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Does anyone care about the Electoral College? If Trump wins the popular vote but loses the election — everyone will.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 2016 IS NOT YET IN FULL SWING, but already voters are in a state of deep despair. If the opinion polls are to be believed, a majority of Americans would prefer someone other than Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton to be

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Lighthouse of Collier: Making life better for the blind and visually impaired

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Imagine being legally blind but still able to navigate a big city like Chicago alone and enjoy a full life with family, community support and independence. Your vision is fading year by year, however, and by the time you relocate to Collier County, it's almost gone. Here you are, nearly blind and left to your own devices, in a new and unfamiliar town.

That was Sharone Frankowski's story until three years ago, when she discovered Lighthouse of Collier County. Social isolation is now out the window, and thanks to the classes and resources the organization provides her, Ms. Frankowski is independent enough to start thinking about

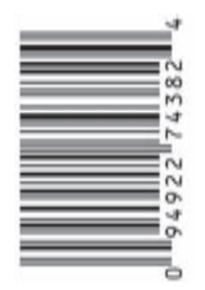
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Birthday party



I'm having a few people over this week to celebrate.

It's not everyday you turn 60, is it?

You want to have a party. You want to chortle blithely in the face of mortality, flanked by your own kind. So even though there's a hollowness to your own cheer, a sort of "Oh, s**t" echo that only you can hear, you make merry.

My guests are a little different this year — they're dead. But that hasn't stopped them from tossing in their two cents.

"That old highway's got my relatives/ but it can't get me/ Lord, and it can't get me," Woody Guthrie sang — so don'chu let it get you, he seemed to suggest.

Janis Joplin just smiled. "You got to get it while you can," she muttered.

And Dylan Thomas — he got mad.

"Rage, rage against the dying of the light," he commanded.

As it turns out, everybody understands. People smile at you and talk to you as if they weren't looking at a cadaver. They've seen this happen before. They just don't think it will happen to them.

Neither did you.

But 60 is twice 30, after all, and 30 used to be the top of the hill. Or was that 40? I can't remember. None of it applied to me, though. I didn't turn 30 or 40, either one, until I turned 60.

Now I can cross into old age. It's a way to live. You say to yourself, transitions are for milquetoasts. Go fast until you can't do anything but go slow.

Of course, you have to lie to yourself to do that. Because every morning when you lift your head from the pillow and swing your legs over the side of the bed, you move a little more slowly. You're stiff. And as time goes on, you get even stiffer.

But you aren't a stiff. Yet. Why not? What makes you so damn lucky that those other people who are smarter, tougher, better and bolder than you done went out of this world, and you still in it?

I mentioned this to a friend of mine, Laura, in the context of the short-lived men on my father's side — I said, "I hope I make it to 80 'cause I've still got a young son."

She didn't miss a beat. She said, "Look, Roger, 80's the new 60. You'll live until you're 100." Which is the new 80, at least in her family where the women really do live until they're 100.

Well, I don't need to take it quite that far, thank you very much. I'd settle for 99. I'd settle for winning the Powerball lottery, too.

When I was about 10, I told my grandmother how proud I was of her for being the first one in the family who was certain to live 100 years (she still had about 25 to go, but that was nothing but a hound dog, in my opinion). I had her in that box, the centenarian box, and that settled it as far as I was concerned.

"I don't want to live that long," she said brightly. "I wouldn't want to be 100."

I've never entirely recovered from that response — from the surprise of her (what should I call it) surrender? Exhaustion? Defeat? Resignation and acceptance?

But now I understand.

So let me go Old Testament on you for a moment — let me shout out some doubt.

Who the hell invented a system in which a perfectly serviceable body and a perfectly serviceable mind begin to deteriorate almost invisibly, and then very visibly, and then completely? Who decided that flowers should wilt, anyway? It doesn't seem right. It doesn't even seem efficient.

Neither does infant mortality or homicide or low-down, honky-tonk, mean-assed, Dixie-whistling ignorance, either.

Go figure. But somebody should have a little talking-to with the dude who did it — the dude who came up with this god-damned way of doing things.

Which must be exactly what my dad was thinking when he offered what I've come to think of as his penultimate words, about 24 hours before he died of stomach cancer.

It was a Dylan Thomas moment, all right. I had to get him out of his home bed suddenly, and take him to the hospital. He wasn't coming back, which I didn't know (not being 60 yet) but he probably did. So he got to his feet in pain, I put the green bathrobe over his shoulders, and he exploded.

"Son of a bitch," he snapped, and punched the wall. He'd been a good fighter in his youth, a middleweight, and that wall in my mother's house has been dented for 14 years now.

One thing I've noticed and maybe you have, too: With all the wonderful stuff we have in our lives, it's hard to think much about mortality, or even to recognize it until it hits you on the head. Air conditioning. Shopping malls. Nice cars. Supermarkets swollen with bounty. Movies and music at the touch of a finger. An electronic world of "friends" where everybody has birthdays but nobody ever dies.

"Jane Doe, Johnny B. Good and Jiminy Cricket all have birthdays this week. Want to send them a birthday present?" Facebook prompts.

But it never offers the other side of that coin to its subscribers. Imagine how helpful that would be.

"Jack Jones and June Smith have death days this week. Want to send them flowers?"

You know what Mike Royko said about the internet (and by extension Facebook), don't you? No reason you should, so let me tell you: "It's been my policy to view the internet not as an 'information highway,' but as an electronic asylum filled with babbling loonies."

Did I mention? I joined Facebook recently. As soon as the specter of 60 approached, I became a babbling loony, too.

I find it a lot of fun. There are lots of other babbling loonies. We have a good time together. For now. ■

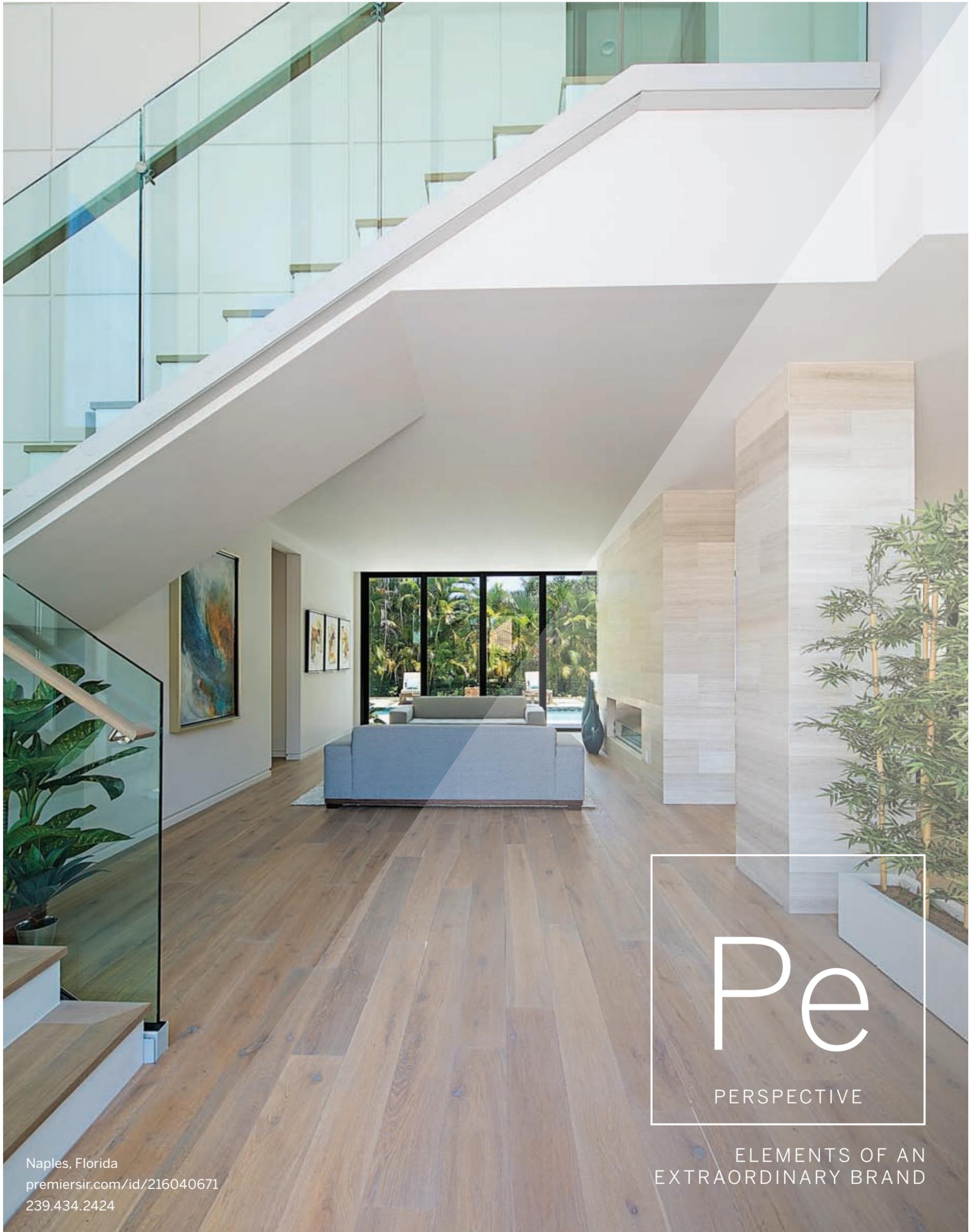
— This column first ran on July 10, 2013, when Mr. Williams turned 60. He is now much, much older and wiser.

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OPINION

To do what must be done



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Maybe you saw the drama unfold on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. It was broadcast through social media. The cameras typically used by C-span to record the action in the chamber were turned off. Unruly lawmakers had broken House rules. Their offensive behavior was deemed far too unseemly to be given the benefit of a national audience.

The lawmakers' rebellion was a serious breach of conduct; it turned the protocol on its head that dictates how the House conducts its legislative business. The majority party rules and rules absolutely. The speaker of the House (appointed by the majority) decides the order of business and runs the show. There are no inter-tribal pow-wows to reach mutual consent on the House agenda.

It is not uncommon for there to be unhappiness on that point, but minority dissenters typically follow the road they are given. They observe the rules and live to fight another day. This time, it did not happen that way. The Democratic minority rebelled. The lawmakers protested with a sit-in.

Though astonished by their behavior, the speaker remained unmoved. He refused to re-adjust the order of business or offer an olive branch. The House session was adjourned; the lights turned off; and the legislative chamber emptied. The ruling majority left the building. The doors closed behind them, leaving a small but determined group of Democratic lawmakers sitting-in on the House floor.

The halls buzzed with the conversations of the Republicans as they exited the building. Let the offending scoundrels stew in their own juices! They can air their grievances amongst themselves! What an

outlandish and juvenile outburst! And so undisciplined! Why, it is as if the Democrats think they are in the British Parliament, for God's sake. It is a well-known fact the Brits shout their business to each other across the aisle. We, the Republican majority, don't do such things.

The revolt by the Democratic minority had begun inauspiciously. The speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, gavelled the House into order to get done with a procedural vote. The exact nature of that agenda item has since fallen into obscurity, soon eclipsed by the provocation it inspired. Perhaps it was yet another vote to kill the Affordable Care Act. Whatever it was, it had absolutely nothing to do with gun control or gun violence, despite the latest mass shooting in Orlando.

House Democrats were outraged. The speaker refused to bring legislation forward for a vote to close a gun loophole. A suspected terrorist on the government's no-fly list can legally buy military weapons and high-volume magazines to inflict mass destruction. What is it that conservatives don't get about such an insanity?

Speaker Ryan ignored those protesting the House's failure to act. He spoke over them, motioning for approval of his legislative footnote, addressing comment and instruction to his fellow Republicans. He droned on officiously, blah, blah, blah, as if the protesting minority were unruly children, to be seen and not heard.

The frustration of the House minority turned volatile. It was, after all, just days earlier that a mass murder took place in a gay nightclub in Orlando. There were 49 dead and 53 wounded. The lone wolf gunman who committed the heinous act bought his firearms legally two days prior to the killings. The murderer was known to the FBI as a likely terrorist suspect. A loophole in gun laws allowed him to escape notice and legally buy the weapons.

Even as the House refused to act, the killer's victims were still being buried. Those surviving were still in recovery,

many with multiple gunshot wounds, their lives changed forever. The nation was reeling, shocked and horrified.

A national call for Congressional action seemed unstoppable. There was cautious optimism the logjam of Congress' refusal to do act would be broken. Then the NRA flexed its legislative muscle. The nation's demand for common sense gun controls fell on deaf ears. The Republican majority was neither of the mind nor the will to bend.

In the face of yet another bloody massacre, doing nothing was more than wrong. It was shameful. House Democrats flooded into the well of the House chamber shouting "no bill, no break" and "shame, shame, shame." It was an act of civil disobedience by lawmakers in the House of Representatives unprecedented in American history. It violated legislative protocols going all the way back to powdered wigs and brass spittoons.

One of the civil rights movement's most distinguished warriors led the protest. Congressman John Lewis, representing the 5th Congressional District of Georgia, knows about civil disobedience. He has the scars and the jail record to prove it. At age 76, he is no longer a shy person. He has, as Garrison Keillor might put it, the strength to do what must be done.

Lewis and his supporters vow to return to the matter of common sense gun controls when the House reconvenes. I expect he'll be demanding of us all, "Which side are you on?" ■

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GUEST OPINION

Water crisis: Step up, Gov. Scott, and do what the voters want

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Recently a state of emergency was declared for Lee, Martin and St. Lucie counties from the filthy water and toxic algae spilling from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and estuaries. The irony is that the state knowingly has made decision after disastrous policy decisions that have contributed to this crisis.

While denial, excuses and pointing fingers at the feds abound, there is little from our governor as to how the state — not the feds — is the primary entity responsible for pollution and water quality, as well as for buying land for water storage and treatment projects.

There has been no mention of how Gov. Rick Scott has led the state Department of Environmental Protection to continuously downgrade water quality standards and protections — including for nutrient pollution — or has forced the South Florida Water Management District to do

a 180-degree shift from its previous initiative to buy land in the Everglades Agricultural Area for the redirection and filtration of these polluted waters to their current staunch opposition of doing so.

Even within the last two weeks, the conservancy as well as other water advocates and concerned citizens from around the state, convened in West Palm Beach to urge the top brass from all the state and federal agencies to move forward in planning for the added storage, treatment and conveyance needed in the EAA to help solve our water crisis.

Unfortunately, that call to action has been met with a deafening silence. Planning for this crucial EAA water storage project has been pushed off to begin in 2020, despite dire water conditions and land use projects pushing into that area that could eliminate the potential of using them to fix this situation forever. This is wholly unacceptable.

While we continue to advocate for many other steps that will also be needed, the EAA is the essential missing piece of the puzzle to cleansing and returning the excess water back to the Everglades and Florida Bay, where it historically flowed and is desperately needed.

Agriculture and flood protection will

be maintained for the surrounding areas. The conversion of a portion of agricultural lands for this vital purpose would hardly spell disaster for the sugar industry, which will likely continue farming on the adjacent tens of thousands of acres it currently uses for sugar production.

Our rivers and estuaries are deteriorating, our tourism and real estate economies are suffering and people are becoming scared to enjoy the waterways, that drew them to South Florida in the first place.

We can no longer afford to have leaders only talk about solving this without taking the necessary actions needed to do so. Addressing septic systems is helpful but the science is clear that additional EAA land south of the lake is needed.

With the passage of Amendment 1, the opportunity and money to buy land and build water projects is there.

What we need now is our governor and the state agencies he directs to step up, take responsibility and actually do what the voters want and count on them to do to address this situation and prevent it from reoccurring.

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Be cool. Stay in the pool (or inside with a tablet and air-conditioning)



It's summertime, which in addition to the oppressive heat, means everyone is putting a happy spin on enforced family togetherness. I see you, Facebook, trying to convince me that my preschool best friend from across the country is having "a totally rad vacation with the fam!" while surrounded by relatives who appear to be Marilyn Manson roadies. Also, Cousin, I see from your daily posts that you have scheduled an entire summer of afternoon craft projects for your clean, clipped, self-contained children, whereas mine come home from camp in an emotional frenzy to raid the pantry before disappearing into a Mine-craft daze.

Blood sport, encouraged by the glow of an iPad screen, is how we're building our children's character this summer. When they get too ratty, we throw them in the pool and tell them to work on their strokes. In six weeks, they both have developed freakishly strong legs, the better to silently pummel each other with when their parents are within earshot. The oldest definitely has a better reach, but the youngest gets her licks in by virtue of blind, self-righteous fury when her brother hogs the screen. We make frequent attempts to lure them

away from Mojang's hypnotic glare, and the conversations all resemble exchanges like this:

"Go outside," a parent will tell them.
 "No! It's hot!"
 "Read something."
 "No! It's boring!"
 "Teach the puppy to use the toilet."
 "Really? No, that's dumb."
 "Fine, clean your room for your cousins."
 "UUUGGGHHH, WHYYYYYY?!?!?"
 "OK, go weed the backyard."
 "It's hot!"
 "IsweartoGodsummerisoverifyou'restillstandingtherewhenicounttoten."
 And around and around each conver-

sation goes, always circling back to the truth: One step outside and you're standing on melting asphalt at the gates of Hell. Better to needle your loved ones all the livelong day than vaporize on your own porch.

There is, of course, a steady stream of relatives visiting what they think will be our balmy climate, only to melt into a greasy sunscreen puddle on our couch every afternoon.

"It's so hot," they say.
 "Sure is," a native will shoot back.
 "This is worse than Texas (or California or New Jersey or Tampa)."
 "Sure is."

"I'm going back in the pool. Is that all there is to do here?"

"Well, there's vodka in the freezer. Floating and drinking is fun."

Living in a seasonal economy makes it more difficult to entertain in the summertime, what with all community events slowing a crawl and our natural wonders threatening to kill our guests with heat exhaustion and mating alligators. One ill-fated golf outing last week resulted in some houseguests spending almost six hours in the blazing sun. These strong, hearty young men — two of them active military — arrived back home in shambles, the younger pair unfit for conversation until they'd had a few glasses of ice water and another practically having an aneurysm over cereal. The fourth ran out of patience with his companions and drove home, not to be heard from until sleep and hydration restored everyone's spirits.

The Florida heat, it turns out, is bad for family relations.

Laboring away like an Egyptian slave in the sun? It sours your mood.

Outside play prevented by a stubborn instinct to avoid liquefying on the lawn? It drives your parents nuts.

So from now until September (October if we're really unlucky), our clan will be in the pool or indoors. You know where to find us. ■

— Lindsey Nesmith imagines that her kids' camp counselors probably have to drive them outside with a bullwhip.



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“If the Electoral College came up as legislation now, it would not conform with the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution.”

— Alex Keyssar, author of “Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College?”

COLLEGE

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the next president of the United States. Yet, barring an unforeseen and unknowable circumstance, either Mr. Trump or Ms. Clinton will indeed take the oath of office in January.

Given the deep divisions that are tearing at the very fabric of our Republic, it is unlikely that the winning candidate will receive a majority of the popular vote, and that matters not in settling the issue. The votes of consequence are those cast in the Electoral College — that quirky and confusing entity devised in haste by the men who wrote and ratified the Constitution in 1787.

Most observers give a decided edge in the EC to Ms. Clinton. This is not a reflection of her strength as a candidate and a campaigner. To a lesser degree it speaks to the weaknesses of Mr. Trump and to a larger degree it highlights the inherent EC advantage that benefits any Democratic candidate for president.

A caveat is required at this point: We are a long way from November. Polls and electoral projections at this stage simply are, as the cliché goes, “snapshots in time.” Ms. Clinton faces major hurdles — namely problems growing out of the email brouhaha that arose from her tenure as secretary of state, her reputation as a calculating, rabidly ambitious, corner-cutting politician and what can only be described as her inherent unlikability. Oh, and then there’s Bill Clinton, whose reputation as the greatest political mind of his generation is rapidly eroding as he stumbles from controversy to controversy.

Still, taking all of that into consideration, there is no denying that the current EC map trends strongly in Ms. Clinton’s favor.

“There are 17 states (and the District of Columbia) that have voted for the Democratic presidential nominee in each of the six presidential elections between 1992 and 2012,” *The Washington Post* pointed out in its July 1 editions. “Add them all up and you get 242 electoral votes. There are 13 states that have voted for the Republican presidential nominee in every one of those six elections; they total 102 electoral votes. Win the states that every Democrat since her husband has won plus Florida, and Hillary Clinton is the 45th president. Simple as that.”

In that same article, *The Post* came up with three possible electoral maps. Two of these scenarios envisioned Ms. Clinton receiving 319 electoral votes and one had her at 347 — all comfortably above the 270 needed to win. The projected totals from Mr. Trump were 191 in two instances and 219 in the third.

Nate Silver, the statistical wunderkind who runs the wildly popular FiveThirtyEight blog, assessed the race and came up with these odds:

- Clinton wins popular vote. 82.3 percent.
- Trump wins popular vote. 17.6 percent.
- Clinton wins popular vote but loses EC. 3.9 percent.
- Trump wins popular vote but loses EC. 0.8 percent.



A 1987 painting by Louis Glanzman depicts the signing of the Constitution.

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■ EC tie with each candidate getting 269 votes. 0.4 percent.

No matter who is making the prediction, the core of this or any other presidential campaign is performance in battleground states that are not safely Republican or Democratic. It is in these states where the true campaign is waged, and this exposes a serious and fundamental flaw of the EC.

Let’s say you are a Democrat living in a solidly Republican state, such as Texas. The Democratic candidate is not going to make an effort there because there is zero chance of winning. Someone voting Democratic in Texas is making a symbolic gesture, for sure, but nothing more. Texas’ 38 EC votes are going to the Republican nominee. You can take that to the bank.

Likewise, simply reverse the parties in a Democratic stronghold like California. The Golden State’s 55 EC votes are as good as delivered already to the Democratic nominee. A Republican vote cast there means nothing in the overall picture.

Presidential candidates — who like to perpetuate the myth that all votes matter, regardless of where they are cast — usually are loath to admit that they will ignore huge swaths of the nation during their campaigns.

Not so Donald Trump.

“We have to win, and I want to put my energy into the states where it could go either way,” he said in a speech in Billings, Mont. He added that about 15 states will occupy his attention during the general election campaign.

One outgrowth of this narrowing of presidential elections is that voter participation goes up in the 10 or so contested states and drops in the others.

This perversion of the popular-voting system drives EC detractors nuts.

“Essentially, our votes don’t matter in a great majority of the states,” Doug McAdam, a professor of sociology at Stanford University and an astute observer of the EC, told *Florida Weekly*.

“States have no interest, as states, in the election of a president, only citizens do, and the

vote of a citizen in Coeur d’Alene should count equally with one in Detroit,” Jack Rakove, professor of history and American studies at Stanford University, wrote in an op-ed column published in 2000.

Mr. Rakove concluded his piece with an assessment that rings true 16 years later.

“We may not love the Electoral College, and the reasons for its adoption have no relevance today, but that doesn’t mean we can ever get rid of it.”



Process is state-by-state affair

The EC was bequeathed to us by the constitutional framers, who were at odds over how the United States should go about electing its presidents. Some framers favored popular elections; others believed Congress should select the president. Thus, the EC emerged from the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia as a slapdash compromise that served its purpose but satisfied almost no one.

On its face, the EC seems undemocratic and strikingly at odds with the fundamental American proposition that everyone’s vote should count equally. James Madison (the “Father of the Constitution”), who was present at the creation of the EC, later abandoned the idea, as did other framers. Yet the EC seems here to stay, as Mr. Rakove noted — frustrating reformers who insist it is time to mothball this constitutional anomaly, which has the potential every four years to neuter the national popular vote.

Even Russian President Vladimir Putin, of all people, has used the EC as a propaganda device to be deployed against the U.S. In 2014, Mr. Putin said its existence proves “there is no true democracy” in the U.S.

Make what you will of Mr. Putin’s criticism, but consider this extraordinary fact about our electoral system: The EC is so out of whack that it is theoretically possible that a candidate could be an electoral winner with only 18 to 21 percent of the popular vote, according to an analysis conducted by



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Charles Wessell, a mathematician at Gettysburg College.

(For those long separated from their high school civics class, here’s a quick EC primer. Under the EC, each state gets electors that are equal to the total of its two U.S. senators and the number of its representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives. In almost all cases — Nebraska and Maine excepted — the presidential candidate who wins a state’s popular vote receives all of its electors. To be elected president, a candidate must secure a majority of the electoral votes. The total number of EC electors nationwide is 538, meaning that to prevail, a candidate needs at least 270 electoral votes. The EC makes certain that presidential elections are not national contests that hinge on the outcome of the popular vote. Rather, the EC turns the process into a state-by-state affair. States that are not solidly Republican or Democratic — the so-called “swing states” or “battleground states” — are key to an electoral victory. These toss-up states — anywhere from six to 12, depending on the year and who is making the prediction — are where candidates focus their campaigns. The remaining states, from a candidate’s narrow perspective, are superfluous. As we have seen in four previous presidential elections, a candidate can win the national popular vote but still lose the election — thanks to the EC.)

Richard Posner, a U.S. Court of Appeals judge in Chicago, is one of the EC’s most reasoned defenders. In a 2012 essay, Judge Posner said the EC was preferable because, among other things, it reduced the influence of big states because no state has more than two senators. He argued that the results in the EC were less likely to be challenged and that the electoral system precluded presidential run-off elections. Further, he said that the EC rarely determines the winner. (Judge Posner did not respond to an interview request from *Florida Weekly*.)

This year’s presidential race, pitting Mr. Trump against Ms. Clinton, seems — at this point — to be close, meaning an EC victory is possible, if not prob-



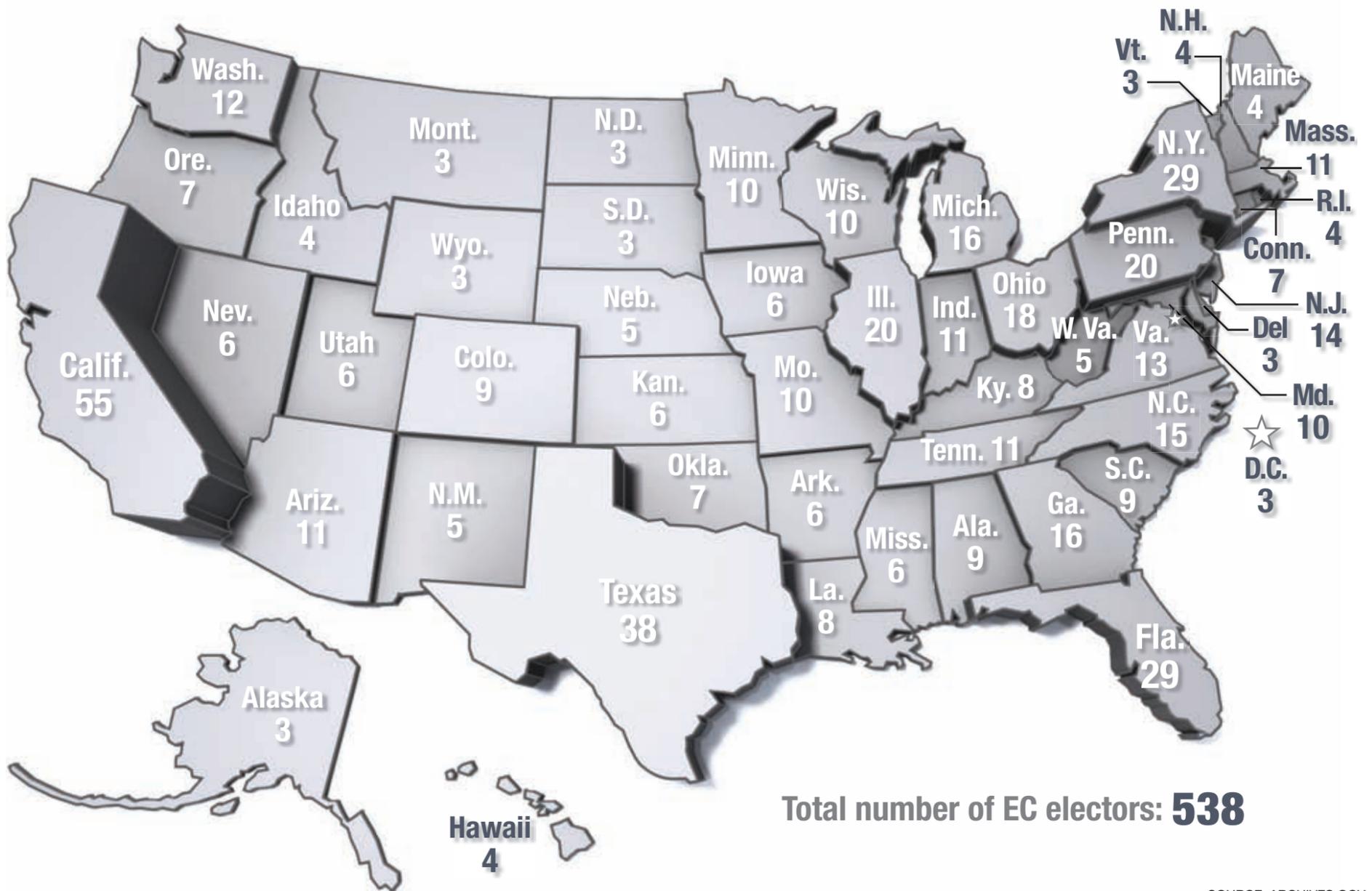
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The Electoral College: Where the votes are

Under the Electoral College, each state gets electors that are equal to the total of its two U.S. senators and the number of its representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives. To be elected president, a candidate must secure a majority of the electoral votes. The map below shows the breakdown of electoral votes per state.



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able. The prospect of either Mr. Trump or Ms. Clinton taking office without a popular mandate is disturbing.

In today's super-heated political climate, it is highly likely that the legitimacy of a president who loses the popular vote only to be elected by the EC would be questioned by the opposing side. Even a popular-vote win — especially one in which the winner receives a mere plurality — might not confer authority in light of the extraordinarily ugly and personal tone of this year's race. An electoral victory, however, most assuredly would unleash the hounds of discord and disaffection.

Further muddying the 2016 waters is Mr. Trump's persistent claim that the "system" is rigged against him, even in the Republican primaries. It is hard to imagine Mr. Trump fading quietly into the shadows (as did Al Gore) if he triumphed in the popular vote but lost in the EC. (Mr. Gore, you may recall, said, simply and without apparent bitterness, "It is time for me to go" after the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000 sealed George W. Bush's EC victory.)

One can anticipate a barrage of lawsuits, voter protests, bombastic rhetoric and lord knows what else if Mr. Trump meets the same fate as Mr. Gore. Although it is doubtful that Mr. Trump — who is justly renowned for

his litigious nature — would prevail in a court of law if he attacked the EC, a protracted contesting of electoral results — coupled with incendiary speech — would constitute a crisis of governance.

Given the stakes and the mood of the country, 2016 is as good a year as any to take a hard look at the EC. Why do we have it? Should we keep it? Will it take an electoral catastrophe (possibly fraught with violent protests) to bring about a true national debate over the manner in which we elect our presidents? And, finally, does anyone — outside of the concerned, informed few — really care?



Everyone complains, nothing happens

The EC has been tinkered with successfully just once since the Constitution was ratified in 1787. Controversies arising from the presidential elections of 1796 and 1800 led to the ratification in 1804 of the 12th Amendment, which revised the procedures of the EC.

"The Electoral College has never worked the way it was supposed to work," Alex Keyssar, professor of history and social policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Gov-

ernment, told *Florida Weekly*. "It has never been a deliberative body. It was out of date within a decade. Attempts to get rid of it ... started 10 years after the Constitution was ratified."

