

Educators in Florida are feeling stresses like never before, leaving many to reassess if their job really adds up.

Troubled teachers

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IT'S THE MIDDLE OF A WEEKDAY AFTERNOON and Jeananne Folaros, Ole Miss Class of 1974, is doing what she hasn't done at that time of day in 42 years: She's reading a book simply for pleasure — "The Nightingale." It's the story of teenage sisters in France in 1940 facing the coming German occupation and trying to survive, which might be only a slight exaggeration of the way some public-school teachers feel about their profession these days.

There's a garden outside calling for the attention of Ms. Folaros, a glass

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Teachers we spoke to without stress



PACE Center for Girls gets students back on track

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Imagine you're a teenage girl whose home life is troubled and, thanks to any number of domestic dramas, your graduation day seems to be slipping further and further away. Adults often have a dim view of kids who can't keep on top of their schoolwork, but there is

a place local girls can turn to that offers support, guidance and a soft touch to help them complete school and succeed at life. PACE Center for Girls, Immokalee, is a nationally recognized, research-based and gender-responsive school that not only provides academic support and guidance for girls who have



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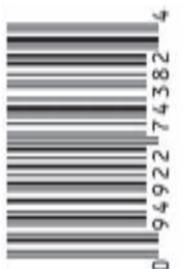


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COMMENTARY

Who's in charge?



To a wide variety of humans for whom a democratic republic is about as tenable as a vegetable garden on the moon, this must be the most baffling of our American eccentricities: The president is not in charge.

Neither are the generals or the priests.

Men are not in charge, Christians and Jews are not in charge, women are not in charge, whites are not in charge, blacks are not in charge (they never were) and even Native Americans are not in charge.

The Congress and the Supreme Court? The 1 percent? The corporations? Wall Street? The animals in the city zoo? Naw, not even close.

So who the hell is in charge of this ship of fools known as the United States of America?

I'm sorry to tell you this, pal, but you are. And so are you, ma'am (finally). I am, too. And fortunately my wife, who is a lot smarter and cooler than I am, is also in charge. That helps. We need all the talent we can get.

Yes sir, it's us red-blooded Americans, an expression I've always loved. "Cut us and we all bleed the same color," my late mentor and point man, Mr. Burdick C. Baker, used to say: He was as black as my grandmother's coal shed and as red-blooded as you and me and The Donald

and Hillary — who want to be in charge but aren't. And won't be.

It's us.

Let me be blunt without being beligerent, I hope: If you aren't registered to vote, get your sorry butt down to the elections office and do it. You have missed the deadline for the Florida primary so register for November. If you know some people — some boneheads or cynics who aren't registered to vote — explain it to them. They're in charge. So get the hell away from Xbox One or social media apps or the refrigerator, the mirror or the bar and go register. Takes about 10 minutes.

I don't care if you're a dropout, a drunk, unemployed, all-knowing, a rap star, the owner of a Ford 750, the queen of selfies or the best friend of Jesus — get your rear in gear.

Want to bust our enemies and confuse the hell out of them? Vote. Be a woman, and vote. Man up, and vote. Be a redneck, an immigrant, a cracker, a Coloradoan, a chocolate bunny or a communist, and vote.

Why? Because you're in charge.

As better thinkers than I have noted, if the Indians had quit dancing around fires and having cookouts and marshmallow roasts when they were in charge — if they had just developed a more rigorous immigration policy with a lot of "red" tape — we wouldn't be facing all these problems today.

The mighty Calusa understood that right off the bat when Ponce De Leon first showed up on the Gulf Coast exactly 501 years ago. They shot him in the

tail with a poison arrow and sent him packing to Cuba, where he died. The place has never recovered.

But the Calusa couldn't get along with anybody else, either, let alone the Spanish. Before long, they disappeared like flowers in a bullring.

So now we're in charge. Obviously there's the little matter of how to vote. The most important thing to remember is this: When you step into the voting booth, think about money.

People used to say, "Money is the root of all evil." I don't believe that. Money is a tool. If it's used properly it's a good thing. We red-blooded Americans happen to have a lot of money, and we're going to pick a man or a woman (a variety of men and women in a variety of official duties) to manage the operation and the money for us.

So when you think about money, think about how they're going to use it and who is going to get richer when they use it that way.

Here's what I mean. We now have a dangerous water problem in Florida. This isn't complicated, at bottom. We've polluted it, either because we didn't realize we were doing it, or because we could make more money at the time by not worrying about polluting it.

But now we know. So when we vote, we have to decide: do we pick managers willing to spend a lot of money? There's no cheap way to do this now and everybody knows that.

Or do we pick the others, the people who merely talk about fixing our water problem? They'll spend as little as pos-

sible to save face and stretch the problem out for 40 years or so. That way, their friends and campaign contributors can keep making money without having to clean up their acts.

Here's another money problem we can fix in the voting booth: the shooter dilemma. We've got these wackos with assault rifles gunning down voters and kids and cops all over the place. And this problem has nothing, absolutely nothing, to do with the Second Amendment.

Let me repeat myself: It's about money.

If those of us who remain in charge pick managers who can stop them from getting their wacko hands on these guns, the problem will be greatly reduced. We could have stopped Sandy Hook. We could have stopped Aurora or Atlanta. We could have stopped Dallas and Baton Rouge and Orlando and Fort Myers, where mentally ill Americans killed innocent people.

But to pass better gun control laws that keep wackos away from easy-access guns, we're going to have to agree to hurt somebody's wallet: the wallets of gun manufacturers. The wallets of National Rifle Association officials and lobbyists, the wealthiest fear-mongering lobbyists in America.

We're in charge. Not them. Us. You and I.

So I'll see you down at the precinct, pal — and you, too, ma'am. Not the police precinct because they're not in charge.

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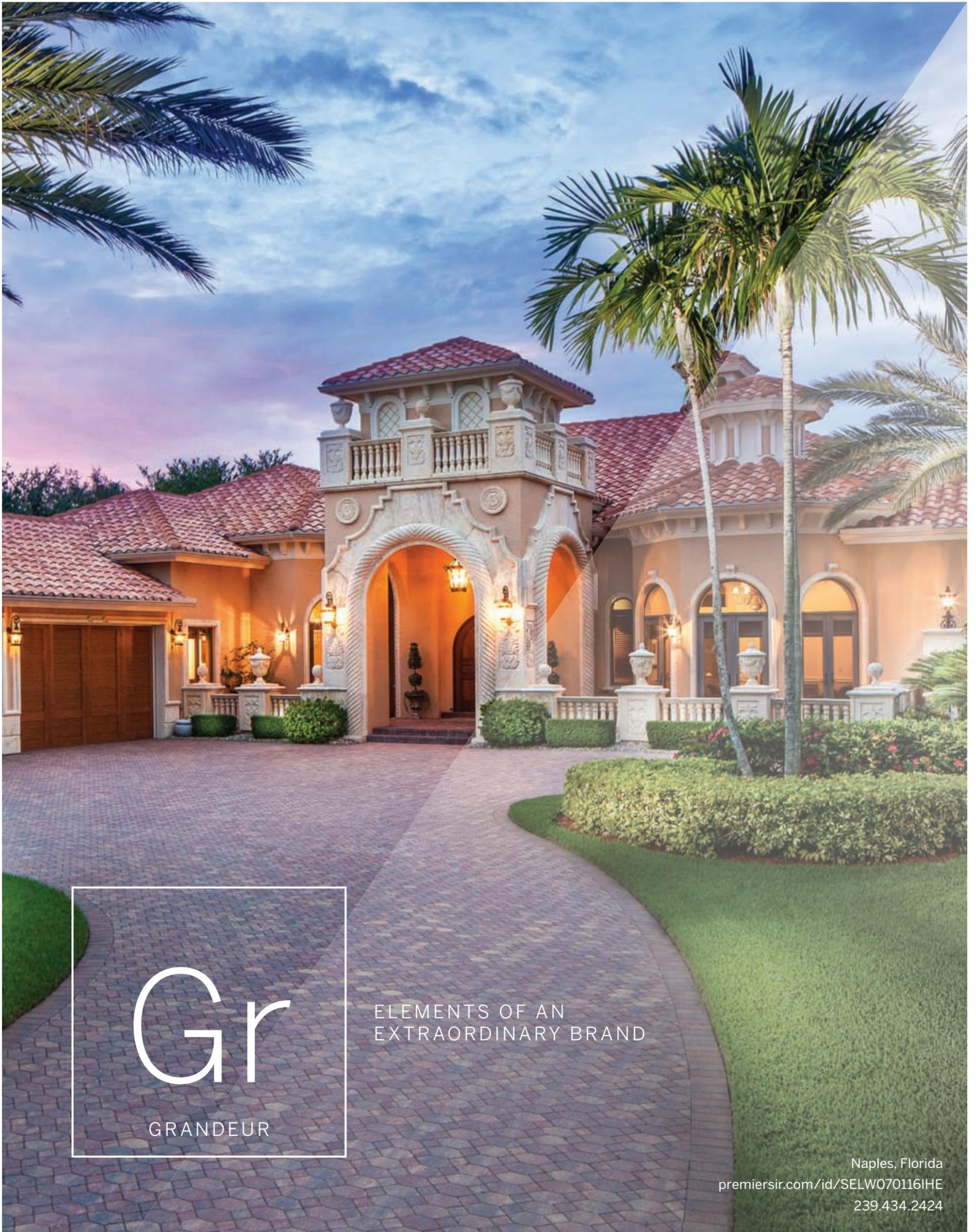


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OPINION

A rising tide sinks boats with holes



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If you live in Florida and have never been through a hurricane, your hurricane readiness is probably rated on a scale between slim and none. You are unprepared for a category anything. Be honest: Your survival checklist is buried under old tax returns in a desk drawer or went the way of the recycle bin.

A decade of summers has flown by with nary a hurricane in sight. You have been seduced into complacency by a stormless lull across multiple summers. Your sense of urgency is lost, and when you suffer its pangs, they come and go like the gentle lap of the sea on an endless shore. It leaves no effect whatsoever.

Bottom line? There are no storm-associated what-ifs disturbing your peace of mind. During the heat of the day, you bask in the quiet, escaping the fog of humidity with a tall and frosty. Life is good.

Ah, but the preachers of hurricane preparedness have not forgotten you. They appear like clockwork when the hurricane season rolls around. You listen up or try to; but the short courses are about as exciting as an oil change. You make a note to self: If a hurricane's cone of uncertainty darkens your door, you must be ready. But the priority of the thought is soon lost, eclipsed by the excellent day ahead.

So you say you are prepared; but are you really? Most of the experts don't think so. You are known among these skeptics as a hurricane virgin. They know it will take a hurricane experience to change your slacker's attitude; and since you live here, it is inevitable you are going to have one.

Till then, here are some facts: The hurricane season in the North Atlantic

runs from the first of June to Nov. 30. Experts say most of the action occurs August through September. But hold on.

Of the hurricanes making landfall in Florida over the last 150 years, half struck South Florida before Sept. 10, and the other half hit after that date, according to Ken Kaye, a veteran reporter for the *Sun-Sentinel*.

He does the math for us: It means the median date for South Florida's hurricane activity is Sept. 21. If you thought getting mostly past Labor Day was the downhill slope for hurricane activity in South Florida, he advises you to revise your thinking.

Since a major hurricane has not made landfall in Florida in a decade, you might be forgiven for thinking Florida will go on escaping the destiny of its geography — but don't. The state is, by definition, hurricane central, a thumb hanging out in the Atlantic just begging for South African winds and warm waters in the Atlantic to mix it up and do their worst. But that isn't all. The state is also ground zero for the threat of rising seas.

Florida has 1,350 miles of coastline. The coastline represents the source of nearly half of the state's annual GDP. The bad news? Says Climate Central, "Some 2.4 million people and 1.3 million homes sit within 4 feet of the local high tide line. Sea level rise is more than doubling the risk of a storm surge at this level in South Florida by 2030."

The majority of coastal residents are unaware of this growing threat. Storm surges create devastation on steroids and account for the majority of hurricane-related deaths. Most residents are unprepared for a catastrophic storm though they think they are. A subjective measure of what hurricane readiness actually means says otherwise. That's a problem.

These and other issues were a recent topic of a live webinar hosted by the Metropolitan Center of Florida International University previewing its forth-

coming study, "Addressing Coastal Vulnerabilities and Mitigating Losses."

The review highlighted the results of the center's annual hurricane poll, including an assessment of the "culture of hurricane preparedness" among residents within a nine-county area in South Florida. The annual poll has been conducted for a decade.

It provides a snapshot of the longer term trends characterizing public perceptions of sea level rise and mitigation of hurricane-related flooding. Matthew Walker, Mabel A. Rodriguez and Dr. Maria Ilcheva conducted the research.

Multiple trends are increasing Florida's vulnerability. The most egregious is the binge development occurring along Florida's coastline. Others include the decline in hurricane preparedness and risk awareness among residents; and, because the state has lagged in its response, local governments and agencies are becoming by default the first line of defense against inland flooding.

The study also says the state's Regional Planning Councils all use the same model to create master evacuation plans in the event of major storms. The model does not take sea level rise into account in making flooding projections.

That's a little like building a lifeboat with a hole in it to escape a rising sea. They must know it. The model is called the Sea, Lake and Overland Surge from Hurricanes model, or SLOSH for short. I kid you not. ■

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Hillary's never-ending reintroductions



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If only we could get to know the real Hillary Clinton.

Unveiling the Hillary we supposedly don't know has been the perpetual, elusive goal of Clinton's handlers for decades, with the Democratic convention in Philadelphia the latest stab at it. Hillary has made more reintroductions than should be allowed for a person who has never gone away.

Political writer Jonathan Rauch has a 14-year rule that posits no one is elected president more than 14 years after winning election as a governor or senator (the traditional jumping-off points for the presidency). Elected to the Senate from New York in 2000, Hillary is technically only a couple of years past this benchmark for staleness — except this doesn't do justice to how long she has been around, and especially how long it feels she's been around.

Bill Clinton announced his campaign for president in October 1991. Hillary

has been with us ever since. During that campaign, Bill famously told us we'd get two for one. It's been more than 14 years since she vouched for Bill Clinton on "60 Minutes" after the allegations of an affair with Gennifer Flowers surfaced (1992), tried to remake American health care (1993), wrote the book "It Takes a Village" to soften her image (1996) and vouched for Bill in yet another sex scandal (1998).

It has been more than 14 years just from one Hillary scandal with a wholly implausible explanation (her amazingly lucrative cattle trades that were first reported in 1994) to another (her private server as secretary of state that was first reported in 2015).

This is not to make a fetish of Jonathan Rauch's 14-year rule — such rules of thumb are made to be broken — but it speaks to how utterly, drearily, inescapably familiar Hillary Clinton is. Her handlers want to believe that people don't dislike Hillary; they just don't know her. Even if this is true, not being able to project in public qualities that make you appealing in private makes you by definition a poor politician.

Over 25 years, the public surely has attained an accurate-enough picture of

Hillary Clinton. They may not know all the details of her advocacy work as a young woman, but they have seen her smash-mouth partisanship, her grating insincerity, her gross money-grubbing, her serial dishonesties, her cat-on-a-hot-tin-roof caution and her grind-out ambition that has lacked a light touch or any poetry.

Hillary always points out how she is a target for attack, but the two controversies that have dogged her in the past year were entirely of her own doing. No enemy of hers forced her to circumvent the rules to try to keep her official emails off the grid, or to take \$675,000 from Goldman Sachs for three speeches. She did this to herself — because she thought she could get away with it.

In a "60 Minutes" interview, she complained that a different standard applies to her, a strange plaint after the FBI director gave her a pass on her emails. This suggests the problem isn't that people don't know her so much as that she lacks all self-awareness. ■

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Talking points with Craig Kelley

Mentor: My father, Jack, and my first NFL boss, Greg Suit of the Saints. Dad taught me the importance of communicating effectively with people and earning their trust completely, and Greg demonstrated it in the NFL.

Something your mother was always right about: Attend church, study your Bible, maintain your reputation, treat everyone the same and save half of your money.

Where did you grow up? The New Orleans suburb of Metairie, just off the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain. It was a terrific place to grow up.

When and why did you first come to Collier County? It was in 1997 on a vacation scouting places to eventually retire. We went over the bridge to Marco and knew immediately we'd found it. We bought a home before leaving town.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A train engineer.

First job: I mowed almost every lawn on my street from second grade through high school. Needless to say, I dislike St. Augustine grass. It's nearly indestructible. Believe me, I tried almost everything.

Guilty pleasure: Listening to music (Dylan, The Allman Brothers, Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson) too loudly.

One thing on your bucket list: To play the Augusta National. There's nothing else on my list, never has been. I know there are local Augusta National members who read this column.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could play the piano well. Twelve years of lessons only made me a fast typist.

Advice for kids/young adults: Be the best at things that cost nothing: manners, punctuality, work ethic and integrity. These cost nothing to hone and will cost you everything if you don't. Also, understand the business value of golf.

Something that's been on your mind: It seems like we're living in the Book of Revelations. It would be wise to have your fire insurance fully paid up.

Must-see place to take first-time visitors: Fifth Avenue, Third Street South, Gordon Drive and Gulf Shore Boulevard.

Something you'll never understand: Greed, dishonesty and a mean spirit. If people had none of these, what a great world we would have.

Something you wish could go back to the way it once was: Cellphones and the internet are important, but people should interact verbally like we used to.

Something people might be surprised to find



out about you: One of my favorite college courses was literature and poetry.

What are you most proud of? My parents. They set the example in education, etiquette and comportment. If I fail, it's not their fault.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: Smart growth to keep its charm intact and its waters clean.

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of wine on her evening horizon, and the ringing din of a dynamic career in public education humming through her head.

"I've been retired for three weeks. It's ... such a luxury," she confides, searching for words. "And I'm one of the lucky ones. I loved my job."

Now she can call herself the former executive director of schools development in the Lee County School District, the Sunshine State's ninth-largest and one of about 70.

She could be from anywhere else in the state, though, and come to the same conclusion about the profession, she says: It's a lot thornier than it used to be to teach school.

Ms. Folaros spent 13 years teaching English and journalism right out of Ole Miss, 20 years as a "champion" principal in the words of her colleague, Dr. Jeff McCullers, and nine years in district headquarters trying to make life better for her schools, their staffs and especially their students — all of which is why *Florida Weekly* has come calling.

She knows what she's talking about.

So do other administrators, teachers and education activists in the region and the state who agreed to share their views of the noble profession here.

At least one disturbing conclusion can be drawn from what they tell us: Teachers now face what is arguably the most difficult and demanding stampede of challenges in the contemporary history of public education. And that's not good for students who face, in turn, a range of contemporary social challenges they might not have experienced en masse in previous generations.

For teachers, there is less time than ever before to teach, they say. There is data crunching and lack of trust and constant state-mandated testing of stressed students. Teacher evaluations and one-year contracts are based on the success of students as measured in tests created by people who don't teach. There is pay that will not cover the costs of education and family life.

In the face of all this, what makes a great teacher, we asked them — and conversely, what makes it difficult to be a great teacher? Why are so many leaving a profession so essential to our futures?

"Teachers are ill-prepared for the demands of the current system. So it's not just a matter of how to make better teachers. It's also how teachers are made to work within their system now," says Sandy Stenoff, co-founder of The Opt

Out Florida Network, a grass-roots organization based in Orlando that advocates a variety of assessments instead of a single, state-mandated test.

"If you look at other professions, the 'masters' all have one thing in common," she adds: "Excellent mentorship — an expert under whom they really trained, learned the best 'techniques.' Doctors, lawyers, even craftsmen.

"We don't do that in education anymore. It would help to reduce attrition, too. But expert teachers are leaving. They can't teach the way they know teaching works best."

Laura Rider, a marine biology and environmental science teacher at Fort Myers High School, puts it this way:

"Loving kids, having a passion for sharing knowledge and concepts — that makes for good teaching. Being able to be creative without walls and boundaries and getting kids in the field or the theater is good teaching.

"But being bound to test results, data and micromanaged by VAM (Value-Added Model) scores — that's not good teaching. It breaks my heart to see where we are."

Although Ms. Rider has hung on for 38 years because she has the passion, many have not.

"Having an adequate, effective corps of experienced teachers is a huge problem everywhere in this country — but particularly in Florida because of our growth," Ms. Folaros acknowledges.

Although growth may lead to wealth in real estate, construction, the service industries and others, education sits in the back of that bus, according to the National Education Association.

The NEA ranks Florida 39th nationwide for salaries. Four of every 10 teachers who start their careers don't make it past the five-year mark, which causes everyone grief, and costs money, experience and quality teaching.

That dropout rate of teachers in Florida is 15 to 20 percent higher than the national average, says the NEA.

When teachers depend on the success of their students in tests only to gain single-year contracts, they begin to feel threatened, they say — especially since no one student is like another.

Poverty, either economic or cultural, for example, may play a role in how both students and teachers do in some schools. And it's a misunderstood enemy, says Dr. McCullers.

"This is surprisingly not well-appreciated by non-educators, even though the Coleman Report came out 50 years ago. Children in poverty suffer horrendous damage that permanently and directly affects memory, cognitive ability, sociability, behavior, emotional capacity and school resilience. I worry that sometimes people mistakenly assume that children in poverty merely have to make do with a less-fashionable pair of shoes. The reality is that childhood poverty causes brain

damage."

Unfortunately, therefore, "We're in a unique situation in Florida: Growth always is going to require us to be constantly sourcing new teachers," Ms. Folaros says. "Universities and colleges don't even begin to produce enough teachers, so we have invested heavily in recruiting from out of state for more than a decade. It's proven to be successful for us, but it doesn't solve the problem."

The problem is keeping talented people in the classroom even in the face of a range of problems, says Michael Riley, a longtime teacher, administrator and now spokesman for Charlotte County schools:

"One problem is respect. They don't feel they have it. Another is financial — salaries. You go to a four-year college, you get out, and you have a relatively low-paying job. A lot of teachers have to have part-time jobs, too, which is hard on families.

"Testing is a major issue right now. There's a pre-test in August, tests during the year and a test at the end of the year, so you can move forward."

Consequently, administrators are getting creative, since they rarely have a lot more money to throw at the problem.

"What else might keep teachers here?" asks Dr. McCullers, who taught for many years in Lee County schools. He now serves as director of program grants and development, and liaison to public charter schools.

"If I'm young and bright and ambitious and talented, am I more likely to stay (a) in a school where I get extra pay or (b) in a school where I might not get as much extra pay but I am provided with a meaningful voice in school decisions or given higher responsibility for training other teachers or get to work with a mutually supportive team of high-impact teachers?"

"We're experimenting with all of this, looking for a new model for teacher career ladders. Our early experiences with the new role of teacher leader have been quite successful. There is a strong sense that teachers leading teachers is the way forward, and this model is spreading rapidly through the district."

If the system has massive weaknesses right now, it also has very good people, it seems — people who advocate passionately, even when they leave.

"Can all this be changed? Yes," says Bruce Linser, a musical theater teacher and outgoing dean of dramatic arts at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach.

"I think we need fewer administrators and more teachers. We need fewer people telling us how to do our jobs, and more people who know how to do this, and want and love to do this, being allowed to do this. Without all the strings and standardization. I'm not arguing against oversight, I think that's important. There are things that need to

be taught and learned and I totally agree with that."

But all the extra duties of teachers — the extra programs and management requirements — inhibit the teaching they're called to do.

One education pundit, Jamie Vollmer, traced the advent of extra duties and programs in teaching through the centuries and decades from the earliest basic requirements — essentially reading, writing and arithmetic — to the current situation.

In the 1970s, education began to require drug and alcohol abuse teaching, special education and Title IX programs (for girls and women who had little or no sports and other opportunities), environmental education and so on. In the 1980s, educators added keyboarding and computer education, global, multicultural and non-sexist programs, English as a second language and teen pregnancy education, full-day kindergarten, child abuse monitoring and more.

In the 1990s programs began to include conflict resolution, HIV/AIDS education, expanded talented and gifted opportunities and so on.

