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THROUGH TIME, PRESIDENCIES ARE WON AND LOST ON AIR

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Inset photos: John F. Kennedy Jr., Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, Richard Nixon, Donald Trump, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton have had memorable broadcast television appearances with Jack Paar, Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel, Arsenio Hall, David Letterman, Stephen Colbert and on "Saturday Night Live," to name a few.

IT WAS SEPTEMBER OF 1968, TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE presidential election, and Richard Nixon, the Republican nominee, had a problem. Despite sustained and elaborate efforts by his campaign staff to craft a new image for their dour candidate, the public still viewed Mr. Nixon as surly, humorless, devious and introverted. This unpleasant perception lingered because Mr. Nixon was indeed surly, humorless, devious and introverted, but let's toss that troublesome nugget aside for a moment. Image was what mattered, and Mr. Nixon's image needed a dras-

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## Lottery sales hit all-time high for April — \$513 million spent in search of jackpot

BY NANJI THEORET  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Lots of Bucks. Money Tree. \$10,000,000 Fortune. Money Bags.

The names of just a handful of the Florida Lottery's nearly 100 scratch-off games entice players with the dream of an easy payoff. Sure, the chances of winning it



big seemed as far-fetched once as Donald Trump getting the Republican nomination for president, but hey, someone has to win and why not you ... or me?

Consider this: The first-ever Florida Lotto jackpot was won by Port

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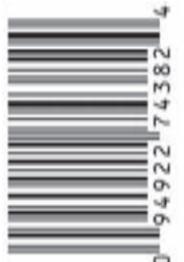
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## COMMENTARY

## The Nile croc comes calling



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I've been waiting a long time for the Nile crocodile to invade Florida. You probably have too.

Now it's finally happened (See related story on page All.)

Clearly they aren't stupid — they started in the Miami area, where three of them were discovered between 2009 and 2014 patrolling for oil company geologists looking for the best fracking locations. There's a lot of opportunity in Miami, as many entrepreneurs recognize. Including the Nile croc.

But they weren't really just "discovered," as I put it gently, trying to protect your feelings.

Nosireebob, they were "captured," according to news reports last week that bubbled excitedly about the demise of the Burmese python in our collective invasive-monster imaginings, and the rise of the Nile croc.

Once, you could splash carelessly through the sawgrass or maybe a cypress slough admiring nature's great beauty and the harmony of God's creation, when suddenly a big snake would appear, rolling through the dark water toward you. Really big, about 15 to 20 feet long.

Realistically, though, that isn't very

worrisome, as everybody knows. Snakes, especially Burmese pythons, are slow. They only eat about once a week. And in the case of pythons, they usually don't eat anything much bigger than an unruly child — one who fails to respect his or her elders. So it's hard to get worked up over Burmese pythons unless you're an unruly child.

But Nile crocs? Now that's something different. They're tough and they can kill you, as my uncle, B.F. Nash, once said about the Japanese on the Pacific islands. And that's all he said about them, ever.

He was intimately acquainted with the Japanese but not the Nile croc, which can weigh close to 2,000 pounds and stretch 20 feet in length, unlike the Japanese. The Imperial Army's strategists never thought of importing the Nile croc to the Solomon Islands or Guadalcanal, but they should have.

The Nile croc can open its mouth almost a yard wide. It can close its mouth with a force great enough to separate the bed of a Ford 350 pickup from the cab, and it can consume anything in the cab, including the fracker or the NRA member out to try his new thousand-round-a-minute automatic weapon or the guy who just threw 14 Budweiser cans and a McDonald's bag out the window and into the River of Grass.

Nile crocs can live from 70 to 100 years. In the rivers and marshes of sub-Saharan Africa, where nature put these crocodiles in the first place, they enjoy a variety of culinary delights: Zebras. Por-

cupines. Several species of deer. Smaller hippos (next, somebody will import hippos to the 'Glades, and they're just as dangerous as crocs). And humans, too, of course — about 200 per year, probably served as a dessert course on Nile croc menus everywhere.

This reptile has something on the order of 64 teeth in its massive mouth, but that's not all: It has the attitude to go with those teeth.

Nile crocs are more dangerous than Navy Seals and not nearly as nice. They're known as opportunistic apex predators that can kill any animal in their range — not just unruly children, but adults who wear too much perfume or cologne and drive drunk across the Alley, for example.

They're called "ambush predators" for a reason, according to my sources, which are impeccable: "They can wait for hours, days and even weeks for the suitable moment to attack," one acknowledges.

Can you imagine? Weeks, just lying in wait. You're out there trying to frack the 'Glades, you explore a location, you analyze it, you and your lobbyist make your case to eager officials who know a profit scenario when they see one, and you come back with permits, machines, workers and the Lord God of Capitalism's righteous imperative to make money. And suddenly: BLAM! You're croc food, and so is everybody around you.

You know damn well a Nile croc that waits for weeks for the perfect moment

to ambush some poor fracker and his lobbyist is going to be hungry. Real hungry. He'll eat everybody on the crew.

There's more you should know about these crocs, too. They're incredibly quick — they can run down some of the fastest animals on the globe over a short distance — and their bite is so powerful that once they have you, you're done, whether you're a Ford 350 or not. Especially if you're a fracker. Or a closely related member of the same species, one described by a word that comes with a "u", not an "ra," and is often associated with another word, "mother."

What should we make of all this now that we know Nile crocs are on the loose in Florida?

Well, we should find out who is responsible.

One thing is apparent to me right off the bat. Even if the Japanese failed to import Nile crocs to the Pacific islands, somebody else thought of importing them to South Florida, and clearly with malice. Terrorists, most likely.

That's not implausible. How else would these crocs get here, 6,000 miles from their natural range?

Put yourself in somebody else's shoes. You're a terrorist. You figure standing next to the bomb you blow up is, well, passé. So you collect a few Nile crocs in their infancy, you drop them just off the asphalt edge of a rest stop on Alligator Alley, and you drive away. A few years or decades later: CHOMP.

One more good mother-fracker gone down. ■

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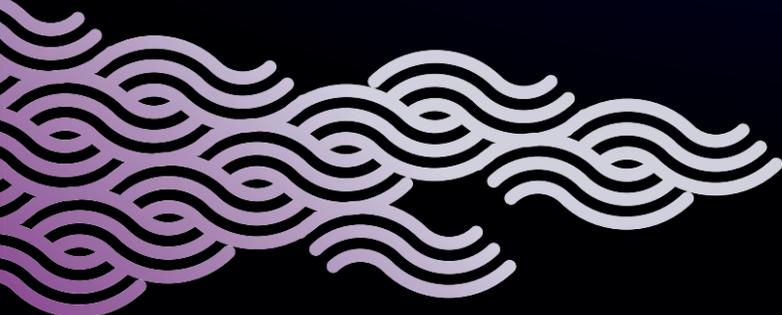
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# OPINION

## Throw me a bone



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Back in the day of the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration launched a massive employment relief program to put Americans back to work. There was good cause: Unemployment rose to unprecedented levels, finally peaking in 1933 at 24.9 percent.

President Franklin Roosevelt initiated the program as part of his administration's Second New Deal. Its purpose was to bolster jobs in construction for blue collar workers and also open up thousands of new job opportunities for white collar professions, including teachers, editors, historians, cartographers, musicians, photographers, writers and artists. The WPA eventually employed about one-third of the nation's 10 million unemployed.

One of the agency's biggest successes was the Federal Writers Project. At its zenith in 1936, it employed thousands of writers and artists in 48 states to document the country's shared heritage and culture.

Vast collections of oral histories and folklore were gathered and published that might have otherwise been lost.

Among the books produced is a collection of Louisiana folktales entitled "Gumbo Ya-Ya." Its foreword advises readers not to expect a travel guide to the Pelican State. Its contents will instead reveal "all the things you miss when you go in person with a guide book, for this is not a guide book to place, but to life — which has a way of going on behind closed doors."

Of the many interesting folktales recorded in the volume, the appendix of superstitions is the "lagniappe" or little something extra that especially delights

It describes all manner of spells, remedies and anecdotes one might need to accomplish a special task, a kind of "Household Hints" from voodoo land.

Among the instructions included is how to steal a dog. They read as follows: "If you wish to steal a dog, leave two strips of fat from shoulder meat in your shoe for nine days. On the ninth day, call the dog to you, and he will not return to his master."

I decided this perfectly describes how Gov. Rick Scott seeks to lure businesses from their homes in other states to take up new residence in Florida. As I see it, he shops his neighbors' yards for likely candidates, loads up his shoe with greenbacks instead of rotten steak, and goes a-visiting. Then he lets the dog's nose do the rest.

Of course, no one calls this stealing dogs. It is called job creation and recruitment. If one of his prospects follows him home, well, blame the poor suckers left behind. It isn't all that novel an approach. But coveting and then stealing your neighbor's employer won't win you points in Sunday school.

To make this gambit even less savory, Gov. Scott targets his visits to states with Democratic governors. It is his way of rubbing their noses in "trickle-down" theory of supply-side economics. His visitation thus far includes Kentucky, California, Connecticut, New York and Louisiana. He leaves a trail of scent associated with Florida's business friendly regulations, low taxes, cheap labor and abundant corporate welfare. That's an odor of crony capitalism to which some dogs are especially prone.

Gov. Scott campaigned for and became governor about the time Florida hit the bottom of the economic collapse. He could pretty well count on the state's economy improving because it couldn't get much worse. In a moment of enthusiasm, he declared if he was elected governor, he would create jobs in addition to the 1 million jobs economists

forecast if the state just waited out the recessionary cycle. He raised the pot by 700,000 jobs.

Elected and on his second term, Gov. Scott has since backed off his boast. He's declared victory at the 1-million-jobs-created mark. Anything above that is gravy on his biscuit. Maybe that's why he has taken up dog-stealing. It is a cynical way to pass the time he has remaining in office.

It is true 1 million jobs have been created on Gov. Scott's watch. But there is far more to the story than the one he tells. The fictional version of his success is used to rebuke, silence and ignore critics who say the state has paid too high a price for his bragging rights. To every question Gov. Scott replies, "We got a million jobs."

*Tampa Bay Times* reporter Robert Trigaux wrote recently of issues highlighting the limitations of Scott's obsession with bean-counting job numbers and his reliance on a one-size-fits-all answer to every issue. Trigaux notes the following: Florida ranks as 37th state among all states in income growth, and 17th among all states in rates of poverty, and it is one of the top 10 states nationwide with both the highest level of income inequality and highest concentrations of income growth among the super wealthy.

He concludes, "It seems that years of a simplistic public policy built on creating more and more jobs is thus far doing little to improve the typical Florida household. With the same mindset, there seems little sign things will improve as Scott wraps up a second term." ■

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## The bathroom putsch



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Special to Florida Weekly

The authors of *The Federalist Papers* neglected to explain the fearsome powers that inhere in the "Dear Colleague" letter under our system of government.

It is the instrument by which middling bureaucrats impose their will on the nation, as the assistant secretary for civil rights at the Department of Education and the principal deputy assistant attorney general for civil rights at the Department of Justice just did in the matter of transgender bathroom policy in our schools and colleges.

The transgender edict is a perfect distillation of the Obama administration's centralizing reflex, high-handed unilateral rule and burning desire to push the boundaries of cultural change as far as practical in its remaining time in office.

Its letter is backed by the implicit threat of withdrawal of federal funds (a more appropriate salutation might have been "To Whom It Concerns — Or Else"). The letter contends that Title IX, the federal statute banning sex discrimination in education, mandates its

preferred transgender policy.

Yet sex is different than gender identity (as all viewers of "I Am Cait" are supposed to know). If Congress had meant in 1972 — when the current debate was unimaginable — to cover discrimination against the transgendered in the statute, it would have included language to that effect. Or it could have amended the statute at any time. It didn't. But no matter. Now a letter from a couple of federal mandarins carries as much practical power as a law duly passed by Congress and signed by the president. It is government by epistle.

Transgender students deserve to be treated with respect, but it's not unreasonable to worry about having biologically male students in the same restroom as girls, and vice versa. An obvious compromise is the single-occupancy bathroom, which protects transgender students from harassment and addresses privacy concerns for other students.

This isn't good enough for the Obama administration. Its diktat effectively requires schools to allow boys identifying as girls into girls' bathrooms and locker rooms, as well as girls' dorm rooms and sports teams.

It is infused with a radical spirit. Gender identity is fluid and entirely

subjective, the letter makes clear, referring "to an individual's internal sense of gender." As soon as a student notifies a school of his or her changing status, it "will begin treating the student consistent with the student's gender identity." (It's easy to imagine scenarios for abuse — if an unscrupulous women's college basketball team ever wants to topple the dominant UConn program, it should find male players who identify as female for a season.)

The sweep of the measure is symptomatic of the administration's moral fervor on the issue. In announcing a lawsuit against the state of North Carolina for an allegedly retrograde bathroom law — i.e., under it, people use facilities matching their birth sex — Attorney General Loretta Lynch compared the state's action to Jim Crow and resistance to *Brown v. Board of Education*.

By casting the issue as the next great civil-rights crusade, Lynch and the administration delegitimize the opposition, and prepare the ground for treating traditional beliefs about the immutability of sex as thought crimes. Strong letter, no doubt, to follow. ■

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

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# PROFILE IN PARADISE

## New council member communicates a passion for serving

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Naples City Council consists of a non-partisan mayor and six council members who are elected at large. The city charter limits them to serving two consecutive four-year terms. Over the coming week in this space we will introduce them all.

Ellen Seigel is one of the newest council members elected in March of this year (along with Mayor Bill Barnett and council members Michelle McLeod and Reg Buxton).

When she decided to run for office, Ellen was already well known in the northern part of the city as president of the Park Shore Association. Her strategy to make herself known elsewhere throughout town involved 100 one-on-one meetings with engaged citizens and, as a result of those meetings, dozens of campaign events during which larger groups of residents learned about her positions and shared their concerns about the city. She also went door-to-door throughout numerous neighborhoods, introducing herself and asking citizens about what mattered most to them as Neapolitans. The process yielded two areas of main concern: traffic and over-development.

Ellen grew up in Elmont, N.Y. (home of the Belmont Racetrack), in the 1950s and '60s. She was exposed to a very demand-

### Talking points with Ellen Seigel

**Something your mother was right about:** If you don't have something nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all.

**Next vacation destination:** St. Petersburg, Russia.

**Last book you read:** "Catherine the Great" by Robert Massie, in preparation for our trip this summer.

**One thing on your bucket list:** A trip to the Australian Open tennis tournament.

**Skill or talent you wish you had:** I wish I had the technological abilities of today's 5-year-olds.

**Something that makes you laugh:** Piper, our 12-year-old yellow Labrador retriever.

**Pet peeve:** People who talk too much.

**Hidden talent:** I make an incredible strudel.

**What are you most proud of?** I'm proud of how organized I am. I've been so ever since high school, thanks to the example of my best friend, who would complete a month-long project within a week of its assignment.

**High school job:** I worked the assembly line at my

father's toy packaging company, putting together a ruler case with two crayons.

**What the Paradise Coast really needs:** Continuing support for the performing arts.

**Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast:** The special culture created by the influence of so many Midwesterners.



ing public education (the renowned math department at Elmont Memorial High School continues to influence her to this day). She didn't enjoy the University of Buffalo as much as she enjoyed high school, however.

"The university was too big for me," she says, "and my decision to major in math prevented me from enjoying myself."

She was a junior when she met Art Seigel at the university's medical school mixer. He was a junior studying medicine; they were married nine months later — which was 47 years ago.

Seeing health-care administration as a profession that would allow her to devote her mathematical skills to a social goal, Ellen pursued a graduate degree at George Washington University. While

there, she started working for Group Health Association, which was one of the oldest HMOs in the country. When the family moved to Connecticut, she worked for the Yale University Health Plan before joining a New Haven-based start-up HMO that grew to 60,000-plus members. She eventually was recruited as vice president for regional expansion for a statewide HMO.

When she was on the campaign trail for City Council, Ellen always started her stump speech by saying: "Naples is an extraordinary city, and the people who serve on its City Council need to be independent, professional and highly admired. I hope I will be admired by both our citizens and employees as someone who works very hard to maintain all the wonderful things that brought us here.

"I think it is very important that as a member of City Council, I am accessible to everyone and that I am fair and analytical in studying issues. That is where my math background always guides me.

"Lastly, I believe that I am a good communicator and that I have a talent for explaining things. I would like to add that to my role on City Council."

Ellen and Art have two sons, both of whom live in Boca Raton. Art has retired as a physician and serves as president of Chabad of Naples. ■

— 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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Mr. Nixon and his handlers were well (and painfully) aware of the power that television could wield in a presidential contest. Eight years earlier, in Mr. Nixon's first run for the presidency, he engaged John F. Kennedy, his telegenic Democratic opponent, in a series of four televised debates. The first debate proved so disastrous for Mr. Nixon that the remaining encounters were rendered superfluous.

In that initial debate, Mr. Nixon disdained makeup, preparation and rest, and — as a result — appeared on camera as a pale, shifty-eyed, perspiring mess. It could be argued that Mr. Nixon's performance that evening (along with massive Democratic voter fraud in Illinois) cost him the White House.

The second time around, Mr. Nixon's media advisers wised up. If television can break you, they reasoned, then television can make you. So on Sept. 16, 1968, Mr. Nixon appeared on the unlikeliest of venues, "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In," which was a rowdy, edgy, decidedly hip comedic show that pushed the limits of what was deemed permissible on network television.

"Sock it to me!" was Mr. Nixon's sole line on the taped telecast, and he was on camera for less than five seconds. So uncomfortable and awkward was Mr. Nixon when it came to television that even this eye-blink performance required a staggering six takes to finally get something the producers thought was usable.

The reaction to this contrived moment in television/presidential history was unprecedented. The pundits



and the public were absolutely giddy at this glimpse at what was being hailed as the "New Nixon." Almost overnight, Mr. Nixon went — in some people's minds — from a scowling stick-in-the-mud to a backslapping, joke-telling hail-fellow-well-met. And you best believe that this phenomenon was noted by other politicians as well.

How much the "Laugh-In" cameo actually did to soften Mr. Nixon's "Tricky Dick" persona is impossible to gauge with any degree of precision, but he did, after all, go on to beat Democrat Hubert Humphrey in November. (Mr. Humphrey, no life of the party himself, also was invited to be a guest on "Laugh-In," but he declined.)

Mr. Nixon's "Laugh-In" moment presaged the present time, when appearances by presidential candidates on televised comedy shows (especially of the late-night variety) are not only commonplace but obligatory. As far as the candidates are concerned, "Meet the Press" and its counterparts are for fuddy-duddies. Late-night comedy shows — "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," "Saturday Night Live," et al. — are the go-to stops.

Why has late-night television become so attractive to those seeking the White House? The answer is simple, explains Robert Lichter, Ph.D., director of the Center for Media and Public Affairs at George Mason University.

"On these programs, candidates get to show themselves to a diverse audience without the mediation of journalists," says Mr. Lichter, who co-wrote the definitive book on the subject, "Politics Is a Joke! How TV Comedians Are Remaking Political Life."

"(The late-night shows) are a pleasant setting, and a lot of people are watching," Mr. Lichter says. And it doesn't hurt that most of the questions posed by the comedic hosts are "soft balls," he hastens to add.

"Politics today has been reduced to a world of eight-second sound bites," Mr. Lichter goes on to say. "Candidates are taught to speak in sound bites in order to get air-time on news shows. The late-night shows allow candidates more room to speak. They actually get to say something that goes beyond eight seconds."

As an example, Mr. Lichter cites the appearances made in 2000 by George W. Bush and Al Gore on the Jay Leno and David Letterman shows. Mr. Lichter analyzed these appearances and then compared them with reports that aired on actual network news broadcasts. This analysis showed that Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore were allotted more speaking time in single appearances on Leno and Letterman than they were accorded during an entire month of network news telecasts.

While the rush to late-night television may seem like a recent trend, it actually has been more than a half-century in the making. The earliest appearance by a presidential candidate on a late-night program was in 1960, when John Ken-

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Of the current crop of candidates, Mr. Lichter says only one has shown a real flair for late-night television: Donald Trump.

"It's Donald Trump and then there's everybody else," he says. "And this should be no surprise. Donald Trump is an entertainer."

Mr. Trump's likely opponent in the general election, Hillary Clinton, does not fare well in the format, Mr. Lichter believes. As with Richard Nixon, Ms. Clinton seems stiff and unsure in informal settings.

"She's clearly playing a part (on late-night television)," Mr. Lichter observes.

Mr. Lichter says the friendliest late-night destinations for presidential hopefuls are the shows hosted by Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel. Mr. Fallon, in particular, presents a hospitable landing spot.

"If I were advising a candidate on where to appear, Fallon would be the first choice," he says. "His audience is large, and he is nice and friendly. He doesn't want to argue. Kimmel would be the second choice. His show is pretty light, and he doesn't come across as a barbed inquisitor."

Mr. Lichter would urge candidates — especially conservative Republicans — to tread lightly, however, when it comes to the CBS program hosted by Stephen Colbert.

"His questioning can be too sharp for some candidates," he says. "But it really depends on the candidate. I would be more wary if I were a Republican."

No candidate should feel entirely safe going on any program, according to Ron Bonjean, a Republican strategist.

"The cons (of appearing on late-night television) are if you make a mistake, if you appear like a wooden candidate who can't connect beyond talking about policy and politics," Mr. Bonjean has said. "You actually have to be human and have a sense of humor and be conversational. If a candidate can't pull that off, they shouldn't go on those shows."

No one ever accused Richard Nixon of having a sense of humor or of being a great conversationalist. But he discovered that if you can utter four words (even if it requires six takes) in the space of five seconds, wondrous things can occur.

Still, does a bravura television performance really tell us anything about a presidential candidate? Obviously not. "Sock it to me!" Mr. Nixon could handle. Watergate was a different story. ■

nedy sat down with Jack Paar on "The Tonight Show."

Since then, the rush to make an appearance late at night has been constant. A few of the appearances have become iconic, as was the case with Bill Clinton, who in 1996 wore sunglasses while playing "Heartbreak Hotel" on the saxophone on "The Arsenio Hall Show." Mr. Clinton initially balked at donning the sunglasses, but aides pressed him and he finally relented. Mr. Clinton later conceded that the shades proved to be a stroke of promotional genius.

Mr. Clinton's opponent, the quick-witted and glib Bob Dole, refused to go on any comedy programs, which probably was a mistake.

"Dole later said he didn't go on these shows because his advisers told him it wouldn't be presidential," Mr. Lichter relates. "But he did go on after he lost, and he proved to be a big hit. He was quite comfortable with the format, as it turned out."

Mr. Lichter also notes that Mitt Romney initially refused in 2012 to appear on late-night programs, while President Obama eagerly made the rounds.

Unlike Mr. Dole, Mr. Romney does not possess a rapier wit and sharp tongue, so his reluctance was perhaps understandable.

And therein lies a problem. If a candidate is not comfortable with light banter and self-deprecating humor, these shows can be a disaster waiting to happen.

"If you excel at it, it's a big plus," Joe Trippi, a longtime Democratic con-

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When it comes to both flowers and bird feeders, hummingbirds love the color red. If you want to include a feeder in your garden, choose a red one (there is no need to use food coloring to

turn the sugar water red).

Buy instant nectar for your feeders from a lawn and garden store, or make your own sugar water by boiling one part sugar with four parts water. Do not use more sugar, artificial sweeteners or honey; these can kill hummingbirds.

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# Monster crocodile could be Florida's newest invasive species

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Spotting native alligators and crocodiles in Florida is common, but anyone who sees a large reptile might want to take a second look: Man-eaters that can grow to 18 feet long and weigh as much as a small car have been found in the Sunshine State.

Using DNA analysis, University of Florida researchers have confirmed the capture of multiple Nile crocodiles in the wild. The ancient icon eats everything from zebras to small hippos to humans in sub-Saharan Africa.

Three juveniles of the monster crocodile have been found in South Florida, swimming in the Everglades and relaxing on a house porch in Miami.

The invasive crocodiles were captured between 2000 and 2014, leading UF scientists to analyze their DNA and study their diet. They also studied one of the animal's growth.

Scientists verified the animals were Nile crocodiles linked to native populations in South Africa and have confirmed the species can survive in Florida — and potentially thrive, said Kenneth Krysko, herpetology collections manager at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus.

In other words, there likely are more.

"We know that they can survive in the Florida wilder-

ness for numerous years," he says. "We know that they grow quickly here, and we know their behavior in their native range. There is no reason to suggest that would change here in Florida."

Nile crocodiles, *Crocodylus niloticus*, were responsible for at least 480 attacks on people and 123 fatalities in Africa

between 2010 and 2014. They are generalist predators and eat a wide variety of prey. In Florida, everything from native birds, fish and mammals to the state's native crocodile and alligator would be fair game for the carnivorous croc.

The study found one juvenile grew nearly 28 percent faster than wild Nile crocodile juveniles from some parts of their native range.

DNA analysis revealed the three similar-size Nile crocodiles were genetically identical, suggesting they were introduced via the same source. Mr. Krysko says that source has not been confirmed.

Prior to graduating in 2013, former UF doctoral student and co-author Matthew Shirley extensively sampled DNA of live Nile crocodiles housed in U.S. zoos, including Florida. The DNA of the three crocodiles did not

match any of those Mr. Shirley sampled, suggesting they were either acquired by a permitted source later, or introduced by someone without a permit.

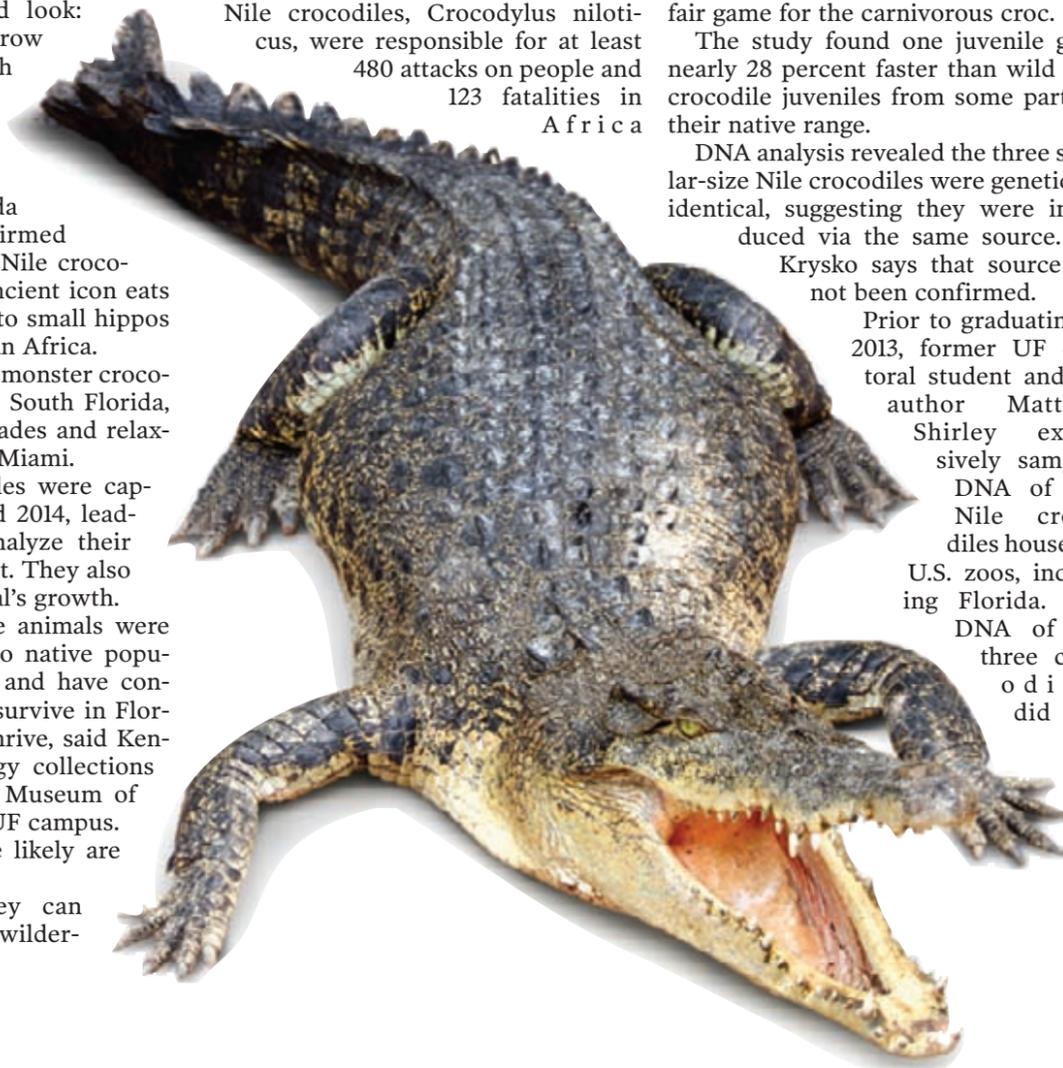
Study scientists note that over the last decade, large groups of Nile crocodiles have been imported from South Africa and Madagascar for display at places such as Disney's Animal Kingdom and to supply Florida's flourishing pet trade, with the latter being the most likely introduction pathway, according to the study.