"Contrary to folk wisdom, the framers did not reject popular election because of a fear that the people might fall prey to a demagogue," wrote Mr. Rakove, the Stanford historian, in a *New York Times* op-ed piece. "They worried instead that in a provincial society, citizens would never be well enough informed to make an effective choice without multiple and expensive rounds of elections."

Additionally, America's Original Sin — slavery — played an important and decisive role in the creation of the EC.

"The college's primary purpose was not to give small states greater representation, as is often claimed by its defenders today," according to Richard Hasen, an expert in election law at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. "Instead, the Electoral College was created to reflect the political realities associated with accommodat-



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ing the institution of slavery into our electoral system."

An electoral method that featured the popular vote would have reduced the influence of the slave-holding states in the South. To protect the South's political power and influence, the framers came up with the infamous Three-Fifths Compromise, which held that slaves — who could not vote, of course — could still be counted as three-fifths of a person for electoral purposes.

"Under a direct election system, the Southern states would be at a significant disadvantage because their slaves could not vote," Mr. Hasen explained in an essay on the EC. "Through the Electoral College and the Three-Fifths Compromise, however, partially counting slaves when determining the number of presidential electors allowed the Southern states to rival the electoral power of their Northern brethren."

Those who seek to reform or abolish the EC posit that it was created under circumstances radically different from those that exist today and therefore has virtually no relevance in our contemporary society.

Oddly, the EC is at once maligned and ignored. Opinion polls consistently show that an overwhelming majority

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of Americans (81 percent in one such poll) think it is a bad idea, although few people — outside of constitutional scholars, historians, political scientists, a few quarrelsome politicians and legal experts — ever raise much of a ruckus over its existence. The American Bar Association called it “archaic” and “ambiguous.” Sanford Levinson, a law professor at the University of Texas, colorfully described the EC as a “constitutional iron cage built for us by (the) framers.”

Over the course of 200 or so years, there have been more than 700 proposals set forth in Congress to either reform the EC or eliminate it altogether. Despite this legislative onslaught, the EC remains unbowed and unbloodied. “There have been more proposals for constitutional amendments on changing the Electoral College than on any other subject,” according to the National Archives and Records Administration.

These quixotic flurries of congressional activity do nothing to spark popular interest in addressing this constitutional anachronism, and those who are deeply immersed in the subject see little hope of a widespread public awakening anytime soon.

“To me, it’s deeply depressing that the country is incapable of having a serious discussion of what is obviously a flawed, and in some senses undemocratic, process,” Mr. Rakove has noted.

In contemporary America, the EC seemingly favors Democrats over Republicans thanks in large part to large, traditionally Democratic states that anchor both coasts. Paradoxically, Republicans rarely squawk (perhaps because they were the last to benefit from the EC in the 2000 presidential election), and Democrats are the ones who most often seek change.

“Winning in the Electoral College is usually an uphill battle for Republicans,” Mr. Rakove, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book “Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution,” told *Florida Weekly*.

The EC has played a role in usurping the popular vote in four presidential contests (1824, 1876, 1888 and 2000). The election of 1824 was a nightmare for Andrew Jackson, who won both a plurality of the popular vote and a plurality of the EC vote and still lost. Because Jackson did not receive a majority of the votes in the EC, the election was tossed to the U.S. House of Representatives, which elected John Quincy Adams. Benjamin Harrison in 1888 received about 90,000 fewer popular votes than Grover Cleveland but won in the EC by a count of 233 to 168.

In 2004, a swing of about 80,000 votes in Ohio would have handed John Kerry an electoral win (by a 272-266 margin) over President Bush — despite Mr. Bush having won nearly 51 percent of the popular vote nationally. Because he carried Ohio, Mr. Bush’s victorious EC total was 286; Mr. Kerry’s tally was 252.

Democrats alleged that widespread “irregularities” in the 2004 Ohio vote resulted in “a significant disenfranchisement of voters.” Congressional Democrats attempted to block the

counting of Ohio’s 20 electoral votes. That move was defeated 267-31 in the House of Representatives and 74-1 in the Senate.

Mr. Kerry, for his part, wanted no part in disputing the results, instead stressing the need to move forward — again, a significant departure from how Mr. Trump might react to a like circumstance.

“The election is behind us,” Mr. Kerry said. “The American people now expect their leaders in Washington to focus on big priorities facing this country.”

Mr. Keyssar, the Harvard professor, believes that had Mr. Kerry prevailed in 2004, it might have sparked interest in abolishing the EC. “If (a Kerry victory) had happened, then (the EC) would have gone each way politically,” he said.

If both political parties had suffered EC defeats — within a space of four years, no less — the EC might have been imperiled, Mr. Keyssar said.

“Democrats would have considered (a Kerry win) sweet revenge for 2000,” *The Wall Street Journal* pointed out a week after the 2004 election. But the rancor such a result would have engendered “might not have worked out very well for Mr. Kerry, not to mention the nation.” The newspaper concluded that the 2004 election results “handed both parties an issue they should be able to agree on: It is time to abolish the Electoral College.”

Most Americans are aware that the EC exists, but few really understand it or have any comprehension of how it came into being. Along with the Federal Reserve System, it might be, to the average American, the most mystifying and least comprehensible of our public institutions.

Perhaps confusion was inevitable since this bedrock constitutional principle would very likely be deemed unconstitutional were it proposed today.

“If the Electoral College came up as legislation now, it would not conform with the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution,” Mr. Keyssar, author of the forthcoming book “Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College?” told *Florida Weekly*.



A theory on the apathy

Tallahassee Circuit Judge Terry Lewis has seen, up close and personal, the whirlwind the EC can spawn. He was assigned to hear cases growing out of the Florida presidential recount in November of 2000.

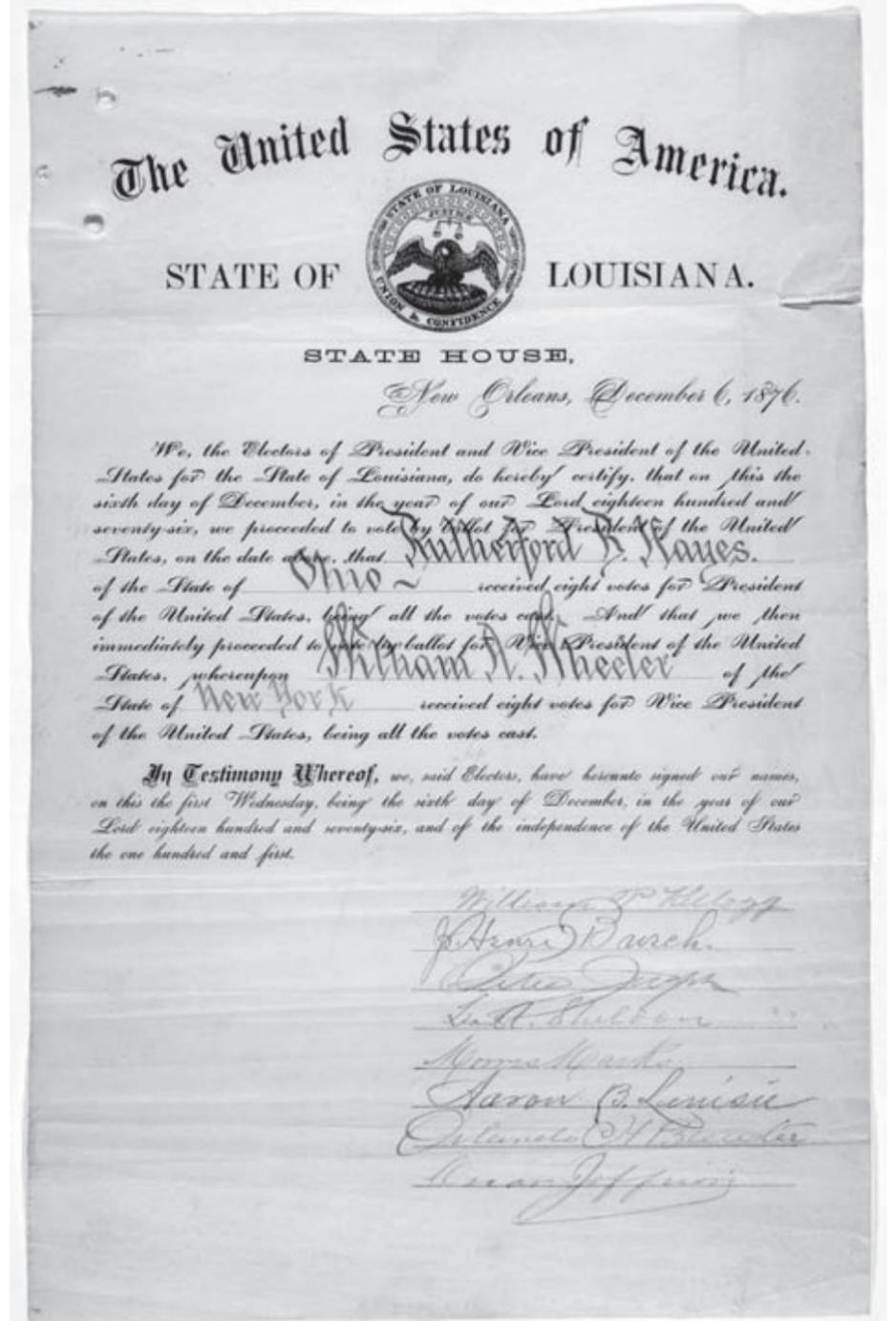
During this dizzying period, a sobering thought entered the mind of Judge Lewis, an esteemed jurist and accomplished novelist who specializes in Scott Turow-style legal thrillers.

“At some point, I realized that, damn, I may have to make a decision on who is going to be president of the United States,” Judge Lewis, who remains on the bench in Tallahassee, told *Florida Weekly*.

That a judge in Tallahassee, Fla. could determine the next Leader of the Free World is pretty remarkable, when you give it some thought.



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Judge Lewis, who was accurately described in *The New York Times* as “unflappable,” was not overwhelmed by this seemingly daunting prospect (“I was used to high-publicity cases,” he said), but he was acutely aware that the cases he was hearing represented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play a decisive role in the shaping of American history. And that is enough to test limits of anyone’s unflappability.

The fact that Judge Lewis was poised on the precipice of such a momentous decision was due solely to the fact that the EC — not the popular vote — determines the occupant of the Oval Office.

The 2000 contest drove this point home in dramatic fashion. Regardless of the results of the Florida recount, George W. Bush was not going to receive more direct, popular votes than Al Gore, who was, it could be argued, the true people’s choice, albeit by a razor-thin margin. (Mr. Gore’s edge in the popular vote amounted to about 500,000 votes out of 105 million cast.)

In the end, the U.S. Supreme Court, not Judge Lewis, settled the issue. Bush v. Gore, a controversial and convoluted 5-4 decision — which the court tellingly explained could not be cited in later cases as precedent — stopped the Florida recount, and the state’s 25 electoral votes and the White House were handed to Mr. Bush.

The hotly contested election brought the EC into the spotlight. In the immediate wake of Mr. Bush’s electoral victory,

Democrats, principally, complained that the EC undermined the commonweal. But the grouching was short-lived.

“There was tremendous anger over the 2000 presidential results, but it didn’t produce a groundswell of opposition to the Electoral College,” Mr. McAdam, the Stanford sociologist, told *Florida Weekly*.

Why didn’t this anger translate into calls for elimination or reform of the EC?

“It happens so rarely, people don’t get upset about it,” Judge Lewis speculated. “And, to be truthful, a lot of people don’t understand (the EC). Most of the time it works pretty well. There’s always going to be a margin of error (in presidential elections) if you use the Electoral College or the popular vote. So, who’s to say one is better than the other?”

“I don’t honestly know (why there isn’t more popular opposition to the EC),” confessed Mr. McAdam — who is the author of the book “Deeply Divided,” which explores and explains the unprecedented polarization that roils present-day America. “Perhaps the feeling is that, oh, well, we’ve always done it this way.”

Mr. McAdam is doubtlessly correct when he references apathy as one of the EC’s greatest allies. But there may be a companion theory — unprovable but anecdotally compelling.

While the constitutional framers have always been highly esteemed by succeeding generations, it seems they

have been excessively deified in the last couple of decades or so by a group one might identify as “constitutional cultists.” This group believes the Constitution’s conception was immaculate and that not a word or sentence is open to interpretation. They are easy to spot but hard to shake. They tote pocket-size copies of the Constitution, which they whip out at the drop of a hat and wave in the face of anyone who dares to question anything that they believe contradicts a single word of the sacred document. Thus, if the framers set up an electoral system, that’s the way it is and the way it should be. Case closed.

Interestingly, these cultists scorn compromise on all things constitutional (Exhibit A: the Second Amendment). This intransigence wholly ignores that the Constitution came about solely through a host of compromises brokered by the framers in a highly politicized environment.

To these cultists, the framers were supermen, who rose above the grime and muck of political horse-trading and whose wisdom and commitment were beyond question and reproach. These were men of incredible talent, certainly, but many Founding Fathers were absent from Philadelphia in the summer of 1787, including Thomas Jefferson (who was occupied as minister to France) and John Adams (minister to Great Britain). Samuel Adams and John Hancock took a pass, as did Patrick Henry, who steered clear, explaining that he “smelt a rat in Philadelphia, tending toward the monarchy.”

Some framers showed up for work only when they felt like it. The most notable exception to this laid-back approach was the indefatigable James Madison, whose meticulous notes are the best record of what transpired at the convention. Only about 30 percent of the delegates bothered to hang around for the full four months.

Whining about the Pennsylvania heat and working conditions was rampant. Some frustrated delegates walked out in protest. Three delegates — Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts and Virginia’s Edmund Randolph and George Mason — showed their displeasure with the final product by refusing to sign.

So despite the hagiographic construct put forth by constitutional cultists, the undeniable truth is that the Constitution was created by mortals/politicians who wheeled, dealt, pleaded, cajoled and twisted arms.

Mortals make mistakes, and, with benefit of hindsight, the EC — stewed in a broth fouled by racism and slavery — seems to be one the framers made.

How grievous an error the framers made when they concocted the EC was vividly on display in the presidential election of 1876.

Republican Rutherford B. Hayes received nearly 250,000 fewer votes than Democrat Samuel Tilden. But Hayes eventually — after some of the most shamelessly cynical politically maneuvering in the history of the United States, prevailed in the EC by a one-vote margin — 185 to 184. Hayes’ victory, however, came at a great cost to the country — and most especially to the freed slaves in the South.

Tilden needed 185 electoral votes to win. He had 184 after the popular vote had been counted. Four states that had a total of 20 electoral votes (Florida, Louisiana, Oregon and South Carolina) challenged the results and withheld their electoral ballots.

That left the election with no winner and electoral votes hanging in the air and attached to no one — a circumstance no one had contemplated.

Unsure what to do, the two political parties set up a 15-member Electoral Commission (seven Democrats, seven Republicans and an independent) to wade through the mess. There were complaints that the commission itself was unconstitutional but the ensuing confusion overwhelmed these objections.

The situation was further complicated when the sole independent, U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Davis, bolted the commission after he was elected to the U.S. Senate by the Illinois Legislature. His replacement on the commission was a partisan Hayes supporter whose presence meant that the Republicans controlled eight of the 15 spots on the commission.

Democrats cried foul and said they would block the appointment, thus perpetuating the stalemate. Violence growing out of election seemed a real possibility. “Blood for Tilden!” was a favored rallying cry among some Democrats.

Desperate to resolve the impasse and control the White House, Republicans cut a deal with Democrats. They agreed to the removal of federal troops stationed in the South as part of Reconstruction. In return, Democrats stood down and allowed Hayes to receive the 20 disputed electoral votes he needed to become president.

That deal, brought about directly by the presence of the EC, proved disastrous for African Americans in the South. It effectively ended Reconstruction and allowed the South to establish a system officially sanctioning racial discrimination that endured for generations.

No one is predicting an

1876-style imbroglio, but no one is quite sure what to expect this year. One thing does seem certain though — the likelihood of a landslide à la Lyndon Johnson in 1964, Richard Nixon in 1972 or Ronald Reagan in 1984 — is very slim.

It is inconceivable that anyone could fashion a victory even remotely resembling Mr. Reagan’s performance in 1984, when he won 59 percent of the popular vote, carried 49 states and racked up a record 525 electoral votes. (No president since George H.W. Bush in 1988 has been able to amass 400 electoral votes.)

“Election outcomes have narrowed since (1984),” *The New York Times* observed last month. “Information Age realignment hardened party lines, making Republicans and Democrats more ideologically distinct and reducing the ability of nominees to lure crossover votes.”

Whoever wins in November will be at the

helm of a country that is suspicious of those in power and sharply split along ideological and party lines. If the new president wins the EC but loses the popular vote, these feelings of skepticism and cynicism will only deepen. And that is truly frightening. ■



Key dates leading to the November election

July 18-21

★ GOP National Convention ★

The Republicans are coming, the Republicans are coming! The party’s in Cleveland. There will be balloons. They’ll be announcing the party’s platform and officially nominating a candidate.

Sept. 26

★ First Presidential Debate ★

The top two are set. Now it’s time for their first face-off. Dun dun dun.

July 25-28

★ Democratic National Convention ★

It’s Donkey Kong in Philadelphia. There will be balloons here, too. And picking a top candidate to maybe go all the way to the White House.

Oct. 4

★ Vice Presidential Debate ★

The Robins take center stage. They’ll be aiming to show their strengths wherever their Batmans are weak.

Oct. 9

★ Second Presidential Debate ★

Less than one month to Election Day. The candidates will have to answer to any big doubts that Americans still have about their job skills.

Aug. 30

★ THE FLORIDA PRIMARY ★

Oct. 19

★ Third Presidential Debate ★

Last chance dance for the candidates to show why they’re ready to be Ms. or Mr. America. No pressure.

Nov. 8

★ ELECTION DAY ★

You’ve read their résumés. You’ve seen them in action. Now’s time to give the final rose to a candidate.



CLUB NOTES

■ The **DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive. The next meeting is July 14. Meetings are open to the public, and all levels of photographers are welcome. For more information, visit dpi-sig.org.



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

■ The **Paradise Coast Paddlers Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the North Collier Government Center, 3550 Orange Blossom Drive. The next meeting is Aug. 3. Members also get together

to paddle at 9 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month. The next paddle is July 17. All are welcome. For more information, visit meetup.com/Naples-Marco-Island-Paradise-Coast-Paddlers-Club. Michael Develin is president of the club.

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

■ The **Naples Wednesday Bridge Club** welcomes new members to join in at 9:15 a.m. every Wednesday in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for \$20 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. The next meeting is July 20. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples MacFriends User Group** has hundreds of members who share a passion for all thing Apple and who love to learn from one another. Weekly meetings are open to all, free of charge, and take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is July 20. For more information, visit naplesmug.com.

■ The **Naples Peggers** invite anyone who likes cribbage to play from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomasson Drive. The next meeting is July 20. The annual membership fee is \$10. For more information, call Cathy Keeler at 774-1113 or email cathykeeler8@gmail.com.

■ **Madame Denyse Jenkins** invites those who enjoy conversing in French to the next French Speaking Table luncheon at noon Thursday, July 21, at Café Normandie, 3756 Tamiami Trail N. The only cost is for your meal. For reservations, call the restaurant at 261-0977.



■ The **PCBUG** computer and technology club invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to its regular meetings at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is July 21. For more information, call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email paddyeb@hotmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, July 21, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.



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

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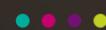
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■ **Phi Beta Phi** alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island areas are invited to meet and mingle starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the Admiralty Point clubhouse in Naples. Cost is \$10. For reservations or more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.



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

■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Aug. 2. All who are interested in collecting



and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bit.ly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools. Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Aug. 3. Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes coffee, pancakes, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Aug. 14.

The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts.

For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaal067.com.

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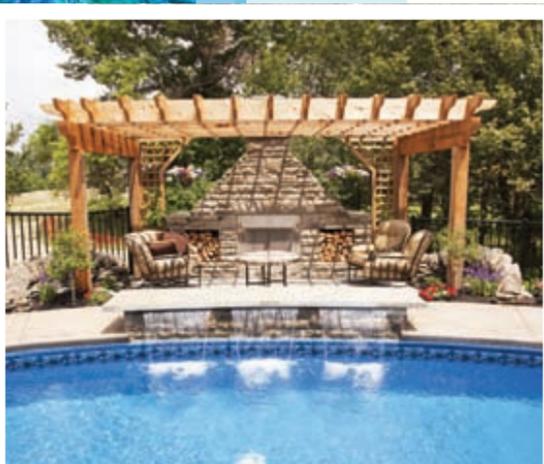
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Blessings, guaranteed

More and more churches (“hundreds,” according to a June Christianity Today report) offer hesitant parishioners a “money-back guarantee” if they tithe 10 percent (or more) of their income for 90 days — but then feel that God blesses them insufficiently in return. The South Carolina megachurch NewSpring instituted such a program in the 1990s and

claims that, of 7,000 recent pledgers, “fewer than 20” expressed dissatisfaction with the Lord. Advocates cite the Bible’s Book of Malachi, quoting God himself (according to Christianity Today): “Test me in this.” “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse” and “see if I will not pour out so much blessing” that “there will not be room enough to store it.”

New World Order

A leading Chinese orthopedic surgeon continues to believe that “full-body” transplants are the next big thing in medicine, despite worldwide skepticism about both the science and the ethics. The plan for Dr. Ren Xiaoping of Harbin Medical University calls for removing both heads (the deceased donor’s and the live recipient’s), connecting the blood vessels, stabilizing the

new neck and “bath(ing)” spinal-cord nerve endings chemically so they will connect. (Critics say it is impossible to “connect” spinal-cord nerves.) According to a June *New York Times* dispatch, doctors regularly denounce China’s ethical laxities (though Chinese officials term such denunciations “envy” at China’s achievements).

Suspicious confirmed

(1) In June, District Attorney Jerry Jones in Monroe, La., dropped drug and gun charges against college football players Cam Robinson and Hootie Jones (who play for the University of Alabama but are from Monroe) — declaring that the “main reason” for his decision is that, “I refuse to ruin the lives of two young men who have spent their adolescence and teenage years working and sweating, while we were all in the air conditioning.”

(2) A Philadelphia “casting” agency solicited “extras” to show up at polling stations on the April 26 Pennsylvania primary day for candidate Kevin Boyle, who was running against state Sen. John Saba-

tina — offering \$120 each (plus lunch and an open bar). Since most polling-site “electioneering” is illegal, the probable job was merely to give voters the impression that Boyle was very popular. (Sabatina narrowly won.)

(3) In January, a *Chicago Tribune* investigation revealed only 124 of the roughly 12,000 Chicago cops were responsible for the misconduct complaints that resulted in settlements (since 2009) — with one officer, for example, identified in seven. (A June Chicago Reporter study claimed the city paid out \$263 million total on misconduct litigation during 2012-2015.)

Litigious societies

(1) Insurance agent John Wright filed a lawsuit in Will County, Illinois, in June over teenagers playing “ding dong ditch,” in which kids ring a doorbell but run away before the resident answers. The lawsuit claims that bell-ringer Brennan Papp, 14, caused Wright “severe emotional distress, anxiety and weight loss,” resulting in at least \$30,000 of lost

income. (2) The ex-boyfriend of Nina Zgurskaya filed a lawsuit in Siberia after she broke up with him for his reluctance to “pop the question” after a two-year courtship. The man, not named in a dispatch from Moscow, demanded compensation for his dating expenses. The trial court ruled against him, but he is appealing.

The job of the researcher

A team of researchers is following about 30 tabbies, calicos and others, recording their moves and sounds, to somehow learn whether housecats have dialects in their meows and alter other patterns of stress and intonation when they “speak” to other cats or to humans. In explaining the project, linguist Rob-

ert Eklund (of Sweden’s Linköping University) personally sounded out “a pretty wide range of meows to illustrate his points,” wrote a *New York* magazine interviewer in April. Eklund is already an expert on feline purring (at Purring.org) — although from a distance, as he admits to being allergic to cats.

The passing parade

■ Quixotic Malaysian designer Moto Guo made a splash at Milan’s fashion week in June when he sent model after model to the runway with facial blotches that suggested they had zits or skin conditions. One reporter was apparently convinced, concluding, “Each man and woman on the runway looked miserable.”

■ Out of control: (1) Nelson Hidalgo, 47, was arrested in New York City in June and charged with criminal negligence and other crimes for parking his van near Citi Field during a Mets game and drawing players’ complaints when he

ramped up the van’s 80-speaker sound system. “I know it’s illegal, but it’s the weekend,” said Hidalgo. “I usually (just) get a ticket.” (2) Trina Hibberd of Mission Beach, Australia, finally showed concern about the python living inside her walls that she has known about for 15 years but (perhaps “Australian-ly”) had chosen to ignore. In June, it wandered out — a 15-foot-long, 90-pound scrub python she calls “Monty.” “All hell broke loose,” a neighbor said later, as snake-handlers took Monty to a more appropriate habitat. ■



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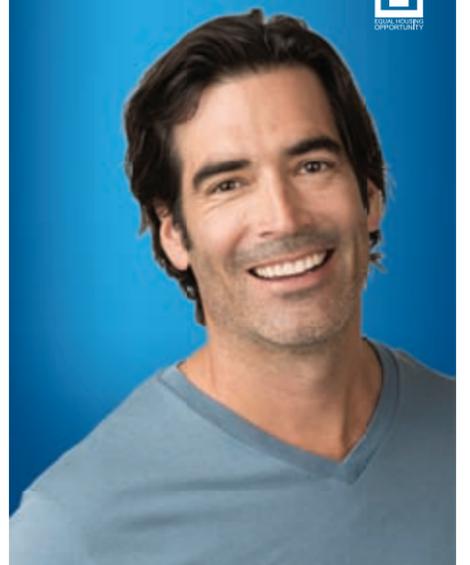
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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Hitting the road in a vintage 240Z



“My dad has a race car in Missouri that he wants in Naples.”

It’s taken far less to sell me on a road trip before. So my friend Jonathan Brownfield had me hooked from the get-go. As we talked a little more, I learned this was more than just a vintage racer. Much more. It was the first Datsun 240Z off the delivery truck in St. Louis. I instantly latch on to the significance.

The “Z” car was large, quick and inspired by the best Europe and America had to offer. In 1970, it represented the kind of machine that made us fall in love with wide-open spaces.

“Its heart is Japan and its soul is America,” Nissan USA’s president said about it.

The 240Z helped turn the public perception of Datsuns as reliable appliances to bona fide automobiles. It was a sensation that created waiting lists across the country. In fact, Jonathan’s father, Tom Biggs, was so excited about it he plucked the first one off the truck in his hometown all those years ago.

St. Louis is significant because the breadbasket of America historically has been one of last to accept import car companies. So when the wheels of Mr. Biggs’ 240Z touched down in this Midwestern city, it basically fulfilled Nissan’s/Datsun’s goal to be a full-line car company nationwide. (OK. This is a bit of dramatic license. But it’s an interesting footnote that revs the gasoline in my veins.)

Jonathan and I entertained the thought of driving a barely street-legal, race-ready coupe across half the country. But the thought of no air conditioning, sound insulation, power steering, radio or even headlights for 1,500 miles soon sunk in as a bad idea. So we phoned up Nissan and managed to secure a brand-new Titan XD truck as a loaner for our adventure. The American-built diesel would trailer the vintage Z over the longer distances, leaving us time to have fun in the important places.

Jonathan and I loaded up and headed for Missouri.

I got my first glimpse of the 240Z on a misty mid-April morning in Lake of the Ozarks. It was parked in the restorer’s garage, repainted to its original red with the competition-inspired black hood.

Unfortunately, the coupe was struggling to start up and was painting the wall



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Arriving in Naples.

behind it black from constant backfiring.

Our tow Titan was beginning to look more like a lifeline.

Every time the car died on its way to the trailer, Jonathan’s heart sank a little lower. The trip home was going to be less eventful than planned.

“I don’t know how much we’re going to be able to get it off the trailer for some fun,” he told me as we secured the car on the trailer and climbed in the truck to head for Nashville, where we had a meeting scheduled with Nissan’s historic collection experts. When we arrived, our

Somewhere along “The Tail of the Dragon” near the Tennessee/North Carolina border.

historic Z wouldn’t even start.

Nissan was quick to offer history, support and the name of a shop it uses in downtown Nashville. Before the afternoon was over, the Z was with a specialist, and Jonathan and I were booked on flights home to Florida.

Fast forward to June, and Jonathan and I went back to Nashville to try again. His dad’s Z looked the same as before, but there was one significant change: The motor now fired to life with an eagerness that would make cars half its age jealous. The experts had dialed-in the timing and rebuilt the carburetors, transforming our problem child into the dream

car we had always hoped we were picking up.

Jonathan insisted on driving it out of the city limits despite no A/C in the middle of a Nashville summer. It now roared with racecar happiness, the only sputters happening when it was trying to tell us to go faster.

It inspired enough confidence that we loaded it up on the trailer and headed for Route 129, aka “The Tail of the Dragon.” This mountain road on the Tennessee/North Carolina border is known for offer-



Leaving St. Louis.

ing hundreds of curves over the course of 15 miles. We spent the day taking turns running up and down a route that kisses the Smokey Mountains and ends at the dam made famous in the movie “The Fugitive.”

There would be a few more stops along the way, and the most important would be Jacksonville. Not only was this likely the port city for the coupe, but it is also home to one of the largest Cars & Coffee events in the state. What a thrill it was for us to watch people stare at our Z car, investigate the motor, admire its interior and ponder what stories the car with blacked-out headlights could tell.

Cars & Coffee gave us enough encouragement and caffeine to make the final push for Naples that evening. After four days of driving we arrived so road weary that the trailer almost missed Mr. Biggs’ driveway.

Even by lamplight, Jonathan’s dad was excited to inspect every inch of his Z. Over dinner there were tales of how he enjoyed the sleek coupe on the streets but couldn’t resist turning it into a SCCA racer after a few years. He even admitted he was actually the third person on the waiting list for this car, but cash in-hand was a powerful tool.

It’s hard to find fault with Mr. Biggs’ story of jumping to the front of the line. Nowhere else would the car that fulfilled Datsun/Nissan in the USA have found a better forever home than in this family. Today father and son are wide-eyed as they take turns planning vintage races and boulevard cruises with this new Florida resident. ■

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

The Titan XD: Nissan brings out its fiercest fact first

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Anyone who has to take a racecar (or boat, camper or other toy) from mid-Missouri to Naples needs a good tow vehicle. It only seems fitting that our classic Datsun 240Z would be paired with the all-new 2016 Nissan Titan XD.

While the pickup has some slick and fresh sheet metal, it's the XD that is arguably the most important part of the new pickup. This "eXtra Duty" version is key to an interesting rollout that has the beefiest version of Nissan's new truck available now, to be followed by more moderate (and economical) versions over the next year or so.

The idea of presenting its fiercest face first appears calculated. Nissan is known for tough small trucks, but the full-size landscape is still dominated by the domestic brands, even after the first-generation Titan. So this second generation coming out of the Canton, Miss., plant still has something to prove.

It can only help that the first examples of these new Titans are the boldest right out of the gate, with a large ground clearance for a dominating stance. Only available with the four-door Crew Cab and 6.5-foot-long bed, the XD pickup has an imposing presence.

The four full doors lead to an interior with enough room to make a limousine look cozy. This is not unique to the segment. In fact, the full-size, full-cab truck market is now long established as one of the roomiest vehicles around for five people.

Big space is what makes a large pickup truly functional. Not every truck interior will spend its life locking up farm gear or bringing back a load of workers from the field, but it is hard to sell one that can't. That's also why all the Titan's vital instrumentation is chunky enough to operate while wearing gloves, and the storage is deep enough to carry a toolbox.