Finally in the new century, schools introduced new safety programs, bullying prevention, anti-harassment policies, personal finance and media literacy, health and wellness programs, and, of course, an explosion of new tests and digital programs and equipment to go with No Child Left Behind and Race to the Top.

"In all of that," says Mr. Riley, "not one minute has been added to the education day of teachers. All these subjects, all these new requirements, and not one minute added to the day. It puts a lot of pressure on the teacher."

Considering all this from the luxurious vantage of her well-deserved retirement, Ms. Folaros offers a concluding observation: "For teachers trying to do their job? It could no more be done in a seven-hour day than I could run a four-minute mile."

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Bob Wise, former governor of West Virginia, also spent 18 years as a U.S. congressman.

He is now president of the Alliance for Excellent Education and author of "Raising the Grade: How High School Reform Can Save Our Youth and Our Nation," among others.

He spoke to *Florida Weekly* by telephone from West Virginia.

"Teaching needs to be recognized for the true profession it is. We have high expectations of teachers, just as we have high expectations of lawyers, doctors and others. We need to give them the tools so they can exercise discretion in their classrooms. They contend



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"Teachers are ill-prepared for the demands of the current system. So it's not just a matter of how to make better teachers. It's also how teachers are made to work within their system now ... Expert teachers are leaving. They can't teach the way they know teaching works best."

— **Sandy Stenoff**, co-founder of The Opt Out Florida Network, a grass-roots organization based in Orlando that advocates a variety of assessments instead of a single, state-mandated test.

ARE YOU Ready For EXAMS?

A look at salaries by county:

- >> **Palm Beach, from salary step 1 to step 27:** \$39,000 to \$71,800, or "LS" at \$73,750, with bachelor's degree. For those with master's, add \$3,000; for those with double master's or for specialists, add \$4,000. For those with doctorates, add \$6,000.
- >> **Lee County:** FY16 base instructional salary range (grandfathered): \$38,192 to \$64,322.
FY16 base instructional salary range (performance pay): \$40,000 to \$64,819.
The above do not include supplements (such as for extra duties or advanced degrees), or other incentives.
- >> **Collier County from salary step A to Step U:** Starts at \$40,400 and goes up to \$66,800, with additions of between \$12,000 and \$14,000 per year for retirement and insurance as part of an employment package. Add between \$1,500 and \$3,000 for advanced degrees, depending on the degree and level of graduate achievement.
- >> **Charlotte County:** Starts at step 0 with a bachelor's degree, \$37,198; a master's, \$40,694; a specialist, \$42,663; and a doctorate, \$44,239. Ends at Step 29, with a ceiling of \$55,432 for a bachelor's or \$58,928 for a master's, or \$62,473 for a doctorate.
Charlotte also pays for experience and longevity: 3 percent per year for 10 to 14 years; 6 percent (15 to 19 years); 9 percent (20 to 24 years); 12 percent (25 to 29 years); and 15 percent per year extra for those with 30 years or more of experience in Charlotte schools.
- >> **Hendry County:** Starts at a bachelor's degree with three years or less experience, for \$38,000. Salaries increase from \$38,500 in the fourth year of experience to \$60,150 for 28 or more years of experience. For those hired before 2011, they can add \$2,140 for a master's, \$3,000 for being a specialist and \$5,000 for holding a doctorate degree — but to get that money, the advanced degree must be in the teacher's area of expertise.

How teachers are evaluated

Depending on the county, 40 to 50 percent of a teacher's grade — that determines if a teacher's one-year contract is renewed — comes from the state's Value-Added Model, or VAM, based on 2011 legislation that requires teacher evaluations to be based in significant part on student success.

The other half includes the evaluations of principals and peers.

The VAM is a mathematical and statistical formula. It includes a wide variety of factors, such as a student's test scores in previous year, attendance, how many times students change schools, class size, whether the student is gifted or speaks a native language that is not English, how many subjects a student is taking in a relevant course, and others.

The state sets an arbitrary line of expectation in language arts and math. If a teacher scores 0, he or she meets those expectations. Scoring above 0 means the teacher exceeds the expectations and below 0 means the teacher has not met the expectations of the state.

Longevity by county

- >> **Brevard County** teachers average 14.11 years in the school system, the highest longevity rating in the state of Florida.
- >> In **Charlotte, Citrus, Gilchrist, Hardee, Indian River, Lafayette, Jackson and Palm Beach counties**, teachers all average more than 13 years.
- >> **Collier County** teachers average 11.68.
- >> **Lee County** teachers average 10.44.
- >> **Hendry County** teachers average 5.66 years, the lowest in the state.

with a wide variety of students and teaching climates. We don't have to keep beating them up all the time.

"When I take a child to a doctor, that doctor has to work with different children and situations, not just mine. So why is that different than when I take that child to a classroom, where 20 to 30 students have different situations. We need to expect a lot of teachers, but give them the tools they need to do a lot.

"Core content is important, but we're asking our teachers to respond to the needs of a modern society and economy, to develop students who can think critically, solve problems, and use facts.

A student today has to learn how to learn, and to apply what they know.

"High-stakes testing? If you want to have a high-stakes test, that's valid for one measurement, but it's no longer valid across the board for a range of demands.

"And if you're going to pay teachers based on the test scores of students, make that only one criteria. Have several different indicators.

"I'm an optimist (about education in the future). We're at a true crossroads. We're seeing a lot of different cultures coming together in our society. Sometimes it's rough, but we have the ability to learn from each other. So teachers are the new true professional because they have to relate to a number of different cultures in the classroom, but build the commonality of our country and our values.

"We need to let them take hold of this. The more teachers are defining what they do in the classroom and what their needs are, the better we can support them.

"We've been preparing teachers essentially the same way for the last 150 years. So what do they need now? They have to be self-governed, to decide who's qualified and who isn't, and that's tough.

"But trying to micromanage teachers — that won't work."

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Dr. Kathy Piechura-Couture, now professor of education at Stetson University and a researcher at the Nina B. Hollis Institute of Educational Reform, spent seven years as a public-school teacher working with special education children.

"One of the things former Gov. Bob Wise said on our (NPR) panel was that we need to treat teachers as professionals. We're so busy micromanaging it becomes overwhelming.

"I joined some teachers in a workshop at the end of the school year — it was in Deland, at Woodward Elementary. The school had been rated an A school for years, but it suddenly dropped to a C — same wonderful teachers — and they were devastated. Some had tears in their eyes. They were saying, 'Why? I feel like a first-year teacher.'

"It's because the standards for achievement change every year. You're a teacher, and you're trying to create seven lesson

plans every day, for 180 days. And you're expected to 'teach with fidelity,' a term that means follow the district standards. But they change. Every year. It's a moving target. And if you're not on the right page at the right time, they can fire you or put you on probation.

"If every kid is supposed to be on the same page at the same time, you're assuming each kid has the same skill sets. Teachers who can adjust to their kids' needs are better professionals. But if they don't happen to be on the right page the day the inspector arrives, they get punished. Teachers are there not for the money or the test score; they're there for the child. But they become disillusioned.

"We have legislators who pass all these laws, and many of them are lawyers.

"If they were given 22 clients at one time, and told they have to win every one of their cases, they would better understand.

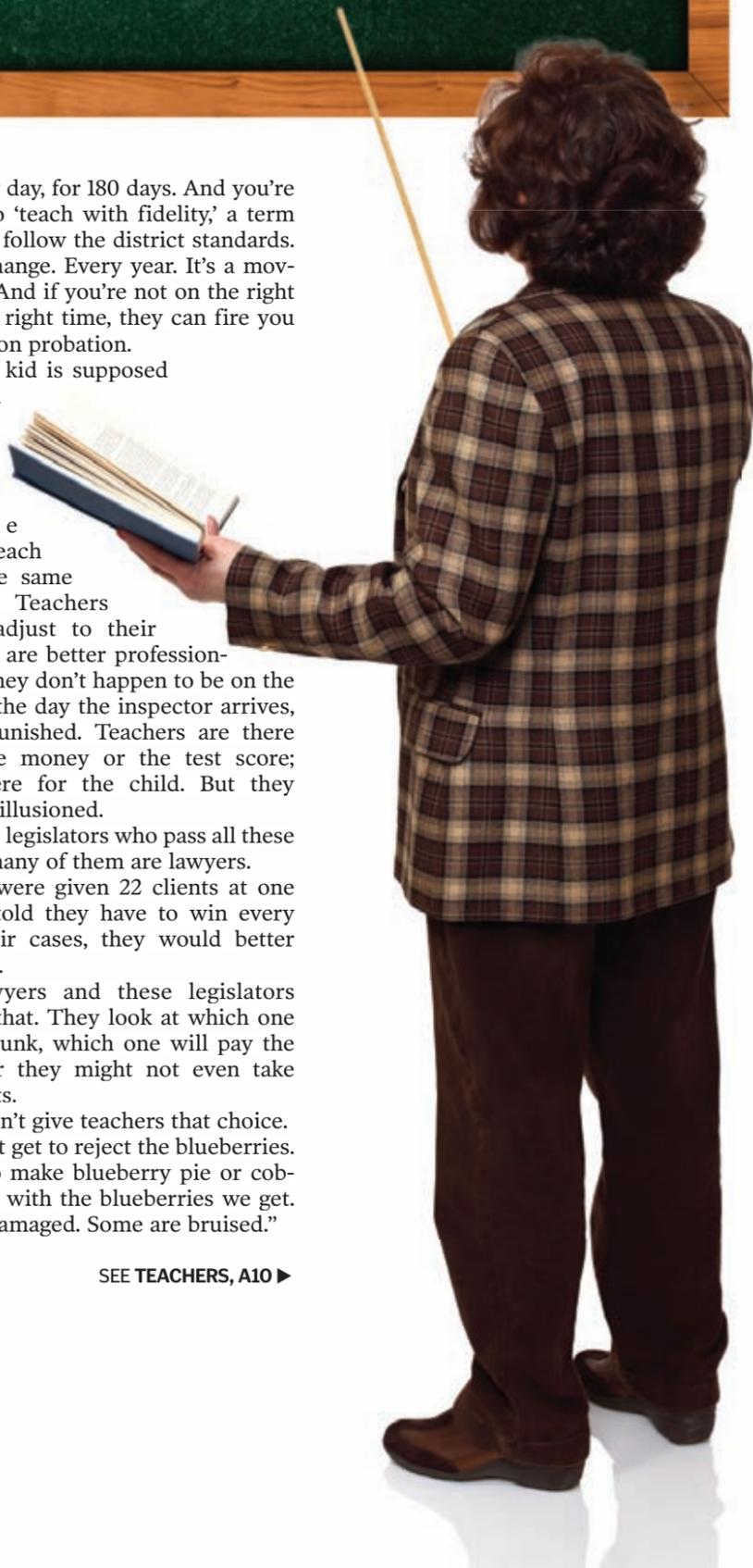
"But lawyers and these legislators aren't like that. They look at which one is a slam dunk, which one will pay the most — or they might not even take those clients.

"They don't give teachers that choice. We don't get to reject the blueberries. We have to make blueberry pie or cobbler or jam with the blueberries we get. Some are damaged. Some are bruised."

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TEACHERS

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Laura Rider teaches marine biology and environmental science at Fort Myers High School.

"I'm in my 38th year. I went into teaching not for the money but because I have a passion for it.

"When I started there was a trust among the administration — they trusted their teachers. Staff were following the curriculum given

to them by state, and they were given rein to be as creative as they wanted to be in teaching the requirements.

"We could take students outside, take them on field trips and we were encouraged to do so.

"But somewhere along the line, people decided that suddenly teachers weren't accountable. So the non-educators needed to get their fingers into designing standards — massive amounts of standards — and designing tests that could possibly check those standards, and that would drive education.

"As a result of that, teachers are no longer willing to go out of the classroom because of time, and teachers who refuse to let students go out of the classroom because they're afraid they won't pass the tests.

"This has cut down on a variety of events that used to be part of school life — guest speakers or pep rallies depending on the grade level, for example — so education becomes nothing but standard-based cattle-driving, straight into the slaughterhouse.

"Until the last eight or 10 years, I had never seen so many children who are anxiety-ridden, stressed, disinterested in school.

"The pleasure and joy of teaching is gone with these evaluations ...

"Throughout most of my career, your principal would come in and say, 'Hey, we're going to do an observation,' and you would say, 'Great, I'm doing a great lesson.'

"In the teaching environment now, anybody walks in at any time with their iPad, and they're checking a multitude of criteria. Whether you have your data wall up, if your date is on the board, if your essential question is on the board, if your objectives and your agenda are on the board — that's all busywork. It takes away from teaching, but I do it.

"You never know when they're going to come in. All year long you're holding your breath: Are they coming in today?"

"You don't feel trusted."

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Bruce Linser, a six-year musical theater teacher and the outgoing dean at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach,

will begin teaching college theater courses at Florida Atlantic University and Broward State College this fall.

"Dreyfoos is an awesome public high school. If you have to teach high school, that's the place.

The students are terrific, and the school's reputation is incredible. Students go onto amazing college and university programs and do great.

And the fact that there is a public school with an arts-centered program right here in Palm Beach County is a great resource.

"Since I taught musical theater and was dean of the theater department, I know teaching from the classroom and the administrative side. We had a lot of freedom in terms of how we were allowed to teach the subject matter.

"But the testing and teacher evaluations, this is new and it's created a lot of headaches for a lot of people. One of the things we spend so much time doing is crunching all this data. Data has nothing to do with students or humanity, and teaching is all about humanity. This data takes us away from all of that.

"Teaching to me is a creative art, because you're dealing with students from different backgrounds, different levels of expertise, different learning modalities — you just have to be creative, to think on your feet, to figure out what works for those sitting in front of you.

"One of the big problems with public education is all of this standardization. You can't standardize education. You'll never be able to standardize it. We have to teach to students sitting in front of us, and standardization prevents that.

It's hobbling really creative teachers by boxing them in, in ways I don't think is healthy for students, or for teachers.

"Another problem is the pay. It's a huge thing for teachers. We don't go into it for the money, but they ask for so much. There is so much time expected, and the more they lay on us the harder it is. We're paid lower than in many or most other states, so it's a challenge that gives you restrictions and expectations but doesn't ante up on the other side. That's a big important part of what's going on and why people leave.

"We're also struggling with charter schools. So much money goes to charters, and we are losing great resources because of that choice. I don't want to limit people's choices, but we should look at the big picture. This business of trying to privatize education so somebody else is making money on it, that hurts us.

"There's one more issue and challenge: Society has changed a lot. There's this thing called 'entitlement' that is really in the way. Parents are too involved, districts are afraid of litigation, sometimes behind the scenes parents and students are in control, and teachers and administrators feel they're backed into corners."

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Sandy Stenoff is co-founder of The Opt Out Florida Network, a grassroots organization based

in Orlando that advocates a variety of assessments instead of a single, state-mandated test.

"The pressure on teachers from their districts and administrators to ensure their students do well on the state tests is now greater than the state's duty to provide students with the high-quality education they need

and deserve. Doing well on a test is not the same as being well-educated. Districts may say they want to reduce testing and the importance of testing, but district policies usually thwart the abilities of teachers to teach as they know best.

"School grades based on testing is one of the biggest problems. It drives the testing machine.

"School grades determine school funding, teacher bonuses, principal compensation. And dollars determine everything. This is why, although the U.S. Department of Education requires something like 17 tests throughout K-12, states must show mettle. They demand progress monitoring so that they can 'identify' the kids who are struggling (read: Kids who won't pass the test that determines everything). So the state requires unnecessary and crazy progress monitoring.

"All of the incessant testing is to ensure success on the Florida Standards Assessment. Third-graders who can't pass are retained to falsely prop up fourth-grade scores, which are used to attract business to the state.

"Kids who fail the FSA in third grade will do better on the FSA the second year around, but they themselves will be very little better off as students. Then they go on to test great in fourth grade, and Jeb Bush, who created this system, then gets to toot his horn over fourth-grade reading scores.

"School grades are used to market real estate. If parents truly understood how school grades distort their kids' education, elementary especially, they would stop buying those bumper stickers that say, 'My kid goes to an A school.'"

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Mike Riley, a 37-year teacher and administrator, is now spokesman for the Charlotte County School District.

"There are several problems teachers face now that may be new. One is respect — they don't feel they have it. Another is financial, salaries. You go to a four-year college, you get out, and you have a relatively low-paying job. A lot of teachers have to have part-time jobs, too, which is hard on families.

"Testing is a major issue right now. There's a pre-test in August, tests during the year and a test at the end of the year so you can move forward. But if you take a test in April and don't get the results until the next fall, what does that do? And every test costs money. The tests shut the computers down. There are a lot of hours involved in preparing those tests. It's the same everywhere.

"Another thing is the pay for perfor-

mance: A teacher's evaluation is based on how well their students do. Every child can't learn as much as they need to in a short amount of time. A teacher can be doing a marvelous job, and if the child chooses not to take it in, or is mentally not capable, it's like a punishment to the teacher.

"Would you want a 7-year-old or an 11-year-old or a 14-year-old responsible for how much you got paid?"

"Is the test bad? I'm not even going there.

But the amount of time taken by these tests is hurting students. And teachers. And the districts.

"One of reasons they teach for the test is they're paid for performance, and also the district — funding is based on that test performance.

"This year on school grades, only three districts out of 67 in the state of Florida received an A. St. Johns, Sarasota and someone else.

"So many kids come to school with problems from home. And it spills into classrooms when it was a neighborhood or a home problem. Meanwhile, our teachers have gone five or six years without a raise."

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Dr. Jeff McCullers is director of program grants and development, and liaison to public charter schools in the Lee County School District.

"Would more money help?"

"Yes, yes, and yes. Of course it would help. Money helps a lot of things, especially for young people who are paying off massive college loans and trying to find a place to live in our high-priced market.

"But does that solve anything? I suppose a more nuanced way of thinking about the question is how much money does it take to make a difference, and what is the opportunity cost of that money? In other words, if we increase teacher salary by \$5,000 a year, that might well keep some teachers solvent enough to pay local rent and so they might stay longer. The cost of that increase in a district our size would be well over \$25 million every single year. Is that enough of a raise

to really make a difference? Where would all that money come from? How long would it continue to be available? What else could we do with that money?"

"We resolve this somewhat by offering increased pay to successful teachers who are willing to relocate to low-performing schools. The idea is that instead of spending scarce money everywhere, we spend it in a targeted way to get the most benefit from it. We've only been doing this for a little while, so we're still trying to figure out all the effects that might ensue." ■



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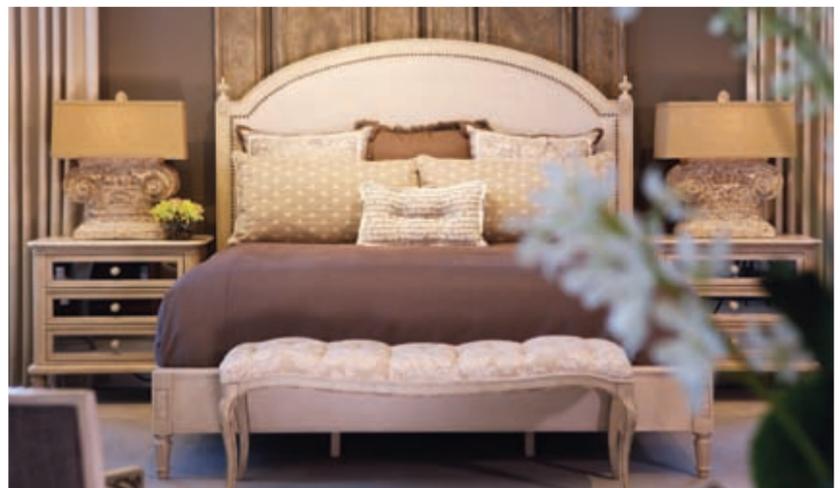
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CLUB NOTES

■ **Civitan clubs** are dedicated to serving the needs of the community first with an emphasis on the developmentally disabled. The uniqueness is their Civitan International Research Center dedicated to finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease, Down syndrome and others. For more information about the organization, visit civitan.org.

The Naples Civitan Club meets at noon on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and in the evening for social/educational meetings during the third week of the month. The Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month and also at 6 p.m. in the fourth week of the month for social/educational meetings. For more information about either club, call 774-2623 or e-mail neryk@aol.com.

■ The **Naples Walking Club** meets at the entrance to The Naples Zoo to walk the Greenway at 7:15 a.m. every Saturday. Breakfast at Panera Bread follows. Groups also walk at 7 a.m. Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday starting at the park-and-walk lot at Tin City. Each walk is about 3-4 miles, at your own speed. Breakfast afterward is optional. Members also have monthly meetings, go on local hikes and visit other areas to walk. For more information, visit napleswalkingclub.org or follow the club on Facebook.

■ The **Naples 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 Aug. 10. 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 things 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 Aug. 10. 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 Aug. 10. The annual membership fee is \$10. For more information, call Cathy Keeler at 774-1113 or email cathykeeler8@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The next meeting is Aug. 4. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Moorings Presbyterian Church is at 791 Harbour Drive. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **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 Aug. 25. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ Members of **Republican Women of SWFL Federated** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Brio Restaurant in Waterside Shops. The next meeting is Sept. 7. RSVP by calling 431-5224 or emailing speedyrsvp@gmail.com.

■ Everyone who owns or admires **Corvettes** is welcome to attend Corvettes of Naples meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 8. For more information, visit corvette-sofnaplesfl.com. ■

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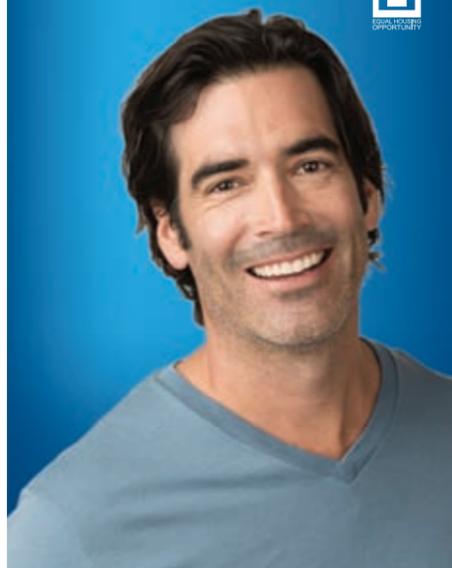
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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Porsche's home is closer than you think



Here's a fun fact for Floridian car fans — the nearest automotive company headquarters isn't in Detroit. It's as close as Atlanta. Porsche just moved into their new North American headquarters about a year ago, and now they're settled in and ready for a few visitors.

Making it up to Atlanta is a bit of a further trek than Disney or an FSU football game, but for the right people, it is worth the trip. That's because Porsche's \$100 million investment in Georgia includes a test track for Porsche owners and wannabes to thrash their favorite German speed machines.

While this is a tourist destination, it is also a genuine headquarters. Porsche does everything here but manufacture the cars — from tracking German shipments, to training sales staff, to financing, to engineering the next generation of cars. There's plenty of 9 to 5 business going on, but that's not what's on display. The building is thoughtfully laid out so that the cubicles and water coolers are behind closed doors, and visitors will never realize that there are far more employees than tourists in the building.

Instead, the whole facility showcases Porsche's love for cars. The main lobby looks out on the test track and a court-



yard where customers can take delivery of new vehicles. Down on this patio level is also the entrance to the on-site workshop. It acts as an arm of Porsche's service and restoration facilities in Germany. "Send it here, and you are bringing it back to the factory," explains Ray Shaffer, who's in charge of the classic collection and delivery center in Atlanta. But they keep their schedule open for more than just high-dollar restorations. "You could even just get an oil change if you want to." Next to the workshop is a two-level heritage gallery that's small but impor-

tant. Porsche already has a large museum in Stuttgart, but that doesn't always tell the company's whole story. So among Atlanta's rotating display of significant cars are also artifacts and timelines specific to America. For example, Max Hoffman was more than just their first east coast importer. He was also a leading influence behind benchmarks like the 356 Speedster and the Porsche family crest. Hoffman's contributions and other significant American milestones that helped create this global sports car icon find a proper home displayed in Atlanta.

