michael's incredible insight to fine-tune the story, as opposed to just finding a theater anywhere."

And then there's the audience.

"It's a sophisticated New York audience, a lot of transplants here, retirees and snowbirds," says Mr. McKneely. "These are the audiences that go see Broadway shows. It's important for us to get a real gauge from an audience reaction."

The creative team listens to the audience every night and make adjustments based on reactions.

For example, within 24 hours, during previews, one production number and two scenes were cut, says Mr. Edwards.

"Then there's the refining of all the technical moves, transitions, tempos of the songs are being adjusted and new orchestration will make it look and sound very different," he says. "That's why they come here, to get this work done."

He calls it "a creative crucible in

which the work can be done the right way."

Once the show opened on May 6, it was locked for the rest of the run, and no changes will be made. But "all of the writers will be looking at the run with a view for what they want to change when it goes into rehearsal again," Mr. Edwards says.

"We have a wonderful audience, an amazingly appreciative audience. So many people move here from Chicago, New York. They love being part of something creative. Our theater is in a conversation with the audience, and they are very much enjoying that conversation."

"Josephine" is a rare opportunity for audiences to see a Broadway show prior to its opening on Broadway. Some theater lovers attended a preview, and plan to see the show again later in its run, to see how it's evolved.

People are coming from all over Florida to see "Josephine." (The Asolo marketing department estimates that more than 4,500 people from Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties attended the theater this season.)

Mr. Edwards knows people coming from New York, Los Angeles and London to see the musical.

"They're interested in Josephine, they're fans of Deborah Cox," he says.

In 2010 audiences could see the musical "Bonnie and Clyde" at the Asolo before it went to Broadway in 2013 with the same two leads, Laura Osnes and Jeremy Jordan. And in 2007 "A Tale of Two Cities," which Mr. Edwards directed, premiered at the Asolo before heading to Broadway.

"This is our fourth commercially enhanced production," says Mr. Edwards. "We're developing something of a reputation where this work can be done."

He gets proposals for new shows.

The next one is "Beatsville," which will have its world premiere next season, in May 2017. It's a musical comedy about beatniks in 1959 Greenwich Village, with be-bop inflected music.

"Seattle's 5th Avenue Theatre is where 'Hairspray' started," Mr. Edwards says. "They sought us out."

The creative team of "Josephine" has enabled the Asolo to "produce an amazing event for our audience, to create something new," says Mr. Edwards. "That is a wonderful thing in theater, to create something new."

Josephine Baker, he says, is "a great, iconic American figure who has never really gotten her due. She never got it in her lifetime. She is probably more beloved and appreciated around the world than she is here, which is one of the reasons that make the story so exciting to do. She was an exciting, glamorous, liberated, fascinating woman."

In addition to performing and being part of the French Resistance during WWII, later in life Ms. Baker adopted 12 children from different ethnicities and religions, which she called her "Rainbow Tribe." And she was involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the U.S. in the '60s.

"It's really important that her story be told," says Ms. Cox. "She's an unsung hero, who needs to be recognized for all her accomplishments. She came from nothing."

"Her story and her persona and her personality is huge, it's big. (Even now,) she still captivates you." ■

in the know

"Josephine" world premiere

>> **When:** through May 29

>> **Where:** Asolo Repertory Theatre, 5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

>> **Cost:** \$15.50 to \$102

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which Mr. Alperin discovered as a child, served as inspiration for the current show.

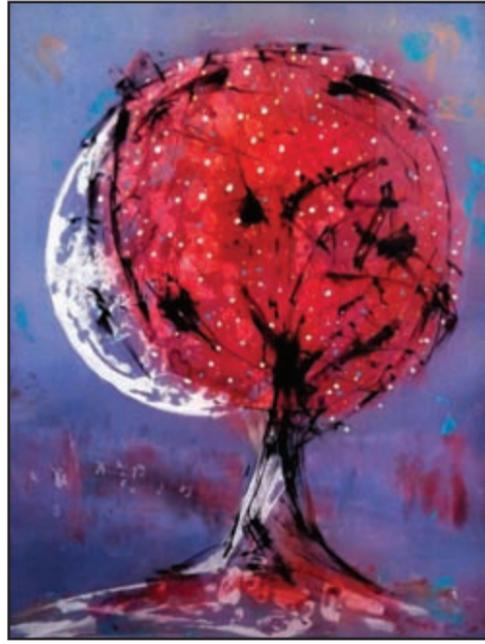
“People always say there is something musical and rhythmic about the paintings; that there seems to be sound coming out of them,” he says. “It allows my brain to produce shapes and colors with music.”

His paintings certainly do evoke a certain musicality, particularly when viewed alongside the jazz piece he selected to accompany each piece. In “Kind of Blue (and Ochre Too),” for example, viewers can see the syncopation and meditative groove Miles Davis infuses into his cool jazz era recordings. But Mr. Alperin says he didn’t simply transcribe onto canvas the shapes he saw when he listened to “Kind of Blue.” His painting, he says, “is more like a general reference to the album and a feeling. It was a groundbreaking album, and if you look at the painting, you can see how the perspective is breaking up.”

Another painting, “Whatever Lola Wants,” features a chaotic space and broken perspective centered on a zaftig female figure. Not exactly the self-contained maneater described in “Whatever Lola Wants,” but rather a meditation on Lola come undone.

“This is stormy Lola,” he says. “Lola is wild.”

Visitors to the exhibit will also see six pieces that demonstrate the reverse painting technique, in which Mr. Alperin paints in backward order on the backside of plexiglass. Canvas paintings are layered in such a way that an artist’s first stroke lays the foundation of the work, whereas reverse painting requires that the first stroke be in the foreground and integral element of the composition. “Paper



Works by Ignacio Alperin on display at The von Liebig Art Center through June 3 include, clockwise from above left, “Paper Moon,” “Whatever Lola Wants” and “Kind of Blue (and Ochre Too).”

Moon” is one of the plexiglass paintings on display.

“It’s much more restrictive,” he says. “I cannot change what I did first. It has to be thought out.”

The advantage, however, is seeing how the light creates a dimensionality not typically found on canvas when it can pass through the glass and layers of paint. “The colors come alive,” he says. “All that third dimensionality comes up when the light bounces off it.”

Mr. Alperin’s works have been exhibited throughout the world, including

London, New York, Miami, Melbourne, Zurich, Lisbon and in Argentina, where he is a professor of creativity and innovation at The Argentine National Catholic University in Buenos Aires.

The artist grew up in Australia and says when his parents took him on an extended trip to Europe as a child, he came home painting after having been to practically every art museum on the continent.

He was childhood friends with Nichaud Fitzgibbons, who became one of Australia’s premiere jazz musicians. At the time, however, her father, Smacka Fitzgibbons, was at the forefront of the music scene, and she knew all the musicians.

“I became hooked on jazz, and it has followed me all my life,” Mr. Alperin says.

“I have high respect for the genre ... it’s America’s best gift to the world in the 20th century.” ■

in the know

‘A Visual Jazz Affair’

- >> **What:** An exhibit of works by Ignacio Alperin, several of which the viewer studies while listening to the jazz music that inspired them
- >> **When:** Through Friday, June 3
- >> **Where:** The von Liebig Art Center
- >> **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday
- >> **Admission:** Free, although donations are welcome
- >> **Info:** 262-6517 or naplesart.org

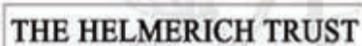
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The Who and The What - By Gulfshore Playhouse through May 15 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org. See review on page C10.

The Dixie Swim Club - By The Naples Players through May 15 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Running - By Theatre Conspiracy through May 21 at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

Funny Girl - At the Broadway Palm Theatre through May 14. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Menopause The Musical - At Broadway Palm Theatre May 19-July 2. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

THURSDAY 5.12

On the Water - Explore Wiggins Pass and Water Turkey Bay by kayak, setting out at 9:30 a.m. from Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Intermediate to advanced kayaking skills required. Free with park entry, reservations required. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Free Film - Naples Regional Library screens "Mr. Holmes" (2015) at 2 p.m. An aged, retired Sherlock Holmes looks back on his life and grapples with an unsolved case of a beautiful woman. Free, registration required. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or collierlibrary.org.

String Concert - Black Cat Quartet perform works by Bach and Mendelssohn at 5:30 p.m. at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.com.

Tall Tales - Storytellers in the Round present an evening of yarn spinning from 6-8 p.m. at Brambles English Tea Room. \$28, reservations required. 262-7894 or bramblestearoom.com.

Choral Concert - Orchestral choral ensemble Seraphic Fire performs works by William Byrd at 7:30 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 791 Harbour Drive. (888) 673-7735 or seraphicfire.org.

Opera - Tenor Stuart Neill and Soprano Sandra Lopez perform arias and duets at 8 p.m. at Opera Naples. Barbatella offers a pre-show dinner at 6 p.m. and a post-show reception with the performers. \$65-\$125. 404-6765 or operanaples.org.

FRIDAY 5.13

Indulge Yourself - Arc of Life Family Spinal Care hosts "Night of Indulgence: Health is Your Best Accessory" from 6-9 p.m. Free, but reservations recommended. Proceeds benefit the SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition. 26731 Dublin Woods Circle, Bonita Springs. 200-7248 or nightofindulgenceswfl.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY 5.14

Last Splash - Head over to Crayton Cove for the 40th annual and final Great Dock Canoe Race from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 261-4191 or greatdockcanoerace.com.

WHAAT? - Comedian Amy Schumer performs at 8 p.m. at Germain Arena. \$49-\$99. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.



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Lordy, lordy! Look who's 40! To the theme of "The Last Dance," the Great Dock Canoe Race celebrates its 40th and final competition from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at The Dock at Crayton Cove.

Cool Cat - PBS Kids' intrepid Nature Cat greets young guests at Golisano Children's Museum of Naples from 10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. 15080 Livingston Road. 514-0084 or cmon.org.

Wonder in the Garden - Kids learn all about pollinators from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday this month at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Concert - Musicians from Naples Philharmonic, Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Stardust Memories Big Band perform from 2-5 p.m. at Unity Church of Naples to raise money for Music for Minors, a nonprofit that provides instruments to students. \$50. 2000 Unity Way. 273-2250 or music4minors.com.

Slumber Party - Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a sleepover for kids ages 11-14 starting at 7 p.m. \$30. 590-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Get On Up - Mike Epps ("Meet the Blacks") performs tonight and Sunday, May 15, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

SUNDAY 5.15

Community Day - The entire Artis—Naples campus opens to the public from noon to 5 p.m. Guests will enjoy performances, hands-on activities and access to all museum exhibitions. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Independence Day - The Israel Advocacy Committee of the Jewish Federation of Collier County celebrates Israel's 68th anniversary of independence from 1-4 p.m. at Mercato. Enjoy Israeli dancing, live music, food, art and more. jeffreymrandall@gmail.com.

Youthful Voices - Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus performs old favorites and new classics at 4 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

MONDAY 5.16

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Keeping Mum" (UK) at 7 p.m. A pastor preoccupied with writing the perfect sermon fails to realize his wife is hav-

ing an affair and his children are up to no good. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 5.17

Walkies in the Garden - Naples Botanical Garden welcomes leashed dogs in the park from 8-11 a.m. Free for Garden members and their canine companion; regular admission plus \$9.95 for non-members and their pups. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Military Lecture - Headquarters Library hosts a lecture about Operation Teardrop, the U.S.'s mission to sink German u-boats, at 11 a.m. Free, but reservations required. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or collierlibrary.org.

Super Tuesday - Naples Italian American Foundation hosts an evening social at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner and euchre, mah jongg, pinochle, bridge and poker. \$18, reservations must be made by 4 p.m. the preceding Monday. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Love that Cruise - PACE Center for Girls hosts a Love That Dress! Collection Party aboard the Naples Princess setting sail at 6:45 p.m. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a strolling fashion show courtesy of White House Black Market and silent auction items. Please donate a new or gently used dress. \$50. 842-5406 or pacecenter.org/collier-at-immokalee.com.

Free Film - Bring the kids and some chairs or blankets and settle in on the lawn at Mercato for a screening of "The Good Dinosaur" starting at 8:15 p.m. 254-1080 mercatoshops.com.

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Artifact Talk - Collier County Museum hosts a presentation by Rachael Kangas about the disciplines of art and archaeology at 2 p.m. Free, but reservations required. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.com.

Classic Film - Artis—Naples and the Naples International Film Society present a screening of the classic "West Side Story" (1961) at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Daniels Pavilion. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

COMING UP

Third Thursday - Third Street South hosts live music by Greg & Claudia from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in the Fleischmann Courtyard. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

ID IQ - Hodges University hosts a brown bag lecture about understanding the LGBTQ community from 1-3:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. 2655 Northbrooke Drive. Reservations required. (800)466-8017 or gwilliams@hodges.edu.

Ad Libbing - Stage 2 Improv returns to Sugden Community Theater at 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, in the Tobye Studio. The troupe will perform Fridays and Saturdays through June 18. \$10-\$20. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Sunset Cruise - Pure Florida offers a sunset cruise with live music at 7 p.m. Friday, May 20. Departs from Tin City. Call for price. 263-4949 or purefl.com.

Family Om - Miromar Outlets hosts a family yoga session for all levels at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Kids' Author - Lisa Trebilcock reads her book "E is for Everglades" from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21, followed by a short Q&A and signing at Golisano Children's Museum of Naples. 15080 Livingston Road. 514-0084 or cmon.org.

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Pina" (UK, 2011) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 23. The tribute to the late German choreographer Pina Bausch features her dancers performing her most famous creations. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Book Signing - Marine biologist Ellen Prager signs her newest young adult book, "Stingray City," at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Trivia games follow at 6:30 p.m. \$10-\$15. 300 Tower Road. 530-5972 or rookerybay.org.

First Chance - Artis—Naples hosts early-career composers as they rehearse their original works with the Naples Philharmonic at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, and 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Art After Hours - Enjoy free admission to The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 25. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Frothy Fun - The Southwest Florida Soapfest charity weekend returns to Marco Island May 27-30. Daytime soap stars participate in a variety of events to raise money for local charities. Visit website for full schedule and ticket prices. 394-0080 or theateronmarco.com.

Thumpin' - Naples Philharmonic performs an up-close percussion concert for kids at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Summer Splash - Sun-n-Fun Lagoon opens for the summer from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 30. 15000 Livingston Road. 252-4021 or napleswaterpark.com.

Memorial Day Social - Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a holiday barbecue starting at 1 p.m. Monday, May 30, with bocce, mah jongg, poker, bridge, euchre and pinochle. \$18, reservations must be made by Friday, May 27. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The Dinner Game” (France, 1998) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 30. Each week, a group of friends organize a dinner where everyone brings the dumbest person they can find to be a guest. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Art ALIVE – Naples Art District galleries and studios, north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road, are open to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 1. 580-7999.

Free Concert – Wilder Sons perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Yes, and? – Improv groups at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs take the stage from 8-10 p.m. Saturday, June 4. \$12-\$17. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Organ Festival – Area organists play the 3,204-pipe Casavant organ at Artis—Naples in a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Anchor Up – David Lawrence Center’s Young Executives host their fifth annual sunset cruise aboard the Naples Princess at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 16. \$45 until June 3, \$50 thereafter. 550 Port-O-Call Way. 455-8500 or davidlawrencecenter.org.

Jazz Cabaret – Bob Zottola and Jazz Simpatico perform at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Marco Island Center for the Arts. \$25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.com.

Third Thursday – Third Street South hosts live music by Wendy Renee from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16, in the Fleischmann Courtyard. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Kings in the Building – Seminole Immokalee Hotel Casino hosts Elvis Fest 8 Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26 in Seminole Center. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Mystery Meat – Spammy Jammy returns to Goodland’s Little Bar Restaurant from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, June 25, with inspired Spam sculptures, toilet paper races and live music, all in hopes of warding off hurricanes. 205 Harbor Place, Goodland. 394-6553 or littlebarrestaurant.com.

Summer Jazz – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club’s free SummerJazz on the Gulf series returns from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25, with musical guests Pocket Change. 261-2222 or naples-beachhotel.com.

Parade Time – Naples’ annual Independence Day parade steps off at 10 a.m. Monday, July 4, and processes down Third Street South and Fifth Avenue. 213-7120 or naplesgov.com.

Light Show – Sugden Regional Park hosts its annual Independence Day celebration from 2-10 p.m. with a free ice cream social, family activities, entertainment and fireworks show over the lake at sundown. Bring chairs and blankets. Free. 4284 Avalon Drive. 252-4000 or collierparks.org.

Art ALIVE – Naples Art District galleries and studios, north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road, welcome visitors from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6. 580-7999. ■

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

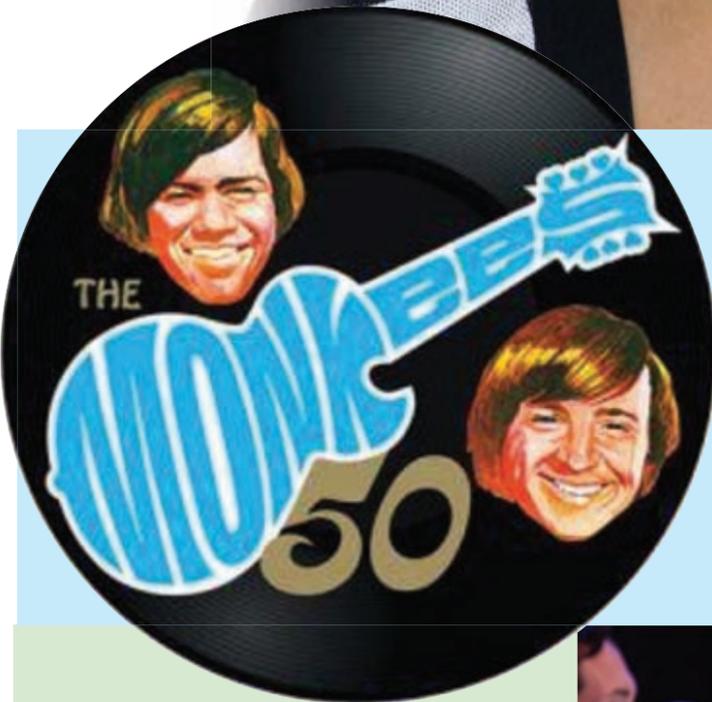
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■ The inimitable and Emmy Award-winning comedian, actress and writer **Amy Schumer** (“Trainwreck,” “Inside Amy Schumer”) brings her singular stand-up act to Germain Arena at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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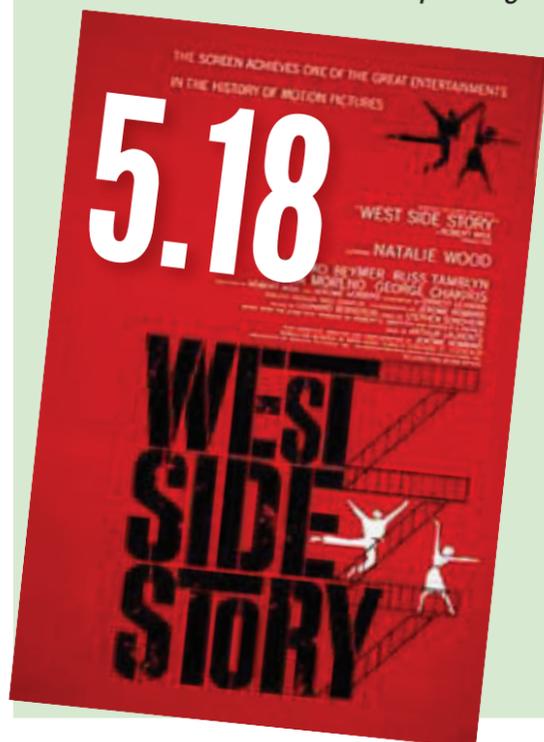
■ Hey, hey, it’s **The Monkees** in a 50th anniversary concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

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■ Watch the film classic “**West Side Story**,” featuring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer as star-crossed lovers caught in the middle of a 1950s gang war, with the Naples International Film Society at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples.