Function doesn't mean missing out on coddling, though, and it's hard not to love the heated and cooled front bucket seats that come standard on the range-topping Platinum Reserve trim.

But when it comes to features that are a must-have, Nissan's Around View 360-degree monitor should top the list. It not only looks at cross-traffic hazards, but the bird's-eye view camera also provides very necessary info to confirm if the largest of all Nissans fits in its parking space.



Until later this summer, the only Titan XD motor is a 5.0-liter Cummins turbocharged diesel V8, making 310 hp and 555 lb-ft of torque. Such power plants are usually polarizing to truck people. There are those who love a diesel to use for their industrial duties and big toys. This motor doesn't disappoint. When combined with the industrial-strength chassis the XD line provides, the Titan can tow up to 12,300 pounds. That's 900 more than the upcoming 5.6-liter gas V8, and brings the Nissan near the half-ton (2500-series) heavy-duty pickups offered by Chevrolet,

Ford and Ram.

Our truck had zero trouble towing its lightweight, long-lost relative across the country. It felt like it wanted a bigger task all the time, and even pulled the 240Z and its trailer up a small incline while idling.

But there's another crowd of people out there who don't like a diesel for reasons ranging from the limited availability of fuel to the kind of engine noise that can be heard from down the street. While Nissan can't control what the local gas station offers, the Cummins-built power plant is so well hushed that many people didn't believe it was a diesel.

To keep a motor like this running clean requires diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). The Titan XD's 4.5-gallon tank is small for the industry, so owners will likely want to

keep a few extra refill jugs in the garage.

The cost of DEF is not the only premium that comes from choosing the top motor. The diesel is a \$5,000 option over the gas V8 (pricing ranging from \$40K for a base model to over \$58K for a loaded Platinum Reserve). This might seem high, but remember that its usefulness is approaching the heavy-duty end of the truck market.

The Nissan Titan XD diesel is the most capable truck to come from Nissan yet. Those who need less ability can save some money and wait for the full lineup to fill in the lower rungs. But for those who need to pull stumps out at work but don't want the neighbors to hear them come home, Nissan has your pickup ready today. ■

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LIGHTHOUSE

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employment. At 71 years old, she has the confidence and can-do spirit to take care of herself again.

"I'm fortunate to have relatives and great neighbors, but I do most stuff myself now," she says. "Before I would just sit around and listen to the TV."

The only center for blindness and vision loss in Collier County, Lighthouse is devoted to helping the area's estimated 14,000 blind and visually impaired adults and children learn daily living skills and the use of assistive technology such as iPhones and programs that provide speech and Braille output for popular computer applications.

"Everyone who comes in here is different," says Executive Director Robin Garcia. "Some are very confident with themselves because they've had services. But the majority of the adults who come through our door are just losing their vision and have been depending on someone else."

Helping clients realize they can live independently and be of value to their families and communities can take some convincing, Ms. Garcia says, and that's why the social component to Lighthouse's services is vital in fostering independence and confidence. Trips to the zoo, hiking excursions and brown bag lunches are just a few opportunities the organization offers so clients can mingle and have new experiences they aren't likely to have on their own.

"We encourage them to come in and spend time with other visually impaired people so they don't feel alone," she adds. Caregivers, she adds, often are



Last year's campers enjoyed a trip to Naples Botanical Garden.

reluctant to take visually impaired friends or family members on such outings because they fear for their safety.

The close-knit, family atmosphere at Lighthouse has been very encouraging to Ms. Frankowski, who doesn't miss an opportunity to hop aboard Collier County's paratransit bus to go to the center.

"It's nice to be comfortable in places where other people know what you're feeling and what your fears might be," she says. "They might give you suggestions with how they deal with something."

"There hasn't been a day since I've been here that I didn't learn something," she adds. "I've made friends here. It's like a family."

With all this emotional support and encouragement, what exactly is there to learn? A lot, especially for people who are gradually losing their vision rather

than having been born without it. As Ms. Garcia explains, people learn most tasks by observation, and when they lose their sight, they lose confidence that they can relearn life skills.

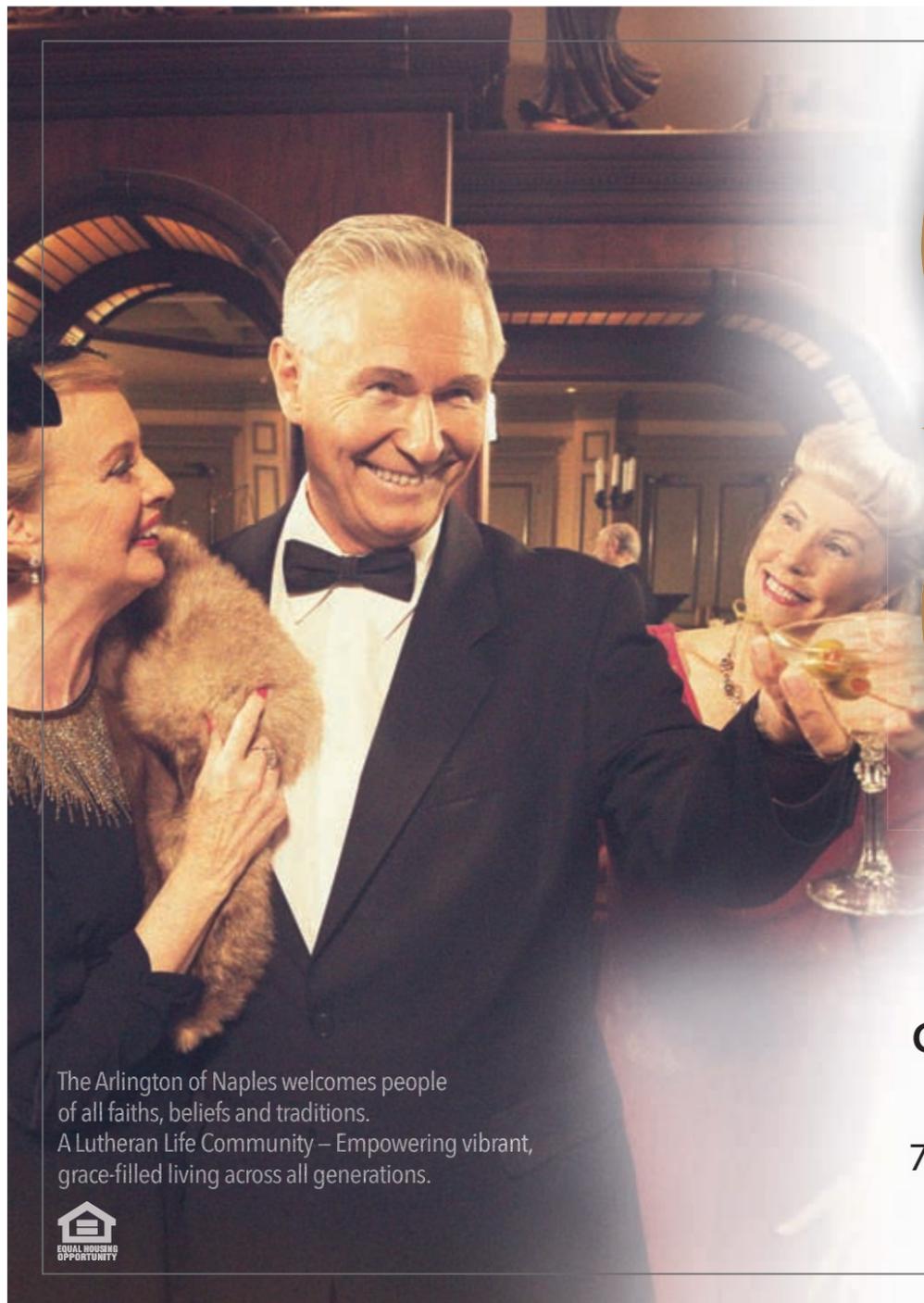
"When you get an adult who always learned by seeing, sometimes they struggle and get very frustrated because they have to use other senses," she says. "They have to use their sense of feeling, smell and hearing better ... It's something that has to be taught."

Armed with a certified vision rehab specialist, a certified mobility and orientation instructor and two assistive technology instructors, Lighthouse of Collier provides instruction on safely navigating homes and communities, self-care and housekeeping and technological skills that include Braille, computer, internet and iPhone literacy.

The organization also offers children's programs and a highly successful



Andrew Muller, age 5, has attended Lighthouse's summer camp for the last three years.



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Lighthouse's summer camp allows visually impaired kids to take a variety of field trips with peers. Pictured here at The Naples Zoo are Damian Creed and counselor Olivia Rodriguez.

summer camp where visually impaired kids take field trips, play sports and learn how to play with magnifiers, CCTVs, talking computers and more. In its seventh year, the camp is serving 25 youngsters through July with the help of several community sponsors and volunteers. Headquartered at The Girl Scout House of Naples, everyone pitches in to ensure that kids have a great summer among peers who have similar needs.

Andrew Muller, 5, started attending the camp when he was 2 years old. His mother, Marsha Muller, says any apprehensions she had about sending her toddler to camp were short-lived. "On the second day he was standing by the door, ready to go. He was not afraid to be without his mom because they made it so comfortable for him."

Andrew's lenses were removed due to cataracts when he was 4 months old. While he is visually impaired, he can still detect light and color.

His favorite camp activities are art projects that utilize tactile objects. His mother says the biggest impact the camp has made, however, is the friends he has been able to make.

"Some of the kids have more severe disabilities than Andrew has, and he's formed friendships with them as well as helped them."

An eye on the future

Lighthouse of Collier has been housed in a partially donated, 3,100-square-foot space on Horseshoe Drive since April 2013, when the organization moved from a much smaller, fully donated office space at Bayfront. The organization does pay rent now, but at a heavily discounted rate.

"Our expansion is always based on needs of the clients, and one of the things that I know we need to do is get our own building or find larger space," Ms. Garcia

says. A Lighthouse van or bus for client transport would also make a huge difference, she adds. Right now, clients must depend on other people or the county's paratransit bus service to get them to the center.

For the moment, however, she and her team are focused on outreach to unsure that everyone in Collier County who could benefit from the programs and services offered by Lighthouse is aware of the organization. That effort includes traveling to schools, retirement homes, recreational facilities and business groups and partnering with the Collier County Association for the Blind and local teachers who work with blind students.

"These people need to hear about Lighthouse in order to get services," Ms. Garcia says. "It's really important that we get the word out and make sure these people are utilizing us." ■

in the know

Lighthouse of Collier

- >> **Where:** 2685 Horseshoe Drive S.
- >> **Mission:** The mission of Lighthouse of Collier is to foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers.
- >> **Executive director:** Robin Garcia
- >> **Board president:** Art Bookbinder
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Three Southwest Florida buildings vie for state AIA People's Choice Awards

Three Southwest Florida buildings are in the running for the third annual People's Choice competition sponsored by the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects. The contest has garnered more than 1 million votes in its first two years.

Competing buildings in the AIA Florida Southwest region — all in Naples — are Premier Oncology Naples, designed by Gram Design Associates; Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, designed by Gresham, Smith and Partners; and the newly restored St. Ann Rooney Hall, designed by David Poorman Architect in collaboration with Victor Latavish and Maureen Minker.

"The local buildings up for vote represent some of the great work done by architects in Southwest Florida," said David Corbin, president of AIA Florida Southwest. "With votes coming in from around the world each year, we continue to celebrate the design of public space created in in our region with the many people who live, work and play here."

The competition highlights the work of architects that help meet the needs of Florida communities through innovative building design. A total of 39 buildings around the state are included in this year's contest.

The public can vote for the buildings at floridapeopleschoice.com until midnight, July 22. Buildings are listed by the structure's name and location. The results of the voting will be announced July 23 at AIA Florida's Annual Convention at the Breakers Resort in Palm Beach.

"As community growth and development continues in our state, architects work to provide unique charm, charac-



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designed by Gram Design
Associates.



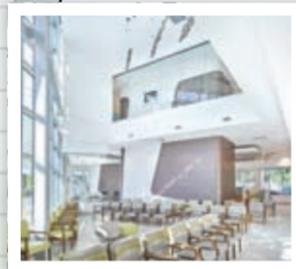
St. Ann Rooney Hall,
designed by David
Poorman Architect
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Victor Latavish and
Maureen Minker.



ter and functionality for these communities," said Peter W. Jones, president of the Florida Foundation for Architecture. "We are eager to see the public reaction to, and the recognition of, the work of architects who are truly the designers of Florida's future."

The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects, headquartered in Tallahassee, represents the interests of more than 3,600 members in Florida and the Caribbean.

The Florida Foundation for Architecture is a nonprofit organization that exists to advocate the value of architecture to audiences beyond the profession. ■



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Leadership Florida gives NCH leaders valuable insights



Throughout the nation, hospitals have evolved into important leadership institutions, employing more people and dealing with more citizens than any other community entity. That is certainly the case here in Naples. It is increasingly important, therefore, that those entrusted with managing our hospitals continue to hone their leadership skills by becoming better stewards of community resources.

We are fortunate in that regard to have Leadership Florida, a 34-year-old organization that has convened more than 1,800 Florida leaders with the goal of making the fastest growing state in the nation a better place for all of us by addressing the most pressing social and economic issues.

In addition to myself, the NCH leaders who have most recently participated in Leadership Florida are: board member Michael Wynn, Chief of Staff Kevin Cooper, System COO Phil Dutcher and System CNO/North Naples COO Michele Thoman. We were among 850 attendees at the Leadership Florida annual meeting, which focused on such topics as leadership, education, poverty, social problems, health and the current political situation. Among the presentations we heard:

■ Vanessa Siddle Walker, Emory University professor of African American Educational Studies, shared ideas of how every Florida child could be encouraged to succeed and how we can and have learned from previously segregated school systems with limited resources in a hostile environment.

■ Author Jon Meacham creatively shared views of leadership borrowed from various U.S. presidents.

■ David Madland, director of the American Worker Project at American Progress, shared statistics showing the gradual loss of the middle class, with wealth and poverty being concentrated at both ends of the spectrum.

■ Mark Wilson, CEO of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the difficulty of breaking out of generational poverty. He noted that in Florida, one in six adults and one in four under age 18 live in poverty.

■ Nick Buettner of the Blue Zones Project shared the science behind the initiative and spoke about the wellness goals the Sunshine State shares with other states such as Iowa, Hawaii, Oregon and Texas — all motivated to

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Follow these seven steps when exercising in summer heat

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Winter, spring, summer, or fall, regular physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle.

But when the temperature rises, so does the risk for heat-related illnesses, including cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

These can occur when the body can't cool itself quickly enough.

The Mayo Clinic advises taking these precautions when exercising in hot weather:

■ **Watch the temperature.** Check weather forecasts and heat alerts before you begin your outdoor workout, and know what the temperature is expected to be. If you're concerned about the heat or humidity, stay indoors. Work out at the gym, or walk laps or climb stairs inside an air-conditioned building.

■ **Start slowly.** If you're used to exercising indoors or in cooler weather, or if you're new to exercise or not in the best of shape, be extra cautious when you exercise in the heat. Start slowly, and take lots of breaks. Gradually increase the length and intensity of your workout over a week or more.

■ **Drink plenty of water.** Don't wait until you're thirsty. Help your body sweat and cool down by drinking water frequently.

■ **Dress the part.** Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing to help sweat evaporate and keep you cooler. If possible, wear a light-colored,



wide-brimmed hat.

■ **Respect the sun.** Exercise in the morning or evening, when it's likely to be cooler outdoors. If possible, exercise in shady areas. Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 and reapply at least every two hours or after sweating. A sunburn decreases your body's ability to cool itself and increases the risk of skin cancer.

■ **Use the buddy system.** Exercise with a friend to watch for signs of problems. Get help if you experience cramps, nausea, fatigue, headache, profuse sweating, dizziness, confusion, irritability, or vision problems, which can be signs of a heat-related illness.

■ **Check with a doctor, if necessary.** Certain medical conditions or medications can increase your risk of a heat-related illness. If you plan to exercise in the heat, talk to your doctor about precautions. ■



Scripps Florida scientists make new link to bipolar disorder

While bipolar disorder is one of the most-studied neurological disorders — the Greeks noticed symptoms of the disease as early as the first century — it's possible that scientists have overlooked an important part of the brain for its source.

Scientists from The Scripps Research Institute Florida campus in Jupiter have shown for the first time that ensembles of genes within the striatum — a part of the brain that coordinates many primary aspects of our behavior, such as motor and action planning, motivation and reward perception — could be deeply involved in the disorder.

Most modern studies of bipolar disorder have concentrated on the brain's



cortex, the largest part of the brain in humans, associated with higher-level thought and action.

"This is the first real study of gene expression in the striatum for bipolar disorder," said Ron Davis, chair of the department of neuroscience at TSRI,

who directed the study. "We now have a snapshot of the genes and proteins expressed in that region."

The study, published recently online ahead of print in the journal *Molecular Psychiatry*, also points to several pathways as potential targets for treatment.

Bipolar disorder is a mental illness that affects about 2.6 percent of the U.S. adult population — some 5.7 million Americans — with a sizable majority of these cases classified as severe.

The disease runs in families, and more than two-thirds of people with bipolar disorder have at least one close relative with the illness or with unipolar major depression, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. ■

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Statistics show trends in senior housing

New data show senior housing in the Naples region is 87.7 percent occupied, as compared to 89.7 percent nationwide, with new construction underway. An analysis from the National Investment Center for Seniors Housing & Care shows 4,394 senior housing units in Naples at the end of the second quarter 2016, with 540 of those units unoccupied.

NIC provides data on current occupancy, inventory and rental rates for senior housing and care units across the United States. Each quarter, analysts review data from 140 markets to shed light on trends at both the national and local levels.

“An explosion in the number of seniors in America, and dramatically changing preferences for how and where they want to live as they age, require serious rethinking to ensure that seniors have the housing and care they desire in order to live with dignity,” says Robert Kramer, CEO of the Annapolis, Md.-based NIC.

The newest data are part of NIC’s expansion of metropolitan markets covered under its data service from 99 markets to 140. The new data include markets

where 71 percent of households are headed by someone age 75 or older.

The recently released data show average monthly rental rates for senior housing in Naples are \$4,155, higher than the national average of \$3,595.

Each quarter, NIC collects data from more than 14,000 senior housing and care properties with at least 25 units throughout the country, defined as properties that are independent living, assisted living, memory care or nursing care communities. Data on senior housing properties are inclusive of all unit types within those properties.

Approximately 80 percent of these properties are contacted directly, and 20 percent provide data at the corporate level through workbooks and rent rolls. Once collected, the data are reviewed and audited for accuracy. Data on inventory, occupancy, asking rent, and services are captured for each unit type (studio, one- and two-bedroom units) and for each care segment type (independent living, assisted living, memory care and nursing care). For more information, visit nic.org. ■

Blue Zones Project hosts second annual Worksite Summit for business owners

Blue Zones Project-Southwest Florida invites local business owners to the second annual Blue Zones Project Worksite Summit from 8:45 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 28, at The Club at The Strand. Employers will learn how to build a more engaged, healthy and productive workforce. Attendees will network with community partners and learn best practices that support employee health, improve productivity, decrease turnover and reduce health-care costs.



Blue Zones Project is a community-by-community, well-being improvement initiative designed to make healthy choices easier through sustainable changes to environment, policy and social networks. For reservations to the Worksite Summit, call 624-2312 or email bluezonesprojectswfl@healthways.com. ■

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live longer, happier and healthier lives. ■ Political pollster Kristen Soltis-Anderson shared insights on how the pivotal bloc of millennials behave and vote.

Finally, a few awards were presented, including one to yours truly: I was privileged to receive the Leadership Florida Chairman’s Award by Chairman Dean Ridings, the unflappable, inspirational, optimistic and model leader whose full-time job is as president and CEO of the Florida Press Association.

The Chairman’s Award is presented to a member “whose work, in support of Leadership Florida went above and beyond that expected for someone serv-

ing in a volunteer capacity.”

I was surprised and honored by the selection, and while I appreciate the recognition, I am most grateful for the knowledge and lasting friendships that membership in Leadership Florida has presented. Before joining the organization 16 years ago, I had a very narrow view of Florida and, in fact, had never even visited the northern half of our state. Leadership Florida and my other professional affiliations have been eye-openers and life-changers for me.

Our institutions prosper when their leaders collaborate with like-minded others in our community, state and nation. Such sharing benefits all of us at NCH. ■

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

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PET TALES

Hot times

High temperatures don't have to rule out fun with pets on summer vacations

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Who goes to Arizona in the summer? It's not the first place traveling pet owners think of, especially with temperatures soaring as high as 115 degrees Fahrenheit recently. Despite the heat, we packed up our three dogs last month and drove to the town of Chandler, lured by the joint BlogPaws conference and Cat Writers Association annual meeting, held at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass.

I knew plenty of pets would be present, but I wasn't prepared for just how welcoming to pets the resort would be. We have stayed in many hotels and motels west of the Mississippi, and this one may well be a favorite.

Our ground-floor room opened up onto a patio overlooking desert landscaping, making it easy to take the dogs out to potty at any time without having to take them down long hallways to find an exit. A walking path winds through the resort, leading past the pool (one of the few areas where pets aren't allowed) and toward two hiking options: a two-mile nature trail and a path that parallels the manmade river flowing through the grounds. Leashed animals are welcome in the lobby bar and outdoor dining areas as well as on rental boats.

Fellow guests included other dogs, cats and even a ferret. Dexter, a 7-year-old cocker spaniel, accompanied owner and pet blogger Carol Bryant of Kingston, Pennsylvania.



Call hotels beforehand to check on pet rates and number of pets permitted.

"We loved that all the staff said hello to our dog, from the front desk to housekeeping," she says. "Many of the staff learned my dog's name and asked if he could have treats."

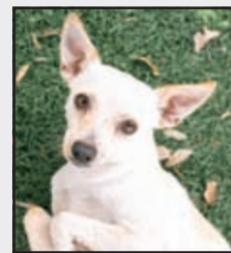
We dealt with the heat by getting up before sunrise (crazy, I know) and walking the dogs on the trails before it got too hot. They loved the chance to explore, and even 16-year-old Gemma had no trouble keeping up in the cool mornings. Then we'd have breakfast at the restaurant's outdoor seating area before retreating to our air-conditioned room for the rest of the day.

If you'll be vacationing with your dog

or other pets in areas with extreme heat, here are some tips to keep animals safe and make the most of the stay.

- Keep him hydrated. Whether you're driving to your destination or going for a walk or hike, make fresh, cool water available on a regular basis. Bring water from home that you can mix with local water so the change doesn't upset his stomach.
- Protect his skin with sunscreen free of PABA and zinc oxide, which can be harmful to pets if ingested. Apply to ears and nose or over the whole body if your pet likes to sunbathe or has a short or light-colored coat. For water-loving dogs, choose waterproof sunscreen. If you're not sure what to get, ask your veterinarian for a recommendation.
- Be aware of local fauna and flora. We had to prevent Keeper and Gemma from getting too close to cactus, and signs warned to watch for venomous snakes and insects such as scorpions.
- Take your dog hiking, running or biking early in the morning, and let him drink frequently. Help him stay cool with a neck wrap filled with polymer crystals that stays wet and cool for hours after being soaked in water.
- Keep flat-faced dogs such as boxers, bulldogs and pugs indoors during the day. They can succumb to heatstroke more rapidly than you might realize. Be concerned about heatstroke if your dog is panting continuously, his gums go dark red or he seems weak or collapses. Rub him down with water and get to the veterinarian immediately. ■

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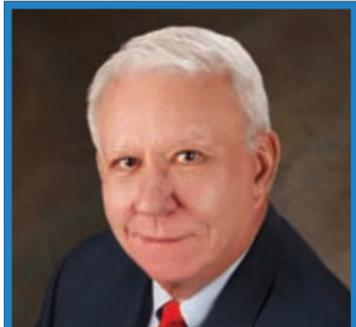
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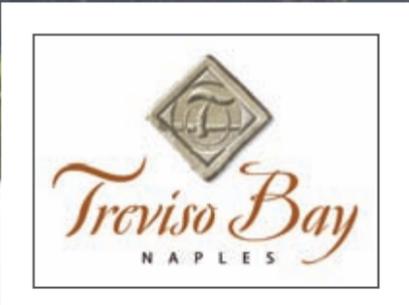
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THE DIVA DIARIES

What is it with trying on bathing suits?

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One of my girlfriends calls it “tor-
ture,” another says she’d
rather scrub the inside of
her stove with toilet paper,
and yet another tells me
she’d prefer to have lunch
with her overly critical
mother-in-law every day
for an entire week.

Almost anything, they
say, is better than trying
on swimsuits.

Which leads me to the
fact that there are a few
Facebook pages that fea-
ture tidbits about South-
west Florida history. My
favorite thing about them
is the old photographs. Whether
it’s Thomas Edison going
fishing or Seminole Indians
in the Everglades, I find
these pictures fascinating.

But back to my topic:
One shot that really caught
my eye recently was a sepia-
toned picture of seven bath-
ing beauties standing in the
gulf, the water about half-
way up their shins, their arms



around each other as they
laughed gaily. The caption
read that the photo was
taken in the mid-1920s, and
I tend to believe that the
young women pictured were
likely thrilled because they
were wearing bathing suits
that allowed all their bits to
be covered so that when
that photo appeared on
Facebook more than 90
years later, they wouldn’t
have to stress about their
cellulite.

Seriously. The flapper-
era suits in the photo are
super cute and flattering,
with shorts or pleated skirts
that cover the upper thigh,
wide belts that cinch the
waist and v-necks that
flatter the décolletage. When
your great-grandma goes
viral on social media, this
is how you want her to
look.

Yes, I realize that the old-
school bathing suits were
made of wool and most
certainly were quite uncom-
fortable, but they couldn’t
possibly be as uncomfortable
as a thong riding up your
derriere.

It’s beyond my scope of
belief that thong bikini bot-
toms have made a comeback.
They’re not quite as baring
as the 1980s-era thongs were,



but they’re still thongs. And even
though I spotted them in the
junior section of a local re-
tailer, I’ve seen them on
women of all ages at the
beach — not that there’s
anything wrong with that.
One of my favorite internet
memes is: “How to get a
bikini body: Get a bikini,
put it on your body.”

I’ve never been a two-piece
type. Not even when I was
19 years old and 102 pounds.
Maybe it’s because I’m
short and I don’t have the
enviably long torso of a
taller woman, but either way,
bikinis seem to chop my
short, curvy self into sec-
tions that are less than
flattering. A few months
ago, however, I actually
decided to give the dreaded
two-piece another whirl
(I put myself through this
every five years or so). I
picked a

modest high-waisted one
off the rack at Target. It
even had a little ruffled
skirt on the bottom and
only showed about 3 inches
worth of actual torso flesh.

In the dressing room I
pulled, tugged and nearly
broke a nail, but I got both
pieces on (every woman
knows it’s tough to pull
spandex over the under-
things that must remain
in place whilst trying on
swimwear). Then I stood
in front of the three-way
mirror with the fluores-
cent airport-like lighting
and began laughing so
loudly that the dressing-
room attendant asked if
I was OK. I told her I was
fine, but it was hilari-
ous to me that several
decades since I was 19,
I still have not learned
that I am strictly a one-
piece girl.

I did a small survey with
a few friends and there
wasn’t a single one who
enjoyed trying on swim-
suits, regardless of how
small/athletic/cute/young
they are. One friend who’s
a knockout in every-
thing she wears, includ-
ing bikinis, told me she
finds standing in ridicu-
lously lit dressing rooms
trying on up to 20 suits
“grueling.” So at least
there’s a sisterhood in
all this.

If only Target could
come out with a swim-
suit line called “1926” —
yesterday’s styles made
in the more comfort-
able materials of today.
They could do a whole
marketing campaign with
soft lantern light in the
dressing rooms and serve
gimlets. I am SO in. ■

— *Ciao for now, my
lovelies! Stay tuned for
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Time • after time

Sales of traditional watches on an uptick

BY Nanci Theoret
Florida Weekly Correspondent

It would seem the classic wristwatch is running out of, well, time.

Today, millions of Americans sport smartwatches that cover more real estate on the wrist and deliver a wealth of information — from resting heartrate and activeness or laziness (daily steps and miles walked) — to sleep quality and who’s recently called or texted. They can also lock a car and pinpoint a wearer’s exact place in the world.

Oh yeah, they also tell time.

The smartwatch is to the classic timepiece what the smartphone is to the rotary. Almost a thing of the past, or so you’d think.



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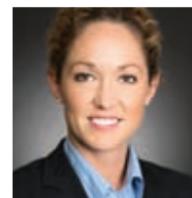
Downtown Jewelry & Watch sells pre-owned high-end watches like Rolex.

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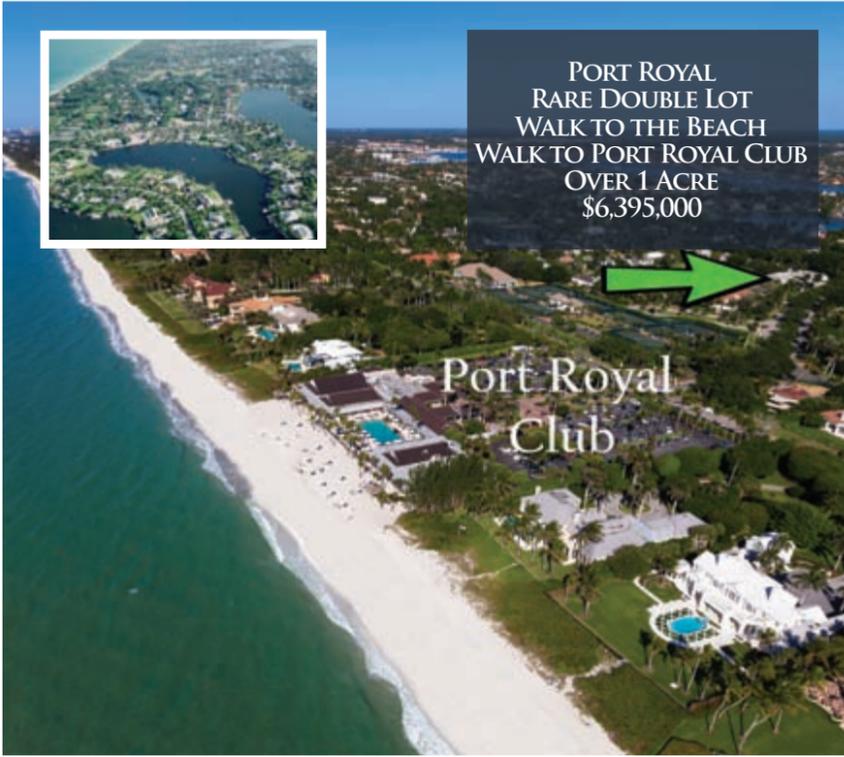
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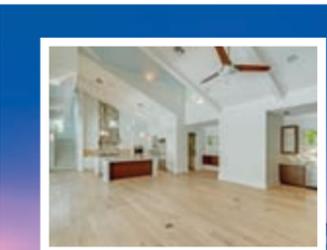



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■ "Starting a Business in Collier County: What You Need to Know" - 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 16, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce - This seminar explores the personal and professional attributes needed to start a business. Then it looks at what you need to do to start a business, from the idea to the structure to the financ-



ing. Presenter Greg Hunter is a high net worth relationship manager with PNC Wealth Management.

Registration is \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For more information, visit naples.score.org.

■ "Six Ways to Hire Smarter" - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at Lorenzo Walker Technical College - There are many ways to recruit and hire employees. If the process you follow doesn't properly

take federal regulations into account, or isn't quite as efficient as you'd like it to be, your business could be throwing money out the door whenever you open it to new employees. Kathy Rossi, a human resources professional from Paychex, will lead this free lunch-and-learn program. For reservations or more information, call Eva Zacks at SCORE at 430-0081 or email eva.zacks@scorevolunteer.org.