But the main reason most tourists visit this headquarters is to drive the product.

Porsche's test track is just like going over to the rich kid's house and playing with all of his best toys. Everything is available to rent from the Macan crossover to the street-legal track car known as the 911 GT3 RS — of course, the faster the wheels, the more it costs.

Most sessions run between \$300 and \$800 for a 1½-hour program. Participants take cars out on a high-speed gauntlet, slick skid pad and a mini road course.

It's a real life version of the hot wheels track, but instead of that problematic loop, Porsche's signature piece is its "kick plate." Right before participants enter an inch of water, they drive over a shifting table that allows their instructors to randomly shudder one particular part of the suspension. This results in some spectacular spinouts over the center of the track where all visitors can see.

While it may sound like Porsche only built the handling circuit for some automotive tourists to have fun, Mr. Shaffer

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tells tales of the secretive engineering department getting to play out there under the cover of night.

Porsche doesn't have to worry about too many unauthorized prying eyes during this time. No one gets on the property without prior approval. It might feel like an elitist measure, but Porsche didn't make the decision. The property sits on the edge of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport — one of the busiest airports in the world. So Homeland Security requires that all visitors are pre-registered.

That doesn't mean you have to break the bank to rent a Boxster for an hour.



There's also a fine dining restaurant open for lunch and dinner. Making a reservation there also gains access to the property. So you might overpay for some soup, but the view is worth every penny. ■

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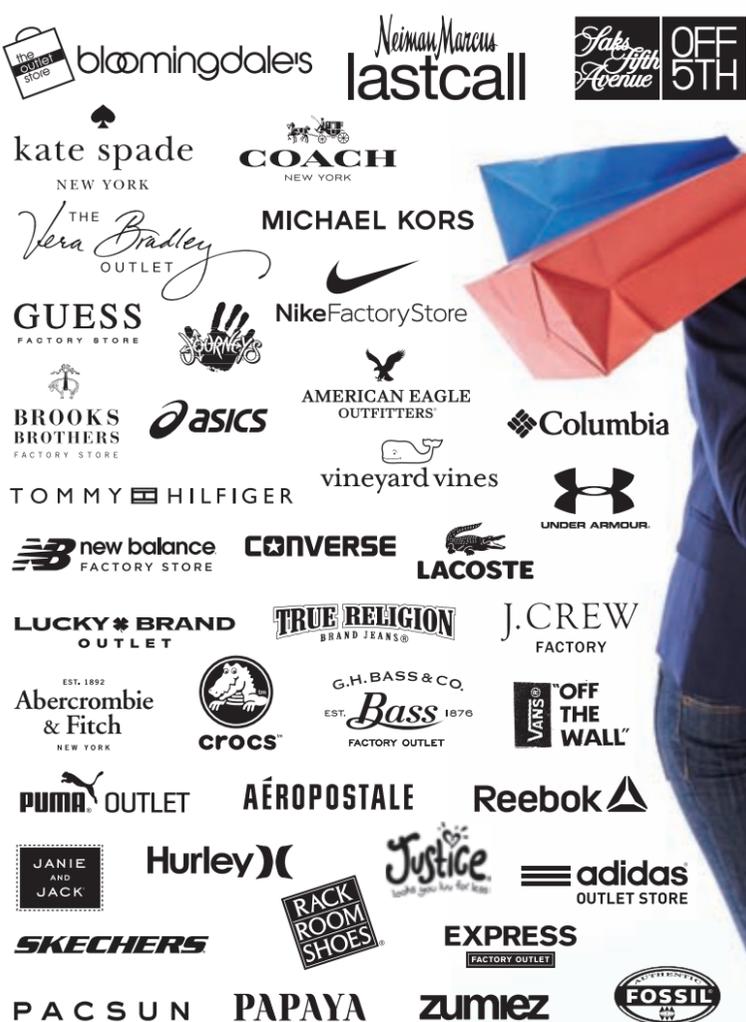
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■ **Project Outreach** hosts its inaugural charity golf scramble teeing off at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at The Golf Lodge at The Quarry. Registration for \$115 includes continental breakfast, golf, lunch, awards and prizes. To register, call 216-7363 or visit foreangels.com.

■ The Naples chapter of the **American Association of Zoo Keepers** invites everyone to Putt-Putt for Pachyderms starting at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at Congo River Golf, 24270 S. Tamiami Trail in Bonita Springs. AAZK is selling tickets for \$12 that can be used at Congo River anytime, but zookeepers and friends of The Naples Zoo plan to be there together the evening of Aug. 7 and invite others to join them. For every ticket sold, \$5 will go to the organization 96 Elephants in support of its efforts to raise awareness of the consequences that buying ivory products has on the world's elephant population. For tickets or more information, email Cassandra@napleszoo.org.

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

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

■ **The Collier County Medical Society Foundation** hosts the third annual Docs & Duffers Charity Golf Tournament from 8 a.m. to 2:30 Saturday, Sept. 17, at Bonita Bay Club Naples. Registration includes cart and greens fees, goodie bag, hosted beverages and awards luncheon. Raffle tickets available for \$25 each or \$100 for five. Participation is \$175 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Proceeds benefit the foundation's efforts to assist local health care students and programs. For more information or to register, call 435-7727 or visit ccmsonline.org.

■ **The David Lawrence Center** hosts its third annual Chip in for the DLC Golf Tournament at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Wyndemere Golf and Country Club. The day starts with lunch, followed by tee-off at 1 p.m. The game is an 18-hole scramble with four-person teams. A cocktail awards reception is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Registration is \$250 per person or \$1,000 per foursome and includes green fees, cart, lunch and cocktails. The deadline for sign-ups is Friday, Oct. 7. For more information or to register, call 304-3505 or visit chipinfordlc.org.

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** hosts its 12th annual charity golf tournament at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at TwinEagles. Same-day registration starts at 11 a.m. followed by a putting contest at 11:30. Tickets are \$400 and include lunch, dinner buffet, golf, two drink tickets and admission for two to a Gulfshore Playhouse production. For more information or to register, call (866) 811-4111 or visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ **The 72 Hours to Key West Charity Ride** sets out from Fort Myers Beach at 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, and continues to Key West for an arrival on Sunday, Nov. 6. The 280-mile, SAG-supported bike ride is for experienced cyclists ages 18 and older who can adequately perform a standard review performed by event organizers. All proceeds benefit Tiny Hands Foundation. Registration is \$249-\$349. For more information or to register, call (727) 798-5656 or visit 72hourstokeywest.com.

■ **The American Heart Association** hosts its 2016 Collier Heart Walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Cambier Park. Registration is free, but participants are expected to fundraise in the time leading up to the event. For more information or to register, call 495-4915 or visit collierheartwalk.kintera.org.

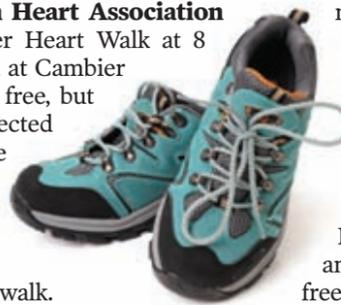
■ **The Conservancy of Southwest Florida** hosts The Red Snook Catch & Release Fishing Tournament Friday, Nov.

4, through Sunday, Nov. 6. The event kicks off with a Friday night party at Naples Yacht Club followed by a full weekend of fishing from launch sites in Naples, Marco Island and Everglades City. An awards reception on Sunday night at Northern Trust concludes the event. Registration is \$250 for single anglers, \$500 for a pair and \$1,000 for a corporate team. For more information or to register, call 403-4219 or email nikkied@conservancy.org.

■ **The Immokalee Foundation's 2016 Charity Classic Pro-Am** scramble-style golf tournament is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Each foursome will be paired with two professional players to fund the organization's wide range of educational programs. The morning starts at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and golf demonstrations, followed by a shotgun start. Registration starts at \$5,000 and includes two tickets to the event's celebration dinner and live auction on Friday, Nov. 11, at Ritz-Carlton, Naples. For more information or to register, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ **The Alzheimer's Association** hosts its 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at North Collier Regional Park. The event features a 2-mile and 3-mile route. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated. For more information or to register, call (941) 365-8883 or visit act.alz.org.

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“The busy summer travel season is a great time to launch a sweepstakes to promote on-airport parking services and give people a fun incentive to park at RSW,” said Robert M. Ball, executive director of the Lee County Port Authority. “Once a traveler experiences the convenience and affordability of park-

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Lipman to distribute backpacks to Immokalee children at community event

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The event is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 5505 Escambia St. in Immokalee.

More than 30 local nonprofits will be present at the event, offering free haircuts, bicycle giveaways, and free food and entertainment.

Event partner Ciclovía will provide a



rock-climbing wall and exercise classes. A bounce house and children’s games will

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fallen behind, but spirit-building support to help students succeed at life.

Amber G., an 18-year-old at PACE, is one such student who has benefited from the academic resources and character building exercises the center provides young girls. At her mother's urging, Amber left Immokalee High School last spring when she struggled to maintain her grades and relationships.



KEARNS

"My grades were getting low and I needed help. Most of the teachers didn't help me," she said. "It's different than Immokalee High School because the teachers actually help me with my work. The classes are much easier and smaller than at the high school."

As one of 19 PACE locations throughout the state, the center in Immokalee currently serves 106 girls aged 12-17. Eighty percent of the students were failing at least one class in public school before arriving at the center and of the current population, 96 percent improved academically at the center. The alternative school serves middle and high school girls and provides high school diplomas at the end of the program.

"What makes us different is that, in addition to providing the state-mandated curriculum, we offer in-house counseling to the girls on a regular basis so they don't have to go out and find it," said Executive Director Marianne Kearns. "They haven't been successful in public school because they've been through so much trauma that they can't focus. We are able to address all their issues so they can concentrate on their course work."

Referrals come from public schools, the Department of Juvenile Justice or even the girls themselves and if they have three or more factors that put the girl at risk of incarceration or dropping out of school, they are accepted into the program. An alternative school like PACE has more resources than a public school to tailor individual programs for students who have to overcome challenges at home. Those challenges can often seem insurmountable — or at the very least, an obstacle to getting through a day in a classroom.

"We are not punitive. If a girl has an issue at home, when she comes to PACE, we address it right away," said Ms. Kearns. "We don't expect them to come in and sit down at a desk and start working if they're dealing with a distraction."

As a result of those risk factors, which can be anything from poverty to abuse, most students are not performing at grade level. Thanks to the school's year-round program, students are usually able to graduate at or near their assigned graduation date.

"They are not up to grade level, which is usually a consequence of other trauma," said Ms. Kearns. "They're usually two years behind and we find that the benefit of going year-round is that the summer helps them get caught up again."

But what does the school do about those personal problems? Solving those issues and helping the girls gain a sense of self-worth is what PACE is all about. Ms. Kearns said the intake process is a crucial time for teachers, counselors and the girls themselves and creates the foundation for the student's success over time.

"It's a very special process because we want her to buy in pretty quickly," Ms. Kearns said. "A lot of these girls are shy and guarded because they don't want to air those family problems. We're teach-



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In the center's Spirited Girls program, students learn how to recognize their inner voice and use it to their advantage. From the top left: Micaela Gaspar, Elizabeth Castro, Faith Harding, Kaela Hallihan, Victoria Escalante, Maribel Salgado.

ing them to find their voice and honor their female spirit."

Following admission to the program, the student immediately undergoes an assessment and an intake committee convenes to discuss the risk factors she presents. On her first day of school, the student will meet with her assigned counselor to start a process of self-exploration. She will also meet her buddy group, the girls who will support her and each other through their PACE program. A variety of activities that enhance their development are incorporated into their day, like volunteering at Guadalupe Center or neighboring retirement homes, but the signature enrichment program, called Spirited Girls, teaches students all manner of skills so they emerge from PACE armed with factual knowledge about everything from nutrition, body image, pregnancy prevention, sexual health, career exploration, restorative justice and more.

"We debunk all the perceptions that girls are hearing through media and we have real conversations about what's really true. We really make sure their perceptions about body image and love are accurate so they're not going by what they hear and see," Ms. Kearns said. "A lot of girls grew up really fast before coming to us, so we're able to enrich them so they're just more successful and feel good about themselves."

After just three months at PACE, Amber has a whole new perspective on herself and her capabilities. Surrounded by supportive peers and a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes self-worth, her grades have bounced back up and she's currently a B-student.

"When I was at the high school, I never thought that I'm a really good person," she said. "My counselor was telling (me) everything about myself and I'm seeing that I love to be myself. I don't want to change myself for anybody."

Even the social environment bolsters Amber's efforts to make it to Florida State University, where she hopes to study nursing. The students are good friends who understand and support each other, whereas Amber felt socially isolated at her former school.

"I was always by myself," she said.

"The girls I'm with are different because they're the ones that care and understand."

It's pretty rare that a referral comes from law enforcement anymore, Kearns said, and it's a testament to how intervention in the lives of juvenile girls can make a real difference to a community. It costs taxpayers about \$42,000 per year to support a child in the juvenile justice system, whereas the \$16,000 per year the school spends to educate a girl at PACE prevents her from entering it in the first place.

"We're adding a lot of protective factors into the mix so they don't end up incarcerated," Ms. Kearns said. "There are a lot of people who live in poverty in Immokalee, but that may be their only risk factor and they're fine. They're just like you and me. When you add in four or more (challenges), the risk is substantial."

Among PACE's graduates, 96 percent had no criminal involvement within a year of leaving the center and 91 percent were seeking higher education or were employed. Administrators follow the girls up to three years after they leave the program and many of them enroll at iTech, a vocational school located in Immokalee. While a few enter four-year universities upon graduation, administrators encourage the girls to set manageable educational goals so they can have success and continue on their chosen career path in small bites.

"First, we want them to feel successful accomplishing something," Ms. Kearns said. "Sometimes it's hard for them to get to college, so that's why we encourage them to go to iTech and set goals that are attainable and work their way up."

Amber started her journey toward becoming a nursing student at FSU this summer when she attended the university's SSTRIDE program, which introduces aspiring health care workers to the medical field. She said she had a great time and the experience reinforced her desire to take incremental steps toward becoming a doctor. PACE is helping her reach the academic standards FSU requires for its program, she said.

"I've been looking at the grades (FSU) wants and in high school, I didn't care

about anything. I tried but the teachers weren't helping," she said, but now she sees the possibility of enrolling at the university now that her grades are up.

Currently, about half of PACE's funding comes from the Department of Juvenile Justice and the remainder is a mix of private grants, donations and fundraising proceeds. The center's signature fundraiser, Love that Dress!, is underway with a series of dress collection parties that will culminate in a capstone event where the donated goods are sold from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Naples Grande Beach Resort. In addition to purchasing new or gently used dresses, guests will enjoy cocktails, silent auctions and an after party at Burn by Rocky Patel in Mercato. The event's sponsor, White House Black Market, donated 300 new dresses that will be added into the mix. All the proceeds will benefit the center.

"It's been phenomenal," Kearns said. "The first year we raised \$25,000 and last year (2015), we ended up with about \$125,000. It's grown by leaps and bounds."

Tickets for the Sept. 1 event are on sale. Guests can purchase a general admission ticket for \$30 or a VIP ticket for \$150, which entitles them to early access to the sale at 5 p.m.

Collier at Immokalee—PACE Center for Girls is located at 160 N. 1st St. and has served more than 1,200 girls since it opened in 1998. For more information about the center and how to help, visit pacecenter.org. To purchase tickets to Love that Dress! collection parties or the Sept. 1 sale, visit lovethatdress.org. ■

in the know

PACE Center for Girls, Immokalee

>> **Executive Director:**

Marianne Kearns

>> **Board Chair:** Claudine

Leger-Wetzel

>> **Mission Statement:**

PACE provides girls and young women an opportunity for better futures through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

>> **Major Fundraiser:** Love that Dress! A

series of collection parties for new or gently used dresses that will be sold at the campaign's final event, scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are \$30-\$150 and can be purchased at lovethatdress.org.

>> **Volunteer Opportunities:** PACE invites people who are interested in donating their time to schedule a tour of the facility.

>> **Phone:** (239) 842-5406

>> **Website:** pacecenter.org



Upcoming Love that Dress! Collection Parties

>> **Aug. 20 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

PACE Center for Girls

The Club at Olde Cypress, 7165 Treeline Dr., Naples

>> **Aug. 25 – 5-8 p.m.**

Naples Laser and MedSpa (two locations)
898 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
24850 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs

>> **Aug. 27 – 6-8 p.m.**

VIP Dress Collection Party
Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee
506 S. 1st St., Immokalee

Love that Dress! Drop-off Locations

>> **A. Jaron Fine Jewelry Store** – 6310 Trail Blvd.

>> **Diane's Fine Fashions** – 4202 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD
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Big porn gives back

■ In June, the online mega-website Pornhub announced a program to help blind pornography consumers by adding 50 “described videos” to its catalog, with a narrator doing play-by-play of the setting, the actors, clothing (if any) and the action. Said a Pornhub vice president, “It’s our way of giving back.”

■ Later in June, another pornography

website inaugurated a plan to donate a penny to women’s health or abuse prevention organizations every time a user reached a successful “ending” while viewing its videos (maximum two per person per day). Its first day’s haul was \$39, or \$13 for each of three charities (including the Mariska Hargitay-supported Joyful Heart Foundation).

Can’t possibly be true

■ A motorist in Regina, Saskatchewan, was issued a \$175 traffic ticket on June 8 after he pulled over to ask if he could assist a homeless beggar on the sidewalk. According to the police report cited by CTV News, the “beggar” was actually a cop on stakeout looking for drivers not wearing seat belts (who would thus pay the city \$175). Driver Dane Rusk said he had unbuckled his belt to lean over in the seat to give the “beggar” \$3 — and moments later, the cop’s partner stopped Rusk (thus earning Regina a total of \$178).

■ One of America’s major concerns, according to a U.S. congressman, should be the risk that if an apocalyptic event occurs and we are forced to abandon Earth with only a few species to provide for humanity’s survival, NASA might unwisely populate the space “ark” with same-sex couples instead of procreative male-female pairs. This warning was conveyed during the U.S. House session on May 26 by Texas Congressman Louie Gohmert (who seemed not to be aware that gay males might contribute sperm to lesbians for species-continuation).

Suspicious confirmed

Many website and app users are suspected of “agreeing” to privacy policies and “terms of service” without comprehending them (or even reading them), though most judges routinely assume the user to have consented to be bound by them. In a controlled-test report released in July, researchers from York University and University of Connecticut found that 74 percent skipped the privacy policy alto-

gether, but, of the “readers,” the average time spent was 73 seconds (for wordage that should have taken 30 minutes), and time “reading” terms of service was 51 seconds when it should have taken 16 minutes. (If users had read closely, they might have noticed that they had agreed to share all their personal data with the National Security Agency and that terms of service included giving up their first-born child.)

Latest rights

■ Air Force Col. Eugene Caughey is scheduled for court-martial in August in Colorado Springs, Colo., charged with six counts of adultery (a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) — which he alleges constitutes illegal discrimination because he is heterosexual. That is, only heterosexuals can have the

“sexual intercourse” required for adultery since the UCMJ defines the term as between a man and a woman; same-sex pairs cannot have “sexual intercourse.” (Even if Col. Caughey prevails on the discrimination issue, he faces other, more serious charges that may bring him life in prison.)

Leading economic indicators

■ News of the Weird reported in 2007 and 2014 that, despite the abundant desert, Middle East developers were buying plenty of beach sand from around the world (because the massive concrete construction in Dubai and Saudi Arabia, among other places, requires coarser sand than the desert grains tempered for centuries by sun and wind). The need has now grown such that London’s *The Independent* reported in June that black market gangs, some violent, are stealing beach sand — and that two dozen entire islands in Indonesia have virtually disappeared since 2005 because of sand-mining.

■ Farmers high in Nepal’s Himalayas

are heavily dependent on harvesting a fungus which, when consumed by humans, supposedly produces effects similar to Viagra’s — but the region’s rising temperatures and diminished rainfall (thought to result from global climate change) threaten the output, according to a June *New York Times* dispatch. Wealthy Chinese men in Hong Kong and Shanghai may pay the equivalent of \$50,000 a pound for the “caterpillar fungus,” and about a million Nepalese are involved in the industry, producing about 135 tons a year. (The fungus is from the head of ghost moth larvae living in soil at altitudes of more than 10,000 feet.)

People with issues

■ Joshua Long, 26, was arrested in Carlisle, Pa., in June for possession of a suspected-stolen human brain (which he allegedly kept in a shopping bag under the porch at his aunt’s trailer home). Police

believe that the brain had been a medical teaching aid, but that Long was lacing his marijuana with the brain’s embalming fluid. (Long and a former resident of the trailer home called the brain “Freddy.”)

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HEALTHY LIVING

Cancer screenings lead to early detection

BY JL WATSON

Special to Florida Weekly

Heading to the doctors' office is easiest when there is a pressing need — sore throat, broken bone or infection. Seeking care when healthy may seem unnecessary, but it's important to maintain a health calendar and schedule preventative tests — particularly those designed to detect cancer in its earliest stages.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following cancer screenings:

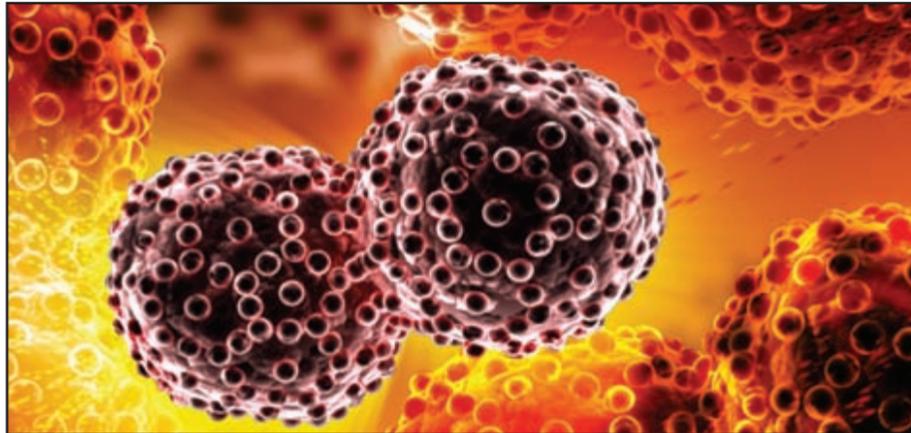
Breast cancer

- Women ages 40-44 may begin annual mammograms.
- Women ages 45-54 should get an annual mammogram.
- Women ages 55 and older may switch to mammograms every two years, based on conversations with their physician.

Colon and rectal cancer

Starting at age 50, both men and women should have one of the following testing schedules:

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years*, or
- Colonoscopy every 10 years, or
- Double-contrast barium enema every 5 years*, or



CT colonography (Women ages 21 and older should be tested for cervical cancer

- *If the test is positive, a colonoscopy should be done.

Cervical cancer

- Women ages 21-29 should have a Pap test done every three years.
 - Women ages 30-65 should have a Pap plus an HPV done every five years.
 - Women age 65 and older who have had regular cervical cancer testing in the past 10 years with normal results do not need cervical cancer testing (virtual colonoscopy) every 5 years*
- Endometrial (uterine) Cancer (h2).

At the time of menopause, all women should be told about the risks and symptoms of endometrial cancer. Women should report any unexpected vaginal bleeding or spotting to their doctors.

Some women — because of their history — may need to consider having a yearly endometrial biopsy. Please talk with a health care provider about your history.

Lung cancer

The American Cancer Society does not recommend tests to check for lung cancer in people who are at average risk. However, screenings are recommended for those who are at high risk

of lung cancer due to cigarette smoking. Screening might be right for you if you are all of the following:

- 55-77 years of age.
- In good health.
- Have at least a 30 pack-year smoking history AND are either still smoking or have quit within the last 15 years (A pack-year is the number of cigarette packs smoked each day multiplied by the number of years a person has smoked. Someone who smoked a pack of cigarettes per day for 30 years has a 30 pack-year smoking history, as does someone who smoked 2 packs a day for 15 years.)