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■ The Grammy-nominated choral ensemble **Seraphic Fire** performs works by William Byrd at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

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Board the bus for ‘Don Pasquale’

Naples Opera Society invites opera aficionados to board a Miami-bound bus for Florida Grand Opera’s production of Gateano Donizetti’s “Don Pasquale” on Saturday, May 14.

In one of the pillars of Italian comic opera, it is the story of a reclusive old fool who has a penchant for cats and runs his pensione with only a chain-smoking chambermaid, a greasy cook and an ancient porter for company. Worried that his wealth will be squandered by his scheming nephew Ernesto, Don Pasquale determines to find himself a wife. When a distinctly feline young lady conveniently turns up, he is smitten. But having a wife is not quite as straightforward as he expected. Has Ernesto got the better of the old curmudgeon at last?

Florida Grand Opera is staging the

Scottish Opera production of the story, set in Rome at the cusp of the swinging 1960s — the perfect setting for a colossal clash of the generations.

The \$140 round trip includes fine dining at a Coral Gables restaurant, pre-opera lecture and mezzanine seating for the show at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts. An optional rear orchestra seat is available for \$165. Board the bus at any of three locations:

- 11:45 a.m. at the Ace Hardware Shopping Center in Cape Coral.
- 12:45 p.m. at Cypress Trace Shopping Center in south Fort Myers.
- 1:30 p.m. at Crossroads Shopping Center in Naples.

For reservations or more information, call 431-7509 or email ehandjhb@gmail.com. ■

Playwrights invited to submit new scripts to ETC ... contest

The Naples Players’ ETC ... Readers Theatre invites local playwrights to submit original one-act scripts for its 13th annual An Evening of New Plays contest. Works can be of any genre except musical; a maximum of seven characters is suggested. Strength of characterization, dialog and plot are among the judging criteria.

As many as four finalists will each receive a \$100 performance royalty, memorial plaque, event poster and two tickets to An Evening of New Plays on Friday, Dec. 2 (a second performance takes place Saturday, Dec. 3), in the

Toby Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Submitting playwrights must reside in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry counties. They must submit two copies of their scripts in standard play format to An Evening of New Plays 2016, The Naples Players, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples, FL 34102. Writers each can submit only one play.

Deadline for submission is June 30, and winners will be notified by Sept. 30. For the complete rules or more information, visit naplesplayers.org. ■

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'Fame Jr.' reflects the story of Naples Players' KidzAct kids

KidzAct, the youth troupe of The Naples Players, presents "Fame Jr." Friday through Sunday, 20-22, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Much like the movie "Fame," it tells the story of aspiring performers at the Performing Arts High School (The Fame School) in Manhattan. The characters are dancers who want to make it into a professional dance company, actors who strive to become the next Meryl Streep or Robert DeNiro and musicians who are torn between the pop and classical world.

It's about teens who live to perform, portrayed by KidzAct teens who feel the same.

Principal actors include Julia Hajar, Morgan French, Sawyer True, Armand Procacci, Frankie Federico, Anthony Henderson, Asheline D'Haiti, Ashley Gurwell, Julia Cornwall, Tyler Glog, Tessa Kent, Katie Pierce, Rachel Dirr, Nicole Stanco and Skye Montgomery.

Ensemble dancers are Nikki Attanasio, Jennifer Chavez, Jillian Cossetta, Diliaa Gresbrink, Lila Prince, Jaedyn Procacci, Rainiel Santana, and Raul Santana. Ensemble actors include Lea Baker, Mariah Bandid, Olivia Cederquist, Emma Clough, Lexi Holt, Ashley Suarez, Alex Portaro, Rylee Price, Lauren Tayon and Sophie Thorn.

Ensemble musicians are Kate Ayers, Anna Beckler, Preslie True, Hannah Lip-pold and Logan Szittai. ■

in the know

'Fame Jr.'

- >> **Who:** KidzAct of The Naples Players
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 20-21; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 22
- >> **Cost:** \$20 for adults, \$10 for students
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org

NIFF society starts summer series

The Naples International Film Society opens its summer series of screenings with the classic "West Side Story" on Wednesday, May 18, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. The Café Intermezzo opens at 5:30 p.m. and the screening is at 7 p.m.

With a score by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by a young Stephen Sondheim and choreography by Jerome Robbins, "West Side Story" celebrates its 55th anniversary this year. A modern take on Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," it's set among gang rivalries of the 1950s

in New York City. It won 10 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, in 1961.

Natalie Wood stars with a strong supporting cast that includes a young Rita Moreno in her breakout performance.

Tickets for \$18 can be purchased at the box office or at artisnaples.org. NIFF members enjoy two tickets for the price of one (requires an email in advance to membership@naplesfilmfest.com).

The 2016 Naples International Film Festival takes place Oct. 27-30. For more information, visit naplesfilmfest.com. ■

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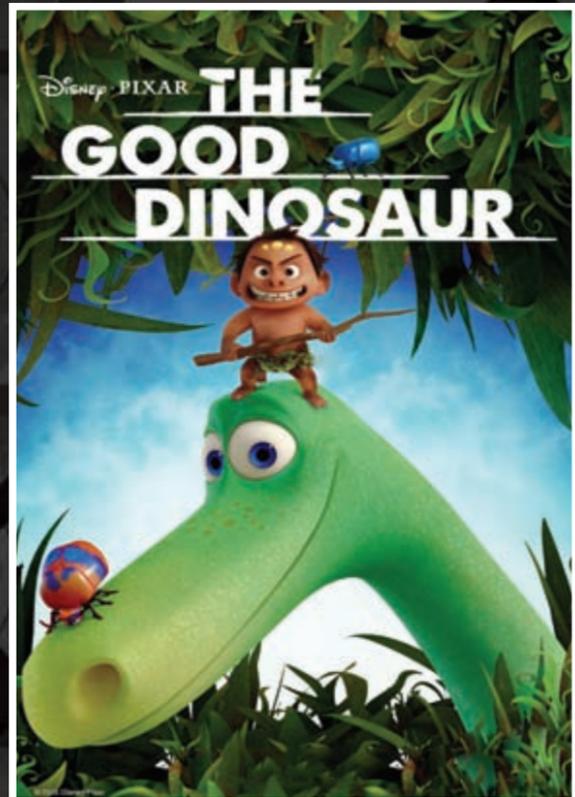
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ARTS COMMENTARY

Questioning tradition at Gulfshore Playhouse



"I don't have any questions," a man shouts defiantly toward the end of "The Who & the What."

"And there's your problem," I thought to myself.

A questioned faith can be a stronger one; an unquestioned faith has never been tested.

That unquestioning man, Afzal (Rajesh Bose) is a widowed Pakistani Muslim living in current-day Atlanta with his two daughters. He's very conservative — and very, very controlling. He tries to keep his daughters on the straight and narrow, even making the elder break off a relationship with a man because he's not Muslim.

Though they love him, the daughters, Zarina (Rasha Zamamiri) and Mahwish (Lipica Shah), chafe under his strictness and, just like the daughters in "Fiddler on the Roof," find their own ways to get around his parental insistence on "tradition."

Mahwish wants her older sister to get married, so she, the younger, will then be free to marry as well.

Their father goes to extreme and somewhat comical measures to find his elder daughter a good Muslim man.

He finds Eli (Eric Clem), a white man who converted to Islam when he was 23. Eli doesn't see the religion as a series of rules and restrictions. But then, as Zarina points out to him, "You didn't have to grow up as a woman inside it."

And, she says later in this one-act play, "I hate what the faith does to women, (how it) hides us, erases us."

She's writing a novel about the prophet Muhammad that many would find controversial or even blasphemous. Her book causes serious repercussions within her family and community.

This play, by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Ayad Akhtar, is a kind of Muslim mash-up of "Other Desert Cities" and "Fiddler on the Roof" (without the music, of course).

Afzal tells Eli, "We're a conservative family," but he really doesn't know what his two very Americanized daughters are up to.

The play presents us with four different attitudes toward Islam, or just religion in general: the convert (Eli), the conservative traditionalist (Afzal), the questioning one (Zarina) and the one who adheres to the letter of the law while looking for loopholes (Mahwish.)



Lipica Shah as Mahwish, the younger sister, and Rajesh Bose as Afzal, the strict and domineering father in "The Who & the What," by Gulfshore Playhouse at The Norris Center through May 15. COURTESY PHOTO

Zarina is probably the closest representation of the playwright, who has said he's a cultural Muslim, but not religious. He views the stories in the Bible and the Koran as myths.

Zarina has an MFA in creative writing and believes in the power of words.

And that's a topic at the heart of this play: how stories and books can change not only our minds, but our lives, opening us up to new ideas, new ways of looking at things.

The set, by David Arsenault, reflects the importance of words. It's three full walls of red-hued books from floor to ceiling, with limited furniture in front: a table, a padded bench and a sink on a kitchen island that has bookshelves built into it.

What's most intriguing are the doorways that appear in the bookcases, suggesting, perhaps, that books are doors to other rooms, other worlds.

However, the set does make deciphering the locales for some scenes a little confusing. It is also so fast-paced that some scenes do not seem fully developed; suddenly, we have leapfrogged forward a couple years, and once-single characters are now married.

If you read the play, it comes off a lot more comedic than it plays on the Gulfshore Playhouse stage. I was surprised to discover that I'd laughed more reading it than watching it.

Director Emily N. Wells does not stress the humor in "The Who & the What,"

choosing instead to emphasize the drama and conflict.

Each actor has his or her moment in the play; I especially liked the strong-willed Zarina, and the way Mahwish grows up and matures over the five-year span of the play. The sisters share a special bond, and their scenes together are highly realistic and full of energy.

Eli, too, presents a hopeful future. He believes that following his religion means serving people, and he appreciates a strong-willed woman.

The father, who could be played as a silly, comedic figure, is an overbearing and manipulative control freak. He thinks he knows everything, and steamrolls over everyone.

Yes, he loves his daughters, but he also wanted sons instead, and believes that men are superior.

When his daughters marry, he urges one of the husbands to "break" his daughter and control her. He also tells him to impregnate her against her wishes.

His character is so loud, so full of himself, so obnoxiously unlikeable, it feels as if he tilts the play off-kilter.

Perhaps this is what the playwright intended. Or maybe this is just this director's interpretation.

But the night I attended, an audience member asked at the talkback why the play is called a comedy, a justifiable question in light of what we'd just seen. (The reply was that it was marketing decision, so people

would come see the play.)

There are some laughs, especially when the two sisters interact, but not so many that you'd call this presentation of "The Who & the What" a comedy.

Thankfully, there's not extreme physical violence against a woman in the play, as there is in Mr. Akhtar's popular and prize-winning "Disgraced." But the violence is of another kind: erasing a woman, not respecting her, not seeing her or treating her as an equal.

When asked about her novel, Zarina says it's about gender politics — the relationship between men and women. This is what "The Who & the What" is about as well: how some men use religion as a means of controlling women, not allowing them to be who they are or to fulfill their potential.

This is a play that raises more questions than it answers.

How you feel about that depends upon your tolerance for questioning. ■

in the know

'The Who & the What'

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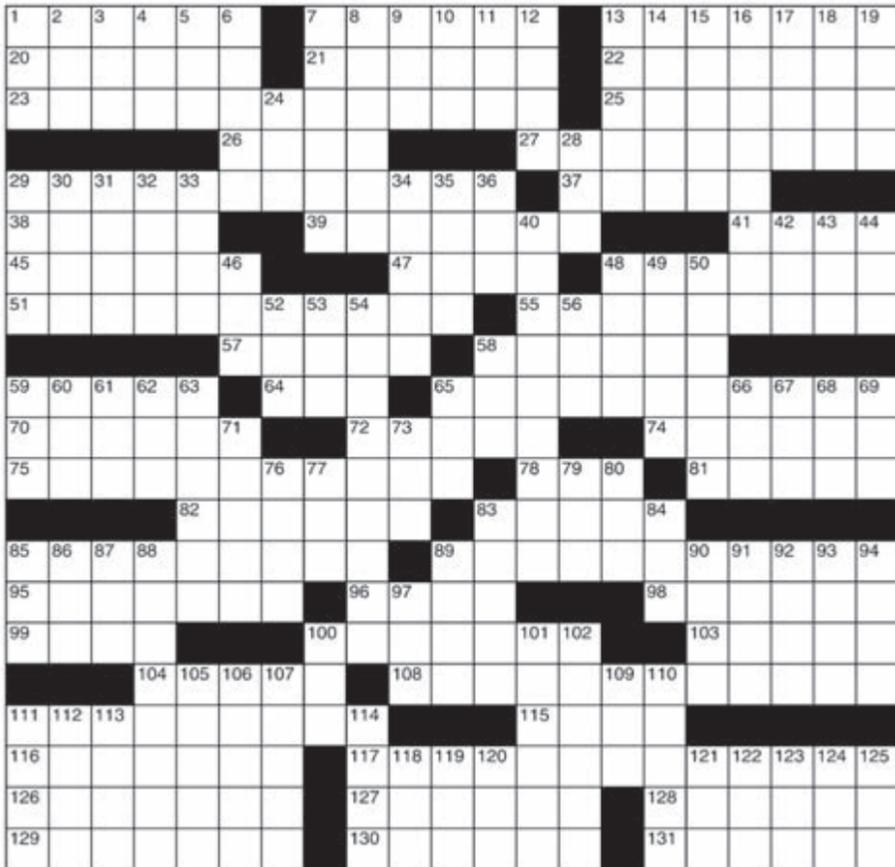
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 - 9 Auction set
 - 10 Cicero's card count?
 - 11 "... Beso (That Kiss!)"
 - 12 With 90-Down, free
 - 13 — voce (under one's breath)
 - 14 "It's — cause"
 - 15 Drug used to treat Parkinson's
 - 16 Flabbergast
 - 17 Face hider
 - 18 "Why would —?"
 - 19 Bygone British gun
 - 24 "Can — now?"
 - 28 French "a"
 - 29 In vogue
 - 30 Resort island near Venice
 - 31 Cake baker
 - 32 Sofa or pew
 - 33 This, to Juan
 - 34 Swiftiness
 - 35 Wiesel who wrote "Night"
 - 36 Clangor
 - 40 Lip-puckering jawbreakers
 - 42 Fulfilled
 - 43 Hi-tech bookmark
 - 44 —Ops
 - 46 Post-punk genre
 - 48 Morales of the screen
 - 49 "Pan Am" star Christina
 - 50 Terrified
 - 52 "... seen worse"
 - 53 None at all
 - 54 Like kiddie-pool water, often
 - 56 Partner of neither
 - 58 Misbehaving
 - 59 Seer's power
 - 60 Body of eau
 - 61 Meth- ending
 - 62 Method ending
 - 63 Arise quickly
 - 65 Wray of film
 - 66 AAA service
 - 67 Land in l'Atlantique
 - 68 Bardic work
 - 69 After-tax
 - 71 Novelist
 - 73 See 77-Down
 - 76 Writer Leon
 - 77 With 73-Down, early
 - 79 Procured
 - 80 Farming-related: Abbr.
 - 83 Poison from a snake
 - 84 Addition total
 - 85 Plan (out)
 - 86 Tax Day mo.
 - 87 — Lanka
 - 88 Plebeian
 - 89 Actress Delany
 - 90 See 12-Down
 - 91 Sci-fi empath
 - 92 Engrossed by
 - 93 Home to Honolulu
 - 94 Science guy
 - 97 Prickly husk
 - 100 Cardinal's cap abbr.
 - 101 WWII ship sinks
 - 102 Revolving gun holder
 - 105 Emerge
 - 106 Library gizmo
 - 107 Huge gulf
 - 109 Modern: Prefix
 - 110 Ticking thing
 - 111 Brinker of kid-lit
 - 112 Harbinger
 - 113 Pixar title fish
 - 114 Barely made, with "out"
 - 118 Flying expert
 - 119 Rebel Turner
 - 120 College sr.'s test
 - 121 Try to win
 - 122 NHL great
 - 123 Bobby
 - 124 Genetic stuff
 - 125 — Antonio

HOROSCOPES

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With summer just around the corner, travel begins to dominate your sign. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems in the first half of June.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your "sensible" side might question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love of travel opens a surprising new opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "New" is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some difficult family decisions have to be faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile,

things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for re-establishing a once-close relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's a potential for misunderstanding in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. A Scorpio has a surprising revelation.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid's best bet for your romantic prospects.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for being open-minded about people. This helps you make friends easily. You would do very well in public service. ■

By Linda Thistle



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It's all in the cards

BY STEVE BECKER

The suit-preference signal has many applications. In its classic form, it is used by a defender on lead to tell his partner which of two side suits to return after the lead has been ruffed.

The mechanism is quite simple: If the leader prefers to have the lower-ranking side suit returned, he leads his lowest card for partner to ruff; if he prefers the return of the higher-ranking side suit, he leads a high card for partner to ruff.

This concept can be extended to a variety of situations that might arise during the play. Today's deal provides a typical case.

South opens four spades in fourth seat, and West leads the ten of clubs. Declarer wins with dummy's jack, leads the nine of spades and finesses. West takes his king but is faced with a dilemma. He would like to reach partner's hand in order to obtain a club ruff, but he does not know whether to lead a heart or a diamond. Both leads appear to have an equal chance of success — and an equal amount of risk.

In the actual deal, if West leads a heart at trick three, declarer finishes with 11 tricks, while if West returns a diamond, the defense scores two diamonds, a spade and a club ruff for down one.

However, thanks to the suit-preference signal, West does not have to operate in the dark. East, fully aware that his partner's lead might be a singleton,

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	9 3		
♥	Q 8 6 2		
♦	Q 7 5		
♣	K Q J 5		
WEST		EAST	
♠	K 7 2	♠	4
♥	K 9 7 5	♥	J 10 4 3
♦	K J 8 3 2	♦	A 9 6
♣	10	♣	9 8 6 4 2
SOUTH			
♠	A Q J 10 8 6 5		
♥	A		
♦	10 4		
♣	A 7 3		

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass Pass 4♠

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

can play the deuce of clubs at trick one to request a diamond return should West regain the lead. West, for his part, should be on the lookout for just such a signal from East at trick one.

Alternatively, if East had the heart ace rather than the diamond ace, he would play the nine of clubs at trick one to ask for a subsequent heart return. The suit-preference signal takes all the guesswork out of the game! ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Captain America: Civil War

★★★★1/2

(Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson) Threatened with government supervision, the Avengers split allegiances between Team Captain America (Mr. Evans) and Team Iron Man (Mr. Downey Jr.). It's a legitimate dilemma the heroes face, the action is inspired and the Marvel Cinematic Universe continues to expand in logical, smart ways. Rated PG-13

Green Room

★★★★

(Anton Yelchin, Imogen Poots, Patrick Stewart) A terrible punk rock band is held captive by Skinheads and must figure out how to escape before they're killed. You will not necessarily like the members of the band, but it's a testament to writer/director Jeremy Saulnier's storytelling that you nonetheless root for them to survive. Patrick Stewart is especially chilling as the Skinhead leader. Rated R.

The Huntsman: Winter's War

★★★1/2

(Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Emily Blunt) With Evil Queen Ravenna (Ms. Theron) dead, the Huntsman (Mr. Hemsworth) has to retrieve the magic mirror before Ravenna's ice queen sister Freya (Ms. Blunt) gets her heartless cold hands on it. It often lacks logic and suspense, but the story is just smart enough in its broadest strokes to make this genuinely entertaining. Rated PG-13.