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WATCH

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However, after taking an international licking in 2015, traditional watches are still ticking, according to industry experts and local retailers.

In fact, there's an uptick in sales this year even as the smartwatch market is predicted to sell 20 million more units over last year (50.4 million vs. 30.32 million).

"Watch sales really haven't slowed down for us," says Eric Schilling, a master jeweler, master gemologist, third-generation watchmaker and sales associate at Provident Jewelry in Fort Myers. "Our customers are buying for wants, not needs. They purchase a watch for special events, engagements, wedding anniversaries and birthdays. Some want an heirloom they can hand down."

Jason Lee, a watch specialist at Yamron Jewelers in Naples, believes the advent of the smartwatch has helped stir sales of traditional timepieces.

"I'm a big fan of friendly competition and to be honest, the Apple watch has boosted our sales. It gets people to look at watches," he says. "I have customers who own an Apple Watch, buy a \$3,000 watch and already have a \$100,000 watch."

At Provident, which also has locations on the east coast including its flagship West Palm Beach store, men are driving the market, Mr. Schilling says.

"Men typically don't have a lot of jewelry: maybe a wedding ring, a chain and a bracelet," he says. "They really express themselves in their watches. There's nothing like a quality watch on your wrist."

True aficionados appreciate the artistry and intricacy of the mechanical watch, introduced in 1492 and perfected by the Swiss.

Mechanical movements are derived by winding a mainspring to power gears, a balance wheel and some 250 other parts. Swiss-made watches include some of the most expensive brands and accounted for more than half of the worldwide market share value of the 1.2 billion watches sold in 2014, according to the WorldWatchReport.

While the Swiss watch has long been heralded as the gold standard for all luxury watches since the 1700s, new and newly rebranded companies are reinvigorating the classic timepiece market, according to Mr. Lee. A. Lange & Söhne, a German pocket watchmaker, was reborn with its first wristwatches in the 1990s after a nearly 50-year absence from the industry.

During the last decade, top watchmakers have returned to traditional craftsmanship, no longer outsourcing some components.



Chris Wiles is a watchmaker who works on timepieces for Provident Jewelry in its Southwest Florida stores in Naples and Fort Myers.

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"Hand-making and hand-finishing separate the top luxury watch brands," says Mr. Lee. "The craftsmanship has returned and it's been phenomenal."

"Once people know about the mechanics and intricacies of a watch, they become fascinated," says Mr. Schilling. "There is also new technology helping old-school watchmaking. Some gears are machine made which improves time and accuracy. We now have a watch scheduled to go into space; it can handle the G-force of a launch and will be more accurate and stable in space."

Bubba Watson, Tiger Woods, David Beckham and other star athletes are also helping attract younger customers. Mr. Watson's \$825,000 limited edition Richard Mille RRM 38-01 mechanical tourbillon watch made headlines during the 2015 British Open. Mr. Woods is one of the many celebrity brand ambassadors for Rolex while Mr. Beckman is the face of Breitling. Former Miami Heat guard and recently signed Chicago Bull Dwayne Wade wears Hublot's King Power Dwayne Wade.

"The younger generation looks at technology-based watches but there are always that 30 percent who appreciate traditional watches," Mr. Lee says. "It's a growing industry that crosses over to celebrities, fashion and sports. They idolize these athletes and want the same watch."

Practically every sport has an official timepiece: Omega is the official Olympics timekeeper, Bremont dubs itself as the "first British Official Timing Partner" of the America's Cup since 1851 and Longines is synonymous with equestrian sports.

Also helping traditional watch sales are

the introduction of "entry-level" luxury watches, lower priced starter models.

Other than perfecting parts and tricking out luxury watches with diamonds, gemstones and gold and deconstructing them to show off the inner workings, the traditional watch has faced limited challenges during its centuries-old existence. Automatic movements appeared in the early 1900s, self-winding when worn.

Battery-powered modern quartz movement, which accounts for the largest share of watches sold today, was introduced in the 1970s. Most cost less and have a shorter lifespan.

Mechanical watches, on the other hand, with regular maintenance can last indefinitely. The oldest working pocket watch is reportedly the Melanchthon watch, made in 1530.

"A customer can pay a little more money to recycle their watch all the time," Mr. Schilling says. "During service the exterior is completely refinished and the watch is brand-spanking new again."

Although the family-owned Charlotte Jewelry & Watch Repair sells new watches, its repair service is always in demand, says manager Nancy Suarez.

"We get high-end Rolexes for repairs and other high-end watches for batteries," she says. "We take in older watches all the time. Today someone came in with a 14-karat gold watch that was 30 years old."

One of the biggest issues facing the watch industry is the declining number of watchmakers.

Shanna Miller, who opened the Downtown Jewelry & Watch Co. in Fort Myers in 2014, says she works with one of only four in the city who recently restored a rusted-out 1930s bubble-back Rolex.

"I started the store because I was dating

a watchmaker and got interested in the mechanics," she says. "I was fascinated by the power in the little compartment and during the restoration process, seeing over 250 pieces of all sizes spread out on the table. I tell people nothing is sent out except our dry cleaning."

While the store's watch division sells antique, preowned and new timepieces, its bread and butter are repairs, accounting for 80 percent of business.

"We work on a lot of Rolex and high-end watches," says Ms. Miller who often sees the sentimental side of watch ownership. "Customers come in with older watches that were their dad's graduation present or grandpa's pocket watch. There have been a lot of tears in the store. People have an emotional connection to timepieces."

"If it's a family heirloom, there's not much we can't do," she adds. "Most are salvageable but the customer has to decide if it's worth repair. I'm honest about the bottom line."

Ms. Miller prefers to sell preowned high-end watches likening the sale of a new Rolex, Omega or Cartier to a new car's quick depreciation once it's driven off the lot.

"Preowned has a better profit margin," she says. "People can always upgrade and trade up through the store."

In the luxury realm, retailers have to earn the right to sell — and service — the most coveted brands.

As a result, Provident's Worth Avenue location carries lines not available in Fort Myers. The east coast store recently offered MB+F's limited-edition HM6 with futuristic three-dimensional horological engine for \$280,000.

"It's actually very difficult for any jewelry store to become a watch brand. It requires minimum buys and the first is a cash sale," says Mr. Schilling. "Representatives look at a store, the way it's set up, fits their standards and meets their demographics."

"They wouldn't want us out on the street with sandwich boards," he jokes.

It can also get political if Brand A doesn't like Brand B.

Interestingly, Rolex and Breitling, though pricey, are not among the upper echelon in the industry. Mr. Lee likens them to Mercedes while Patek Philippe, which Yamron represents, Piaget and A. Lange & Söhne are the Rolls Royce, known among the 1 percent without the need for extensive commercial branding.

"The industry as whole has been growing and I think it's going to be a boom," says Mr. Lee. There are new brands and always new products. "The United States will always be a big player in watchmaking. It's doing well here. The market in Asia and Europe goes up and down."

Mr. Schilling agrees: "Sales have been on a solid uptrend the last four years while the jewelry industry is going south." ■

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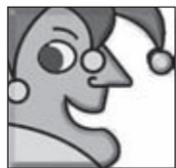
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- What business is the company in? What's its business model — that is, how exactly does it make its money? Is it in a profitable, growing industry? Does it have a solid track record with sales, earnings and profit margins generally rising over time? How do its numbers compare with those of competitors?

- Examine the company's financial statements to get a sense of its health. Does it have a lot of debt relative to cash and cash-like investments, and is its debt level rising or falling? Are accounts receivable and inventories rising no faster than sales? Are return on equity (ROE), return on assets (ROA) and other measures strong, and, ideally, growing? What

risks does the company face? Is anything in the statements unusually cryptic? Avoid companies you don't understand.

- What's the company's competitive position and strategic vision? Does it have a strong brand? Does it invest significantly in research and development of new products and/or services? Is it a leader in its field? Is it gaining market share? Do you have confidence in management's ability to keep the company growing and to be candid with stakeholders?

- Is the stock valued attractively? This is a difficult question to answer for any stock. Still, you can get a rough idea by looking at the company's current price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio and comparing it to historical levels. If the P/E is 36 and it's usually been in the 20s, the stock might be overvalued.

Don't be discouraged, even if much of this is initially puzzling. Just keep reading and learning, and over time you'll get savvier and savvier — and probably wealthier. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Worse, but with Less Risk

Our dumbest investment was going with money managers. These supposed experts were touted by our full-service broker. Well! We are probably the only people who ever lost money on (Warren Buffett's company) Berkshire Hathaway.

And consider this head-scratcher: One money manager sold a stock he had put us in at a loss, and then a week or so later bought it again. I thought: How clever! It has gone down, so he is buying it at a lower price. Ha! He bought it at a higher price, and later sold it again at a loss!

I think we poor non-professionals can do better than that. Also, in the year-end report, our broker noted that the money manager earned returns lower than the S&P 500, "but at less risk." Huh?

Needless to say, we dumped the money managers and the broker. We've done very well, thank you, making our own investment decisions, choosing a mix of stocks and mutual funds, nothing fancy, no options, no pork bellies and no foreign stocks. Simple.

— S., online

The Fool Responds: Full-service brokerages charge more than discount brokerages because they're supposed to pay more attention and offer better services. But alas, many money managers are simply not that talented. Many of us can do much better on our own with discount brokerages — and if not, there are always inexpensive broad-market index funds that are solid choices, too. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a company founded in a garage in 1945 that initially sold picture frames and, later, dollhouse furniture. (Two of my founders were married, with children named Barbara and Ken.) My first big hit was the "Uke-a-doodle" toy ukulele. I sold a lot of "Mickey Mouse Club"-branded items and was the first toy company to run TV commercials for children. Today my brands include Hot Wheels, American Girl, Fisher-Price, Monster High and Thomas & Friends. I employ about 31,000 people globally and rake in more than \$5 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Mattel) ■



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Profits and Losses

Q Is it smart to avoid investing in companies with losses, since there are plenty of profitable companies I can choose?

— B.H., Elyria, Ohio

A Not necessarily. Many great companies start out losing money. Young enterprises typically have to make large investments in order to establish themselves and grow. So even when a company might be generating hefty revenues, it might be spending even more on advertising and expanding its infrastructure in order to establish a strong position in its industry. At a later date, it can spend less and enjoy profits.

Amazon.com is a great example, as it has posted a few unprofitable years in the past decade — when it was clearly a strong leader. Such a company can turn on the profit spigot simply by cutting back on spending or by inching up prices.

It's not crazy to invest in companies with losses — as long as you've done enough research to be very confident that they'll one day be profitable. Know that such companies can be riskier than more established companies, with some ultimately failing while others succeed.

Don't invest too much of your money in unprofitable companies — and there's nothing wrong with investing solely in profitable businesses. As you noted, they abound — and they can be more reliable, too.

Q Can you recommend a beginning guide to investing?

— O.N., Richmond, California

A Sure. Check out "The Motley Fool Guide to Investing for Beginners" e-book or "The Motley Fool Investment Guide" (Touchstone, \$16). Other good introductions include Kathy Kristof's "Investing 101" (Bloomberg, \$19), John Bogle's "The Little Book of Common Sense Investing" (Wiley, \$25) and Peter Lynch's classic "Learn to Earn" (Simon & Schuster, \$16). ■

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Name That Company

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The Motley Fool Take

Cleaning Up

Seeking a growth stock that isn't very overvalued? Check out home-robot maker iRobot (Nasdaq: IRBT). Its first-quarter earnings report released in April was good enough to send shares up 10 percent in a single day.

For that, management credited its strong results to continued momentum in the United States with its high-end Roomba 980 as well as an "overwhelmingly positive response" to its new Braava jet floor-mopping robot. And that's not to mention that the Braava jet won't even arrive in China or Japan until the third quarter. It's expected to sell well there, thanks to an affordable price and the predominance of hardwood-floor dwellings in the regions.

What's more, iRobot recently won a contentious proxy fight with Red Moun-

tain Capital. Red Mountain wanted to reduce iRobot's seemingly aggressive R&D spending (which hovers around 12 percent of annual revenue) to levels commensurate with traditional consumer-products companies — something iRobot reasonably insisted would be a grave mistake, hurting its ability to compete and innovate in the high-tech home robotics industry.

Along with its Roombas and Braavas, iRobot also offers the floor-scrubbing Scooba robot and the Mirra and Looj robots for cleaning pools and gutters, respectively. It used to have a Defense and Security segment, selling robots for commercial uses, but sold that in order to focus more on the home market. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended iRobot.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The **Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** meets from 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Hyatt House, 1345 Fifth Avenue S. Guest speaker will be Jason Lauritsen, director at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Cost is \$10 for alliance member, \$15 for others, payable at the door by cash or check. RSVP by calling 293-5327 or emailing Lisa Carney at lisa.cclta@gmail.com.

■ Members of the **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** meet for Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, onboard the Marco Island Princess. For more information, email Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Mortgage Bankers Association of Southwest Florida** meets from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at

the Club at Sterling Oaks. Guest speaker Mark Wright, assistant vice president and manager of Florida Continuing Education for Old Republic Title, will discuss "Overcoming Title Issues." \$20 for members, \$30 for others. RSVP via PayPal at mbaswfl.org or email twalker@fcb1923.com.

■ **Realtors, mortgage brokers and builders** are invited to mix and mingle from 5-7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Blue Martini in Mercato. The next gathering is Aug. 2. Corporate sponsorships for the evening are available. RSVP at facebook.com/bluemartininaples.

■ Members and guests of the **Above Board Chamber** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the Hilton

Naples. Attendees will meet and hear from candidates who are running for office in upcoming state, Collier County and Naples elections. Vicki Tracy of Gulf Coast International Properties is the event sponsor. \$25 for Above Board members, \$30 for guests. RSVP at aboveboardchamber.com.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts Connections Expo 2016 from 2-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Naples Grande Beach Hotel. For information about reserving an exhibit booth, visit napleschamber.org/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 napleschamber.org.

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

■ **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. ■

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ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments

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KEITH

Christen Spake, an attorney in the Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, has been installed as president of the Collier County Women's Bar Association. Ms. Spake previously served as vice president of the CCWBA and becomes the third consecutive representative from Quarles & Brady to lead the organization. A native of Southwest Florida,



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she practices in the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group. She earned a bachelor's degree from Wingate University and her law degree from Florida State University.

Finance

Josh Espinosa has joined Ciccarelli Advisory Services Inc. as a financial advisor in the firm's Naples office. Mr. Espinosa has more than 10 years of diversified experience in investment analysis, asset management and financial planning. Prior to joining Ciccarelli Advisory Services, he worked as an investment portfolio analyst with Raymond James in Coral Gables and served as a due diligence analyst at the Raymond James corporate headquarters in St. Petersburg. He holds his Series 7 and 66 securities registrations. He also earned his Certified Investment Management Analyst certification and taught in conjunction with MIT Sloan School of Management. He holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of South Florida and earned master's degrees in business management and international business from the University of Florida.



ESPINOSA

Dana Hushak has been appointed senior vice president-regional managing director for Florida with IBERIA Wealth Advisors, a division of IBERIABANK. With more than 30 years of financial industry experience, Mr. Hushak relocated to the area three years ago after serving as a wealth management advisor with a national firm in Michigan. He has

earned the Series 7, 66 and FINRA licenses. Originally from Connecticut, he is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University.

Mother and son **Roxane and Jeff Galati** have founded AmeriPlanning and Investments LLC, a financial planning firm specializing in financial and tax advice. The office is at 3033 Riviera Drive, Naples.



HUSHAK

Insurance

Derrick Ayers has been named CFO at Lutgert Insurance. Mr. Ayers previously was the regional CFO for Fifth Third Bank in South Florida, where he worked in progressive finance capacities for 10 years. He also has finance and accounting experience with public and private companies, as controller of a construction company and as an audit team member with Ernst & Young, in Louisville, Ky. His community involvement includes the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Partnership for Collier's Future Economy.



AYERS

Marketing

Michael Warren has been named vice president of marketing at Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee. Mr. Warren brings more than 13 years of casino and hotel experience to his new position.

Most recently he was regional marketing director for Wyndham Vacation Rentals in Charleston, S.C., and he previously held the position of vice president of marketing for Caesars/Horseshoe Casino in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Caesars/Harrah's St. Louis Casino & Hotel in Maryland Heights, Mo. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.



WARREN

Nonprofit Organizations

Dawn Montecalvo has assumed the presidency of the Guadalupe Center, where she had served as COO since January. From 2004-11, Ms. Montecalvo was the executive director of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, leading a team of trustees, staff and volunteers through seven Naples Winter Wine Festivals. In 2011, she founded Montecalvo & Associates, whose client list included NCEF, Southwest Florida Children's Charities and The Immokalee Foundation. She was named one of the 2007 Florida Power Players by Florida International Magazine and 2011 Woman of Achievement by the Association of American University Women. She is a past president of The Rotary Club of Naples. ■



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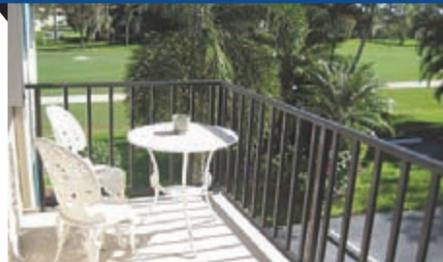
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Company forecasts housing, commercial needs for the future

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Veteran professional engineers and urban planners Paul Van Buskirk and David Farmer announce the formation of Metro Forecasting Models LLC, a high-tech company that provides forecasts for population, housing and commercial demand for communities nationwide.



Headquartered in Bonita Springs, Metro Forecasting Models employs a team of GIS professionals, a software designer, an economist and a research assistant. The firm's state-of-the-art models have been used by local governments and private industry for more than 35 years.

The firm's Interactive Growth Model, a nationally recognized forecasting tool for its accuracy and the value of its applications, has been developed into the IGM Version 3. The IGM has been recognized in several American Planning Magazine articles and has received two American Planning Association awards.

"The IGM often leads to surprising results," says Mr. Van Buskirk. "It's a time machine in a way. Change is coming, and this forecasting model empowers our clients, whether local government or private industry, to maximize fiscal performance and prepare for it."

Metro Forecasting Models currently offers two basic models:

- The Metro Forecasting Aggregate Model forecasts population growth and when and where there is demand for housing (single-family and multi-family units) and commercial (retail and office) for an entire metro area.

- The Metro Forecasting Disaggregate Model breaks down the metro areas into hundreds or thousands of zones for forecasts for each zone, collecting data at the parcel level. This more detailed model also offers spe-

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House Hunting:

15810 Savona Way Mediterra

This former model constructed by Gulfshore Homes with interior by Collins & DuPont sits on an oversized lot with 350 feet of lakefront and golf course views in Mediterra. It has desirable southwest rear exposure, and there are no other homes within view. Its 6,409 square feet includes four bedrooms plus an office and 5½ baths. There's also a four-car garage and plenty of extra yard for lawn games or future expansion of the home. And it's just a short walk to the award-winning amenities of the Mediterra golf and sports clubs. The new owner can bypass the golf membership waitlist and become a full golf member immediately.

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Marvin Development unveils the Captiva in Naples Reserve

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The third single-family custom model home at Naples Reserve, the Captiva by Marvin Development, is now open in developer iStar's 688-acre community.

The three-bedroom, three-bath Captiva in the Parrot Cay neighborhood features Southern Coastal architecture with stacked limestone accents, wood trim and lap siding detailing. Inside, a palette of sea-glass blues and greens against grays and off-white backgrounds, white-washed oak flooring, wainscoting and white-painted tongue-and-groove ceilings convey a welcoming ambience.

The model offers 3,166 square feet of interior living space and an open floor plan emphasizing indoor and outdoor living. There is a great room, dining room, wine bar, den and three-car garage. The outdoor living area encompasses 825 square feet and includes a complete kitchen, fireplace and roll-down screens as well as a pool/spa.

In its total 4,877 square feet, the Captiva incorporates numerous water- and energy-conserving green features, including two 16 SEER air conditioning systems, upgraded insulation, Energy Star appliances, Low-E windows and doors and materials that do not impact indoor air quality.

The Captiva model is priced at \$1,375,000, fully furnished by Norris Furniture and Interiors.

Parrot Cay includes 79 homesites overlooking the 125-acre Eagle Lake and two additional lakes. Naples Reserve offers a relaxed yet active lifestyle, featuring lakefront amenities and 22 lakes, including Eagle Lake with a large tiki

hut on the destination Lost Island. Lakes provide prime opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding and scenic vistas from the community's residences and various amenities along the water's edge.

Eagle Lake stretches a mile long against the Picayune Strand State Forest, a 76,000-acre state park with protected pinelands, cypress swamps, marshes and abundant wildlife. Planned lakefront amenities at Naples Reserve include a tennis and pickleball ball complex, two pools, bocce ball courts, a 6,500-square-foot community center and a separate 3,500-square-foot fitness club.

Naples Reserve residents enjoy complimentary one-year social memberships at Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples, a yacht club along the Gordon River offering a marina, indoor storage for 600 boats, two waterside restaurants, outdoor pool and sauna, and access to Naples Bay.

iStar has completed the community's initial amenities, including the gatehouse, an elevated cobblestone entry bridge, the island and tiki hut and the Outrigger Welcome Center with a wrap-around porch overlooking the lake and floating docks.

Naples Reserve is planned for 1,154 lakefront single-family homes built by Southwest Florida's premier homebuilders and priced from the mid-\$300,000s to more than \$1.5 million. Entrance to the community is off U.S. 41, two miles southeast of the Collier Boulevard intersection. Visit the Outrigger Welcome Center at 14891 Naples Reserve Circle or go to naplesreserve.com for more information. ■



The Captiva by Marvin Development.

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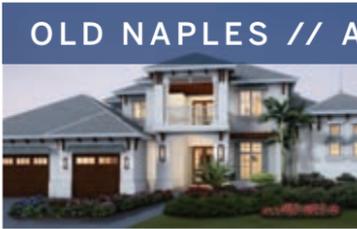
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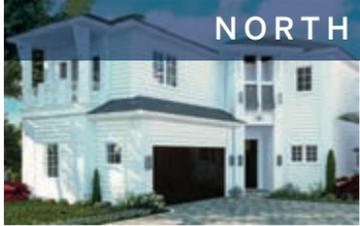
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A licensed professional engineer, Mr. Van Buskirk is a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association. He taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the urban and environmental Studies program and has been an adjunct professor at Barry University and Florida Gulf Coast University. The author of several published studies on

urban modeling, he is a recipient of the Charles Evans Hughes Award from the American Society for Public Administration.

Mr. Farmer began his career in the land development industry in 1989 and is a nationally recognized professional engineer and Certified City Planner with extensive experience in real estate development, planning and civil engineering, modeling and infrastructure design and construction. A former chairman of the Southwest Florida District Council for the Urban Land Institute, he is also a national instructor for the ULI.

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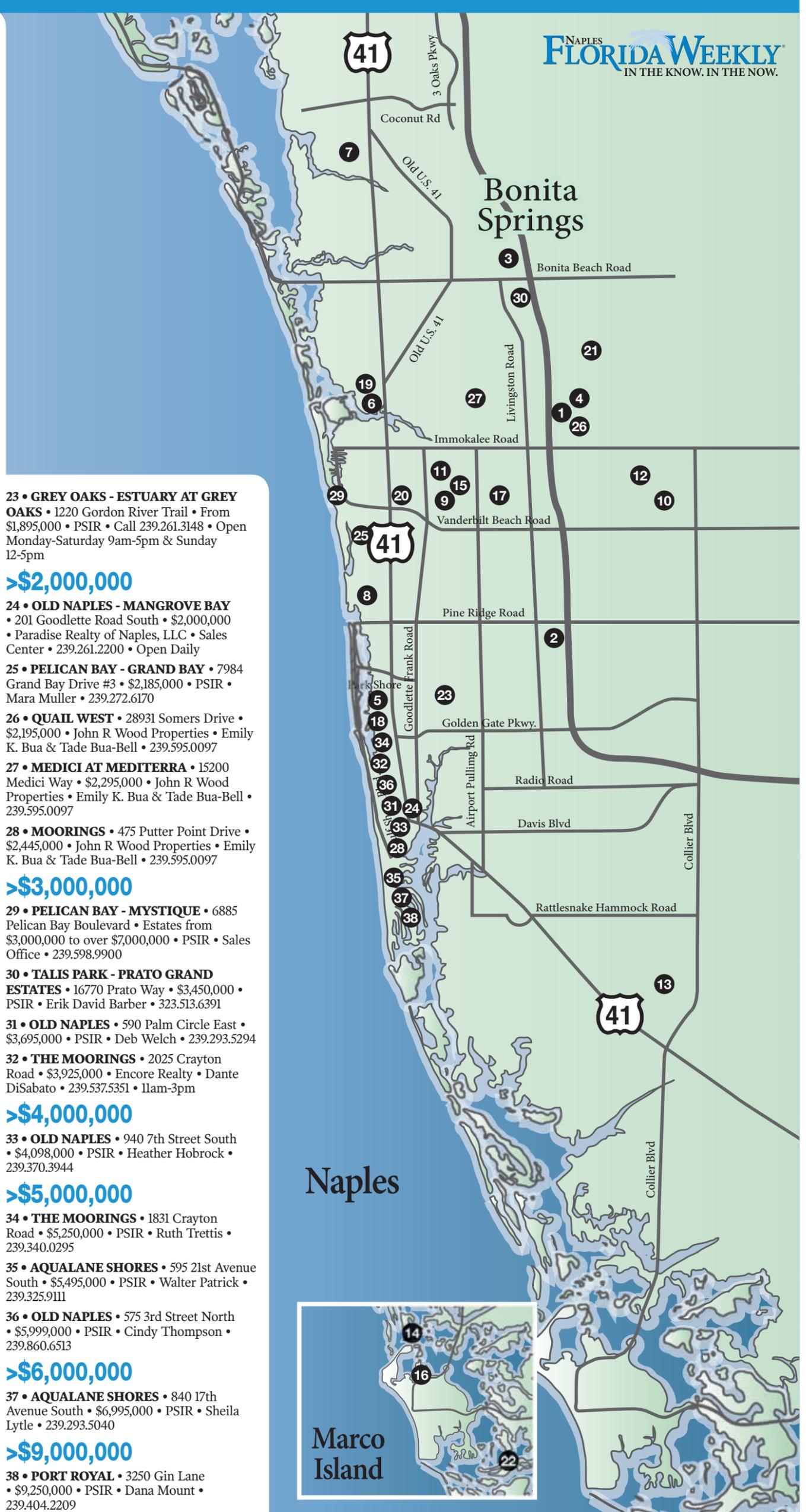
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SECTION C

NAUGHTY, NAKED *Magic*

Two Aussies
with nothing
to hide
delight in all
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BY NANCY STETSON
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When Christopher Wayne was a boy practicing magic tricks in Australia, he wanted to look like a traditional magician.

He didn't have a top hat, but he'd throw a bed sheet over his shoulders as a pretend cape.

Now that he's an adult and a professional magician, he performs his magic in the nude.

SEE NAKED,
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Studio Players present 'a study of modern masculinity'

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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While most local theater companies take a break from staging shows in favor of hosting camps this time of year, The Studio Players (formerly Let's Put on A Show Productions) debuts "Things Being What They Are" at 8 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Premiered in 2003 at the Seattle Repertory Theatre, playwright Wendy McLeod's two-person show is a study of modern masculinity. Touted as the

"Felix and Oscar of the 21st century," Ms. McLeod's Bill and Jack are far more complicated than just two guys drowning in brewskis on the couch.

Bill, played by Kevin Hendricks, has just moved out of the suburbs and is waiting for the arrival of his furniture and unfaithful wife. Jack, played by Keith Gahagan, is his irreverent neighbor and the epitome of the loud and noisy houseguest who won't leave. The pair forms an unlikely bond as their conversations stray from typical "dude-speak" to meaningful and unexpected explorations of marriage, commitment

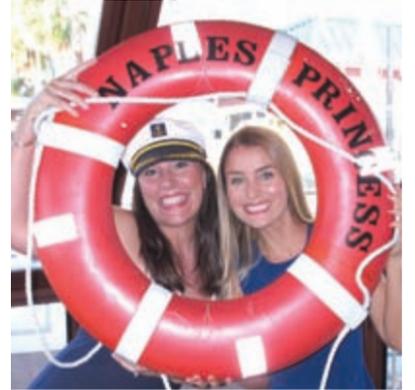
and mortality.

"It's an interesting twist," company founder Scott Lilly says about the two-man play written by a woman. "It's a woman's perspective on infidelity. It goes beyond these two men drinking beers and having guy talk. There's a message to the play."

Mr. Lilly likens the script to a male-focused version of Nora and Delia Ephron's play, "Love, Loss and What I Wore," in that it's a middle-aged reflection on gendered life experiences. It's also a comedy that positions Bill and

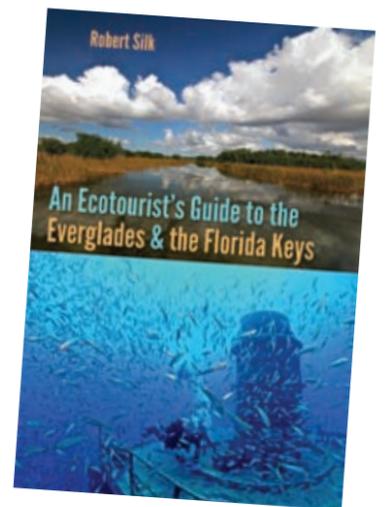
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INSIDE



Smooth sailing

All aboard with Young Executives of the David Lawrence Center, and more to-dos around town. C21-23 ▶



Great reading

Book reviewer Phil Jason likens new guide to "a minor masterpiece." C2 ▶



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As Mr. Silk helps us imaginatively discover the vast protected areas available for our relaxed exploration, he provides the context of water management and

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Salivate if you must over Mr. Silk’s descriptions of such places as Big Cypress National Preserve, Ivy House Bed and Breakfast, Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park, Lara Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary, Collier Seminole State Park, Marathon Turtle Hospital, the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum, Redland Fruit and Spice Park and (take a deep breath) Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park.

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And don’t forget to stop and smell the orchids.

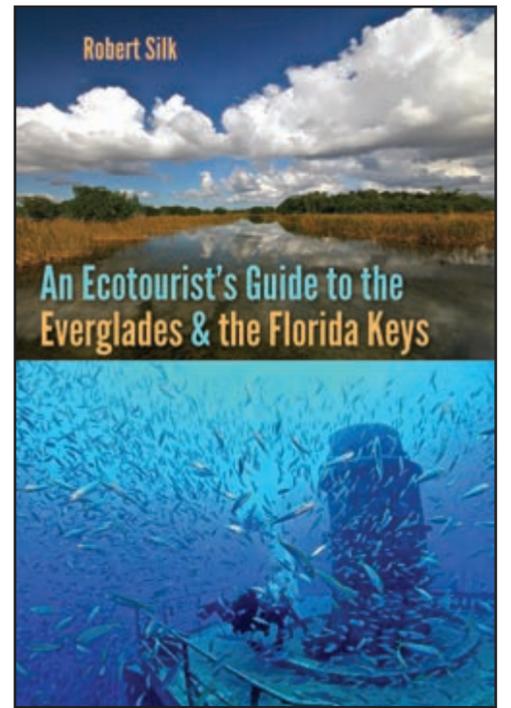
Mr. Silk gives special emphasis to certain topics by presenting his words against a gray background. This treatment highlights sections on Invasive Species, Birding Southern Florida, Cypress Domes, Key West Cemetery and Homesteads’ Mexican Restaurants, among other items of interest.

“An Ecotourist’s Guide ...” is made even more reader friendly by the abundance of illustrations it contains, many of them photographs by the author. And for readers who need to go back to check on some information in the book, he provides an efficient index.