Screening is done with an annual low-dose CT scan of the chest. If you fit the list above, talk to a health care provider if you want to start screening.

Prostate cancer

Starting at age 50, men should talk to a health care provider about the pros and cons of testing so they can decide if testing is the right choice for them. African-Americans who have a father or brother who had prostate cancer before age 65 should talk with a health care provider starting at age 45.

If you decide to be tested, get a PSA blood test with or without a rectal exam. How often you're tested will depend on your PSA level. ■

NCH earns national 'Most Wired' designation



No question about it, NCH is one "wired" health system — and we, and our patients, are the better for it.

For the fifth consecutive year, NCH has been recognized by the American Hospital Association's Health Forum as among the "Most Wired" health systems in the nation. NCH joins 414 hospitals in the U.S., including 18 others from Florida, as "Most Wired." That's out of 5,000 hospitals nationally, 1,700 of which applied for the designation.

The award is nice, of course, but it's secondary to what information technology can do for patients and those who care for patients. "Hospitals are breaking out of their traditional four

walls and providing care where and when patients need it," said Rick Pollock, president and CEO of the AHA. "These 'Most Wired' hospitals exemplify this transformation by harnessing technology, engaging patients and offering services remotely. And, removing policy and other barriers to tele-health will allow even faster adoption of these amazing technologies."

Here at NCH, technology has improved the efficiency of care delivery and created a new dynamic in patient interactions. Clinical safety and quality are greatly enhanced with our partner, Cerner, the world's largest healthcare information technology company. Our medication administration safety, infection avoidance, fall prevention and early sepsis (bloodstream infection) recognition are all greatly improved by computer technology largely created by Cerner.

This past year, NCH incorporated telemedicine with our top-ranking

stroke program. Within six minutes, we now connect a neurologist, managing a robot, with an ER patient exhibiting neurological symptoms consistent with a stroke. In the past without this technology, the average connection time was measured in hours. We also use technology to remotely monitor, in their own homes, patients with Congestive Heart Failure or too much fluid in the body. Shortly, we will have secure text messaging among physicians and surgeons. And we also use our computer system to upgrade and integrate business and administration management.

Having clinical integration of the inpatient and outpatient record with the ability of a patient to access his/her information continues to be a journey. We have employed the imbedded technology and will always work to increase functionality and utilization.

Even though NCH ranks among the top healthcare systems in using tech-

nology, our desire is to continue to improve, making a patient's journey across the health care spectrum — from a physician's office to a lab or radiology for diagnostic tests to inpatient status to post-hospital care — as seamless as possible.

While we are clearly more sophisticated and better off than ever before, we are not yet where we want to be with technology. And so the technology journey continues. As we proceed, we need to be mindful not to let technology interfere with the personal relationship between caregiver and patient. Stated another way, technology should neither be a distraction or partition in patient relationships, but rather a powerful enabler to help everyone live longer, happier, and healthier lives. ■

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



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Scripps Florida scientists discover drugs that increase bone mass

In addition to its more obvious ills, type 2 diabetes is a condition closely associated with bone fractures, increasing the risk of fractures twofold. To make matters worse, certain anti-diabetic drugs further increase this risk, particularly in postmenopausal women, severely limiting their treatment options.

A new study, co-led by Patrick R. Griffin, a professor on the Florida campus of The Scripps Research Institute, and B. Lecka-Czernik, a professor at the University of Toledo, has shown that a new class of drug candidates developed at TSRI increases bone mass by expanding bone formation (deposition of new bone) and bone turnover (a normal process of replacement of old bone). A proper balance of these two processes is critical to healthy bone maintenance, and this balance is frequently negatively affected in diabetic patients.

The result is a new dual-targeting drug

candidate — or, as Mr. Griffin describes, “one drug addressing multiple therapeutic indications” — that could treat both diabetes and bone disease. The compound has been referenced as “SR10171.”

The study was published recently online ahead of print by the journal *EBio-Medicine*.

Diabetes affects more than 29 million people in the U.S., according to a 2012 report from the American Diabetes Association. Between 2010 and 2012, the incidence rate was about 1.7 to 1.9 million per year, and in 2013, estimated direct medical costs of the disease were \$176 billion.

Over the past decade, Mr. Griffin and his colleague, TSRI Associate Professor Theodore Kamenecka, have focused on the details of molecules that increase sensitivity to insulin (a hormone that regulates blood sugar). Using newly discovered information, the researchers

made significant advances in developing a family of drug candidates that target a receptor known as peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors gamma (a key regulator of stem cells controlling bone formation and bone resorption and a master regulator of fat).

Anti-diabetic drugs known as glitazones target the PPAR protein, but that interaction leads to severe bone loss and increased fractures. Stem cells in the bone marrow can differentiate either into bone cells or fat cells, and the glitazones drive them to fat at the expense of bone.

But SR10171 is designed to avoid this troubling outcome. In animal models treated with the compound, fat formation in the bone marrow was successfully blocked independent of their metabolic state (healthy or diabetic).

“Using structural biology techniques and rational design synthetic chemistry,

SR10171 was constructed to engage the PPAR protein in a unique way possessing an optimal balance with the receptor’s other family member, PPARα, to treat diabetes and, at the same time, improve bone health,” Mr. Griffin said. “This targeted polypharmacological approach demonstrates that the target isn’t the problem if you target it correctly.”

The compound increases bone mass by protecting and increasing the activity of bone cells in various stages of normal bone maintenance, utilizing mechanisms that overlap those that regulate whole-body energy metabolism.

“SR10171 improves bone mass regardless of body mass index, normal to obese,” Mr. Griffin added. “So you could use such a drug to treat osteoporosis whether patients are diabetic or not.” ■

Physicians Regional hosts health lecture series

Physicians Regional Healthcare System hosts a series of monthly educational lectures and events. August events:

■ **Diabetes Education & Support**
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 4-6 p.m.,
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. - noon
Speaker: Pam Eichler, RN, BSN,
CDE - Diabetes Educator
6101 Pine Ridge Road - Physicians
Dining Room
Check in at Desk 18.

Diabetes education classes and support groups are fun and free, offering you an opportunity to learn how to live with diabetes from a certified diabetes educator.

■ **Let's Talk Sugar**
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2-3 p.m.
Speaker: Pam Eichler, RN, BSN,
CDE - Diabetes Educator
6101 Pine Ridge Road - Physicians
Dining Room

Please RSVP for this talk.
 Diabetes is a disease that results from having high levels of blood sugar. Knowing how certain foods and exercise affect your blood sugar is important in keeping it at a healthy level. If you have diabetes, or you have been told you have high levels of blood sugar, RSVP for this talk to find out what foods and exercise will help you and your family.

■ **You Need More Sleep! The Impact of Poor Sleep Habits on Your Health**
Thursday, Aug. 11, 5-6 p.m.
Speaker: Elias Shaheen, M.D. -
Family Medicine
6101 Pine Ridge Road - Physicians
Dining Room

Please RSVP for this talk.
 Sleep is important for our physical, emotional, and mental health. As we age and undergo a variety of developmental changes, our sleep patterns change. Predicting these changes and understanding why they occur can lead to longer and more restful sleep and better health. Join Dr. Shaheen, and learn about better sleep habits for any age.

■ **“Doc! Can you help my sinuses?”**
Thursday, Aug. 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Speaker: James A. Hadley, MD,
FACS- ENT
6101 Pine Ridge Road - Cafeteria

Please RSVP for this talk.
 Dr. Hadley will review the current methods he uses to evaluate and manage patients with sinus and nasal disorders. He will discuss evidence based methods to diagnose and treat common allergic and nasal complaints such as nasal congestion, post nasal drainage and recurrent facial pain syndromes. Dr. Hadley has vast experience in these disorders and can review national guidelines on this subject. Time will be reserved for questions by attendees. ■

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Rendering of Shipley Cardiothoracic Center

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PET TALES

'Arf'-letes for the win

Dogs showcase guts and glory in canine sports

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Eventing. Jumping. Racing. Diving. With the Rio Olympics in full swing, we thought it would be fun to take a look at the world of competitive dog sports, which often parallel those of their human counterparts and require just as much athletic ability, stamina, speed and agility. Top dog contestants come in all shapes and sizes, but the two things they have in common — with each other and with human athletes — are heart and hustle.

Take Wren. The 10-inch papillon excels at the highest levels of her sport, agility. With tight turns and at top speed she races around a course that includes bar jumps, tire jumps, weave poles, a teeter-totter — the element that can really slow a tiny dog because it tips downward more slowly — an A-frame and tunnels. In the six height classes, from 8-inch (Wren's category) to 26-inch, the dog with the fastest time and fewest faults wins. Wren, owned and handled by Betsey Lynch of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has had big wins in her class in the past year, including American Kennel Club's National Agility Championship, USDAA Cynosport Performance Grand Prix and Westminster Masters Agility Championship.

Any dog can compete in agility, but the dogs with speed and drive tend to be the ones at the top of the charts. Current contenders include Sierra, a Shetland sheepdog, in the 12-inch class; Hottie, a



Canine athletes score big in dog sports.

border collie, in the 16-inch class; Mr. T, a golden retriever, in the 20-inch class; Skillz, a border collie, in the 24-inch class; and Pace, a border collie, in the 26-inch class.

The best agility dogs from more than 35 countries will gather in Zaragoza, Spain, Sept. 22-25 to compete in the 21st Agility World Championship, where they'll run on state-of-the-art artificial turf specially ordered for the event. Closer to home, check out the North American Dog Agility Council Championships, held Sept. 29-Oct. 2 in South Jordan, Utah.

Flyball, the fastest-growing canine team sport, is a relay race popular around the world. Teams of four to six dogs race over four hurdles, pounce on a spring-loaded box to release a tennis ball and race back over the hurdles with it before the next dog begins. Each dog has a handler, and line coaches help to

improve the team's performance.

Any dog who's fast and loves tennis balls can play, but small dogs have a special role. They can be a team's secret weapon because jump height, ranging from 7 to 14 inches, is determined by the height of the team's smallest dog. A team with a "height dog," as the shorties are known, benefits because the larger dogs get to jump lower hurdles.

Record-holders in the sport include a mixed breed named Everest, with a run of 3.417 seconds in United Flyball League International's Singles race, in which dogs run against the clock, and a team called Border Patrol, made up of mixed breeds Troy, Banshee, Epic and Syber. They hold the current North American Flyball Association Regular record of 14.433 seconds, set June 5, 2016, in Rockton, Ontario, Canada. The NAFA CanAm Classic is Oct. 7-9 in Indianapolis. The UFLI Tournament of Champions takes place Oct. 21-23 in Gray Summit, Missouri, near St. Louis.

Perhaps the nearest canine equivalent to the Olympics is the Incredible Dog Challenge, hosted by Purina Pro Plan. Events include dock-diving, catching flying discs, surfing and more. In the West Coast Challenge, an American Eskimo Dog named Ziggy won the Small Dog Surf Event, and a Belgian malinois named Saphira set a new world record with a 25-foot-6-inch jump in the Fetch It event. The IDC National Finals take place Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Purina Farms in St. Louis. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Duce** is an approximately 1-year-old male brown and white terrier bully mix. He is calm, sweet, and handsome. He is friendly, good on his leash and enjoys walking with you.



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>> **Bagheera** is a 9-month-old female black domestic short hair. She is beautiful, athletic, and smart. She is independent but friendly and affectionate. She has an awesome personality and gets along with everyone.



>> **Richie** is a 2.5-year-old male brown tabby domestic short hair. He is sweet, handsome and friendly. He has a nice laid-back personality and likes to be around other cats and people. Richie would make a great family pet and deserves a loving forever home.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

I think I need a vacation — or maybe just purple hair



I've seriously decided that I want purple hair — and I'm not talking about that violet rinse your grandma had. I'm talking a bright, vibrant grape color — imagine the color of Prince's crushed velvet suit on the album cover of "Purple Rain" — only on my head.

But, I'm not completely committed because other times, I desperately want teal tresses, a sort of a blue/green hue, like a mermaid's tale. And other times, I want white — a stark white mane — not platinum blond, not the trendy new silver/gray — but snow white.

Other times, I want to cut all my hair off into the sort of pixie style that only Ellen DeGeneres and Jamie Lee Curtis can seem to pull off. Then there are the times when I want to spend a ton of money to get hair extensions all the way down to my waist.

And even though I remember well the pungent smell of perm solution from my first regrettable attempt at spiral curls when I was 13, there are still times when I actually want to get a perm.

Occasionally, I'll see a young girl with dreadlocks and I think, "I could rock that look."

Usually though, when these whims hit me, I end up cutting my bangs with sewing scissors after a glass, or three, of wine under a full moon.



Fortunately, my crown of glory has been in the good hands of my friend Nick Ortino and fabulous stylist Courtney Tinchler for more than 10 years now. And I remember Nick once telling me, when I

begged him to cut all my hair and dye it jet black (kind of like Anne Hathaway's when she played the starved, dying prostitute in "Les Miserables"), "It's not about the hair — what's wrong?"

Wisely, he was pointing out that when life gets to be too much, doing something sudden and drastic to your hair isn't going to solve the problem. A vacation might, getting more exercise probably will, calling your mom or your best friend might, too. But, dyeing your hair fuchsia isn't going to do it.

Believe me, back in the day, I had fuchsia hair, and blue hair, and orange hair, and even green hair (that was actually an accident), and I even once shaved stripes into the left side of my head. The early '90s were, apparently, an emotional rollercoaster. And the time that it took to grow out those questionable decisions was pretty grueling.

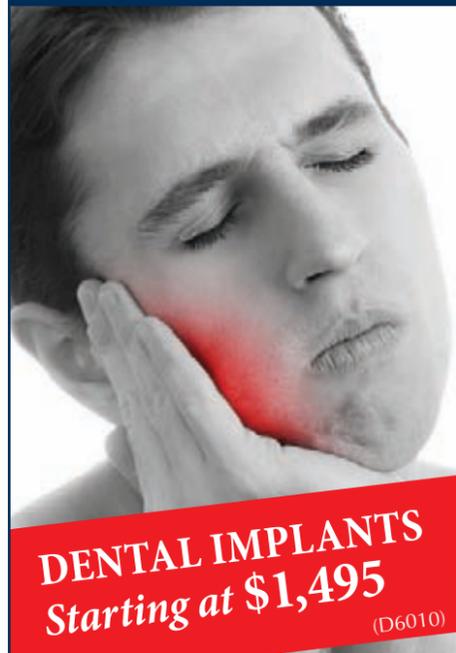
On the other hand, when someone hems and haws about getting a quarter of an inch cut or moans and groans as she tries to decide whether subtle highlights might be too distracting, I'm the first to tell her to go for it — it's only hair, after all — it grows back.

I'm glad for the early '90s though, even the perms that turned my hair into a frizzy 'fro, the flattop that made me look like I was in a boy band, and the time I experimented with bleach and chemically burned off a good two inches of my hair. I can look back in fondness (so glad there weren't cellphone cameras back then) of how I tried to work through stress while making bold choices.

Years later, I know that Nick's right — blond suits me. And, yes, I definitely need a vacation. ■

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

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BY **NANCI THEORET**

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Some buildings — even entire shopping plazas — seem to have a perpetual dark cloud hanging overhead. As quickly as a placard appears announcing a new restaurant, boutique or other business, so, too, does a “For Rent” or “For Sale” sign. Chances are you’ve witnessed the ever-changing tenancy of one or more seemingly cursed buildings during your daily commute or while driving around town.

Of course a bad location factors heavily into the



success or failure of a business; it is, after all, the mantra of real estate. But a bad business concept,

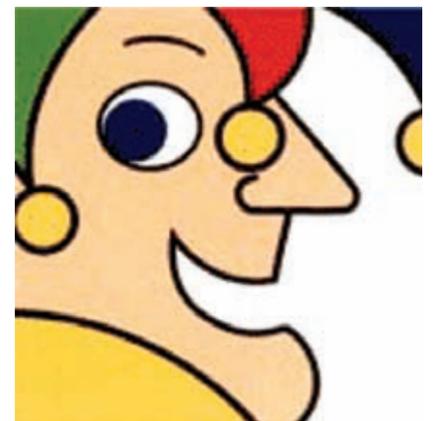
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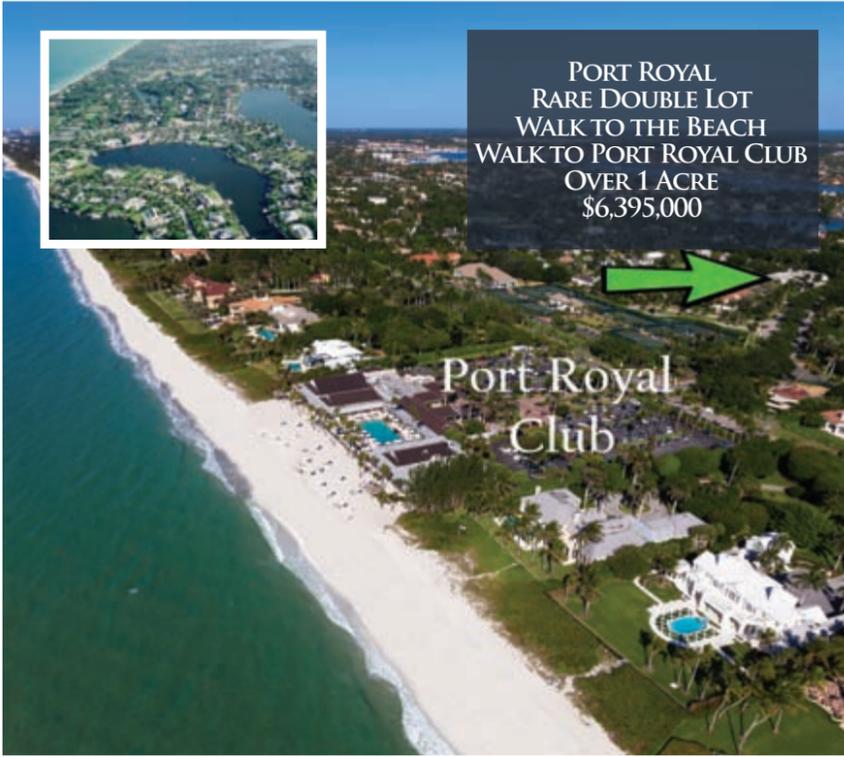
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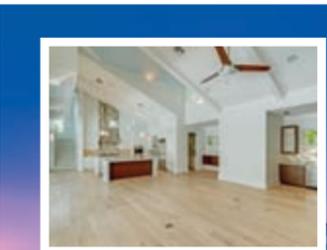



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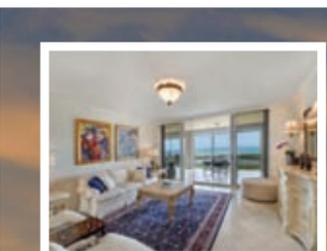


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Typical Florida Airbnb host earns more than \$7,200

Airbnb, the world's leading community-driven hospitality company, has released updated growth figures for the Florida market, highlighting the growth of home sharing across the state and the positive financial impact for Florida residents, small businesses and local governments across the state.

"This data demonstrates the ways home sharing is creating economic opportunity for thousands of Floridians, while also bringing more people to the Sunshine State to support our largest industry: tourism," said Michael O'Neil, Airbnb's regional head of public policy.

According to the data, more than 16,000 Floridians shared their homes, or a room in his or her home, via the Airbnb platform during 2015. The typical host earned \$7,200 sharing their space for 41 nights during 2015. In total, more than 750,000 people visited Florida via Airbnb last year, representing 149 percent growth year-over-year.

The tourism industry is an important economic driver in Florida and a key source of revenue for state and local governments. Domestic and international travelers help pay for the Florida tax burden and help keep taxes low for

Florida residents while also supporting efforts to market everything Florida has to offer to tourists across the globe.

"We are committed to working with municipalities across the state to make it easier for our host community to pay their fair share of taxes," Mr. O'Neil said. "We have a productive relationship with the state and several counties, and are having conversations with officials in many other counties to streamline the tax collection process and ensure our hosts can continue contributing to their local community."

Currently, Airbnb is collecting and

remitting the Florida transient rental tax and sales tax, including county-level tourist taxes in 27 counties. Collectively, these agreements are expected to generate millions in additional tax revenue annually. Airbnb is collecting in these counties: Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Columbia, Desoto, Dixie, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hendry, Hernando, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lee, Levy, Madison, Okeechobee, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Sumter, Wakulla and Washington. Additionally, Airbnb collects the statewide hotel and tourist tax. ■



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After surprising GDP report, it's important to keep a mix of assets

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Last Friday's second quarter Gross Domestic Product report mostly flew under the radar for the majority of people not in the finance industry. What was so interesting about this release for me, however, was that it contradicts so many widely held beliefs about the economy and markets that the general public shares.

Here are five popular assumptions and how the GDP report utterly shreds those suppositions.

Assumption: The average American is unemployed or underemployed, has no money and is completely despondent.

Fact: Listening to either political party convention, you would think that we already in a depression. Talk of high unemployment, falling wages and jobs being stolen by foreign workers and illegal immigrants dominated speeches from both Republicans and Democrats. But last week's GDP release told a different story. Consumer spending grew a very healthy 4.2 percent. And this is on top of a much stronger than expected jobs number last month. Clearly, the American consumer is much better shape than is portrayed in the media or political arena.

Assumption: Businesses are strong,



as reflected by record high stock prices.

Fact: With stock markets at record high, one would think that corporations would be firing on all cylinders and CEOs would be confident in the future. But it seems the opposite is true. Businesses slashed inventories and cut investments in plant and equipment last quarter. That is not something that happens when companies feel confident in the future. CEOs are, instead, directing capital to shareholders in the form of stock buybacks and dividends.

Assumption: The stock market is driven by corporate fundamentals and future earnings.

Fact: Most analysts believed that the economy grew north of 2 percent in the second quarter. The GDP report,

instead, showed that the U.S. economy only grew at 1.2 percent. This news should have sent stocks plummeting. Instead, both the S&P500 and NASDAQ ended positive for the day. The reason was that investors now anticipate the Fed to continue their stimulus of the economy and the markets. It is the Fed, not market fundamentals, that is the force behind the latest market surge.

Assumption: Rates are heading higher by the end of the year.

Fact: When the Fed raised short term rates at the end of 2015, the majority of analysts anticipated a second rate increase in the second quarter of 2016. Clearly that did not happen but before last week many predicted the second increase would happen by the end of

this year. Now, the consensus is that the second rate increase won't happen until the end of 2017. I would agree with this assessment as what would the advantage be for the Fed to increase rates at this point? Already many companies are blaming a strong dollar for their poor profits and a rate increase would only add to this misery. Low rates are positive for commodities, exporters, REITS, and real estate but negative for bank profits.

Assumption: Analysts can predict the future of economic growth.

Fact: The market was completely caught off guard with this weak GDP number. Almost all economists were looking for a much higher number and even the Federal Reserve banks were off the mark (the closest to the target was the Atlanta Fed with a growth rate of 1.8 percent versus the actual figure of 1.2 percent). This is why it is so important to stay diversified in your investments. If even professional economists and the Fed cannot predict where the economy and the markets are heading, how can we hope to? Having a mix of cash, stocks, bonds, commodities, and other assets help ensure that you are well positioned no matter what the future brings. ■

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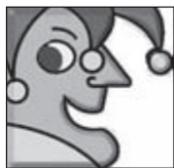
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If you're looking for good mutual funds to invest in, you might just look to see which ones have performed the best recently. That's not the best way to find winners, though.

Remember that funds that beat the stock market average one year won't necessarily beat it the following year. A fantastic performance may be partly the result of the fund manager's talent, but it's also partly luck — at least over the short term. (And many fund managers invest only for the short term.) Bad funds can have strong years now and then.