While there is currently no evidence of an established population, study scientists recommend a scientific risk assessment to evaluate the potential for Nile crocodiles to breed and spread across the state. According to the study, Florida's Atlantic coast and the entire Gulf of Mexico coastline provide favorable climate for Nile crocodiles.

Florida's subtropical climate is one reason the state has the world's largest number of invasive species — from the Burmese python that has invaded the Everglades to the Cuban tree frog, which has been found as far north as Jacksonville on the east coast and Cedar Key on the Gulf Coast.

"My hope as a biologist is that the introduction of Nile crocodiles in Florida opens everyone's eyes to the problem of invasive species that we have here in our state," Mr. Krysko says. "Now here's another one."

"But this time it isn't just a tiny house gecko from Africa." ■



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## Medical milestone

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign announced they had recently (a first, they claimed) transmitted high-speed digital data through slabs of pork loin and beef liver. The signal cleared the muscle and gristle so cleanly that it permitted streaming of high-definition video

— enough to watch Netflix, said the lead researcher. (Actually, the advance is crucial in that it allows a patient to swallow a transmitter and for physicians to monitor inner workings of the body in real time and externally control implanted devices such as cranial sensors and defibrillators.)

## Can't possibly be true

■ Religious leaders associated with the “quiverfull” ministry announced intentions for a November retreat this year in Wichita, Kan., at which parents will meet to plan “arranged” Christian marriages for their prepubescent daughters, to maximize the future couples’ child-bearing potential — supposedly the No. 1 priority of all females. Quiverfull activist Vaughn Ohlman has written that female fertility is optimal during their teens (actually, just after age 12) and drops off in their 20s. The local district attorney, queried by *The Wichita Eagle*, said such marriages are legal as long as all parties consent — but Ohlman has maintained that the Bible does not require the bride’s consent if her father has given his.

■ Apparently, Japanese taste buds easily become bored, for manufacturers seem eager to create extravagant food combinations to satisfy them that might prove daunting to most Ameri-

cans. The latest exhibit: the familiar Kit Kat chocolate-coated wafer — but with the taste of ripe melon and cheese (specifically, “Hokkaido Melon With Mascarpone Cheese”). As Japanese foodies know, Kit Kats in Japan come in at least 15 coatings, according to a 2013 review by Kotaku.com, including Edamame Soybean, Purple Sweet Potato, Hot Japanese Chili, Matcha-Green Tea, Wasabi and Red Bean Sandwich.

■ The *Daily Pakistan* newspaper, covering the Anti-Terrorism Court in Karachi in April, reported that a judge in Courtroom III asked a constable if he knew how the grenade entered into evidence worked. Rather than assume that an explanation was requested, the constable pulled the pin to demonstrate, and the resulting explosion injured the constable, a court clerk and another police officer. The constable is said to be facing severe discipline as soon as he recovers.

## Latest religious messages

■ Great Britain’s prisoners claiming to be adherents of the ancient Celtic pagan religion are allowed, under rules from the National Offender Management Services, to be excused from jailhouse routines to celebrate four festivals, including (of course) the Festival of the Lactating Sheep. Although “Sky-clad,” or naked worship, is forbidden, prisoners can wear the silver pagan ring (to avoid “distress”) and are permitted their own chalices, crystals, “worry beads,” pentagram necklaces, hoodless

robes and flexible twig-wands.

■ An Israeli man (unidentified in press reports) petitioned the Haifa Magistrate’s Court recently for a restraining order against God, pointing out that the Almighty has exhibited (according to a *May Times of Israel* report) “a seriously negative attitude toward him,” especially over the previous three years. The judge rejected the petition even though God was not present to argue against it (or at least His presence could not be detected).

## Parental values

(1) In the latest ruling on a familiar theme, a court in Modena, Italy, ordered a father to continue paying living expenses for his son, age 28, who had meandered through a degree in literature but now has decided to seek another, in experimental cinema. (Almost two-thirds of Italians aged 18 to 34 still live with their parents.) (2)

In Beijing, an elderly couple secured a court order in March forcing their 36-year-old daughter finally to move out after she had refused for years. The couple admitted to the *Beijing Morning Post* that they might have pampered her excessively over the years, even lending her the equivalent of \$23,000 to buy a house. (Still, she stayed.)

## Texas school blues

(1) Houston’s KHOU-TV revealed in May that the French teacher at the Houston school district’s Energy Institute High School doesn’t speak French (but did take one year of it, in high school). (2) The Sheldon school district near Houston admitted in May that a 7-year-old student at Sheldon Elementary had written her own successful “please excuse Rosabella

early” note (using lettering typical of 7-year-olds) and was allowed to go home instead of attending her after-school program. (3) School police at Christa McAuliffe Middle School in Houston threatened to arrest a 13-year-old girl during the last school year because they were unaware that the girl’s \$2 bill (cafeteria payment) was valid U.S. currency.

## Police reports

(1) In April, police in Brighton, Ontario, responded to what was reported by neighbors as a domestic dispute, involving shrieks like, “I hope you die!” They found only a man “arguing” with his pet parrot (who the man said was “beaking off” at him). No arrests were made. (2) Kayvon Mavaddat, 28, was arrested in Natick, Mass., as police enforced three

arrest warrants. He had been on the loose until May 6, when he politely (inadvisedly) held open a door at Natick Mall for a police officer who, in that brief moment, thought he recognized Mavaddat. Checking his cruiser’s computer, he found the warrants, went back inside and arrested Mavaddat. ■



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Osprey Village is envisioned as an eco-friendly community where parents can raise their families in a supportive environment



where they can thrive personally and socially. Plans include providing opportunities for recreation, education and skills training as well as long-term care for parents and children with disabilities as they age.

“Our goal is to keep families together,” says Terry Kays, Adonis Autism board president.

Attendance at the presentations is free, but reservations are requested. Call 450-6060 or visit adonisautism.org. ■

## UU church welcomes all to Gay Pride service

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples invites everyone to its annual Gay Pride service honoring the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5. In addition to inspirational readings, affirmative musical selections and the shar-



ing of personal LGBT journeys, Arlene Goldberg will address the positive resolution of her history-making case for marriage equality before the U.S. Supreme Court. The church is at 6340 Napa Woods Way. For more information, call 455-6553 or visit unanples.org. ■

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Since its 1988 inception, the Florida Lottery has paid out more than \$48.5 billion in prizes, made more than 1,800 people millionaires and generated \$29 billion to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. A sizeable portion of these winners lived in Charlotte, Collier, Lee and Palm Beach counties before cashing in.

Former Sanibel public works director Gates. D. Castle split a \$7 million Florida Lotto jackpot with one other winning ticketholder in 2012. The Flamass Family Lottery Joint Venture of Naples produced the single winning ticket for a \$150 million Powerball jackpot in April 2014, getting \$86.9 million after taking the cash option. The Beer & Liquor Store in Lake Worth sold a \$15 million Lotto ticket that expired unclaimed in April 2015.

They still don't know who the unlucky winner was, a clerk says.

It's not just the high-stakes Powerball or Florida Lotto with millions — even billions — up for grabs. James Diamond, 62, of Englewood, won \$5 million on a \$20 scratch-off he purchased at Englewood Market in April.

"Some people only buy when the Powerball or lottery is big," says Yogi Patel, the manager for Right Way Food Market on Palm Beach Boulevard in Fort Myers. "I like to tell them if they're not playing they have no chance of winning."

On the heels of record-setting April sales, *Florida Weekly* decided it was time for answers to those lingering lotto questions. Important postulations like who comes up with the names and games, which stores sell the most tickets and how do those billboards get changed so quickly?

The latter is the easiest: Of the 87 billboards statewide, all but eight are digital and controlled electronically from a centralized location, says a lottery spokeswoman. "The numbers are changed electronically once the new jackpot is announced," says Nidia Tew, public affairs specialist.

Palm Beach County has nine digital billboards, Lee County four — two manual and two digital.

Publix claims its fair share of lotto winners and had the top retail locations in Lee, Charlotte, Collier and Palm Beach counties last month. Two were also among the top dollar earners statewide in April. Since 2009, 22 of the 74 Florida Lotto winners purchased their tickets at a Publix as did four of Florida's 12 Powerball winners. Pretty good odds, if you're the betting type, but figure in the large number of tickets the stores sell, as well.

In 2012 Dora Pais of Fort Myers bought a \$17 million ticket at the Publix at 15880 Summerlin Road. She shared the jackpot with four others and took cash, a little over \$3 million.

Brian S. West, public affairs specialist for the Lakeland-based Publix, declined comment. "We only offer the service as a convenience for our customers," he wrote in an email. "We don't participate in lottery stories."

The lottery reported its strongest April last month, starting the last quarter of the fiscal year posting a record \$513 million — an all-time high. Lotto statistics show the Publix on Peachland Boulevard in Port Charlotte sold nearly

## Top lottery sales

Which Florida location sold the most tickets in April 2016 and how much was spent per capita?

### The top five Florida selling retailers by county

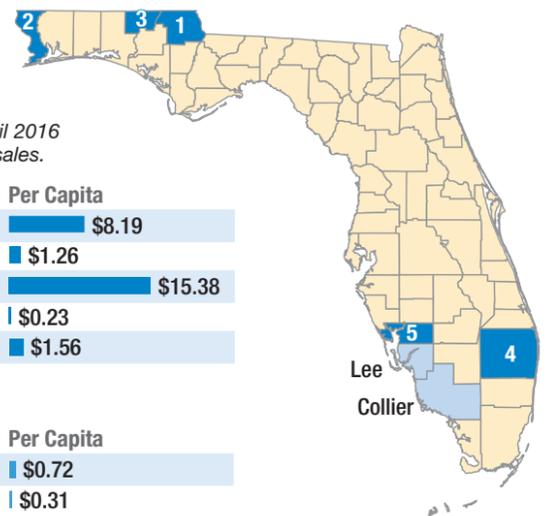
County	Retailer	City	Total Sales	Per Capita
Jackson	Panhandler Package	Campbellton	\$407,348	\$8.19
Escambia	State Line Gift Shop	McDavid	\$375,403	\$1.26
Holmes	Friendly Mini Mart	Bonifay	\$306,454	\$15.38
Palm Beach	Publix	West Palm Beach	\$303,763	\$0.23
Charlotte	Publix	Port Charlotte	\$249,989	\$1.56

### Top-selling retailers in Lee and Collier counties

County	Retailer	City	Total Sales	Per Capita
Collier	Publix	Naples	\$230,659	\$0.72
Lee	Publix	Cape Coral	\$194,803	\$0.31

SOURCE: FLORIDA LOTTERY

Figures for April 2016 based on total sales.



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The \$5 Wheel of Fortune scratch-off game generated more than \$6.1 million in sales during the first week of its April 2 introduction.

\$250,000 in lotto tickets (the fifth highest in the state), averaging about \$1.56 per capita. The Military Trail location in West Palm Beach was the county's top retailer in April and among the top five statewide, posting \$303,763 (23 cents per capita). In Lee County, the store at 1631 Del Prado Blvd. S. in Cape Coral sold \$194,803 (31 cents per capita) and the Radio Road location in Naples had \$230,659 in sales and 72 cents per capita.

Ms. Tew says a number of factors influenced April's record sales, including a large Powerball jackpot topping \$348 million by the end of the month, the installation of more ticket dispenser facings at lotto retailers which increased scratch-off sales and the introduction of the \$5 Wheel of Fortune scratch-off game which generated more than \$6.1 million in sales during the first week of its April 2 introduction.

"It set a record for the highest first week of sales by any game at that price point," she says. "After five weeks, sales were up \$12 million or 55 percent over the previous \$5 game launched during the same week in 2015."

The lotto also introduced its Grouper promotion, a limited two-month package offering instant winnings with scratch-offs and a Florida Lotto ticket — a \$6 value for \$5.

Powerball and scratch-off games are the lottery's biggest revenue generators.

"Scratch-off games have become increasingly popular among Florida players," Ms. Tew says.

The lottery offers some 90-plus scratch-off games, priced from \$1 to \$25, the latter introduced in 2013. Scratch-offs have produced 509 millionaires, including Englewood's Mr. Diamond, a frequent customer who played regularly, according to Cathy (who would not provide her last name), an employee of Englewood Market on SR 776 in Charlotte County.

"I sold him the winning ticket," she says. "He was in the store when he scratched it off and couldn't believe he'd won \$5 million. I couldn't believe it either."

Cathy says Mr. Diamond waited a week before claiming his winnings on the \$5,000,000 Flamingo

Multiplier. According to the lottery's press release, he opted for a cash payment of \$3,848,684.

"We have a lot of \$100 winners but nothing like this," Cathy says.

Englewood Market received a \$10,000 bonus commission for selling the winning ticket.

Scratch-off games account for about 67 percent of Florida Lottery ticket sales and contributed more than \$632 million to the education trust during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

To stay competitive and enticing, the lottery's product development department continually researches new scratch-off concepts from vendors and successful games in other lottery states. "Original designs for scratch-off games can be developed internally or through strategic partnerships, Ms. Tew says.

The agency occasionally conducts player focus groups and test panels. Last year it convened players to determine the appeal of \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5 tickets.

"In that study, Wheel of Fortune was the top performing ticket tested, outperforming all games, including the high

performing benchmark ticket, at the \$5 price point," says Ms. Tew. "The lottery's secondary print vendor, IGT which is the licensor for the Wheel of Fortune property, also conducted independent research to test the marketability ... and returned equally decisive results."

At Right Way, scratch-offs, some producing \$5,000 winners, are its top sellers, according to Mr. Patel.

"We have a lot of regular customers who play Powerball, Florida Lotto and scratch-off games," he says. "We're hoping to win big one day and sell the jackpot ticket."

Dennis English, the manager at Sanibel Spirits, remembers Mr. Castle visiting the store two weeks after his winning numbers were drawn in 2012. He won more than \$2.37 million.

"We knew we sold the winning ticket but didn't know who won," says Mr. English. "He was a local gentleman who played every week. He worked for the city, won and moved off the island."

The majority of big jackpot winners shun the press. Their names, ages, city and winnings are public record. Having a photo taken is optional. Most claim their prize, immediately change phone numbers and then understandably disappear from the public eye.

Unless there's trouble.

Marcel, 50, and Helene Imbert, 24, of Naples, purchased a \$12 million ticket at Publix on Vanderbilt Beach Road in 1990 and opted for \$580,000 annual installments for 20 years. The couple later divorced and Mrs. Imbert sued her ex, saying she was only receiving \$60,000 a year.

Abraham Shakespeare took the \$17 million cash option on his \$30 million Florida Lotto ticket in 2006, lived large for a few years and disappeared in 2009. His body was found under a concrete slab the following year.

One big prize has been fairly elusive for Florida Lottery players: the multistate Mega Millions game. Only one winner from the Sunshine State has won big money since Florida joined the game in May 2013.

And it's not just Florida players dreaming big. Three of the top Florida Lottery retailers are located just a short drive from the Alabama-Florida border and recorded \$1.89 million in sales in April alone. Alabama is one of only six states without a lottery, which was overwhelmingly shot down by voters in 1999, resurrected during the 2016 legislative session but failed to pass.

As one pro-lottery advocate noted on the Bring the Lottery to Alabama Facebook page: "Drawing for big money tonight north, east south of it." ■





## 'Stuff the Bus' was quite a ride

The United Way of Collier County, Publix Super Markets, Collier Area Transit and the Harry Chapin Food Bank teamed up on a recent Saturday to collect food donated by customers at six Collier area Publix stores. A host of volunteers worked hard to promote the items the food bank needs most, collect the food and stuff the CAT buses with the items.

Instead of bus patrons filling the seats on one CAT bus at the Naples Walk Publix location, there were banana boxes full of food.

At the Pine Ridge Crossings Publix, Sandy Warner, a board member of the social and philanthropic group Women of the (239), said people were very generous. Some opted to donate money instead of food, which was also welcome. "A lot of people handed us \$10 and \$20 bills," she said, adding many parents had their children bring their offerings over. "It teaches kids it's nice to share."

As she dropped a bagful of food into the collection cart at the Pine Ridge Publix store, Jocelyn Schafer said she gave to the fund drive because she's



**Top left: Jillian Hanlon, Donna Mancuso, Kathy Connelly, Ann Bares and Ally Cunningham. Top right: Omar DeLeon, a CAT volunteer, with his daughter, Raegan, at the Naples Walk Publix. Above: Charles Todd, left, Publix manager at Naples Plaza, and Richard LeBer of the Harry Chapin Food Bank.**

a teacher in a Collier County school where more than 90 percent of the students are on free or reduced lunch.

Volunteers also said one elderly woman walked out of a store without groceries, but selected one box of macaroni and cheese to donate. "That's all I can give," she told them. ■

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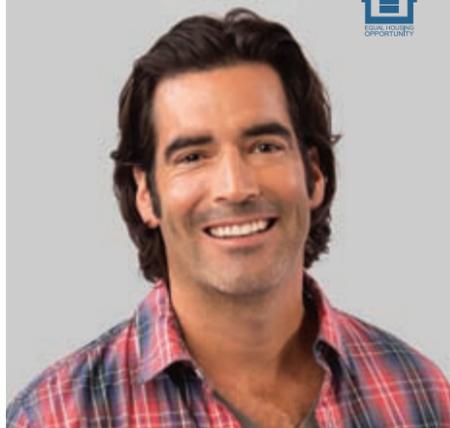
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# The eighth smooth landing for Collier County Honor Flight

Collier County Honor Flight delivered 65 WWII and Korean War veterans from Collier and Lee counties to Washington, D.C., to see the war memorials erected in their honor on Saturday, May 21. Each with a guardian/escort, the veterans departed RSW at 6 a.m. and returned home to a welcoming crowd late that evening. After an all-American welcome at RSW, the Collier County veterans enjoyed a second celebration when they arrived at Naples Municipal Airport by MBI Charters bus around 10:30 p.m.

Florida Weekly's Bernadette La Paglia photographed the group as they made their way around the nation's capitol and upon their return to Southwest Florida.

The next Collier County Honor Flight takes off on Elite Air from and returns to Naples Municipal Airport on Saturday, June 11, with 66 female veterans representing all branches of the military aboard. For more information, visit [collierhonorflight.org](http://collierhonorflight.org).



Pearl Harbor veteran John Gideon shakes hands with a young admirer upon returning to RSW. Mr. Gideon's guardian is Lori Jost.



Samantha Bruntjen and WWII veteran Robert Anderson



Howard Rutizer, Tanya Rutizer and Laura Rutizer



Veteran Frank Lagonigro and guardian Janeice Martin



Veteran George Miller and guardian William Horton



Veteran Robert Etter and guardian Melanie Wilson



Veteran Robert Stettinisch and guardian Joe Casella



Deb Lux, Scott McGauhey of MBI Charters and Sean Lux



From the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Fort Myers Beach

# Remember, honor and appreciate veterans on Memorial Day

■ The Collier County Veterans Council honors the fallen and the faithful at a Memorial Day service on Monday morning, May 30, at **Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens**. The prelude begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Pine Ridge Middle School Band under the direction of Kelly Parker.

The 10 a.m. ceremony will include a keynote address by U.S. Marine LCpl. Josh Wege (Ret.). Mr. Wege, a member of the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, will discuss "The Fallen and the Faithful: Why We Honor Both Today."

The fifth annual Earl Hodges Memorial Day Picnic will follow the ceremony. Cook Brothers Barbecue provides the meal in memory of their father, Ronnal Cook, and their uncle, Donnal Cook, both U.S. Navy veterans.

Admission to the service and picnic is free. All are welcome.

Hodges Funeral Home and Naples Memorial Gardens is at 525 111th Ave. N. in North Naples (just west of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church). For more information, call the Collier County Veterans Council at 370-5428 or visit [collier-county-veterans-council.org](http://collier-county-veterans-council.org).



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## Sunset from Pure Florida's M/V Double Sunshine.

(see above item) will speak at the Bonita Bay Veterans Council's event to honor nine local WWII veterans at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 30, at the **Bonita Bay Club**. The event will begin with an honor guard salute to the veterans. Mr. Grossi's remarks will be followed by a 20-minute video featuring four of the veterans discussing their personal stories. The video was produced by the Bonita Springs Historical Society.

Formed in late 2014, the all-volunteer Bonita Bay Veterans Council has more than 500 members consisting of veterans from all branches of service and representing WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. All monies that are raised go directly to veterans in need of assistance. For more information, call 390-9817.

■ **Beach Box Café** at Vanderbilt Beach will have an outdoor grill going and a draft beer bar flowing Saturday through Monday, May 28-30. Active and retired military members will enjoy 10 percent off their check, and 10 percent of the day's sales will be donated to Collier County Honor Flight.

■ **Six Bends Harley-Davidson** fires up the grills and serves complimen-

tary hot dogs, hamburgers, apple pie, ice cream and other side dishes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 28. Throughout the afternoon visitors will enjoy the country, Southern rock and bluegrass sounds of Patrick Murphy and the band Railhead.

Special guest U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Jeff Kyle will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sgt. Kyle, the brother of the late "American Sniper" Chris Kyle, served in the Marine Corps from 2000-08 and received the Navy Achievement Medal.

Six Bends Harley-Davidson is off Interstate 75 at Exit 131 in South Fort Myers. The Memorial Day barbecue and festivities are free and open to the public. For more information, call 275-4647.

■ **Wooten's Everglades Airboat Tours** offers free admission to its animal sanctuary and gator show, as well as discounted rates on airboat and swamp buggy rides for the families of all military and local law enforcement, active and retired, every day through Monday, May 30. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Fallen and Wounded Warriors Fund.

Wooten's offers boats that are wheelchair accessible, allowing visitors of all capacities to experience the Everglades.

"We are honored to recognize the many members of our military and law enforcement who work so hard to protect our country, and this gratitude extends to the countless family members who share their loved ones with us," says owner Aashish Patel.

To receive free admission to Wooten's animal sanctuary and alligator show, or \$16 off each adult Ultimate Combo Package ticket, guests must present a printed offer or show the offer on a mobile device. For more information, visit [wootenseverglades.com/coupons/memorial-day-2016](http://wootenseverglades.com/coupons/memorial-day-2016).

■ **Walker's Hideaway Marina** of Naples invites the public to a Memorial Day barbecue from noon to 5 p.m. Monday, May 30, at the marina's Wahoo's River Bar & Grill. Burgers and hot dogs, barbecue beef and chicken, green salad, cole slaw, baked beans and pasta salad will be \$20 for adults and \$12 for ages 12 and younger. Active military and veterans will enjoy a 50 percent discount. A special Patriotic Pina Colada will be \$5. The marina is at 475 North Road.

■ **Pure Florida** honors members of the U.S. military throughout Memorial Day weekend, offering free cruises Friday through Monday, May 27-30, for veterans and active duty service members when accompanied by paid adult or child admission.

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■ Active military and veterans can eat free buffalo chicken salad, 10-piece boneless wings, a burger or a buffalo chicken sandwich at **Hooters** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Valid military identification required. 3625 Gateway Lane. 513-9964 or [hootersflorida.com](http://hootersflorida.com). ■

■ The city of Bonita Springs, Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee invite the public to a Memorial Day service at 9 a.m. Monday, May 30, at **Riverside Park in downtown Bonita Springs**. The service includes remarks from veterans and officials, musical tributes, Posting of the Colors, a 21-gun salute, laying of the wreaths and other traditional commemorations.

Keynote speaker and Bonita resident David Grossi enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1966 and joined the Military Police, volunteered for the Air Force Ranger program and served in Vietnam and at England Air Force Base in Louisiana. He retired from a police department in New York after more than 20 years and then spent 20 years as a consultant training civilian and military police officers and teaching college criminal justice classes. He consulted with and was retained to testify as an expert witness in more than 500 court cases in the U.S. and abroad, including in the O.J. Simpson case for the L.A. County District Attorney's Office.

For more information about the Bonita Springs Memorial Day service, call City Hall at 949-6262.

■ Also in Bonita Springs, Mr. Grossi



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# BEHIND THE WHEEL

## Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8: 475 hp packed into a family SUV



“That’s so cool, man!” The guy in the plumbing supply van was willing to hold up rush hour traffic just so he could make sure his feelings were known. “The exhaust is so mean, and the body is so stealth!”

The people at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles would be pleased by the man’s passion and instant impression of the 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT. This specialty SUV combines 4x4 traction with the big 6.4-liter Hemi V8 that powers most of Dodge’s muscle cars. The result is an odd marriage of high-riding and high-horsepower that feels so American it would be unpatriotic not to love it.

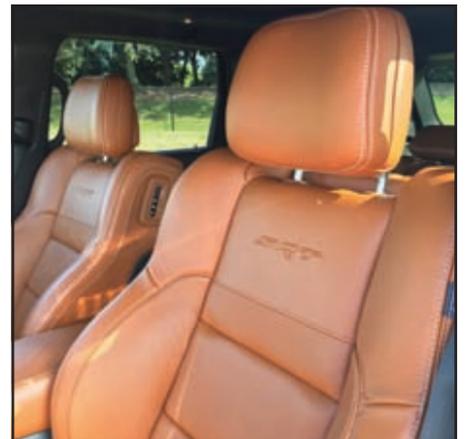
The Jeep Grand Cherokee is a handsome vehicle. It mixes a sleek front end styling with a blocky profile. The result looks premium without betraying the rough-and-tumble Jeep name. When the Street and Racing Technology team gets its hands on it, the whole package gets lowered, larger 20-inch wheels are added and the stance gets wider. Plus, there are plenty of air inlets, including two big reverse scoops carved out of the hood. Overall, it looks as if someone tried to give a Talladega makeover to a park ranger.

Those who have driven other SRT products in the Dodge lineup will instantly recognize the front seats. They do a good job of surrounding the driver while providing road trip comfort. Everything from a touchscreen infotainment system to heated and cooled seats are standard, so no one complains up front. In the rear, plenty of room for three keeps grievances to a minimum.

The center console houses the most unique and interesting part of the car. Where most Jeep 4x4s have a dial to select the terrain, the SRT has much more. After all, when was the last time anyone has seen an off-road machine that also has a setting for the racetrack? This one even has launch control.

As absurd as that might seem on a Jeep, it is a true party piece on this SUV. Being able to hear a 475 horsepower V8 growl as it’s revved up and let loose is fun in any vehicle. It just happens to feel exceptionally cool in one that can also take the family camping on the weekend.

Sticky Pirelli tires, Brembo brakes, and a suspension that hunkers down on demand — the whole package is



designed to be a momentary escape from the mundane. Now a midnight milk run becomes a reminder of the days when the summer nights were reserved for the stoplight grand prix.

But for everyday driving, owners will need to fully understand how to harness this wild child. For example, when the suspension is left in automatic adjustment mode, the sticky Pirelli street tires combined with the default bouncy shock setting results in a tipsy highway ride. The quick solution is to leave the suspension in track mode. Unlike a sports car, the SUV still has enough ride height in its stiffest setting that it can’t

help but muffle the road bumps. Unfortunately this also turns off the very necessary traction control. So prospective buyers might want to spend some time understanding how to program the SRT’s custom setting to make the ride both comfortable and safe.

This is a true 4x4 Jeep at heart. There’s a roof rack for a canoe and a tow hitch for the pop-up camper. Still, don’t mistake the SRT for an off-road machine. The four-wheel drive is great for power take-offs and getting through wet weather. But any serious trails that are no sweat for the other Grand Cherokees in the family will have this one

quaking in its street tires.

There is one other hurdle for the SRT — the price. Starting at \$66,490 this Jeep is more than a Range Rover Sport, but just as the deliveryman had said earlier, the SRT model is about being “stealth.”

It is the premium sports car for those who need to hide behind the practicality of a mainstream SUV. It is for the rancher who spends more time going downtown than into the field, or the executive whose growing family meant selling the Corvette.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee is impulsive, brutish and one heck of an all-American. ■

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# Sheriff's deputies honored for life-saving actions

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Seven Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies were honored recently for bringing people back to life after sudden cardiac death.

The deputies were among more than 75 local first responders recognized with Phoenix Awards during a ceremony held by the Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department. Emergency response personnel from Collier County EMS, CCSO and the county's fire departments received awards for the 11 patients resuscitated over a six-month period in 2015.

The award is named after the mythological bird that died and rose renewed from the ashes.

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk presented the awards to the following deputies:

■ **Cpl. John Knowlton and Dispatcher Courtney Ewart** - On July 30, Dispatcher Ewart answered a 911 call and coached the caller in CPR on a 25-year-old male patient in North Naples until Cpl. Knowlton arrived. Cpl. Knowlton continued CPR until paramedics arrived and took over treatment. The patient regained a pulse and respirations while on scene. He was discharged from the hospital the same day.

■ **Cpl. Brian Sudano** - On Sept. 21, Cpl. Sudano provided lifesaving assistance in the care of a 90-year-old Golden Gate Estates man who fell and was unconscious with abnormal breathing until EMS arrived. The patient was discharged from the hospital a week later.

■ **Cpl. Jonathan Warford** - On Oct. 5, Cpl. Warford responded to a medical call of a 78-year-old woman who was uncon-

scious and had difficulty breathing in North Naples. She had heart problems and was home alone. Cpl. Warford assisted until EMS arrived and took over. The patient was discharged from the hospital nine days later.