The style and substance of this fine book, more one side of a friendly conversation than academic tome, makes it a valuable item for any resident of southern Florida, and a splendid gift item as well.

About the author

Robert Silk is the Florida tourism and airlines editor for Travel Weekly and a



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The Great British Baking Show
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See how the remaining 10 bakers prepare to brave bread, including quick breads in the Signature challenge. The Technical calls for baguettes. For the Showstopper, the bakers must create edible 3D bread sculptures. Who will rise to the occasion?

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"PBS NewsHour: Convention Coverage," July 18-21

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NAKED

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"The dry cleaning bill is very, very low," he quips.

Mr. Wayne and fellow magician Mike Tyler bill themselves as The Naked Magic Show. It's not just a clever name.

"Yes, by the end of the show, we are completely naked," he says, promising non-stop laughter, incredible magic "and two Aussies wearing nothing but a top hat" to those who see the show Friday evening, July 29, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

They're not like fellow naked Aussies who had a hit with "Puppetry of the Penis," in which they perform origami with their genitalia.

"There's a big difference between us and 'Puppetry of the Penis,'" Mr. Wayne says. "(With their show,) you're watching two guys tie their d*cks in knots. (Ours) is an interactive magic show.

"Puppetry of the Penis' was a beer. We're a cocktail," he adds. "We're a classier experience."

Mr. Wayne and Mr. Tyler have a saying they use in their show and in their publicity: Good magicians don't need sleeves. Great magicians don't need pants.

Being in the buff does make doing magic more challenging, he confesses.

"From a performing perspective, it's quite difficult for us," he says. "We do incredible magic; no sleeves, no pants, nowhere for us to hide at all."

What magic acts do they perform?

Mr. Wayne doesn't want to give too much away.

"We're like Penn and Teller, but we're Show and Teller," he says. "They both wear suits, but we both wear our birthday suits."

The Naked Magic Show includes audience participation, he says, with usually one or two audience members onstage with them. "But the joke's never on them," he says.

One trick in the act involves every single person in the audience. "It's the first time magic has left the stage and is in the hands of the audience," he says.

He describes the finale as "the craziest, wildest thing people have ever seen. I can't tell you exactly what we do, but it's pandemonium. It's the funniest, most magical and confronting thing you've seen. We get to see the audience's face for that finale: people crying with laughter, covering their faces with shock. It's the most delightful thing we've ever seen."

It's not a traditional magic act, he stresses, although like every classic magic act, it does include a rabbit. But theirs is a stuffed toy.

"We take him everywhere we go," says Mr. Wayne. "His name is Snuggles."

Naked beginnings

Mr. Wayne was the first Australian magician to have his own TV series. "More Than Magic" aired in Australia, New Zealand, England and the U.S. "It really made my career," he says about traveling around Australia doing street magic and stage shows for the television program.



Christopher Wayne with Snuggles the rabbit and Mike Tyler will bring their naked magic show to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall July 29.

He was also the head comedy writer for Queensland's popular breakfast radio show, "B105," for four years. "It was great training for me," he says, adding it was where he learned to think quick and on the spot. "Mike and I are naturally funny," he adds, "so that helped us."

His cohort was a high-end corporate entertainer, doing magic shows (clothed) for big businesses throughout Australia. The two met at one of those events about 3½ years ago and became best friends.

When they came up with the idea of The Naked Magic Show, they were both "very, very sober," Mr. Wayne says.

The movie "Magic Mike" had been released, which spurred endless jokes from friends, who started calling Mr. Tyler "Magic Mike."

"They'd ask, 'Can I see your magic wand?' or 'Can you make your clothes disappear?' And then we realized, in talking about it, that no one had ever taken magic to a naughty place. So we thought: Let's do it. Let's make the world's first naked magic show."

The first time they took their clothes off onstage, both men were terrified.

"But something amazing happened," Mr. Wayne says. "We took off our pants and the audience screamed and clapped and cheered, and then we were never going back. It's the best part of our day, when we get to take our clothes off."

The two magicians are very buff; Mr. Tyler is a former competitive swimmer

who participated in the National Championships and Pan Pacific Games.

"I don't want to get too cocky," says Mr. Wayne, "but Mike and I are both comfortable with what we have on under our clothes."

American beginnings

The duo's very first American show of full-frontal magic was in Florida, in Tampa. How many times have they toured America?

"It's the first place we ever got off of a plane in America," Mr. Wayne says, adding, "America has responded to our show so well."

Initially concerned that their humor might not translate, they happily discovered the show "caters to that naughty side I have, you have, every single person has."

"The crazy thing is that the show is received even better in America, for some reason. Maybe there's a bit of novelty in our Australian accent and our Australian persona. The humor goes really, really well over here. It's definitely universal."

The majority of their audiences are groups of women on a girls' night out, bachelorette parties and gay men on a boys' night out, he says.

He and Mr. Tyler are strong proponents of gay rights (same-sex marriage is not legal in Australia yet) and were thrilled to have a gay couple propose on their stage the other night.

"The show is a celebration of sexual-

in the know

Naked Magic Show

- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Friday, July 29
- >> **Where:** The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall
- >> **Cost:** \$46, \$66
- >> **Info:** 481-4849 or bbmannpah.com
- >> **Note:** For ages 18 and older. Contains coarse language, sexual references and nudity.

ity," he says. "We love that we can stand onstage and make people happy and are all-inclusive."

When they come to Florida later this month, they'll be winding down a 4½-month American tour that includes 75 shows in 50 cities.

They wrote the show together, and it combines their personalities, their love of magic, and their "love for all things taboo," Mr. Wayne says. "We get to share blood, sweat and tears with people — and other things."

The Naked Magic Show is "a full 90-minute assault," with no intermission. "For us, the real magic is using these tricks to entertain people and be the best option: better than going to bed, better than having dinner, better than sitting on your phone, better than watching Netflix, better than having sex," he adds.

"It's never about the tricks. It's about creating pure entertainment that takes people to a very fun and a very naughty place." ■



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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Coming this fall to a TV near you: a PBS documentary about 'Hamilton'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I was lucky enough to get to see "Hamilton" on Broadway this year, and I recall talk of a "Hamilton" special for television. Is that still happening?

— *Ginger C., via email*

A: Airing at 9 p.m. Oct. 21, "Hamilton's America" will be a part of PBS' Great Performances Series. The documentary will feature interviews with the Obamas, former President George W. Bush, Jimmy Fallon and Questlove. Tony Award-winning "Hamilton" star Lin-Manuel Miranda (who also wrote the book, music and lyrics) revealed at a press conference that the film is "more of a how-this-thing-came-together," rather than a straight-up airing of the musical. Aside from seeing show-stopping numbers, we'll also get the behind-the-scenes scoop about the origins of the show, how it made its way to Broadway and all the accolades and hullabaloo that have surrounded it since theatergoers first embraced it.



MIRANDA

Q: With "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" opening later this year and all of the buzz surrounding the play "Cursed Child," I need to know if the "Harry Pot-

ter" gang is going to get back together for more movies.

— *Linda T., Amherst, Ohio*

A: While there are no plans as of now for the original "Harry Potter" stars to reconvene on a new movie, we've learned never to say never in the movie biz. When asked about this recently, Daniel Radcliffe (who of course played the titular character in all the movies) told Britain's "Radio Times" that it would depend on the script. "The circumstances would have to be pretty extraordinary," he said. "But then I am sure Harrison Ford said that with Han Solo, and look what happened there. So I am saying no for now, but leaving room to backtrack in the future."

Q: As usual, this season of "Games of Thrones" is over and already I miss it. Do you have any news about future seasons? Surely there will be many more, because, dang, this is getting good.

— *Daniel N., via email*

A: The megahit fantasy drama has been renewed by HBO for a seventh and an eighth season, which will be the final two seasons. These seasons will be shorter as well, with season seven comprising seven episodes and season eight being six episodes long. ■

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Catch Me If You Can – By The Naples Players at Sugden Community Theater through July 31. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

The Wizard of Oz – By Broadway Palm Theatre on select dates through Aug. 13. 1380 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com. See review on page C10.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers – By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre through July 30. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Things Being What They Are – By The Studio Players at Golden Gate Community Center's Joan Jenks Auditorium. July 22-Aug. 7. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. letsputonashowproductions.com.

THURSDAY 7.14

Cast Netting – Learn to catch your own bait at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with regular park admission. Registration required. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Armchair Travel – Renaissance Academy invites guests to explore art by Dutch and Flemish masters featured in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum from 10-11:30 a.m. at Bentley Village. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Donate a Dress – Clive Daniel Home hosts a dress collection party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier. Bring a lightly loved dress or a \$20 donation to enjoy live music, wine, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, shopping and more. 213-7844 or clivedaniel.com.

FRIDAY 7.15

Creature Feature – Everglades Wonder Gardens invites kids to meet a resident flamingo and enjoy themed art and stories from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free with regular admission. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergarden.com.

Kids Free Friday – One paying adult (\$5) can bring up to five kids for free admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for activities, stories and a feature film about creatures of the sea. A food truck is on site from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. No registration required. 300 Tower Road. 530-5958 or rookerybay.org.

Hot Summer Nights – The Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts family activities from 6-9 p.m. at McLeod Park in Everglades City. 208 S. Copeland Ave. 774-4434 or colliersheriff.org.

Pop-Cultured – Barnes & Noble hosts an all-ages Star Wars event at 7 p.m. with trivia, giveaways, bingo, cosplay and more. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

SATURDAY 7.16

To Market, To Market – The Third Street South Farmers Market keeps going through summer from 7:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop from 8-10 a.m. about water garden photography. \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Jazz Concert – The Naples Jazzmasters take the stage from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. 263-1113 or naplesjazzsociety.com.



Check out photography by Naples Art Association members at The von Liebig Art Center through Friday, Aug. 5. The non-themed "Pictures in Process" exhibition features works including Christine Cook's "Heart of Iceland," pictured here. 262-6517 or naplesart.org

Cat's Meow – "The Jewelry Lady" Joan Millon hosts a fundraiser for Brigid's Crossing Holistic Cat Sanctuary from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Arbor Trace clubhouse with a jewelry sale, brownies and door prizes. 1000 Arbor Lake Drive. brigid.com.

Pop-Cultured – Celebrate 20 years of Pokémon starting at 4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Summer Jazz – Vodkanauts perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club as part of the SummerJazz on the Gulf series of free concerts. 261-2222 or naplesbeach-hotel.com.

LBD – Blue Martini in Mercato hosts a Little Black Dress Party starting at 8 p.m. Women who wear a black dress enjoy free entry and a champagne cocktail. 591-2583 or bluemartinilounge.com.

The Rural Genius – James Johann performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club tonight and Sunday, July 17. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehook-comedy.com.

SUNDAY 7.17

Walk the Dog – Naples Botanical Garden hosts the pooch patrol from 9-11:30 a.m. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to accompany their owners for a stroll. Free for Garden members and their canines, regular admission plus \$9.95 per pooch for others. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "The Castle" (Australia, 1997) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. A working-class family fights city hall after they are told to vacate their beloved family home to allow for infrastructural expansion. \$5 for academy members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

MONDAY 7.18

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Therese" (France, 2012) at 7 p.m. An unhappy woman struggles to break free from societal pressures. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Origins Seminar – Renaissance Academy hosts a seminar about the origins of human experience and prehistoric cave art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Brooks Commons Club in Bonita Springs. \$60 for academy members, \$72 for others, includes lunch. 9930 Coconut Road. 949-3800 or fgcu.edu.

TUESDAY 7.19

Pups on Patrol – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes well-behaved, leashed dogs with their owners from 8-11 a.m. Free for Garden members and their canines, regular admission plus \$9.95 per pooch for others. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Free Kids Flick – Paragon Pavilion presents a free screening of "The Sandlot" at 10 a.m. today through Thursday. 596-0008 or paragontheater.com.

Terrific Tuesdays – See any show at Mercato's Silverspot Cinema for just \$8 every Tuesday. 592-0300 or silverspot.net.



Preferred Travel welcomes an expert from Oceania Cruises to talk about the company's adventures on the high seas from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, in the Wells Fargo Building at 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd. Free, but reservations required.

Art Lecture – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about history's great art heists from 1-2:30 p.m. at The Arlington. \$20 for academy members, \$25 for others. 7900 Arlington Circle. 307-3000 or fgcu.edu.

WEDNESDAY 7.20

Om on the Beach – Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead a session on the beach from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. \$5 plus regular admission. Registration required. 597-6196 or greenmonkey.com.

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

Presidential Powers – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university's Naples campus about how U.S. presidents between 1930 and the present have managed difficult times. \$20 for academy members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Trees and Roots – Discover a treasure trove of American genealogical resources from 2-3 p.m. at Headquarters Library. Free, but registration required. 2385 Orange Blossom Trail. 593-0334 or collierlibrary.org.

Travel Talk – Preferred Travel hosts a talk from 5-6 p.m. about Oceania Cruise's current offerings. Free, but reservations required. 261-1177 or preferrednaples.com.

Hot Summer Nights – The Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts family activities from 6-9 p.m. at Seagate Elementary School. 774-4434 or colliersheriff.org.

Opera at the Movies – Paragon Pavilion screens a Metropolitan Opera performance of Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutte" at 7 p.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

COMING UP

Calling All Collectors – Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops hosts a sale of comic book collectibles starting at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 21, featuring items from Funko, Diamond and more. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Up a Creek – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts beginning paddleboard lessons at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21. Free with admission, registration required. 431-0958.

Wee Folk – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop about creating fairy gardens from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 21. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Wading the Flats – Lovers Key State Park invites kids ages 6 and up to explore the sea grass flats with a guide starting at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 21. Free, but registration required. 463-4588 or floridastateparks.org.

Cedric the Entertainer – The Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs welcomes comedian Cedric the Entertainer at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 22-23. Tickets start at \$46. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Just Say No – Drug Free Collier presents “Raising a Drug-Free Kid in a Drug-Filled World” at 6 p.m. Friday, July 22, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Guest speaker Monte Stiles is a former state and federal prosecutor who now dedicates his life to drug education. Adults and youth are welcome. Free, but reservations required. 625 111th Ave. N. 302-6717 or carlyg@drugfreecollier.org.

Sensorily Speaking – Paragon Pavilion offers a lights-on, low-sound screening of “Ice Age: Collision Course” at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23, for children with sensory processing disorders. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Double Feature – The Marco Players hosts a double feature with performances by Square 1 Improv and fiddler J. Robert starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 23. \$20, cash or check at the door. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarco-players.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Amélie” (France, 2001) at 7 p.m. Monday, July 25. An innocent and naive girl in Paris with her own sense of justice decides to help those around her and falls in love along the way. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

History Lecture – Headquarters Regional Library hosts a discussion about Andrew Jackson from 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 26. Free, but registration required. 8635 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or collierlibrary.org.

Indie Film – Naples Film Society screens “Seven Songs for a Long Life” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at Silverspot Cinema. An intimate documentary about our changing views of death — with great songs. \$16. Purchase tickets at website. 775-3456 or naplesfilmfest.com.

Ancient Walk – Tour the ancient bald cypress forest at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 27. Free, but registration required. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org. 1959 Trade Center Way.

Kayak Tour – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a kayak tour of Water Turkey Bay and Wiggins Pass setting out at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 28. Participants should have intermediate or above paddling skills. \$15 plus regular park admission, registration required. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Dog Daze – Promenade at Bonita Bay hosts a pet expo from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, July 28. 472-4792 or promenadeshops.com.

Love That Dress – International Design Center hosts an “Alice in Wonderland”-themed cocktail party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28, to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee. Bring a “lightly loved” dress for donation. \$20-\$30. 449-3269 or Emily@idsi.com.

Hot Summer Nights – The Collier County Sheriff’s Office hosts family activities from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 29, at Vineyards Community Park. 6231 Arbor Blvd. 774-4434 or colliersheriff.org.

Full Frontal – The Naked Magic Show gives audiences an eyeful at 8 p.m. Friday, July 29, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 489-0326 or bbmannpah.com.

Castles for Kids – Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples hosts the fourth annual Castles for Kids sand-sculpting competition complete with mermaids,

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■ The Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs welcomes comedian **Cedric the Entertainer** at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 22-23. Tickets start at \$46. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. — swflpac.com

■ Make room for more in your closet by picking out a gently loved dress or two and taking them to Clive Daniel Home from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday for donation to PACE Center for Girls-Collier. Enjoy live music, wine and hors d’oeuvres plus the satisfaction of contributing to the annual **Love That Dress! fundraiser for PACE.**

— lovethatdress.org

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■ The “power lounge” band **Vodkanauts** performs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club as part of the free SummerJazz on the Gulf concert series.

— naplesbeachhotel.com



■ Eat brownies and buy jewelry at a fundraiser for **Brigid’s Crossing Holistic Cat Sanctuary** from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace.

— brigids.com

■ Let the force be with you starting at 7 p.m. Friday at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops, where the fun includes cosplay, **“Star Wars”** trivia contests and a chance to learn how to play the Star Wars X-Wing game.

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Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Young & Beautiful" (France, 2012) at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1. A call girl remains curiously aloof about her hotel-room trysts and the money she makes. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Recycled Percussion - The Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs presents Recycled Percussion, the "junk rock" band made famous on "America's Got Talent," at 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Tickets start at \$25. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Walk in Her Shoes - The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a "web walk" through Anne Frank's life from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at The Arlington. 7900 Arlington Cir. 307-3000 or fgcu.edu.

Art Opening - Marco Island Historical Museum hosts an opening reception from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, for "Here and There," an exhibition of works by William Mosely. The show runs from Aug. 2-Oct. 29. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Dr. 642-1440 or colliermuseums.com.

I'll Be Seeing You - Marco Island Center for the Arts screens "Casablan-

ca" (1942) at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. In the early days of World War II, an American expatriate meets a former lover in Morocco. Free, but donations appreciated. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

Return of the Double Dip - The Marco Players hosts a double feature at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, with performances by Square 1 Improv and fiddler J. Robert. \$20, cash or check at the door. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Foreign Film - The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "Everlasting Moments" (Sweden, 2008) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at the university's Naples campus. In a time of social change and unrest, a young woman wins a camera in a lottery. \$5 for academy members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Morning Constitutional - Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary welcomes early bird walkers to stroll the boardwalk from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16. \$10-\$25, registration required. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

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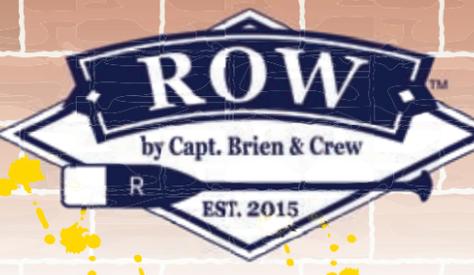
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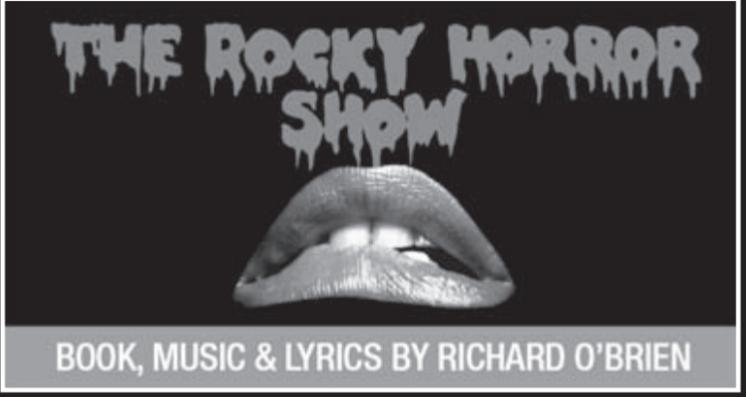


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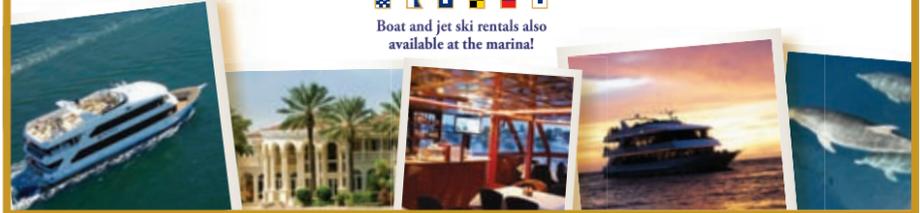
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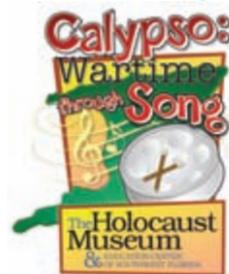
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ARTS COMMENTARY

Broadway Palm follows the Yellow Brick Road to Oz

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"The Wizard of Oz" is the classic coming-of-age/quest story: A young girl leaves home and with the help of some friends goes on a quest (two, actually) and in doing so, discovers herself.

She learns the importance of friends, of loyalty, and she also learns self-reliance, how to trust herself.

The Broadway Palm does a solid job of retelling this tale.

It's an ambitious show to stage; there are many scene changes, various unusual characters to costume, plus a tornado.

Then there's the matter of comparison. So many people are familiar with the movie that they can't help but compare.

But this cast manages to hold their own, especially the leads.

Sarah Cammarata is a likeable, believable Dorothy. And her delivery of that iconic song, "Over the Rainbow," in the first scene does not disappoint. Her dog, Toto (Mickey Alexson), a scene-stealer throughout the musical, is adorable and well behaved.

Set designer Dominic Lau gives us a sepia-colored Kansas, and costume designer John P. White dresses everyone in black and white or sepia tones before everything goes Technicolor. (Dorothy's black-and-white gingham dress becomes blue-and-white once she lands in Munchkinland.)

Seven of the actors play double roles: one person in Kansas, then another over the rainbow.

Aunt Em (Christina Tomkins), a practical but loving woman, turns into Glinda the Good Witch, bubbling over with benevolence.

Uncle Henry (Dale Given), who stands up for Dorothy, becomes the whimsical Oz Gate Keeper, dressed in what looks like a green cloth Slinky. The show could have used a lot more of his silliness.

Paul Bernier plays two flim-flam men: Professor Marvel, who pretends he can tell the future, and the Wizard of Oz, who pretends to be great and powerful, but isn't.

Perhaps because it's a presidential election year, the observation that, "Some people without brains do an awful lot of talking, don't they?" got a big laugh. (And because this is South-



Victor Legarreta as the Cowardly Lion, Mickey Alexson as Toto, Sarah Cammarata as Dorothy, Regan McLellan as the Scarecrow and Christopher Russell as the Tin Man.

west Florida, such a transitory place, the comment, "My, people come and go so quickly here," also received a bigger-than-normal laugh of recognition.)

Mr. Bernier had to do some quick ad-libbing at the end, when, handing out medals, he accidentally gave the Tin Man's heart to the Lion instead. (The Lion cleverly covered the heart with his paws, so the audience wouldn't realize it was the wrong medal.)

Realizing his mistake, Mr. Bernier switched the medals, giving each to its rightful owner.

The audience loved it, and laughed.

And the Wizard is actually only a very fallible human anyway, so the mistake was in character. Another ad-lib came when the balloon he was to escape in got caught up and didn't glide to the staircase that was supposed to lead up to it. The audience again, laughed, but it was laughter of acceptance, not ridicule.

Megan Orlowski plays the evil, Toto-hating Miss Gulch and the Wicked Witch. Attacking her roles with great zest, she might be too scary for very young children. (As an adult, I remain terrified of the flying monkeys that jump about and chatter and wear giant black bat wings on the backs of their red outfits.)

Ms. Orlowski threatens and taunts her way through the show and is scary even without her green make-up.

The farmhands, of course, become Dorothy's friends on the road to Oz. She first meets the Scarecrow (Regan



Isabella Cintron as the Flying Monkey, Megan Orlowski as the Wicked Witch of the West and Sarah Cammarata as Dorothy, holding Mickey Alexson as Toto.

McLellan), appropriately flopsy and ditz. The trio of crows who cackle and sing along are a great touch.

She then meets the Tin Man (Christopher Russell), who performs an admirable tap dance. He somehow manages to be simultaneously flexible yet tin-like.

And Victor Legarreta as the Cowardly Lion wins the heart of the audience. In Act Two, he brings down the house with his "King of the Forest" song. It's easy to see why he's a favorite with Broadway Palm audiences.

A trio of unnamed dancers dressed as the Yellow Brick Road didn't quite work and seemed odd; I would have rather seen an actual, physical road. But a trio of haughty trees with sass and attitude (also unnamed in the program) was a creative touch and almost stole the show.

Unfortunately, the show's special

in the know

'The Wizard of Oz'

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>> Cost: \$39 to \$62 (\$20 for those 18 and younger); includes buffet and show.

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effects weren't that special. I wish they'd been as sophisticated as the acting. While there's some video during the tornado scene, there's an over-reliance on lighting (Russell A. Thompson) that put lights shining in the eyes of the audience in a way that's more annoying than effective.

Surprisingly, the scenes with the Munchkins and the citizens of Oz were not as effective as they should be. The Munchkins wear clever outfits that made them look like flowers, but the Oz-ites look like a parody of a St. Patrick's Day party.

Conversely, the guards at the castle of the Wicked Witch had superb costumes, though their time on stage was very limited. (I coveted their black and white Russian-like hats.)

"The Jitterbug," an energetic dance number that takes place in the Haunted Forest, was a standout, with great staging and jive moves, thanks to director/choreographer Amy Marie McCleary. It was one of the show's best numbers.

I craved some more magic in this production, but those who love the movie should enjoy this offering.

The show is a great reminder that we need to think for ourselves and not put so much power into the hands of those who have high positions.

It also urges us to be consistent and live up to our word.

"If you are so great and powerful, you'd keep your promises," Dorothy tells the Wizard at one point when he tries to renege.

This musical not only tells us that we all have greatness and untapped resources within, but that those in power don't always know what they're talking about; we can be so impressed with smoke and mirrors, when really, it's just a little man behind a curtain who doesn't have a clue.

And during an election year — well, any year, actually — it's not a bad thing to be reminded to not have blind faith in anyone, and to verify whatever you're told. ■



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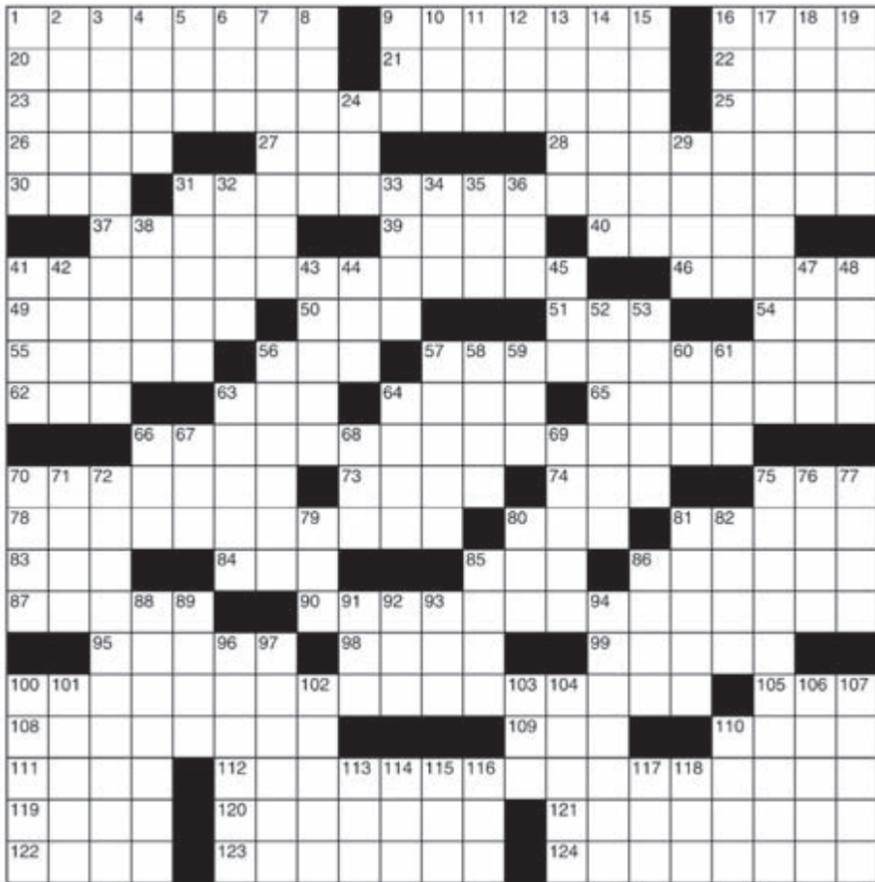
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 - 16 "— to say?"
 - 20 Formal written defense
 - 21 Informer
 - 22 Lend a hand
 - 23 1941 hit for Billie Holiday
 - 25 "Would — to you?"
 - 26 "Frozen" snow queen
 - 27 Athenian H
 - 28 Of volcanic activity
 - 30 Subpar grade
 - 31 Kind of shipping with smallish freight
 - 37 O'Hara's Butler
 - 39 Kind of sword
 - 40 Give rise to
 - 41 One watching unobtrusively
 - 46 See 87-Across
 - 49 Fly jets, say
 - 50 Lend a hand
 - 51 Telly initials
 - 54 Bear, in Tijuana
 - 55 Countries
 - 56 Home pest
 - 57 Xeroxing supply
 - 62 Common B.A. major
 - 63 Only jet, once it in 1979
 - 64 Soprano
 - 65 California's region
 - 66 Legendary king of Camelot
 - 70 Little-by-little
 - 73 Morales of movies
 - 74 High trains
 - 75 Stein quaff
 - 76 Pilot's direction
 - 80 Nada
 - 81 Made even
 - 83 Gp. of G.P.'s
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 - 85 2005 Best Director Lee
 - 86 Plod along
 - 87 With 46-Across, pancake pour-on
 - 90 Like a technology in development
 - 95 Singer Clark or Gibbs
 - 98 Bowl game org.
 - 99 Believer in a "God of reason"
 - 100 Ayatollah
 - 105 "Give — try!"
 - 108 Forbearance
 - 109 Yank enemy
 - 110 "— all a favor and ..."
 - 111 Luc's gal pal
 - 112 Simple substances split in eight long answers in this puzzle
 - 119 Pop singer
 - 120 One hanging in the air
 - 121 Sherpa, e.g.
 - 122 E-mail status
 - 123 Fifty percent
 - 124 "The way things look to me ..."
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Pent-up
 - 2 As straight as —
 - 3 "The Twilight Zone" host
 - 4 Jessica of "Sin City"
 - 5 Texting titter
 - 6 Census stat
 - 7 Meets the challenge of
 - 8 Jib holders
 - 9 Burnt residue
 - 10 Salt Lake City collegian
 - 11 Place: Abbr.
 - 12 Homer's cry
 - 13 More guileful
 - 14 Slick offering at a spa?
 - 15 Infer
 - 16 County in Kentucky or Indiana
 - 17 Reddish purple color
 - 18 Ex-Twin Tony
 - 19 Swiftmess
 - 24 Pic on a pec, perhaps
 - 29 UPS items: Abbr.
 - 31 Pre-Easter periods
 - 32 Kitchen extension?
 - 33 Pay mind to
 - 34 Tax mo.
 - 35 Ut. neighbor
 - 36 Golfing peg
 - 38 Skull's place as —
 - 41 Outlet event
 - 42 Writer Bunin
 - 43 Zulu's group
 - 44 Plop (down)
 - 45 Fenway stat
 - 47 Functions
 - 48 Cruise stop
 - 52 Happen to
 - 53 Rocky peaks
 - 56 Wynonna Judd's sister
 - 57 Unsoiled
 - 58 Luxury hotel chain
 - 59 Hip dwelling
 - 60 NHLer, e.g.
 - 61 Barley bristle
 - 63 Sharp pains
 - 64 Lhasa — (dog breed)
 - 66 Nabokov heroine
 - 67 Classic Karel Capek play
 - 68 — center (play area)
 - 69 Be in power
 - 70 Unit of fat
 - 71 "— Lama Ding Dong"
 - 72 Film version, e.g.
 - 75 Person reading for a role, say
 - 76 Big name in toy bricks
 - 77 Place of bliss
 - 79 Heart rocker
 - Wilson
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 - 81 Choo-choo
 - 82 Furrows
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 - 86 Smartphone of the 2000s
 - 88 Merciful
 - 89 Iroquois tribe
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 - 93 Asian ideal
 - 94 Food
 - 96 Western cattle farm
 - 97 Korean city near Seoul
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 - 101 Flaxlike fiber
 - 102 Superman portrayer
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 - 103 WWW bookmark
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 - 106 People of Rwanda
 - 107 Benefit
 - 110 Galley mark
 - 113 "Ho-hum"
 - 114 401(k) kin
 - 115 Bit of cartoon art
 - 116 Whelp's yelp
 - 117 Prefix with center
 - 118 Family VIPs

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter his or her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations will not work. Open your mind or friends and

family will share reproach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises for which you're not sure you're ready.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for his or her actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles — the harder, the better. ■

By Linda Thistle

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It's unlikely you'll ever be dealt a hand as luscious as the one held by South in this week's deal. But, just in case lightning strikes and you do get such a hand — or a reasonable facsimile thereof — here's a word or two about how to bid and play it.