Even finding a fund with a terrific three- or five- or 10-year average annual return isn't enough. A great average can be due to one outstanding year. After all, a five-year average is just an average of five annual performances. If one is unusually high, the average will be high. For example, if in each of five years, a fund earns 7 percent, 9 percent, 2 percent, 6 percent and 26 percent, its average annual return will be about 10 percent. That might look respectable, but note that in reality it exceeded 10 percent in

only one of five years.

The majority of stock mutual funds actually tend to underperform the market average. According to the folks at Standard & Poor's, as of the end of 2015, fully 82 percent of all large-cap domestic stock mutual funds underperformed the S&P 500 over the preceding 10 years. It's simply hard to beat the average — in large part due to fund fees.

So what can you do? Well, consider investing in an inexpensive broad-market index fund, which will outperform most other mutual funds — for example, the Vanguard S&P 500 Index Fund (ticker: VFINX). If you still want to seek above-average managed funds, look for ones with no loads, expense ratios (annual fees) below 1 percent, and thoughtful managers who invest their own money in the funds.

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My Dumbest Investment

LeapFrog Tripped

My dumbest investment was in LeapFrog Enterprises, a company that made educational electronic toys for children. They were kind of like early versions of the tablets we enjoy today, but while they were initially embraced by many, today every 3-year-old can have a fine time with his mother's or dad's iPad. No one seems to need LeapFrog devices anymore.

— B.W., Atlanta

The Fool Responds: Compelling competition was indeed a key reason that LeapFrog faltered, but remember, iPads, costing hundreds of dollars, were still significantly different from LeapFrog offerings.

LeapFrog performed well as an investment for a while, but then it did fall on hard times. In mid-2015, it posted quarterly results that featured sales down by more than 30 percent in the U.S. and abroad, and inventory swelling by nearly 40 percent. Management said it would be developing new products to address new markets, but investors were not encouraged and many sold, sending shares down further.

LeapFrog's market value sank to around \$40 million by early 2016, when the Hong Kong-based company VTech announced its intention to buy LeapFrog for around \$72 million. VTech has long been in the electronic learning toy business and wanted to add LeapFrog's assets to its mix to broaden its portfolio.

The LeapFrog story is a good reminder that we need to keep a close eye on our holdings to make sure they're performing well and their prospects are still strong. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I was conceived at a coffee shop by two guys who built me into a retail powerhouse. They envisioned trained staffers who could teach customers about products. Today, based in Atlanta, I'm the world's largest home improvement retailer, with more than 2,275 locations in all 50 states and beyond. My stores average about 104,000 square feet inside, plus about 24,000 square feet for my garden departments — and stock about 35,000 products. I employ more than 385,000 people and rake in close to \$90 billion annually. I'm still focused on helping customers, with do-it-yourself clinics and workshops. Who am I? (Answer: The Home Depot) ■



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Beware of Falling Prices

Q What's deflation?

— J.R., Norfolk, Virginia

A Deflation is the opposite of inflation, occurring when prices fall over time. It typically happens during a recession and can contribute to rising unemployment and decreased production. While lower prices might sound like a good thing, remember that they reflect an ailing economy, where supply is greater than demand, as many people and businesses are financially pinched and are delaying purchases.

Fortunately, though, there are measures that can be taken to combat the threat of deflation. The Fed, for example, can lower interest rates or increase the money supply to spur inflation a bit.

If you're worried about deflation, you might prepare yourself for a possible pullback in stocks, perhaps locking in some yields with government bonds. Deflation is relatively rare, though, and a little inflation can be good for us.

Q When preparing my tax return, will I be able to deduct a big loss from a stock sale?

— K.W., Midland, Michigan

A Yes. Losses sting, but their silver lining is that they can help shrink your tax bill. You'll first offset any capital gains from stock sales with your loss. If any loss remains, it can be deducted from your income — up to \$3,000 per year. Sums above \$3,000 can be carried over to the following year.

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The Motley Fool Take

A Stock to Bank On

After the Federal Reserve raised its federal funds target rate for the first time in nearly a decade in December and led many to expect several more hikes in 2016, Bank of America (NYSE: BAC) was counting on rising interest rates to boost its interest-based income and net interest margin. But that hasn't happened, due to weaker jobs growth and GDP data.

Still, there's reason to be bullish. For starters, Bank of America has put most of its mortgage-based litigation behind, leaving it with fewer expenses, better visibility and more transparent performance numbers.

General cost-cutting is another reason Bank of America looks attractive. It has been able to scale back its overhead costs via some branch closures to take

advantage of the push toward mobile banking. Mobile and ATM transactions are substantially cheaper than in-person transactions, giving B of A an incentive to cater to mobile consumers.

Bank of America also offers an intriguing value proposition. The company is trading well below its book value, primarily as a result of its subpar return on assets (ROA). However, improved expense efficiencies, coupled with the expectation of interest-rate normalization at some point in the intermediate term, should help push its ROA higher.

With a dividend that recently yielded 1.5 percent, Bank of America is worth considering for your portfolio. (The Motley Fool has recommended Bank of America.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ 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 next **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Hilton Naples. The morning's sponsor is Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee. The program will be about the impact of substance abuse on the workforce. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Business After Hours** for members and guests of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Prado Stadium 12, 25251 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or visiting bonitaspringschamber.com/events.

■ The **Business 100 supporters of Collier Child Care Resources** host a Taste of Summer networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Seasons 52. Sponsors are Marsha McDonald of Morgan Stanley and attorney Patrick Neale. A variety of appetizers will be offered along with a complimentary summer cocktail. RSVP by Aug. 12 by calling 643-3908 or emailing tiffanyc@collierchildcare.org.

■ Members of the **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** meet for Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Old Marco Pub &

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■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** holds its annual Bowl-A-Thon to benefit the LCF Scholarship Fund from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Bowland Woodside, 8525 Radio Road. \$30 includes pizza, soda and two games of bowling in the VIP lanes. Sign up by Aug. 12 at napleschamber.org/events.

■ 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.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** hosts its next Leadership Lunch Series from 11:30 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Keynote speaker Deputy Collier County Manager Nick Casalanguida will discuss "Sustainability and the Cost of Maintaining Paradise," focusing on the four pillars of government, law enforcement/first responders, education and the private sector. \$15 for dues-paying LCF alumni, \$20 for non-dues-paying alumni and \$25 for non-alumni interested in learning more and applying for an LCF program. Sign up at 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. ■

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HOLDING

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a geographic shift to newer and shinier commercial strip malls that follows population growth, and flooded parking lots contribute to the perpetual motion of a building's occupant.

"It's not a case of seeing businesses come and go," says Barbara Selph, the longtime manager of Quilt Lover's Hangout in the Hancock Bridge Square plaza in North Fort Myers. "Since I've been here I haven't seen any businesses come. I've seen them go."

The plaza, on North Cleveland Avenue near Hancock Bridge Parkway behind Perkins, has good visibility and some 38,000 daily passing motorists. But its parking lot becomes a lake after it rains and is used as a shortcut by impatient drivers.

"People fly through here and don't pay attention to stop signs," Ms. Selph says.

When Quilt Lover's Hangout opened 11 years ago, the plaza was also home to Office Depot, a big-box tenant that has since left the plaza. There was also a bulk food store, restaurants, a beauty school, a State Farm office and Green Thumb, a hydroponic supplier that relocated to its own building, says Ms. Selph.

"Our business hasn't been affected because we're a destination spot and people know we're here," she says. "Men like to walk around and visit the other stores while their wives shop with us but now there's nowhere to go."

Current tenants include a sewing shop, laundromat, salon and a Subway. Wal-Mart also operates a temporary warehouse from the plaza. According to LoopNet, an online market for commercial real estate and leasing, there are 14 vacancies at Hancock Bridge Square and also potential plans for redevelopment there, a concept Ms. Selph and other occupants have been hearing about the past two years.

"They say they need an anchor store," she says. "It's a crazy location. We're on 41 and you have to pass us to go over the bridge. Perkins is always packed and people come into our shop from Perkins. I think if people see a new business coming in to the center, they'd go there. Anything would be excellent."

Greg Beno, a former chef on Boca Grande, recently opened a restaurant at 320 Tamiami Trail in northern Port Charlotte that's been "three different taco places in the last five years," the home of Knuckle Sandwich and reputedly a mini golf course some 20 years ago.

The location clearly has visibility as that's how Mr. Beno discovered its availability. He's also not concerned about the failures of previous businesses because he introduced a concept lacking in the area.

"I drove by one day, saw the rent sign and contacted the owner," he says. "It all happened pretty quickly. Barbecue is what I love to do and there weren't any other restaurants offering it."

Beno's opened May 10.

One of the most notable building fails in Southwest Florida was The Ship, a 20-year-old replica of a Spanish galleon in Bonita Springs that went through various incarnations as a restaurant, nightclub and bingo hall. The landmark was razed last November for the 160-home Diamond Oaks Village, a community for residents 54 and older.

Even major franchises have shuttered locations along a Tamiami Trail dead zone from the former Albertson's-anchored Bonita Bay Plaza a few miles north. Friendly's Ice Cream lasted a few years before closing; the Big Al's franchise shut down its 12-year-old Bonita Springs restaurant in 2015; and Applebee's eventually became Senior Tequila's.

In Naples, the inaugural Olio restaurant at Naples Bay Resort has reinvented itself several times, transitioning to L'Orient



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Hancock Bridge Square, once bustling with business, has only a few companies left occupying it.



Kathy Bolen, employee, and Barbara Selph, manager, at Quilt Lover's Hangout is one of only a few operating businesses at Hancock Bridge Square, which from the parking lots, looks nearly desolate as many shops have shipped out.

now and doing great. He misses Naples so much and a lot of people here love him and miss him. It's unfortunate about everything that happened here."

Sometimes the curse is lifted. A number of Naples buildings with a revolving door of occupants now have established businesses.

For Charlotte County's El Guacamole, relocating to 3492 Tamiami Trail was a step up.

"We were in a little shack before and now have more dining space," says Maria Tores, the daughter of the restaurant's owner.

The Toreses only had to change a portion of the signage. El has been a constant at the location, which was most recently occupied by El Jasico and at least a dozen other restaurants, according to one observer.

"It has got to be one of the most cursed locations in Charlotte County," he says.

and Mereday's Fine Dining to the present-day 1500 South under the culinary direction of celeb chef Al Smith. The new restaurant blends Southern American food with Italian elements.

Chef Charles Mereday made several attempts to establish himself at Bayfront in Naples after enjoying major success with his first eponymous restaurant at Coconut Point in Estero. Described as "visionary" and "genius" by his good friend and former public relations spokeswoman Beth Preddy, Chef Mereday spun off Mereday's Fine Dining to introduce Alto Jazz Live Kitchen in February 2014 at the struggling Bayfront and a location that had hosted four previous restaurants.

"Alto offered live jazz every night, unbelievable food and an incredible space," Ms. Preddy says. "Charles is a visionary. In any other city ... Naples just couldn't sustain it."

After the jazz concept was met with lackluster enthusiasm, Chef Mereday rebranded the venue as Mereday's Brasserie in 2015, patterning it after the Coconut Point location, which was subsequently renamed. The brasserie closed that December and the chef now owns the waterfront Point Harbor Café & Marina in Point Harbor, N.C.

"He had very challenging locations in Naples," Ms. Preddy says. "He's busy

A 1.22-acre tract with the also-ran Bar-B-Bill's — a play on the name of the very successful Barnacle Bill's restaurant on the same spot — closed soon after it opened on Placida Road near Rotonda West. The problem wasn't with the location, says Gary Cline, a Realtor with Maxim Commercial Real Estate in Punta Gorda.

The restaurant is part of a five-tract parcel fronting Placida Road and San Casa Drive, where new communities are under development and an office building with two retail outposts are about to open.

"The value is in the land," says Mr. Cline. "I looked into it and there could be a mixed-use development with condos over retail. It could be three stories which gives a view of Stump Pass."

Mr. Cline says he's had interest from restaurateurs and developers. "It has a great location." ■

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Pending home sales up a wee bit in June

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Pending home sales were mostly unmoved in June, but did creep slightly higher as supply and affordability constraints prevented a bigger boost in activity from mortgage rates that lingered near all-time lows through most of the month, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Increases in the Northeast and Midwest were offset by declines in the South and West.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, inched 0.2 percent to 111.0 in June from 110.8 in May and is now 1.0 percent higher than June 2015 (109.9).

With June's minor improvement, the index is now at its second highest reading over the past 12 months, but is noticeably down from this year's peak level in April (115.0).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says a solid bump in activity in the Northeast pulled up pending sales modestly in June. "With only the Northeast region having an adequate supply of homes for sale, the recurring dilemma of strained supply causing a run-up in home prices continues to play out in several markets, leading to the last two months reflecting a slight, early summer cool-down after a very active spring," he said. "Unfortunately for prospective buyers trying to take advantage of exceptionally low mortgage rates, housing inventory at the end of last month was down almost 6 percent from a year ago, and home prices are showing little evidence of slowing to a healthier pace that more closely mirrors wage and



income growth."

Adds Mr. Yun, "Until inventory conditions markedly improve, far too many prospective buyers are likely to run into situations of either being priced out of the market or outbid on the very few properties available for sale."

One noteworthy and positive development occurring in the housing market during the first half of the year, accord-

ing to Mr. Yun, is that sales to investors have subsided from a high of 18 percent in February to a low of 11 percent in June, which is the smallest share since July 2009. Mr. Yun attributes this retreat to the diminished number of distressed properties coming onto the market at any given time and the ascent in home prices, which have now risen year-over-year for 52 consecutive months.

"Limited selection of homes at bargain prices is reducing the number of individual investors willing or able to buy," adds Mr. Yun. "This will hopefully open the door for first-time buyers, who made some progress last month but are still buying homes at a subpar level even as rents increase at rates not seen since before the downturn."

In spite of the slight slowdown in contract signings from April's peak high, existing-home sales this year are still expected to be around 5.44 million, a 3.6 percent boost from 2015 and the highest annual pace since 2006 (6.48 million). After accelerating to 6.8 percent a year ago, national median existing-home price growth is forecast to slightly moderate to around 4 percent.

Regional breakdown

The PHSI in the Northeast advanced 3.2 percent to 96.0 in June, and is now 1.7 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index increased 0.8 percent to 108.9 in June, and is now 1.6 percent higher than June 2015.

Pending home sales in the South decreased modestly (0.6 percent) to an index of 125.9 in June but are still 1.8 percent higher than last June. The index in the West declined 1.3 percent in June to 101.3, and is now 1.8 percent below a year ago. ■

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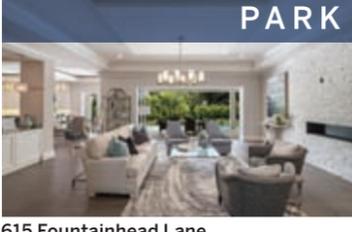
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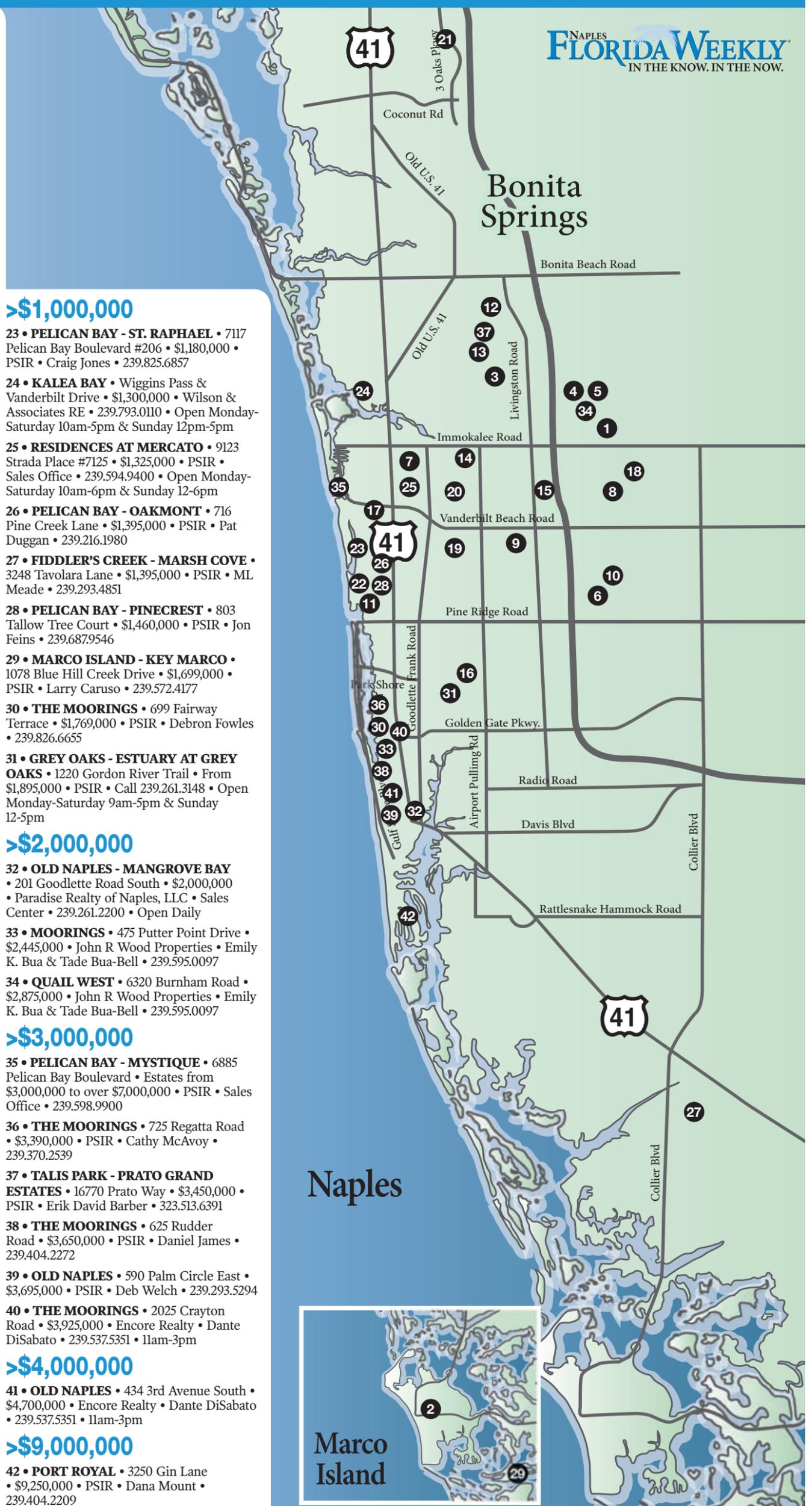
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RWA becomes one of the largest planning companies in Southwest Florida

Naples-based RWA Inc. announced that Oliver Sendall and Laura Tefft have joined the firm's planning department. The pair will help diversify RWA's services and enhance the company's capacity in Southwest Florida.

Ms. Tefft is a Southwest Florida native, graduating with a bachelor of science in political science from Florida Gulf Coast University. With experience at various engineering firms and construction companies in the region, She will provide planning services in Lee and rural Southwest Florida counties.

Mr. Sendall graduated from North

Carolina State University with a bachelor of science in parks recreation and tourism management. He is currently enrolled at Florida Gulf Coast University in a graduate certificate of planning and master of public administration in environmental policy and planning.

"RWA is pleased with our steady resource and revenue growth as the market expands," said RWA CEO Christopher Wright, P.E. "Southwest Florida municipalities and companies alike are continuing to build momentum, and we are fortunate to work on meaningful and impactful projects." ■

Premier Sotheby's International Realty opens 37th location

Naples-based Premier Sotheby's International Realty has announced the addition of a new location in Badin Lake, North Carolina, bringing the brokerage's total number of locations throughout Florida and North Carolina to 37.

"We are extremely proud to announce this new office, located just inside the gates of Uwharrie Point, not only because it marks our continued success in North Carolina, but because expansion like this is made possible through the knowledge and dedication of associates like David Wittman and his team to the markets they serve," Judy Green, president and CEO of Premier Sotheby's International Realty, said.

In 2016, the annual Real Trends 500 survey ranked the firm number 30 in its survey of the top U.S. residential sellers by volume, the highest ranking for a Florida-based brokerage. ■

Bank names commercial lender for Collier County

Cristin Madden, a familiar figure in banking and commercial lending in Collier County, has joined Charlotte State Bank & Trust. She will serve as vice president of commercial lending for Collier and will be based in Naples.

Ms. Madden has more than 16 years of commercial lending, business banking and business development experience in both Collier and Lee counties. She is located at the Office Center



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of North Naples, 11983 Tamiami Trail N Suite 117, and can be contacted at 672-9626 or via email at cmadden@csbtfl.com.

"Cristin possesses the knowledge and proficiency necessary to provide our Collier County clients with local, personalized service," said Craig DeYoung, president of Charlotte State Bank & Trust. "Her extensive experience in the area will be a huge plus to our clients there." ■

<p>1660 GALLEON COURT - \$874,500</p> <p>Mint condition, custom home with quick out to gulf. Dock/lift/2 jet ski lifts. Upgraded ss appliances. Motivated seller.</p> <p>BOATER'S DELIGHT</p>	<p>DELA PARK PLACE #204 - \$645,000</p> <p>South end unit in gated complex. Spacious master suite w/large master bath. Tastefully furnished.</p> <p>BREATHTAKING VIEW</p>
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MARCO BEACH \$7,400,000
996 Royal Marco Way - Spectacular furnished beachfront estate, positioned directly on the sand. Stunning panoramic Gulf views, spacious floor plan, private elevator, pool and more. 5+Den/4 (H10327) John Robert, 571.2231, Laura & Chris Adams, 404.4766



MOORINGS \$3,495,000
210 Bay Pt - Beautiful home with SW exposure, 86' dock, with the sought after Bay Pt. address. Close proximity to the Moorings Private Beach, and quick access to the Gulf. 3/2 (H10062) Stuart W. Miller, 776.8770



OLD NAPLES \$2,195,000
60 7th St N - Just completed new construction single family, 1-story pool home on beautifully landscaped lot in heart of Old Naples. Walk/bike to beach, 5th Avenue and library. 3/2.5 (H8742) John Robert, 571.2231



ARDISSONE AT PARK SHORE \$1,999,999
4400 Gulf Shore Blvd N #406 - Park Shore waterfront, top floor, corner, furnished executive penthouse condominium with deeded boat slip. Great views. 3 balconies and private elevator. 2/2 (C11794) John Robert, 571.2231



WEST CAPE ESTATES \$1,399,000
848 Cape Estates Cir - Luxury Estate home in gated, most exclusive community. 3-car garage, heated pool and spa. Almost 5,000 sq. ft. of living area and on half acre with direct Gulf access. 4+Den/4.5 (H8807) Teresa Flack, 822.7979



BONITA LAKES \$885,000
23040 Sanabria Loop - Luxury by the lake! 6284 Total Sq. Ft! Every upgrade available! Large pool and balcony overlook beautiful lake views! Only minutes away to Coconut Point! 4+Den/4.5 (H10826) Patrick Gendron, 777.0596



MOORINGS \$825,000
1900 Gulf Shore Blvd N #302 - Completely remastered residence with open floor plan and views of Gulf and Bay with unique and impressive upgrades. Electric storm shutters, covered parking, extra storage. 3/2.5 (C12468) Dustin J. Beard, 289.2650



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES \$684,900
2120 Imperial Cir - Meticulously maintained pool home located in the highly sought after Imperial Golf Estates with over 3,000 sq. ft. under air and an over-sized three-car garage. 4+Den/3 (H10303) Dustin J. Beard, 289.2650



THE COLONY/PELICAN LANDING \$660,000
23540 Via Veneto Blvd #1402 - Expansive views for miles of Bay, Gulf and golf. Private elevator foyer, Great room floor plan with built-ins. Wood, tile and marble flooring, carpeted bedrooms. 3/3 (C12131) Roger Brunswick, PA, 989.6457



WILSHIRE LAKES \$648,000
8203 Wilshire Lakes Blvd - Enjoy beautiful long lake view and relax on spacious lanai. Features include 3-car garage, wood flooring in the main living areas, custom closets, newer A/C, pool and spa. 4+Den/3 (H10738) Claire Licciardi, 250.4564



LEMURIA \$639,000
7168 Lemuria Cir #1704 - Spacious great room plan with lake view in ideal North Naples location, close to everything! Large kitchen granite counters, SS appliances. Perfect for entertaining. 4/3 (C12552) Jill Pyszkowski, 293.8622



VINEYARDS \$599,000
570 El Camino Real #2202 - Private Elevator to spectacular condo with many upgrades. Large screened balcony allows for sweeping vistas of golf and lakes. Stainless kitchen with granite, large rooms. 3/3 (C11278) Roger Brunswick, PA, 989.6457



SORRENTO GARDENS \$595,000
1284 Lastrada Ln - Rare find, only 5 minutes to Gulf Beaches. Large 1-story home with lots of charm and room for large family. Live in comfort on 1 level with almost 3000SF on nearly 1/3 acre. 5+Den/3 (H10830) Jill Pyszkowski, 293.8622



HAWTHORNE \$529,900
10368 Yorkstone Dr - Fresh new look with design-forward new paint in sea salt and comfort grays interior for beautiful custom-designed pool/spa home close to beaches, Hertz and shopping! 3+Den/2.5 (H10456) Christy Ruschel, 450.4977



STONEBRIDGE \$484,900
2135 Aberdeen Ln #5-202 - Great water view in bundled golf community. Updates include select high-impact windows, electric hurricane shutters, new paint, enclosed lanai and furnished. 3/2 (C12394) John Robert, 571.2231



SAWGRASS OF NAPLES \$460,000
298 Sawgrass Ct - Custom built, turnkey furnished home in quiet N Naples neighborhood. Over-sized solar heated pool with southern exposure in private fenced yard. Security system, tile roof. 3+Den/2 (H10637) Jill Pyszkowski, 293.8622



QUAIL CREEK VILLAGE \$459,000
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“The reality is the show is so much more than percussion. There’s a lot of comedy to it, a lot of audience interaction.”