■ **Deputy Robert Reuthe** - On Oct. 24, Deputy Reuthe responded to a call of a possible overdose in Golden Gate. The 26-year-old female victim was breathing but had no pulse. After securing the scene, Deputy Reuthe noticed that the victim had stopped breathing and immediately began chest compressions until the victim gasped for breath. She once again went into respiratory distress and had no pulse. Cpl. Reuthe continued to provide chest compressions until firefighters/paramedics arrived. The patient was discharged from the hospital four days later.

■ **Deputy Alexandre Silva** - On Dec. 17, Deputy Silva responded to a medical call at an East Naples RV park. The victim was found unresponsive in a tight hallway. An automated external defibrillator (AED) was used and CPR administered until paramedics arrived and took over treatment. The patient was discharged from the hospital five days later.

■ **Cpl. Bruce Austin** - On Dec. 18, Cpl. Austin assisted in the care of a 62-year-old man who collapsed at home in Golden Gate. The man didn't have a pulse and was not breathing. Cpl. Austin performed CPR until he detected a pulse and observed the man take a couple breaths. Paramedics

arrived and took over medical care. The man was discharged from the hospital the next day.

## Free CPR and AED training

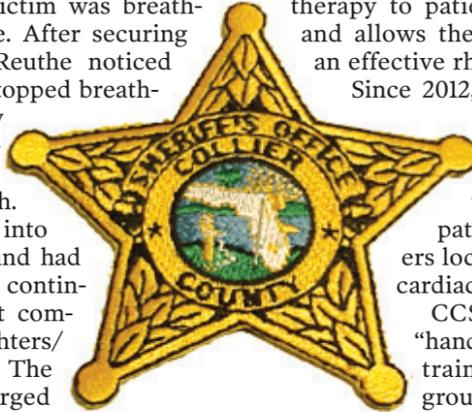
Thanks to a partnership with the American Heart Association, all CCSO patrol cars are equipped with an AED, a portable device that applies electrical therapy to patients in cardiac arrest and allows the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

Since 2012, CCSO has partnered with Collier County EMS/Fire Rescue in an information system to assist 911 dispatchers in helping callers locate AEDs near sudden cardiac arrest victims.

CCSO provides free "hands-only" CPR and AED training to homeowner groups and any member of the community who would like to learn how to save a life. The classes follow the American Heart Association's CPR curriculum. The time it takes to teach the classes varies, depending on the level of certification being sought.

Community members or groups that would like to learn basic hands-only CPR should contact Cpl. William Pshigoda by calling 252-9448 or emailing [william.pshigoda@colliersheriff.org](mailto:william.pshigoda@colliersheriff.org).

Additional classes are also taught by other local American Heart Association instructors who are available through Collier County EMS, any of the fire agencies in Collier County as well as the education department at NCH Naples Hospital. ■



# Grab some coffee with a cop

The Collier County Sheriff's Office and Dunkin' Donuts invite the public to the next Coffee with a Cop from 8-10 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the Dunkin' Donuts at 4800 Golden Gate Parkway in Golden Gate. The gatherings provide deputies and area residents with the opportunity to discuss community issues, build relationships and share some coffee in a relaxed, one-on-one setting.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice-Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the country, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing by building relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. ■



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# CLUB NOTES

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.



■ The **Naples Wednesday Bridge Club** welcomes new members at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 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 **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaal067.com.

■ **Alliance Française de Naples** resumes its French-speaking table lunches at noon Thursday, June 2, at Café Normandie. Conducted by Denyse

Jenkins, the lunches will also be held June 16 and 30. All who want to converse in French over a meal are welcome. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the restaurant at 261-0977. Guests pay for their own meal; there is no other cost.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to its meeting on Thursday, June 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging at 7:10 p.m. is followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 3, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Gabi Stoerchle will present "Fashion on Wheels" (bring a credit card or cash to shop for European fashion items). Inspirational speaker Marie Smith will discuss "The Path to Greater Life Choices," and vocalist Jessica van Ord will be the musical guest. Cost is \$28. For reservations, call 514-2207 or email cwnaples@gmail.com.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are June 4 and 18. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net. ■

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## Hodges Center for Nonprofit Excellence offers workshops

The Hodges University Center for Nonprofit Excellence presents four workshops in June.

■ **“Understanding the Generational Mix in the Workplace”** – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the Fort Myers campus, 4501 Colonial Blvd. Presenter Robin Larkin of Performance Management Associates Inc. will identify the five distinct generations in the workplace, discuss their behaviors at work and provide suggestions for successful communication and interaction across the generations. Registration is \$35.

■ **“Delegate with Meaning”** – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 9, at the Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way. Ms. Larkin discuss delegation methods, rules and pitfalls to avoid, as well as share why delegation is such an important management tool. Registration is \$35.

■ **“2016 Nonprofit Accounting and Audit Update”** – 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, at the Naples campus Representatives from the firm of CliftonLarsonAllen will address a broad spectrum of financial and accounting topics for nonprofit organizations. Registration for \$50 includes continental breakfast and lunch.

■ **“Developing Annual Sustainability”** – 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 23-24, at the Naples campus. Melissa Brown with Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy-The Fund Raising School will discuss fundraising strategies that most appeal to potential donors and how to create a broad, enduring base of supporters who will take your nonprofit to its annual funding goal. Registration is \$550 and includes breakfast and lunch both days. Participation is limited to 40 people.

### About the center

The Hodges University Center for Nonprofit Excellence serves to enhance the governance, management and operations of nonprofit organizations in Southwest Florida. Seminars provide information on roles and responsibilities of board members, legal and financial best practices, strategic planning, fundraising, volunteer management and other topics relevant to the operations of a high-quality organization.

For a complete schedule of upcoming workshops or to sign up for any of the above, visit [hodges.edu/cne](http://hodges.edu/cne).

For more information, call Contact Marian Klink at 598-6284 or email [cne@hodges.edu](mailto:cne@hodges.edu). ■

## Time and talent to offer? Consider volunteering

Grace Place for Children & Families is in need of morning and evening English Language Learner volunteers to teach English language and literacy to a small group of adults. This once-a-week opportunity runs June 13-Aug. 4; training and curriculum are provided.

Adult education is a key component of Grace Place's mission to provide pathways out of poverty through education. In addition to helping adults learn skills that are crucial for their success, emphasis is also placed on improving the ability of parents to help their children succeed in life.

For Benjamin Hernandez, English Language Learning classes at Grace Place helped change his life. Originally from a rural city in south Mexico, he says not knowing English presented huge challenges when he first arrived here. “I couldn't communicate at the store, with doctors or with my bosses. I felt frustrated and sad.”

As classes at Grace Place helped him learn English faster than his coworkers, Mr. Hernandez was assigned to roles of increasing responsibility. He now supervises a 10-man crew. In addition to doing well at work and being able to speak English with his doctors, he is especially happy with his improved ability to help his children with their schoolwork.

“We have so many adults like Benjamin seeking to improve their lives through language and education,” Grace Place CEO Tim Ferguson says. “ELL volunteers provide a tremendous service to our students and to our community. They help us teach families skills to be self-sufficient and sustainable, which is an especially important component of our core values at Grace Place.”

For more information about becoming an ELL volunteer instructor, call Hannah Vet at 234-2467 or email [hannah@graceplacenaples.org](mailto:hannah@graceplacenaples.org).

### More volunteer opportunities

■ Founded in 1983 as Collier County's original, nonprofit hospice, today Avow provides palliative care consultations for adults facing chronic or serious illness as well as hospice care and bereavement support services for children and adults. Among Avow's volunteers needs are:

**Licensed hairdressers** who can provide services to residents of the Avow hospice patients in their homes.

**Veterans** who can connect with Avow clients who are also veterans.

**Women singers** to join the Serenity Singers, Avow's a cappella choral group whose members, in groups of two to four, sing at patient bedsides. Volunteers are not required to read music, but must be able to carry a tune and coordinate with other singers for a blended vocal sound. Auditions



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Adult education student Benjamin Hernandez recently shared his story with a crowd of Grace Place supporters at the organization's annual “Swing of Grace” golf tournament fundraiser.

are required as is a commitment to a rehearsal schedule.

**Drivers** who can transport patients for doctor appointments, shopping and other errands. These are patients who can ambulate unassisted and without medical devices.

For more information about joining the ranks of Avow volunteers, visit [avowcares.org](http://avowcares.org).



■ The Conservancy of Southwest Florida needs volunteers for duties at its von Arx Wildlife Hospital, which treats more than 3,200 injured, sick or orphaned animals every year. Among the jobs:

**Critter courier** – Be on call to help capture and transport injured birds, mammals and reptiles found in your area between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Training and the necessary equipment are provided. Once an animal has been treated and recovered or rehabilitated, critter couriers are often called to help return it to the wild. Must be 16 years of age.

**Outdoor animal caretaker** – Spend time in close quarters outdoors with captive wild animals, observing their behavior and health, cleaning water pools, perches and cage walls, discarding old food and raking enclosures.

**Indoor animal caretaker** – Similar to the above duties but working inside the hospital. Additional duties include folding laundry and preparing diets, assisting with feedings and medical treatments as directed by the hospital staff.

The von Arx Wildlife Hospital is on the main campus of the Conservancy, at 1495 Smith Preserve Way off Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information about volunteering, call 403-4212 or visit [conservancy.org](http://conservancy.org).



■ The Shelter for Abused Women & Children always welcomes volunteers for administrative assignments at its Naples and Immokalee offices and for various retail-related duties at Options Thrift Shoppe. Helpers are also needed to work the 24-hour crisis line and to be on hand at the Beau Venturi Home emergency shelter. Special training is required to work shifts on the crisis line and in the shelter.

For more information, call 775-3862, ext. 215, or visit [naplesshelter.org](http://naplesshelter.org).



Planned Parenthood of Collier County

■ Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida has many ways for volunteers to further the organization's mission. Helpers are needed to work at PP events in the community, to perform office duties, to write letters and lobby, to work phone banks and to escort patients entering and leaving Planned Parenthood health centers.

For more information, send an email to [volunteer@myplannedparenthood.org](mailto:volunteer@myplannedparenthood.org). Include your name and phone number and indicate the city/county where you would like to offer your services.



■ Naples Equestrian Challenge's success relies on the generosity of hundreds of volunteers. Four certified instructors teach 110 riders each week, most of whom would never be able to enjoy their experiences at NEC without assistance from the organization's volunteers. Additionally, NEC's new equine-facilitated mental health programs serve another 40-50 participants each month.

The current need is for trained side-walking, leading, grooming and tacking positions. For more information, call Meredith Barnard at 596-2988 or email [meredithb@naplesequestrianchallenge.org](mailto:meredithb@naplesequestrianchallenge.org). ■

— If your nonprofit has a need for volunteers, email details to Cindy Pierce at [cpierce@floridaweekly.com](mailto:cpierce@floridaweekly.com).



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As we recently celebrated National Hospital Week along with the other 5,000 hospitals and health-care systems nationwide, we recognized 4,300 NCH colleagues in almost 30 locations. They enjoyed a different treat each day, from free ice cream or cookies to a celebratory lunch for folks who have been with us for 15 years and an elegant evening at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club for those who have been with us for 20-plus years.

We also enjoyed two successive Saturday nights at the Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, North Collier Regional Park and The Naples Zoo.

On another note, I was pleased to attend the 110-year-old American Hospital Association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., where programs focused on leadership, advocacy and transformation. AHA's CEO Richard Pollack directed the discussion on pressing hospital issues including access, value, equity and continuity of care, elimination of disparities, mental health, quality and safety.

One major issue the 1,000 attendees shared was redefining the "H" in AHA, particularly in light of the fact that 149 million Americans, out of a population of 320 million, have a chronic health condition that requires 84 percent of our health-care dollars. The frightening prediction that 20 percent of the nation will have Alzheimer's disease by 2040 is a call to action. As hospital patients increasingly seek value, defined as quality/cost, we as health-care leaders must become more responsive.

Focusing on community health, prevention, behavioral health and continuum of care are just some examples of this new awareness.

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## Increased physical activity is linked with lower risk of 13 types of cancer

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A new study of the relationship between physical activity and cancer has shown that greater levels of leisure-time physical activity were associated with a lower risk of developing 13 different types of cancer.

The risk of developing seven cancer types was 20 percent (or more) lower among the most active participants (90th percentile of activity) as compared with the least active participants (10th percentile of activity). These findings, from researchers at the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, and the American Cancer Society, confirm and extend the evidence for a benefit of physical activity on cancer risk and support its role as a key component of population-wide cancer prevention and control efforts. The study, by Steven C. Moore, Ph.D., and colleagues, appeared May 16 in JAMA Internal Medicine.

Hundreds of previous studies have examined associations between physical activity and cancer risk and shown reduced risks for colon, breast and endometrial cancers; however, results have been inconclusive for most cancer types due to small numbers of participants in the studies.

This new study pooled data on 1.44 million people, ages 19 to 98, from the U.S. and Europe, and was able to examine a broad range of cancers, including rare malignancies. Participants were followed for a median of 11 years during which 187,000 new cases of cancer occurred.

The investigators confirmed that leisure-time physical activity, as assessed by self-reported surveys, was associated with a lower risk of colon, breast and endometrial cancers. They also determined that leisure-time physical activity was associated with a lower risk of 10 additional cancers, with the greatest risk reductions for esophageal adenocarcinoma, liver cancer, cancer of the gastric cardia, kidney cancer and myeloid leukemia. Myeloma and cancers of the head and neck, rectum and bladder also showed reduced risks that were significant, but not as

strong. Risk was reduced for lung cancer, but only for current and former smokers; the reasons for this are still being studied.

"Leisure-time physical activity is known to reduce risks of heart disease and risk of death from all causes, and our study demonstrates that it is also associated with lower risks of many types of cancer," said Mr. Moore. "Furthermore, our results support that these associations are broadly generalizable to different populations, including people who are overweight or obese, or those with a history of smoking. Health care professionals counseling inactive adults should promote physical activity as a component of a healthy lifestyle and cancer prevention."

Leisure-time physical activity is defined as exercise done at one's own discretion, often to improve or maintain fitness or health. Examples include walking, running, swimming and other moderate-to-vigorous intensity activities. The median level of activity in the study was about 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity per week, which is comparable to the current recommended minimum level of physical activity for the U.S. population.

There are a number of mechanisms through which physical activity could affect cancer risk. It has been hypothesized that cancer

growth could be initiated or abetted by three metabolic pathways that are also affected by exercise: sex steroids (estrogens and androgens); insulin and insulin-like growth factors; and proteins involved with both insulin metabolism and inflammation. Additionally, several non-hormonal mechanisms have been hypothesized to link physical activity to cancer risk, including inflammation, immune function, oxidative stress, and for colon cancer, a reduction in time that it takes for waste to pass through the gastrointestinal tract.

Most associations between physical activity and lower cancer risk changed little when adjusted for body mass index, suggesting that physical activity acts through mechanisms other than lowering body weight to reduce cancer risk. Associations between physical activity and cancer were also similar in subgroups of normal weight and overweight participants, and in current smokers or people who never smoked.

The study was a large-scale effort of the Physical Activity Collaboration of NCI's Cohort Consortium, which was formed to estimate physical activity and disease associations using pooled prospective data and a standardized analytical approach.

"For years, we've had substantial evidence supporting a role for physical activity in three leading cancers: colon, breast and endometrial cancers, which together account for nearly 1 in 4 cancers in the United States," said Alpa V. Patel, Ph.D., a co-author from the American Cancer Society. "This study linking physical activity to 10 additional cancers shows its impact may be even more relevant, and that physical activity has far reaching value for cancer prevention."

The National Cancer Institute leads the National Cancer Program and the NIH's efforts to dramatically reduce the prevalence of cancer and improve the lives of cancer patients and their families, through research into prevention and cancer biology, the development of new interventions, and the training and mentoring of new researchers. For more information, see cancer.gov or call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 800-4-CANCER. ■



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## Blue Zones Project welcomes newest Collier County partners

Blue Zones Project-Southwest Florida recently welcomed United Way of Collier County, Strand Sisters, Wyndemere Country Club and Coldwell Banker-Fifth Avenue South as Blue Zones Project recognized organizations, having implemented health initiatives to increase well being among their members so that they live longer, better lives.

Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community initiative designed to make healthy choices easier through permanent changes to environment, policy and social networks.

Steve Sanderson, United Way of Collier County president and CEO, is proud that his is the first nonprofit organization to become recognized.

“Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community, and volunteerism is the key intersection between our mission and Blue Zones Project,” Mr. Sanderson said. “Blue Zones research has shown that people live longer, happier lives when they are fulfilling their purpose. Our volunteer center connects Collier County residents to purposeful, meaningful volunteering opportunities.”

Strand Sisters at The Club at The Strand



is the first women’s organization in Southwest Florida to earn the Blue Zones recognition. When the group formed one year ago, its leaders identified that Blue Zones Project fit nicely with their goals. Members are implementing plant-based cooking classes and offering menu items that meet Blue Zones Project healthy dish guidelines at its membership luncheons.

Wyndemere is the first Blue Zones Project approved worksite in Southwest Florida, and Coldwell Banker-Fifth Avenue South is the first local real estate organization to be recognized.

Local organizations that have previously attained Blue Zones Project status include: Cider Press Café, Riverwalk at Tin City, The Dock at Crayton Cove, Whole Foods Market, Wynn’s Market, Moorings Park, Gulf Coast Charter Academy South, Lake Park Elementary School, Seagate Elementary School, Gulfview Middle School, Naples High School and Unity of Naples. For more information about Blue Zones Project, visit [bluezones.com](http://bluezones.com). ■

## Step out for free safety fair on June 16

Step Smart Collier and the South Regional Library host a free Senior Safety Fair from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. The focus of the fair is preventing falls, which are the leading cause of injury and death to seniors.

The program will feature table displays and demonstrations by the supporting partners of Step Smart Collier in addition to a formal presentation on the steps seniors can take to reduce the risk of falling.

“There is no greater threat to Collier County seniors than suffering injury, disability or death from a fall,” says Keith Dameron, Step Smart Collier chairman. He cites statistics that 20 percent of seniors who fall are hospitalized with moderate to serious injuries and that 11 percent of them never return home. He also says 50 percent of those hospitalized pass away within one year. “Learning ways to prevent falls increases a senior’s quality of life, which is the mission of Step Smart Collier,” he adds.

Mark Tesoro, injury prevention educator for Lee Health System, will present “Reducing a Risk of a Fall” at 2 p.m.

These displays and demonstrations will be set up for people to visit throughout the afternoon:

■ Walgreens pharmacist: Medication management/evaluation



■ Sunshine Ace Hardware: Home/condo fall prevention items display

■ Lee Health Systems: Complimentary balance testing with written report

■ The Happy Handyman: Home safety item installation and information

■ NCH exercise physiologist: Tai-chi demonstration and tips

■ Goede, Adamczyk, DeBoest & Cross Attorneys: Legal advice for seniors

■ Collier County EMS: Information on emergencies and 911

■ Naples Senior Center: Information about programs available for all seniors

■ Collier County Sheriff’s Office: Information about fraud and scams most often targeted at seniors

The Step Smart Collier’s Senior Safety Fair is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring a list of their medications (prescriptions and over-the-counter) and to participate in the free balance test.

For more information, call Mr. Dameron at 734-1021 or email [keith.dameron@iberiabank.com](mailto:keith.dameron@iberiabank.com). ■

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birth to the grief of death. We care for everyone, from those with the ability to pay or are insured to those who cannot pay or are under-insured. The numbers are startling; 67 percent of Americans can’t come up with \$2,000 a month without selling an asset, which makes high-deductible medical insurance policies difficult. The alternative, lowering deductibles, raises the paradoxical and unwelcome effect of raising monthly premiums.

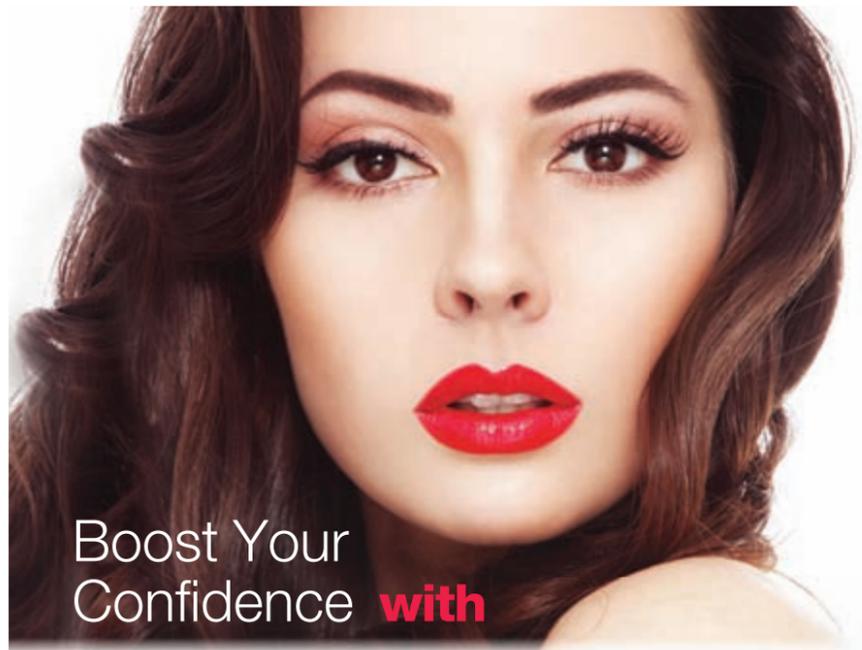
Ultimately, addressing the 80 percent

of the causes of disease that can be controlled and eliminating waste will be the best way to control health-care costs.

An additional challenge is caring for the 60 million Americans whose primary language isn’t English and the 42 percent of these folks who are not proficient in the language.

Redefining the “H” will be the challenge for all of us in the coming months and years, as we build on our growing competencies to create a platform for health for the future. Enhancing wellness and the joy of living is our overriding goal so that we all live longer, healthier, happier lives. ■

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



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Permanent makeup refers to a number of different procedures that involve injecting pigment below the surface of the skin to simulate the appearance of makeup. Essentially, we are tattooing makeup onto your face. The benefits of this are immediately clear. Imagine waking up first thing in the morning, stumbling to the shower, getting out... and your makeup is already on and perfect! What a time saver! You no longer have to worry about physical activities resulting in your makeup sweating off. Your face will still look picture-perfect, even after a workout! At Azul Cosmetic Surgery & Medical Spa, we offer a number of permanent makeup options such as permanent eyeliner, brow liner, lip liner, and lip pigmentation to simulate lipstick.

### ■ Are there other benefits?

In addition to the great convenience of no longer having to do your makeup every morning, there are huge benefits for people who have scarring or conditions that cause a loss of pigmentation. Through the use of permanent makeup, we can greatly reduce the appearance of scars on the face and lips, fixing the pigmentation to match the rest of your skin. People who suffer from conditions like vitiligo, which causes a loss of skin pigmentation leading to white patches, can regain their skin color using this method. For some who suffer from sensitive skin or makeup allergies, permanent makeup can provide an effective beauty solution. If you or someone you know has a degenerative disease that makes

makeup application difficult or impossible (Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, or even just arthritis), permanent makeup can be the solution they are looking for.

### ■ Does it hurt?

No sugar-coating this one. Yes, there can be some discomfort during the procedure. However, unlike regular tattooing, we use topical anesthetics to numb the areas where the permanent makeup is being applied.

### ■ How long does it take? What is the recovery time like?

It really depends on the procedure being done. On average, you are looking at about one or two hours for application of the permanent makeup. You can expect the color of the makeup to be a bit darker and brighter than you might expect for the first ten or so days after application, just like any other tattoo.

As with any cosmetic procedure, permanent makeup isn’t for everyone. But for those who want to have some extra time in the morning, need a cosmetic touch-up, or just want to have their makeup be perfect 24/7, permanent makeup might be the best possible solution!

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# PET TALES

## Bee careful: What to do if a bee stings your pet

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
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When my dog Harper was a young puppy, a bee stung her on a hind leg. I didn't know what was causing all the screaming and running in circles until I saw the bee fall to the ground. I called the veterinarian, who recommended a quarter tablet of Benadryl and a cold compress. It was hours before Harper was willing to eat or go outside to potty.

It's bee season again. Spring is a busy time for bees, as they have come out of hibernation and are gathering food, pollinating plants in the process.

Bees are beneficial and for the most part beneficent, but like most of us, they can become cranky when it's hot and humid, rainy or if other bees are robbing their hives. And dogs or cats who take a curious or aggressive interest in bees or wasps are likely to receive payback in the form of a sting on the nose or head.

An angry bee is a danger to pets. Dr. Marty Becker and I have gathered some tips to help you prevent or treat the stings of summer.

- "Beeproof" your yard and home. It's good to have bees visit your flowers to pollinate them, but to prevent them from setting up housekeeping full-time in your yard or home, remove or cover possible nesting sites, such as overturned flower pots, holes in trees or walls, drains or attic vents. Call an expert about removal if you find a nest in the eaves of your home, in the attic or in trees.

- Honeybees may want to drink from



Reactions to bee stings range from slight swelling and pain to anaphylaxis, a sudden, severe allergic reaction that can be fatal if not treated immediately.

your pet's outdoor water dish. If you are an urban beekeeper (and who isn't these days?), provide bees with their own source of water and place pet dishes well away from hives. To further discourage bees from sipping a pet's water, mix two tablespoons of vinegar with a gallon of water, and fill pet dishes with it.

- If you see your pet get stung by a bee, remove the stinger right away. Instead of grasping it with tweezers, which can inject more venom into the wound, scrape it away with the edge of a credit card.

- A mild bee sting can cause a burning or itching sensation that lasts for several minutes or more. You may notice your pet chewing, licking, rubbing or scratching at the area. Mix water and baking soda to make a paste, and apply to the stung

area to help relieve the pain. A cold compress can also help to bring down swelling or reduce pain.

- Grow aloe in your yard. The gel that oozes from a cut leaf helps to soothe bee stings.

- Keep Benadryl on hand. This antihistamine provides relief from itching, swelling and irritation. The dose depends on your dog's size. Call your veterinarian now and ask how much Benadryl to give your pet if he is stung, then write it on the box.

When you purchase Benadryl, be sure the only ingredient is diphenhydramine. Some formulations

contain acetaminophen, which is toxic to pets.

- Know the phone number and location of your nearest veterinary emergency hospital. Some animals suffer severe reactions to bee stings because they are allergic to bee venom. Known as anaphylaxis, this intense inflammatory reaction causes swelling from excessive fluid buildup in body tissues; itchiness; vomiting; respiratory distress; and collapse or death. It's an emergency. Take your pet to the veterinarian right away.

Pets can also suffer dangerous swelling if they are stung on the head or neck. If those areas swell, they can inhibit a dog or cat's ability to breathe. If you notice swelling on the face or neck, seek immediate veterinary assistance. ■

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## In celebration of caftans, the next big thing for summer

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There is simply no one happier than moi that caftans are making a comeback. I used to call these long, flowing, colorful — and most importantly, comfortable — garments muumuus. But caftan sounds so much more stylish and sophisticated.

What? You scoff at the words “styl-ish” and “sophisticated” being associated with an unusually roomy frock? Well, stop that scoffing, because according to a number of fashion websites and magazines including Harpers Bazaar and even *The New York Times*, fashionistas from Los Angeles to London are embracing these “billowy robes.” In fact, J-Lo, who infamously goes for the most form-fitting gowns she can find, graced the red carpet at the Golden Globes this year in a glittery gold caftan. And on her recent royal tour of India, Duchess Kate rocked several fabulous caftans while on the arm of Prince William.

While it’s nice to hear that caftans are suddenly chic, however, all that really matters to me is that here in Southwest Florida we’re about to face seven months of spirit-crushing humidity, air



Valerie, Audre, Toby, Stephanie and Lynne celebrating Audre's birthday and the latest from the Marimekko line at Target.

so hot that it hurts to breathe, a relentless sun that turns our steering wheels into spheres of fire and the constant, stagnant smell of damp dog.

Not until Thanksgiving — and maybe even after Christmas (remember when it was 90 degrees last Christmas? I do)

— will I be able to tolerate anything touching my sweaty skin.

Also, since it will be too disgustingly hot to work out, I’ll likely be drinking more margaritas and mimosas, which means I’m going to need the extra room that a caftan provides.

You can imagine my joy then, when a few weeks ago, Target partnered with the Swedish design house of Marimekko to sell a variety of brightly colored, splashily designed clothes for women — including caftans! My friends Lynne and Audre and I ordered several from the Target website the minute they became available. And recently, at Audre’s birthday dinner, we all sported our matching caftans, as you can see in the accompanying photo. We had to provide Valerie (far left) with one, as she’s not exactly a caftan type of girl, and also Toby (center), who I’m pretty sure had never even heard of a caftan before we begged her to join our Caftan Club for the night. She traded her tight tank top and form-fitting skirt for the blue Marimekko number, and while she mumbled something about “feeling like Mrs. Roper,” she was generally a good sport about it.