The Jungle Book

★★★

(Neel Sethi, voices of Bill Murray, Idris Elba) Man-cub Mowgli (young Mr. Sethi)

is raised by wolves in the jungle, but is forced to flee when a tiger (Mr. Elba) threatens to kill him. It's visually dazzling but the story is thin, and superfluous characters make the movie tedious rather than engaging. Rated PG.

Demolition

★★★

(Jake Gyllenhaal, Naomi Watts, Chris Cooper) After Davis (Mr. Gyllenhaal) loses his wife in a car accident, a stranger (Ms. Watts) who works in vending machine customer service helps him move on. Davis is so numb that he doesn't feel anything, which has the ironic byproduct of the audience not feeling anything either. You'll want to invest emotionally, but you won't be able to. Rated R.

City of Gold

★★★

(Jonathan Gold, Roy Choi, David Chang) The story is unfocused in this documentary about Pulitzer Prize-winning food critic Jonathan Gold and his influence on Los Angeles. Not only that, but Mr. Gold's personality isn't interesting enough to warrant following him for 90 minutes. Rated R.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

★★★

(Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Lainie Kazan) Toula (Ms. Vardalos) and Ian (Mr. Corbett) have trouble connecting while her parents (Ms. Kazan and Michael Constantine) realize their wedding was never official. It's a delight to see this crazy family back on the big screen, and just as funny as it was when the original was a box office hit in 2002. Rated PG-13. ■



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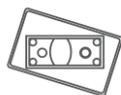


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Is it worth \$10? No

Early in "The Man Who Knew Infinity," a Cambridge professor writes a math equation on the board and then calls upon the non-note taking student Srinivasa Ramanujan (Dev Patel) to finish it. Not only does Ramanujan finish it, he also completes extra portions that weren't on the board.

The professor asks how he knew how to do it. "I just do," Ramanujan replies.

Ramanujan is from India, and comes from poverty. He also has a gift that most of the Cambridge mathematics fellows don't know what to do with, so a combination of jealousy and prejudice ensue. Jeremy Irons helps as Ramanujan's mentor/advisor G.H. Hardy and adds an interesting twist: With Ramanujan clearly a genius prodigy with little formal training, it seems like a foregone conclusion that his work should be published. Hardy, however, raises an interesting point in that Ramanujan comes to his conclusions via instinct and happens to be right (just like Mozart could compose a symphony in his head, Hardy says).

In reality, Ramanujan doesn't understand how or why the answer is correct. Therefore, Hardy requires Ramanujan to complete "proofs" to show how he gets his results, which naturally Ramanujan finds to be a waste of time. And yet it makes perfect sense for Hardy to require this, because doing so leaves nothing for the academic community to question.

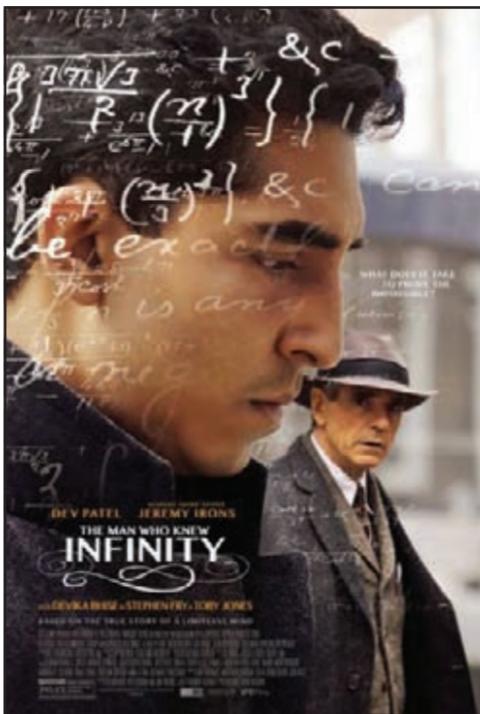
The story covers 1914-20, so World War I occurs in the background and more or less stays there. It never has much of an effect on Ramanujan, except for inconveniencing him as the Cambridge campus turns into a hospital.

Similar to the relevance of the war to the story, writer/director Matt Brown's film doesn't quite know how to handle Ramanujan. He's not really rebellious, but he knows he's smarter than everyone else. He's religious and devoted to his family in India, but never he sends for them to join him. In many ways he's a lost soul in search of a solution to his life,

an odd irony given how instinctively he comes to solutions in other ways.

We like Ramanujan and sympathize with the discrimination he suffers and his distance from home, but the fact remains that he's kind of a boring math geek and not interesting enough to be the subject of a movie.

It's also true that "The Man Who Knew Infinity" is too much about partitions and prime numbers and doesn't get us invested enough in the people involved. In "The Imitation Game," for example, Alan Turing was a social misfit in addition to creating the world's first computer. In "The Theory of Everything, Stephen Hawking became the most renowned physicist in the world while



living with ALS. Ramanujan misses home, and only well into the film battles health issues. That's it. That's all the edge we get. It's not enough.

"The Man Who Knew Infinity" tells the story of a man who deserves to be remembered by history, but not by a 108-minute movie. Read Ramanujan's Wikipedia page and you'll learn all you need to know about him. And that will only take 10 minutes. ■


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 >> **Per Wikipedia:** Ramanujan completed 3,900 "results" throughout his life, most of which were later proven correct.



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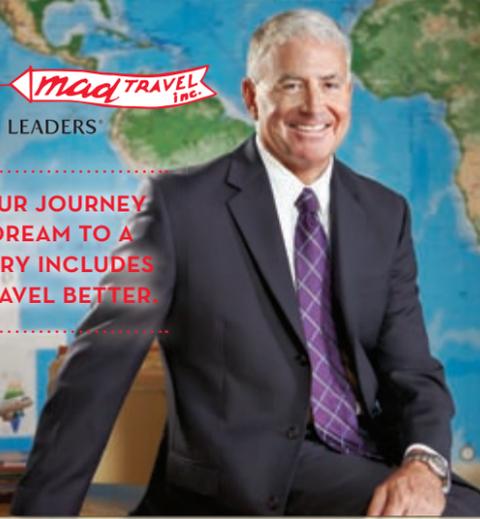
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Rock and rollers taking over The Ranch in Fort Myers

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Robin Zander, lead singer of the band Cheap Trick, takes the stage at The Ranch in Fort Myers at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14. The show, part of the Classic Rock Series presented by KDIM Entertainment, will also feature Las Vegas Queen of Rock Carol-Lyn Liddle.

Mr. Zander and his Cheap Trick bandmates reached the pinnacle of rock stardom just weeks ago as they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Rocking their way through four decades, Cheap Trick sold more than 20 million albums and earned more than 40 gold and platinum album awards. Their latest, "Bang, Zoom, Crazy

... Hello," debuted at No. 31 on the Billboard 200 earlier this month. It was the band's best-rated album debut in 28 years.

Mr. Zander began playing in various high school bands in Illinois in the 1960s. In the early '70s he switched to folk music and did a residency for three summers at the Wisconsin Dells Picadilly Pub. Between stints, he played in groups featuring drummer Bun E. Carlos of Cheap



ZANDER



LIDDLE

In 1993 Mr. Zander recorded an album that included guest talent including Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood, Dave Stewart and Don Felder, among others.

Ms. Liddle, the opening act for Mr.

Trick. By September 1974, Mr. Carlos convinced Mr. Zander to join the band and become the lead singer. The band recorded several albums before hitting it big with 1979's classic concert recording, "Live at Budokan."

Zander on May 14 at The Ranch, has performed in nearly every major hotel/casino in Sin City, hence her nickname of Las Vegas Queen of Rock. She has performed with Aerosmith's Jimmy Crespo, Bon Jovi's Hugh McDonald, Heart's Howard Leese and Whitesnake's Doug Aldrich. ■

in the know

Robin Zander of Cheap Trick

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Medieval armor was one of the prized purchases by Americans taking the Grand Tour of Europe in Victorian days. And, clever metalsmiths made copies of the armor that were able to fool the average tourist, even some experts. When an important American art museum remodeled its gallery filled with armor donated in the 1980s, the pieces on exhibit were sent to be cleaned, refurbished and properly conserved. Many of the pieces were found to be 19th-century copies, not original armor from the 15th century.

The earliest armor was made of chain-mail, a flexible covering made of linked circles. By the 16th century plate armor was made, and it stayed popular until the 18th century. Some armor was used as late as World War I. The plate armor often was heavily decorated with etched designs, but it could be pierced. Plate armor was added to the head, chest, legs and finally almost the entire body.

Authentic armor is very rare and expensive today, but occasionally an auction offers a reproduction of a suit of armor. Poulin Antiques and Auctions of Fairfield, Maine, sold a 69-inch high set with overall etching in March. It was probably made in the late 1800s or early 1900s. Estimated at \$1,400 to \$1,800, it sold for \$2,115.

Q: My father-in-law had an old potbellied stove in his construction company's workshop. The door is embossed "A Kalamazoo, Direct to You." We'd like to know about how old it is.

A: The Kalamazoo Stove Co. was in business in Kalamazoo, Michigan, from 1902 to 1952. The words "A Kalamazoo, Direct to You" were used because the manufacturer sold directly to customers. The name of the company became Kalamazoo Stove and Furnace Co. in 1937. The company made millions of stoves, mostly wood or coal-burning.

Q: I'm interested in selling my Beswick figurine collection. It consists of 78 pieces, mostly horses with some Siamese cats, and a few others. If you would point me in the right direction, it would be greatly appreciated.

A: Beswick started making pottery in Staffordshire, England, in 1894. The pottery became John Beswick Ltd. in 1936. Figurines of animals, especially dogs and horses, were made. The company became part of Royal Doulton Tableware, Ltd. in 1969. Production ceased in 2002 and the John Beswick name and brand was bought by Dartington Crystal in 2004. Figurines don't sell as well as they used to. Many Beswick figurines are sold online.

Q: I have a comic book with the title "Charlie Chaplin in the Movies" that is marked "No. 316" and "copyright 1917 by J. Keely by arrangement with Essanay Com-

pany, M.A. Donohue & Co., Chicago." It's in poor condition and I want to sell it to a restorer.

A: A first edition of this comic book was offered for sale for \$875. M.A. Donohue was the publisher of the comic book. Essanay produced films starring Charlie Chaplin beginning in 1914. Not many copies of this comic survived in excellent condition. Your copy in poor condition won't be worth very much. You might be able to find someone interested in it at a comic book show. Restorers do restoration work and get paid for it. They don't buy things to fix.

Q: While driving in the countryside during the late 1970s, I came across a perfect Norman Rockwell scene — a little girl with her lemonade stand and two utility workers standing there sipping their cups of lemonade. I wrote to Rockwell and described this as "a perfect Norman Rockwell" scene. He wrote back to thank me and said public interest in his work had waned. The letter is typed on his personal stationery and signed in ink. I'm downsizing and

would like to know the value of this letter.

A: Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) became famous for his magazine covers, illustration and advertising art. Many of his paintings were later reproduced and sold as prints. The value of an autographed letter depends on the importance of the person who signed it and the rarity of his signature. A letter that is handwritten and hand signed is worth more than a typed letter with a handwritten signature. The content of the letter also affects value. Condition and authenticity are also important. Typewritten letters signed by Norman Rockwell sell for about \$100, but since his paintings are going for higher and higher prices, perhaps the autographs will go up in value. The content of the letter is very interesting.

Tip: Keep a "mystery disaster" box. If you find a piece of veneer, an old screw or even a porcelain rosebud, put it into the box until you are able to make the necessary repairs. ■

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Walking Club** meets at the entrance to The Naples Zoo to walk the Greenway at 7:15 a.m. every Saturday. Breakfast at Panera Bread follows. Groups also walk at 7 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at the park-and-walk lot at Tin City. Each walk is about 3-4 miles, at your own speed. Breakfast afterward is optional. Members also have monthly meetings, go on local hikes and visit other areas to walk. For more information, visit napleswalkingclub.org or follow the club on Facebook.

■ The **Naples Press Club** meets for lunch and a program by Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the Hilton Naples. Mr. Moher will deliver a fresh perspective on the issues facing Southwest Florida's ecosystem. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for others. Reservations are required and can be made at eventbrite.com (search for Naples Press Club). For more information, email rsvp@naplespressclub.org or call Rhona Saunders at 450-1215.



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■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is May 16. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ The **Naples Wednesday Bridge Club**, now in its 25th year, welcomes new members to join in at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The group plays five rounds of six hands each, changing partners after each round and with a break for lunch. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for \$20 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

■ The inaugural meeting of **Hazel's Book Club** starts at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort. Books focused on addiction, mental health and recovery will be provided free of charge to participants who register in advance. Hazel's Book Club is hosted by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. Light appetizers and beverages will be served prior to the informal, author-facilitated discussion. The books for the first event are: "A Woman's Guide to Recovery" by Brenda Iliff and "Meditation for Street Chicks" by Leslie Robinson. For more information, call Mary Campbell at 659-2351 or email marycampbell@hazeldenbettyford.org.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island areas are invited to the chapter's "Angels on the Town" mixer from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, at Bice Grand Café in Coconut Point. For more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ The **PCBUG** computer and technology club invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to its regular meetings at 5 p.m. on the



COURTESY PHOTO

The **Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club** recently presented the **Mike Minozzi Service Award for 2016 to Elliott Mascoop** in honor of his many years of dedication to coordinating the annual **Stamp Out Hunger Letter Carriers Food Drive on Marco**. Shown here are **Mike Richards, Mr. Mascoop and Lynne Minozzi, president of the Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club**. Mr. Richards was also recognized for his work on behalf of the food drive.

third Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is May 19. For more information, call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email paddyeb@hotmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, May 19, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are 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, 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 the month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is May 19. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is May 26. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is June 1. Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is June 12.

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■ Visitors who own or admire Corvettes are welcome to attend **Corvettes of Naples** meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is June 2. For more information, visit corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The next meeting is June 2. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Moorings Presbyterian Church is at 791 Harbour Drive. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is June 7. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bitly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools. Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

■ Are you new to Naples and interested in making friends? Consider joining the **Naples Newcomers Club**. Members

must be full-time residents of Naples for less than five years. Lunch meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout Naples. The next meeting is June 9. In addition, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking. For more information, visit naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is June 9. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month October-June at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. The next meeting is June 14. Guest speaker Joyce Dickens-Loffree will discuss "Cemetery Tripping from the Comfort of Your Home," or how to gather information from family gravesites using the free website findagrave.com. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call Madonna Crame at 455-7295 or visit thegscc.org.

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Longtime supporters chair main events for Immokalee Foundation

The Immokalee Foundation has named the chairmen for its 2016 signature fundraisers: the Inter-Club Challenge golf tournament, the Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction and the Charity Classic Pro-Am. This is the foundation's 25th year of funding pathways to the future for the children of Immokalee.

David Steele chaired the Inter-Club Challenge that took place earlier this month at the Bonita Bay Club in Naples.

For the sixth year, Kevin Johnson of Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management is chairman of the Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournaments set for Monday, Nov. 14, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Each foursome is joined by a professional player for the first nine holes, and another professional player for the second nine holes. "There's a high possibility of a couple of top 10 PGA Tour players participating this year," Mr. Johnson says.

The Charity Classic Celebration precedes the Pro-Am at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort on Friday, Nov. 11. Chaired by Don O'Neill, Mac McDonald and Jay "Stoney" Stonesifer, the evening includes fine dining, dancing and live and silent auctions that feature life-changing opportunities and experiences for Immokalee students.

Mr. Stonesifer looks back with pride on a decade of involvement with TIF. "Today, we're touching the lives of thousands of students and their families," he says. Mr. McDonald shares that enthusiasm. "I'm very excited to be a part of these events during the organization's 25th year," he says.

Ten years ago, Mr. McDonald and Mr.



MCDONALD, O'NEILL AND STONESIFER



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O'Neill, along with golfer Mark Lye, started the Pro-Am golf tournament. In addition, Mr. O'Neill and his wife, Ellen, held the first fundraiser for TIF's Take Stock in Children scholarship program at their home in 2004. "We've got a great thing going one," he says. "The parents believe in us and the kids end up believing in themselves."

Sponsors of the 2016 Inter-Club Challenge, Charity Classic Celebration and Pro-Am are Florida Community Bank, presenting sponsor; Arthrex Inc. and Caterpillar Inc., partner circle sponsors; Jaguar Naples, Porsche of Naples and Kelly Tractor, education circle sponsors; Naples Illustrated, media sponsor; Huntington Bank, success circle sponsor; and Central Bank, pathways circle sponsor.

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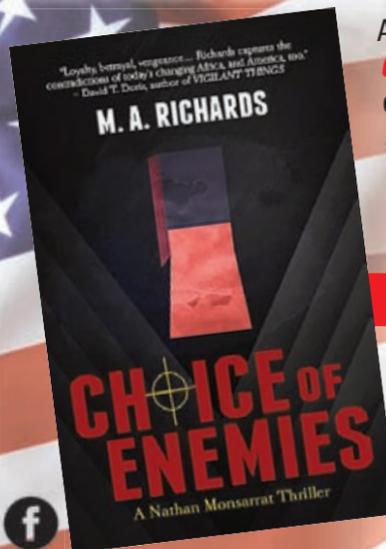
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■ Opera stars tenor Stuart Neill and soprano Sandra Lopez perform a recital of arias and duets to benefit **Opera Naples** at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. Opera aficionados can start the evening at 6 p.m. with a special three-course dinner at Barbatella. For \$125, they will also enjoy VIP seating at the recital and a post-show champagne reception with Mr. Neill and Ms. Lopez. Tickets to the performance and champagne reception are \$65, while admission to the performance only is \$50. The evening is presented by Livio Ferrari, a founder and director of Opera Naples, and by Barbatella. For reservations or more information, call 404-6765 or visit operaevents.org.

■ The third annual **Giver Challenge** to benefit Charity for Change, a night of dinner, dancing and friendly trivia competition, takes place from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at the Hilton Naples.



The evening a silent auction and presentation of the Character in Collier Awards. State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo and John Passidomo are honorary chairs, and Charity for Change advisory board member Kathy Feinstein

chairs the committee that includes Karole Davis, Kristin Diaz-Garcia, Theresa Feller, Gail Graham, Cynthia Hammer, Paula Jewell, Chris Nind, Ashley O'Neil, Siobhan Rabbini and Becky Sharon. NBC-2's Chad Oliver will emcee. Major sponsors to date include Arthrex, Home-Tech, Nova Wealth Management, Waste Management, Williams Magical Garden Center & Landscape, eBella, the Moe and Dot Kent Family and Zing Casual Living.

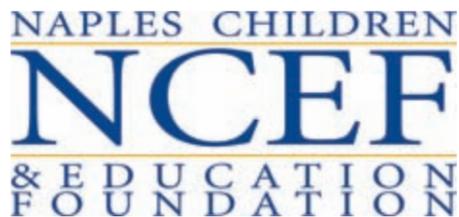
Tickets start at \$150. Proceeds will benefit 4,500 Collier County students in grades K-5. For reservations, to become a sponsor or to donate an auction item, email Suzanne Todd at suzannetodd@charityforchange.org.

■ The season for LTD parties to stock the racks for the annual **Love That Dress!** event for PACE Center for Girls-Collier starts with a sunset cruise on the Naples Princess on Tuesday, May 17. Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m. and the two-hour cruise leaves the dock at 6:30 p.m. \$50 includes heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Shula's (cash bar, with 20 percent of proceeds going to PACE). Models will stroll the decks in the latest fashions from White



House|Black Market. Bring a gently used but still lovely dress for donation to the fashion extravaganza that is set for Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Naples Grande. Tickets to the sunset cruise are available at lovethatdress.org.