The bidding should be short and sweet, as it would be pointless to indulge in an elaborate or extended series of bids. You should immediately cast your vote for seven spades and bid it.

The play is not as simple as that, though it's not really difficult. It's obvious from the start that the grand slam is ice-cold unless one opponent has five or six hearts to the ten.

Therefore you should, as a cautious player, assume that such a situation exists and adapt your play accordingly. So, after ruffing the ace of diamonds, you should play one round of trumps and then cash the A-K of hearts. After West shows out without ruffing, you trump a heart in dummy, and the rest of the tricks are yours. Of course, you're a bit lucky that the second heart didn't get ruffed, but then again, you were unlucky that the hearts split badly in the first place.

It would be technically wrong — and in the actual case, fatal — to cash all your trumps first and rely solely on a favorable heart division. Playing one round of trumps followed by two rounds of

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♥	A K Q J 7		
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♣	—		

The bidding:
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 Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

hearts allows you to make the contract whenever it can be made.

It would be a pity to hold a hand like this and watch it go down the drain because you failed to take a measure of protection — however small — against a bad heart division. That would not be the proper way to show your gratitude for being dealt a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity like this one. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

The BFG ★★

(Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Bill Hader) A London orphan (Ms. Barnhill) is taken to giant country, where she helps a Big Friendly Giant (Mr. Rylance) take down the bullies who pick on him. It lacks narrative thrust and the characters are underdeveloped, but visually the film is stellar. Rated PG.

Our Kind of Traitor ★★★

(Ewan McGregor, Naomie Harris, Stellan Skarsgard) A Russian Mafia money launderer (Mr. Skarsgard) asks a British man (Mr. McGregor) for help in reaching out to MI6. Although it has the makings of a taut espionage thriller, it disappoints on almost all levels. Based on the novel of the same name by John Le Carre. Rated R.

De Palma ★★★

(Brian De Palma) Filmmaker Brian De Palma discusses his approach to filmmaking and shares anecdotes from all of his movies ("Carrie," "Scarface," "The Untouchables," "Mission: Impossible"). Film geeks will love it, but it might not be accessible to a mainstream audience. Rated R.

Finding Dory ★★1/2

(Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Albert Brooks, Ed O'Neill) Dory (Ms. DeGeneres) tries to find her long-lost parents in this sequel to "Finding Nemo." It's a sweet, occasionally funny and sometimes tedious story; you will enter with great excitement and exit with mild disappointment. Rated PG.

Central Intelligence ★

(Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson, Amy Ryan) A tame accountant (Mr. Hart) is forced to team up with an eccentric CIA agent (Mr. Johnson) to stop the sale of encrypted satellite codes. It's an unfunny, horrid slog of a movie that's woefully void of laughs, decent action and (contrary to its title) intelligence. Rated PG-13.

Now You See Me 2 ★★★★★

(Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Daniel Radcliffe) The Four Horsemen (Mr. Harrelson, Mr. Eisenberg, etc.) magicians are kidnapped by a tech magnate (Mr. Radcliffe) and forced to steal a valuable computer chip. It's clever and enjoyable; the fact that it's largely far-fetched and unrealistic is part of its charm. Rated PG-13.

Maggie's Plan ★★★

(Greta Gerwig, Ethan Hawke, Julianne Moore) Maggie (Ms. Gerwig) falls in love with and marries John (Mr. Hawke), only to realize she made a horrible mistake and needs to reunite him with his ex-wife (Ms. Moore). It's a clever premise with enough laughs and brutal honesty to make it solid entertainment. Rated R.

Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping ★★★

(Andy Samberg, Sarah Silverman, Imogen Poots) Pop star Conner4Real (Mr. Samberg) strikes out with his second solo album, sending his life and career into a tailspin. It's a laugh riot from start to finish that dares to satirize pop culture and the idol worship of celebrities. Rated R. ■

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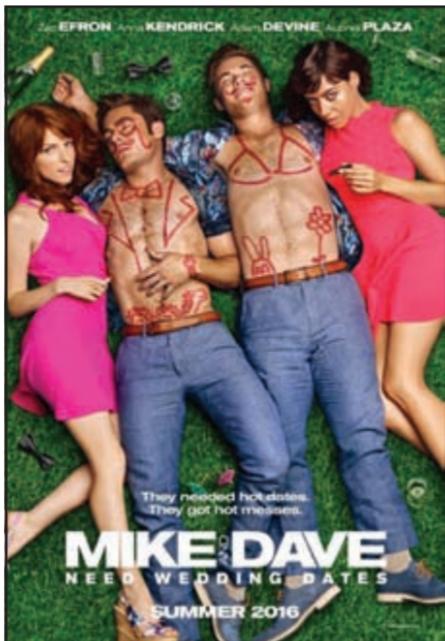
It is a compliment to write that "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" is every bit as crude, crass and boyishly stupid as it looks. Remember, that's all it's trying to be. It wants to make you laugh with its immaturity and outrageousness, shock you with its zaniness and gross you out with its unkempt nudity. I was happy to play along.

One imagines the pitch to stars Zac Efron, Adam Devine, Anna Kendrick and Aubrey Plaza: "Want to go to Hawaii for a few weeks, party, shoot a movie, go on an ATV ride and enjoy paradise, all on the studio's dime?" Seems like a no-brainer. And thankfully, director Jake Szymanski let them improv to keep the vibe on set playful and fun (stay for the credit cookies and you'll see what I mean).

The premise is simple: Idiot 20-something brothers Mike (Mr. Devine) and Dave (Mr. Efron) have a penchant for ruining family events with their alcohol-fueled antics, and their parents (Stephanie Faracy and Stephen Root) are tired of it. So for their sister Jeanie's (Sugar Lyn Beard) Hawaiian wedding to Eric (Sam Richardson), the brothers are told they must bring respectable dates: smart girls with good values and real jobs, the kind who will be a positive influence.

So they do what any guys looking for the right girl would do: They post an ad on craigslist, and it goes viral. After a series of terrible dates, they meet Tatiana (Ms. Plaza) and Alice (Ms. Kendrick), who have neither values nor jobs. They are, however, smart enough to dupe the boys into thinking they're good girls, all in the interest of a free trip to Hawaii.

Fun in the sun and hilarity ensue. What's interesting is that the comedy feels fresh even though the story goes through all the expected beats. An ATV ride takes them through the same valley in Oahu that was used in "Jurassic Park," and accordingly the characters have fun recreating moments from the film. Jeanie gets a massage unlike any we've ever seen, and Tatiana does



things for Rihanna tickets that are a surprise even for her. Being able to legitimately laugh at these scenes (and many more) is essential as the story progresses through the standard motions of 1) the guys screwing up the wedding, 2) the truth about the girls being revealed, 3) Dave and Alice falling for one another, etc.

I find it delightful that his film is (sort of) based on a true story. The real Mike and Dave Stangle posted an ad on craigslist in February 2013 looking for dates to their cousin's wedding, and because the ad went viral it led to more than 15 minutes of fame for the brothers. Most of what occurs in the movie is fiction, but if the real Mike and Dave are anything at all like the ones on screen, they'll probably assert that the movie is 100 percent reality.

Regardless, there's something to be said for a film that just wants to make you laugh. "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates" makes you laugh. That's good enough for me. ■

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>> **The real Mike and Dave craigslist post** is here: craigslist.org/about/best/nyc/3614233314.html.

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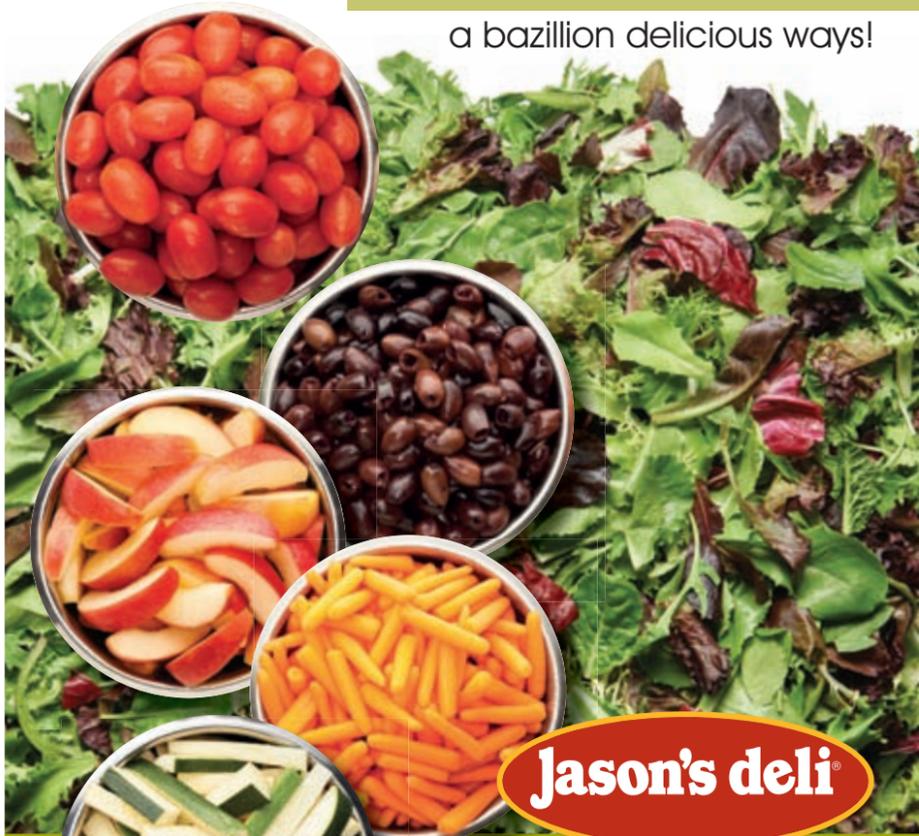
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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Spice bins add flavor to kitchen collections

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Why not collect food-storage antiques? Food had to be specially prepared to last during the centuries before iceboxes and refrigerators. Long hours were spent smoking, pickling, drying and canning foods. Fresh fruits and vegetables were available only "in season." Iceboxes were used in the 19th and 20th centuries. The first electric refrigerator was made in 1911, and by 1923, Frigidaire was selling a home refrigerator.

Spices still are used to store, flavor and preserve food. Grocery stores of the 1890s sold spices from a large container or later, the small-sized tins sometimes used today. A 36-inch-tall Pagoda-shaped spice bin with original paint sold for \$3,300 at a Showtime auction in 2015. It was a six-sided tower that held ginger, cinnamon, mustard, cloves, allspice and pepper. The revolving tower had ornate lithographed labels on the tin sections. The 2- to 3-inch tins sell for \$5 to \$25. They are still found at house sales, flea markets and online.

Q: I have a piece of pottery marked "Anna Van, Colo. Spgs." When was it made?

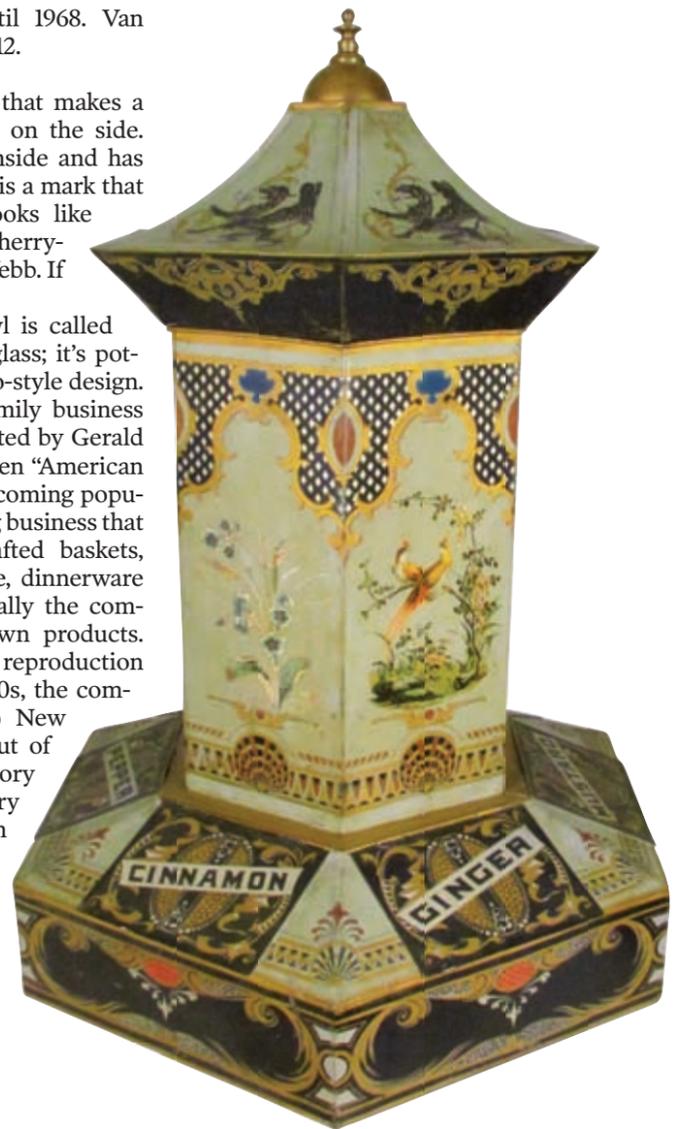
A: This mark was used by Van Briggles Pottery of Colorado Springs, Colo., from 1954 to 1968. Van Briggles bought Dryden Pottery in Ellsworth, Kan., in 1954 and the mark was first used on pottery made by Dryden and sold by Van Briggles. In 1956, the molds, clay and glazes were moved to Van Briggles's site in Colorado Springs, where production of pottery marked

"Anna Van" continued until 1968. Van Briggles pottery closed in 2012.

Q: I have a round bowl that makes a bell-like ping when tapped on the side. It's yellow outside, white inside and has raised white flowers. There is a mark that looks like "G Henn." It looks like an unmarked cameo-glass cherry-blossom bowl by Thomas Webb. If it is, what is its value?

A: First of all, your bowl is called a rose bowl. And it is not glass; it's pottery, decorated with a cameo-style design. Henn Workshops was a family business in Warren, Ohio. It was started by Gerald Henn in the early 1980s, when "American country" decorating was becoming popular. Henn was a direct-selling business that sold woodenware, handcrafted baskets, home accessories, bakeware, dinnerware and serving pieces. Eventually the company started making its own products. It's best known for modern reproduction spongeware. In the mid-1990s, the company moved operations to New Waterford, Ohio. It went out of business in 2009. The factory that housed Henn's pottery now makes coffee mugs with green signature logos for

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Q: I found a Charlie McCarthy knife handle in things after my mother died. The blade is missing. Is the handle worth anything by itself?

A: Charlie McCarthy was a ventriloquist's dummy used by Edgar Bergen from the 1930s to the 1970s. They appeared on stage, radio, movies and TV. Four pieces of flatware were offered as premiums in 1939 by Chase & Sanborn Coffee Co., the sponsor of a radio program starring Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen. The set included a knife with Charlie wearing a cowboy hat, a fork with Charlie wearing a top hat, and two spoons. One spoon has a finial with Charlie wearing a top hat and the other has Charlie wearing a detective's hat. The pieces usually sell for under \$10 apiece, but the knife handle alone probably is worthless.

Q: I bought seven ceramic 7½-inch plates at an estate sale. They're decorated with a big yellow sun with a smiling face and orange rays. The backs of the plates are marked "Vera for Mikasa, happy sun FC 041, oven to table to dishwasher, made

in Japan." I have a collection of Vera scarves but didn't know she designed tableware. What can you tell me about them?

A: Vera Neumann (1907-1993) was a textile designer who started her own business in 1946. The Vera Company was sold after she died. Happy Sun is the name of the pattern of your plates made in Japan by Mikasa, an American company. The plates sell for a few dollars each. Vera's original design drawings and works of art are now being sold in a gallery.

Tip: Don't use old home-canning jars to preserve food. The jars with wire bales, glass caps, zinc porcelain-lined caps or metal caps with rubber rings do not seal as well as the new two-piece vacuum-cap jars. ■

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It was nearly 50 years ago, but I remember one meal clearly. Uncle Bob removed the lid from the Fostoria sugar bowl and added two or three spoonfuls of sugar to his matching glass, and stirred vigorously. Then he added another. An inch of sugar stood in the bottom of that glass and I laughed. The things we remember. The decade in which Uncle Bob stirred his tea was the 1960s. During that time, President Kennedy was assassinated. So was Martin Luther King. People were fighting for their rights everywhere in America, including Fort Myers, where we lived at the time, and Pahokee, where Uncle Bob and my Aunt Cleo were pillars of the community. But all was peaceful and happy in the Douthitt household, where Uncle Bob sipped his tea and the family laughed around the dinner table. It may have been Easter — I remember hunting for eggs tucked

among the shrubbery in their yard when I was a little boy. I couldn't tell you what we ate — probably ham or fried chicken, cooked in Aunt Cleo's Guardian ware, a casserole of some sort, ambrosia salad and pound cake for dessert. It is that day I remember whenever I see a piece of Fostoria's American pattern. The pressed-glass pattern was heavy and eye-catching — possibly the most popular of the so-called Elegant glass patterns over the 70 or so years it was made. It was well made and could be fancy, but was not fussy, just like Aunt Cleo herself. She used her glassware every day — that sugar bowl sat on the kitchen table ready to sweeten coffee and tea. At one point, values were on the rise for Fostoria and other Elegant Depression-era glass patterns. Those values have slipped in recent years, but that does not matter. I have Aunt Cleo and Uncle Bob's Fostoria iced tea glasses, and the sugar bowl. I look at them and I remember a gentler time in my life. That glass is precious to me, so its value transcends any dollar amount. After all, how can you put a price on a memory? ■

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■ The next **Dress Collection Party** to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday July 14, at Clive Daniel Home, 2777 Tamiami Trail N, complete with wine and hors d'oeuvres, live music, a silent auction and shopping. Bring a "lightly loved" dress for donation, or pay \$20 for admission.



International Design Source, 1959 Trade Center Way, hosts an "Alice In Wonderland" themed cocktail party and dress donation event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28.

If you can't make it to a dress collection party, then drop off your donations at any of the following: Diane's Fine Fashions, 4202 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; Lux Boutique, 4262 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; Bay Colony Golf Club, 9740 Ben Grass Bend; A. Jaron Fine Jewelry, 6310 Trail Blvd.; Naples Illustrated, 3066 Tamiami Trail N.

All dress donations will help stock the racks for the sixth annual Love That Dress! Collier" set for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. More than 500 fashionistas and a few brave men will stake their claim on new or gently loved dresses, bid in the silent auctions and enjoy camaraderie and cocktails. An afterparty will take place at Burn by Rocky Patel in Mercato. Tickets for \$30 go on sale Aug. 1 online only at LoveThatDress.org. For more information, call Marianne Kearns at 842-5406, email Marianne.kearns@pacecenter.org or visit lovethatdress.org.

■ Youth Haven holds its second annual **pARTY with a Purpose** from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at The von Liebig Art Center. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, a photo booth, food and drinks, raffle prizes and more, all while fundraising to support the art program for the young resident of Youth Haven's emergency shelter for abused, abandoned or neglected children and teens. Tickets are \$50. For reservations or more information, visit youthhaven-swfl.org.



■ The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals hosts "**Latin Night: The Tastes and Sounds of the Dominican Republic**" Saturday, Sept. 17, at Wyndemere Country Club to benefit the CHBP and the Hispanic Council Foundation of Collier County. Tickets are \$100 for individuals, \$175 for two. Visit chbpnnaples.org for reservations or more information.

■ Waterside Shops hosts its fourth annual **Craving Fashion** food and fashion event from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida and United Way of Collier County. Models wearing fashions from shops throughout the center will stroll the walkways, and more than 30 local restaurants will serve tastes of their specialty dishes and drinks. Purchase tickets for \$50 at cravingfashion2016.eventbrite.com. For event updates, follow Craving Fashion on Facebook.

■ Project HELP holds its 20th annual **Chocolate Extravaganza** from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Drive in Naples. The fundraiser features a bounty of chocolate treats, savory hors d'oeuvres, wine, silent auction and music. Costumes are options but encouraged in keeping with a masquerade theme.



Project HELP board member Laura Press Spiller is event chair; Arthrex and Candy Grandy are the first to pledge their support as sponsors. Tickets for \$95 are available by calling the Project HELP office at 649-1404 or by going to projecthelpnaples.org/events.

The nonprofit is seeking donations of chocolate cookies, candies, cakes, brownies and other bite-size items from restaurants, bakeries, chefs, stores and other businesses. Donors are invited to call the office if they can contribute 100 pieces of a chocolate item for guests to enjoy.

Celebrating its 30th year in 2016, Project HELP is the state-certified rape recovery and victim services center serving all of Collier County. Free and confidential services are provided for people who are affected by sexual assault, human trafficking, sudden loss and other violent crime. The 24-hour helpline is 262-7227. Visit projecthelp-naples.org for more information. ■

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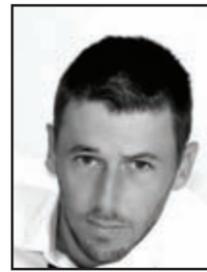
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The Studio Players have also announced the following lineup for next season:

- "The Savannah Disputation" by Evan Smith (Oct. 21-Nov. 6)
- "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart (Feb. 10-26)
- "Clever Little Lies" by Joe DiPietro (April 22-May 5) ■

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- >> **Who:** The Studio Players (formerly Let's Put On A Show Productions)
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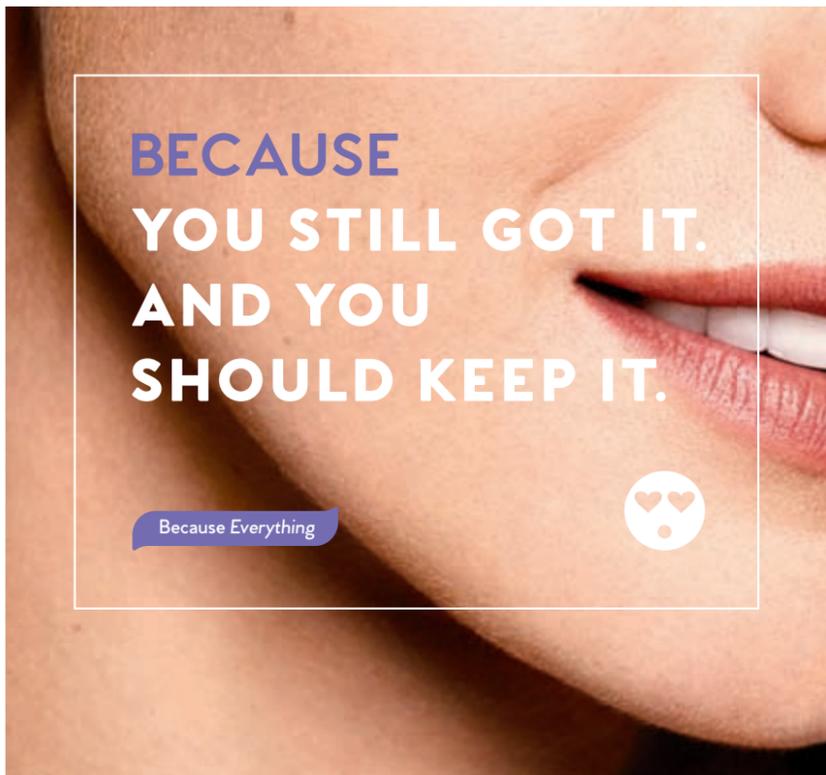
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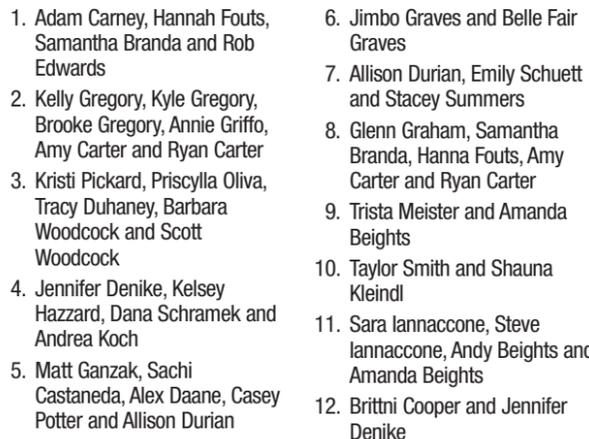
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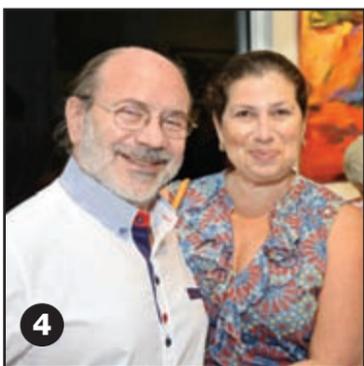
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■ **Chef Greg Shapiro** and **Momentum Brewhouse** join forces for a six-course craft beer dinner hosted by the Naples Art Association at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at The von Liebig Art Center. \$65. 585 Park St. 774-2662 or naplesart.org.

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■ **Tacos & Tequila Cantina** has opened a second location in Naples, this one in the Pavilion Shopping Center off Vanderbilt Beach Road. The restaurant serves an eclectic mix of Tex-Mex and American dishes and has a variety of tequilas, margaritas and Mexican beers in addition to a full bar. For more information, call 254-8226 or visit tacosandtequilanaples.com.

■ The fourth annual **Craving Fashion** event at Waterside Shops, which pairs bites from dozens of local restaurants with a chance to peruse fashions from center merchants, takes place from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. Restaurants in the line-up to date are: Bayhouse, Sushi Thai of Naples, Lurcat Catering and The Continental. \$50, with proceeds benefitting Make-A-Wish Southern Florida and United Way of Collier County. 598-1605 or watersideshops.com. ■

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The Details: I waited until I was really hungry to make my first trip to Tacos & Tequila Cantina's new location in North Naples because I knew I'd want to try at least a couple of dishes from the expansive menu.

The T&T Rellenos could easily have served two. The dish consisted for four Shiner Bock beer-battered crispy fried fresh jalapenos, plump with Monterey jack and Cotija cheeses, topped with a

drizzle of spicy chipotle crema sauce and a side of cilantro lime ranch for dipping.

I'm a big fan of traditional tacos, so it was a bit of a risk for me to try the Buffalo Taco, but I'm glad I did. Otherwise, I'd have never known how good crispy fried chicken tossed with Frank's Hot Sauce could be with the standard taco fixin's of shredded lettuce, green onion, shredded cheddar and chunky salsa. The signature T&T Taco was a big hit for my taste buds, too, with crispy fried chicken, shredded lettuce, tomato, cilantro, delicious tequila-pickled jalapenos and queso blanco.

Add in the complimentary serving of chips and salsa, and there was no way I'd be hungry again before dinner. Or maybe even breakfast the next day.

One More Thing: Someday I'll take the T&T Grande Burrito Challenge: a 6-pound burrito for \$25. Finish it in 45 minutes and make your way into the T&T Hall of Fame. ■

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Araya Sushi Asian Grill, 2650 Immokalee Road, Naples; 593-3344

The creators of Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro, Jon and On Augsonthung, provide a more upscale experience with equally great food at Araya. Like Fuji, it offers great stellar sushi plus cooked Thai and Japanese dishes. Try any of the dozen yakitori items, priced by the skewer, and dishes like sautéed chicken livers with asparagus, spicy tuna nachos and carpaccio of hamachi with jalapenos. A tiger roll — shrimp tempura with asparagus, avocado, rice, seaweed, sesame seeds, masago, smoked salmon, eel and wakame — was huge and wonderful. A nightly special, the mummy roll, contained spicy blue crab in rice paper with mango sauce, tobiko and gold flake. Grilled salmon with baby bok choy and lychee duck curry were as delicious as the sushi. For dessert, try the Tokyo sundae — sticky rice, green tea ice cream, red bean paste, lychee and coconut. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Reviewed July 2014

Coastal Peruvian Seafood & Grill, 5477 Airport-Pulling Road N., Naples; 631-6943

This lovely restaurant provides a refreshing space in which to dine on exceptionally good food. Owners Chris and Fabiola Santos are hospitable and

helpful as they introduce guests to their menu. Of the various ceviche variations, we enjoyed the Ceviche 200 Miles, a sprightly blend of shrimp, squid, mussels, fish, red onions, sweet potato and corn that had a bite but wasn't fiery hot. Marina sliders held fried red snapper fillets topped with aji amarillo-pineapple chimichurri on firm, yeasty mini-buns. The Poseidon Fest was a montage of seafood cooked in the restaurant's Jospier oven, which renders proteins crisp outside, juicy within. And the Savage Tacu Tacu was a great rendition of rice and lentil pancakes with a tender skirt steak and sweet plantains. For dessert: the chocolucuma, a pie with an Oreo crumb crust, middle of caramel-flavored lucuma and a drizzle of chocolate sauce. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Reviewed January 2016

Figs Grille, 25987 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-1700

Four years after a memorable debut, Figs still upholds a high level of quality in food and service — undoubtedly thanks to the impeccable standards of chef-owner Sam Tadros. Those who've only experienced calamari battered and fried may find Figs' grilled version a happy revelation: Long tender tubes of squid are gently charred then marinated in olive oil, garlic and fresh herbs. Fried shrimp are lightly breaded and garnished with delicious figs, mandarin orange-red onion relish and soy gin-

ger glaze. Fig chutney and port wine sauce give roasted duck a fruity flourish. A lightly sweet anisette-tinged beurre blanc proved a heavenly pairing for miso-marinated black cod, served with unexpected sides of spinach sautéed with tomatoes and white beans and a crusty Parmesan-angel hair pasta cake. Desserts are made in house and worth the calories. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed October 2015

7th Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 231-4553

There are a lot of Naples restaurants that offer great food but few that do it with the fun and funky vibe that 7th Avenue Social has achieved. The spot formerly occupied by Flava is now owned by Colin Estrem. The menu features innovative cocktails, house-made pickles, conch sliders, smoked fish mac and cheese, fish or barbacoa tacos, pineapple upside down cake and a host of other goodies. Stop in for drinks and relax in the eclectic collection of chairs clustered near the entrance or dine at a table where a couch (with pillows) provides two of the seats. I loved the pickles, a chile verde pork taco, the mac and cheese and the somewhat sloppy but satisfying Southern fried chicken wings. We shared a nightly special of yellow-tail snapper encased in salt that was served tableside with white asparagus, crisp yucca fries and a side of Bernaise

sauce. Sunday brunch and late-night menus available, too. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Reviewed May 2015

Veranda E, Escalante Hotel, 290 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 325-3474

A secret garden hidden just off bustling Fifth Avenue South, Veranda E is an outstanding establishment serving creative food in a lush, subtropical setting. When the weather is good, reserve a table in the courtyard where tables are dressed in white linens and overlook the hotel's pool. Do not miss the Veranda E calamari, a dish that may have ruined me for all other calamari preparations. Done kung pao style, it is tenderized and breaded, fried to a golden brown and topped with peanuts, peppers, chives and a spicy-sweet sauce. Also good were the Gulf shrimp with white stone ground corn grits and Creole bacon sauce, salad with Asian pear, Humboldt Fog cheese, organic baby greens and walnut vinaigrette, Hawaiian salmon with strawberry-basil relish and verjus rouge, boneless beef short ribs and house-made lemon ginger ice cream with fresh berries. Chef Bryan Sutton knows his way around the kitchen, and he also has a thriving organic garden from which he plucks herbs and veggies. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2
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CUISINE

Bonita's C Level Bistro rises to a higher standard



When I first reviewed C Level Bistro & Wine Bar four years ago, it was relatively new and still trying to find its footing. The “enigmatic menu and cryptic wait staff” left patrons in the dark about exactly what they were ordering. “At a time when most restaurants are going in the opposite direction — listing the source of each microgreen and detailing how the fish was harvested — this tight-lipped approach is confounding and a little irritating,” I wrote in 2012.