I encourage all of the ladies of Southwest Florida to embrace their inner Endoras, Rhodas and Mrs. Ropers and get together with some girlfriends for a caftan soiree. Mix up some cocktails, put out some hors d’oeuvres, groove to some yacht rock and try to imagine a cool, billowy summer without the confines of Spanx. ■

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



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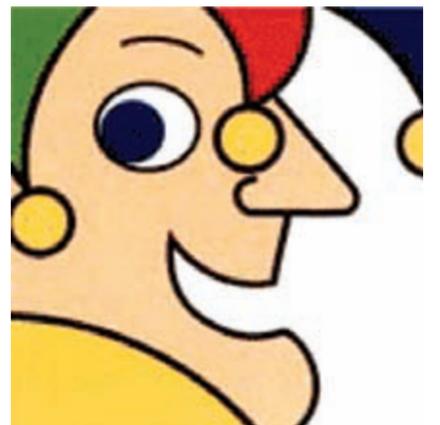
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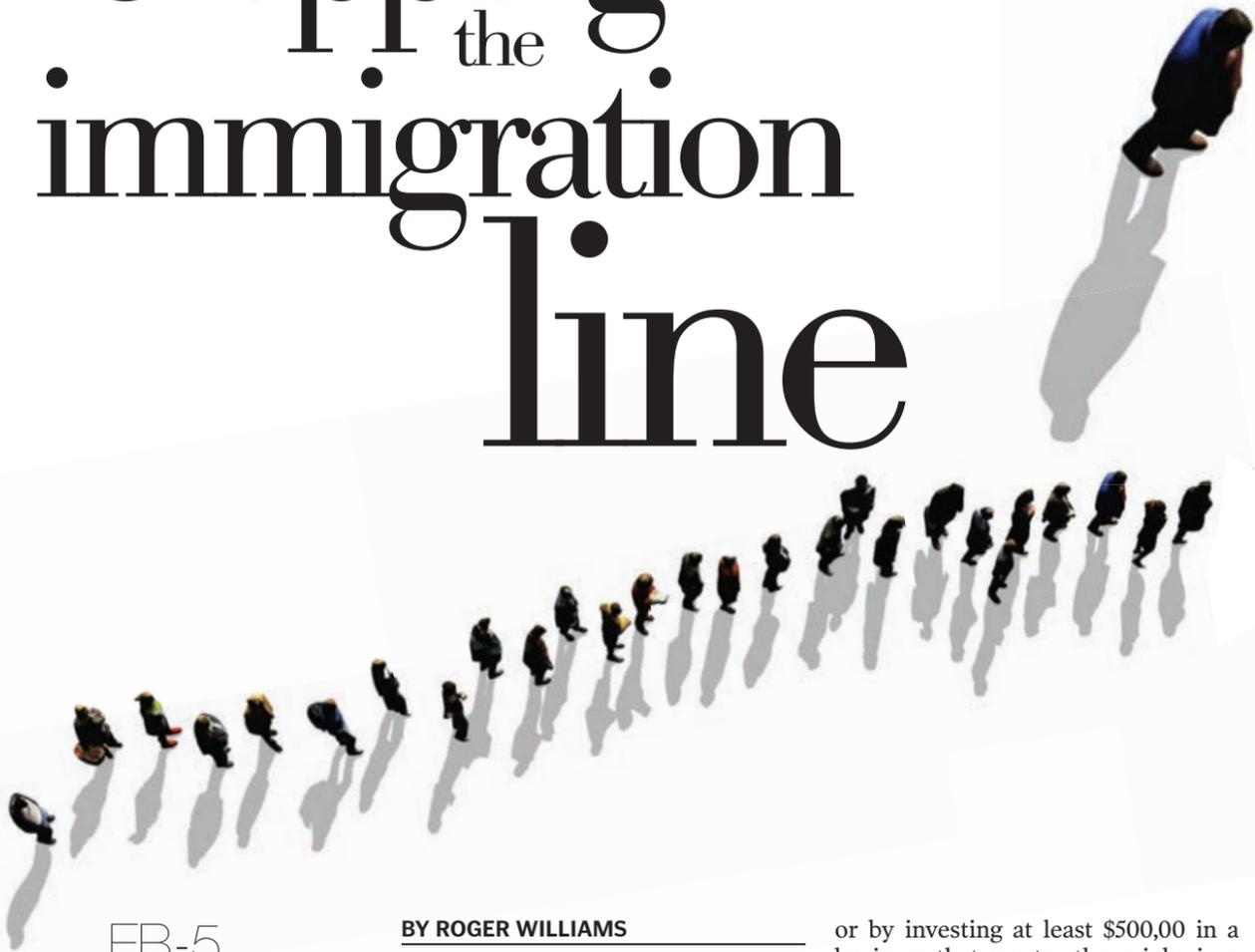
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# Skipping the immigration line



EB-5 program is expensive, and it's not as easy as it looks.

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IT'S A GOOD IDEA, ON PAPER. AND FOR many it's a good idea on the ground, one devised more than 25 years ago to bring billions of dollars of foreign money into the U.S. economy, and with it jobs for American workers and carte-blanc green cards for immigrant investors, their spouses and their children under 21. It's called the EB-5 program.

The U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services manages the program, which works roughly like this: A foreign national who wishes to live in the U.S. may jump to the head of the immigration line by investing at least \$1 million in an American business that also creates at least 10 jobs,

or by investing at least \$500,00 in a business that creates those jobs in a "targeted employment area," which means a less prosperous city, county or region.

Each state has regional centers — self-appointed by business interests themselves to pool investor money, but approved, though not regulated or only loosely regulated, by the government's USCIS. Those centers track or collect investment-needy businesses and can point immigrant investors to them. Florida, for example has 85 of the nation's nearly 850 regional centers, including a Palm Beach Regional Center (palmbeachregionalcenter.com) that works through counties from Palm Beach to Charlotte; the

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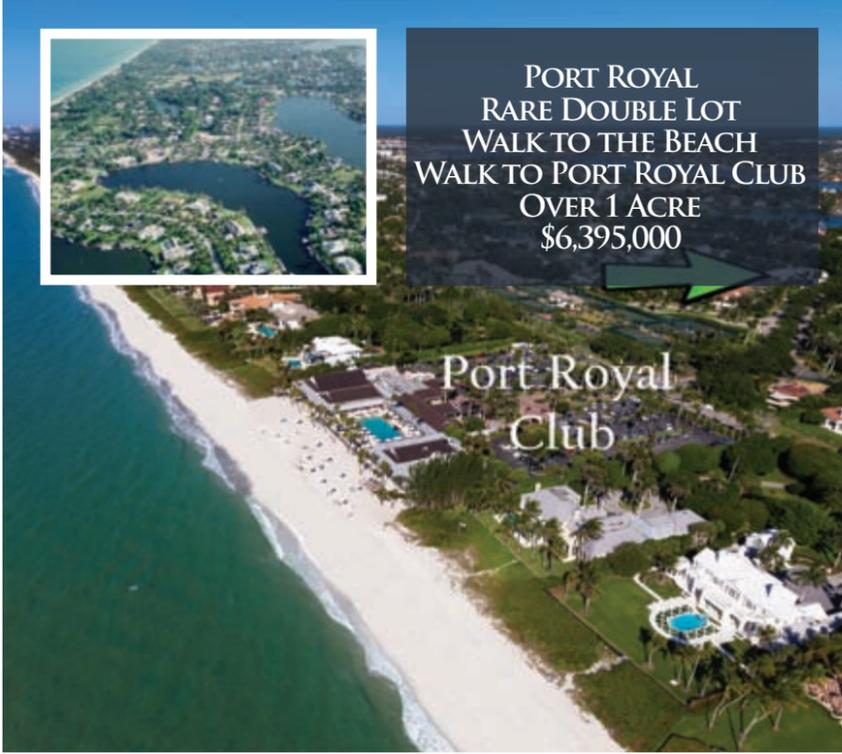
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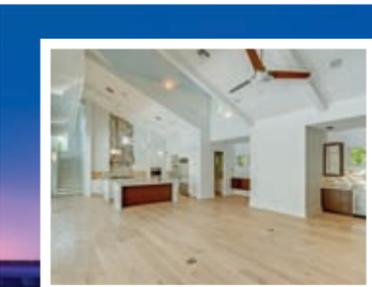



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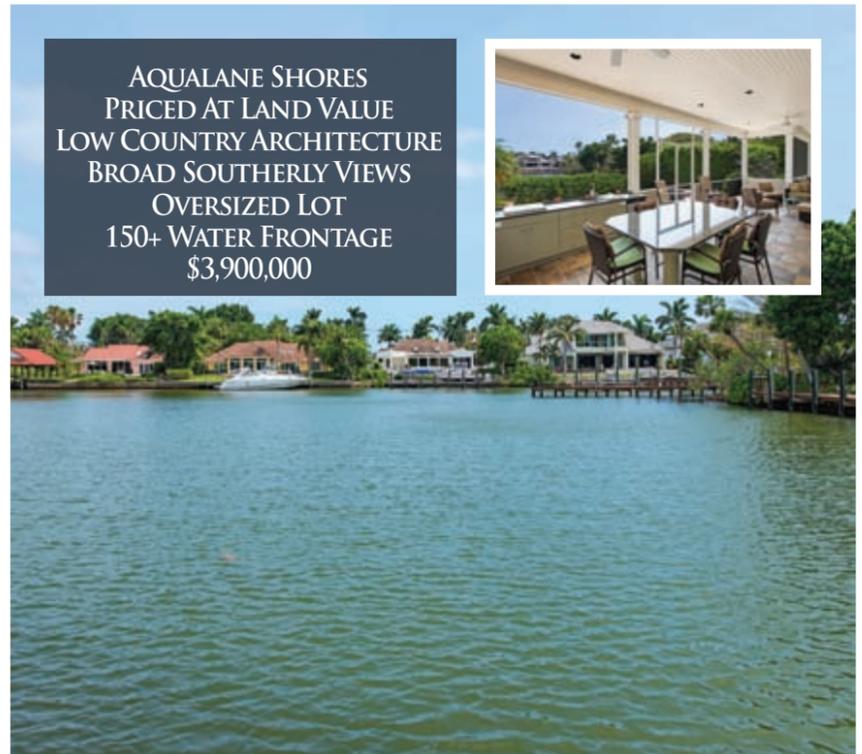
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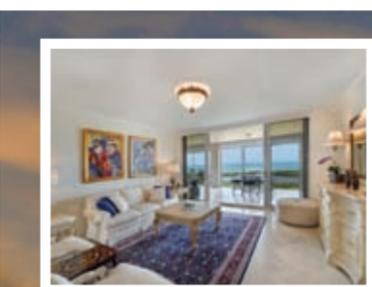
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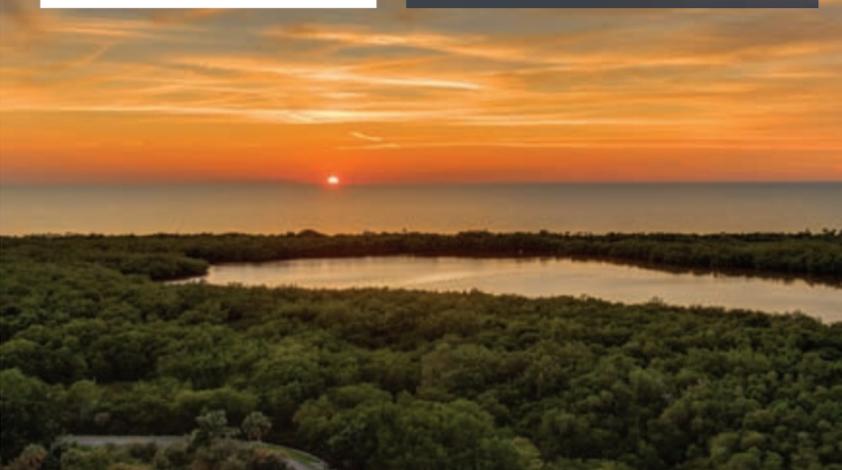
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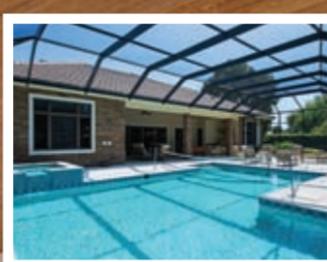
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Nominations must be received by June 24. Any company doing business in Collier County is eligible to apply. Nominations can be submitted by companies themselves, their clients, their vendors and/or other individuals.

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges representing past winners and Opportunity Naples board members. The awards will be pre-

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Numbers provided by the government and compiled and reported by media outlets show that the program jumped from less than 100 EB-5 visas provided 13 years ago to more than 9,000 last year — 80 percent of those to Chinese investors.

In Florida those investments have boosted the bottom line in a wide range of projects, including such restaurants as Tap 42 in Boca Raton and Twin Peaks in Fort Myers.

They have been good for many, including Anthony Korda, a Neapolitan attorney and partner in the firm KordaBurgess who works with EB-5 investors still.

“I am an immigrant who came to the U.S. using the EB-5 program,” he explained in an email. “My family and I are all now U.S. citizens but we were all born in the UK (Great Britain). We invested in a ski resort project in Vermont. We love living in the U.S. and knew that we would stay. My family and I decided to become U.S. citizens because we had made our home here and wanted to show our allegiance to our new home country.”

But the centers, and indeed the entire process managed by USCIS, have come under closer scrutiny and significant criticism lately as charges of fraud and poor management have been aimed at some projects.

American front men in Vermont, for example, allegedly took hundreds of millions in money from foreign investors enlisted in EB-5, then failed to create the resort businesses they promised, putting them in civil or criminal hot-water and creating victims of the investors. Mr. Korda’s investment there paid off in his green card and the eventual citizenship of him and his family, but others did not, he says:

“I was one of the first investors in that project (and) I cannot comment beyond that as far as it affects me personally.”

The matter is in litigation, he explains. “However, a number of investors (there) have been placed in a precarious position as far as their immigration sta-

tus is concerned, far beyond the obvious financial implications. This is a serious blow for the EB5 industry, particularly as the Regional Center Program expires in September of this year and will be awaiting renewal.”

But the bad apple should not despoil the barrel, he concludes.

“Most EB-5 projects are offered by honest developers who deliver the immigration benefit promised by creating jobs for the U.S. economy. Although there have been examples of fraud (as in every industry), such examples are still relatively rare. I hope that the innocent investors who have done everything expected of them will not be made to pay the price for the alleged misdeeds of others on whom they relied.”

The Department of Homeland Security has also expressed public concern that the program could be used by spies from both China and Iran.

Michael Gibson, an investment advisor and managing director of the Miami-based USA Advisors (USAadvisors.org), a firm that provides specific advice on the EB-5 program and researches opportunities for investors, told *The New York Times* this month that Brazilian investors moving their money from that troubled country into an Orlando soccer stadium whose Brazilian developer sought the support of his wealthy countrymen should be more cautious.

If the “cash flow” changes because teams don’t win, he explained, the investors might lose not only their money, but their visas.

Mr. Gibson later described his view of the program to *Florida Weekly*, this way: “This program has increased in popularity exponentially every year. But since USCIS is not transparent, we don’t know how it’s being managed.

“The problem with the entire industry is USCIS. They are completely nontransparent in terms of which projects they approve, how many jobs they create, and who is behind the capital.”

That shouldn’t dissuade any investors from the program, he added, but it should make them hire investment advisors — not rely on immigration attorneys or the regional centers alone, for advice.

Although the program now limits visas administered to 10,000 per year — and Obama administration officials have claimed that it provided more than \$8.5 billion and more than 35,000 jobs in a five-month period beginning last fall (those numbers are questioned by skeptics) — the program should be expanded, Mr. Gibson insists. But only if it becomes transparent.

“Why would the USCIS not do every-

thing in its power to take steps to reduce the incidence of potential fraud?” he asks. “I have no idea why they don’t release information. They don’t even say who are the owners of regional centers. You’d want to know if they had any prior felonies, any bad investments, that kind of thing.

“Up until now foreign investors have relied on immigration attorneys. But they’re just as much in the dark as anybody else. They look at the immigration track record of regional centers, but the funny thing about that is, there is no way to verify if what regional centers claim, is true.” ■

## Q&A

Anthony Korda, partner in KordaBurgess PA, of Naples, sat down to offer a personal view of EP-5 to Florida Weekly.

**Q. Is this program becoming more popular here in the region?**

A. “The success of the program cannot be overstated. It is, if anything, oversubscribed because of the numerical limits on investor visas, which are restricted to 10,000 annually. This includes the investor and all family members, so that there are approximately 2,500 to 5,000 families depending on size who will become conditional residents. More than 89 percent of all investors are Chinese and so visa wait times were imposed last year to restrict the number of visas that can be issued to Chinese nationals. However, there is a major backlog so that long delays are being experienced. Nevertheless, the program remains successful and there are a large number of EB-5 Regional Centers in Florida. Of 834 total, 85 are in Florida and are attracting investors to a large number of different projects.”

**Q. Who in the region has taken advantage of EB-5 so far?**

A. “This will tell you how to contact the Regional Center and they in turn will be able to tell you about their projects. One example of a local EB-5 project is the Twin Peaks restaurant in Fort Myers, developed with EB-5 investor funds.”

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**Q. What is your experience with EB-5?**

A. “I am an immigrant who came to the U.S. using the EB-5 program. My family and I are all now U.S. citizens but we were all born in the UK (Great Britain). We invested in a ski resort project in Vermont. We love living in the U.S. and knew that we would stay. My family and I decided to become U.S. citizens because we had made our home here and wanted to show our allegiance to our new home country.”

**Q. Is the EB-5 program working as efficiently as it should be, in your opinion?**

A. “There is clearly room for improvement and although this is a complex and detailed subject, here are some bullet points:

- “1. Processing times are too long at 18-24 months.
- “2. Visa wait times are too long.
- “3. More visas need to be made available or each family should count as one.
- “4. More regulation and oversight is required to ensure that projects deliver and are able to repay the investors.
- “5. The ‘at risk’ provisions need to be reconsidered so that investors can be repaid once the jobs have been created and sustained for the required period.
- “6. USCIS should provide more clarity as to the requirements of the program and how they interpret the regulations.”

**Q: Is this program fair and should we (we Americans, we Floridians) be using it?**

A. “In 2013, investments made through the EB-5 program contributed \$3.58 billion to U.S. GDP and supported more than 41,000 U.S. jobs.

“There are currently more than 25,000 petitions pending and a similar number of visa numbers. Assume 30,000 investors, each investing \$500,000 (some even \$1 million) and you have a contribution to the U.S. economy of some \$15 billion, and a minimum of 300,000 jobs created.

“The program is certainly fair to the U.S., but improvements should be made to make it more fair to investors.”

— Roger Williams



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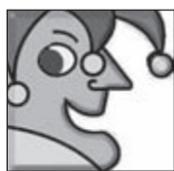
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## Fool's School

### Wisdom From Omaha

Tens of thousands of Berkshire Hathaway shareholders gathered in Omaha in April to listen to Chairman Warren Buffett and his partner, Charlie Munger, answer questions for five hours. Here are some nuggets from the annual meeting:

- On stock buybacks: Many companies are spending billions of dollars buying back shares of their stock, with the reduced total share count increasing earnings per share. Buffett explained that it makes financial sense only when the shares are undervalued, as it's like buying dollar bills for less than a dollar apiece.

- On oil: When asked about the low price of oil, Buffett and Munger noted that it should, overall, be good for the U.S. economy, since America is a net importer of oil. Buffett added that our economy has continued to grow despite the drop in the price of oil.

- On education: Munger said that universities are "the glory of civilization," but if you expect financial efficiency in American higher education, "you're howling at the wind." Buffett added that working people in a rich society have

an obligation to the young and the old. "I was a trustee of a college that saw the endowment go from \$8 million to over \$1 billion, and I didn't see the tuition go down, and I didn't see the number of students go up."

- On silver bullets: When asked which competitor they would like to eliminate with a silver bullet, Buffett said that they would like to be the target of competitors' silver bullets. He added that they're simply focused on performing well, and that in general, if you take care of your customers, your customers will take care of you. It won't always be that simple, though, because sometimes developments occur that you're not well equipped to deal with. Sometimes you just need to get out of some businesses, instead of trying to fix things you can't.

We'll offer more on Buffett next week. In the meantime, read his educational (and often entertaining) annual letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Berkshire Hathaway.) ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Where's the Beef?

I answered the phone and was greeted by a pitchman who said he had the deal of a lifetime for me! What was it? Investing in bull semen — specifically, a penny stock specializing in "beef genetics." I bit. It was only money in my IRA, after all, so it's play money, right? My broker bought it for me, while urging me to avoid it at all costs.

Of course, the company quickly disappeared, along with my \$500 investment. But I now have the certificate framed on my wall as a cautionary tale to avoid hot tips and speculative investments.

— R.M., Springfield, Virginia

**The Fool Responds:** Many people lose a lot more than \$500 to learn that lesson. You committed a classic blunder, being drawn into a penny stock with some kind of exciting, promising story — but, very often, little in the way of actual sales and profits.

Being able to spend \$500 on 2,000 shares of a stock trading for \$0.25 per share can seem better than buying, say, five shares of a \$100 stock. But penny stocks are notoriously volatile and often manipulated, frequently causing naive investors to lose most or all of their money. A \$100 stock, meanwhile, can belong to a growing, profitable company that's on course to increase its value considerably over time.

Finally, take your IRA seriously, as it can help you accumulate funds you'll really need in retirement. ■

## Last week's trivia answer

Founded by three brothers in New Jersey in 1886, I was the first to offer commercial first-aid kits, mass-produced sanitary products for women and dental floss — all before 1900. I later introduced first-aid manuals, consumer bandages for small wounds, an extra-gentle shampoo and more. Today I'm a consumer products, pharmaceutical and medical devices giant, with roughly 127,000 employees and more than \$70 billion in annual revenue. My brands include Acuvue, Aveeno, Benadryl, Bengay, Desitin, Lactaid, Listerine, Lubriderm, Motrin, Neutrogena, One-Touch, Visine and Zyrtec. I touch the lives of more than a billion people daily. Who am I? (Answer: Johnson & Johnson) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### Reasons to Sell

Q When is the right time to sell a stock?

— A.P., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

A That's a critical question, because your investing results ultimately depend on the prices at which you bought and sold a stock. Consider selling if you have a significantly more promising place to put your money. (If you find only a slightly more attractive place, the tax hit on any capital gains might wipe out the value of moving your money, unless the stock is in an IRA.)

You might also sell if the stock is now significantly overpriced or if the reason you bought the stock is no longer valid. (Perhaps, for example, it's losing market share or is mired in a scandal.) Definitely sell if you'll need the money within three to five years, because anything can happen in the short term. Keep money you'll need soonish in more stable places, such as savings accounts or CDs.

Selling also makes sense if you don't know much about the company and can't explain exactly how it makes its money, if you're just holding for emotional reasons, or if you can't remember why you bought it. Whenever you buy a stock, it's good to jot down why you did so and when you might sell — and to revisit the reasons periodically.

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Q How big or small are "large-cap" and "small-cap" companies?

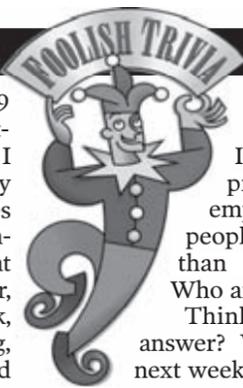
— D.W., Rochester, Minnesota

A Definitions vary, but here's a reasonable one: If a company's market capitalization is less than \$250 million, consider it a micro-cap; \$250 million to \$1 billion, a small-cap; \$1 billion to \$10 billion, a mid-cap; and \$10 billion or more, a large-cap. Nike, Costco and Visa are large-caps, while Cheesecake Factory and Xerox are mid-caps. ■

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## Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1899 founding of the Reading Glove and Mitten Manufacturing Co. in Pennsylvania. I later made silk lingerie and changed my name to reflect it. I sold my intimates business and am now a global clothing and footwear titan, with brands that include The North Face, Vans, Wrangler, Lee, Timberland, Bulwark, Eagle Creek, Eastpak, Ella Moss, JanSport, Kipling, Lucy, Majestic, Napapijri, Nautica, Red



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Indeed, I'm the biggest producer of denim. I employ more than 60,000 people and rake in more than \$12 billion annually. Who am I?

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

## The Motley Fool Take

### Banking Big

The prospect of rising interest rates has some investors nervous, but the financial industry tends to benefit from a rising-rate environment. That puts Wells Fargo (NYSE: WFC) in a prime position to build on its long-term performance with gains in the years to come.

While many big banks have been seeking to downsize in order to avoid greater regulatory scrutiny and to make their balance sheets look more attractive, Wells Fargo has gone in the opposite direction, becoming the third-largest bank by assets as it continues to follow its business model of making conservative yet lucrative loans to consumers and commercial customers. Its track record of avoiding some of the excesses that its peers experienced during the financial crisis has

only added to its reputation.

Wells Fargo is more profitable than many of its peers, and tends to have more excess capital than it needs to, making it more able to withstand unexpected losses without running into trouble. That may come in handy, as it recently saw a jump in problematic loans primarily made to the oil and gas industry that has been struggling due to low prices.

Meanwhile, Wells Fargo offers patient believers a dividend that was recently yielding 3.1 percent, and its share price seems fairly priced. Consider buying in, or waiting for a lower price. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Wells Fargo.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

- The second annual **SWFL's Largest Networking Event** takes place from 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Six Bends Harley-Davidson in South Fort Myers. Hosts are the Warm Introduction Networking group and Cloud 9 Home Watch & Thermal Imaging. Last year's inaugural event attracted more than 600 people from across Southwest Florida. Attendees and exhibiting companies, focused on accountability and charity, helped raise more than \$6,000 to benefit local charities aiding children. Funds raised this year will benefit the March of Dimes, Junior Achievement of SWFL and the Photo Patch Foundation. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For information about sponsorship or exhibitor opportunities, call Shane Bailey at (330) 962-6885 or email sbailey@cloud9homewatch.net.

- **Glory of the Grape**, the annual fundraiser for the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ's on the Bay on Marco. Tickets for \$55 are available at marcoislandchamber.org.

- **Realtors, mortgage brokers and builders** are invited to meet, mingle and network from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Blue Martini in Mercato. The next date is June 7.

- The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals** host the second annual In Your Future summit from 12:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Florida Gulf Coast University. More than 250 attendees are expected to gather to learn about becoming better leaders, manag-

ers, community builders and collaborators. Two hours of networking will follow the session. Registration is \$55. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com.

- The **Women's Council of Realtors Naples-on-the Gulf** hosts the WCR District V conference from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 24, at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Audrey Lackie, WCR state chapter president, will be the keynote speaker. Registration is \$35. Sign up at wcrnaples.com/events.

- 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 naples-chamber.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.

- **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information. ■

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

# NETWORKING

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# REAL ESTATE

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## April numbers show local market on steady course

As broker analysts predicted earlier this year, declines in home sales that appeared in the first quarter of 2016 were not a trend. This was further evidenced in the April 2016 numbers released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

In fact, the April report showed several signs that the Collier County residential resale market is on a steady course to becoming even more balanced.

“It’s important to keep in mind that we are comparing activity today to what was happening a year ago, and 2015 was an outstanding year,” said Mike Hughes, vice president/general manager of Downing-Frye Realty. “So even though pending sales in April decreased 10 percent, it was only 126 fewer than in April 2015.”

Pending sales were down over 20 percent for each of the first three months of this year, Mr. Hughes added. “But as inventory continues to become available and buyers continue to have more choices, I’m confident we’ll see the number of pending and closed sales improve.”

Overall inventory increased 36 percent in April 2016 to 5,480 homes, up from 4,040 homes in April 2015. Most surprising was a 171 percent increase in inventory for condominiums in the \$2 million and above price category, up from 34 condominiums for sale in April 2015 to 92 this year. Condominium inventory in the Naples Beach area increased 73 percent, to 683 this year from 394 in April last year.

In the single-family market, inventory rose 23 percent in the \$2 million and above segment. Days on the market for this segment decreased 30 percent.

The latest NABOR numbers also revealed a new sweet spot in the market: condominiums in the \$300,000-\$500,000 category. There was a 74 percent increase in inventory, a 26 percent increase in closed sales (12 months ending), a 20 percent increase in pending sales (12 months ending) and a 3 percent decrease in median closed price (12 months ending).

For more information, including the complete April 2016 Market Report, visit [naplesarea.com](http://naplesarea.com). ■



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# House Hunting:

## 2228 Residence Circle, Traditions in Grey Oaks

This four-bedroom-plus-den lakefront residence with a great-room design is positioned as the lowest priced home in Traditions on the market. Couple that with the sunny exposure, a fabulous pool and a screened-in outdoor living area complete with a kitchen, and you have what it takes for the perfect Florida lifestyle. The indoor kitchen has a double oven, a gas cooktop and a massive island with a vegetable sink. The large master suite and den are on the main floor, while the second floor has three full bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, and a loft/entertainment area. Details include stone floors, 20-foot ceilings, a tankless water heater, a whole-home water softener and impact glass windows and doors.