■ Naples Winter Wine Festival's Friends of the Foundation host **The Grape Celebration** from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. Guests



will enjoy more than 50 vintages and heavy hors d'oeuvres with proceeds benefitting the festival's founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation. Tickets are \$75 through April and \$95 through May. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 325-2978 or visit friendsofthefoundation.com.

■ The fifth annual **David Lawrence Center Young Executives Sunset Cruise** set sail Thursday, June 16, aboard the Naples Princess. Boarding begins at 6 p.m. and the boat leaves the dock at 7 p.m. for a two-hour outing on Naples Bay complete with music, hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Casual red, white and "nautical" blue attire is encouraged.



Tickets are \$45 until June 3 and \$50 thereafter, with all proceeds benefiting DLC mental health and substance abuse programs for children, adults and families. Tickets can be purchased at davidlawrencecenter.org or by sending a check to DLC, 6075 Bathey Lane, Naples FL 34116.

Sponsorship opportunities remain available. For more information, call 304-3505 or visit the website.

■ **Jimmy Keys & Friends** perform a dinner show for The Sunshine Kids Foundation on Thursday, June 16, at The Colosseum. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets for \$75 must be purchased in advance at The Colosseum, 2039 Tamiami Trail E., or online at sunshinekids.org. For more information, call 269-6335. ■

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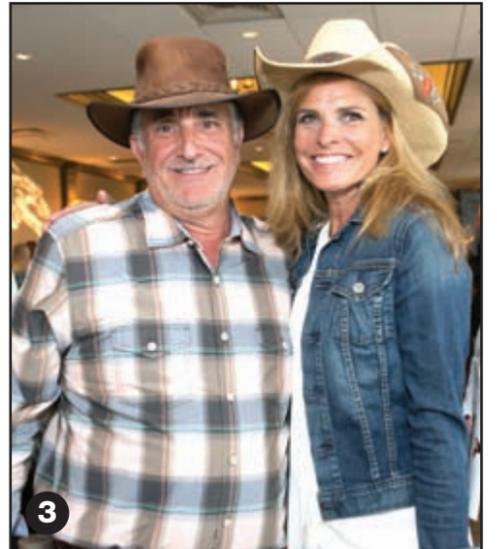
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Grand-opening promotions for the first week include these gifts for the first 100 guests: Tuesday, May 17, a "Meet the Chicks" punch card; Wednesday, May 18, a bottle of branded hand sanitizer; Thursday, May 19, a branded golf ditty pouch; Friday, May 20, a branded bottle cooler; and Saturday, March 21, a branded koozie.

Hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 431-5678 or visit chickensaladchick.com.

Collier Harvest facilitates the National Association of Letter Carriers annual **Stamp Out Hunger food drive** Saturday, May 14, when mail carriers will collect non-perishables donated by postal customers to stock the organization's food pantry. Volunteers are needed to collect the donations from area post offices and sort them upon arrival at Collier Harvest headquarters. For more information, call 455-3663 or visit collierharvest.org.

Paradise Wine and Crave Culinaire team up to present the monthly **Craving Paradise wine dinner** at 6:30 p.m. Mon-

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Sea Salt hosts a class about using exotic salts starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 21. \$65, includes salt block to take home. 1186 Third St. S. 434-7258 or seasaltnaples.com.

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The Details: Our family just added a new four-legged family member who requires me to run home at lunch to walk her, but there is nothing to eat there besides items for school lunches. I'm not eating an Uncrustable, thanks.

Sweet Caroline's is conveniently positioned between the office and work and expertly executes lunchtime favorites. My egg salad sandwich featured the traditional mixture of hard-boiled eggs, mayo and mustard, but serving it on a croissant with sun-dried tomatoes and bacon elevated it just a touch. Yum!

One more thing: Check out the dessert case for homemade treats. The chocolate mousse mini tart was scrumptious. ■

— Lindsey Nesmith
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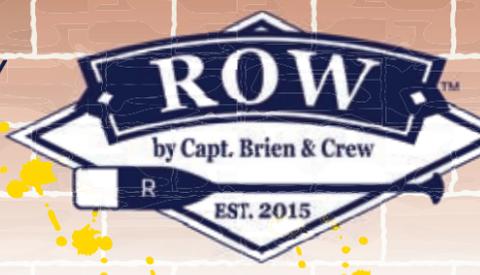


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In many ways, winemaking can be very much of a family business. A lot of people get born into it, like Piero Antinori in Italy, whose family has been making wine for over 700 years, and who owns an impressive chunk of downtown Florence. The Mondavis are another good example.

We might not be that familiar with family dynasties in other countries, but in France, the Guigals should certainly come to mind.

In a recent interview, Phillipe Guigal told me a bit about his family's (fairly recent) history. But because they have their name on a hilltop in the Northern Rhône, and they produce wines at prices that run from great values to you gotta be kidding me, the wines, and the people who make them, deserve our attention.

"We are a relatively young company," says Phillipe.

The story begins with his grandfather, Etienne Guigal, who founded the firm in 1945. Later, he handed the company over to his son Marcel, Phillipe's father, who celebrated his 55th vintage last year.

In the Northern Rhône, the major traditional red grape is Syrah, and pretty much only Syrah, from vineyards in Côte-Rôtie, Saint Joseph, Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage. The Guigals make

whites from the heritage Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne grapes. Phillipe is adamant that the family makes wine only in this region.

"We feel that we could not control the quality in the way that we want if we tried to make wine in another region in France, let alone another country."

At the age of 22, Phillipe took over as winemaker for the family business. That was almost 20 years ago, and he carries on what he calls his grandfather's "simple vision": to make the highest quality wines possible, farming organically and without pesticides.

And even though many of the Guigal single vineyard offerings, like La Turquie, La Mouline and La Landonne (known in the wine world as "The La-Las") will hit you for over \$300 a bottle, many others, like those reviewed below, are available at extremely attractive prices.

"We are the birthplace of two of the great red grapes in the world: Syrah and Grenache," states Phillipe. "These have been brought to other parts of France and the world, and we love many versions and interpretations, but truly the Rhône Valley is the home of these grapes."

While Bordeaux has Cabernet and Merlot, and Burgundy has Pinot Noir, the Rhône Valley has its own unique traditional varietals that age beautifully, but can be enjoyed at a young age as well.

Unlike many producers, the Guigals tend to hold their wines for quite a while before releasing them.

Says Phillipe, "When you have great

material, time is the key for the elements to come together, and for complexity to develop. Our wines are drinking at an optimum level when they are released. That is one of the major reasons consumers come back to our wines again and again."

I'll come back to these wines as long as you'll let me ...

■ **E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Blanc 2014** — The Northern Rhône is most famous for its Syrah-based reds, and whites represent a mere 2 percent of all production. But the whites from this area have their own special attraction. This example is 65 percent Viognier, with touches of other traditional (though somewhat obscure) white varietals like Clairette and Bourboulenc. There are tropical notes of kiwi, honeysuckle and white pear, balanced by pronounced minerality. WW 90. A steal at around \$10.

■ **E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Rosé 2014** — Based on Grenache and Cinsault, this wine is very fruit forward for an Old World style, with flavors of light red fruits, like strawberry and raspberry. Extremely refreshing, so stock up for summer. WW 89. About \$12.

■ **E. Guigal Côte Rôtie Brune et Blonde** — This wine comes from the heart of the Northern Rhone, however space does not permit me to tell the whole story of why the area has such a strange name. If you're interested, write and ask me. This is a full-bore Syrah,

enhanced with just a touch (4 percent) of Viognier. A very well-balanced wine with bold black fruit, a hint of characteristic black pepper, along with smoke, vanilla and caramel notes that come from the 36 months the wine spent in oak. A favorite. WW 94. \$50

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. Why do some red wines make my mouth feel all dry and puckered?

— Steve P, Fort Myers

A. Red wines have a component called "tannin," which comes from the skins, stems and seeds of the grapes when they're crushed. Tannin is not a flavor; it's a critical wine component that provides structure. But tannic young red wines — and even older ones — may make you feel (in the words of W.C. Fields) like the Russian army marched through your mouth in stocking feet. Tannins diminish and integrate into other flavor components over time, which is why we cellar the big reds. You can also minimize that "puckery" feeling by decanting the wine, pouring it through an aerator, or accompanying it with salty foods. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group, and his book, "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer," is available through his website or on Amazon. Read his other writings on his website, winewhisperer.com.

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CUISINE NEWS

Rodizio Grill improves on Brazilian steakhouse tradition



We thought we had cut ourselves off early enough to avoid overeating, but by the time our plates were empty we realized it was too late. A carnivorous coma was setting in. We'd have to rest before even contemplating dessert or waddling away from the table.

Such is the delectable danger of Rodizio Grill, the new Coconut Point restaurant that re-creates the Brazilian churrascaria tradition of all-you-can-eat grilled meats carved tableside by gauchos wielding 3-foot skewers and scary-looking knives. It's entirely possible to eat a week's worth of protein at one sitting.

That's not advisable for a number of reasons, but also because you should dedicate a portion of your appetite to the remarkably expansive salad bar and Brazilian side dishes. This wasn't my first time at the rodizio rodeo, but never have I encountered a Brazilian steakhouse that pays as much attention to the vegetables as it does the meats. If some members of your party are observing Meatless Monday, they will not leave unsatisfied.

Rodizio Grill opened about a month ago in the lakefront space formerly occupied by Pagelli's Cucina, which closed last summer. It's a sprawling restaurant that seats 270 indoors, yet it manages to feel warm and comfortable, not cavernous. The wait staff appears to be vast and in constant motion to ensure that no patron is left with an empty plate at any time.

That could be a contributing factor to gluttony if you don't know when to say "when." When someone presents a swordful of juicy tri-tip at your table, it's easy to think "OK, one more sliver and then I'm done."

For adults, the smorgasbord costs \$34.99 for dinner, \$24.99 for brunch; or \$19.99 for salad bar only at brunch, \$24.99 at dinner. (Children's meals are \$7.99-\$10.99, depending on age.) Dessert and drinks are not included.

We started with a caiparinha (\$7) and a passion fruit martini (\$7). The former is a refreshing mix of fresh limejuice and cachaça, a liquor made from sugar cane. The latter was a tangy concoction of fruit juice and vodka. They arrived



A creamy flan is worth the indulgence.

shortly after we returned from our first foray to the salad bar.

At the salad bar, the offerings can change according to season and location, but the selections are bountiful: Israeli couscous with raisins, pineapple, red peppers and scallions; garbanzo beans with onions, tomatoes and olives; quinoa with red beans and corn; spicy chicken salad; BLT and other green salads; ceviche; potato salad; marinated quail eggs; hearts of palm; crab salad; tomato and fresh mozzarella salad; caramelized walnut farfalle salad. Hot dishes include collard greens and feijoada (meaty black bean stew), which are traditionally served together in Brazil, as well as beef stroganoff — something you don't expect to see on a Brazilian menu. The variety will please anyone who truly loves veggies and grains in various combinations, with or without meat.

Also included in the meal are side dishes served at the table: cheesy rolls made with yucca flour called pao de queijo, cinnamon-glazed sautéed bananas and crispy fried polenta sticks.

When you're ready for the cowboy brigade to start delivering grilled meats, you turn over a colored token that each table receives, from red to green. Be sure to request your desired degree of doneness if the server doesn't ask — sometimes they do, sometimes they don't — because they can often slice

from a different portion of the slab of meat on their skewer. If there's a particular meat you're hungering for, they will bring it to your table.

It can be difficult to keep track after a few rounds, but we sampled four cuts of beef, three pork presentations, ham and three chicken items including some exquisitely tender hearts. The tri-tip and a garlicky beef called bife com alho were favorites in the beef department. Bacon-wrapped chicken and pork chunks were table pleasers, too, as were sweet pork linguica sausages and pork loin dusted with Parmesan. There were seafood options, but we bypassed them. Aside from the occasional streak of gristle, the only real disappointment was the leg of lamb, which was overcooked and devoid of even the slightest hint of pink.

Meats can be topped with a variety of sauces, too, including garlicky chimichurri, fresh salsa and fiery malagueta pepper sauce.

Eventually, we gave in and turned up the red end of the token. When you're ready for dessert, you turn it on its side and a server brings a tray bearing chocolate mousse torte, cinnamon pastries and more. It took us a while, but we finally were able to share a wedge of creamy flan (\$7.99) that was worth the indulgence.

You'll get your money's worth in meat at Rodizio Grill, that's for sure. But at the risk of defying gaucho tradition, you



Rodizio's salad bar will satisfy non-meat-eaters.

could more than easily wrangle your appetite into submission at the salad bar. ■

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>> **Reservations:** Accepted
>> **Credit cards:** Accepted
>> **Price range:** \$19.99-\$34.99
>> **Beverages:** Full bar
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New Majestic II model is open at Lely Resort:

move-in ready homes available



Lely Resort has been one of the Naples real estate market's biggest success stories for more than a decade. As sell out of the community nears, Stock Development continues to improve the community with new furnished models and additional lifestyle amenities.

According to Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Stock Development, the company has opened a new, beautifully furnished Majestic II model in Lakoya and the new Multi-Purpose Building at the award-winning Players Club & Spa will open this month.

"We are very proud of the fact that Lely Resort has won Community of the Year honors from the Collier Building Industry Association seven times!" said Léger-Wetzel. "We are committed to making it the best community possible until the final new home is sold."

The exquisitely designed Majestic II model is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extraordinary lakes and fairway views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf.

This four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,735 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Stunning Interiors by Beasley & Henley add to the appeal. The attached three-car garage offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at \$1,871,994 fully furnished.

Two additional furnished models, the Napoli and the San Remo III, also recently

opened at Lakoya, where Stock has a sales center open on-site to complete sales of the final phase.

Stunning coach homes are also available in Signature Club and Cipriani. The new coach home sales division has opened on-site in the Signature Club where they are showcasing the coach home residences of both neighborhoods.

Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features an selection of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Pricing for these stunning inventory coach homes begin at \$455,170.

Cipriani is within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely's three championship golf courses. The neighborhood also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building at Cipriani offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes. Inventory coach homes are priced from \$349,990.

In the beautiful Olé, neighborhood, only three homes remain available, all of which are available for immediate occupancy. These flats and townhomes are found in floor plans ranging in size from 1,227 to 2,084 square feet and priced from just \$329,990!

Olé is built around some of Naples' most spectacular amenities. The 20,000 square foot Village Center amenities include a full-service concierge, a bistro, an ice cream parlor, a pub, an internet café, a coffee shop, a business center, library and a 90-seat movie theatre with a projection room and comfortable elevated seating.

Stock Development is one of the area's most successful and innovative developers. One of the keys of its success is constantly assessing the changing needs of its residents and providing them with the best possible amenities.

Lely Residents have access to three championship golf courses and a spectac-



The Majestic II family room, front and outdoor living area.



ular club facility. The Player's Club & Spa is an amazing 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse and features an opulent new dining wing that seats over 200 guests.

The new Multi-Purpose Building offers a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features banquette seating.

The Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has also been expanded again! Twelve foot awnings have been added around all sides of the Tiki with six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio that has nearly tripled in size and a "spin" room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment.

The beautiful Spa Wing includes four

treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

Outside, a second free-form pool has been built, dramatically increasing the number of people who can be accommodated by these extraordinary resort-style amenities at any time.

The tennis facility's thirteen state-of-the-art tennis courts are open for play on a spacious 4-acre site that includes an outdoor café.

Don't miss your chance to buy one of the final new homes remaining at Lely Resort!

Lely Resort Realty is now located at 8038 Signature Club Circle Bldg 8-102, Naples, FL 34113. Visit www.stockdevelopment.com or call 239-793-2100. ■

Kalea Bay's spectacular clubhouse reaches construction milestone

Tower reaches 14th floor

Kalea Bay's clubhouse has been under construction since January and has reached a milestone as construction crews carefully raise the roof trusses in place. The progress on the 88,000-square-foot clubhouse can be seen from Vanderbilt Drive, as passersby slow down to take a look and marvel at the social and recreational centerpiece of the luxury high-rise community.

"It's quite a sight," said Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "When completed it will surely be the envy of every community in the Naples area."

Kalea Bay's clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Wilson.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Wilson. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Wilson. "Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It's a real convenience."

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach.

"Three of the best beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay," stated Wilson.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year. At that time CID Design Group, a progressive, second-generation interior design company based in Naples, will begin to transform the building into an incredible centerpiece which will complement the community's modern seaside, villa-style architecture, accented with the charm of old Florida.

"CID Design Group has in its possession reclaimed wood from the recent Naples Pier reconstruction, both original wood and from the renovation after the historic Hurricane Donna of 1960," stated Jenn Zella, Principal and Director of Design for the firm. "We have plans to integrate the



Above: The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay will have 120 residences. Left: The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe. One of the three pools at the Kalea Bay clubhouse (on right) is for adults only. Below: Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. Kalea Bay residences will enjoy their clubhouse day and night.



reclaimed wood as design elements within the clubhouse, which will give the historic pieces new life—and a new purpose—which will be enjoyed by residents and their visitors for years to come."

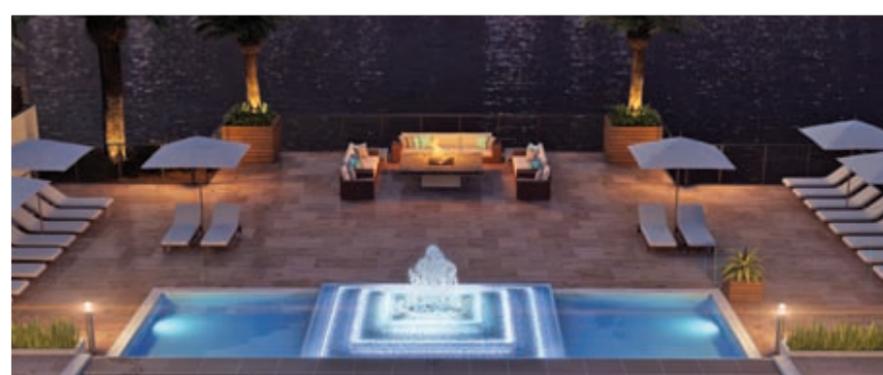
Approximately the same time construction is completed on the clubhouse, Kalea Bay's first residents should also be moving into their new homes. Currently, construction crews are working on the 14th floor of the 22-story residential tower.

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at \$1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,755 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedrooms plus den and three-and-a-half baths, have 3,835 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet.

Wilson said dramatic views are available to every single resident, no matter which floor they live on.

"The tower's amenities are located on the rooftop," explained



Wilson, "including our sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center."

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and the beaches. Those beaches include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2

nationally in 2015, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, just north of Wiggins Pass Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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April sales jump for Stock Development: move-in ready homes available across Southwest Florida!

Stock Development saw an increase in sales across Southwest Florida in April. The company registered 41 new homes sales worth \$33.01 million and closed on an additional 31 homes totaling \$29.99 million.

“It was a terrific month of sales for Stock Development,” said Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Development. “We sold a wide variety of homes across all product types from townhomes to custom estate homes.”

In Lee County, Stock’s furnished models and/or inventory homes are open in Hidden Harbor, The Renaissance and Paseo, as well as on Musket Lane in South Fort Myers. During April, 15 homes were sold at Paseo, while at Hidden Harbor five homes sold, including two furnished models each of which was over \$1 million.