Happily, much has changed at C Level since then and diners no longer have to fish for clues. The bistro has achieved clarity in its concept and menu, fortified the mostly-tapas menu to include heartier fare and expanded into the space next door to create a dining room separate from the long, narrow bar and its high-top tables. The overall dining experience is more formal and classically Continental. I don't put too much stock in online reviews, but C Level is ranked fourth among Bonita Springs restaurants on Trip Advisor, just below Roy's.

The décor is as striking as ever — even more so, with the added space of the dining room. Cobalt lighting casts a marine glow everywhere from backlit artwork to glassware cabinets, from bubbling water features even to the toilet bowls in the bathrooms. (Excuse yourself to wash up before dinner — the restrooms are like a trippy deep-sea dive.) Black leather and chrome furniture, metal art and ebony floors contribute to a chic, ultramodern décor. Oddly enough, an Eagles concert video was playing in the dining room the night we visited — not exactly what we expected for music, but it was unobtrusive.

The menu also mixes modern twists with some Old World classics. Think steak au poivre and crepes Suzette but factor in microgreens and nasturtium garnishes. The presentation of dishes is thoughtful, precise and just lovely. Service is efficient and attentive — to a point; a mosquito in a wine glass went unnoticed, but that was really our only complaint.

The wine list is extensive, which is not surprising for a wine bar. In addition to house wines, glass options include three dozen reds and whites in the \$10-\$14 range as well as “premiere” selections up



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Above: Herb-encrusted lamb chops are served with mashed potatoes and tender asparagus and carrots. At left: Tournedos Rossini are twin filets of beef topped with paté de foie gras and Périgourdine sauce.



to \$24. Despite its name, the Butter Chardonnay from Jam Cellars (\$12) was more citrusy than buttery; the Plungerhead Red Zinfandel (\$12) had notes of dried berries and vanilla.

Appetizers include French charcuterie and cheese plates, Italian antipasti and non-Eurocentric items such as ahi tuna and ceviche.

We decided to go with the C Level sampler trio (\$19) for variety and economy. The threesome of ceviche, paté and spinach-artichoke spread was attractively presented on a wooden board with a small loaf of crusty bread and a bowl of tortilla chips topped with threads of lime rind. The chicken-liver paté was lush and airy, garnished with toasted garlic chips.



A trio sampler includes paté, spinach-artichoke spread and ceviche.

chops were perfectly medium-rare, as ordered, and accompanied by the same vegetables as the beef along with a mound of fluffy mashed potatoes. More of those tasty garlic chips appeared, too, as a garnish.

By the time we got to dessert, we were ready for something less heavy — crepes Suzette (\$12) — rather than dense chocolate marquise or rich crème brulee. The crepes were indeed light on the palate and the orange sauce sweet but not cloying. Scoops of good vanilla ice cream were welcome on a hot July evening.

It may have taken a while for C Level to find its bearings, but dining there now is mostly smooth sailing. ■

in the know

C Level Bistro & Wine Bar

4450 Bonita Beach Road,
Bonita Springs; 221-7046

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** 5-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 5-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday; bar open later.
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
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Kalea Bay's community amenities popular with buyers

Clubhouse area under construction



If the clubhouse is the social and recreational centerpiece of a community then this fabulous amenity of Kalea Bay will surely be one of the busiest places in the gated, luxury residential high-rise community currently being developed on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples.

"There are several reasons why buyers have decided to purchase at Kalea Bay," said Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The first is the beautifully designed three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half-bath and four-bedroom/four-bath tower residences with Gulf views. The other is our spectacular community clubhouse. Not only will it be a dramatic site as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it will also be the envy of every community in the Naples area."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance and is currently under construction.

The clubhouse 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

Above: Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. **Right:** The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe. **Below:** The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay will have 120 residences. One of the three pools at the Kalea Bay clubhouse (on right) is for adults only.



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.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year and will coincide with the anticipated move-in of the residents in the first tower.

The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. At the current time construction crews are working on the tower's 18th floor.

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at \$1.3 million. Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-

bath plans with 3,755 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedrooms plus den and three-and-a-half baths, have 3,835

total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet.

All residents of Kalea Bay will revel in gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence, 9-foot 2-inch high ceilings and wood floors throughout.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and Sub-zero appliances, a natural gas range, Downs-view cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island.

"Our kitchens feature an open design we call lifestyle designs that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for today's hosts and hostesses," said Wilson. "The layout of the kitchen can be experienced firsthand through a replica of one in our sales center."

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve," stated Wilson. "That means all of our residents have front row seats for our spectacular sunsets."

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features.

"Spectacular views are available to every single resident at Kalea Bay no matter which floor they live on," said Wilson. "With all our rooftop amenities including our sky lounge, pool and open-air fitness center, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves that surround us and, of course, 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 just north of Wiggins Pass just off Vanderbilt Drive at 13910 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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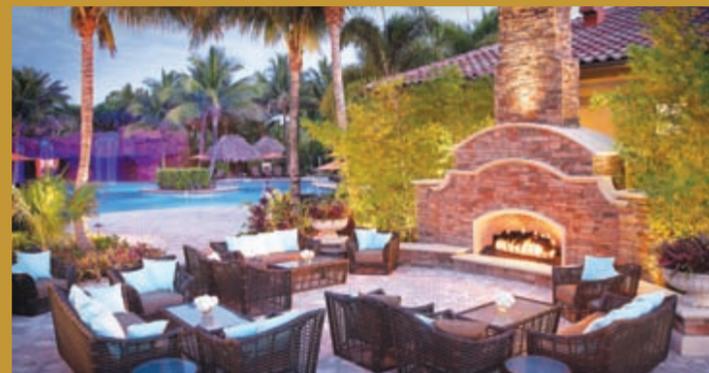
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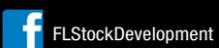
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TwinEagles reports \$65 million YTD sales



After processing 40 closed and pending new construction transactions valued at just under \$27 million in second quarter, TwinEagles announced that year-to-date sales totaled \$65 million through the end of June. The 1,115-acre gated community was recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club, a designation accorded to the top five-percent of private clubs throughout the world. A golf membership is included with every newly constructed home at TwinEagles.

TwinEagles' Lake Estates neighborhood showcases 19 south or west-facing lakefront home sites 110-feet wide and 150-feet deep with long-range views of a 34-acre lake. Sales contracts for seven of the home sites have been processed. Lake Estates features minimum 3,500 square feet residences by Stock Signature Homes, Divco Custom Homes, and A.R.B.C. Arthur Rutenberg Homes starting at \$1.5 million.

Stock's 4,155 square foot Windsor model in Lake Estates has sold and remains open for viewing. Base-priced at \$869,990, the Windsor's great room plan includes a formal dining room, an island kitchen and breakfast nook, his and her studies, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a covered lanai with an outdoor fireplace, summer kitchen, pool and spa, and two two-car garages.

Divco's 4,105 square feet under air Montego model has sold and also remains open for viewing. The Montego's great room floor plan includes a formal dining room, an island kitchen and dinette, a study, a private retreat room, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a covered lanai with an outdoor fireplace, summer kitchen, pool and spa, and a three-car garage.

Priced at \$2,061,000 with furnishings, Rutenberg's Amalfi model will be completed by the end of this month. The Amalfi's floor plan include 3,903 square feet with a great room that opens to a covered lanai, an open kitchen and dining area that also opens to the outdoors, a club room with a unique octagonal retreat space that opens to the outdoors, a study, four bedrooms, four baths, and a mud room/arrival area off a three-car garage.

Stock, Divco, and Rutenberg are also offering 2,800 to 5,000 square feet residences priced from \$1.2 million on 90 x 160-foot lots in TwinEagles' Hedgestone

estate home neighborhood. Stock is building unfurnished, move-in ready residences featuring its popular Regency Manor, Glenmore, Muirfield V floor plans that will be available for occupancy by the end of 2016.

The unfurnished Regency Manor is currently priced at \$1,544,030. The 3,699



square feet four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath great room floor plan includes a formal dining room, study, a spacious gourmet island kitchen, an outdoor living area that includes covered lanai spaces, an optional summer kitchen and a pool and spa, and a three-car garage. The Regency Manor is base-priced at \$779,990.

The 3,375 square feet under air unfurnished Muirfield V residence is currently priced at \$1,370,430. The floor plan offers a splendid entry sequence and gallery hallway, a massive living room, a formal dining room, an island kitchen and breakfast area, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a study, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, walk-up bar, pool and spa, and a three-car garage. The Muirfield V floor plan is base-priced at \$669,990.

Base-priced at \$759,990, the Glenmore's 3,591 square feet great room floor plan includes four bedrooms, a study, four-and-a-half baths, a formal dining room and gourmet island kitchen, an outdoor living area with a fireplace, summer kitchen, pool and spa, and a three-car garage. The unfurnished, move-in ready Glenmore now under construction is currently priced at \$1,487,125.



Above: A.R.B.C. Arthur Rutenberg Homes 3,903 square feet under air furnished Amalfi estate model residence is on schedule for completion by the end of July in TwinEagles' Lake Estates neighborhood. Minto Florida's 2,905 square-foot Prestwick Grand model is one of two furnished models open in Lockford at TwinEagles. The Prestwick Grand is base-priced at \$558,990. **Left:** Lennar's Angelina model is one of two furnished models 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.

Seven home sites remain available in Minto Florida's Lockford neighborhood. Seven one and two-story Lockford floor plans range from 2,642 to 3,811 square feet. Homes are on 60-foot home sites and priced from the low-\$500s to \$1 million. Minto's Turnberry Grand and Prestwick Grand models are open for viewing and two unfurnished, move-in ready homes are under construction and scheduled for completion in late 2016.

Minto's Dundee neighborhood is also generating strong sales. Dundee offers a final opportunity to purchase a 2,600 to 3,800 square feet residence in the \$600,000 to \$800,000 price range within TwinEagles. Dundee will include 61 residences on 62 x 135-foot home sites at build out. Thirty-seven sites remain available. Minto is presenting a choice of seven floor plans in Dundee. Dundee features water, preserve, and golf course views.

Lennar Corporation's floor plans in Kinross range from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet and are priced from the high \$400's to the low-\$600's. Eighty-six home sites 52-feet wide and 145-feet deep or deeper showcase exquisite views. Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase

a single-family home in TwinEagles from the high \$400's to the low-\$600's. Two models are open for viewing and 36 buildable sites remain available. Six unfurnished homes are available for purchase and move in. Four others will be completed this summer.

Residences in Pulte Homes' Covent Garden neighborhood are priced from the mid-\$200's to the high-\$300's. The furnished 1,654 square feet Cheshire model is open for viewing. The Cheshire floor plan offers two bedrooms, a den or third bedroom, a great room and island kitchen, two baths, a screened lanai, and a two-car garage. Eighteen buildable home sites remain available in Covent Garden.

Six choice grand estate home sites are available in the Sterling Hill and Inverness estate home neighborhoods. The available home sites range from nearly an acre to nearly two-acres and are priced from \$632,500 to \$775,000. A thirty-foot setback provision ensures estate residences in Sterling Hill and Inverness will be a minimum of sixty-feet apart.

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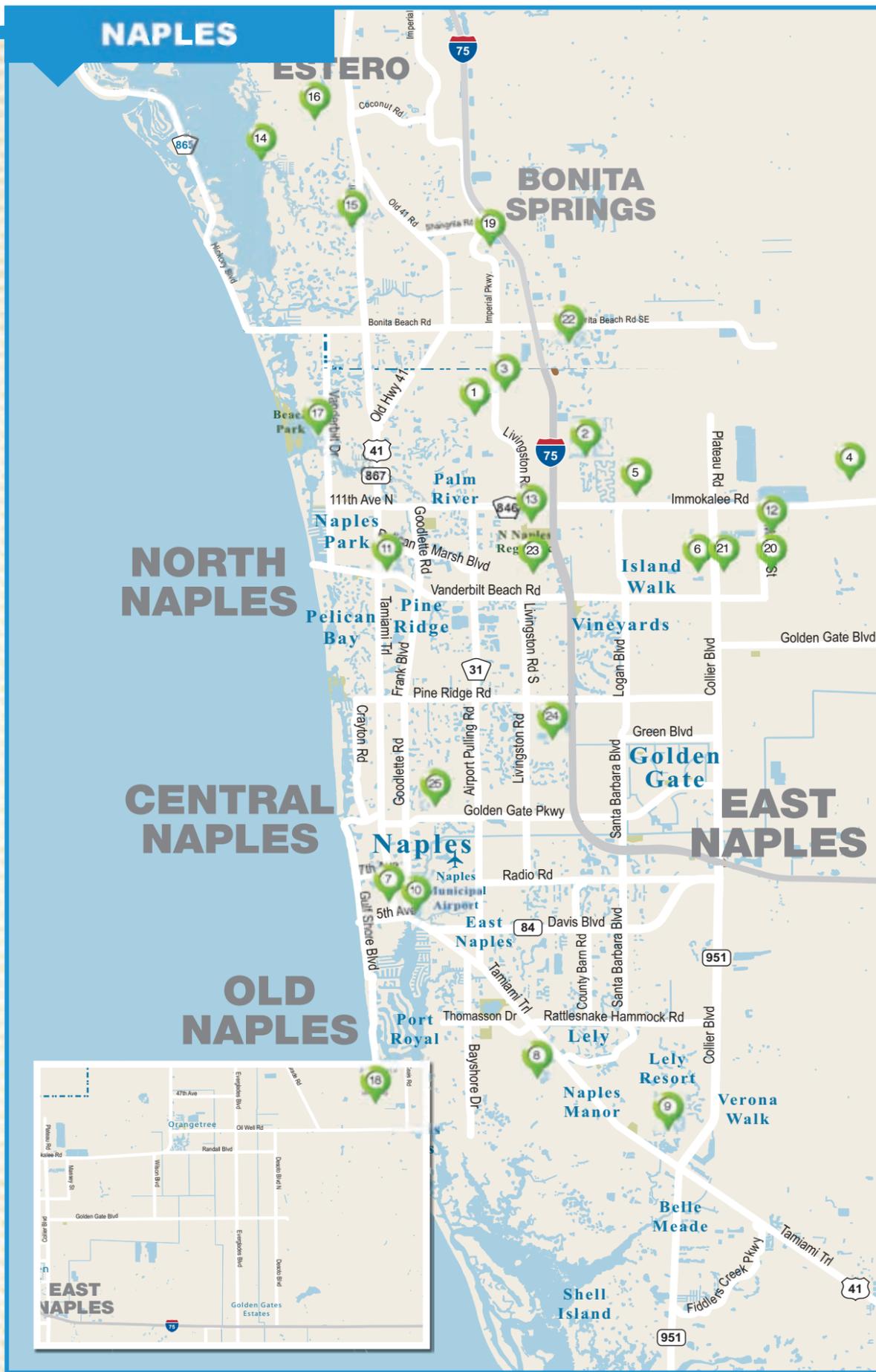
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Move-in ready homes available at Lely Resort: new amenities are open

With an unprecedented seven Community of the Year Awards from the Collier Building Industry Association, Lely Resort has been one of the Naples real estate markets biggest success stories for more than a decade. This summer, even as Stock Development is nearing sell out of the legendary community, it is adding new lifestyle amenities.

The Players Room is the latest addition to the award-winning Players Club & Spa.

“We pride ourselves on addressing the changing needs of our residents and providing them with the best possible amenities,” said Brian Stock, CEO of Stock Development, the developer of Lely Resort Stock. “The Players Room is a wonderful addition to an amenity complex that has won numerous Best Clubhouse Awards over the past 10 years.”

The Players Room is multi-purpose building located adjacent to the main clubhouse. It offers a Movie Theater with seating for 72. There is also a kitchenette, bathrooms and ten tables for card play and games. The lobby features elegant banquette seating.

Homebuyers interested in Lely Resort’s world-class lifestyle have a tremendous number of multi-family and single-family residences to choose from, many of which are move-in ready.

Stunning coach homes are also available in Signature Club and Cipriani. The new coach home sales division has opened on-site in the Signature Club where they are showcasing the coach home residences of both neighborhoods.

Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features an selection of stunning lake and golf course views across The Classics Championship Golf Course. Pricing for these stunning inventory coach homes begin at \$455,170.

Cipriani is within The Classics, a stunning gated enclave along one of Lely’s three championship golf courses. The neighborhood also features an array of beautiful lake and nature views along The Classics Championship Golf Course. Each coach home building at Cipriani offers four luxurious residences with the spacious feel of single-family homes. Inventory coach homes are priced from \$417,945.

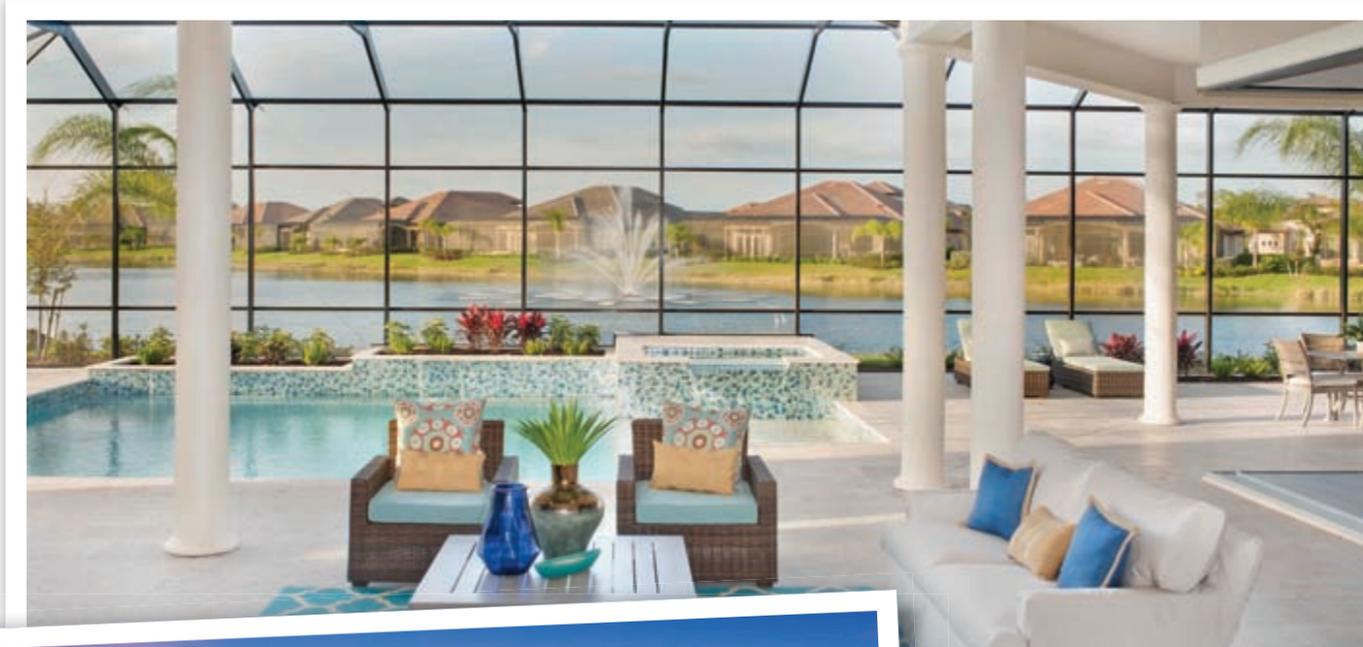
Lely also has amazing single-family homes.

The exquisitely designed and beautifully furnished Majestic II model is perfectly suited to take advantage of The Lakoya neighborhood with its extraordinary lakes and fairway views along the Gary Player-designed Classics championship golf.

This four-bedroom, four-bath home offers 3,843 square feet under air and a total of 5,735 square feet. The spacious floor plan features a formal living room and an informal family room, both of which provide direct access to the covered lanai via stacked sliding glass doors. The home melds the outdoors and indoor living areas to provide homeowners with a large, open environment for entertaining. An outdoor kitchen and an elaborate pool and spa package complete the idyllic scene.

Raised tray ceilings throughout the living areas add to the homes spacious feel. There is a large island style kitchen, and a formal study with French doors. Stunning Interiors by Beasley & Henley add to the appeal. The attached three-car garage offers an air-conditioned storage area. It is priced at \$1,871,994 fully furnished.

Within Lakoya, there is also a furnished San Remo III available, as will as



Above: The Majestic II. Left: Cipriani model. Below: Golf at Lely. Dining at The Players Club & Spa. The Players Club & Spa

two inventory homes of the floor plan. The San Remo III is a two-bedroom, two-bath great room-style home that features a gourmet kitchen, a dining room, a study, an expansive screened covered lanai and an attached two-car garage. The formal study is convertible to a third bedroom. The home offers 1,809 square feet under air and is a total of 2,636 square feet including the lanai, garage and the covered entry. The inventory homes are priced from \$659,990.

Stock Development is one of the area’s most successful and innovative developers. The lifestyle it creates is as amazing as its residences.

Lely Residents have access to three championship golf courses and a spectacular club facility. The Player’s Club & Spa is an amazing 30,000 square foot club that is both elegant and highly functional for its members. It has earned a Sand Dollar Award for best clubhouse.

The Tiki Bar by the resort-style pool has also been expanded again! Twelve foot awnings have been added around all sides of the Tiki with six new plasma TVs, a larger brick paver seating area and new lighting.

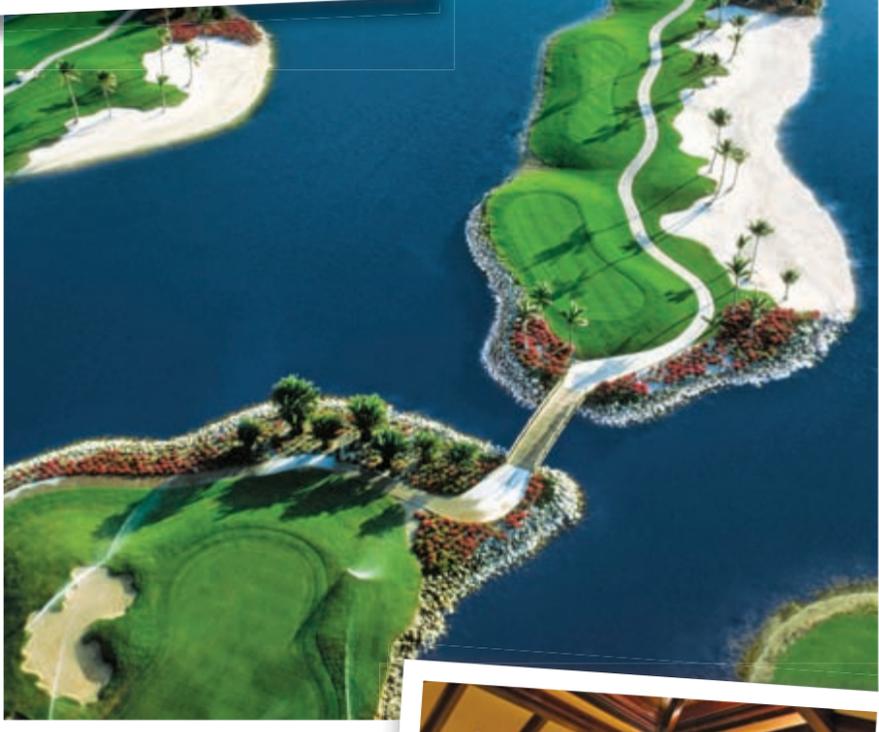
The 6,000 square foot Fitness Center now includes a spectacular second exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, a huge aerobics studio that has nearly tripled in size and a “spin” room. Personal training is available, as is onsite physical therapy treatment.

The beautiful Spa Wing includes four treatment rooms, a relaxation room, a manicure and pedicure salon, facial and skin care treatment rooms, as well as opulent shower and changing rooms.

Outside, a second free-form pool has been built, dramatically increasing the number of people who can be accommodated by these extraordinary resort-style amenities at any time.

The tennis facility’s thirteen state-of-the-art tennis courts are open for play on a spacious 4-acre site that includes an outdoor café.

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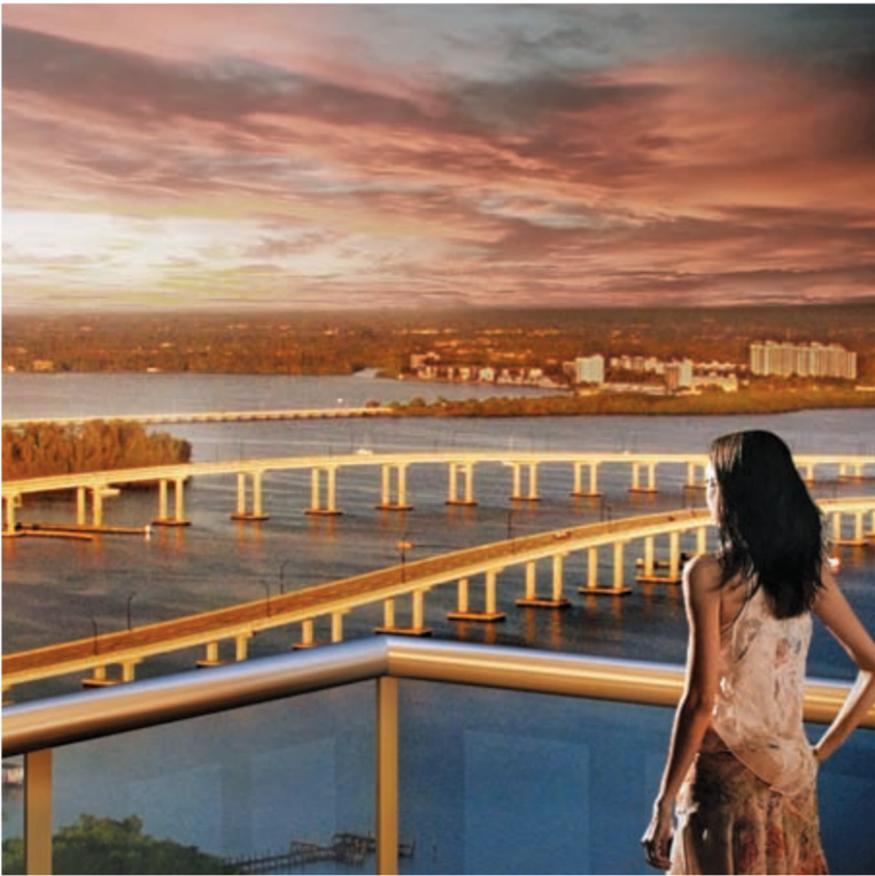


the final new homes remaining at Lely Resort!

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Allure blends natural beauty with luxury living



In an area that is filled with natural beauty, developers of ALLURE, the new, luxury condominium planned for the historic, downtown Fort Myers River District, are bringing the aesthetics of the outdoors in. Situated on the scenic Caloosahatchee River, the two-tower, 32-story condominium is incorporating amenities that allow residents to take in the surrounding, natural splendor of this tropical, urban paradise.

Developers JAXI CMD are incorporating a beautiful riverfront promenade with lush landscaping, a covered gazebo, picnic benches, and a meandering, brick-paved walking path along the glistening river behind the condominium. Whether going for an invigorating morning jog or just a relaxing, afternoon stroll, residents of ALLURE will be able to enjoy the best that Mother Nature has to offer, right in their own backyard.

Luxurious residences at ALLURE feature floor-to-ceiling glass that maximizes views and lets the owners enjoy the outdoors in the comfort of their own home. Breathtaking, colorful, panoramas from sunrise to sunset are part of daily life for residents of ALLURE.

ALLURE'S prime location in the Historic Downtown Fort Myers River District puts residents in the middle of a vibrant urban community. With over 50 cafes, bars and restaurants, the pedestrian and pet-friendly historic downtown offers unlimited options for dining and nightlife to suit any taste. Arts and culture abound in the River District where the cobblestone-streets are lined with eclectic boutiques and art galleries, historic landmarks and architecture, museums, and even a professional theater. Adding to the excitement and growth of the area is the recently announced Autograph Collection® Hotel, one of Marriott's top lifestyle hotel brands, which is planned for the River District as part of the Harborside Event Center.

ALLURE boasts an array of resort-style building amenities including: a private screening room with theater-style seating; state-of-the-art gym; pool deck with heated cascading infinity-edge pool overlooking the water; rooftop gardens; social gathering rooms with fireplace, billiards, game tables; Bocce



Ball and barbeque grills on the rooftop, Pickleball by the pool, and many other luxury features.

Luxurious residence features at ALLURE include porcelain flooring, natural gas ranges, double ovens, and quartz countertops in chef-inspired kitchens. All residences feature private entrance elevators and include covered garage parking with 24-hour controlled access. A variety of thoughtfully-designed, open floor plans priced from the high \$300s offer one, two and three bedrooms.

To learn more about ALLURE, call (239) 500-JAXI (5294) or visit the sales gallery located at 1300 Hendry Street. The sales gallery features a model of one of the elegant condominium residences with beautifully-designed vignettes of a kitchen, living room and dining room. Visit online at www.AllureLuxuryCondominiums.com. ■

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The Isles of Collier Preserve by Minto recognized with prestigious best in American Living Award

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities recently received a prestigious Silver Award at the Best in American Living Awards (BALA) for “Best Mixed Community.” Minto is one of only three recipients to be recognized in this category in the entire country.

BALA awards are presented by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The nation’s premier award program, the BALA awards recognize design excellence and spotlight the nation’s most creative and innovative builders, remodelers, architects, residential and building designers, developers, land planners and interior designers.

All aspects of The Isles of Collier Preserve were inspired by nature and informed by historic references to the classic coastal architecture of Old Naples. Over half of the 2,400 acres are dedicated to lakes, nature preserves and natural habitat.

The design of The Isles Club was inspired by the charming coastal cottage style of the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 as a 16-room inn. Like the historic hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Overlooking the sparkling Cypress Waterway, The Isles Club includes an array of active lifestyle and wellness amenities. Residents and friends gather here for social functions, swimming in the stunning resort-style pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Energy efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve include a selection of 43 innovative floor plans. Luxury villas, coach homes and single-family homes are priced from the mid \$300s to \$1 million plus. The community currently presents 15 fully furnished model homes for touring.