Grey Oaks is a private country club community with three golf courses and a new clubhouse, tennis facility and resort-style pool. This property is listed for \$1,695,000 by Krista Fraga of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty. To arrange a visit, call 877-6745 or email [Krista.fraga@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:Krista.fraga@sothebysrealty.com). ■



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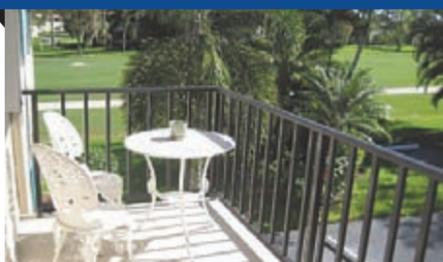
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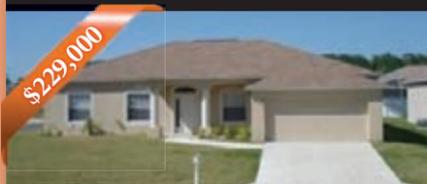


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- 2 • HUNTINGTON LAKES • 2408**  
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- 3 • HUNTINGTON LAKES • 2424** Millcreek Lane #103 • \$229,000 • Gulf Breeze Real Estate • Sue Myhelic • 239.216.6444
- 4 • BAY FOREST - BERMUDA BAY II • 15495** Cedarwood Lane #9-106 • \$254,000 • Premier Sotheby's International Realty • Pat Petrow • 239.571.3765

- 5 • HUNTINGTON LAKES • 2525** Aspen Creek Lane #101 • \$299,000 • Gulf Breeze Real Estate • Sue Myhelic • 239.216.6444
- 6 • PELICAN LANDING - THE POINTE • 3441** Pointe Creek Court #304 • \$299,000 • PSIR • Elizabeth McCrank • 239.571.1705

## >\$300,000

- 7 • IBIS COVE • 8098** Tauren Court • \$345,000 • PSIR • Robert Hollister • 239.250.6113
- 8 • BRIDGEWATER BAY - COCONUT BAY • 3046** Driftwood Way #4708 • \$359,000 • PSIR • Jon Feins • 239.687.9546
- 9 • REFLECTION LAKES • 14783** Cranberry Court • \$395,000 • PSIR • ML Meade • 239.293.4851
- 10 • PARK SHORE - HARBORSIDE TERRACE • 4200** Belair Lane #115 • \$399,000 • PSIR • Pat Duggan • 239.216.1980

## >\$400,000

- 11 • PELICAN BAY - CHATEAUMERE ROYALE • 6000** Pelican Bay Boulevard #C-102 • \$495,000 • PSIR • Erik David Barber • 323.513.6391
- 12 • BRIDGEWATER BAY - BOCA BAY • 3215** Sundance Circle • \$499,900 • PSIR • Walter Patrick • 239.325.9111
- 13 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - MALLARDS LANDING • 8417** Mallard's Way • \$499,000 • PSIR • ML Meade • 239.293.4851

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- 14 • LONGSHORE LAKE • 11547** Longshore Way East • \$549,000 • PSIR • Joanne MacLeod • 239.272.7679
- 15 • THE MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB • 222** Harbour Drive #408 • \$585,000 • PSIR • James Hild • 239.860.6801

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- 16 • PELICAN BAY - ST. TROPEZ • 5501** Heron Point Drive #503 • \$649,900 • PSIR • Gary Blaine • 239.595.2912 • Call agent for building access.
- 17 • GOLDEN GATE ESTATES • 3510** 1st Avenue SW • \$659,500 • PSIR • Cindy Reyf • 305.582.2183 • Open 2-5pm

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- 18 • PELICAN BAY - GROSVENOR • 6001** Pelican Bay Boulevard #505 • \$729,000 • PSIR • Helayne Frankel • 239.293.7802
- 19 • HORSE CREEK ESTATES • 372** Cypress Way West • \$749,900 • PSIR • Lynn Applebaum • 239.776.5055
- 20 • PARK SHORE - THE COLONADE • 245** Colonade Circle • \$798,000 • PSIR • Laurie Zanelli • 239.675.9777

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- 21 • HAWKSRIDGE • 2317** Harrier Run • \$839,000 • PSIR • Sharon Kaltenborn • 239.248.1964

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- 22 • OLDE CYPRESS - STRAD BELLA • 3108** Strada Bella Court • \$939,900 • PSIR • Tatyana Sallee • 239.293.5017

- 23 • PELICAN BAY - BRIDGE WAY VILLAS • 657** Bridge Way Villa Lane • \$995,000 • PSIR • Tami Eilers • 239.216.7828

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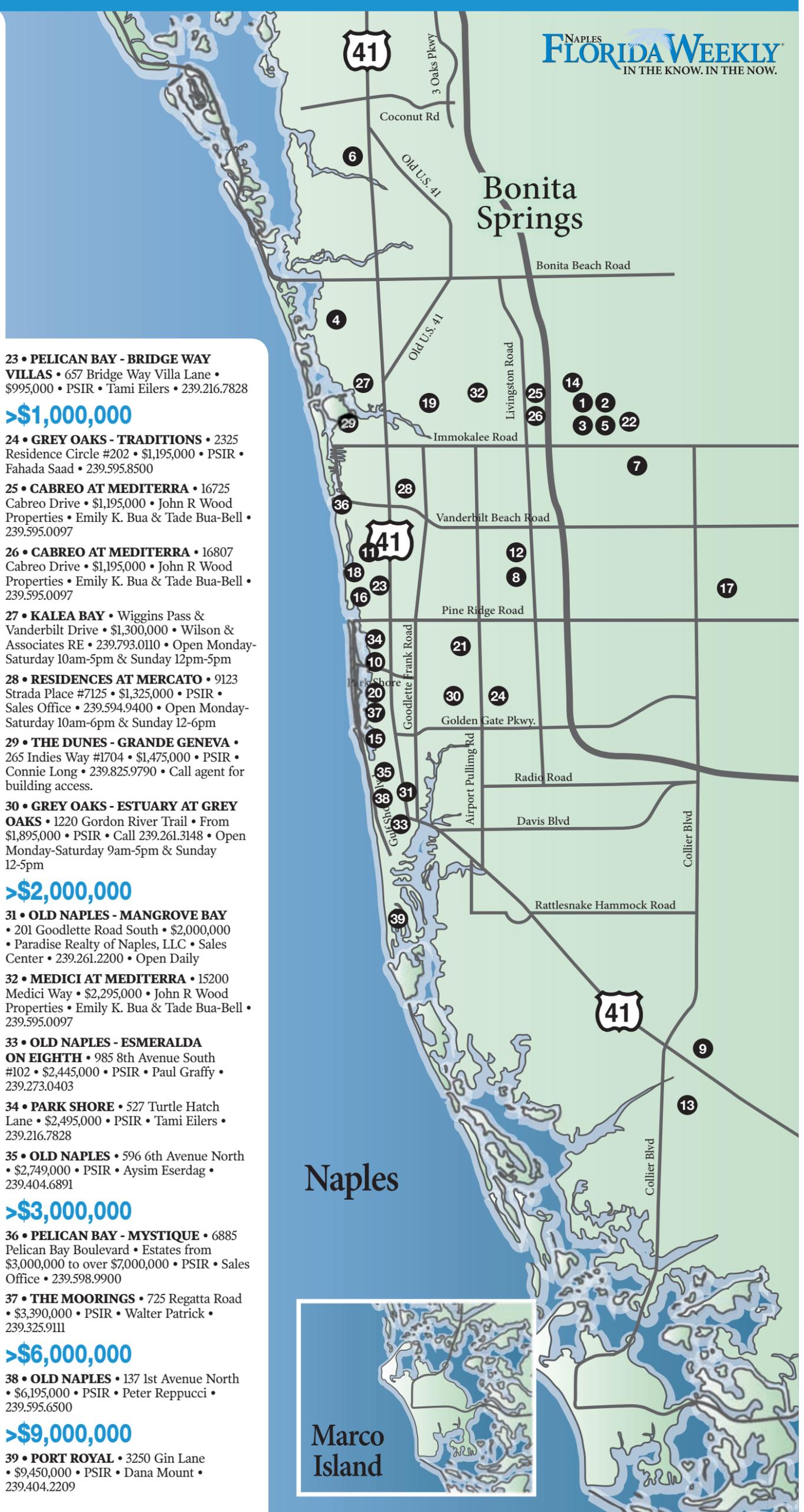
- 37 • THE MOORINGS • 725** Regatta Road • \$3,390,000 • PSIR • Walter Patrick • 239.325.9111

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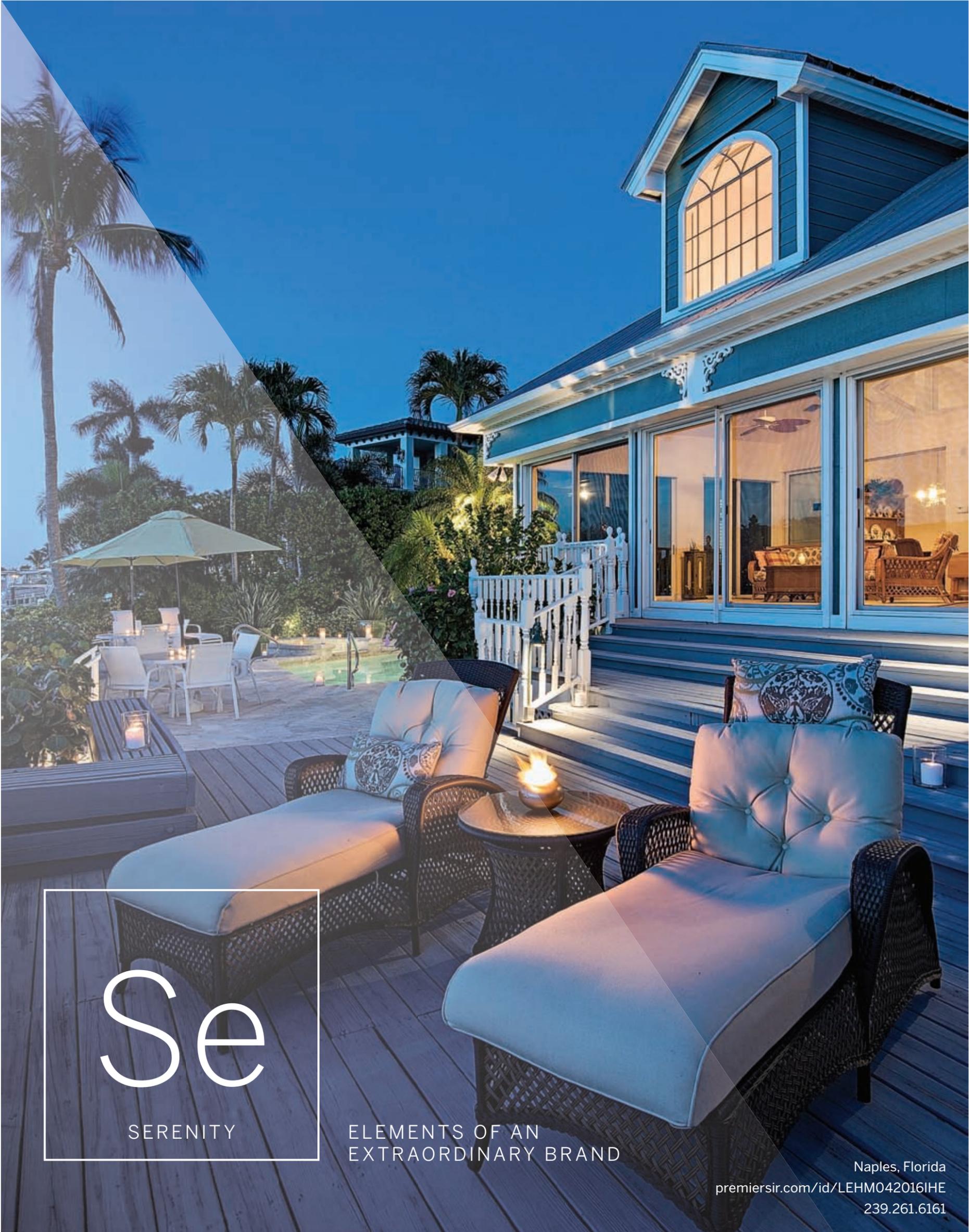
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We know you've been waiting for our entertainment writer's awards.

BY NANCY STETSON

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Friendly frogs, naked retirees and urinating statues — it's been quite a colorful and unusual year in the arts. With another season behind us, it's time once again for The Nancies: my off-beat, tongue-in-cheek, sometimes irreverent, sometimes serious awards.

### Best Opening Line Award

To: Graham Nash

When Graham Nash played at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, he opened with "Bus Stop," a

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## Producer's big gigs take him to Capitol lawn

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Jerry Colbert enjoys Southwest Florida's balmy climes and friendly neighborhoods in the winter, but come summer he's back in Washington, D.C., staging two of PBS' highest rated broadcasts — the annual "National Memorial Day Concert" and "A Capitol Fourth" — like he's done for 27 years. With an appropriate amount of pomp, circumstance and top-rated celebrity, the Memorial Day concert airs live at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 29, to honor fallen soldiers and veterans in a grand manner equal to their sacrifice.

"John Adams had a great quote about it being a day that should be celebrated with pomp and fireworks," the Naples resident says. "We're continuing that tradition, and it's a wonderful celebration for the nation."

After working as a documentarian in the



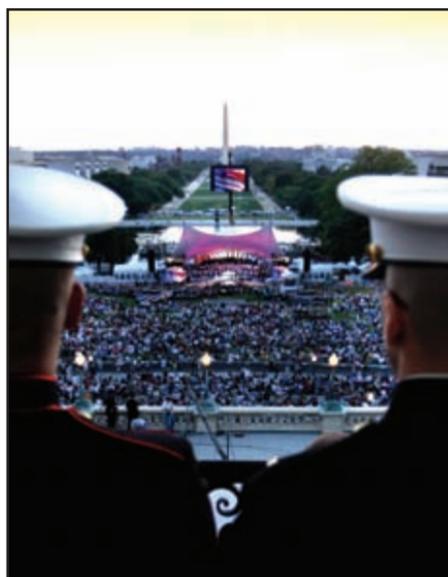
COLBERT

1970s and producing films including "Mr. Justice Brennan" and "The Regulators: Our Invisible Government," Mr. Colbert found that staging two large live broadcasts for public television was easier and more fulfilling than running from one film project to another.

"You have to start over from scratch every time," he says about the concerts. "You're building an organization every year. It brings a lot of satisfaction."

Over the past 27 years, he and his team have turned what were initially simple concerts on the lawn into national events, mostly by increasing the star power and marketing for each production.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinese co-host this year's "National Memorial Day Concert" from the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

## FLORIDA WRITERS

## King Solomon's frailties threaten to doom his kingdom

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■ **"The Judgment" by D.J. Niko.** Medallion Press. 292 pages. Trade paperback, \$14.99.

An ambitious historical novel, Palm Beach writer D.J. Niko's "The Judgment"

spans the years 965-925 BCE, the reign of King Solomon after the death of King David. It is a tale of gigantic personalities, huge ambition, fervent nationalism, fragile treaties and multiple betrayals.

Solomon, charged with ruling the united

monarchies of the Hebrew people, is also charged with establishing David's goal of a colossal temple in Jerusalem. It is envisioned as a place where the God of Israel will dwell, and thus its design and materials must match that aspiration.

Upon visiting Egypt to make a bargain with Pharaoh Psusennes II for huge quantities of gold to adorn the temple, Solomon is smitten by the Egyptian leader's beautiful daughter, Nicaule. The marriage between the King of the Hebrews and the Pharaoh's

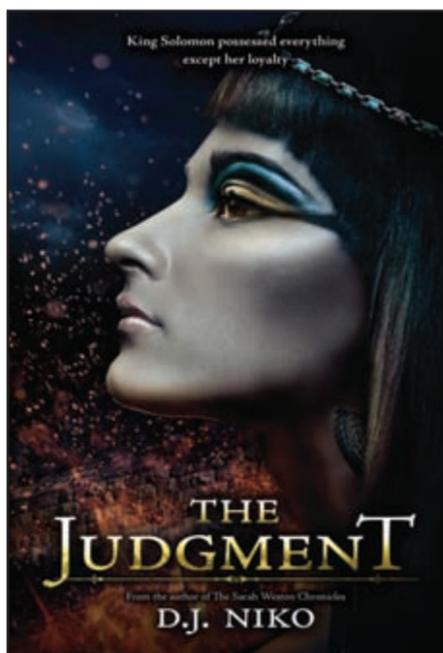
daughter creates an allegiance of mutual benefit to both nations. But Nicaule, who has been forced into the marriage, is resentful of her situation, lavish though it is. She loves another, the Libyan warrior who will in time become Pharaoh Shosheng I. He, in turn, is most desirous of her.

Nicaule's resentment at finding herself the virtual slave of what she considers a lesser people whets her appetite for revenge. She uses her considerable sexual prowess to blind Solomon to her schemes to undermine his power. Solomon is shown to be a weak, soft, self-indulgent leader, as well as a man whose behavior suggests a loss of faith.

Basemath, Nicaule's daughter by her lover Shosheng, has been raised as Solomon's daughter. This subterfuge was Nicaule's first betrayal.

The novel is structured so that we meet Basemath first; that is, we first see the crisis facing the people of Israel from Egypt's attack in 925 BCE. Then we are taken back to the time of Solomon's ascent to the throne and follow the action until we catch up with 925 BCE once again and then move forward to the resolution. This is a standard point of attack that works well for this material.

Basemath is perhaps the only character in the novel who is truly likeable and admirable, yet she is reserved for the opening and closing sections of the novel. Other characters — certain Egyptian and Hebrew military leaders; the estimable high priest (Kohain Gadol) Zadok; the temptress Queen Makeda of Sheba; Nicaule's friend, attendant and counselor Irisi — are among those of ongoing interest.



and Solomon with a sure hand. Indeed, her portrait of the aging, desperate Nicaule almost leads readers to feel sorry for her — even while realizing she chose her fate.

Because "The Judgment" is a highly stylized narrative, the voices of the characters are not distinctive. They are overridden and leveled by the ornate, elevated style that blankets all. However, other means of characterization provide ample differentiation: thought processes, physical attributes, garments and so forth.

Ms. Niko seems to thoroughly enjoy the verbal painting of landscapes. Her representations of places, though lavish, suffer somewhat from being overly dependent on modifiers, and long stretches of place description often slow down the action. But this kind of luxuriant stylization could be attributable to the historical fiction genre when authors strive to create a sense of the long ago and far away. That is, genre fans might very well expect and delight in such a treatment.

Ms. Niko seems to be moving away from the archaeological thrillers that comprise her Sarah Weston Chronicles, the most recent of which was given over in part to recreating ancient Thebes. While wishing her well in this change of direction, I'm hoping to catch up with the brainy and courageous Sarah Weston sometime soon. ■

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

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## Broadway Palm Theatre brings 'Thrift Shop Musical' to Naples

From the Off Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers, "Second Chances: The Thrift Shop Musical" has hit the road, making its first stop at the Sugden Community Theatre in Naples, where it runs May 26-29.

The comedy was written by Broadway Palm's founder, Tom Ross Prather. Its quirky characters run their church's Second Chances Thrift Shop, and when the sale of the store seems inevitable, they pull together in an effort to save their beloved workplace.

Audiences will meet the lead clerk who brings sunshine to every day, the couple in the collection area and discover that you can find love later in life and the young mother who sees a fresh start in her new job as store manager. Together, they discover that it's not just old treasures that sometimes get second chances.

After appearing on a small stage, "Second Chances" is continuing its development with a big-stage production that includes some editing and new music, Mr. Prather says, adding the show will move to the Prather family's Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in Pennsylvania next year. ■

### in the know

#### 'Second Chances: The Thrift Shop Musical'

- >> **What:** An original play by Tom Prather, founder of the Broadway Palm Theatre
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **When:** May 26-29, with matinee and evening performances
- >> **Cost:** \$35
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org

## Celebrate 'the change' at Broadway Palm

Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers presents "Menopause the Musical" through July 2. Since its 2001 debut in Orlando, the show has been performed in 11 countries.

Four women at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale have nothing in common except a black lace bra — and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex, chocolate binges and day-to-day challenges with aging parents, aging children and aging

partners. They share their ups and downs through a collection of 26 baby boomer songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s, all set to new lyrics pertinent to their particular stage in life.

Writer and producer Jeanie Linders created the show as a celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of or who have survived "The Change."

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number from his earlier days with The Hollies, pre-Crosby, Stills and Nash. Receiving enthusiastic applause when he finished the song, he looked at the crowd and said wryly, "Well, now we know how old you all are."

## ■ Most Appropriate Entrance (Off-stage) Award

To: Two anonymous men at the Mann Hall

Two audience members made a grand entrance at "John Cleese and Eric Idle: Together Again at Last ... for the Very First Time" at the Mann Hall. (Mr. Idle called the show their "world tour of Florida.") Impersonating Mr. Cleese in an iconic Monty Python skit, the two did the Silly Walk all the way down the aisle to their seats near the front.

## ■ Best Entrance (Onstage) Award

To: Ann Hoover in "The Dixie Swim Club" at the Sugden Community Theater

We've seen excellent actors receive applause when they exit the stage, even though the show hasn't ended. But we rarely see an actor receive entrance applause. But Ann Hoover did, however, in The Naples Players' production of "The Dixie Swim Club."

Bursting through the door with energy and determination, she barked to the other actors onstage: "Out of the way, girls! I've got a martini shaker and I'm not afraid to use it!" The audience loved her.

## ■ Worst Exit Award

To: Dallas Dunnagan

After 16 years as artistic director with The Naples Players, Dallas Dunnagan announced plans to step down from the role. She's said she'll stay on until her replacement is hired. She's an incredibly gifted director who can draw the best out of any actor, from the most seasoned to the most inexperienced. Why is she getting this award? She's exiting with grace; we just hate to see her leave.

## ■ Living Christmas Tree Award

To: The tree in Florida Repertory Theatre's "A Christmas Story"

We hear the Christmas tree accidentally fell over on top of a child actor during one performance, temporarily burying the boy in boughs and tinsel. (He was fine.) For a moment it was almost like a yuletide version of "Little Shop of Horrors." Ah, the joy — and unpredictability — of live theater! We're disappointed we missed it.

## ■ Best Show We Didn't See Award

To: "The 39 Steps"

We heard The Naples Players' production of "The 39 Steps," a spoof on Alfred Hitchcock movies, was great fun and excellent theater. Unfortunately, it was sold out for the entire run. Even we couldn't get a ticket.

## ■ Best Show You Probably Didn't Get to See Award

To: "The Amish Project"

Theatre Conspiracy's "The Amish Project," a one-woman show starring Tera Nicole Miller, was hands-down one of the best shows this season. At its last performance, even though seats were added to the black box theater at Florida Southwestern State College, so many people

wanted to see it that some had to be turned away.

## ■ Get Thee Behind Me Award

To: Peter Thomasson in "The Seafarer"

Three drunk Irish guys playing poker on Christmas Eve does not sound like your typical Christmas play. And "The Seafarer" isn't. But it sure is a play about grace, redemption and second chances. Peter Thomasson's portrayal of Satan playing poker for a man's soul was so chilling, we actually wondered if Florida Rep had suddenly turned down the thermostat 20 degrees or so.

## ■ Bold Women Award

To: The actresses of "Calendar Girls"

The women who performed in Laboratory Theatre's "Calendar Girls" were not professional actors. They ranged in age from their 40s to just a handful of weeks shy of 80. Yet they willingly took their clothes off for their roles onstage and also posed nude for a calendar — with vital parts strategically covered by props, of course.

## ■ Best Voice Award

To: Lisa Fischer

Lisa Fischer gave four concerts over two nights in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. If you saw the film "Twenty Feet From Stardom," you've seen Ms. Fischer sing. If you've ever seen The Rolling Stones in concert, you've likely heard her: She's the one who belts out "Gimme Shelter," going head-to-head with Mick Jagger. She's also toured with Chris Botti.

She opens her mouth and music flows through her. She is simply transcendent. She not only sang a haunting version of "Gimme Shelter" in Naples, she delivered a cover of Led Zeppelin's "Rock and Roll" that rattled the roof. If you weren't there, you missed one of the great concerts of the season.

## ■ Best Time Warp Moment Award

To: The cast of "Hair" and one particular audience member

The cast of "Hair" at the Venice Theatre mingled with the audience prior to each performance. We did a double-take on opening night when we saw a handful of actors, in costume as '60s hippies, sitting cross-legged by the edge of the stage, being schooled by an audience member: a tuxedo-wearing senior citizen demonstrating how to properly roll a joint. The juxtaposition was just mind-boggling.

## ■ Favorite Amphibian Award

To: (tie) Glen Phillips and Ryan Gallerani and Dillion Everett

When Glen Phillips, singer/songwriter and guitarist with the indie rock band Toad the Wet Sprocket, performed with the Florida Southwest Symphony at the Mann Hall, it was for the world premiere of his songs arranged for the orchestra by Tim Berens. Mr. Phillips' fans went crazy. At one point, people were dancing in the balcony.

And at Florida Rep, Ryan Gallerani played a genial Frog while Dillion Everett portrayed his best friend, the grumpy and anxious Toad, in the Tony-nominated musical "A Year With Frog and Toad." It was a tribute to the four seasons as well as to friendship.

## ■ Best Small Ensemble Award

To: The cast of "The Glass Menagerie"

We've all seen productions of "The

Glass Menagerie." Your high school drama department likely put it on. But last fall's production at Gulfshore Playhouse was one of the best we've ever seen, with a quartet of actors that presented such a nuanced, intimate performance it made us see this classic play with fresh eyes.

## ■ Best Large Ensemble Award

To: The cast of "Twelve Angry Men"

It's not easy to stage a play with a dozen actors onstage for the entire show, but director Charles Morey did so with "Twelve Angry Men" at Florida Rep. And he — and the players — made it look effortless. Nothing was stilted or unnatural throughout the suspenseful drama.

## ■ True Confessions Award

To: The four gentlemen who gave eulogies at Berne Davis' memorial service

When philanthropist and art lover Berne Davis died in March at the age of 102, her memorial service contained many interesting stories of Fort Myers in earlier days. We were very amused to note, though, that each of the four gentlemen who delivered eulogies confessed to having or having had a crush on Mrs. Davis. We can only imagine what the car rides home with their wives were like.

## ■ Feminist of the Year Award

To: Bill Taylor

When Bill Taylor, founder and artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy, took note of numerous studies showing female playwrights are severely under-represented in our theaters, he decided to devote his company's entire 2015-16 season to works by women. His lineup proved to be some of the best theater we've seen in a while, particularly Jessica Dickey's "The Amish Project" and Lydia Diamond's adaptation of Toni Morrison's groundbreaking first novel, "The Bluest Eye." We think the world of Mr. Taylor for doing this — even though next season's list of plays is business as usual, containing only one play that was co-written by a woman.

## ■ Most Clever Prop Award

To: "The Music of John Cage"

We loved hearing John Cage's music performed at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, especially the numbers written for prepared piano and toy pianos. But it was the little white bust of Beethoven sitting on the toy piano that tickled us. Schroeder of "Peanuts" fame would have approved.

## ■ The Peggy Lee "Is That All There Is?" Award

To: "Territorio"

Twenty-three of Edgardo Carmona's iron sculptures are on temporary display in downtown Fort Myers. Among them, "Territorio" at the corner of Hendry and Main streets, which depicts a drunken man and his dog relieving themselves on a lamppost, raised the most controversy. The sculptures show scenes from everyday life in Cartagena, Colombia, the artist's native city; before landing on the streets of downtown Fort Myers, they were on an 18-city tour of Europe, including Paris.

Because of the controversy, people now flock to the sculpture. They want to see what all the fuss is about. They take pictures and pose with it. It's even

on a T-shirt.

We tend to agree with the elderly woman who looked at it and said, "Is that all there is?"

## ■ The No-rapping, Not Hamilton, Presidential Award

To: "All the Way"

It's next to impossible to get a ticket to see "Hamilton" on Broadway. But you could've seen "All the Way," which won the 2014 Tony Award for Best Play and the Pulitzer Prize for Best Drama, at the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota. Written by Robert Schenkkan, the play starred Nick Wyman as Lyndon Baines Johnson, who became president when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. With a cast of more than three dozen actors, it tells the story of LBJ trying to get the Civil Rights Act of 1964 passed. And even if you know your history and knew what would happen, you'd still find the play gripping.

## ■ The Muchas Smooches Award

To: Annette Trossbach

In Sarah Ruhl's play "Stage Kiss" at Laboratory Theatre, Annette Trossbach did a lot of kissing: 10 smooches by the end of the second scene, and at least 26 by the end of Act I. Mostly, she kissed her fellow leading actor, Paul Graffy, but she also kissed almost every other character in the play as well. It was all in the script of "Stage Kiss," which has two other plays embedded within it.

## ■ Best Musical Hat Trick Award

To: Kate Davis

We don't remember this much buzz about a local concert in a long time — and not just one concert, but three. Singer/songwriter/bassist Kate Davis, who's been compared to Norah Jones, played three concerts at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. (No relation, though she was one of the late Berne Davis' favorite singers.)

Ms. Davis performed with pianist Gabriel Kahane in October, then gave a performance with her own pianist and guitarist in November and a third with jazz vocal group the Ladybugs, singing standards, in January.