Stock has furnished models and inventory homes at Hidden Harbor, an exclusive, amenity-rich boating community nestled between Naples and Fort Myers, which provides access to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Biscayne is a three-bedroom/two-bath home with 2,384 square feet under air and 3,806 total square feet, including the covered entry, attached three-car garage and spacious outdoor living area. The home offers an exquisite interior design by Diana Hall and Laurie Walter of Pizzazz Interiors and is priced at \$844,990.

At The Renaissance, inventory homes are available, including The Muirfield III, a four-bedroom home, three-and-one-half-bath residence with 3,255 square feet under air and 4,823 total square feet, including an attached three-car garage and a screened and covered lanai with an outdoor kitchen. It is priced at just \$829,990.

Stock has finished multi-family and single-family models open at Paseo. With move-in ready homes priced from just \$199,990, this private, gated enclave is a nine-time winner of the LBIA Community of the Year Award.

The Santa Isabella has 1,520 square feet under air. The home is a two-bedroom/two and one-half bath design with a large front porch and an attached single-car garage. It is perfect for baby boomers, young professionals and empty nesters looking to downsize to a low-maintenance seasonal residence.

Upstairs are two private bedroom suites, a hall with two closets, a laundry room and a large open balcony with a built-in, nine-foot-long granite desk with wood cabinets below. The spacious master bath offers a large walk-in closet, double vanity, glass-enclosed shower and separate soaking tub, while the guest bedroom is en suite and closes off from the rest of the upstairs for complete privacy.

Paseo is renowned in Lee County for its exceptional amenity offerings. The Village Center has won BIA awards for interior and exterior design, as well as best pool design.

Stock also has two beautiful new inventory homes on Musket Lane in the heart of South Fort Myers near the popular Daniels Parkway corridor.

Musket Lane provides an excellent location on superb oversized homesites only minutes drive from the Southwest Florida International Airport, Bell Tower Shops, Gulf Coast Town Center and FGCU.

With four bedrooms, four and one-



Above: The Muirfield III, Townhomes at Paseo. Right: Ponte Vedra Grande. Below: The Ruffino II, the Village Center.



14 years, including an unprecedented 16 Community of the Year honors from the local building industry associations over the past 10 years. The company operates throughout Southwest Florida from Sarasota to Marco Island, as well as in Palm Beach County. Please visit Stock’s models and view the our extraordinary selection of ready-to-move-in homes!

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half bedrooms and 3,525 square feet under air, the Ponte Vedra offers the best of formal and informal Florida living united in a single floor plan. The unique split design affords maximum privacy to homeowners and guests alike by placing the three guest suites, each of which includes a full private bath, opposite the master suite.

The Ponte Vedra’s foyer leads to a stunning formal living room with stacked sliding glass doors that open to a spectacular pool and spa beyond. It serves as the perfect gathering room to begin a night of entertaining. The family room, kitchen and dinette provide one large area and provide an ideal informal living environment. That seamlessly merges the indoors with the lanai beyond through disappearing sliding glass doors.

Stock’s quality construction and attention to detail have given the company a stellar reputation as a new home builder. Its residences and lifestyle amenities have received more than 500 awards in the past



Future Seaglass residents taking advantage of finishing touches program

With construction of the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower at Bonita Bay underway, future residents are taking advantage of The Ronto Group's innovative Finishing Touches Program. The Program is designed to assist future residents with finish selections and to ensure each residence meets individual buyer preferences. Opportunities to specify finish selections will become progressively limited as construction progresses. Situated nearly 250 feet from its closest neighboring building, Seaglass will feature fully-completed, ready for occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. The space sequences and components found in the kitchens and master baths of the residences will reflect the contemporary flair found in the architectural style of the building. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available.

Based in the Seaglass Design Studio located in the Seaglass Sales Center at 26951 Country Club Drive within Bonita Bay, the Finishing Touches Program allows future residents to select finishes for their new home's flooring, cabinetry, countertops, door hardware, plumbing fixtures, and paint colors. A fully outfitted kitchen featuring the finishes and Thermadore appliances available at Seaglass is included at the Design Studio, as well as stone, porcelain, and wood flooring and carpet selections; granite, marble, and quartz countertops; decorative backsplash choices; trim, doors, faucets, and plumbing fixtures; and a gas grill. Future residents are invited to meet with the Finishing Touches Coordinator at the Design Studio and to include the Seaglass building architect and their own interior designer in the Finishing Touches Program selection process. To ensure each residence is finished to each owner's specific tastes, future residents may also specify finishes from other sources. The level of customization and flexibility available through Ronto's Finishing Touches Program is extremely rare and seldom offered by high-rise developers in Southwest Florida. The Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m.

The designer-selected finishes at the Design Studio are ideally suited to the open concept living spaces and amenity rich lifestyle featured at Seaglass. Three luxurious tower residence great room floor plans ranging from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air are priced from just over \$1 million. The spacious tower residences will include dual private elevator grand foyers, large island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan.

One remaining penthouse residence at Seaglass is priced from \$2.9 million and offers approximately 4,600 square feet of air conditioned space with a dual private elevator grand foyer, a large great room, spacious gourmet kitchen, three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, or four bedrooms plus a den and four-and-a-half baths. Ceiling heights of 10-foot eight-inches or 11-foot four-inches are included per plan. Several of the penthouse residences feature especially inviting expanded outdoor spaces with exceptionally large terraces, including two private rooftop terraces that will



Above: A fully outfitted kitchen featuring the finishes and Thermadore appliances available at Seaglass is included at the Finishing Touches Gallery in the Seaglass Sales Center at 26951 Country Club Drive within Bonita Bay. Right: The Ronto Group has created a Finishing Touches Program to assist future residents with finish selections at the Seaglass high-rise tower. Below: The 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high-rise tower is now under construction by the award-winning Ronto Group within the Bonita Bay community.



be enjoyed by the residents of the penthouses on the building's uppermost floor.

Ronto has selected three award-winning design firms to create the interiors of model residences at Seaglass at Bonita Bay, each of which will include the finishes now on display at the Design Studio. The designs will be created by Robb & Stucky, Renee Gaddis Interiors, and Cinnabar Design.

Robb & Stucky's Susan J. Vleda and Rachelle Porco are creating the interior for the 804 tower residence. The spacious 3,088 square foot floor plan includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a den, an open great room, dining area, and island kitchen, terrace space totaling 485 square feet, and a private elevator foyer. Vleda and Porco's design will exude sophistication. Set against a background wall tone of soft sandy bisque that runs throughout the home, their color palette will include light creams and whites. Muted accents of frosted glass will be layered with matte gold and silver metallics. Furnishings will be clean lined with fabrics that include leather against cotton and linen.

Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP of Renee Gaddis Interiors is creating the interior for tower residence 306. The tower residence 306 plan offers 3,421 square feet and 525 square feet of covered terrace space. The great room plan includes three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, three-and-a-half baths, an island kitchen and dining area, and a private elevator lobby. Gaddis is mixing light and dark wood tones for eclectic charm. The color palette is based on blue-grays. The flooring will be a warm wood tone. The design includes an optional fireplace and a dry bar.

Laurie Walter and Diana Hall, IDS are creating the interior for tower residence



605. The 2,889 square feet under air floor plan includes 464 square feet of covered terrace space, including a terrace that will host a grill zone, and outdoor dining and conversation areas. A gourmet kitchen features a large island with barstool seating. The great room will showcase an optional fireplace and multiple seating areas. The owner's suite provides Gulf views, walk-in closets,

and a spacious bath with his and her vanities. The guest suites, one of which opens to a covered terrace, include private baths.

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Phase I residents embracing Naples Square's lifestyle



The Ronto Group's vision for Naples Square is grounded in the desire to create a place that offers a walkable, bikeable lifestyle that puts downtown Naples at the community's doorstep. Ronto's vision is now a reality. By night, the bike racks in the secure parking garage at the completed Phase I building are full, ready to fulfill the next day's adventures. Residents enjoy the cool evening breezes as they stroll past the fountains and manicured streetscape on Naples Square's redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South, making their way to the shopping and gallery venues, eateries, and late-night gathering places just a short walk away on 5th Avenue South and at Bayfront. The entire downtown district is enjoying a level of connectivity that offers new possibilities, not only for residents of Naples Square, but also for downtown's residents and visitors intent on enjoying every facet of historic Naples from Bayfront west to the beach.

Naples Square's site plan by Matthew Kragh, AIA, owner of MHK Architecture & Planning, ties Naples Square into the fabric of the Naples street system and into plans of the Naples Pathway Committee and the City of Naples. Paved streetscapes and sidewalks within the community, including the fountains at each of Naples Square's roundabouts, have transformed existing city streets to create a cohesiveness that has united every element of downtown by connecting 5th Avenue South to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic can now flow from 10th Street to Bayfront on a redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South between 10th and Goodlette-Frank Road within Naples Square.

Naples Square has enhanced downtown's visual appeal. The landscape design along 3rd Avenue South created by Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design, Inc. has brought a park-like ambiance to Naples Square while merging the paved roadways, entry water features, and the fountain roundabouts with Washingtonia and Medjool Date palm trees and a mix of plantings. Oak trees will create a canopy to provide

shade and soften the building mass. Plantings that perform well in Naples' climate are incorporated in the design, and include Clusia, Variegated Dwarf Schefflera, and Bougainvillea. Asian Jasmine is used in the pedestrian areas. Naples Square's intersections, crossings, and building entry features are identified by tall palms. Building corners adjacent to the roundabouts are softened by scattered height Washingtonia palms.

Whether walking or riding a bike through Naples Square, Andrea's design conveys a park-like feeling. The streetscapes are lined with numerous soaring palms interspersed with colorful flower beds, strips of green, and landscaped areas that separate the sidewalks and buildings. The fountains at each of the roundabouts provide a soothing level of white noise and have a cooling effect. The design evokes feelings of familiarity and a sense of place rarely found when walking through typical downtown corridors. Andrea has incorporated lighting into the design that contributes to the community's dramatic after-dark tableau.

Naples Square's residents, pedestrians, and bicyclists will enjoy the convenience of a separate commercial component that will front Goodlette-Frank Road to the east of Naples Square's residential buildings. A green space will separate the residential and commercial components. The separation

will contribute to Naples Square's sense of place. Naples Square's landscape design will play a major role in furthering efforts to transform Goodlette-Frank Road into a corridor lined with greenways and pathways for cyclists and pedestrians. A dedicated public access linear park easement will stretch along the eastern edge of the Naples Square site and front Goodlette-Frank Road. The linear park will reinforce the community's lifestyle that is focused on the freedom to enjoy walking and bicycling in the heart of downtown.

Kragh's mixture of Bermuda, British West Indies, and Coastal Contemporary architectural styles is bringing a timeless flavor to Naples Square. Kragh and MHK Architectural Project Manager Erik Young have created a design that maintains the integrity of the residential units' view corridors. U-shaped residential buildings will be situated with their open ends facing one another. The juxtaposition of the buildings allowed Kragh to create amenity courtyards

Above: Naples Square's unique club room offers an ideal setting for socializing and includes a large counter-height bar table in a recycled glass material and a bar accent wall with a Mother of Pearl wall covering. Left: With 73 completed Phase I residences sold out, just 18 Phase II residences remaining, and five Phase III reservations already processed, the appeal of Naples Square's amenity-rich walkable lifestyle continues to attract homebuyers. Below: Paved streetscapes and sidewalks within the community, including recently completed fountains at each of Naples Square's signature roundabouts, have transformed existing city streets to create a cohesiveness that has united downtown Naples.

over each building's parking level and to design residences with long-range internal courtyard views.

The majority of Naples Square's residences have views of the community's internal amenity courtyards, fountain features, and landscaped streetscapes designed by Andrea. His amenity deck landscape design incorporates green spaces, Asian Jasmine ground cover, raised-planters with date palms, and arbors with vine plantings to create a garden-like effect. Additional planters provide a colorful note of separation between the terraces of the garden level residences and the edges of the plaza.

Construction of 73 Phase II residences is on schedule for completion in first quarter, 2017, a timeframe that will allow Phase II residents to enjoy their new homes during the 2017 season. With sales contracts worth over \$51 million already processed, Phase II is over 75% sold. Nine floor plans, three of which are sold out, are included in the Phase II offering. The one and two story, two and three bedroom plus den floor plans are priced from the \$600's. Ronto is accepting reservations for Phase III residences. Eight Phase III floor plans range from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air and are priced from \$695,000. Three previously sold furnished Phase I model residences are available for guided tours with a sales associate.

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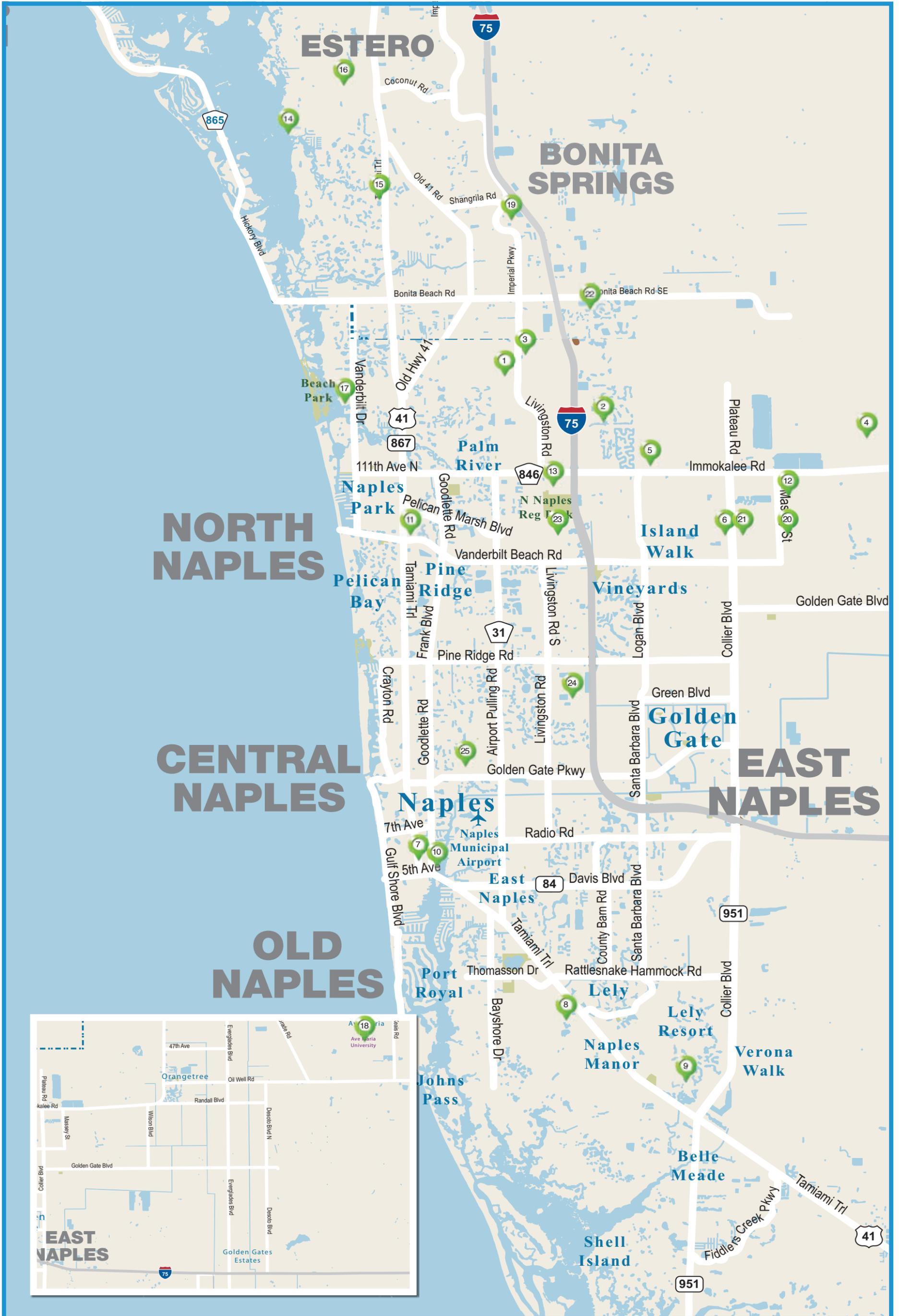
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Quail West reports sales over \$35 million through April

Quail West reported it processed 19 binding home and lot contracts worth \$35,015,014 between January 1 and April 30, 2016. Five additional contracts worth \$8.3 million are pending. The Stock Development community in North Naples continues to debut new product offerings. Thirty-five completed, soon to be completed, and poised to begin construction furnished models and unfurnished, move-in ready residences by Quail West's Preferred Builders are available and offer the possibility of being in a newly constructed home for the 2016 fall and 2017 winter seasons.

Quail West's available home choices includes completed furnished estate models available for viewing and purchase. Quail West's estate residences are situated on sites showcasing the community's magnificent tableau. The completed estate models include the 5,541 square feet two-story Magnolia residence by Diamond Custom Homes, the 5,669 square feet two-story Casa Bellissima by Fox Custom Builders, the 6,128 square feet Adderley model by McGarvey Custom Homes, and Seagate Development Group, LLC's 5,524 square feet Oakmont estate. Pricing for these estate residences ranges from \$3,805,000 to \$4,700,000 with furnishings.

McGarvey will open its 5,141 square feet Mon Paradis furnished estate next weekend. Priced at \$4,150,000 with furnishings, the floor plan includes a great room with a vaulted ceiling that flows into a double-island kitchen and breakfast room. The plan also features a formal dining room with refrigerated wine storage, a study/parlor, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a pool bath, and two two-car garages. Stock Signature Homes, the luxury homebuilding division of Stock Development, is slated to complete its 4,420 square feet furnished Carlisle II estate in July. Stock has started construction of five estate models for completion by the end of 2016 and for the winter season 2017.

Completed furnished models by Stock Signature Homes and Castle Harbour Homes are available in Quail West's Tamworth and Newlands neighborhoods. Tamworth offers residences from 3,000 to over 4,000 square feet base-priced from the \$900's. Stock's furnished 3,800 square feet Hamilton model in Tamworth is priced at \$1,799,990. The plan includes formal living and dining rooms, a family room, island kitchen, a study, four bedrooms, four baths, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, pool and spa, and a three-car garage.

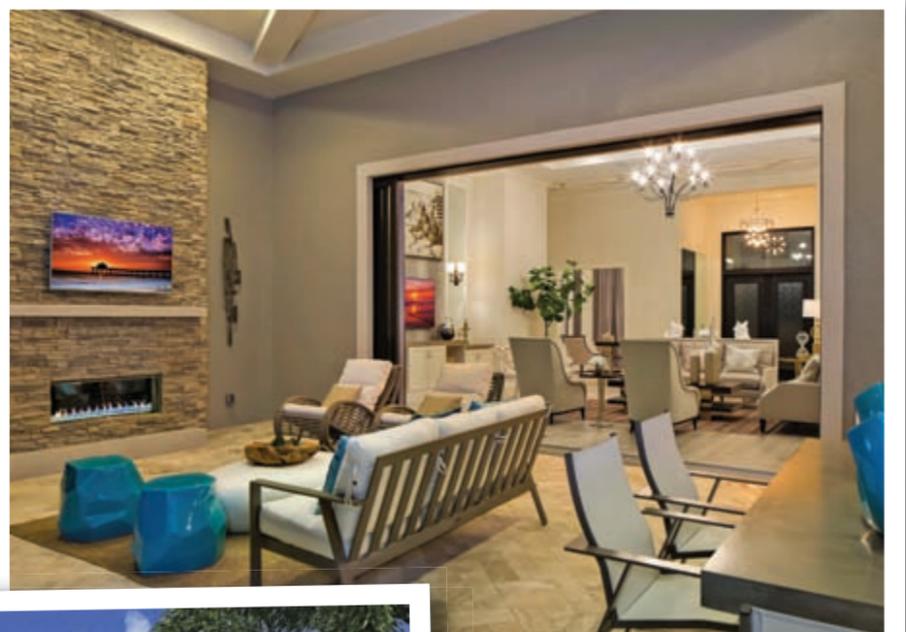
Newlands features 3,000 to over 5,000 square feet residences on estate-sized home sites base-priced from the \$900's. Priced at \$1,775,000 with furnishings, Castle Harbour's 3,448 square feet Marigot II great room model includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, formal dining room, double-island kitchen, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa, and a three-car garage.