Currently, three move-in-ready featured homes are available. For a limited time, these homes include a \$20,000 incentive towards purchase. Featured homes include the Poinciana two-story coach home priced at \$510,290, Fresia villa home priced at \$545,140, and Jasmine Grande single-family home priced at \$986,221.

The Poinciana coach home is 1,952 square feet under air, and includes three bedrooms, two baths, two-car garage and private elevator. The Fresia villa home is 1,862 square feet under air, and includes three bedrooms, two baths, den, pool and spa with water view and two-car garage. The Jasmine Grande single-family home also includes a beautiful water view. It is 2,963 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, den, sitting room, two-and-a-half baths and two-car garage.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit minto.com. ■



Above: The Isles Club, The Isles of Collier Preserve and Jasmine Grande exterior.



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... of Cinnabar Design take pride in their dynamic yet timeless designs

Over the past five years, Cinnabar Design founding members Diana Hall and Laurie Walter have created a dynamic firm that resonates with both developers and consumers alike in Naples. *Luxe Living's* Linda Donnelly posed some questions to the designing duo.

Q. Can you tell me a bit about each of your backgrounds?

A. Ms. Hall is originally from Had-



The owners of this home wanted a transitional-contemporary interior, with a custom built-in as the focal point in the living room. Niches display accessories collected on the couple's world travels.

donfield, N.J., attended Syracuse University and lived in Manhattan and Boston, where she had her own home accessories company. She moved to Naples to work for Robb & Stucky Interiors.

Ms. Walter is originally

from Ardsley, N.Y., and also attended Syracuse University. She worked with Stickle Furniture in New York before she was recruited to Naples to launch a luxury home building company. She then worked at Robb & Stucky Interiors, which is where she and Diana met.

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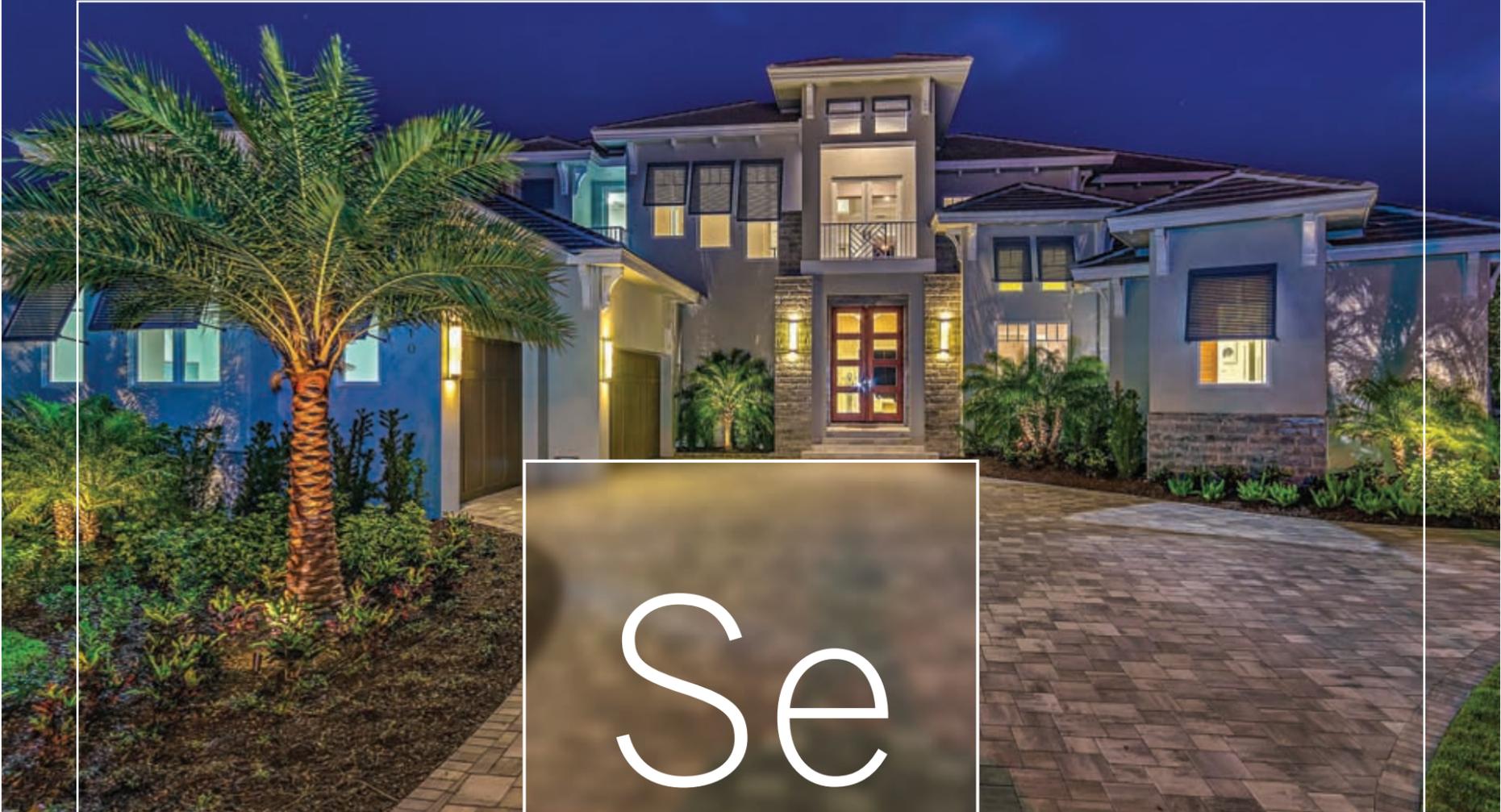


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Q. Please outline the work you did together leading to your “aha” moment to partner on Cinnabar?

A. We founded Cinnabar Design, LLC, in 2011, slowly but surely building a reputation as a “go-to” design firm for clients craving a fresh perspective that reflects their own personal style. Specializing in luxury residences and with more than 30 years of combined industry expertise, our dynamic duo serves a distinguished clientele while offering a collaboratively creative experience that is as effortless as it is exciting.

We have been esteemed with many prestigious industry honors, including Aurora, Sand Dollar and Pinnacle awards. We are lauded for our personable, concierge-type service, a hands-on approach, attention to detail and an impeccable eye for dynamic yet timeless design.

Q. What is the secret to your successful partnership? How do you navigate the volume and responsibility so seamlessly?

A. Synergy, shared passion for art and design, a desire to exceed clients’ expectations, with a left brain/right brain approach to running the business.

We have an amazing team and approach each project with a focused approach. Elizabeth Gonzalez, one of our interior designers, and design assis-

tant Kelly Sereghy both share our design philosophies and mission statement.

Q. Explain the process of working through a project with a new client. How do you navigate large projects with your own particular process?

A. Initial meeting(s) with the client is focused on understanding all of their design and lifestyle requirements. We then do a furniture floor plan and estimated budget spreadsheet. In either a remodel or new construction, Phase I may include architectural review and design and background selections for the interior and exterior. In Phase II, all furniture, area rugs, window treatments, bed treatments, lamps and art are decided. This is followed by a presentation for the clients at our office/showroom. Then comes placing orders, installation and, most important, greeting our clients at the door of their newly completed home (often with a glass of champagne).

Q. What do you feel are the most important responsibilities an interior designer has to his/her clients?

A. Asking questions and listening, ensuring that we have a thorough understanding of their design and lifestyle requirements, and making the house a home for them. ■

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Above: The floating ceiling detail in this modern kitchen in a Talis Park residence illuminates the bright white cabinets and cherry red hood.

Left: Woven furniture in a driftwood finish and Gulf-inspired art turn this outdoor living area into a retreat.



Top: A striking headboard wall sets the tone for this sophisticated master suite.

Above: The ceiling’s painted beams and stained planks are a classic design element that complements the dark oak floor and soft contemporary furnishings.

Left: Soft greige travertine stone cladding is used for the shower/tub wall as well as the flooring in this master bath.

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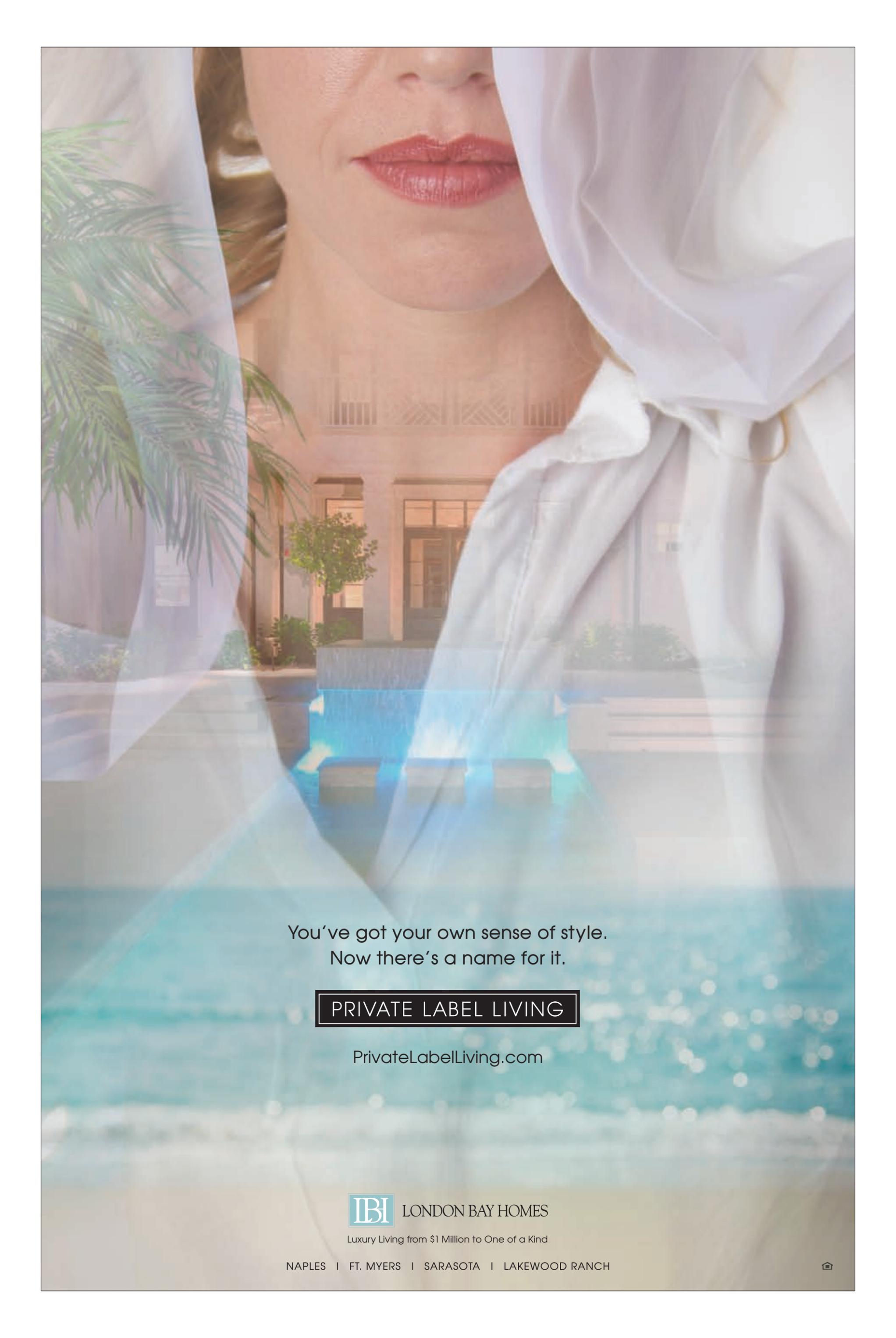
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Historic Lighthouse Cottages compound gets a facelift for one blended family seeking the perfect vacation retreat

BY LINDA DONNELLY

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A little-known fact about the history of construction in our country is that in the early 20th century from 1908-1940, one could buy a house from the Sears Roebuck catalogue in a craftsman “kit.” About half of all buyers actually attempted assembly themselves.

These structures are now collector’s items, and we have one right here in Naples, on Eighth Avenue South in the

form of a lighthouse cottage that serves as the focal point of a two-lot compound. With four independent structures on the property, plus a pool and outdoor kitchen, this historic piece of real estate is both charming and picturesque. It’s had just four owners in its lifespan.

When married Realtor team Michele Peppe and Chip Harris first started showing the current owners properties in Naples, nothing was quite right for them until they saw this. “It was the last property we showed them, and it was love at first sight,” Ms. Peppe says. “It is

definitely one of the most special homes we have ever sold in our 35-plus-year career here in Naples,” she adds.

When the couple told their Realtors about the types of changes they wished to make to the compound and their desire to keep the history and charm of the original cottages, Ms. Peppe and Mr. Harris knew exactly who to call.

“We recommend Lynn Lombardi to all our clients,” Mr. Harris says about the principal of LDL Interiors. “We know they will be well taken care of, as Lynn has the uncanny ability of getting along with everyone. And the end result

is always a reflection of the client’s taste and personality.”

Each of the structures has endured various updates and renovations over the decades. The lighthouse was actually added on to that original Sears bungalow to provide a view of the beach, as the lot is actually one house from the water. Sadly, the owners of the beachfront lot simply would not sell, so in order to have a beach view, one needed to get very creative. The lighthouse was the perfect solution.

Ms. Lombardi did an ultra-fast walk

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The breathtaking view of the gulf from the lighthouse at cocktail hour.



The communal pool is a popular gathering spot for everyone at the compound.



The dramatic climb to the top of the historic lighthouse is well worth the effort.



A guest bedroom done up in a redux of the original color scheme.

On the cover: One of three covered porch areas beckoning guests to sit and exhale. Inset: Landscape details mastered by Sunset Landscape Co. complete the perfect cottage setting.

Right: One of the compound's only formal spaces, the main cottage living room is both sophisticated and casual.

Below left: The country kitchen actually provides the most gourmet experience with state-of-the-art professional appliances.

Below right: The largest of the three porches harkens back to a simpler time for friends and family to enjoy both day and evening.



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through with the lady of the house on the day of their first meeting. The owner was looking to make a couple of minor tweaks and call it a day. And then, something strange happened overnight.

"She called me the next morning and said, 'Let's do this right and really bring it all up to date for our family to enjoy.' She wanted to keep the historic charm, but modernize and refresh everything, both inside and out," recounts Ms. Lombardi.

The previous owner had used general contractor Tom Broccolo; to continue with the quality and consistency of the earlier renovations, Ms. Lombardi enlisted him as well. She also chose

Sunset Landscape Co. to help re-imagine all the exterior spaces.

With Ms. Lombardi at the helm, this team who had never worked together previously was dispatched to gut the main residence and completely refresh the other three structures.

LDL Interiors helped bring this unique multi-structure property into the 21st century by working very closely with the owners throughout the entire three-year process.

"This was one of my favorite projects, and my favorite way to work," Ms. Lombardi says. "I want the client involved. It's their home, and it should be all

about their lifestyle. And this project is spot-on representative of how these clients want to live."

Presumably, the property attracts the type of lifestyle wherein you have several private, separate spaces for individuals and families (the property sleeps 14-16 guests) as well as common areas for the whole group to convene. With walking distance to all the best Fifth Avenue shops and restaurants, and only one house from the beach, this compound provided the new owners everything they wanted in a vacation property. Interestingly, the current and previous owners were both hoteliers,

so their sensibilities were similar in wanting that bed-and-breakfast type of experience for their friends and family.

All of the buildings surround the vintage glass mosaic tile pool, a brand new outdoor kitchen and a renovated patio area for guests to congregate when they wish. The newly remodeled outdoor is ideal for dining, relaxing or playing games together before everyone retreats to the privacy of their own cottages.

The original owners had commissioned murals on some of the exterior walls, and the current owner was very respectful to preserve them. For example, there are three beloved family great Danes buried on the property, and murals depicting the canines were kept and enhanced to ensure the character of the property lived on.

"We kept and restored some of the antique and original furniture pieces and cabinetry for the rustic, casual charm of the old Naples lifestyle," Ms. Lombardi says. "When you open up the somewhat distressed kitchen cabinetry doors, they reveal the most high-end appliances ... And when you sit on the cozy couches, you realize this is true quality and comfort."

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Top left: The focal point of the double-lot property is the lighthouse structure originally built from a Sears and Roebuck catalog kit in 1940.

Bottom left: A charming children's room with a nautical theme incorporates the cottage's color scheme of cranberry and maize.

Left: The family room in one of the smaller cottages provides a spot for privacy and solitude.

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Each cottage has its own porch for that idyllic old Florida feel, and Ms. Lombardi has enhanced the true ambiance of casual outdoor living within these exterior spaces as well. Comfortable outdoor

furnishings, lots of candles and even outdoor lamps and stacks of puffy pillows, all in the original color schemes, beckon guests to sit and exhale.

This fun, active, athletic couple who love to entertain have begun to spend more and more time here now that the renovation is complete. A charming tradition they initiated was to provide each guest with a multitude of beautiful empty picture frames upon arrival.

Guests are each then tasked with the challenge of snapping images during their stay that exemplify the lifestyle of the Lighthouse Cottages. Fun selfies, laughing group shots and candid images are then framed and sprinkled throughout the compound for future guests to enjoy.

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Condo redux

A worldly couple transforms a dated home into a French/Asian Colonial dream reminding them of years in Hong Kong

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Here are some common complaints from homeowners needing a remodel: The ceilings are too low. The spaces feel narrow and confined. There's too much mirror. The floral wallpaper is old-fashioned, and the cabinetry is clunky.

And here is the confident response from Jinx McDonald Interior Designs to a client on the bay side of Gulf Shore Boulevard with one such dated mess: We've got this!

This couple has had an adventurous life traveling throughout the globe and wanted to bring a bit of that French/Asian Colonial look to their "new" Naples condo. It would require a lot more than a new rug and fresh paint. The team at Jinx McDonald Interior Designs needed to move walls, rip out floors, add and update trim work, reconfigure closets and add cabinetry, built-in shelving and a new kitchen island. This was a true transformation from old to new.

The tired trend of using mirrored walls to create the illusion of more space is officially gone for good. Instead, today's designers and builders are using larger windows, expansive sliding doors, higher ceilings and lighter paint colors for even better results.

Starting with all the floors, it was clear that the carpeting throughout and the linoleum kitchen floor were of course, not desirable. A new mix of light and dark, the updated flooring is a combination of a wool blend sisal used wall-to-wall in the main living areas, a beautiful dark, wire-brushed hardwood in the kitchen and refreshed tile in the bathrooms.

"This client knew what they wanted," explains Minka McDonald, designer and daughter of founder Jinx McDonald. "They spent years abroad in Hong Kong, and wanted to bring a bit of that old world Colonial style to Naples."

The kitchen was perhaps the most dramatic result of the team's efforts. The "before" is the traditional galley design with a narrow footprint and very little prep/work space. By removing the entire wall on which the range was originally placed, Ms. McDonald was able to create the open floor plan that most homeowners want today. The new island provides tremendous storage as well as a new workspace that allows the hosts to stay connected with their guests. All new custom cabinetry and countertops in bright white, and transitional pendant light fixtures that tie in to the main fixture in the dining room, add the perfect touches to the final "great room" mixed-use space.

Ms. McDonald brought a bold color palette of java, navy, white and red throughout. A focal point is the rich background created by the metallic-backed woven Phillip Jeffries wallpaper used in the living room and breakfast room. Fans and hardware all got an update and were selected to keep in line with the Colonial Asian style.

"Overall the space feels bigger, brighter and much more open," Ms. McDonald says. "And it has the elegant, old world styling the couple so desired." ■

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Above: Red Chippendale chairs, an Asian-style dining table with a java finish, a large espresso sideboard with rattan detailing and natural woven shades in a rich java finish create a Colonial aesthetic.

Right: Removing the wall between the kitchen and living room transformed the old galley kitchen and completely opened up the condo. Crisp white cabinetry, Carrara quartz countertops and a continuous backsplash assist in enlarging the space.



Above: The master bath was remade with a Carrara marble basketweave floor, Carrara tile shower walls and new cabinetry with a stunning Diamond Crystal Quartzite top and a botanical motif sink.

Above right: A Phillip Jeffries woven metallic wallpaper provides an updated take on grasscloth, and creates a rich background for the new built-in with lattice detailing.



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From faux bois tables, black flatware and starfish mirrors to acrylic and artisan accessories, St-Tropez Home is one of the best resources for home furnishings in Naples. Owner/designer Katie Frank, daughter Anna Frank and son Michael Frank lead a small but talented team of stylish and approachable design professionals who can realize your vision even before you can. With their incredible assortment of tastefully curated pieces, the range is extensive and the scope of the services will delight. Whether you are buying a gift, accessorizing a room or furnishing an entire home, St-Tropez Home can become a lasting inspiration.

Right in the heart of the Third Street South shopping district, at the 13th Avenue South intersection, the shop is filled with so many interesting pieces that it simply begs one to linger. If the fragrant aroma of lavender or gardenia doesn't entice, then the lineup of sparkling vases, candleholders and dishware will certainly catch the eye. Add to those an assortment of candles, mirrors, custom cushions, picture frames and colorful ceramic pottery, and minutes can easily turn into an hour.



"The use of natural materials such as linens, leathers, suedes and woods provides a chic coastal feel," Katie Frank says.

Locals have come to associate the corner location's chic marine blue awnings with transcendent style and a bespoke design aesthetic.

Ms. Frank describes her inspiration this way: "St-Tropez Home looks to Europe for its design trends and works to combine that sense of style with the lifestyle in Naples. We match sophistication with the trending designs for our clients to provide quality and comfortable interior and exterior spaces. We stay true to selecting furnishings from small family-owned companies located in Europe and the Americas."

When in Naples, of course, a seaside theme is de rigueur, but St-Tropez Home takes that design challenge to the next level with its clever perspective on coastal chic. Yes, there are coral lamps and silver octopus bowls, but a trip to this showroom is transporting and

visitors might actually feel they are on the French Riviera.

Having just returned from that coast myself, I can almost smell the café au lait and pain au chocolat again



Katie Frank

when I think of this enchanting boutique. The mix of elegant and rustic, the marriage of earthy and sophisticated, give the relaxed ambience a unique allure that many shopkeepers can only hope to achieve. ■

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Marine blue awnings mark St-Tropez Home in the heart of the chic Third Street South shopping and dining district.

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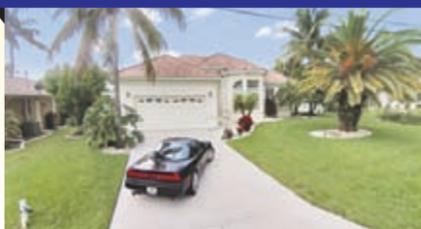
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3/2/2 Beauty! Very private yard, huge lanai, heated pool, large patio. Center hall, Tile/Pergo, custom blinds, more!
\$294,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC028763.

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Charming 3 Bed Pool Home
Beautiful interior w/many original features & working fireplace! Spacious formal dining room, large living space & more.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC038082.

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Golf Course Pool Home
Bright open floor plan with south exposure for the solar heated pool. Great view across pond.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC036092.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Access Waterfront Condo
Fabulous 3 bedroom 2 bath on large 200+ canal just off the river. Boat slip, covered parking, extra storage.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM032112.

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Beautiful Cape Coral Waterfront Home is Waiting for You!
This waterfront property is centrally located in the heart of Cape Coral and close to everything!
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC041637.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Stunning Country Setting Home
Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home.
\$273,500
1-866-657-2300 800CH223177.

FORT MYERS



Location, Location, Location
Well maintained completely updated villa with two car garage.
\$269,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM037302.

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!
\$259,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC056327.

FORT MYERS



San Carlos Park
Great home for a great price! 2 story home on half an acre w/small creek in back. Features 3/3- perfect for a family!
\$255,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS037500.

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



Cape Coral Pool Home
Almost totally renovated 4/2/2. Upgraded major systems, kitchen & bath, solar, family room, almost 2,200 sqft, screened lanai.
\$249,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC041901.

ESTERO



Awesome 2 Bed 2 Bath + Den in Estero
Completely up graded Coach home.
\$248,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM035079.

LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bed 3 bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features incl. 2 master bedrooms, 1 w/sitting room
\$245,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE021402.

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous Pool Home in Cape Coral
Home features a split floor plan with a spacious master bedroom and master bath as well as 2 additional bedrooms and a pool!
\$244,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC041937.

SANIBEL



Sanibel Island Tennis Place!!!
1 bedroom condominium with pool view Walk to parks and bicycle throughout the island. Very popular association!
\$239,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA023727.

CAPE CORAL



Golf Course Home
Cute 3/2 w/great room floorplan. Over 1700 sqft on Coral Oaks Golf course!
\$234,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC035803.

CAPE CORAL



Attention Serious Boaters/Direct Gulf Access Condo
Rare 3/2 Condo, 1 car garage with extra room for storage, over 1600 square feet. Walking distance to Jaycee Park.
\$224,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC041119.

FORT MYERS



Pristine Coach Home w/1 Car Garage Overlooking Lake
Immaculate Coach home with one car garage overlooking a lake in the gated community of Majestic Palms.
\$219,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM030128.

LEHIGH ACRES



Wow
4 bedroom 2 bath salt water pool home.
\$219,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM032090.

LEHIGH ACRES



Golfer's Dream
Golfers Dream-location-location beautiful 3 bed home just under 1800 sqft, upgraded laminate, tile floors carpet in bedrooms.
\$214,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE037906.

BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful Condo in The Brooks
What a view! Lovely move-in ready 2 bed, 2 bath, 1 car garage condo in Spring Run at the Brooks. Close to shopping, airport.
\$214,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM025686.

CAPE CORAL



Better Than New ... Why Wait?
Immaculate 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage single in SW Cape Coral! High end custom granite kitchen and baths, tile floors.
\$210,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC042338.

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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.
\$204,999
1-866-657-2300 800LE013962.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 4/2/2 on 1/2 Acre Parcel in E Lehigh
This amazingly breathtaking home is as new as you can get without new construction.
\$204,750
1-866-657-2300 800LE040824.

LEHIGH ACRES



Pool Home For Sale!
3/2 with 1938 sqft desirable area of Lehigh. Large open living space contains a formal living room and dining room.
\$204,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE042142.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Waterfront Home with Pool
2/1 Waterfront home with spa pool. Screened patio area. Small but nice with room to expand.
\$199,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH23512.

LEHIGH ACRES



Best location in Lehigh Acres
Best location in Lehigh Acres! It offers three bedrooms, two baths. This home has two living rooms.
\$199,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM021552.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek
Drop dead gorgeous! Rarely available 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage! Impeccably maintained.
\$190,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM040588.

LABELLE



Beautiful 3/3/2 + Den w/Adjoining Lot
This large home features Spanish style offers 3/3/2 w/private bathroom, enclosed terrace, den/study large open kitchen, FL room.
\$189,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE016670.

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.
\$182,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE020167.

FORT MYERS



Updated Interior
With a wide canal bordering the property, you can be "waterfront" without actually paying waterfront property prices.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE041438.

ESTERO



2 Bedroom + Den In Beautiful Bella Terra
Of the few listed for sale, this one offers you the Best Value...a 2+Den End unit know as the Camelia.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS018377.

CAPE CORAL



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.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC032047.

CAPE CORAL



Updated Home In The Heart of Downtown Cape
Move in ready, 2 bedroom 2 bath plus den with a two car garage. Professionally landscaped with curbing & newer AC unit.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC020156.

NAPLES



Executive Condo In Positano Place
1/1 Ground floor unit is fully furnished and ready to go. Pool, clubhouse, & lake views. Gorgeous decor! Low fees.
\$178,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA012562.

NAPLES



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom In Desirable North Naples
Gorgeous lake and pool view 2/2 light, bright, updated and immaculately clean Being sold Turn Key.
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA023727.

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.
\$162,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC031591.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Beautiful Condo in the Heart of Riverbend!
You will love sipping your morning coffee from your large Lanai overlooking the tranquil canal setting!
\$144,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC032611.

CAPE CORAL



Van Loon Commons Condominium
Granite thru out, stainless steel appliances, master has double sinks and double walk-in closets with slider to lanai.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC042065.

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
1-866-657-2300 800CC024959.

FORT MYERS



Location, Location, Location
Well maintained completely updated turnkey condo.
\$129,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM046413.

FORT MYERS



Location, Location, Location! A Must See 2/2.5 Townhouse
This spacious 1,427 is located at The Villages at StoneyBrook located within the Gateway Community.
\$125,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC035942.

FORT MYERS



55+ Condo Near Beaches
Myerlee Circle Condo - a nice little enclave in Myerlee with a lovely courtyard view.
\$123,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM023243.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3 Bedroom 2 Bath 1 Car Garage
Very nice community with pool and recreational facility, tennis courts.
\$119,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH19036.

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North Naples Gulf Access
Imagine living in a Naples riverfront community that's affordable. Clean 2 bedroom 1.5 bath. **\$114,900**
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NORTH FORT MYERS



Cute First Floor Condo in Foxmoor Village in NFM
Come and see this nicely furnished first floor condo. This bright and clean 2 bedroom/2 bath unit. **\$99,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM042360.

FORT MYERS



Like New Home
Very clean and affordable home looking for a new owner now. **\$90,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC036070.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Furnished 2nd Floor, End Unit
2 bed 2 bath overseeing beautiful grounds in this 55+ community. End units are highly desirable. **\$87,500**
1-866-657-2300 800CC030034.

LABELLE



Great Investment Property
This 4 bedroom unit is ready to be remodeled for your home or for your rental property. **\$80,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE030034.

FORT MYERS



The Perfect Invest!
Location, location, location!!! Great price for a condo in the Green Tee Community adjacent to the Fort Myers Country Club. **\$75,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM066559.

CAPE CORAL



Great Condo By The Library
Nice 2/2 condo tenant in place. Lease expires 8/31/2016. Close to Walmart and the library. Community pool. **\$65,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC034975.

FORT MYERS



Centrally Located Condo
Clean and move in ready 2/1 condo in Ft. Myers. Great location, walking distance to Edison Mall. **\$49,900**
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Luxurious Estate
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sqft. Schedule your private showing today! **\$1,549,500**
1-866-657-2300 800CC032693.

CAPE CORAL



Elegant Gulf Access Pool Home
Pure luxury! Recently updated for more than \$250,000! Marble floors, gourmet kitchen, travertine pool deck, & more. **\$899,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC011538.

CAPE CORAL



Eternity Canal With Wide Basin Views
Gulf access, heated pool and spa, massive greatroom, 3127 sqft. 4 bed, office, 3.5 baths, gourmet kitchen. Immaculate. **\$825,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC030863.

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Riverfront Equestrian Estate
Located on the Orange River with 2 homes, barn, dressage facilities with the equestrian in mind. You will fall in love! **\$799,999**
1-866-657-2300 800FM031273.

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous 4+Den 3 Bath 3 Car Garage
Spacious custom pool home 4 bed+den 3.5 baths 3 car garage canal gulf access. **\$799,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM015780.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Home Across From Cape Harbour
Better then new construction !! This home is located in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral. **\$799,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC019327.

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Park & Fly
Fly home to Buckingham. **\$724,990**
1-866-657-2300 800FM008100.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, with access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac. **\$650,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CH16378.

FORT MYERS



Stunning Family & Entertaining Home in Whiskey Creek
Beautiful 3500+ square foot waterfront Home in Whiskey Creek with Custom waterfall pool. **\$629,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM026144.

CAPE CORAL



Unit 64 Direct Sailboat Access Pool Home
Eastern exposure, direct sailboat access pool home in Unit 64 - absolutely move in ready! **\$599,999**
1-866-657-2300 800CC039188.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access, 3 Lot Site
2500+ sqft home has 2 master bedrooms! Custom built w/110ft of waterfront & southern exposure. Room for all! **\$595,000**
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