Our friends who attended could not believe they were hearing this quality of music in downtown Fort Myers and became instant fans. We hope Ms. Davis returns to the SBDAC next season and brings more friends. ■



# Naples Music Club celebrates 2016 scholarship winners

BY JEANNETTE BOUCHER  
Special to Florida Weekly

The area's finest young musicians delighted audience members at the Naples Music Club's annual scholarship winners recital held recently at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. This year's concert was dedicated to the memory of Richard Holmberg, a long-time supporter and a past president of the club. Current president Gordon Hammes and scholarship committee chair Flora Metrick presided.

Performing before a packed house, the 19 young musicians all won top awards in either the junior or senior divisions of the club's scholarship competition, which this year had 123 entrants.

Awards made to 53 students totaled \$47,000, bringing the amount awarded since the inception of the scholarship program in 1970 to well over \$600,000. Awards are used for music lessons, new instruments or upgrades, college expenses and summer music camp fees.

Here are this year's winners:

■ **The Turiel Award: Cassie Drake** – The Turiel Award is given to the high school senior who best meets a number of criteria, including an essay, scholastic and music achievements, interview and excellence in performance at the winners recital. The recipient of the \$3,000 scholarship was decided by a special committee after the three finalists — violist Ms. Drake along with Jacob Lanphear on tuba and Iris Wu on violin — performed during the first half of the winners recital.

Ms. Drake, a student of J.T. Posadas, has played as viola principal in both the Artis—Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Florida All-State Orchestra and has performed with the World Youth Symphony at



The Senior division winners

Interlochen and in a New World Symphony Side By Side performance. She was homeschooled through high school and this fall enters the Colburn Conservatory of Music in Los Angeles. (Her older sister, Misty, won the Turiel Award two years ago and is completing her second year as a violin major at the Eastman School of Music.)

■ Classic Chamber Concerts Bert G. Phillips Award: **Cassie Drake**

■ The Young Artist Award: Baritone **Luciano Marsalli** and harpist **Natalie Stewart**

■ The Haegg Family Award, which provides students with private instruction for up to three years: New awards were presented to **Widson Brice**, alto sax; **Leo Cherenfant**, bassoon; **Tori Guarino** and **Isaiah Hernandez**, cello; and **Cassandra Molina**, viola. Continuing awards were given to **Haylie Abreu** and **Natalie Fadael**, clarinet; **Christina Brice**, flute; **Annette Gonzalez**, **Abigail Jones** and **Britney Tran** violin; **Yameliz Hernandez-Torres**, viola; and **Rachel Longfellow**, trumpet.

■ LEAP Award (Learning from Elementary to Advanced Piano): New awards to fund private instruction were presented to **Maria Cuellar**, **Jaxson Karen** and **Olivia Prawiradilaga-Mendelzon**. Continuing as an awardee is **Isabella Pearo**.

■ Phyllis S. Warren Piano Award: **Elizabeth Berg**

■ SENIOR DIVISION

Brass: First place, **William Parker**, French horn; second place, **Jacob Lamphear**, tuba

Clarinet: First place, **Lindsey Haerle**; second place, **Claudia Hernandez**

Double reeds: First place, **Amy Wu**; second place, **Malena Sellen**; honorable mention, **Virginia Axline**, all on oboe

Flute: First place, **Melissa Leone**; second place, **Natalie Lara**; third place, **Emily Rue**

Piano: First place, **Elizabeth Berg**; second place, **Maggie Johns**; third place, **David Carlson**; fourth place, **Christopher Myers**

Saxophone: First place, **Peter Noll**

Viola: First place, **Cassie Drake**; second place, **Aaron Stewart**; third place, **Serena Votapek**; honorable mention, **Lynette**

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Violin: First place, **HsihTing Wu**; second place, **Caroline Sikuta**; third place, **Noelle Torres**; honorable mention, **Cynthia Sheng**

Voice: First place, baritone **Luciano Marsalli**; second place, soprano **Alexandra Taylor**; third place, soprano **Brigid Wallace**; fourth place soprano **Francesca Martin**; honorable mention, soprano **Kristina Vukovic**

Guitar: First place, **Jade Gibson**

Percussion: First place, **Dillon Lewis**; second place, **Blake Sorenson**

■ JUNIOR DIVISION

Brass: First place, **James Popper**, trumpet; second place, **Micah Evans**, trumpet

Flute: First place, **Hadley Anderson**; second place, **Maria Dina**; third place, **Mia Erich**

Harp: First place, **Natalie Stewart**; honorable mention, **Mikaela Kurtz**

Percussion: First place, **Christian Sneider**; second place, **Aden Chalick**

Piano: First place, **Jonah Berg**; second place, **Daniel Holmes**; third place, **Mark Shapic**

Strings: First place, **Amanda Drake**, violin; second place, **Victoria Gendron**, violin; third place, **Caroline Cornell**, violin; honorable mention, **Nathaniel Bain**, violin

Voice: First place, **Lila Prince**; second place, **Clara Marti**; honorable mention, **Fallon Jones**

Woodwinds: First place, **Tallulah Bowden**, saxophone; second place, **Christopher Axline**, oboe; third place, **Michele Santorsola**, saxophone ■

— Jeannette Boucher is past president of the Naples Music Club.



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## THEATER

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

**Second Chances: The Thrift Shop Musical** – By The Off Broadway Palm Theater May 26-29 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theater. 701 Fifth Ave. S. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org. See story on page C3.

## THURSDAY 5.26

**Mix It Up** – Bar Tulia welcomes master bartender Isaac Scott Grillo, the owner of Repour Bar in Miami, from 4 p.m. to close as he serves up cocktails featuring Afrohead Rum. 213-7023 or tulianaples.com.

**Go Gator** – Gator Nate performs from 6-10 p.m. at Pine Ridge Pelican Larry's. 1046 Pine Ridge Road. 649-0800 or pelicanlarrys.com.

## FRIDAY 5.27

**Frothy Fun** – The Southwest Florida Soapfest charity weekend returns to Marco Island today through May 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.

**Wine Tasting** – Three60 Market hosts a wine tasting featuring 20 barbecue-friendly vintage wines served with grilled skewers, cheese and charcuterie. \$22, reservations required. 2891 Bayview Dr. 732-7331 or three60market.com.

**Bubbles & Baubles** – Naples Wine Collection hosts Ladies' Night from 5:30-7 p.m. Guests can sip Syltbar prosecco and make jewelry with a representative from Bombay Bangles. \$45. Reservations requested. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 513-0095 or napleswinecollection.com.

**Pork & Cork** – Paradise Wine hosts Pork & Cork from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Guests can pair bourbon, beer and wine with unlimited barbecue. \$35-\$70, includes drink tickets. 8965 Tamiami Trail N. 687-3155 or paradisewineinc.com.

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

**Stand-Up Man** – Brad Williams ("Legit," "Dave Attell's Comedy Underground") takes the stage tonight and Sunday, May 29, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

## SATURDAY 5.28

**Fruits, Veggies & More** – Third Street South Farmers Market keeps going through summer from 7:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

**One Man's Treasure** – Max Hasse Jr. Community Park hosts a community yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon. Stalls are \$10 for those who have stuff to sell. 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W. 348-7500 or collierparks.org.

**The Beat Goes On** – Naples Philharmonic performs an up-close percussion concert for kids at 10 a.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.



The Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & the Arts at Florida Gulf Coast University present "Quest for Permanence" through June 23 in the Main Gallery in the Arts Complex. "Silhouette de la Garonne" by Chad Jensen is shown here. 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. Parking is available in Lot 7 for gallery visitors. artgallery.fgcu.edu, 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

**Learn in the Garden** – Kids can learn all about pollinators from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

**Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ** – The third annual Bluegrass, Brew & BBQ takes place from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Matanzas on the Bay at Fort Myers Beach. Enjoy craft beers by Fort Myers Brewing Co., live music by The Bugtussle Ramblers and Cooter Creek Bluegrass Band. The buffet is open from noon to 8 p.m. for \$15. 463-9258.

## SUNDAY 5.29

**Koreshan Farmers Market** – Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero welcomes vendors with local produce and seafood and locally made crafts from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$1 for parking. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

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**Family Fun** – Germain Arena hosts a Family Fun Expo complete with Thomas the Tank Engine from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

**Live Music** – Six Bends Harley-Davidson presents live music by 8 Second Ride from 1-4 p.m. for Sundays at the Pit. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. SixBends.com or 275-4647.

**Symphonic Sounds** – The Naples Philharmonic and the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra present their "Summer Spectacular" program at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. Yaniv Segal conducts. \$15. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

## MONDAY 5.30

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

**Memorial Day Social** – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a holiday barbecue starting at 1 p.m. with bocce, mah jongg, poker, bridge, euchre and pinochle. \$18. Reservations required by Friday, May 27. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Films for Film Lovers** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Dinner Game" (France, 1998) at 7 p.m. 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.

## TUESDAY 5.31

**Soul Singing** – Jai Ma Kirtan performs in celebration of mothers from 7:15-8:45 p.m. at House of Gaia. \$15. 1660 Trade Center Way. 272-6152 or houseofgaia.org.

## WEDNESDAY 6.1

**Local History** – Naples Historical Society hosts a docent-guided walking tour of the downtown historical district setting out from Historic Palm Cottage at 9:30 a.m. 261-8164 or napleshistorical-society.org.

**Art ALIVE** – Naples Art District galleries and studios in the area north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road welcome evening visitors from 5-8 p.m. 580-7999.

## COMING UP

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

**The Grape Celebration** – Friends of the Foundation host the annual Grape Celebration to benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. \$95. 325-2978 or friendsofthefoundation.com.

**Miracle Game** – The Southwest Florida Gay & Lesbian Chorus performs "The Star Spangled Banner" at 7 p.m. Friday, June 3, when the Fort Myers Miracle play the Daytona Tortugas at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers. 768-4210 or milb.com.

**Say What?** – 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.

**Pizzas for Peace** – House of Gaia hosts a pizza fundraiser from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 5, with raffles, prizes, games and a science presentation by Mr. Glen of Super Science. Pizza provided by Russell's Clambakes. \$35 per family. 1660 Trade Center Way. 272-6152 or houseofgaia.org.

**Glory of the Grape** – The Marco Island Chamber of Commerce holds its annual Glory of the Grape celebration from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ's on the Bay. \$55. marcoislandchamber.org.

**Travel Talk** – Preferred Travel of Naples welcomes Judy Keller of Crystal Cruises at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8. Ms. Keller will preview the company's selection of ocean voyages, yacht sailings, river cruises, residences and air travel. Free, but reservations required. 801 Laurel Oak Drive. 261-1117 or preferrednaples.com.

**Artist Reception** – Residents at The Carlisle Naples display and discuss their artwork in a variety of media from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Guests will enjoy wine and cheese. Free, but reservations required by June 7. 6945 Carlisle Court. 449-7708.

**Teen Book Fest** – Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops hosts B-Fest to celebrate and promote young adult fiction Friday through Sunday, June 10-12, with author events, writing workshops, panel discussions and more. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

**Classic Flick** – Marco Island Center for the Arts screens "A Hard Day's Night" (UK 1964) at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 10. The film follows a typical day in the life of The Beatles. Free, but donation appreciated. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

**Talent Search** – Miromar Outlets holds talent contests during weekends in June starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11. Visit website for competition details. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

**Here Come the Brides** – The Naples Bridal Expo takes place from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at the Hilton Naples. Dozens of wedding vendors, from photographers and musicians to caterers and florists, will showcase their wares and services. 272-8477 or naplesbridalexpo.com.

**Bluegrass Concert** – Swinging Bridge performs from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. \$10. 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 939-2787 or artinlee.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.

**Tracking** – Lovers Key State Park invites kids ages 6 and up to learn about and look for animal tracks along the shoreline at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 16. Free. Registration required. 463-4588 or floridastateparks.org.

**Opening Reception** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a gallery reception from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 16, for "Fabric," a new exhibition of works by Neapolitan artists Muffy Clark Gill, Leigh Herndon and Natalie Guess. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.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.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Piano Party** – Piano playing comedian Jimmy Keys play a dinner show at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at The Colosseum. \$75. 2059 Tamiami Trail E. 774-6060 or thecolosseumneples.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.

**Dad's Day Out** – Celebrate Father's Day in Venetian Village with live entertainment and an antique car show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18. 261-6100 or venetianvillage.com.

**Apples & Trees** – Miromar Outlets hosts a father/son/grandfather lookalike contest at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

**Free Kids Flick** – Paragon Pavilion presents a free screening of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 21-23. 596-0008 or paragontheater.com.

**Open Up** – Shangri-La Springs hosts a workshop from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, on balancing chakras with healer John Cartwright. \$65. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

**Free Movie** – Gather up the family and bring blankets and chairs for a free screening of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" starting at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

**Kings in the Building** – Seminole Immokalee Hotel Casino hosts Elvis Fest 8 Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26. (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 naplesbeachhotel.com.

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

**Fourth in the Swamp** – Everglades City hosts an all-day Independence Day celebration starting at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony on the steps of City Hall and continuing at McLeod Park with food, family activities, pet contests, vendors, contests and more, culminating with fireworks at 9 p.m. 695-3871.

**Light Show** – Sugden Regional Park hosts its annual Independence Day celebration from 2-10 p.m. Monday, July 4, with a free ice cream social, family activities, entertainment and a fireworks show over the lake at sundown. Bring chairs and blankets. Free. 4284 Avalon Drive. 252-4000 or collierparks.org. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at [lnesmith@floridaweekly.com](mailto: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.



■ Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a **Memorial Day Social barbecue** starting at 1 p.m. Monday with bocce, mah jongg, poker, bridge, euchre and pinochle. \$18.

— [niafoundation.org](http://niafoundation.org)



■ **Stage 2 Improv** opens its summer season of theater games, short-form skits and audience participation fun at 8 p.m. Friday in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theater. The troupe will perform every Friday and Saturday night through June 18.

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## # PARODY GENIUS

■ Four-time Grammy-winning artist "Weird Al" Yankovic brings his musically comedic **Mandatory World Tour** to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 5.

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■ Master mixologist **Isaac Scott Grillo** creates and pours custom concoctions featuring Afrohead rum as guest bartender at Bar Tulia from 4 p.m. to closing time Thursday. See more on page C24.

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■ **Thomas the Tank Engine** chugs into the Family Fun Expo at Germain Arena from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Katharine McPhee

## CONCERT

From page 1

"I think people are looking for something of quality and integrity on television," he says. "There's a lot of fluff, so to speak ... we upped the quality of the program, and this year we have 12 stars."

Not that staging concerts of this magnitude is easy. Coordinating all the performers — including the National Symphony Orchestra — and guests on Capitol Hill is a huge undertaking that involves more than 20 government agencies, corporate sponsors, two police departments and private security.

"We're on the lawn of the Capitol, right where the president is inaugurated," he says. "It's a big logistical feat to do this. We have maybe 1,000 police for 300,000



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people ... All of our presidents over the years have said we can't give in to the terrorists (and stop doing the concerts because of security concerns)."



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Live television is always harrowing for the people behind the scenes, but Mr. Colbert says his crew — many of who work live shows such as "The Emmy Awards" and "The Grammy Awards" — knows how to keep things on track. "It's like launching a rocket,"

he says. "When you have pros, it makes a



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real difference.”

Of course, the entire point of “The National Memorial Day Concert” is to honor fallen soldiers and veterans. Very few large-scale Memorial Day events were available to the public when Mr. Colbert took on the event, and it seems he’s remedied that problem for many military families and private citizens.

For every soldier who sacrificed and died for this country, and for every wounded veteran who has come home, there are countless friends and family members who also feel the loss and pain, he says. “It’s become a very meaningful program for them. They write us and tell us they wouldn’t miss it.”

Mr. Colbert and his team hear from viewers who have a vast array of positive and cathartic experiences while watching the program. For instance, one woman told him that although she and her husband had been married for 50 years, he never spoke to her about his wartime experiences in Korea, despite suffering emotionally for years. The couple watched the concert together one year, prompting him to unload over the course of the night all he had witnessed as a soldier.

“She said when he went to bed, he was so peaceful,” Mr. Colbert recalls. “She was so grateful. Those kind of things make you feel good.”

With participation from retired Gen. Colin Powell, this year’s “National Memorial Day Concert” features Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna (“Criminal Minds”) and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise (“Criminal Minds: Without Borders”) as hosts and a musical program that includes opera superstar soprano Renee Fleming; The Beach Boys; actress and singer



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Katherine McPhee; Grammy-nominated country star Trace Adkins; Emmy, Golden Globe and SAG-award winning actor S. Epatha Merkerson (“Chicago Med,” “Law & Order”); actor Esai Morales (“Mozart in the Jungle”); Tony Award-winning actor Alfie Boe (“Finding Neverland”); and final “American Idol” winner Trent Harmon — all in performance with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of the renowned pops conductor Jack Everly.

The broadcast will also feature a segment highlighting the story of two fallen soldiers interred among the 400,000 veterans at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as one Vietnam veteran’s path to healing by sharing his experience with other veterans. ■



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Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise co-host this year’s National Memorial Day Concert.



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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## 'Josephine' at the Asolo: A Broadway-bound work in progress



When I was a young teen, I hated to rewrite.

I thought all art was created fully formed, with no need for revision or editing.

But as I matured, I learned what a fallacy that was. Even bestselling authors wrestle with their words, re-writing multiple times.

The same is true for theater, an even more collaborative art.

Shows, at their inception, are very different than their final form. Some go through radical rewrites and changes before they become their fully developed selves.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" is a classic example. Audiences weren't responding well until the opening number was changed to the song "Comedy Tonight." It set the tone for the musical, letting the audience know they were about to see something crazy and off-the-wall.

Then, suddenly, everything came together.

"Josephine," in its world premiere at the Asolo Repertory Theatre, is an opportunity to see a show as it's still in development. Although the musical is Broadway-bound, it is definitely still a work in progress.

The titular character is Josephine Baker, a Jazz Age icon who's considered the first African-American superstar. Daunted by the racism she found in the U.S., she went to France, where the Parisians fell in love with her. Suitors gave her diamonds and cars. She received more than 1,500 marriage proposals.

They'd never seen anyone quite like her, with her wild, uninhibited dancing.

Ms. Baker performed on stage and screen, singing and dancing and acting. The show opens with her doing her famous "banana dance," in which she wore a string of bananas as a skirt.

It's being touted as a "spectacle," but "Josephine" didn't quite have that impact the night I saw it, a week after its official opening.

The star, Deborah Cox, didn't perform that evening, with the role instead played by her understudy, Naomi C. Walley, who stepped into the role with no problem.

Ms. Cox has described the show as a combination of Vegas, Mardi Gras and a gay pride parade. It unfortunately didn't live up to that.

I admit, I had very high expectations.

The musical, with book by Ellen Weston



The "The Trains Are Running" scene in "Josephine" at the Asolo Repertory Theatre.

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Deborah Cox as Josephine.

and Mark Hampton, succeeds in many places, but not so much in others.

Surprisingly, it's the secondary characters that seem the most developed.

Michael Keyloun and Matthew McGee play assistants to Prince Gustav VI of Sweden and Ms. Baker, meeting by chance and falling in love. They have a clever number, "Between the Bells," in which they complain about always having to respond to their bosses and never having enough time for each other. (Music is by Stephen Dorff, lyrics by John Bettis.)

But we don't really get a feel for Josephine.

It's not that I wanted less of the other characters; I just wanted more of Josephine.

The opening number needs to be show-stopping; something that sets the tone, much like "Comedy Tonight" did for "Forum."

Josephine does have a rousing tap dance number toward the end of Act II with her younger self, played by the winsome Tori Bates, an 11-year-old from Sarasota. But I was looking for all-out, crazy, uninhibited dance numbers from Ms. Baker.

We did get that late in Act I, when Jelani Alladin and Julian Ramos performed "Coon Ass Drag" with Miss Bates and Lynette DuPress (playing a cameo role as Bessie Smith.) That was some unforgettable dancing, thanks to director Joey McKneely, who also choreographed the musical.

I would've loved it if Ms. Baker's dance numbers were just as strong.

Perhaps Ms. Cox's absence started a cascading effect with the cast, as others stepped out of their roles and into others. The dance ensemble seemed a little skimpy, and at times people seemed to be dancing without partners; some of the numbers also seemed very asymmetrical.

Ms. DuPree, as Bricktop, the madam of a local brothel and a friend of Josephine's, stands out in this cast. Her number "Nobody's Listenin'" brought the house down. The woman is a belter. But even when she's not singing, she commands your attention. I loved every second she was on stage.

Ms. Baker is having an affair with the Prince of Sweden, but it's really her conductor, Jo Bouillon (Kevin Early) who is in love with her. Both men have strong voices, and even have a song together ("Tonight I Was an Ordinary Man.")

I couldn't quite get a feel for what the musical wanted to be. There's romance, adventure (Ms. Baker worked for the French Resistance during World War II) and comedy. She's looking for love, but she doesn't recognize the love of the per-

son she works with every night.

One number, "The Spy Tango," has Ms. Baker doing the tango with an Italian in an elevator as she tries to steal a codebook. But then I was puzzled by the appearance of what seemed to be a puppet of a monkey. Ms. Baker was known for her love of exotic animals, but the introduction of this puppet didn't seem to fit. Was Ms. Baker's undercover work on behalf of the French something scary and life threatening, or something we should be laughing about?

There are many strong songs in this musical — the aforementioned "Nobody's Listenin'" and "Coon Ass Drag" among them. There's also a wonderful song that opens Act II — the Parisians singing about how life is back to normal because the trains are running ... and then, in the last lines, they sing about the trains running to the concentration camps. It is a powerful song that evokes a chilling reaction.

While this musical isn't where it will be when it does hit Broadway, it's interesting to see it as it finds its shape and its voice. "Josephine" is a rare opportunity to see the world premiere of a musical, to see it as it changes and evolves.

Josephine Baker is an intriguing historic figure.

She was alluring, sensual, uninhibited. I would have loved to see more of *that* Josephine on stage. ■

in the know

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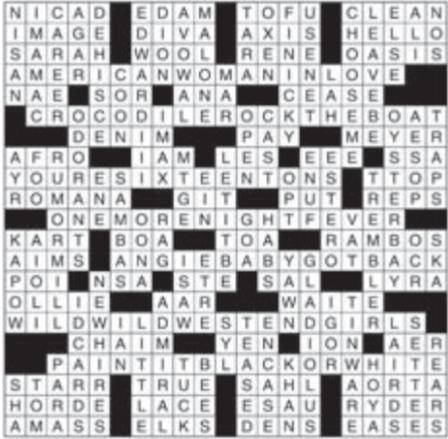
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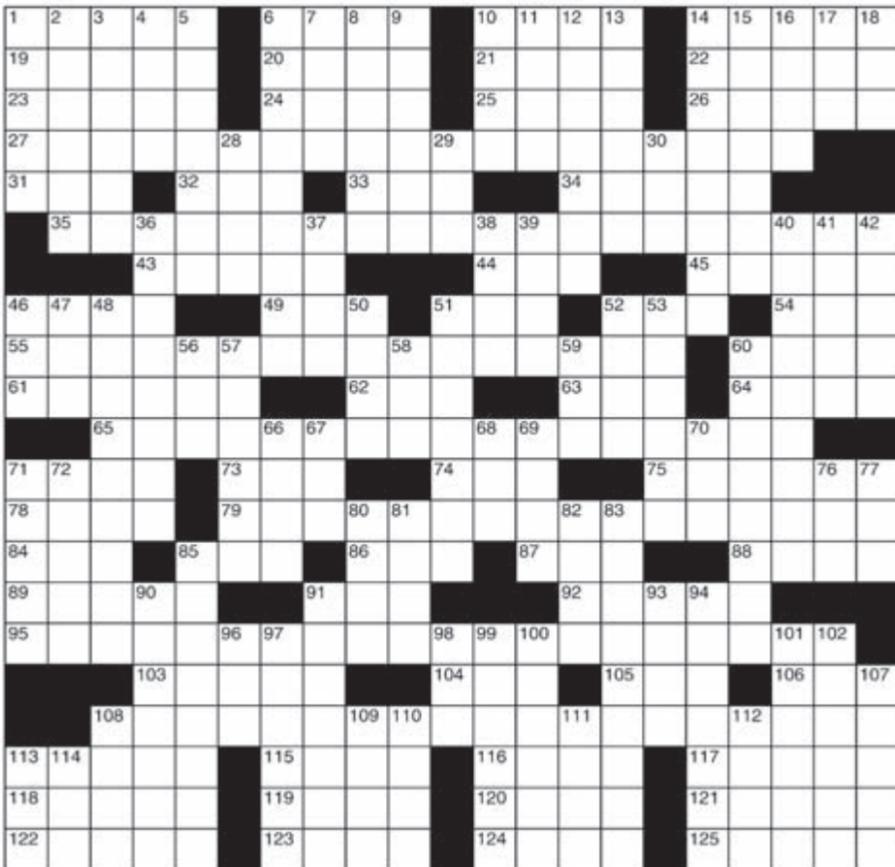
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  - 6 Yellow cheese
  - 10 Vegan diet staple
  - 14 Spotless
  - 19 JPEG, e.g.
  - 20 Aria star
  - 21 Graph line
  - 22 Call opener
  - 23 Matriarch in Genesis
  - 24 Alpaca's coat
  - 25 Russo of Hollywood
  - 26 Green area in a desert
  - 27 Smitten lady from the U.S.?
  - 31 No, in Paisley
  - 32 Counterpart of a frat
  - 33 Santa — (hot wind)
  - 34 Desist
  - 35 Order to a Nile reptile to upset
  - 43 Overall fabric
  - 44 Fork over
  - 45 "Twilight" novelist
  - 46 Jackson 5 hairstyle
  - 49 Response to "Are you sure?"
  - 51 The, in Aries
  - 52 Wide foot spec
  - 54 Gp. issuing nine-digit IDs
  - 55 Comment to a growing whale?
  - 60 Sparty car roof option
  - 61 Pax — (uneasy peace)
  - 62 "Scat!"
  - 63 "Stay —!"
  - 64 Dem. rivals
  - 65 Another high body temperature at bedtime?
  - 71 Kid's racer
  - 73 Fluffy scarf
  - 74 — T (just so)
  - 75 One-man-army guys
  - 78 Purposes
  - 79 My sweetie Dickinson returned?
  - 84 Luau paste
  - 85 Top-secret U.S. org.
  - 86 Canonized Mile.
  - 87 Mineo of Hollywood
  - 88 Constellation with Vega
  - 89 North of Iran-Contra
  - 91 Swiss river to the Rhine
  - 92 "The Waltons" actor Ralph
  - 95 Very uncivilized lasses in Soho?
  - 103 "L—!" ("To life!")
  - 104 Hunger
  - 105 Ca++, e.g.
  - 106 — Lingus (Irish carrier)
  - 108 Apply a wall coating in either of two opposite shades?
  - 113 Griddle Bart
  - 115 Irrefutable
  - 116 Witty Mort
  - 117 Major artery
  - 118 Big crowd
  - 119 Boot securer
  - 120 Genesis twin
  - 121 U-Haul competitor
  - 122 Gather
  - 123 BPOE part
  - 124 Animal lairs
  - 125 Soothers
- DOWN**
- 1 Month after Adar
  - 2 Greeting statement in Apple ads
  - 3 Occupation
  - 4 Gel in a petri dish
  - 5 Burst open, as a seedpod
  - 6 1327-77 English king
  - 7 Singer Celine
  - 8 Affirmation
  - 9 Karl of hoops
  - 10 Ice skater
  - 11 Plow beasts
  - 12 Fussy
  - 13 Early online newsgroup system
  - 14 Eager volunteer's cry
  - 15 Stop bugging
  - 16 Additionally
  - 17 Old ring king
  - 18 Refusals
  - 28 Maine — (cat breed)
  - 29 Damage
  - 30 — -di-dah
  - 36 Scent releasers
  - 37 Giant-screen film format
  - 38 Available
  - 39 Acting group
  - 40 Long Island hamlet near Theodore Roosevelt's estate
  - 41 Fable writer
  - 42 Pitfalls
  - 46 Scottish port dish
  - 47 Egg — yung
  - 48 Gossipy network
  - 50 Pymt. for a homeowner
  - 51 #1 Beatles hit of 1970
  - 52 Ample, in dialect
  - 53 Town near Florida Gulf Coast University
  - 56 WSW's opposite
  - 57 Rio dances
  - 58 One, in Bonn
  - 59 Decide (to)
  - 60 One quaking
  - 66 "Game of Thrones" actress
  - 67 Dusting cloth
  - 68 — few rounds
  - 69 Montreal Canadiens, to fans
  - 70 Big tank
  - 71 "Wham!"
  - 72 Garlicky mayonnaise
  - 76 Bar code-scanning device: Abbr.
  - 77 Reggae relative
  - 80 "... ere — Elba"
  - 81 To be, in Marseilles
  - 82 "How boring"
  - 83 Iris relative
  - 85 Ones added to the payroll
  - 90 Security checkpoint items
  - 91 Naval officer
  - 93 Helper for Frankenstein
  - 94 Light metal utensils
  - 96 Holm of film
  - 97 Pint-size
  - 98 Wd. division
  - 99 Ribbed
  - 100 Put in a crate
  - 101 Landed Scots
  - 102 Lobby sofa
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  - 108 Prefix with normal
  - 109 Nip's partner
  - 110 Comb users
  - 111 Kubla —
  - 112 Boxer Oscar de la —
  - 113 — Na Na
  - 114 NFLer Brady

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Expect to hear good news about a loved

one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Puzzle Difficulty this week:



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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## Now you see it ...