Stock Signature Homes is presenting two completed furnished models, a third model slated for completion in July, and three new models scheduled for completion for next season in the Cortland neighborhood. Cortland offers nineteen 95-foot sites with golf course and water views. Stock Signature Homes is the exclusive homebuilder in Cortland. The four-bedroom plus study Cortland plans range from 3,504 to 4,297 square feet and are base-priced from \$1,019,990 to \$1,209,990. Each plan offers spacious outdoor living areas and pools overlooking long-range views. Optional outdoor kitchens and outdoor fireplaces are available.



Completed and soon to be completed villa residences are available in Quail West's La Caille and Escala neighborhoods. The residences include a completed furnished model in McGarvey Custom Homes' La Caille neighborhood and a completed, unfurnished, move-in ready villa in the Escala neighborhood by Stock Signature Homes.

La Caille's villa plans range from 2,702 to 3,612 square feet and are base-priced from the \$900's. Three ownership opportunities remain available, including a furnished Cadera model and two buildable home sites. McGarvey's 2,702 square feet, three bedroom furnished Cadera model includes a great room, island kitchen, and dining area, three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a study, and a three car garage. The



Above: Priced at \$4.6 million with furnishings, McGarvey Custom Homes' completed 6,128 square feet Adderley estate model at Quail West is open for viewing and purchase. Priced at \$1,799,990 fully furnished, the completed four-bedroom plus study, four-and-a-half bath, 3,504 square feet under air Avondale model in Cortland at Quail West features an interior design by Clive Daniel Home. Below: McGarvey Custom Homes' Mon Paradis estate model is scheduled to open next weekend at Quail West. Priced at \$4,150,000 fully-furnished, the Mon Paradis' country French design offers 5,141 square feet under air.

outdoor living area features a fireplace, an outdoor kitchen, and a pool. The furnished Cadera is priced at \$1.25 million.

The Escala neighborhood presents luxurious villas by Stock Signature Homes. Three and four-bedroom single-family villa plans base-priced from the \$800's range from 2,822 to 3,386 square feet. A completed, unfurnished, move-in ready villa, and two additional unfurnished residences slated for completion this fall remain available in Escala.

The completed move-in ready villa showcases Escala's Joliette plan that includes a total of 4,698 square feet.

Base-priced at \$839,990, the great room plan features a formal dining room, island kitchen, study, four bedrooms, four baths, a screened covered lanai, and a three-car garage. The great room, master bedroom, and a morning room off the kitchen open to the screened lanai. An extended outdoor living area includes an optional summer kitchen and gas fireplace. The plan includes a computer and craft center. The unfurnished, move-in ready Joliette is priced at \$1,174,990.

The two unfurnished villas scheduled for completion this fall showcase Escala's Marlowe and Palmhurst floor

plans and offer the possibility of being in a newly constructed villa home by Thanksgiving. Slated for completion in late October, the Marlowe villa will feature 3,239 square feet under air and is base-priced at \$849,990. Pricing for the unfurnished Marlowe will be coming soon. The 2,822 square feet under air unfurnished Palmhurst villa is scheduled for completion in early November and priced at \$1,131,475. The Palmhurst floor plan is base-priced at \$799,990.

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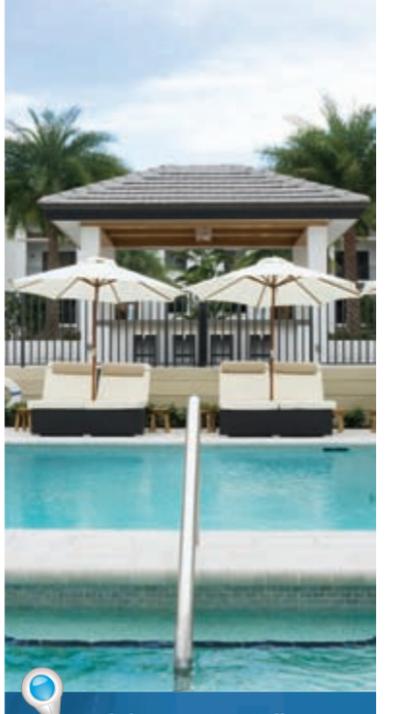


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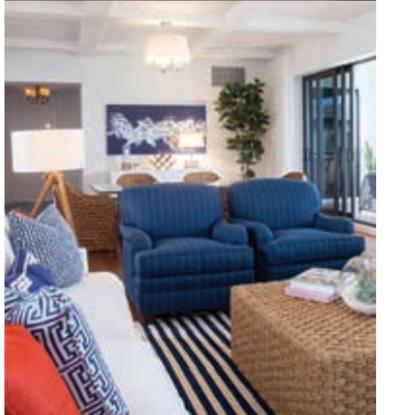
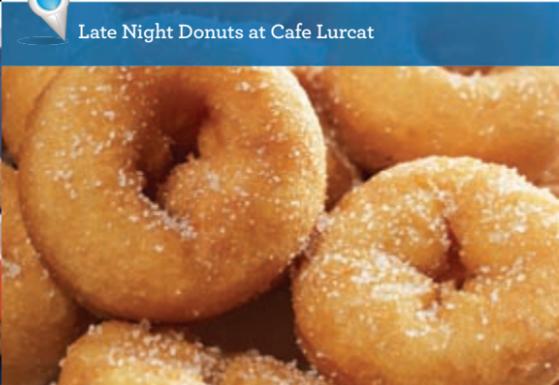
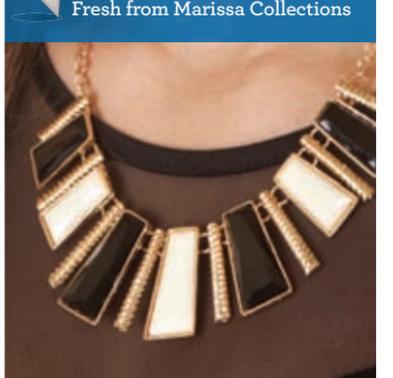
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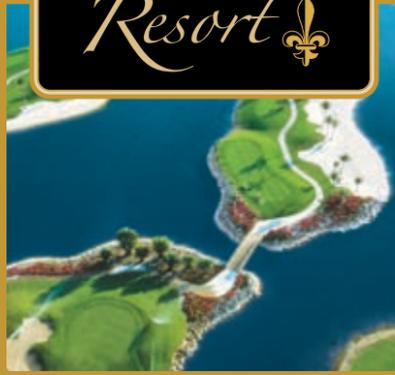
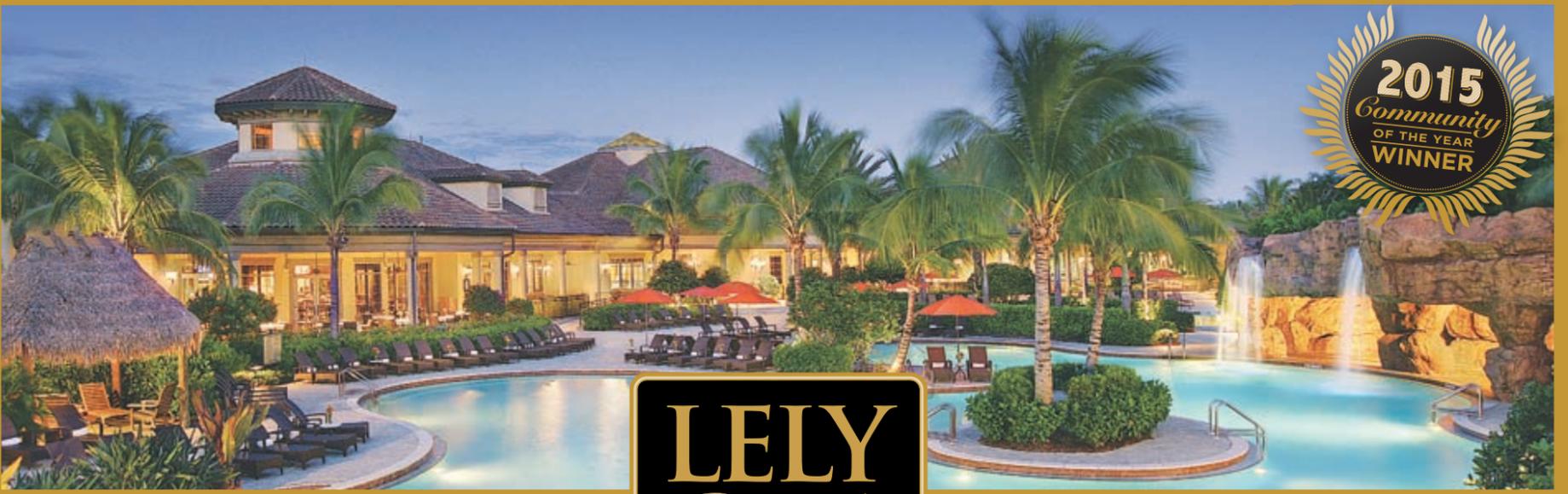


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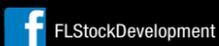


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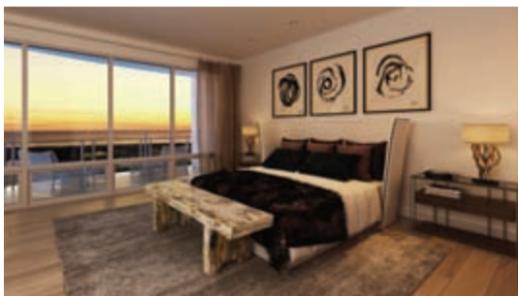
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Located in the heart of Naples is perhaps one of the city's best-kept residential charms—Andalucía. Developed by FrontDoor Communities, this stunning community is down to its final three homes, providing home buyers with limited time to call this community home. With a sought-after location, outstanding amenities and incredible price point not found elsewhere in Naples, it's no surprise that this private, gated community is nearly sold out.

The final homes at Andalucia showcase the award-winning Seville and Cordoba plans, as well as the Alora II, and they offer four bedrooms with three to four-and-a-half baths, and prices range from \$448,900 to \$592,300. Reminiscent of Spanish missions, the exteriors of the homes at Andalucia showcase tiled roofs, ornamental detail, stucco finishes and arched windows and doorways. The interiors also showcase a variety of luxury finishes, including tile floors, granite countertops, tile backsplashes, stainless steel appliances, beautiful owner's suites, screened lanais, second story bonus rooms or first story flex space (per plan) and much more.

"Andalucia has proven to be a success with buyers looking for an affordable luxury home in Naples," said Mike Taylor, division vice president for FrontDoor Communities. "We're very proud that we've been able to offer our customers gorgeous homes, a great location and an excellent price point—all without sacrificing the beautiful finishes and

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Q: What is your favorite part of the process when working with a new client?

A: My favorite part of the process is developing a strong relationship with each and every client based on communication and trust. The best client experiences are when we understand each other right from the start and get along instantly. One client was so wonderful, for example, we hit it off the minute she walked into our showroom, and she was there every step of the way, contributing to the process because of our openness and ability to work together.

A lot of times the true challenge is after the design stage is complete and we go to install the cabinetry. By that time the client can be a bit weary of the construction process itself. By default, Kitchens by Clay's contribution takes place close to the end of that process, which can make our job difficult, even in the best of times. But by having built a solid foundation, we all remain cool, calm and collected, so we can get optimal results. Having communication up to and including this stage of construction can make this happen. That's one of the many reasons why this part is my favorite of the whole process. I want to make sure at all times that the client knows what to expect and can connect with our team at all times.



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Walnut wood in a bookmatch grain and cube pendant lights hanging from the 14-foot ceiling highlight this modern kitchen.

Q: What differentiates you from the other cabinetry companies in town?

A: Well, there is one thing that we all have in common: We all have cabinets. It's what we do with them, how we integrate our design experience to each individual project and communication that make a difference.

I think the most important differentiator for Kitchens by Clay, though, is the depth of care and information we require when entering into a client relationship. We care about every project and every client so much so that when there is a wrinkle — after all, it is construction — or a trouble spot, it can be difficult to sleep.

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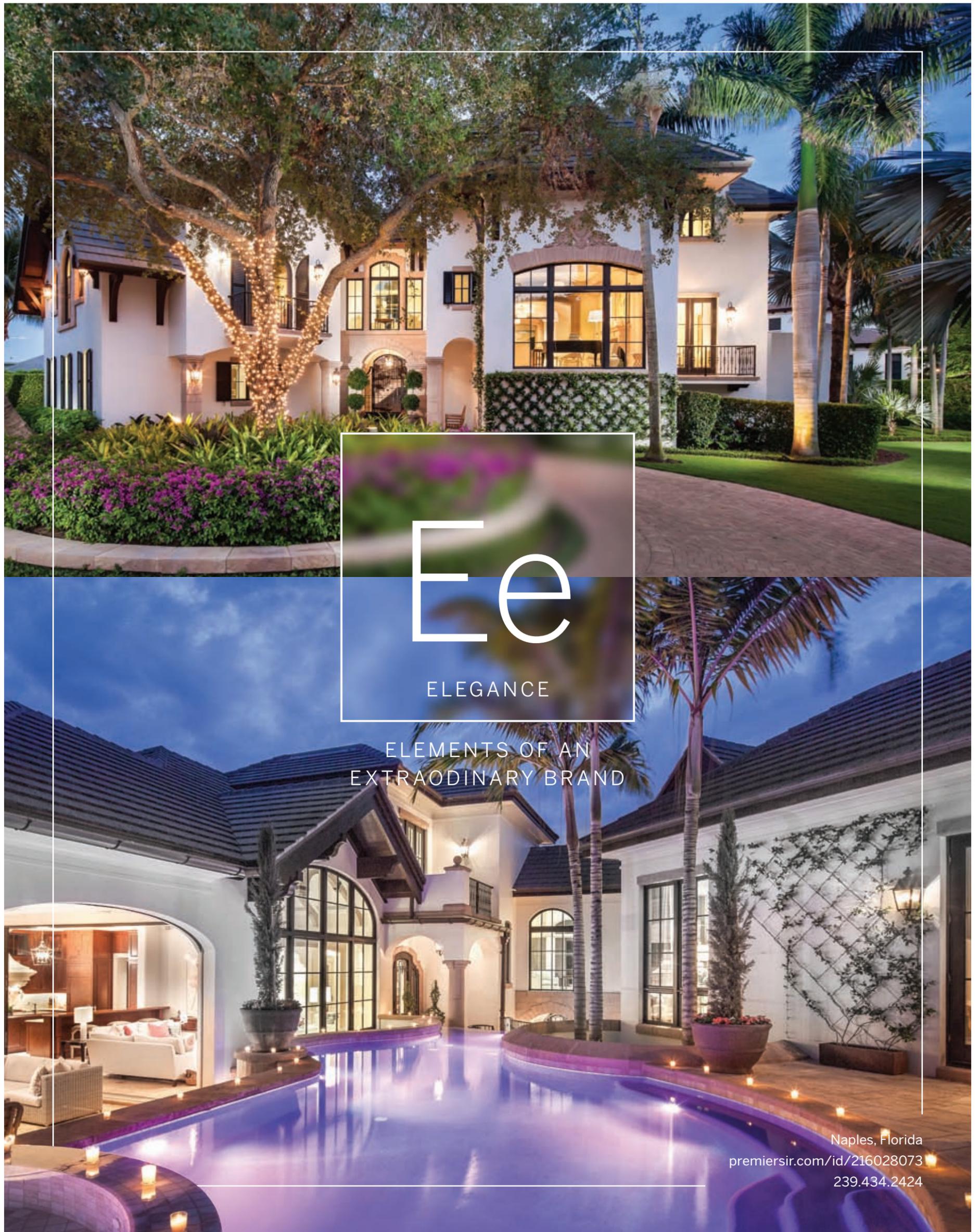


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Q&A

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Having a happy client and meeting their needs and desires is foremost on our minds. For 24 years, our system has been completely built around the client. And it works on every level.

Q: What is one trend in the kitchen cabinetry business that you don't embrace?

A: Online shopping for kitchens. I don't understand it, and I don't see how it can work well for the client, either. How is it possible to know via email how to price or design a kitchen? People may not understand this, but there is a myriad of factors other than just the price of cabinets and countertops that go into a new kitchen. It's so complicated that I often tell people I ask for X-ray vision every Christmas so as to help understand what I can't physically see in a remodel.

People ask Kitchens by Clay to provide numbers for their job via Internet and hold us in competition with other companies in this same bidding manner. We did over 90 projects last year and not one of them could have been successful using an online-only communication method. There has to be a "meet-and-greet."

Q: Tell us about the big expansion planned for this summer. I hear you're doubling your Airport-Pulling Road showroom footprint.

A: We are doubling our main showroom and we plan on that being up and running no later than September. The expansion is as much about Kitchens by Clay's designers as it is about new and current displays. We have great designers, and it will be a great benefit having the additional space for our team to work with our clients. Our foot traffic is strong, and often we'll have two or three groups in the showroom, so the doubled

Right: Custom cabinetry rich with tradition makes a grand setting for gatherings. A custom furniture hutch with refrigeration and wrought-iron hardware blends the look of old and new together nicely.



Contrasting colors define this transitional kitchen with a tucked away wet bar, waterfall countertop and dark stained back panels behind the numerous glass doors.

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space will allow us to have multiple consultations happening simultaneously.

Plus, we'll have the luxury of showing several more fully equipped displays. We'll also expand the "cabinet jewelry" — which my wife, Kelly Cox, vice president and CFO, affectionately calls the hardware lines we represent — section. The added space is a godsend, and we're grateful and blessed to be able to provide even more satisfaction to the client's experiences with us. ■

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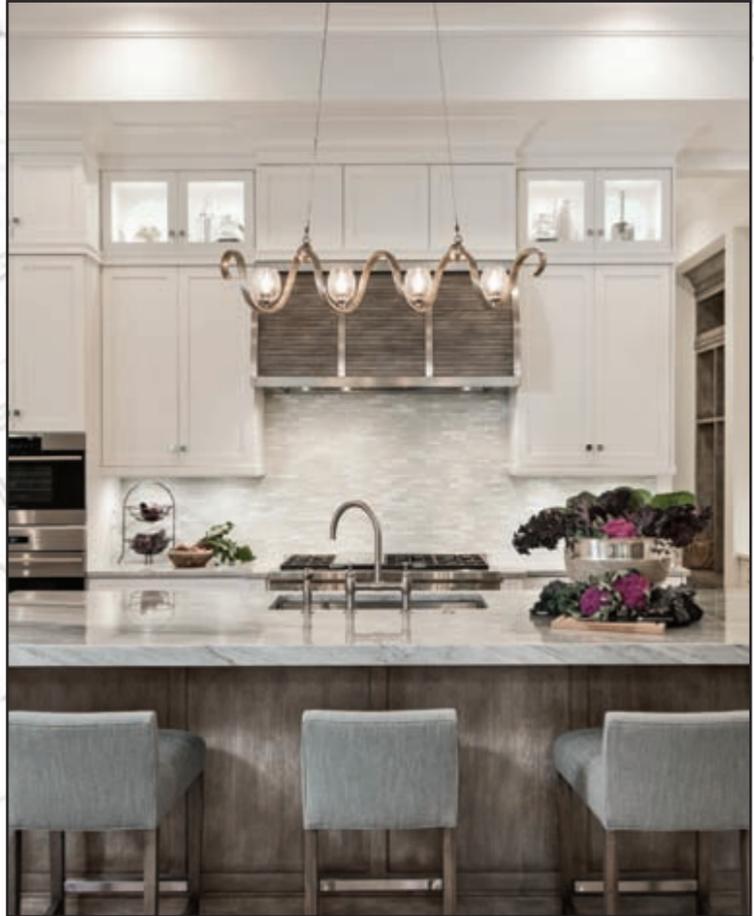
Below: An oversized island is the centerpiece for this gorgeous kitchen where the appliances simply disappear into the intricate design details.