— Matt Bowman, Recycled Percussion

Junk ROCK



Recycled Percussion comes to SW Florida

BY NANCY STETSON
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RECYCLED PERCUSSION PLAYS EVERYTHING ... including the kitchen sink.

A kitchen sink’s part of a drum set at its regular show at the Saxe Theater in Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, where the group has been headlining since September.

“It’d be fun to rig it so water comes out,” says Recycled Percussion guitarist Matt Bowman.

The band, which has been based in Vegas since 2010, will be playing two shows in Southwest Florida in August. It hits the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs for two shows at 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Tickets run from \$45 to \$25. (For tickets, call 389-6901.) The band will also play a gig in St. Petersburg.

The band, as its name implies, uses unusual recycled items as percussion

SEE ROCK, C4 ►

If you can, be sure to ‘Catch’ KidzAct musical

KidzAct, the youth troupe of The Naples Players, presents “Catch Me If You Can: The Musical” Friday through Sunday, Aug. 5-7, on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. It’s tradition that the young thespians stage their own version of TNP’s annual summer

musical production after the show’s run (this year’s “Catch Me If You Can” by the adult actors ends July 31).

The energetic musical is based on the blockbuster movie of the same name. Set in the 1960s, the story follows the young and charming con artist Frank Abagnale Jr. as he forges his way to millions posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer.

The KidzAct cast includes Sawyer True as Frank Jr. and Armand Procacci and Jessica Daniels as his upbeat father and beautiful French mother. Lila Prince has the role of Brenda, Frank Jr.’s love interest. Sophie Sawyer and Jack Norkeliunas play Brenda’s parents. Josiah Hurtle plays FBI Agent Hanratty, and Anthony Henderson, Dakota Hemberger and Zach



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Alexandra Igoe, Sawyer True and Julia Hajjar

Cornwall are agents Cod, Dollar and Branton, respectfully. Julia Hajjar, the ensemble’s lead dancer, also plays one of Frank Jr.’s many “friends” of the female persuasion. ■

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‘Catch Me If You Can: The Musical’

- >> **Who:** KidzAct of The Naples Players
- >> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **Cost:** \$30 for adults, \$10 for students
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FLORIDA WRITERS

Going fishing: It's far more work than play



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■ **"A Pioneer Son at Sea: Fishing Tales of Old Florida" by Gilbert L. Voss, edited by Robert S. Voss. University Press of Florida. 200 pages. Hardcover, \$19.95.**

This unexpected gem, a project that had been abandoned for more than two decades, sheds a bright, multi-colored light on the fishing industry in southeastern Florida during the 1930s and 1940s. The author, professor of biological oceanography at the University of Miami and a mainstay of its marine laboratory, had prepared it for publication shortly before his death in 1989. The time wasn't right, however, and it ended up in a drawer where it sat until quite recently.

Fortunately, the author's son decided to breathe new life into the project and quickly found success. We are all the beneficiaries of the publisher's wisdom and of Robert S. Voss' industry, determination and final preparation of the book.

Rob Voss' chapter introductions, fore-



VOSS

word and afterword create an extremely useful historical and scientific context for his father's reminiscences, which are in themselves finely crafted narratives of his early adult years — years spent working the region's fisheries in the hopes of making a living in that trade.

Gil Voss' good-natured tales capture a world already long vanished. He presents a Florida that he knew long before its paving over and the population boom and excessive exploitation of natural resources.

If you want to learn about the various fisheries, this is the book. If you want the inside story of a fisherman's life, this is the place. If you want to understand the passions that drive someone willing to toil for bare subsistence in the chaotic fishing economy, open this book.

Fishing is not as simple as casting nets and drawing them in. It's knowing the right net for the fish and the fishery, how to make and repair the nets, and how to use them efficiently. These are not simple matters, as the authoritative and colorful details make clear.

The sponge business receives the same kind of vivid discussion.

Gil Voss grew up in Lantana. The first 30 years of his life were informed by his direct experience with the Old Florida life that his parents lived. He came to understand and cherish that life and then he watched it change and fade away — if not disappear.

His memories of working friendships with colorful characters, told through vivid conversations set on boats and in bars, capture the humor necessary to survive a rough, demanding livelihood. He details

the international flavor of the fishing communities: Bahamians, Greeks, and even transplanted New Jersey folks (!), all with their special ways of doing business and relating to those around them.

Readers will feel themselves sitting in the various kinds of boats used for different kinds of fishing, perhaps waiting out a storm or trying to save a loaded net from a shark attack or unexpected crocodile.

When the Great Depression gave way to wartime, Gil Voss joined the United States Coast Guard. A contrasting array of stories is drawn from his experiences helping secure the Florida coastline from enemy attack. The U-boats were out there, doing a lot of damage to commercial shipping — especially by attacking tankers whose petroleum was needed for America's war effort.

When WWII and Gil Voss' Coast Guard service ended, he took one more stab at making a living as a fisherman. Then, at the age of 30, decided to prepare himself for another life. He entered the University of Miami's new Department of Marine Science and moved through his bachelor's and master's degrees before getting a Ph.D. at George Washington University, where

he was entrusted with teaching assignments before he was fully credentialed. As a research professor, he became known internationally for his work on cephalopods. He also worked doggedly and successfully for conservation causes.

Gil Voss' special strength, evidenced in these memoirs, is the blend of scientific knowledge, real world experience as a working fisherman and his obvious love of nature.

The tales in "A Pioneer Son at Sea" are a real treat, always entertaining, educational and humorous, too. Rob Voss' glossary helps clarify his father's sometimes specialized vocabulary, and the chapter notes are particularly well done.

You might think that a book of this kind won't interest you. But you'd be wrong. The details are fas-

inating, the lifestyle a series of important lessons.

And the storyteller's engaging personality makes you hope more of Gil Voss' tales can be discovered. ■

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



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CELEBRITY EXTRA

'Mr. Robot's' Abbie Cobb in 'Boy in the Attic'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I love seeing "Suburgatory" co-star Carly Chaikin in USA's "Mr. Robot." Can you tell me what some of the other cast members are up to now?

— Linda F, via email

A: Abbie Cobb, who played Kimantha in the hilarious ABC comedy, currently stars in the movie "Boy in the Attic," along with Max Lloyd-Jones and Gina Holden. Abbie stars as Callie, a 17-year-old girl who, following the death of her grandmother, inherits her grandmother's house with her mother, Rachel. As they get ready to put it up for sale, she discovers an 18-year-old boy has been living in the attic for months. When the boy tells Callie why he has been hiding there, she agrees to keep his secret from everyone, including her mother. The movie premieres Saturday, Aug. 20, at 8 p.m. on Lifetime.

Q: I loved "The Following," especially because it starred my favorite actor, Kevin Bacon. Can you tell me what he's doing now?

— Sally T., via email

A: Kevin is teaming up with his equally talented wife, Kyra Segdwick, in "Story of



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Abbie Cobb

a Girl," which is slated to begin production for Lifetime in September and is based on the book of the same name by Sara Zarr. With this film, Kyra makes her directorial debut, and Kevin stars in this powerful coming-of-age story about a teen who must deal with the ramifications of a sex video that goes viral.

Q: Rick Springfield was absolutely awesome on ABC's "Greatest Hits" premiere. What else does he have in the pipeline?

— Marian E. in Florida

A: The producers of the CW's long-running fantasy drama "Supernatural" confirmed that the '80s rock star will play the role of Lucifer in the show's first few episodes of the 12th season, which premieres Thursday, Oct. 13, at 9 p.m. Rick — who's been gaining solid acting cred for his much-talked-about roles in "Ricki and the Flash" opposite Meryl Streep, as well as "True Detective" — will play Vince Vincente, whose body the devil decides to use as his vessel now that he's done possessing Castiel. "The first vessel that (Lucifer) feels comfortable with is a rock star who's a little bit on the down side who's trying to come back," executive producer Robert Singer revealed during the "Supernatural" panel at Comic-Con in July. ■

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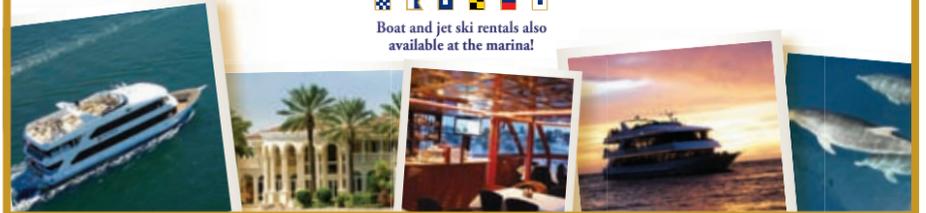
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instruments: hubcaps, garbage cans, plastic buckets, ladders and yes, kitchen sinks.

But the name's "somewhat deceptive," Mr. Bowman says. "The reality is the show is so much more than percussion. There's a lot of comedy to it, a lot of audience interaction. Once you see the show you say, 'Oh, OK, I get it.' There's a lot more to it. It's hard to put a one-sentence label on what it is."

(Though the *Las Vegas Journal* comes close, calling the group "Flat-out bad-assed.")

The band's often compared to "Stomp" and Blue Man Group because they all contain percussion and humor, though Recycled Percussion begs to differ. (They all began around the same time, though the Blue Man Group was first, starting in 1987. "Stomp" originated in 1990, but came to New York City in 1994.)

"Initially, it's easy to be put in the same category," Mr. Bowman says. But, "We are a band that has a show. There are a lot of shows in Vegas that have a band in the background, but we are the only band that has a headline show."

The four-man group consists of drummer and founding member Justin Spencer; his cousin, drummer Ryan Vezina; DJ/dancer Jason Davies and Mr. Bowman on guitar and percussion.

The band, which has been around since 1995, came to national prominence in 2009, when it competed on NBC's "America's Got Talent," drumming to songs such as "Wipe Out" and "The Ballroom Blitz."

Their manic antics (which included turning the drummers' stage upside down as they played) and high energy wowed the audiences; they didn't win — that honor went to the Olate Dogs — but they came in third. And got a Vegas show the following year anyway.

"We were one of the few non-singing acts that made it that far in the competition," he says, noting that the top acts are usually singers, magicians or puppets.

He wasn't with the group then but joined soon after, six years ago.

Bucket beginnings

"The group has changed a lot over the 21 years," says Mr. Bowman, noting that Justin Spencer, who started Recycled Percussion, is the only original member still in the band.

As they changed members, the nature of the group changed.

Originally, it was just three guys playing percussion on plastic buckets. The group was put together for what was



Recycled Percussion plays at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center Saturday, Aug. 6.

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thought would be one-time-only, for a high school talent show in New Hampshire where Mr. Spencer was a student.

He'd been on a field trip to New York City and had seen Larry Wright drumming on 5-gallon plastic buckets in the subway, says Mr. Bowman. It inspired him to bring that concept back to New Hampshire.

(Mr. Wright went on to play in Michael Jackson videos and Coca-Cola commercials.)

Mr. Bowman met Mr. Spencer a year after that initial talent show, when Recycled Percussion played at an assembly at his own high school.

"It was just three guys playing buckets, with no element of production at all," he recalls.

But a day after the show, Mr. Spencer happened to walk into the store where Mr. Bowman was working, to buy a laser disk.

Mr. Bowman struck up a conversation with him.

"I said, 'You were at my school yes-

terday.' I rattled off some of the things they were playing, some of the names of songs, and he said, 'You're probably the only person who knew we were playing that.'

"Over the course of time we remained in contact, and now I'm in the band."

Big time

Over the years, Recycled Percussion has played over 5,000 shows in more than 15 countries.

It's played at corporate events, on cruise ships and appeared on TV shows such as "Carson Daly," "The Today Show," "China's Got Talent" and the Latin Grammy Awards.

It's also played various halftime shows for the NBA and the NFL, including one for the Texans vs. the Patriots.

"That was in front of about 70,000 people," he recalls. "A lot of halftime shows, it's mind blowing. You almost don't have time to focus on it. You get out there, you do your thing, and it's over. Then you ask yourself, 'Did that just happen?'"

They also went back to their home state of New Hampshire and played at a Home Depot in Manchester, N.H. More than a thousand people attended, he says, and the fire marshals shut the doors so no one else could enter.

"We played on a stage made out of 2-by-4s," says Mr. Bowman. "We're playing basically in our environment, with all our recycled instruments."

A lot of times while on the road, he adds, they'll stop at a junkyard and pick up scrap metal. (Which is why they call their music junk rock.)

In Vegas they headlined at MGM, Tropicana and the Quad on the Las Vegas Strip, before moving to Planet

in the know

Recycled Percussion

- >> **When:** 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6
- >> **Where:** Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center, 11515 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs
- >> **Cost:** \$25, \$35 and \$45
- >> **Information:** 389-6901 or swflpac.com

Hollywood. Their touring shows, by necessity, aren't as lavish.

"We'd need a fleet of 18-wheelers to bring all the production elements (we have in our Vegas show)," Mr. Bowman says. "For me, the tour show is almost more fun; it gets back to how the band really started. You abandon more of the big Vegas production and focus more on talent and interaction with the audience."

Mr. Bowman doesn't use many recycled items in playing the guitar, but he does use a power drill at one point.

"There are old videos of Eddie Van Halen doing that, in the '80s, '90s," he says. "He'd put a pick up on the guitar, and that picks up the sound of the drill. It's kinda cool. We incorporate a lot of unorthodox instruments. The drill makes an appearance nightly."

Their show, he says, is fun for all ages and family friendly, though it's "not a kid show."

"It's so much fun. It's high energy, kind of like a movie. You get engrossed in what's happening, you forget about your own trials and tribulations. You're gonna have a good time and be a kid again."

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Best of the West figure stirs up the best of memories

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It was the Best of the West. But I remember it as the best of childhood. That's not too far from my reality. The late 1960s were a magical time for me. I had two parents, a baby sister

and six doting grandparents who savored their roles in my life. My Grandpa Bolender, who lived in Fort Myers, loved to tease me. My step-grandfather, known as Grandpa Bill, always had a kind word for me, and my Grandpa Simmons, who lived in Belle Glade, idolized me. Any time Grandpa Simmons came to visit or I went to visit him, he would take me for a little light shopping — never anything expensive, but always something I would enjoy.



FAMILY PHOTO

Scott Simmons with his grandfather, Fred Simmons, and his father, David Simmons, in Belle Glade.

Remember W.T. Grant? Both Belle Glade and Fort Myers had Grant stores that had nice toy departments. I vividly remember him taking me to the Belle Glade store on Avenue A and buying me a Jane West to go with my Johnny action figure. I think I also had Johnny's horse Thunderbolt, complete with rubbery vinyl saddle and other accoutrements. Oh, I had a blast with those toys, and Johnny and Jane eventually rode off into the sunset of memories. I don't know what happened to my Best of the West figures, but I do remember that day, and I remember my loving grandfather. I can't put a price on that. ■

LOOK WHAT I FOUND



THE FIND:

Marx Jane West figure

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The Skinny: When Marx created the Best of the West series of action figures to compete with HASBRO's GI Joe line in 1965 the company wisely played to Americans' passion for Westerns on TV and on the big screen. These were the days of "Maverick" and "Gunsmoke." The first figure in the series was Johnny West. In 1966, Marx followed that by creating a modern-day cowgirl, Jane West. They were fully jointed and could stand on their own. Each came with its own outfit of removable vinyl clothing — vests, skirts or chaps and hats. Other figures followed over the next decade, and you could order wagons, horses and teepees. As collectibles, pieces of the Best of the West series are fairly affordable — I recently saw a complete Jane West set with 21 accessory items for \$40 on eBay. They have a great graphic look and serve as sweet reminders of childhood for those of us of a certain age. ■

— Scott Simmons

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The Rocky Horror Show – By The Naples Players Oct. 12 through Nov. 6 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.



"Junk rock" band Recycled Percussion performs at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. Best known for its blow-out 2009 performance on "America's Got Talent," the Las Vegas headliners have performed in over 15 countries and appeared on shows like "China's Got Talent," "Carson Daly" and "The Today Show."

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.

Art Show – Michael Monroe Art hosts an art show and painting demonstration to the music of Queen from 6-9 p.m. 5405 Taylor Road. 572-3277 or michaelmonroeart.com.

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

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. Tickets start at \$25. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

No Offense Taken – Comedian Theo Von ("Prime Time in No Time," "No Offense Taken") performs tonight and Sunday, Aug. 7, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. Check website for show times and ticket prices. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

SUNDAY 8.7

Beachcomber – Learn about seashells, sea creatures and tidal movement at a volunteer-led talk at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Foreign Film – FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears" (U.S.S.R., 1980) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. The story of three girlfriends from youth to old age. \$5 for members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Piano Man – Contemporary pianist Marc Mayer performs jazz and blues selections from 5:30-7:30 p.m. each Sunday night at Fish Crazy. 260-1070 or marc-mayer-books.com.

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.

MONDAY 8.8

Birds of a Feather – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about the birds of South Florida from 1:30-3 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "We Have A Pope," (2011, Italy) at 7 p.m. A story centered on the relationship between a newly elected pope and his therapist. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 8.9

Free Kids Flick – Paragon Pavilion presents a free screening of "Home" 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.

Walk in Her Shoes – The FGCU Renaissance Academy hosts a "web walk" through the life of Anne Frank from 1-3 p.m. at The Arlington. 7900 Arlington Circle. 307-3000 or fgcu.edu.

The Colossal – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a talk about Sandy Koufax from 1:30-3 p.m. at Brooks Commons Club. 9930 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Trad Seisiuns – Enjoy traditional Irish music at 5 p.m. each Tuesday at Shea's at Lansdowne Street. 702 Fifth Ave. S. 398-1159 or irmusic@embarqmail.com.

WEDNESDAY 8.10

Breeeath – Yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga host a sandy session from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. \$5 plus park admission, reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Lifelong Learning – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop on succulent terrariums from 10 a.m. to noon. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

THURSDAY 8.4

Literature Chat – Hodges University's Center for Lifelong Learning hosts a lecture entitled "Women Writers of the Regency Era: Challenges and Triumphs" from 2-3:30 p.m. \$25. 1000 Arbor Lake Drive. 513-1122 or hodges.edu.

Armchair Travels – Local artist Paul Arsenault talks about his painting experiences in New England at 6 p.m. tonight Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery as part of lecture series and exhibition about global travel. Guests can also see featured landscapes by James P. Kerr and Clyde Butcher. Free. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

FRIDAY 8.5

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.

SATURDAY 8.6

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.

Oom in the Swamp – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a swamp meditation with spiritual coach Bethanny Gonzalez from 9-11:30 a.m. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Couples Retreat – Conscious Choices offers a couples meditation retreat from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Unity of Naples. \$75. 2000 Unity Way. 434-5855 or consciouschoices.net.

Catch 'em all – Collier County Museum hosts a Pokémon lure party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Marco Island Historical Museum with lure modules, themed activities and a scavenger hunt. 180 S. Heathwood Dr. S. 252-8246 or colliermuseums.com.

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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.

Hymnal – FGCU's Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about the history and purpose of hymns from 10-11:30 a.m. at Moorings Park. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. 132 Moorings Park Dr. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

COMING UP

Art Opening – Marco Island Historical Museum hosts an opening reception for "Here and There," an exhibition of works by William Moseley, from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11. The show runs Aug. 2-Oct. 29. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Dr. 642-1440 or colliermuseums.com.

Armchair Travels – Local artist Paul Arsenault talks about his painting experiences in Hawaii at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery as part of lecture series and exhibition about global travel. Guests can also see featured landscapes by James P. Kerr and Clyde Butcher. Free. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

I'll Be Seeing You – Marco Island Center for the Arts screens "Casablanca" (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.

Catch 'em all – Collier County Museum hosts a Pokémon lure party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Collier County Museum with lure modules, themed activities and a scavenger hunt. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8246 or colliermuseums.com.

Garden Yoga – Everglades Wonder Garden hosts a 9 a.m. yoga session courtesy of Gulfshore Yoga. Registration required. \$5 for members, \$10 for others. Registration required. 992-2591 or gulfshoryoga.com.

Return of the Double Dip – Enjoy performances by Square 2 Improv and fiddler J. Rogers starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Marco Players theater. \$20, cash or check at the door. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Beachcomber – Learn about seashells, sea creatures and tidal movement at a volunteer-led talk at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

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.

Breeeaaathe – Yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga host a sandy session from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. \$5 plus park admission, reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.



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■ The **FGCU Renaissance Academy** hosts a "web walk" through the life of Anne Frank from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at The Arlington. Guests will get an interactive look at the Frank family's "secret annex" and Bergen-Belsen, the concentration camp where Anne was taken after her family's secret lair was exposed.

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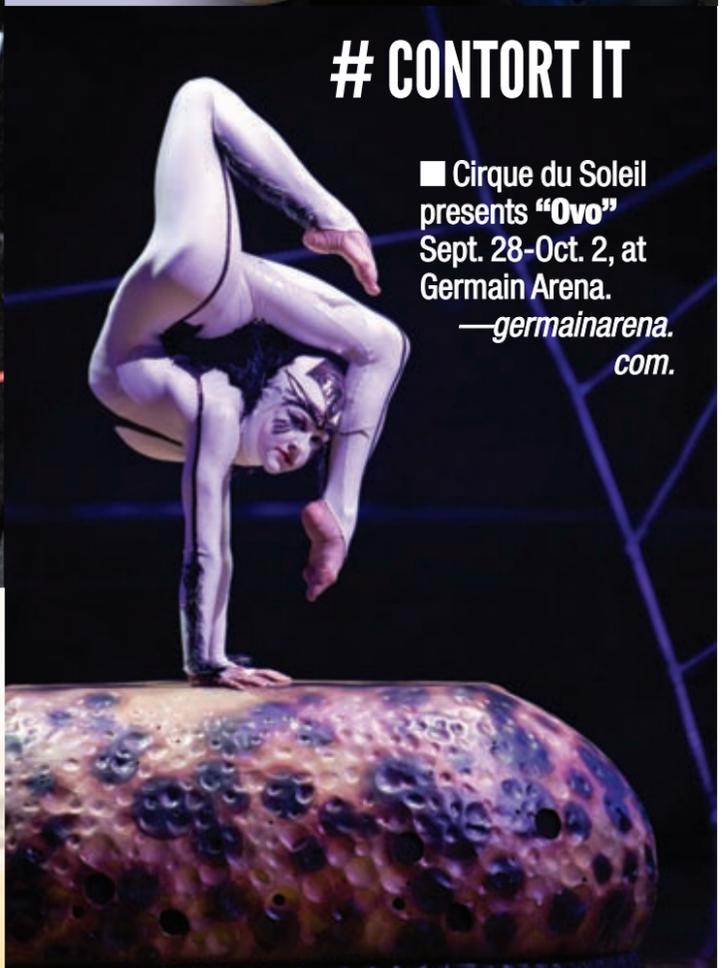
■ **Jerry Lewis** performs at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$89-\$130. Suite available. —swflpac.com



■ Instructors from **Green Monkey Yoga** lead a sandy session from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. —greenmonkey.com



■ **Peter Frampton** performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Artis—Naples. —artisnaples.org



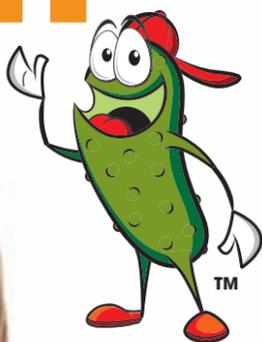
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■ **Cirque du Soleil** presents "Ovo" Sept. 28-Oct. 2, at Germain Arena. —germainarena.com.