BY STEVE BECKER

From time to time, a hand occurs where it seems declarer must fail, and yet he somehow or other gets home safely. Surprisingly, the solution often turns out to be fairly simple.

Consider this deal where West led the K-A and another club against four hearts. Declarer ruffed East's nine of clubs and appeared to be faced with a hopeless task, since he had to lose a diamond and also at least one trump trick.

But South was not the type of player to give up without a fight. He saw that if the opposing cards were favorably distributed, he would be able to score 10 tricks before the opponents could score four.

Accordingly, after cashing the A-K of trumps, declarer led a diamond to the king and ruffed dummy's ten of clubs. He then cashed the king and ace of spades and ruffed a spade.

With everything going along smoothly thus far, South now had only one more hurdle to clear. At this point he was down to only three cards — two small diamonds and the eight of trumps, while dummy had the ten of spades and A-8 of diamonds, and East the queen of trumps and J-10 of diamonds.

At trick 11, declarer crossed to the ace of diamonds and returned dummy's ten of spades, placing East in a hopeless position. If he ruffed, South would discard his diamond loser and score his 10th trick with the eight of trumps; if East discarded instead, South would

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A 10 7 3  
♥ 9 4  
♦ A K 8  
♣ 10 8 7 2

**WEST**

♠ J 9 6 2  
♥ 10 6  
♦ Q 9 5 4  
♣ A K 5

**EAST**

♠ Q 8 4  
♥ Q J 2  
♦ J 10 7  
♣ J 9 6 3

**SOUTH**

♠ K 5  
♥ A K 8 7 5 3  
♦ 6 3 2  
♣ Q 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	

Opening lead — king of clubs.

ruff with the eight to score the game-going trick.

Either way, declarer would cross the finish line with 10 tricks — two spades, two diamonds and six trumps — before the defenders could collect their four seemingly impregnable tricks. ■

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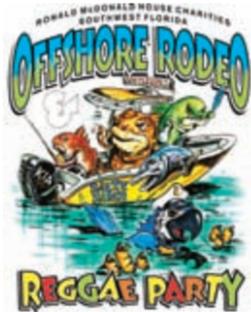
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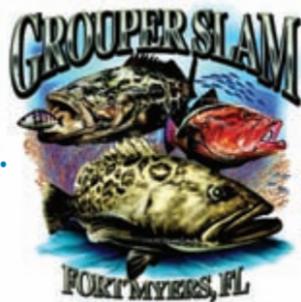


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## FILM CAPSULES

### The Nice Guys ★★★

(Russell Crowe, Ryan Gosling, Margaret Qualley) A private eye (Mr. Gosling) and muscle man (Mr. Crowe) team up to find a missing girl (Ms. Qualley) in 1977 Los Angeles. The chemistry between Mr. Crowe and Mr. Gosling is tremendous, and there are enough creative laughs to make it satisfactorily entertaining. Rated R.

### The Man Who Knew Infinity ★★

(Dev Patel, Jeremy Irons, Toby Jones) An Indian mathematics prodigy (Mr. Patel) challenges the establishment at Cambridge University during World War I. Mr. Irons is solid as the mentor, but as a whole the film doesn't add up to being more than a standard drama. Rated PG-13.

### 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 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 (Ms. 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.

### 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.

### 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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## 'Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising'

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★ ★ 1/2

### Is it worth \$10? Yes

For all its dildo jokes, used tampon throwing, weed-smoking, visible baby-breaching inanity, "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" is also a heavy-handed feminist tale of empowerment and unity. That's right: This crass comedy that only occasionally connects sends a strong message to women that they should live their own way, not how society tells them they should.

So "cheers" to the filmmakers for trying to send the right message.

And "jeers" for doing it so poorly.

Listen, I get it: With a female presidential candidate (yes, there is a Hillary joke in the movie) and women's rights as relevant and pressing as they've ever been, the filmmakers didn't want to take the stereotypical approach in depicting a sorority full of 18-year-olds pillow fighting, etc. But the pro-feminist message gets tiresome when it's as redundant as it is here, and it notably distracts from the obscene and absurd comedy going on around it.

Director Nicholas Stoller's heart is in the right place, but the weighty message needs to be done more subtly in order to make a proper impact in a comedy such as this. Also: If you're going to show the strength of college girls, perhaps they could at least mention school. Or go to class. Or be seen with a book.

Somewhat lost in their own story are poor Mac (Seth Rogen) and Kelly (Rose Byrne). They survived the fraternity next door led by Teddy (Zac Efron) and Pete (Dave Franco) in 2014's "Neighbors" and now, just as they're about to sell their house, a sorority full of party girls moves into Teddy's old place.

Second verse, same as the first.

Appalled that sororities can't throw parties, Shelby (Chloe Grace Moretz), Beth (Kiersey Clemons) and Nora (Beanie Feldstein) start recruiting for their new sorority, Kappa Nu — and endangering the completion of Mac and Kelly's sale.

The girls conveniently bump into Teddy and enlist him for guidance — which is great because he's still in search of himself, but bad because they soon cast him aside. Feeling besmirched,

Teddy teams with Mac, Kelly and their crazy friends Jimmy (Ike Barinholtz) and Paula (Carla Gallo) to take down the sorority.

As a whole, "Neighbors 2" isn't as funny or successful as the first film, in large part because the recycled ideas are not necessarily better from a creative standpoint. The war of wills between neighbors escalates quickly in ways that are both surprising and unrealistic: Is it believable that Teddy and Mac could steal an entire garbage bag full of weed at a tailgate party? Or that Shelby and Beth could sneak into Mac and Kelly's house in broad daylight and switch the numbers in their phones? Not at all. But it's a comedy, and these improbabilities are



acceptable. You just can't have that level of absurdity matched with a robust feminist message; the incongruity between fantasy and reality is too great for it to resonate properly.

Still, the rest of "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising" is funny enough to warrant a moderate recommendation, with the caveat that it's not as good as the first one and might leave some underwhelmed. If nothing else, ladies will get an encouraging message and a Zac Efron striptease out of it. ■

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>> Selena Gomez has a cameo as the leader of the Phi Lamda sorority.



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# KOVEL: ANTIQUES

## Bliss colorful wooden toys bring joy to collectors

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Collectors like toys with colorful, detailed, often amusing or realistic decorations. Bliss dollhouses, wooden houses covered with a colored paper lithograph that includes doors, windows, bricks and even hedges, are among the best of the Victorian toys. The company started in 1831 in Pawtucket, R.I., making wooden screws. Toys were made from about 1871 to 1914, but the name Bliss was kept in use until 1935.

Bliss made many wooden toys with lithographed exteriors: trains, ships, houses, blocks, games and even an ark with animals. Other companies were also making similar toys. Theriault's Auctions sold a pair of 13-inch-high wooden chairs for dolls with a lithograph that pictured a man reading a book on one, a woman in a shawl on the other. Made about 1885, they are by an unknown maker. The pair sold in a Theriault's doll auction in Newport Beach, Calif., for \$952.

**Q:** How long has Royal Doulton been making Bunnykin figurines? I have about 43 of the small figures but need more information to find the best ones. Aren't some being reissued by the company?

**A:** Bunnykins were first made in 1939 by Royal Doulton. The British firm started making dishes and figurines in 1853 using the name Doulton. They changed their name to Royal Doulton in 1902, and although the company is now part of WWRD Holdings, the Royal Doulton



The maker of these wooden doll-sized chairs is unknown, but they were made with a Victorian-style lithographed design. They sold for \$952 at a Theriault's Auction in January.

backstamp is still in use. In 1939, they made six earthenware Bunnykin figures. Production stopped during World War II, then started again in 1972. They have made more than 500.

In 2004, the production of Bunnykins was moved overseas to Thailand and then to China. Once a Bunnykin figure

was discontinued, Royal Doulton never reissued it. Each figure has a name and number on the bottom that can be identified online or in special books. The average small figures, about 2 to 5 inches high, sell for about \$15 to \$30; rare ones have sold for hundreds of dollars; limited editions for thousands.

**Q:** I have an old Apple IIe computer that was used for only six months. I also have the monitor and the original boxes. Is this unit worth anything?

**A:** The original Apple I computer is considered one of the most valuable and collectible computers in the world. Only 575 units were ever sold, and fewer than 100 are known to still exist, making it the rarest of Apple computers. A few sold at auctions in 2013 and 2014 for hundreds of thousands of dollars. But not every vintage Apple computer is a jackpot. The Apple II, sold from 1977 to 1993, was one of the first successful personal computer systems. Millions were sold for use in homes, schools and businesses. It was made in a number of models, with improvements to each model. The Apple II Plus was introduced in 1979 and the Apple IIe in 1983. A complete Apple IIe system sells today from \$100 to \$400, depending on the condition.

**Tip:** Don't put china with gold designs in the dishwasher. The gold will wash off. ■

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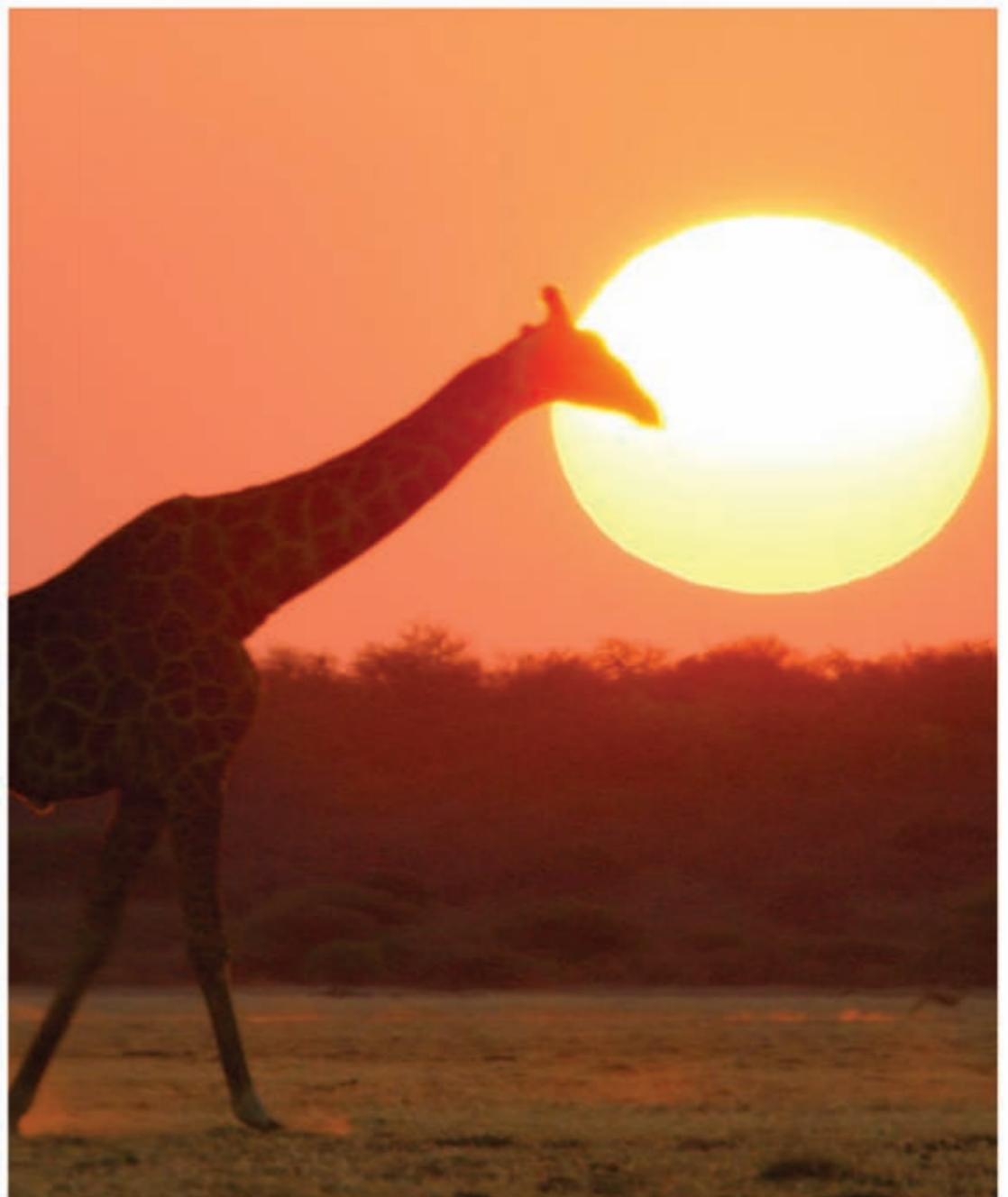


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# CELEBRITY EXTRA

## 'ER' child actress in new TV movie

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I remember this lovely actress who played Mark Greene's daughter on "ER" and who also was on "The Young and The Restless" for a few years as Daisy. Can you tell me what I can see her in nowadays?



DANIKA SINGFIELD  
**Yvonne Zima**

— Tiffani T., via email

**A:** Yvonne Zima, who made her big-screen debut at age 5 opposite legendary actor Al Pacino in "Heat," has been keeping herself busy. Aside from numerous roles in TV shows and movies such as "The Long Kiss Goodnight," "Law and Order: SVU," "Castle" and "Masters of Sex," she also takes on the dual starring role in the Lifetime television original movie "Killing Mommy" (premiering Saturday, June 11), where she plays twins Deb and Juliana Hansen.

I asked Yvonne what it was like filming this dual role, and she told me she was excited to take on the challenge: "It's a really wonderful script, written by Trent Haaga. And the person behind all these films, (executive producer) Pierre David, makes a ton of films for Lifetime. He has figured it all out. I really like Pierre. I think he's lovely. He's French-Canadian. He smokes; he swears; he's a real person."

"A big part of my preparation was trying to keep these two characters separate and to make them quite opposite. You have Juliana, who is a materialistic brat. Then you have Deb, who is kind of a barfly and completely in pain. She drinks and she smokes and she

gets into fights. Keeping those two people separate was the main challenge, because you don't want to watch a movie where you have twins and they are doing the same stuff and they're basically the same."

**Q:** I have been watching a series on ABC called "American Crime," and it hasn't been on for three or four weeks, and I was wondering if it has been canceled.

— Mike H., Palm Springs

**A:** ABC has renewed "American Crime" for a third season, and like the previous two seasons, it most likely will premiere in the first quarter of the new year. And also like the previous two seasons, viewers can expect an entirely new storyline, with familiar faces playing new characters. I can't wait to see what John Ridley and company have in store for us.

**Readers:** Three days after I filed my most recent TV column, in which I spoke of the future of "Castle," ABC announced that it had decided to cancel the long-running series. Along with "Castle," ABC also has canceled "Wicked City" (which was the first to go this past fall), "The Family," "Galavant," "Marvel's Agent Carter," "The Muppets," "Nashville" (which is being heavily shopped to other networks, like Hulu and CMT — fingers crossed!) and "Of Kings and Prophets." Stay tuned, as I'll reveal over the next several weeks which of your favorite shows at the other networks got the ax. ■

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**The Highwaymen**

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**MONDAY, MAY 30, 10 P.M.**  
**Korean Vets: Stories of Service**

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**CUISINE NEWS**

**Miami bar owner/mixologist has guest appearance at Bar Tulia**

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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What is it that's so appealing about a tall, dark and handsome man serving up rum concoctions? While Naples certainly has its fair share of sun-kissed bartenders shaking up something good beachside, it's not often that a veritable rum mixologist offers up handcrafted cocktails to the thirsty masses.

Isaac Scott Grillo, a "cocktail chemist" who is known as the Ultimate Miami Bartender, steps behind the bar from 4 p.m. to closing Thursday, May 26, as guest bartender at Bar Tulia. The owner of Repour Bar in Miami, he's also a brand ambassador for Afrohead rum and as such will be preparing tasty drinks that highlight the premium-aged dark rum.

"It's a great sipping rum that his not too dry or too sweet," he says. "It sits right in the middle and is perfect neat." His Naughty Banana contains Afrohead 7-year-old premium aged rum with roasted bananas, spiced chili and lemon juice, while the Nut Head features Afrohead XO, house-made almond bitters and smoked almond syrup.

For information about upcoming guest bartenders at Bar Tulia this summer, call 213-7023 or visit [osteriatulia.com](http://osteriatulia.com).

■ **Three60 Market** hosts a wine tasting from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, May 27, with more than 20 barbecue-friendly vintages paired with grilled skewers, cheese and charcuterie. \$22. Reservations required. 2891 Bayview Drive. 732-7331 or [three60market.com](http://three60market.com).

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■ 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 benefiting the festival's founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation. \$95. 325-2978 or [friendsofthefoundation.com](http://friendsofthefoundation.com).

■ Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce hosts its **Glory of the Grape** fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at CJ's on the Bay. Guests will enjoy wines and hors d'oeuvres by Chef Laura Owen, a live auction, photo booth and more. \$55. 394-7549 or [marcoislandchamber.org](http://marcoislandchamber.org).

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**The Details:** A thing of beauty is a joy forever, apparently, and our family would count Taylor Ham, egg and cheese sandwiches on the short list of items that eternally renew and inspire. Also known as pork roll, the processed meat product

inspires such weird devotion among New Jersey natives that the quickest way to insult their fair state is to bypass quips about Jon Bon Jovi's rock cred and head straight into Spam comparisons. Do not do it. Luckily, it really is a toothsome breakfast meat, and A Taste of Jersey keeps it simple by frying the ham, egg and American cheese together and sliding it into a soft Kaiser roll. Perfection.

**One More Thing:** Being an Italian deli and all, A Taste of Jersey also offers cured meat subs featuring delicacies including sopressata and capicola. ■

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## What the heck am I drinking?



For many people (me included) the most entertaining — and maddening — activity in the wine world is a little thing called the blind tasting.

This is where you have a glass (or two) of wine in front of you with no idea what kind it is, and you have to sniff, sip and identify it. I call it the “guess the smell” contest, and it’s just about impossible to do ... for me at least.

There are national blind tasting contests — championships, even — where people can actually taste a wine and identify not only the varietal, but many times the place of origin, the vintage, and most remarkable of all, the producer. Not me. Not ever.

Recently, I was invited to a different kind of event.

Jessica Weeks, a restaurant manager in the area, was preparing to take her Level II sommelier test, which would require her to taste two wines blind and identify them. She wanted to practice, and asked a few of us to taste along.

Jessica Weeks was raised in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, which is one of America’s original and historic winegrowing regions. We held the practice session in the very impressive wine tasting classroom at Florida Gulf Coast University.

“I’ve been in the restaurant industry

since I was 16 years old,” she says, “but it wasn’t until I joined the Guild of Sommeliers that I realized just how much goes into each bottle. It’s given me a great respect for what it takes to grow and harvest grapes at the precise time to make a successful wine. It’s all very fascinating.”

That fascination led Jessica to prepare for her Level II exam, where she would be required to demonstrate a Wikipedic knowledge of wine varietals, regions, soils, producers and a lot more.

“The test consists, among other things, of 40 multiple choice or short answer questions,” she notes. “I also have to blind taste two wines and explain the makeup of the varietal, where it came from, how old it is, the tasting notes, if it was stored in oak or not, the climate

and soil in which it was grown, and many other factors based on sight, smell and taste.”

No simple task. The first mystery wine we tasted was a white, which I immediately and confidently identified as a Reisling from Germany. Jessica said it was an Albariño from northern Spain. She was right. I was wrong. Then there was a red, which I absolutely knew was a Pinot Noir from Burgundy. Jessica begged to differ, suggesting a Gamay from Beaujolais, which is kind of like Burgundy’s twin cousin. Once again, her sipping sophistication exceeded mine. Jessica 2, Jerry 0.

Then, she nailed the Nebbiolo from northern Italy, along with the other two blind bottles. If anybody was ready to take the test, it was her. I had no doubt she’d be able to achieve what she described as a “personal goal.”

“It will definitely make a difference in my career,” she notes. “I am pursuing the more advanced certifications to become more knowledgeable and qualified when recommending wine to a restaurant guest. Most of them may know a certain type of wine they enjoy, so it’s a great pleasure to introduce new styles by explaining the selections in detail.”

I hope Jessica will agree with the suggestions and details for this week’s column.

**Lawer Estates Rosé of Syrah 2015** — You can make rosé out of any red grape, but the ones from Syrah are generally fuller-bodied. This example from a winery in Calistoga has characteristic strawberry and cherry aromas and fla-

vors, with some nice zippy apple notes. The winemaker suggests pairing it with ceviche. WW 89. About \$22.

**Scacciadiavoli Montefalco di Sagrantino 2012** — Sagrantino is one of my favorite Italian varietals that isn’t Chianti. This bold, fruity wine needs some time in the bottle or plenty of decanting. It will deliver flavors of plums, spices, sage, thyme and black leather. Great with any rich Italian cuisine. WW 94. About \$35.

## Ask the Wine Whisperer

**Q.** Once I open a bottle, how long will the wine keep?

— Jon F, Fort Myers

**A.** Most everyday wines are at their best right away, and if you don’t finish the whole bottle (never a problem at our house) you want to prolong the life of what’s left. One method is a vacuum stopper, such as the Vac-u-Vin, which is what we generally use. The rubber bottle stoppers have a valve in them, and you remove the air from the stoppered bottle with a little hand pump. This generally allows the wine to stay fairly fresh for one or two days. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is also creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His book, “*Secrets of the Wine Whisperer*,” is available through his website and on Amazon.

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# CHEF Q&A

## Sicilian-born chef/owner brings international experience to Cosmo's

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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How about a slice? We caught up with Gianluca Corso, the owner of Cosmo's Cafe & Pizzeria and Cosmo's at the Pier, to ask how he transformed a tiny pizza shop into a downtown institution in just eight years. Read on to find out how his passion for the restaurant business and authentic Sicilian food keeps Neapolitans coming back for more.

**Q: Tell us about your business background and how you came to Naples.**

**A:** I grew up in the restaurant business working for my family in Italy. My brothers and sisters are all in the restaurant business in Sardinia. Many of my recipes are from our parents and grandparents. After Italy, I worked in restaurants in London and Madrid before coming to the United States 2003. After visiting Naples, where my wife's family lives, we moved to San Francisco to become general manager of three restaurants in the North Beach neighborhood. We came back to Naples four years later and opened Cosmo's shortly after that.

**Q: What was the original concept for Cosmo's? Has it changed over the years?**

**A:** When I opened Cosmo's in 2008, it was just a small one-room, 24-seat pizzeria. Our staff consisted of my wife in the kitchen, one waitress and me as the pizzaiolo. Over the last eight years, it has grown and expanded to become a 150-seat, full-service restaurant and bar. However, it remains important to me to keep it a neighborhood restaurant with a homey feel. I want people to feel like they are coming to a friend's house for dinner; that has always been important to me.

**Q: What drives you to try new restaurant ventures?**

**A:** I love this business. I love the restaurant industry. I love being a part of the community. And I love to challenge myself. I love meeting new people and interacting with my customers. Now I feel even closer to my community with the Cosmo's at the Pier. It has the chance to welcome tourists to beautiful Naples and show them what a great city this is.

**Q: How does the pier concession differ from your other restaurant? Your customers are in a totally dif-**



**ferent setting, so operations must be totally different from a traditional restaurant.**

**A:** It is totally different than Cosmo's because it is more of a tourist location. But the basic rules always remain the same: high quality food, great service and a friendly atmosphere. I want people

to feel welcome, and I want them to leave with a satisfied feeling. I want them to feel excited to come back to Cosmo's and Naples.

**Q: Why did you choose to be a restaurateur?**

**A:** It's in my blood. It's the only job I

really love to do. If I were born 10 times again, I would do the same. I find the fast pace of the restaurant business challenging and exciting. I love meeting new people from all over the world everyday.

**Q: What management tip would you have for someone new to running a restaurant?**

**A:** I would tell them to keep high quality food, friendly staff, clean restaurant and kitchen and above all, be consistent. I would also tell them to be present, because no one will care for your business more than you do. In addition to making the big decisions, being on site and a part of daily operations is crucial to a successful business.

**Q: Who do you depend on to keep things running smoothly?**

**A:** I am always at the restaurant myself, but I rely on my whole staff to keep things running smoothly. Teamwork is absolutely necessary to running a smooth operation. Without communication between the staff in the front and back of the house at Cosmo's, it would be impossible.

**Q: How is the restaurant scene in Naples unique?**

**A:** The people here are well travelled and experienced. They challenge you everyday. Naples is unique because you can find people from all over the world, and each year it becomes a more diverse community with rich and poor, old and young, families and retirees all in one city.

**Q: What lessons have you learned over the years?**

**A:** You never stop learning. There are always new opportunities and new challenges ahead. Especially in this business, you need to be ready for anything. You have to work hard and put in long hours, but it's all worth it at the end of the day.

**Q: There are lots of pizzerias and Italian restaurants in Naples. Why is Cosmo's so popular?**

**A:** Our impeccable quality, friendly staff, our consistency and our "make yourself at home" feeling all make Cosmo's special. It's a place where everybody knows each other. Our restaurant is not just a place to eat; it's a place to bring your family and where you find your friends. And we make fantastic pizza. ■

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# Kalea Bay's spectacular clubhouse reaches construction Milestone

## Tower reaches 14th floor



**K**alea Bay's clubhouse has been under construction since January and has reached a milestone as construction crews carefully place the trusses on the roof. 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.

"When completed our clubhouse will surely be the envy of every community in the Naples area," said Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay.

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.

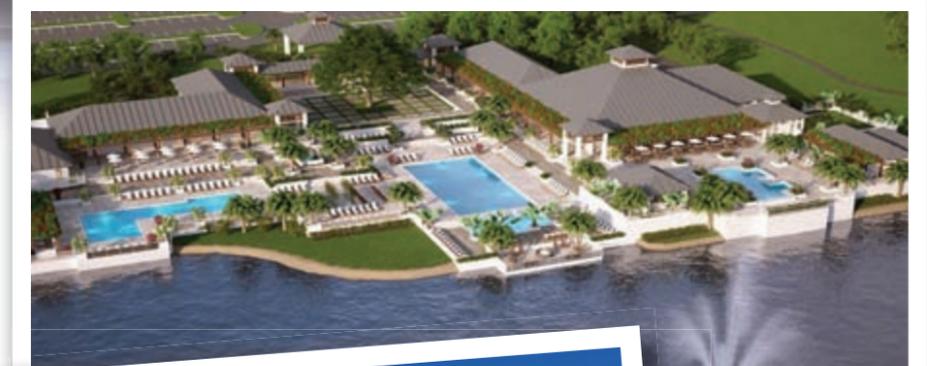
Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year. At that time CID Design Group, a progressive, second-generation interior design company based in Naples, will begin to transform the building into an incredible centerpiece which will complement the community's modern 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 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-



**Above:** Kalea Bay residences will enjoy their clubhouse day and night. The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe. **Left:** The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay will have 120 residences. **Below:** Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.

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, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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

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Lennar Corporation's Angelina furnished model is open for viewing in TwinEagles' Kinross neighborhood. Base-priced at \$543,094, the Angelina is one of six floor plans from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet and base-priced from the high \$400's to the low-\$600's available in Kinross. Kinross features 86 home sites measuring 52-feet wide and 145-feet deep or deeper that showcase TwinEagles' golf course, preserve, and water views. Buildable home sites and unfurnished, move-in ready residences are available in Kinross.

Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase a single-family home in TwinEagles at the high \$400's to the low-\$600's price point. With a golf membership included with home ownership and TwinEagles' amenity rich lifestyle, Kinross offers exceptional value.

The 2,061 square feet under air Angelina plan includes a family room that opens to an outdoor living area, an island kitchen, formal dining room, den, two bedrooms, two baths, and a two-car garage. The plan is ideally suited homebuyers intent on enjoying TwinEagles' traditional country club lifestyle. The Angelina showcases an interior by Robb & Stucky's Tricia Lynch and Cynthia Bradford, ASID.

Lynch and Bradford have created an aura of welcoming relaxation with a neutral color palette of whites, creams, and beige. Splashes of blue provide accent layers. The flooring throughout the main living areas is a creamy beige 20 x 20-inch porcelain tile while the den features an attractive hardwood.