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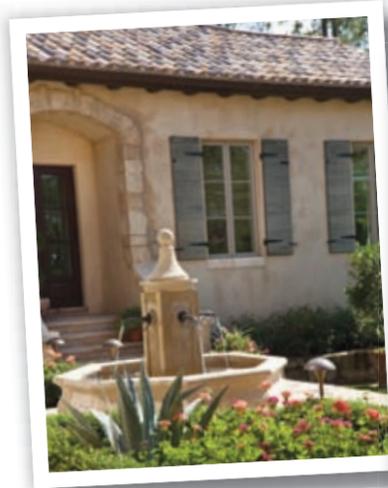
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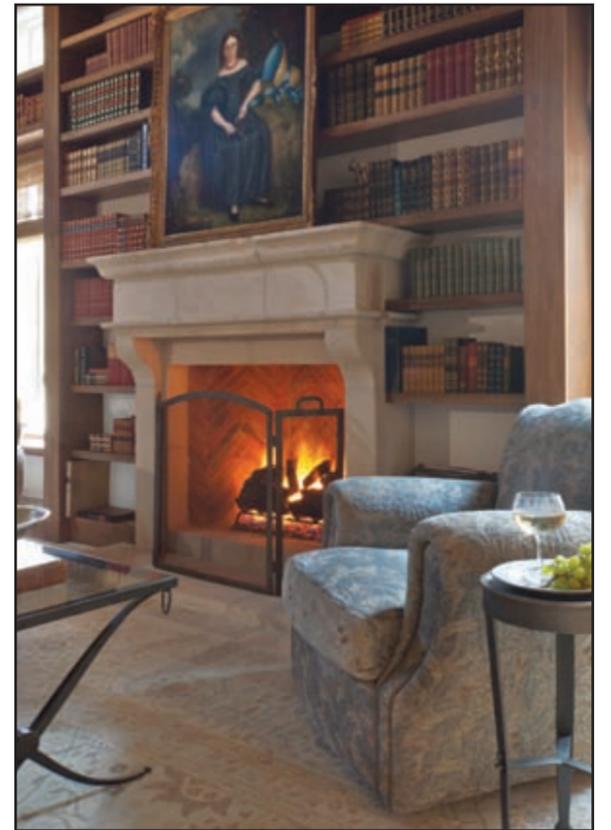
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Sure, they could have built a McMansion. It's an easy trap to fall into in golf course community living. You see your neighbors and your neighborhood, and most have the Naples-style dream home. And it becomes almost expected that you'll build something somewhat Floridian.

As they say, "When in Naples ..." But to go boldly in a completely novel direction, like this couple recently did, takes vision, creativity and an incredibly savvy design-build team. "It was designed to look like an old farmhouse set in the French countryside and added on to by multiple generations," describes Joe Smallwood, president and CEO of BCB Homes who worked with the clients during the pre-construction process, helping them make educated selection choices. Mr. Smallwood first introduced them to the architects who



The architectural lines and construction details are in keeping with the French country feel of the entire project. The home was designed to look and feel authentic, but it still has all the modern technologies.



The homeowner's extensive collection of books is housed in custom built-in shelving flanking a limestone fireplace.



A soaking tub with a breathtaking view turns the master bathroom into a relaxing retreat.



Soothing tones of white, cream and pale pink help create a calming ambience in the master suite.

would be talented enough to achieve what would seem to be an Old World masterpiece.

Rob Herscoe and Michael Hajjar of Herscoe Hajjar Architects helped the project take shape, crafting a storyboard approach for the design process and essentially creating a history for the home as if it had all begun with a small first structure, perhaps a chapel, and been added on to over the years. Subtle level changes highlight the various periods of construction, as if from different eras.

"The home reads as very approachable and welcoming," Mr. Herscoe says. "The client was truly enjoyable to work with because they understood the intellectual discourse of how architecture can be developed and channeled to say exactly what you want to its viewer."

In the spirit of great teamwork, the architects brought in Christopher O'Guin of O'Guin Decorative Finishes to assist with material, design, custom coloration and aging techniques and textures.

"The challenge was to use modern materials and methods to give the appearance of graceful decay without compromising the building enve-

lope," Mr. O'Guin explains. This was achieved through a true collaboration between the architect, the builder, the interior designer and the artisan. "I felt like a kid with a new refrigerator box to color — except the markers were stucco,



The expansive, regal outdoor living area includes several sunning areas, a pool and a rustic fountain.

concrete and lime washes," he says.

Mr. Smallwood adds, "The home was designed to look and feel authentic, but it still has all the modern technologies — a lighting control system, wine cel-

lar, roll-down screens — so it functions like a brand new home." Most of these modern enhancements are camouflaged by the striking wood beams, lime plaster wall details, built-in shelving and a variety of wood flooring and finishes.

The library is one of the most striking rooms in the home. The client has a love of reading and a true collection of books, not simply one for show or decoration; the room had to be a showcase for the expansive collection. And it is, complete with a limestone fireplace, heirloom oil paintings and walls that read very thick from any direction of approach.

"This was created as if it were once a free-standing structure and on all sides there could have been a stone rubble wall," Mr. Herscoe says.

Ivy Scheinholz, currently of Design West, deftly handled the interior design, skillfully carrying the French country aesthetic throughout each room with comfortable, rustic elements and mixed textures. "Aged iron mixed with rustic oak, and soft chenille and buttery fabrics help transport the homeowner to another era and a faraway, more provincial culture," she says.

She and Mr. O'Guin collaborated on the custom color of the exterior shutters, exposed beams and hand-textured wood finishes for the ceilings. "We converted new wood to the 'patina' of weathering and aging. This was achieved through careful scraping and wire brushing of the wood before the installation, then artfully applying natural lime paints to create the patina," Mr. O'Guin explains.

The kitchen also embodies a thoughtful mix of old and new. Antique spindle-leg bar stools were upholstered with a soft contemporary fabric and finished with more current trending nail heads to illustrate that comfortable, casual vibe with a nod to Old World charm. A custom hood of large scale perfectly complements the dark iron light fixtures.

"I really enjoyed collaborating with the entire team, including the integral contribution of the homeowner, whose pure design aesthetic made this a very special project," Ms. Scheinholz says.

The homeowner truly appreciated this team's commitment to achieving otherworldly results. In fact, she was able to incorporate antiques and art from her other homes with the newer pieces Ms. Scheinholz chose for the project.

With a palette of white, cream and caramel, this cozy, inviting country home begs to be enjoyed by friends and family. It is a true testament to the talented visionaries involved in this project that, according to the homeowner, "Every time we go away, and then return to this home, it always puts a smile on our faces. It is a happy home."

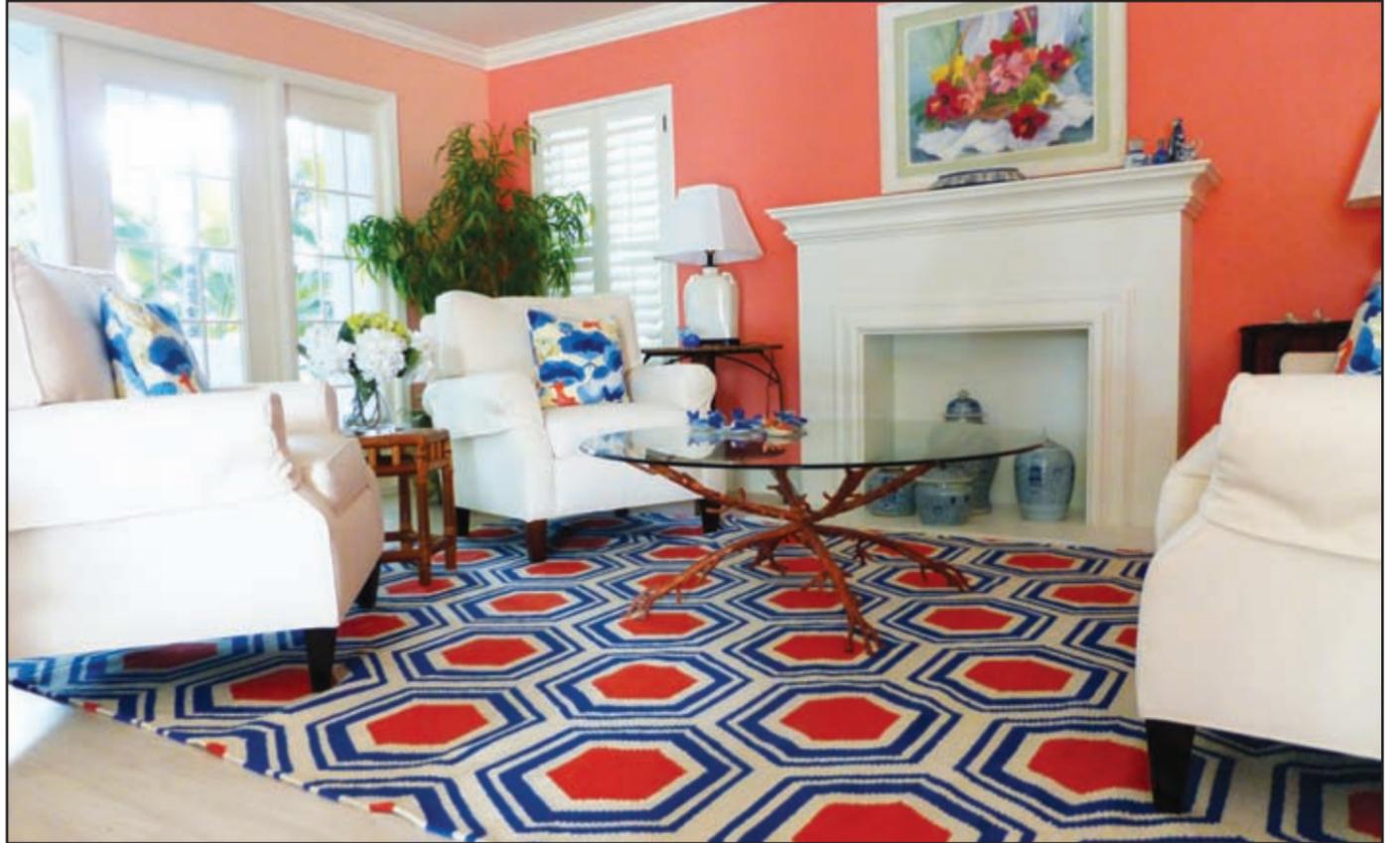
She adds these telling words in regard to the team's commitment: "Your handiwork prompted one passer by to lament that it was too bad our new house already looked so old and well-used. I couldn't think of a better 'compliment.'" ■

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Hadinger salespeople pride themselves in offering excellent customer service and will work with the designers to make it a seamless experience for their clients.

Laurie Walter of Cinnabar Design says, "Susan and Judy Hadinger, and their team, are one of my most trustworthy 'go-to' resources. I bring my clients there as the first stop to show them the broad selection, and it makes the process enjoyable and highly efficient. Personal service includes attention to each of our clients' individual needs and budget require-



Standing: Brianne McMahon, Bill Pressner and Brian Gilger. Seated: Patricia Dominguez, Gail Pollio and Ami Dustan.

ments," concludes Ms. Walter.

Committed to staying on top of the latest trends as well, their well-read blog covers topics such as the Viscose area rug. "Viscose is a man-made silk which has a wonderful sheen," Susan Hadinger

says. "It truly adds a luxurious sense of elegance to a room and packs the same punch as a silk rug, but costs half the price."

"It is, however, a somewhat delicate fiber, and we always recommend a Guardsman protection plan with each purchase," she concludes.

The Hadinger blog also informs customers how to dress up their living spaces, and even stay on top of the color trends and the latest inspiration from the industry's foremost designers and manufacturers.

"We have just returned from New York City, where we selected several pieces that are designed to complement the 2016 color palettes from the Pantone Color Institute, which is the color trend forecasting expert," explains Judy Hadinger. This is certainly THE place to start a rug search. One customer summed it up perfectly, "If you can't find it there, it simply doesn't exist." ■

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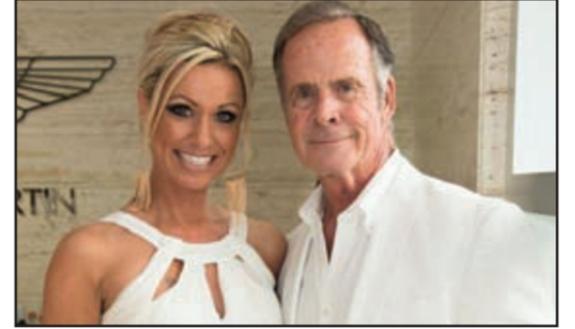
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A seaside home

— goes from dated and sad to coastal and ecstatic

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How does a designer take a 33-year-old condominium unit and transform it into a chic and seemingly brand new residence? Well, if it's Wilfredo Emanuel from Clive Daniel Home, it's done with creative vision, a trained eye for remodeling and a knowledge of today's upscale lines of fine furnishings and accessories.

It all started when a Canadian couple purchased a three-bedroom, two-bath unit on the second floor at Sea Chase on Gulf Shore Drive on Vanderbilt Beach. For the makeover, the client had one stipulation: It had to be airy and light.

As Mr. Emanuel describes, "This view has the ocean as its horizon. Being only about 10 feet above sea level, the windows were definitely not maximizing the view."

From a somewhat segregated floor plan, Mr. Emanuel designed a new, large common area for the kitchen, dining and living room spaces.

The first step was working with the builder to determine what structural changes could be made to the unit. Extensive changes like these require permits

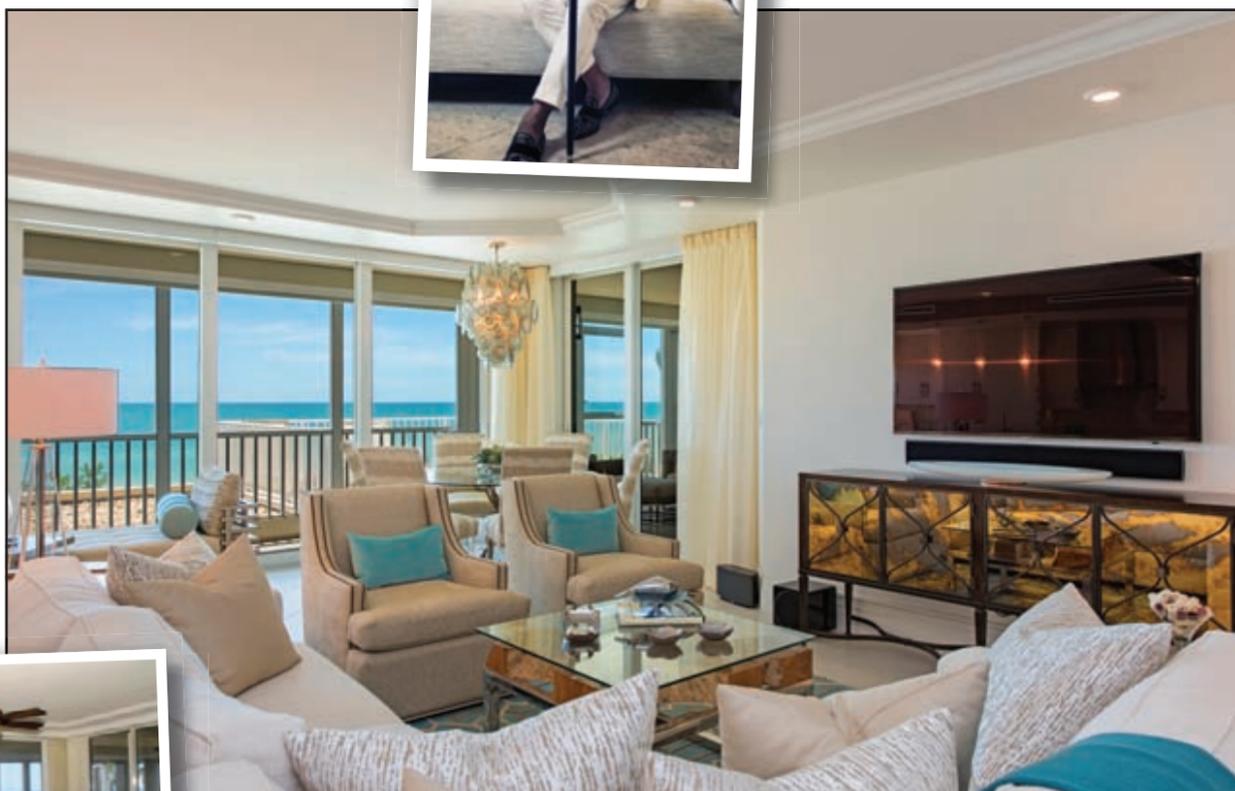


Above: With a more transitional approach to the classic rattan, this Bernhardt outdoor seating arrangement with Sunbrella fabric is as functional and durable as it is elegant and stylish.

Inset: Designer Wilfred Emanuel from Clive Daniel Home.

Right: The Terrasur coffee table combines petrified wood with stainless steel for a focal point in the living room. A customized seating arrangement and two club chairs in a custom Jessica Charles fabric provide a warm, comfortable environment. An Opal Regina Andrew light fixture completes the look.

Below: In the guest bedrooms, changes include larger windows with cleaner lines for a more updated look and enhanced natural light. Ceilings are modernized for added architectural detail.



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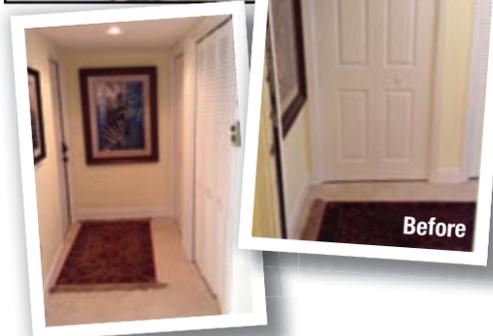
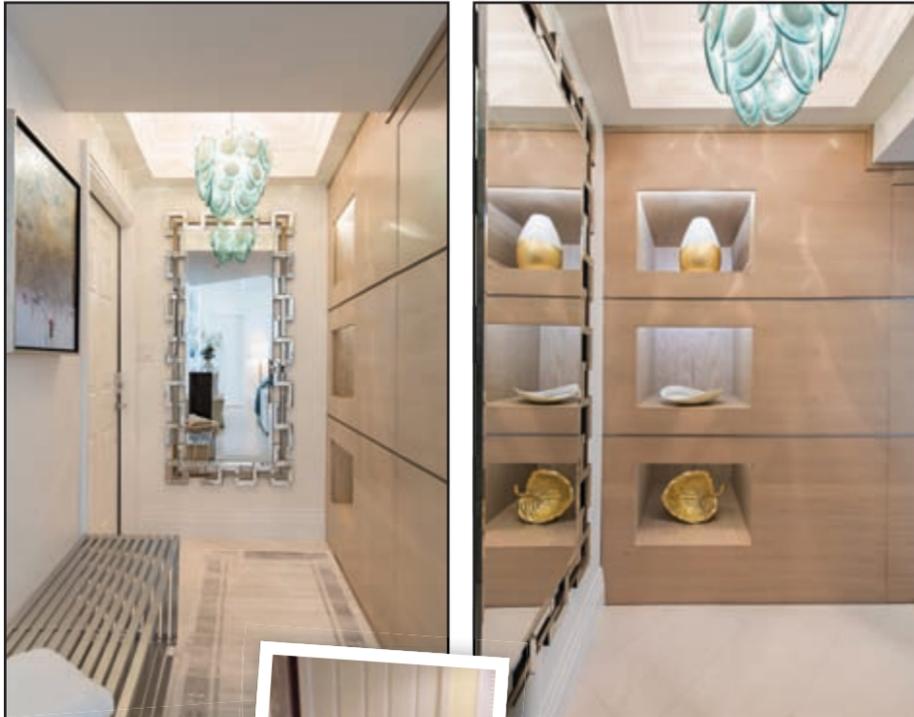
and engineered plans to ensure the design can be substantiated. Mr. Emanuel took out walls, closets and a breakfast nook and added a feature wall, a complete chef's kitchen and new enlarged bathrooms. He even added tray ceiling details to give the illusion of a higher topline.