WHAT TO DO

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Turtle Time – Lovers Key State Park invites kids ages 6 and up to learn about sea turtles at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18. Free, but registration required. 463-4588 or floridastateparks.org.

Armchair Travels – Local artist Paul Arsenault talks about his painting experiences in the Middle East at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery as part of lecture series and exhibition about global travel. Guests can also see featured landscapes by James P. Kerr and Clyde Butcher. Free. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

Girl Time – PACE Center for Girls hosts a mimosa brunch and preview Love that Dress! fashion show where guests can bid on “must have” bags, jewelry, beauty items and spa packages from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Club at Olde Cypress. \$50. 207-1878 or lovethatdress.org.

Catch 'em all – Collier County Museum hosts a Pokémon lure party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Museum of the Everglades with lure modules, themed activities and a scavenger hunt. 105 Broadway Ave. W., Everglades City. 252-8246 or colliermuseums.com.

Beachcomber – Learn about seashells, sea creatures and tidal movement at a volunteer-led talk at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Artist Reception – East West Fine Art in Mercato hosts a meet-and-greet with sculptural painter Nicoletta Belletti from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22.

Reservations required by Aug. 15. 9115 Strada Place. 821-9459 or info@east-westfineart.com.

Ancient Walk – Tour the ancient bald cypress forest at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 24. Free, but registration required. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Breeeath – Yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga host a sandy session from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. \$5 plus park admission, reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Armchair Travels – Local artist Paul Arsenault talks about his painting experiences in out national parks at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery as part of lecture series and exhibition about global travel. Guests can also see featured landscapes by James P. Kerr and Clyde Butcher. Free. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

Catch 'em all – Collier County Museum hosts a Pokémon lure party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Immokalee Pioneer Museum with lure modules, themed activities and a scavenger hunt. 1215 3rd Ave., Immokalee. 252-8246 or colliermuseums.com.

Twice as Entertaining – The Marco Players hosts a double feature with performances by Square 1 Improv and fiddler J. Robert. at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. \$20, cash or check at the door. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

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WHERE TO GO

Piano Boy – Piano prodigy Noah Waddell performs with the Southwest Florida Symphony at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the new Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Beachcomber – Learn about seashells, sea creatures and tidal movement at a volunteer-led talk at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Breeeaaathe – Yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga host a sandy session from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. \$5 plus park admission, reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Love that Dress! – PACE Center for Girls sells off all the dresses it collected over the summer from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at Naples Grande Beach Resort. Guests can purchase new and gently used dresses, participate in a silent auction and enjoy cocktails and camaraderie. Afterparty at Burn by Rocky Patel in Mercato. \$30-\$150. 207-1878 or lovethatdress.org.

Free Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform two chamber concerts at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at Naples Botanical Garden and Headquarters Library. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Love to Hear Percussion – Artis—Naples hosts an up-close percussion demonstration for kids at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Foreign Film – The FCGU Renaissance Academy screens “The Diving Bell and the Butterfly” (France, 2007) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the university’s Naples campus. The true story of Elle editor Jean-Dominique Bauby, who suffers a stroke and has to live with an almost totally paralyzed body. \$5 for members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Foreign Film – The FCGU Renaissance Academy screens “Monsoon Wedding” (India, 2001) at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 18, at the university’s Naples campus. A stressed father, a bride-to-be with a secret, a smitten event planner and relatives from around the world create much ado about the preparations for an arranged marriage in India. \$5 for members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Winds Concert – FCGU’s Bower School of Music’s Wind Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Rock Around the Clock – Friends of Lovers Key hosts a sock hop on the beach from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Lovers Key State Park. \$40 for members, \$45 for others. (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

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



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Animal horns have been used to make furniture for centuries. Chairs, chandeliers and storage racks made in the 15th century exist in some museums. But the popularity of antlers and horns for chairs came about in the 19th century.

At first they were made for hunting lodges and castles for nobility, but almost all of the furniture is now known only through pictures and reports. In 1851, chairs, chests of drawers and even a sofa made of horns were exhibited at the London World Exhibition. The Tobey Furniture Co. of Chicago displayed the first American horn furniture at the 1876 Exposition. The idea lost favor by 1920. Around 1990, the horn chairs were rediscovered by Western collectors.

The most famous horn-furniture maker in the U.S., and also the most expensive today, is Wenzel Friedrich of San Antonio, who started in 1880. All of the furniture is made from cattle horns, available from the slaughterhouses. The horns require little care. Some owners like to oil the parts, but most prefer to just dust and wipe with a damp cloth.

Chairs are rarely marked and often misattributed, because the makers often copied each other. A Victorian upholstered oak armchair with four cow horns as the arms and back sold in Asheville, N.C., at a Brunk auction a few years ago for \$1,400. Chairs by identified makers sell for much more. The National Texas Longhorn Museum pictures many chairs and describes the unique shapes.

Q: I have a bust of Madonna holding baby Jesus, which is marked "Goldscheider" over a large letter "G," with "U.S.A." underneath the letter. Below that, it has the copyright symbol and "American Goldscheider Corp." What's it worth?

A: Frederick Goldscheider started a porcelain factory in Vienna in 1885. When Germany annexed Austria in 1938, the factory was taken over by the Nazi regime. Frederick's son, Walter, immigrated to the United States in 1940 and founded Goldscheider-U.S.A. in Trenton, N.J. The company became Goldscheider-Everlast Corp. in 1941. From 1947 to 1953, it was Goldcrest Ceramics Corp. The Goldscheider factory in Vienna was returned to the family in 1950. The business in America, now called Goldscheider of Vienna, is a wholesaler of religious statuary, including Madonnas that are imported from Italy. Your bust probably was made in 1940, before the company changed its name. Value depends on the size. Medium-size busts of Madonna sell for about \$125.

Q: My chrome bowl is marked with the words "Krome Kraft, Farber Bros. New York, N.Y." and three symbols in an arch. When was it made?

A: You have a piece made by Farber Brothers, who started working in New York about 1915. They made silver-plated, nickel-plated, brass, copper or pewter pieces. Chromium-plated wares were first made in the 1920s. They were

popular because of the modern designs and the dishes did not need polishing. The mark on your bowl indicates that it was not made with a china or glass insert that was used with a patented holder. The company went out of business in 1965.

Q: I have an iron shoe last that is 9 3/4 inches long and 3 1/4 inches wide at the ball of the foot. It weighs 8 1/2 pounds. It has an orange color and some little pieces have crumbled and fallen off. It's been sitting on the floor next to my fireplace for 30 years. How old is it? Does it have any value?

A: Shoemakers or cobblers made shoes by forming leather around a wooden or iron last shaped like a foot. Usually a pair of lasts would be used, one for each foot. Shoes began to be mass-produced in the early 1900s and polyethylene plastic shoe lasts were made. The orange color and crumbling pieces are caused by rust. It may be beyond repair, but you can try removing the rust. There are commercial products you can use, or you can try soaking it in white vinegar for two hours and then using a stiff wire brush to remove the rust. Then it can be painted with a rust-preventative paint.

Q: I bought a figurine of a young barefoot boy sitting and sleeping against a tree, with a yard hoe and his dog by his side. Printed on the bottom is "NR-208, Sep. 6, 1919" and "(c) 1979 S.E.P." Can you tell me anything about it and what its value is?

A: Your figurine is called "Lazybones" and is a miniature reproduction of a reproduction. It was made by Dave Grossman Designs Inc., a company that sold limited-edition figurines, snow globes, ornaments and other memorabilia based on movie, television and book characters from the 1970s to the 1990s. The company introduced the "Norman Rockwell, The Saturday Evening Post Cover Collection" for the magazine in 1973. The bigger porcelain Lazybones figurine, NR-08 from 1973, pictured Rockwell's cover illustration from Sept. 6, 1919. Your 2-by-3-inch figurine is a miniature version of that one, made in 1979.

Hence the markings on your figurine. Collector figurines and plates made in limited numbers were a huge collecting niche in the 1970s and '80s. It was a new idea that became a fad and most of the pieces are now worth less than half their original "issue" prices. Many would sell for just a few dollars, if they can be sold at all.

Tip: If the shine has worn off a spot on an old Formica tabletop, try using auto-body rubbing compound on the spot. ■

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. Write to Kovels, Florida Weekly, King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

The arms and back of this chair are made from carefully placed cow horns creating a Victorian chair. It sold for \$1,400 a few years ago and would sell for less today.



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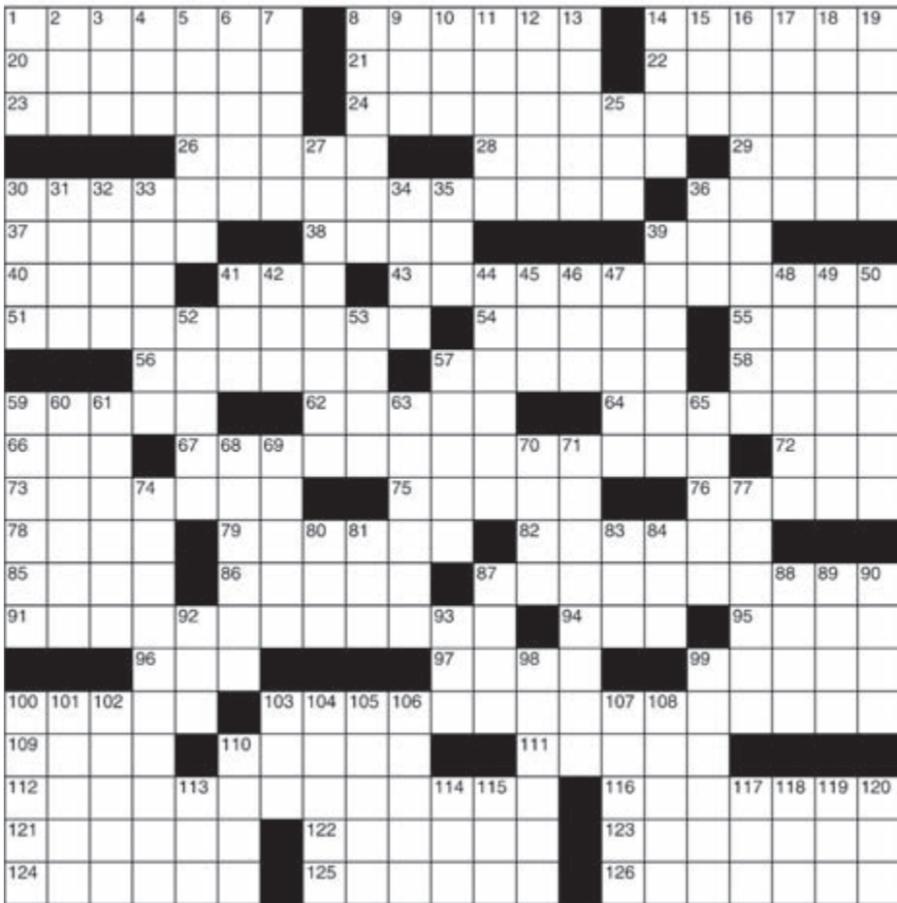
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DIRECTION FINDING



- ACROSS**
- 1 Use for target practice, say
 - 8 They're littler than mediums
 - 14 Mongol invaders
 - 20 See 125-Across
 - 21 Dine at a restaurant
 - 22 Lucky charm
 - 23 BB rifles
 - 24 One going from station to station
 - 26 Bohemian dance
 - 28 Icicle sites
 - 29 DVR giant
 - 30 Oscar-nominated actress in "Victor/Victoria"
 - 36 Censored-word sound
 - 37 "I haven't —" ("Beats me")
 - 38 Very old boys' school
 - 39 Eye
 - 40 Mother of Zeus
 - 41 Rue Morgue creator
 - 43 Grow up and move away from home
 - 51 Getting the airborne matter from, perhaps
 - 54 Sly
 - 55 Art Deco lithographer
 - 56 Kind of engine fuel
 - 57 Opening opera part
 - 58 — -Cherry (Ocean Spray flavor)
 - 59 Hulk of pro wrestling
 - 62 Flee with a flame
 - 64 Residents of Japan's third-largest city
 - 66 "Am — blame?"
 - 67 Eight three-letter ones are found in appropriate places in this puzzle
 - 72 Staff sgt., e.g.
 - 73 Small mosaic tile
 - 75 Revved thing
 - 76 Western flick
 - 78 French "she"
 - 79 Befuddles
 - 82 City partition planners
 - 85 — -buster (certain drug)
 - 86 Track vehicle
 - 87 One of 100 on the Hill
 - 91 Hit song subtitled "To Be Loved by You"
 - 94 — daily basis
 - 95 High, elegant hairstyle
 - 96 Voguish thing
 - 97 Polaris, e.g.
 - 99 Weirdo
 - 100 Arizona tribe members
 - 103 American slices, e.g.
 - 109 Budget Rent —
 - 110 "A Bell for —" (Horsey novel)
 - 111 Japanese truck maker
 - 112 1980s game show
 - 116 Sir Walter Scott's title
 - 121 River dividing Nebraska
 - 122 Munchkin
 - 123 Document repository
 - 124 Placed in a farm tower
 - 125 With 20-Across, epinephrine or cortisol
 - 126 "Moby-Dick" narrator
- DOWN**
- 1 "— Na Na"
 - 2 — polloi (pullovers)
 - 3 Bruin Bobby
 - 4 "Wow!" in a chat room
 - 5 Fake locks
 - 6 Bug
 - 7 Edison rival
 - 8 Reciprocal of cosine
 - 9 — jongg
 - 10 — discount
 - 11 Solitary sort
 - 12 LEM part
 - 13 Comic Martin
 - 14 Itar — news agency
 - 15 — Darya (Asian river)
 - 16 Sweater type
 - 17 2004 Jude Law title role
 - 18 Actor Christopher
 - 19 Barber's leather band
 - 25 Film director Wiseman
 - 27 Heavily involved (in)
 - 30 Hog product
 - 31 Repeat
 - 32 Plethora
 - 33 Capital of Angola
 - 34 Jackal's kin
 - 35 Hex-ender
 - 36 Flying stinger
 - 39 Least bold
 - 41 Pizzeria unit
 - 42 Slip- — (pullovers)
 - 44 Say yes to
 - 45 Winery tank
 - 46 Vanity
 - 47 It fits into a mortise
 - 48 Wandering position
 - 49 Plate
 - 50 Tightening muscle
 - 52 Finch
 - 53 Paella pot
 - 57 Lhasa — (little dogs)
 - 59 Like e-devices
 - 60 Verdi work
 - 61 Inch along
 - 63 Actor Haley Joel —
 - 65 Hit — spot
 - 68 Pontificated
 - 69 Mother, in Mexicali
 - 70 Be seepy
 - 71 Smelted materials
 - 74 Ignites
 - 77 Promise
 - 80 "True —" ("Indeedy")
 - 81 Cato's 52
 - 83 Flatbread of India
 - 84 LAX abbr.
 - 87 Former jets to the U.K.
 - 88 Sword variety
 - 89 Juice drinks
 - 90 Booze up
 - 92 Is no more
 - 93 Expert finish?
 - 98 Whispers in stage acting
 - 99 Place to pray
 - 100 Lock parts
 - 101 Eyelike windows
 - 102 Of pontiffs
 - 103 iPod Touch, e.g.
 - 104 Grates on
 - 105 Initial stage
 - 106 Finch
 - 107 Persian Gulf sheikdom
 - 108 Old autocrats
 - 110 Did like
 - 113 Road no.
 - 114 Be indebted
 - 115 Domicile: Abbr.
 - 117 Unit of resistance
 - 118 Actress Vardaolos
 - 119 12/24, e.g.
 - 120 — Aviv

SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You sometimes go to extremes to prove a point. But this time, you won't have to. Supporters are ready, falling over themselves to help you make your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Venus might be your ruling planet, but Mars is in the picture as well. So don't be surprised if your romantic relationships are a bit rocky at this time. But they'll soon smooth over.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Gemini might rush into romance and risk being wrong about someone rather than be left with no one. But this is one time when it's wiser to be wary of where your heart takes you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) With all (or most) of those pesky problems behind you, take time for your family and friends. Travel aspects are favored, with long-distance journeys high on the list.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have started to question the wisdom of being open with someone you hoped you could trust. But be assured you won't be disappointed. You'll soon hear good news.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You have a reputation for honesty and that will help turn around a situation that was disappointing and. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A happy event creates a closer tie with a family member. Positive aspects also dominate in important career matters.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ruling planet, Pluto, helps you adjust to change. So, stop putting off that long-delayed move, and make it with the assurance that you're doing the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You have a wonderful capacity to learn quickly and well. This will help you when you are faced with an opportunity to move on to a new path in life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good news: You suddenly find that you're not facing that new challenge alone. You now have someone at your side, ready to offer whatever support you might need.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your versatility — which is just one of those aspects of yourself that make you so special — helps you adapt to the challenges of a new and exciting opportunity.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sensitive nature picks up on the needs of others. But what about your desires? You need to take more time to assess what your goals are and, if necessary, redirect them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You give your trust openly and easily. People find you easy to be with and enjoy your wit, your good sense, and your capacity to love and be loved. ■

By Linda Thistle

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★★★ Expert

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More than just a guess

BY STEVE BECKER

Consider this deal where South is in four hearts and must make a critical guess to make his contract. Let's say he wins the club lead with the ace, plays the A-K-Q of trumps, discarding two diamonds from dummy, leads a club to the king and ruffs a club.

Declarer now plays a spade to dummy's jack. East takes the king and returns a diamond. West wins with the jack and continues with the ace. South ruffs and leads another spade. When West follows low, declarer must guess whether to play the queen or the nine from dummy.

If he thinks West has the ten, South should play the nine; if he thinks West has the ace, South should play the queen. Many players may think that the card declarer should play from dummy in this situation is an out-and-out guess. This is not correct, however.

Without going into the mathematical details of why the right play is the queen, the fact is that in those cases where declarer's play matters — and assuming there are no clues to indicate otherwise — the queen play will be successful approximately twice as often as the nine play.

These odds presuppose that West, who knows from the earlier plays that declarer started with three spades, is a first-rate defender who would not go up with the ace if he originally held A-x-x, A-x-x-x or A-x-x-x-x of spades. He would follow low to give declarer a chance to

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q J 9
♥ 5
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ K 8 6 4 3

WEST

♠ A 6 5
♥ 9 8 2
♦ A Q J 4
♣ Q J 10

EAST

♠ K 10 8 7
♥ 7 4
♦ K 10 6 5
♣ 9 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 4 3 2
♥ A K Q J 10 6 3
♦ 8
♣ A 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	4♥	

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

go wrong. He would also follow low each time if his spades were headed by the king instead of the ace.

The only pertinent cases are therefore those where East holds the ace and ten, the king and ten or the ace and king of spades. The first two cases together occur twice as often as the last case, and that is why the odds are 2-to-1 in favor of playing the queen on the second round of the suit. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Café Society ★★★

(Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Steve Carell) Twenty-something Bobby (Eisenberg) moves to L.A. and falls in love with his uncle's (Carell) assistant (Stewart), then returns home to the Bronx to run a nightclub with his brother (Corey Stoll). Writer/director Woody Allen is in fine form as he provides laughs and dramatic twists in this engaging coming of age tale set in an idyllic 1930s. Rated PG-13.

Bad Moms ★★★

(Mila Kunis, Christina Applegate, Kristen Bell) Fed up with having to be a perfect mom all the time, Amy (Kunis) and her friends (Bell, Kathryn Hahn) decide to rebel against Gwendolyn (Applegate) and the other flawless PTA moms. It's cathartic raunchiness for all the hard-working moms out there, and hilarious to boot. Rated R.

Life, Animated ★★★

(Owen Suskind, Ron Suskind, Gilbert Gottfried) Diagnosed as autistic at the age of three, Owen Suskind's only route to understanding the world is through Disney's animated films. It's heartwarming and sweet, and brutally honest at times, but a bit more regarding how Owen evolved is needed. Winner of best director for U.S. documentaries at the 2016 Sundance Film Festival. Rated PG.

Star Trek: Beyond ★★★

(Chris Pine, Anton Yelchin, Idris Elba)

With the Enterprise destroyed and the crew trapped on an unknown planet by the villainous Krall (Elba), Kirk (Pine) and co. must save themselves and find a way home. In 3D some of the visuals are too dark and murky, but overall it has humor and solid action. Rated PG-13.

Lights Out ★★★

(Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman, Maria Bello) Rebecca (Palmer) and her little stepbrother Martin (Bateman) are tormented by a demon that can only move in the dark. The scares are legit, performances are fine, and the story is plausible. It's a pretty darn good horror movie. Rated PG-13.

Ghostbusters ★★★1/2

(Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, Leslie Jones) Reboot of the 1984 classic follows four women (Wiig, McCarthy, Jones and Kate McKinnon) who team up to fight ghosts in New York City. It has some laughs, decent action and solid visual effects, but you ultimately don't laugh as much as you should. Rated PG-13.

The Infiltrator ★★★

(Bryan Cranston, Diane Kruger, Benjamin Bratt) In the 1980s, U.S. Customs Agent Bob Mazur (Cranston) goes undercover as a money launderer for the Medellin drug cartel. Nicely directed by Brad Furman ("The Lincoln Lawyer") and solid performances all around, particularly from Cranston. Rated R. ■

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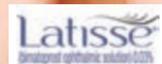
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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Matt Damon said he would not come back to the "Bourne" franchise unless Paul Greengrass, the director of "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) and "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007), also returns as the director. Accordingly, both are back for "Jason Bourne," but the real question for fans is, is the movie worth the nine-year wait?

For the most part, yes. The action is tense and exciting, and the story smartly brings Bourne (Damon) into 2016 while illuminating previously unknown facts about his past (including his real name!). This isn't the best movie the franchise has offered (that's "Supremacy"), but it's a worthy successor that of course opens the door for more to come.