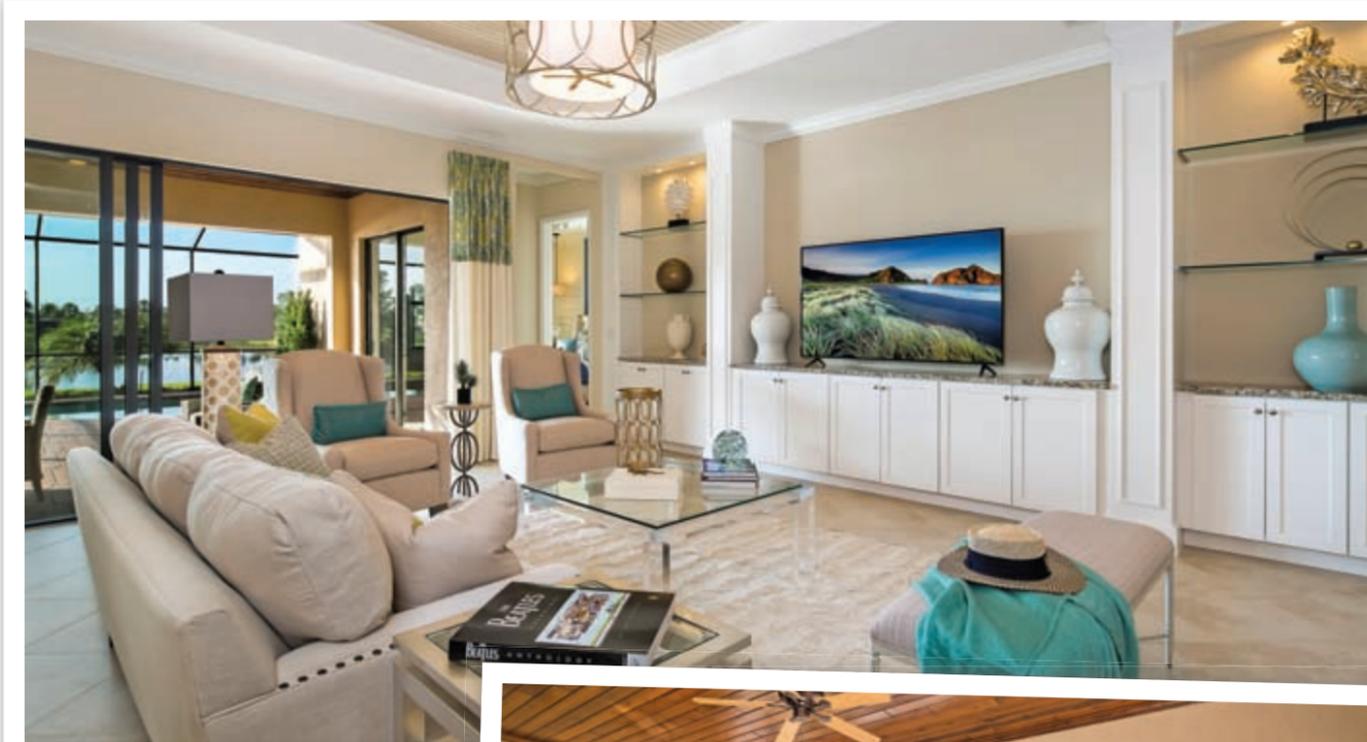
In the foyer, the eye is drawn to a console table with a floral arrangement. Applied moldings on the wall create three sections that accommodate mirrors for a bright reception. The foyer transitions to a hallway with the den to the right and an open dining room defined by columns on the left.

In the dining room, a floor-to-ceiling built-in provides an attractive shelving unit. A decorative octagonal mirror is flanked by handsome sconces. A 60-inch round dining table with a glass top and dark wood base with gold detailing adds an air of sophistication.

Hand-scraped dark espresso hardwood flooring in the den is offset by taupe beige walls. The table-style desk in dark espresso with metal sides is paired with an upholstered desk chair on casters. Two chairs in a gray tone showcase exposed wood backs. The arrangement is anchored by a flat weave rug featuring a geometric design. An elegant ceiling detail displays a diamond shape within a scalloped square.

The family room's sliding glass doors present Kinross' stunning views. On the feature wall, a white custom built-in functions as the entertainment center as well as providing storage and display space for collectibles. Their creation is divided into three sections, separated by pilasters, with the center section left open for a large television. Dramatic lighted glass shelves reach up on either side. The seating arrangement includes a sofa in a textured linen fabric facing the television. Two beige easy chairs with a patterned texture and a 60-inch backless upholstered bench with a metal base complete the seating group. A square Lucite table with a glass top makes a chic statement. A random shag area rug in creamy textural tones anchors the arrangement.

The dining room and great room connect to the kitchen for a relaxed and harmonious flow. A counter height island provides a casual gathering spot with four curved-back stools in dark wood and creamy upholstered seats. The cabinetry on the island base and the perimeter of the kitchen is executed in a dark cherry with clean-lined hardware. Granite counters throughout the area



**Above: Lennar Corporation's Angelina model is one of two furnished model residences open for viewing in Kinross at TwinEagles. Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase a single-family home in TwinEagles at the high \$400's to the low-\$600's price point. Floor plans range from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet. Sliding glass doors in the Angelina's family room present Kinross' stunning views. On the feature wall, a white custom built-in functions as the entertainment center as well as providing storage and display space for collectibles. Right: The summer kitchen on the Angelina model's covered lanai features cabinetry and countertops that match those in the kitchen. The dining area features a table in a light driftwood tone paired with six chairs in a wicker finish with neutral nubby seat covers.**



feature mellow gold tones with discreet speckles in shades of brown.

The covered lanai's summer kitchen features cabinetry and countertops that match those in the kitchen. The dining area features a table in a light driftwood tone paired with six chairs in a wicker finish with neutral nubby seat covers. Lynch and Bradford have also provided a conversation space with two easy chairs in a creamy woven material with neutral seat covers. On the pool deck, two cream-colored chaises invite sun-soaked relaxation.

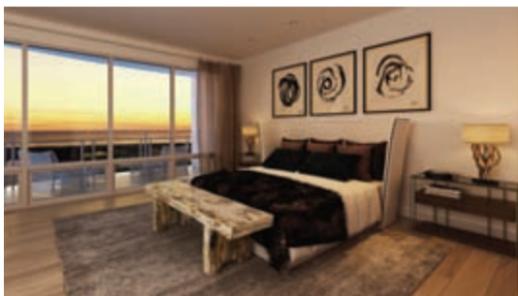
A vestibule off the family room leads to the master bedroom where the color scheme evolves to a medium blue, white, and a touch of green. The magnificent bed showcases a headboard, footboard

and side rails that are completely upholstered in a textured neutral fabric. The nightstands, too, are upholstered in a neutral fabric with pewter nail head trim, a draw at the top, and an open area below. Behind the nightstands, the designers have incorporated eye-catching wall details, each three feet wide, which suggest the look of closed, paneled shutters. In the same style as the nightstands, an upholstered dresser provides the foundation for a contemporary wall mirror in a creamy tone with circular accents that is hung vertically. A chic bench with the neutral upholstery displays mirrored legs. The covered lanai is also accessible from the master bedroom via sliding glass doors.

A hallway leads past two closets to the master bathroom where the creamy beige porcelain tile is reintroduced. This material is also featured on the tub deck for smooth continuity. The shower is simple and understated while above the bathtub, a narrow listello detail of horizontal glass tile in creams and browns provides a subtle highlight. His and her vanities are executed in the rich cherry tones and warm speckled golden granite seen previously in the kitchen. Wallpaper in a light blue shell pattern provides a delicate color contrast.

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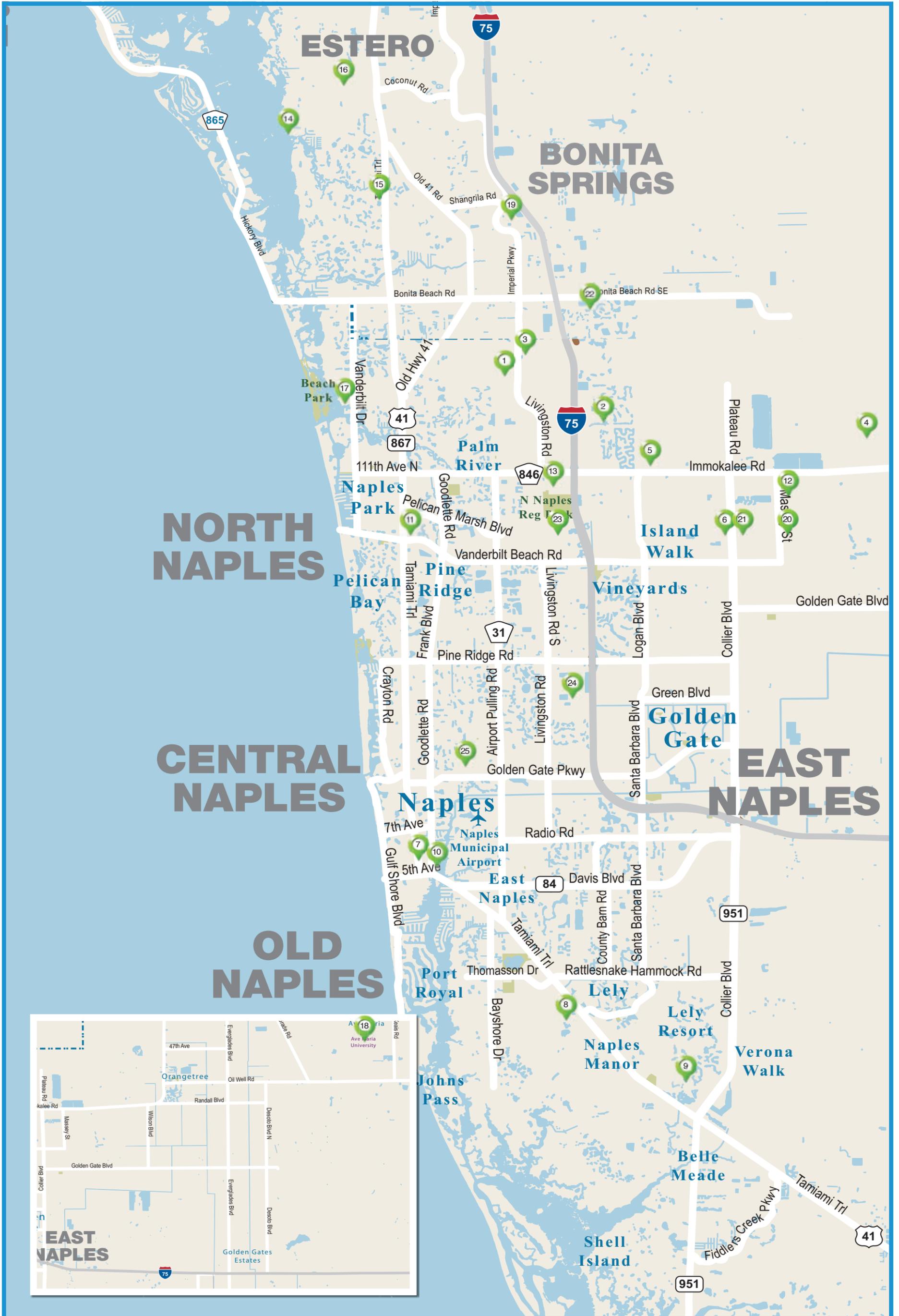
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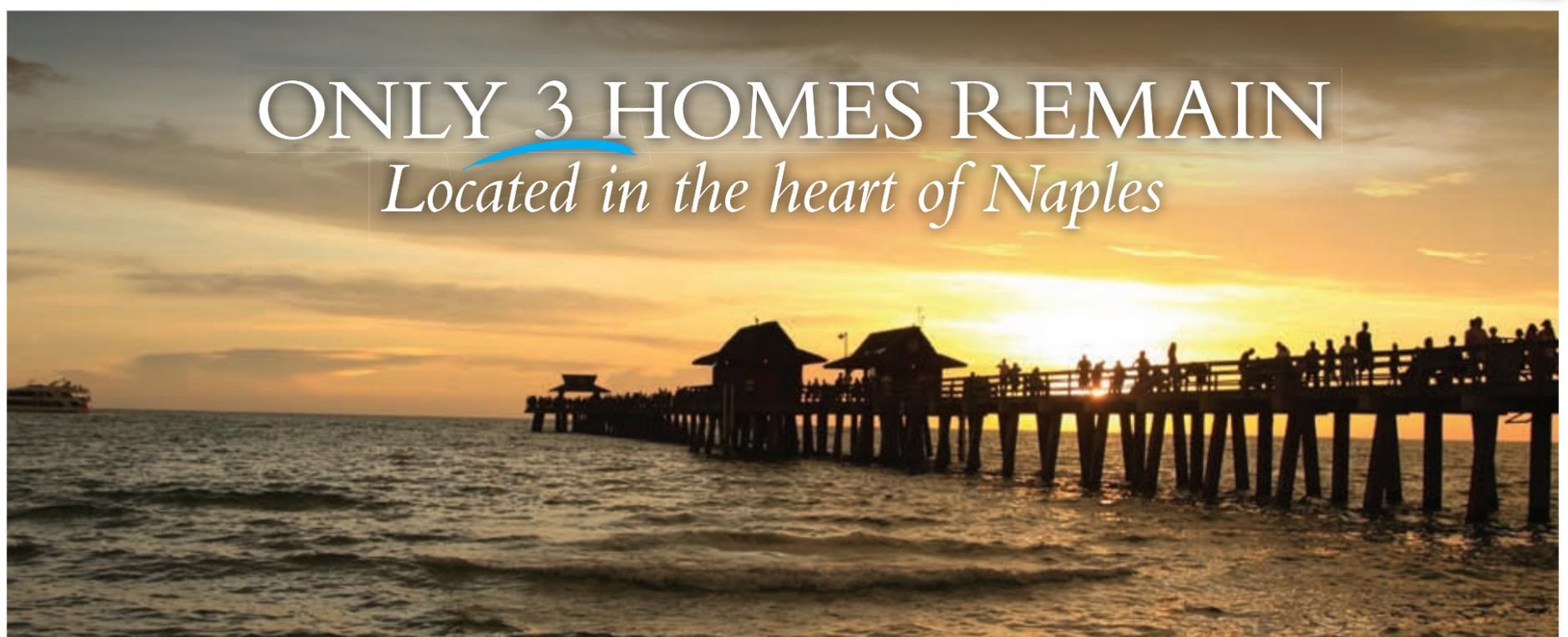
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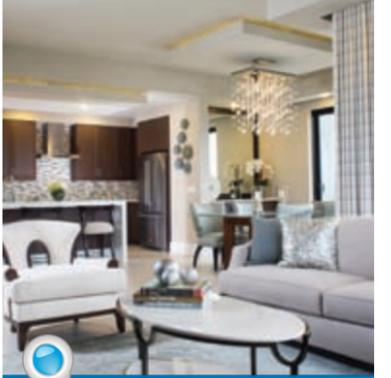
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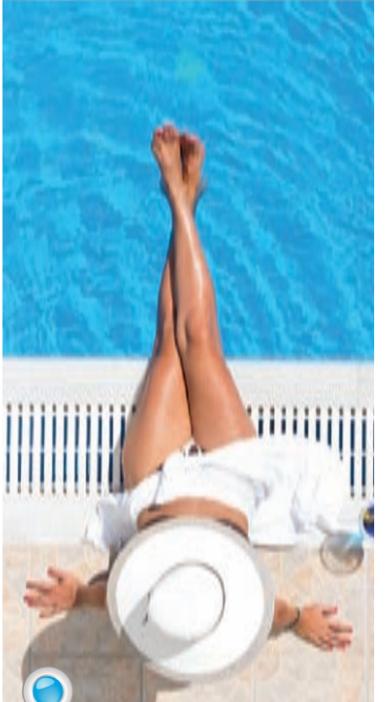


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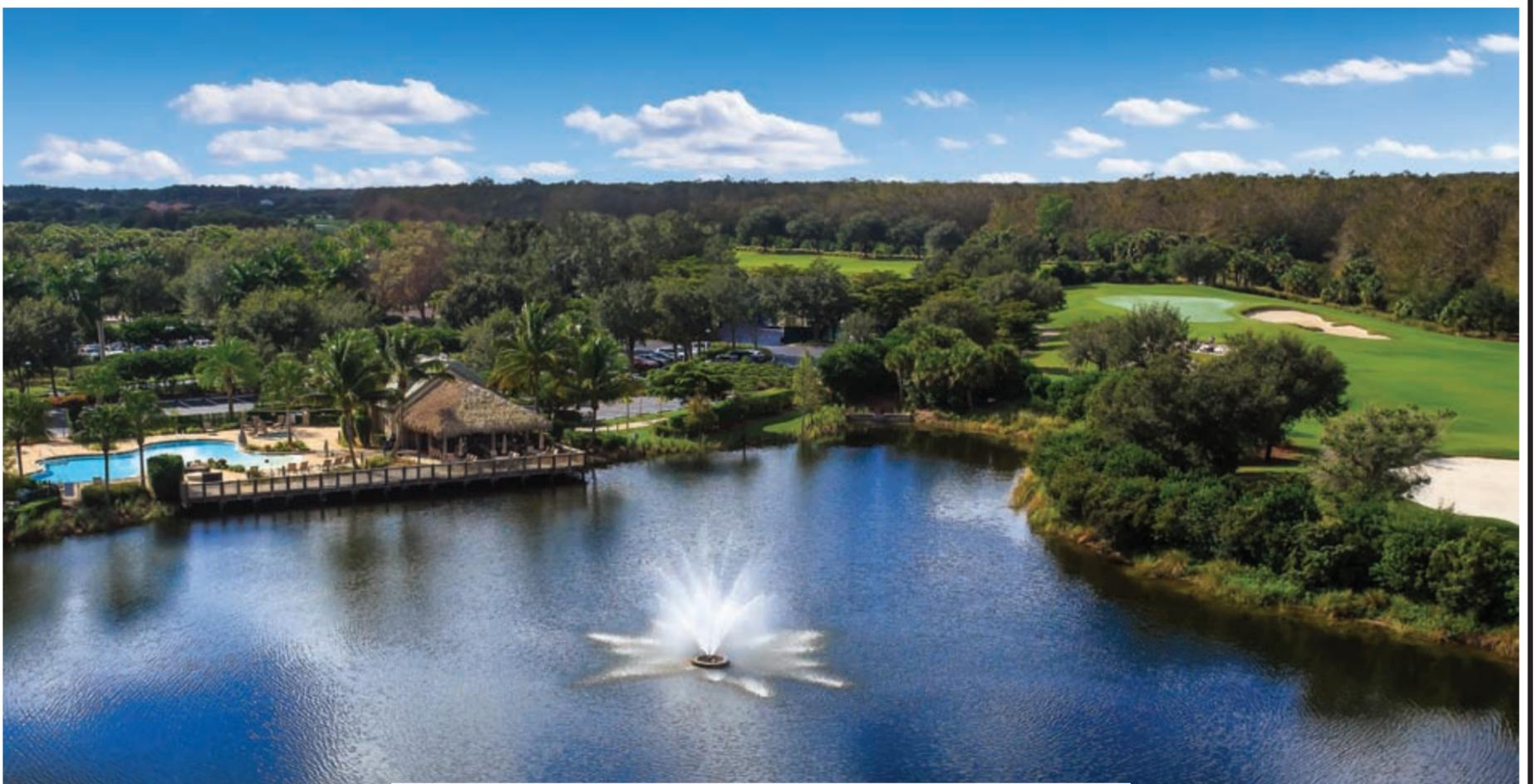
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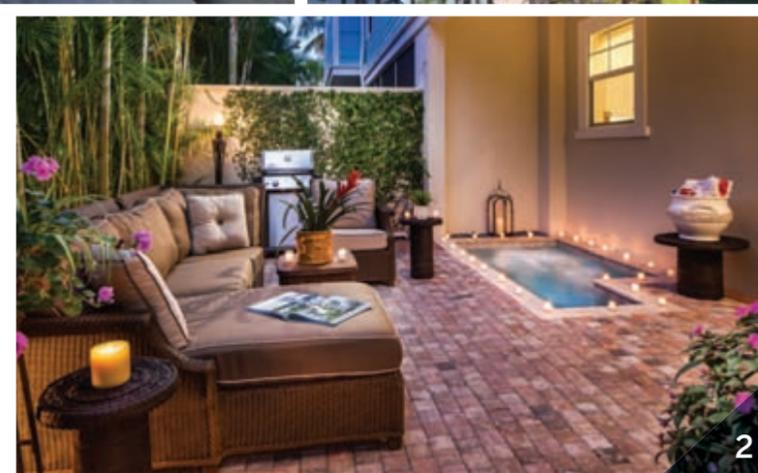
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**Cul De Sac Gulf Access Location 4 Bed 4 Bath**  
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**Stunning 3/2 Waterfront Property**  
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**Foxfire Bundled Golf Community**  
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**Belle Lago Tiena Model - 4 Bed, 3 Full Baths**  
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**\$479,900**  
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**FORT MYERS**



**OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4**

**19645 Maddelena Cir**  
**Elegant Waterfront**  
Must see ready to move!!!  
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**NAPLES**



**Mariner's Cove Downtown Naples**  
2/2 ground floor unit. Dock & covered assigned parking. View of mangroves, Gordon River and landscaped area.  
**\$459,000**  
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**NAPLES**



**Reflection Lakes Beauty**  
3 bedroom/3 bathroom courtyard style, cabana pool home. 2 car garage/lakefront lot. Gated community with clubhouse.  
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**ESTERO**



**Immaculate Chelsea Flex Model In Bella Terra**  
Over 2,700 sq.ft.! Offers 3/3 plus den & loft. Large, open and bright floor plan, volume ceilings, and much more.  
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**Location, Location, Location**  
Better then new contractor's dream.  
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**Turn Key Property**  
Fully furnished including flat ware, dishes, glasses, cups, saucers, linen, towels, etc. Boat lift. Open floor plan.  
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**CAPE CORAL**



**Gulf Access Paradise**  
Stunning gulf access pool home with a 10,000lb lift on a well manicured oversized corner lot! Pride of ownership shows!  
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**CAPE CORAL**



**OPEN FRI 10-1**

**5259 Sunset Court**  
**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.  
1-866-657-2300 **\$349,900** 800CC027229.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Gulf Access 3/2 Pool Home**  
Heated, salt water pool, Jacuzzi & pool bath. Concrete dock w/captain's walk & seawall. Assessments paid.  
1-866-657-2300 **\$349,000** 800CC002960.

**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.  
1-866-657-2300 **\$349,000** 800BS025034.

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**ESTERO**



**Beautiful 4 Bedroom Home In Gated Bella Terra**  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2 bath Hampton Model home. Home has over 2300 sq.ft. Great upgrades within the home.  
**\$339,000**  
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**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. **\$328,900**  
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**CAPE CORAL**



**Cute, Affordable Gulf Access Pool Home**  
3/2/2 Affordable Cape Coral pool home. Gulf access canal, southern exposure, cathedral ceilings, and much more!  
**\$304,900**  
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**NORTH FORT MYERS**



**Direct Gulf Access**  
Bring your boat! Charming 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage~ waterfront ~ pool home!  
**\$300,000**  
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**FORT MYERS**



**Whiskey Creek! 4 Bed/2 Bath/2 Car Garage Pool Home**  
Share the days end with family & friends in this spacious 1898 sq.ft. home!  
**\$300,000**  
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**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.  
**\$299,000**  
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**FORT MYERS**



**Boater's Dream!**  
Minutes to the river on a deep water, direct access canal. Nearly half acre lot. Completely renovated in 2014.  
**\$299,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM015246.

**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 is brand new.  
**\$290,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE015359.

**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**  
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**CAPE CORAL**



**Meticulously Maintained, Upscale Neighborhood**  
3/2 Tracey built home. Great room concept & split floor plan guaranteeing privacy. Walk-ins in every room. A must see!  
**\$274,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC008977.

**PORT CHARLOTTE**



**Stunning Country Setting Home**  
Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home.  
**\$273,500**  
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**FORT MYERS**

**OPEN SAT 11-3**



**17721 Castle Harbor Dr**  
**Three Oaks 3 Bedroom 3 Bath on Cul-de-Sac**  
Spacious home with vaulted ceilings, split plan, remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops, stainless steel.  
**\$269,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM006196.

**FORT MYERS**



**Bring All Offers to The Forum**  
Spacious Alexandria floor plan in the Forum close to I-75, shops & restaurants. Four bedroom, 3 bath.  
**\$269,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM005996.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Alluring 3/2/2 Pool Home**  
Cape home featuring boundless 12' ceilings & 18" tile throughout. Large open kitchen w/wood cabinets, granite. Wow!  
**\$269,500**  
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**CAPE CORAL**



**Large Cape Pool Home**  
An outstanding home perfect for entertaining & large enough to accommodate multiple guests. Fenced yard & lanai w/pool.  
**\$265,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC015717.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Gulf Access Waterfront View**  
What a view from this Cornwallis home w/10,000lb lift & a 3/2/1 in one of the city's most popular areas!  
Heated pool.  
**\$259,900**  
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**LEHIGH ACRES**



**Beautiful 4/3+Den 2 Car Garage on 1/2 Acre**  
Unbelievable!! This 4 bed 3 bath home w/just under 3000 sq.ft. of pure beauty & upgrades throughout sits on 1/2 acre.  
**\$259,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE025486.

**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.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Updated Direct Gulf Access Condo**  
Beautiful granite countertops in this hard to find three bedroom, two bath 1st floor condo. Minutes to the river.  
**\$249,900**  
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**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.

**FORT MYERS**

**OPEN THURS 12-3**



**9821 Healthpark Circle # 106**  
**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**

**OPEN SUN 1-4**



**8351-2 Grand Palm Dr**  
**2 Bedroom 2 Bath**  
Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath turn key coach!  
**\$239,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM024417.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Large Home In Joe Stonis Park**  
Large home within walking distance of Joe Stonis and Sirenia Vista Parks. Flexible floorplan allows multiple layouts.  
**\$229,000**  
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Direct gulf access 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage condo, only 2 minutes to the river and less than 30 minutes to Sanibel. **\$224,000**  
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### FORT MYERS



**Pristine Coach Home with 1 Car Garage Overlooking a Lake**  
Immaculate coach home with one car garage overlooking a lake in the gated community of Majestic Palms. **\$219,990**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM030128.

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**Newer SW Cape Home**  
Great home just 2 years old. Large open floor plan with 4 bedrooms. Located in the desirable SW Cape. Close to bridges. **\$219,900**  
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### NAPLES



**Beautiful Condo In Naples Heritage**  
2 bedroom + den, 2 bathroom, new wood flooring, fairway, lake and wooded views, amazing! Turnkey unit. **\$219,900**  
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### FORT MYERS



**Top Floor 2/2/1 Lake View Condo in Kelly Greens**  
Great condo turnkey furnished with many extras and upgrades ready to live in! **\$215,000**  
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### 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**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous Newly Remodeled Home**  
Nestled in the sought after Palaco Grande neighborhood and only one block off the river. New kitchen, baths, flooring. **\$199,000**  
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### LEHIGH ACRES



**3/2/2 in a Great Location in Lehigh**  
Have you been looking for a great move in ready home on a huge property? Your search is over! This 3 bed home offers 2 baths. **\$199,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE030547.

### 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**  
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### LEHIGH ACRES



**Looking for a Home on a Cul-de-Sac?**  
Here is your chance to own piece and quiet with a splash of water! This great 4 bedroom also has 2 bathrooms. **\$192,000**  
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**3/2 Triple Lot Intersecting Canal!**  
Investment opportunity! 3/2 freshwater canal, triple lot. Utilities in and paid! Close to Pine Island Road & Del Prado. **\$192,000**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**NW Cape Family Home**  
This 3 bedroom 2 bath family home. **\$189,000**  
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### 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.

### CAPE CORAL



**Great location- Corner Lot/ Huge Kitchen**  
Plenty of room for a pool. Large under truss lanai, Large master bedroom and master bathroom. **\$176,976**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC025536.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Affordable Living In Port Charlotte**  
3/2 corner home w/huge lanai, open plan and lots of storage. Surrounded by waterfront homes. Convenient Edgewater area. **\$174,900**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Affordable Pool Home In The SE**  
Looking for a great deal? 3/2/2 pool home on corner lot. Assessments paid. **\$169,900**  
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### FORT MYERS



**South Ft. Myers Beauty**  
Desirable South Ft. Myers location. Lovely single family home with lots of room. **\$164,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM021508.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Florida Style!!! Single Family Home**  
Lehigh Acres home in a corner lot built in 2006, fenced backyard, lush landscape including Royal palms and Sabal Palms! **\$150,000**  
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### 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**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Gulf Access Condo**  
Bring your boat to this first floor 3 bedroom condo. Over 1,400 sq.ft. of living area. Pool, dock and large kitchen. **\$149,900**  
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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**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Turnkey Gulf Access Condo!**  
Beautiful views from your second floor 2 bedroom unit. This condo is on a quiet street but just blocks from downtown. **\$130,000**  
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### PORT CHARLOTTE

**OPEN SAT 12-2**



#### 424 Rose Apple Cir.

**3 Bedroom 2 Bath 1 Car Garage**  
Very nice community with pool and recreational facility, tennis courts. **\$119,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH219036.

### FORT MYERS



**2/2 Parkwoods Townhouse**  
Best value currently in Parkwoods Townhouse Community! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, close to all shopping and move in ready! **\$112,000**  
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### NORTH FORT MYERS



**Million Dollar Views**  
Schooner Bay property! Enjoy sunsets and river views from your private lanai. Quiet riverfront complex. **\$104,900**  
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### NORTH FORT MYERS



**Gulf Access, Very Large Condo**  
This updated condo has two separate private living areas. Over 1800 sq.ft. of Florida living. Large heated pool. **\$89,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC010559.

### 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/ 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**  
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This 4 bed unit is ready to be remodeled for your home or for your rental property. **\$80,000**  
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