All of the furnishings and accessories are from Clive Daniel Home, including some pieces customized to suit the needs and dimensions of this particular project.

"Any time we get to support a designer achieve his/her vision for a new space, we feel a tremendous sense of satisfaction," says Daniel Lubner, president and CEO of



Before



One of the most dramatic changes involved replacing the hallway closet doors with a feature wall of natural wood grain combined with three generous accent niches. A classic, yet contemporary design, the Amici stainless steel bench and a piece by a local artist flank the incredible Regina Andrew "Aqua Diva" light fixture.



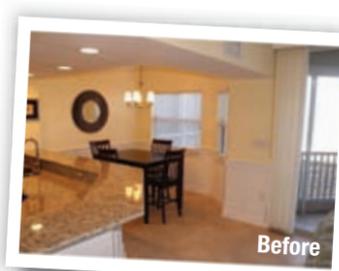
Removing the built-in tub was a game-changer. In its place a large shower and his-and-hers open closets all fit in the new master bath. An amber glass Schonbeck chandelier adds glamour, as do the remodeled vanities with mother-of-pearl handles and drawer pulls. Metallic bamboo Jeffrey Michaels wallpaper gives the space a newfound opulence.

Clive Daniel Home. "It's quite gratifying to be along for the process." The decorative part came next, when it was time to implement a soft coastal palette of sand, white and cream combined with vibrant pops of turquoise and aqua. At the foundation is a crisp linen-textured Porcelanosa tile flooring throughout. Luxurious Cristallo countertops and backsplashes in ivory and cream in the kitchen and bathroom were all sourced from Naples-based United Materials Inc.

flow by removing walls, changing ceilings and making all the windows more expansive. It was an opportunity to bring the outdoors in while creating a coastal oasis of sophistication and comfort. Mission accomplished. ■

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Custom kitchen cabinetry now spans the entire back wall of the unit. Three Swarovski crystal Schonbeck pendant lights hang above the island, and three Studio 5 bar stools, complete with Lucite legs and ostrich pearlied fabric, sit at the counter.



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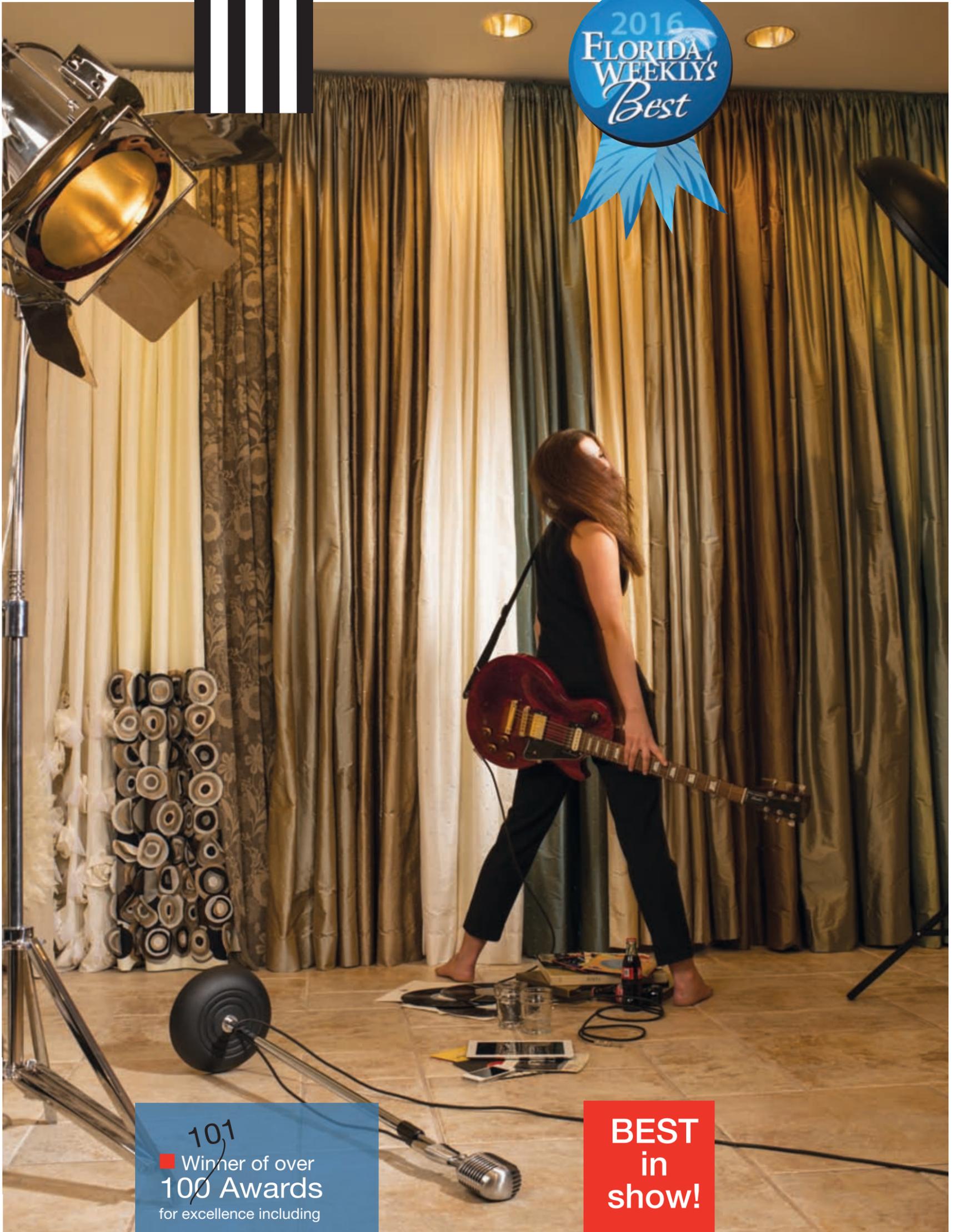
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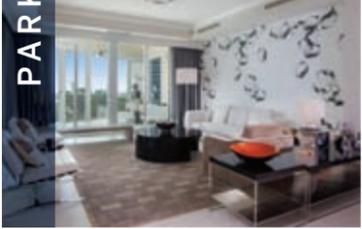
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Intersecting gulf access canal views from this SW Cape pool home off Beach Parkway. **\$359,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC003919.

CAPE CORAL



Rare 3 Lot Waterfront Home
2 Bed/2 bath pool home with dock! Yacht Club area, direct access to River/Gulf. Circle drive, 2-car garage. **\$349,900**
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Rose Garden Area 4/3/2 Pool Home
Prestigious Rose Garden area over 2200 sq.ft., 4 bed, 3 full bath 2 car pool home with nice landscaping & circular drive.
\$349,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC028594.

FORT MYERS BEACH



Beautiful Gulf View Condo on Fort Myers Beach
Unobstructed direct facing of the gulf in this 5th floor condo. Community also has the largest beach front pool.
\$349,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS025034.

ESTERO



Beautiful 4 Bedroom Home In Gated Bella Terra
Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2 bath Hampton Model home. Home has over 2300 square feet. Great upgrades within the home.
\$339,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS021005.

ESTERO



Rarely Available, Turnkey, 2nd Floor, Beautifully Decorated
This beautifully decorated 3/2/2 coach home offers custom Robb & Stucky furniture with coordinating window treatments.
\$333,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS028265.

FORT MYERS



Sunset Cove! Honey, Stop the Car!
This 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage pool home has the country charm with modern updates that you have been looking for!
\$329,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM028726.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Gulf Access Pool Home in Sought After Cape Coral
Charming 3/2 with direct gulf access pool home in a prime location in Cape Coral. New appliances, a/c and more.
\$309,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM010110.

CAPE CORAL



SE Cape Pool Home
Beautiful SE Cape pool home. Assessments are in and paid! Home offers gorgeous master w/grand master bath & more.
\$299,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC015681.

CAPE CORAL



Impeccable Inside & Out!
3/2/2 Beauty! Very private yard, huge lanai, heated pool, large patio. Center hall, Tile/Pergo, custom blinds, more!
\$294,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC028763.

CAPE CORAL



3/2 Remodeled 5 Minutes to River
This beautiful home has been completely remodeled with a nice open floor plan. Everything in the home brand new.
\$290,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE015359.

CAPE CORAL



Gated Community
Come see this immaculate, 3/2 home at Catalina Isles gated community.
\$290,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC021858.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Welcome To Paradise!
You will feel like you are on vacation in this 4 bed, 2 bath, 1 car garage pool home. Lots of room here with over 2200 sq.ft.
\$285,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH220245.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Stunning Country Setting Home
Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home
\$273,500
1-866-657-2300 800CH223177.

CAPE CORAL



NW Cape Coral Pool Home
3 bedrooms +Den, 2001 sq.ft. with many many upgrades. A must see!
\$265,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC009661.

PUNTA GORDA



Beautiful Pool Home in Burnt Store Village
Lovely pool home on a private cul-de-sac surrounded by privacy. 3/2/2 w/laundry room. Well maintained, ready for new owner!
\$265,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC013385.

NAPLES



3/2 West of Goodlette Frank Road
Awesome location and great starter home. Awesome schools and convenient to everything!
\$252,500
1-866-657-2300 800NA020963.

PUNTA GORDA



3/2/2 Pool Home in Burnt Store Isles
Affordable Price in desirable Burnt Store Isles. A bit of TLC will make this a dream home!
\$249,894
1-866-657-2300 800CH202728.

CAPE CORAL



Build In 2003 Cape Pool Home
Newer SW Cape Coral pool home with 3 bedrooms and 2 bath - comes turnkey including furniture and furnishings.
\$249,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC020408.

LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bed 3 bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features incl. 2 master bedrooms, 1 w/sitting room.
\$245,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE021402.

FORT MYERS



Keywest Lifestyle In Fort Myers
This beautiful island style townhouse is nestled in a 24 hr guard gated community. 3/2 w/ 2 car garage. Gourmet kitchen.
\$244,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC012955.

FORT MYERS



Perfect Location!
Move in ready home! Fresh exterior paint with large screened in porch perfect for entertaining and enjoying.
\$244,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM017217.

FORT MYERS



Ft Myers Home-RV/Boat Parking
This 3/2/1 home w/1422 sq.ft. LA has hurricane impact windows/doors & fenced yard, upgraded kitchen/bathrooms.
\$235,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM027807.

FORT MYERS



First Floor 2/2 with Den
Upgraded well maintained.
\$235,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM013864.

FORT MYERS



3/2/2 Pool Home
Beautiful SW Cape home features an oversized brick paver patio w/fenced in backyard. Bonus room off great room.
\$217,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC022092.

LEHIGH ACRES



Large 4 Bed Home on 1/2 Acre Awaits You
This oversized home sits on a quiet 1/2 acre lot in well kept neighborhood. All bedrooms are located on top floor.
\$209,999
1-866-657-2300 800LE013962.

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LEHIGH ACRES



Best Location in Lehigh Acres
Best location in Lehigh Acres! It offers three bedrooms, two baths. This home has two living rooms. **\$199,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM021552.

LEHIGH ACRES



2 Story 3/2.5/2 Home
Spacious two story 3/2.5/2. Living, formal dining & large family room. Open kitchen w/center island. French doors to covered porch. **\$195,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE015150.

CAPE CORAL



Incredible Opportunity To Own In Sandoval
Gorgeous lakefront unit on the 1st floor. 2/2 with 1 car garage. Many award winning amenities. **\$195,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC028320.

LABELLE



Beautiful 3/3/2 plus Den in Port Labelle
This large home features Spanish style architecture and offers 3 bed each with private bathroom and enclosed terrace. den/study. **\$194,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE016670.

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape Beautiful 3 Bedroom
Single family open and airy family home in SW Cape. As you walk into this open floor plan great room with cathedral ceilings. **\$192,990**
1-866-657-2300 800FM028579.

CAPE CORAL



NW Cape Family Home
This 3 bedroom 2 bath home in the NW Cape awaits you. **\$189,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM021382.

FORT MYERS



First Floor Veranda with Great Lakeview
Kelly Greens 2/2 Veranda condo with garage on lake with great view! **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM016361.

ESTERO



2 Bedroom + Den In Beautiful Bella Terra
Of the few listed for sale, this one offers you the Best Value....a 2+Den End unit know as the Camelia. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800BS018377.

FORT MYERS



3/2.5 Townhome in Lakewood Village
Spacious 3/2.5 Townhome next to Lakes Park with vaulted ceilings, lanai, 1 car garage. Community heated pool. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM069650.

NAPLES



2 Bed Split Floor 2nd Floor Condo
Ideally located in North Naples close to shopping, entertainment, beaches and outdoor activities! **\$179,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM012763.

CAPE CORAL



3 Bed 2 Bath Home In Prime Location- Upgrades Galore
Motivated seller for this 3, 2, 2 with wood cabinets granite counters, fenced yard and more! Must see! **\$177,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC013796.

NAPLES



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom In Desirable North Naples
Gorgeous lake and pool view 2/2 light, bright, updated and immaculately clean Being sold turnkey. **\$175,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA023727.

CAPE CORAL



Very Nice 4/2/2 In NW Cape Coral
Hard to beat this 4 bedroom home. New carpet, tile, fresh paint, and new landscaping. Can't build it for this price. **\$174,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC053046.

CAPE CORAL



Like New 3 Bedroom With Western Exposure
New tile, new paint in and out! New landscaping. Even has epoxy coated garage door. No Chinese drywall ever here! **\$169,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC029009.

FORT MYERS



Parker Lakes Condo
This 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit shows pride of ownership. This open floor plan features a master bedroom with walk-in closets. **\$166,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM012970.

CAPE CORAL



1st Floor Condo - Gulf Access
2 bed/2 bath waterfront condo. Park your boat outside your unit. Community pool, spa/bbq area. Extra storage outside. Convenient location. **\$163,200**
1-866-657-2300 800CC005184.

LEHIGH ACRES



The Home You Need is Here
Very nice house in Corner lot master bath with separate shower and roman tub, her and his closets, porcelain tile floors. **\$150,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM055055.

LEHIGH ACRES



Looking for a True 4 Bed Home in Lehigh
Your search for a ready to move in home has ended. This spacious home offers 4 bed, 2 bath & an open living space. **\$149,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE017353.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Cape Condo
Beautiful first floor, 2/2 condo in Baruna Bay. Area pool, boat dock, and extra storage. **\$149,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC019721.

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FORT MYERS



3/2 Close To Popular River District
This three bedroom, plus den home is located on oversized lot. It is conveniently located close to downtown Ft. Myers. **\$140,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS028016.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Large Outstanding Lakefront!
2/2 Move in ready Expansive view of the lake, large carport, own your land. Low monthly maintenance fee boat/RV storage **\$135,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC026707.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Condo in Central Cape Coral
Sweeping views of the canal from your lanai. Minutes to Cape Harbour and the river! Large living space. End unit. **\$129,995**
1-866-657-2300 800CC029102.

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NORTH FORT MYERS



Fabulous N. Ft. Myers-3 Bed 2 Bath
Fabulous N. Ft. Myers totally renovated house on over-size lot. New everything including, drywall, electric, plumbing. **\$129,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM069009.

FORT MYERS



Amazing Opportunity for Income Producing Vacation Rental
Sought after Cross Creek Condo with all the touches you need! Newer A/C, upgraded kitchen, neutral decor, waterfront. **\$129,500**
1-866-657-2300 800FM012662.

FORT MYERS



55+ Condo near Beaches
Myerlee Circle Condo - a nice little enclave in Myerlee with a lovely courtyard view. **\$125,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM023243.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2/2/2 Pool Home on Hernando Ave
Charming 2 possible 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home. Updated windows, wood cabinets in the kitchen, and tile in the main areas. **\$89,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH224467.

NAPLES



Well Maintained 55+ Community
Great location! 4/2 double wide manufactured home in Cape Sable Lakes. Large living room, full size laundry, ramp. **\$85,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA063544.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2/1/1 Single Family home
Move in ready! Very clean with a new paint job. Space for extras with dining, den office etc. Attached garage. **\$84,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH224316.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2 Bed 2.5 Bath Furnished Townhouse in Aqua Gardens
Upstairs, each bedroom has its own bathroom and walk-in closet. Community Pool being replaced. **\$79,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH224047.

CAPE CORAL



2nd Floor Corner Condo
2 bed 2 bath corner upstairs unit. Full size washer and dryer. Large storage closet. Close to downtown area. **\$69,900**
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FORT MYERS



Stunning Canal Home
Breathtaking views of the bay! Watch sea life & shrimp boats! Superb location! Open floor plan. **\$1,775,000**
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FORT MYERS



Ft Myers Contemporary Estate Home
This is a two story estate home has been totally remodeled. **\$1,750,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM022494.

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Luxurious Estate
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sq.ft. Schedule your private showing today! **\$1,549,500**
1-866-657-2300 800CC032693.

FORT MYERS



Old Florida Country Setting
Old Florida country setting. 7+ Acres that is perfect for horses and other animals. Ponds, Barns, fully irrigated property. **\$850,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous 4+Den 3 Bath 3 Car Garage
Spacious custom pool home 4 bed+den 3.5 baths 3 car garage canal gulf access. **\$798,800**
1-866-657-2300 800FM015780.

CAPE CORAL



Great South Spreader Canal Location
Sunny southern exposure. 2,744 sq.ft. living space. Home is just a stones throw from Cape Harbor. Tile roof. **\$759,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC027486.

ST. JAMES CITY



Water Views, Secluded Location And Deep Water Access
2500 sq.ft. upscale everything and Key West charm. Pool, dock/lift & waterfront lot across the street. **\$749,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC025152.

FORT MYERS BEACH



Own Your Own Tropical Paradise
This immaculate 2 bedroom 2.5 bath comes with a 7500 Lb. boat lift and is a dream home for every fisherman. **\$699,000**
1-866-657-2300 800BS044296.

CAPE CORAL



2-Story, Gulf Access Pool Home S. of CC Pkwy
3000 sq.ft, wood floors, 2 master suites (one upstairs & one downstairs), travertine tile, granite, stainless appliances. **\$685,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC061470.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, w/access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac. **\$650,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CH216378.

FORT MYERS



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Stunning Family and Entertaining Home in Whiskey Creek
Beautiful 3500+ sq.ft. waterfront home in Whiskey Creek with custom waterfall pool. **\$639,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM026144.

CAPE CORAL



Stunning 7 Bed, 4 Bath Home W/Direct Sailboat Access
This amazing 3,500 sq.ft. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms This house has it all! **\$634,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC034353.



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