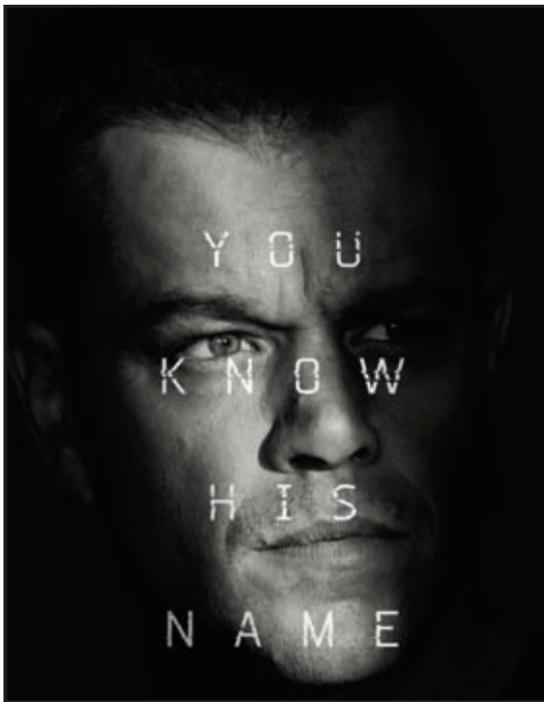
If you haven't seen the earlier "Bourne" films, starting with "The Bourne Identity" (2002), they are a must prior to seeing "Jason Bourne." In fact, re-watch them — if you don't you'll be lost in the early stages here, wondering why the CIA is after Bourne, why he went rogue, etc. Making matters worse is Bourne's lack of a clear motive for his actions, which is the fault of co-writers Christopher Rouse and Greengrass. The viewer should never wonder why a protagonist is doing what he's doing, and if the filmmaker chooses to deliberately withhold that information, it better be a darn good payoff (sadly, it isn't).

The globe-trotting film hits Greece, Iceland and Virginia in the first 10 minutes: Rogue agent Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles), long affiliated with Bourne, hacks the CIA for classified information on black ops programs, including the one that wiped Bourne of his memory. She intends to meet Bourne in Greece and share the info with him and the rest of the world — Edward Snowden style — but the CIA, specifically cyber specialist Heather Lee (Alicia Vikander) and Director Robert Dewey (Tommy Lee Jones, scowling as

usual), are hot on their trail. Dewey even dispatches an assassin (Vincent Cassel) to kill them before they leave Greece. Meanwhile, Dewey tries to bully a tech entrepreneur (Riz Ahmed) into sharing his users' social media data with the government, which brings to mind contemporary issues of privacy and intrusive surveillance.

As per usual with this franchise, the action is quick and impactful, edited with rapid cuts to convey a sense of chaos and peril. The fistfights are expectedly raw and gritty, but it's the car chases through Greece and Las Vegas that viewers will remember, and rightfully so. The sequence in Vegas is especially abusive to the strip and the poor patrons foolish enough to drive on it (you're not supposed to think of the civilian fatalities this kind of reckless driving most definitely causes), but it's also directed with precision and ends in a startlingly creative manner.

It's fun to see Matt Damon back in this role, as it remains enjoyable to watch him uncoil the layers of Bourne's mysterious past. A few head-scratching moments aside, "Jason Bourne" delivers on its promises. ■



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>> **Jeremy Renner**, who played lead character Aaron Cross in the tangential "The Bourne Legacy" (2012), does not appear in "Jason Bourne."

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For information, call the studio 597-6722.

'Seussical JR' auditions

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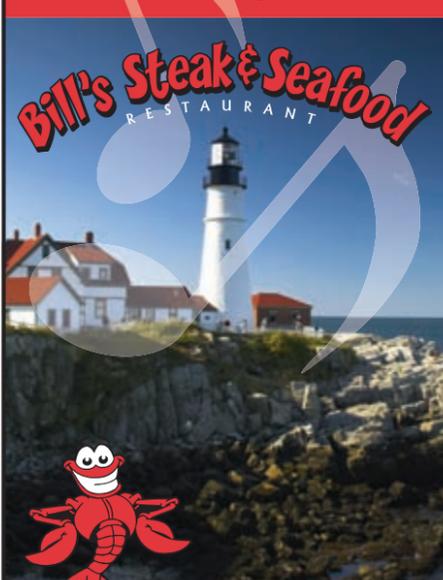
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■ **Youth Haven** holds its second annual pARTy with a Purpose from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at The von Liebig Art Center. Guests will enjoy live entertainment, a photo booth, food and drinks, raffle prizes and more, all while fundraising to support the art program for the young residents 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.

■ **PACE Center For Girls-Collier and White House|Black Market** host the sixth annual Love That Dress! Collier from 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 are on sale online only at LoveThatDress.org.

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■ **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

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■ **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 optional 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 projecthelpnaples.org for more information.

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■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 18th annual Fashion Show & Luncheon: "Rock for the Paws" from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The afternoon includes a silent auction, cocktail hour, lunch with wine and fashions for people and pooches. Models walk the runway with adoptable dogs at their side. Marilyn's Distinctive European Fashion will outfit the human models. Well-behaved canines are welcome to accompany their owners. Tickets are \$195, and sponsorships opportunities are available. Call 438-4616, email events@hsnaples.org or visit hsnaples.org/events.

■ **Youth Haven** holds its third annual Uncorked wine pairing on Friday, Nov. 4, at Mediterra Beach Club. The annual Home, Hope and Healing Luncheon is set for Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and will feature keynote speaker Jimmy Wayne, a foster care alumni who has used his musical success as a singer/songwriter as a platform to raise awareness for homeless youth and at-risk children who age out of the foster care system at 18. In 2010, he walked halfway across America and chronicled his journey in his *New York Times* bestselling memoir "Walk to Beautiful."

Youth Haven is Collier County's only emergency residential shelter for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. For tickets or more information about the above events, call Angela Navarro at 687-5178 or email angela.navarro@youthhavenswfl.org.

■ The 13th annual **Hats in the Garden** luncheon and fashion show to benefit Naples Botanical Garden takes place Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Garden. This year's chair is Kathryn Woods. Individual tickets are \$550. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$1,500 to \$25,000. For information, email Meghan Gorman at mgorman@naplesgarden.org.

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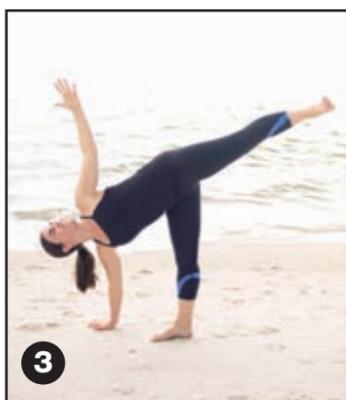
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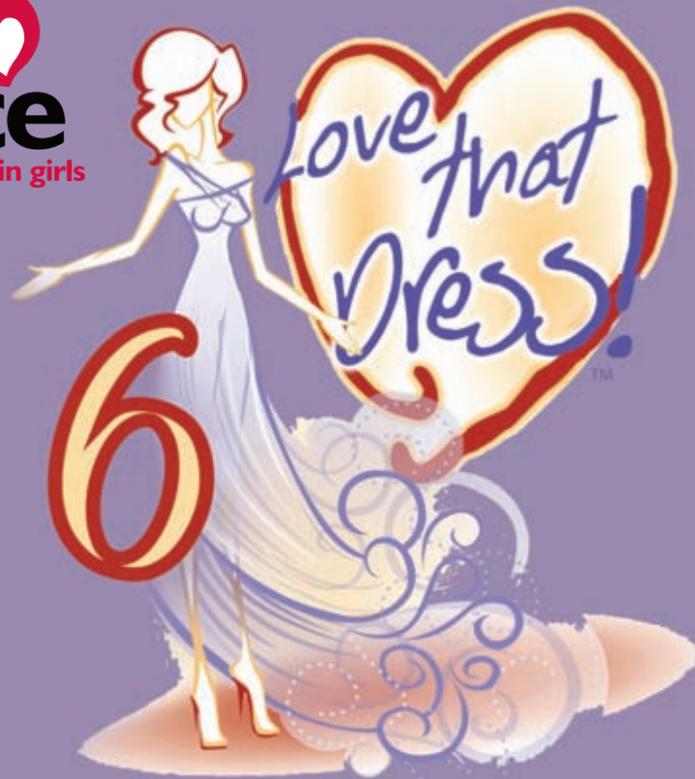


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CUISINE NEWS

■ Naples Winter Wine Festival announced that Harlan Estate, a California winery that has become famous as one of the world's finest wineries, will headline the event's 2017 Vintage Cellar at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Bleu Provence in downtown Naples.

"It's an honor to expand my family's involvement with the Naples Winter Wine Festival through the Vintage Cellar," said estate proprietor Bill Harlan. "It has been personally fulfilling to become involved with such a prestigious event and a true pleasure to donate auction lots and participate in the Vintner Dinners each year, especially since those contributions support efforts to help underprivileged children. My family and I look forward to continuing the commitment."

A panel of experts that includes Mr. Harlan, his son Will, estate director Don Weaver and winemaker Cory Empting will oversee the master class tasting. Internationally renown wine critic Antonio Galloni of Vinous will moderate the tasting, which will include estate vintages going back to 1992.

"I am thrilled to be moderating this vertical tasting of Harlan Estate featuring a number of rare vintages going back to the early 1990s," said Mr. Galloni. "It's truly once in a lifetime, tastings such as this along with a deep commitment to supporting charitable causes in the community, that make the Naples Winter Wine Festival such a singular event."

The Vintage Cellar precedes the three-day festival where attendees will enjoy rare wines, celebrity chefs and much more, including a live auction where they can bid on luxury experiences and items not available to the public.

Proceeds benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which has received over \$146 million from the event since its inception in 2001.

Tickets to the tasting are \$2,500 and will be available for purchase this fall. Seating is limited to 50 people. Bleu Provence is located at 1234 Eighth St. S. For more information about Vintage Cellar or the Naples Winter Wine Festival, call 514-2239 or visit napleswinefestival.com.

■ Take Note:

Whole Foods in Mercato hosts Taste of Brazil from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, where each department offers tastings of a signature Brazilian dish. Free. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

Paradise Wine hosts a four-course, South American-themed dinner prepared by Chef Brian Roland at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. The prix-fixe menu will include dishes like Peruvian-style scallop ceviche with tiger milk, smoked chicken consommé, beef tenderloin with saltwater-brined chimichurri and charred fruit with mascarpone ice cream and anise scented syrup. \$95 per person. 8965 Tamiami Trail N. 687-3155 or paradisewinellc.com.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 11281 host White Castle Slider Tribute Night II at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11. Guests will enjoy the iconic mini-burgers and a musical tribute to Elvis, courtesy of local performers Joe Marino and All the Kings Men. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 625 11th Ave. N. (732) 672-4109 or stjohntheevangelist.weshareonline.org. ■



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THE DISH

The Dish: Latin Flatbread Taco

The Price: \$12.95

The Place: Fernandez the Bull, 3375 Pine Ridge Road or 1201 Piper Blvd.

The Menu: fernandezthebull.com

The Details: Our love for tacos is well established, but the depths of our devotion to chimichurri sauce have gone largely undocumented in the dining canon of *Florida Weekly*. Why? Because it hasn't been quite as readily available in Naples, so we took the opportunity to marry our two great passions into one

laudable menu item at Fernandez the Bull: the Latin Flatbread Taco. We were sorely tested when we had to choose between chicken and pork, but we took the poultry only because we're afraid our taco selections are becoming a bit predictable. The well-seasoned chicken topped with pico de gallo and chimi-churri, all wedged into chewy flatbread made some good eating and reaffirmed our belief that the only bad taco is an uneaten one. So versatile and so good.

One more thing: What's Latin food without rice and beans? The dish is very necessary and all yours for \$2.95. ■

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VINO

Rosé is still the rage, especially in the heavy, hot days of summer



It's been over a year since I wrote about the renewed popularity of rosé wines, but the topic is worth revisiting for several reasons.

First, we've recently tasted some extremely enjoyable samples that we'd love to share.

Second, it's summer, and while those big teeth-purpling reds are great for the cooler weather, on the hot days our thoughts turn to lighter beverages.

And third, the enthusiasm for rosés in the market has not diminished a bit. Apparently, the rage goes on. Fine by me.

There are a couple of basics to remember when you're searching for the perfect pink wine during the summer months. These wines can be made out of any red grape, and it mostly depends on where they're from. In Tavel and Lirac in the south of France, they're generally made from grenache, or maybe Syrah. But I've sampled some that are made from pinot noir, and even zinfandel. Each one has its own set of flavor and aroma characteristics.

Next, keep in mind that there are two ways to make rosé wines.

You can mix a white and red together, which is the cheap way, but it's still done. The classier way is known as the saignée method. You crush red grapes, leave the juice on the skins until it just turns pink,



then drain it off. The finer rosés are made that way. The longer the juice stays on the skins, the darker it becomes. So rosé wines can wind up in your glass in colors that range from light salmon pink to a rich translucent ruby.

And by now, you know my mantra: drink a lot of wine. Sample widely and find the producers and styles you enjoy most.

There are two factors that make rosé wines perfect for summer sipping.

They go with just about any type of food, except burgers and barbecue. But for salads, light seafood, fish, creamy cheeses and white meats, they're an excellent choice. And they're fruit-forward, light on the palate and not the least bit cloying. They are perfect when the outside temperature feels like 102.

And today, since rosés are so popular, more wineries are turning them out in a wide range of styles, which means there's definitely a wine for everyone's taste.

Our latest discoveries:



■ **Côte Mas Rosé Aurore 2012** — From the Languedoc region in the south of France, this wine comes in an oversized one-liter bottle, and is a blend of grenache, cinsault and syrah, which is typical of the area. It's a lovely pale salmon color with a nose of strawberry. Slightly sweet, there are subtle strawberry and cherry flavors on the palate. Great with salads or on its own. WW 90. \$12.

■ **Lawer Estates Rose of Syrah NV** — This wine is very dark pink in the glass, which indicates that the juice soaked in the skins for quite some time. It also means you can expect richer flavors, including watermelon, cherry and melon. Very nice. WW 92. \$22.

■ **Attems Pinot Grigio Ramato 2014** — OK, so this is not strictly a rosé, but ... pinot grigio grapes actually have slightly pink skins, and when you let the juice sit on them long enough, the wine takes on a nice coppery (ramato in Italian) color. You'll sense minerality, wet stones and red

apple, along with apple and cherry blossom flavors. WS 89. \$19.

■ **Villa Gemma Bianco d'Abruzzo 2015** — I couldn't resist throwing in one refreshing white wine, given the time of year and the outside temperature. Made mostly of the trebbiano grape, which is traditional in this region, it's almost clear in the glass with a nose of mixed tropical fruit. You'll enjoy refreshing flavors of pear, apple and pineapple, and a nice long finish. This would go great with sushi. WW 90. \$13.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. On a wine label, what does it mean when the grapes are listed in a certain order?

— Maria B., Fort Myers

A. By law, when a wine consists of a blend of grapes, they must be listed in the order of their proportion. So a label that says grenache, Syrah and mourvedre will have more grenache than syrah, and a lesser amount of mourvedre. Some blended wines don't tell you what the grapes are at all. The label says simply "red wine," so you don't know what the heck you're drinking. If the varietal is listed on the label, the wine must consist of at least 75 percent of that grape, and whatever else is blended in may or may not be disclosed. ■

— Jerry Greenfield, *The Wine Whisperer*, is creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His book "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer" is available on Amazon and at winewhisperer.com.

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CUISINE

Humble, hearty pub fare is par for course at British Open



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Despite my longtime avocation as a roving restaurant reviewer, I was not born with a menu clutched in my little hand. My family rarely ate out in our small Wisconsin town, and when we did it was usually a “supper club” — a rural phenomenon that is difficult to explain to non-Midwesterners. The meal of choice was the family-friendly Friday night fish fry: all-you-can-eat fried perch with plank-style fried potatoes or potato pancakes and shredded cabbage drowning in mayo.

I look forward to revisiting that tradition (aside from the sodden cole slaw) on vacation this month, but in the meantime I opted for fish and chips at the British Open Pub in Bonita Springs.

No bones about it, it’s a whole other kettle of fish. It’s Icelandic cod, and it’s not an all-you-can-eat proposition (good news for the diet). You get peas instead of cole slaw, but the chips are pretty much the same.

The British Open has been serving fish and chips along with other traditional English and American tavern fare for more than 15 years in the Shoppes at Pelican Landing. It’s a rambling warren of forest-green dining rooms with red booths plus a covered patio with its own bar. Antique-looking keys and framed pictures of the Queen Mum and Winston Churchill and other famous Brits dot the walls.

We settled into one of those red booths eager for a pint or two after a busy workday. In addition to an arsenal of fine drafts from around the United Kingdom, British Open offers “double the pleasure” combos. I opted for the Blacksmith, a two-tone glass of Smithwick’s Irish ale topped with Guinness stout (\$4.72) while my dining partner sipped a Snakebite (\$4.50), half cider and half Stella Artois.

We never got around to a second pint — due in part to the heaviness of food we ordered starting with sausage rolls (\$8.50) and onion rings (\$7.95). Perhaps we should have opted for less substantial chicken wings or “krab” rolls, but those items are not representative of British pub fare. Most of the appetizers are fried or laden with cheese or gravy or both — all the better if you overdo the beers, perhaps.

The sausage rolls could have been a



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A pot roast pasty is stuffed with slowly braised beef chuck.



At left: The strawberry-rhubarb pie has a crumb topping. At right: The fish and chips are made with fried Icelandic cod.



meal unto themselves, or at least could have fed a couple more mates. It was four full-sized pork sausages baked in golden pastry, not the miniature “pigs in blankets” long favored at American cocktail parties. The links were salty and juicy and the pastry rich, flaky and attractively folded. They were served with a bottle of HP Sauce, that malty, vinegary, tamarind-tart condiment beloved of Brits.

We were less enthusiastic about the onion rings. The “light” beer batter mentioned on the menu puffed up and overwhelmed the onion, so they kind of resemble doughnuts, and soaked up lots of oil along the way. The crispy rings were served with “bunker sauce” for dipping, which our waitress described as ketchup and horseradish after consulting another server. That’s cocktail sauce, but this

us on dessert. Nevertheless, food was served quickly and arrived at the table hot.

For lunch or lighter appetites, the British Open offers eight “sandwedges,” a wink at the golf theme. They include prime rib, cod and pangasius, chicken breast or fingers, deli meats and a burger. There’s also a handful of flatbreads because apparently every restaurant just has to serve them now.

Among the British entrees are pasties (meats wrapped and baked in pastry), bangers and mash (sausage and mashed potatoes) and cottage pie (ground beef and vegetables baked under a mashed-potato crust).

The pot roast pasty (\$13.95) was like a turnover or empanada, a neatly folded pastry pocket stuffed with succulent,

slow-cooked beef chuck roast. We loved the flaky pastry and the rich brown gravy served on the side, along with fried potato planks and a bowl of peas and overcooked carrots. Also available Cornish style with ground beef, or with chicken and broccoli, the pasty is humble comfort food in the best English tradition.

Ditto the fish and chips (\$13.95), “the pride and joy of the British Open,” as the menu says. That flaky, moist Icelandic cod was encased in crunchy beer batter that sealed in its natural moisture. Yes, it was fried but it wasn’t as greasy as the onion rings; to avoid the risk, you can order it baked. A lot of British pubs serve fish and chips with mushy peas, which are mashed, often with mint, and are delicious. I wish I could say that was true at British Open, where the (non-mushy) peas tasted and looked like the pallid canned variety. They could really do better with their vegetables here. The chips were good, though: crisp exterior, fluffy interior, substantially sized.

We were so stuffed with potatoes and pastry and meat that we couldn’t do more than share a dessert. The strawberry-rhubarb pie (\$6.95) was worth the indulgence. The balance of sweet and tart was perfect, and a crumb topping gave it an unexpected added texture.

English pub cuisine may not push any culinary envelopes. But when it comes to hearty and humble fare, the British Open is doing just enough to stay on par. ■

in the know

British Open Pub

24630 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 949-0302

Ratings:
Food: ★★½
Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★½

>> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. daily
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 >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
 >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$3.25-\$9.95; entrees, \$8.95-\$15.95
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Kalea Bay's first tower reaches 21st floor

Clubhouse also under construction



Kalea Bay, a gated, resort-lifestyle community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, has set a new standard for luxury residential high-rise living.

The incredibly-designed residences at Kalea Bay, combined with spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Coghatchee River and a pristine nature preserve, have propelled the community to become one of the hottest-selling properties this year.

"As of early August, the construction on our first tower has reached the 21st floor," stated Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay's Vice President of Sales & Marketing. "At the current pace, the building should be celebrating its topping off around the third week of August."

The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

"From my office in the sales center I can observe the construction progress on a daily basis," said Wilson. "It's not only exciting for me, but also for those who've already purchased and even the visitors who have come to the sales center for the first time."

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 while 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 Subzero appliances, a natural gas range, Downsview 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.

Wilson says dramatic views are available to every single resident, not matter which floor they live on.

"That's because the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop," explained Wilson. "That includes our sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center."

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

"Those beaches include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally in 2015, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked #9," said Wilson.

The first residential high-rise tower at Kalea Bay will be completed in the summer of next year. However, it won't be the only building on-site to reach that milestone.

"Currently, Kalea Bay's community clubhouse area is also under construction and slated to be completed around the same timeframe," said Wilson. "Our clubhouse area will be the social and rec-



Above: This recent aerial of Kalea Bay shows the first tower reaching skyward as construction also continues on the clubhouse on the far right. Kalea Bay residences have open floor plans with 9-foot high ceilings. Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.

reational centerpiece of the community."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Wilson. "Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants will separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy."

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Wilson. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way

to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Wilson. "There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach."

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, just north of Wiggins Pass Road at 13910 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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 has added 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 banquet 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.

A new building has been released at Cipriani, a stunning gated enclave within The Classics. The neighborhood 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 \$430,000.

Each coach home building at Signature Club offers four residences. The neighborhood features a 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.

In the beautiful Olé, neighborhood, only one home remains available! Offering three bedrooms, two and a half baths, formal living and dining rooms and 1,715 square feet, the Santa Ana End is move-in ready. The residence features a two-car garage that leads to the open and airy kitchen with granite countertops and upgraded appliances. The kitchen also features a large pantry and a powder room. The Santa Ana End is priced at just \$344,990!

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



Above: The Players Club & Spa. The Tiki Bar at the Players Club & Spa. The Cipriani. Right: Lely Resort has three championship golf courses. Below: The Majestic II.



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 are San Remo III models ready for immediate occupancy. 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.

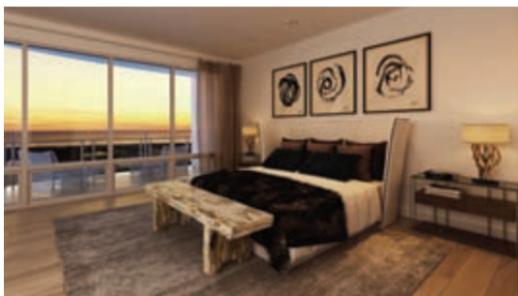
The tennis facility's thirteen state-of-the-art tennis courts are open for play on a spacious 4-acre site that includes an outdoor café.

Don't miss your chance to buy one of the final new homes remaining at Lely Resort!

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Just 18 residences remaining in Covent Garden at TwinEagles

With 18 residences remaining, Pulte Homes' Covent Garden neighborhood is one of TwinEagles most popular choices. Covent Garden's thoughtfully designed carriage homes measure 1,654 and 2,297 square feet under air and are priced from the mid-\$200's to the high-\$300's. With a full golf membership included with the purchase of every newly constructed residence within TwinEagles, two championship golf courses, an array of world class amenities, and an irresistible natural setting, Covent Garden offers an exceptional value and an ideal pied-a-terre for those intent on enjoying a classic country club lifestyle. The 1,115-acre gated TwinEagles community being developed by The Ronto Group was recognized by Boardroom magazine as a Distinguished Emerald Club, a designation accorded to the top five-percent of private clubs throughout the world. Ronto was named recipient of the Naples Daily News' 2016 People's Choice Awards Gold Award for Best Developer.

Each of the Covent Garden carriage home floor plans offers a comfortable ambiance for enjoying a maintenance-free, lock and leave living experience. In addition to the amenities found throughout the TwinEagles community, Covent Garden residents enjoy a private swimming pool and outdoor dining area that is designed for hosting neighborhood gatherings and special events.

Covent Garden's first floor Cheshire floor plan is perfectly suited to empty-nesters and those seeking an elegantly appointed getaway destination within one of Southwest Florida's most prestigious gated golf course communities. The Cheshire's 1,654 square feet under air floor plan also includes a 230 square feet covered lanai and a two-car garage. The plan's comfortable great room opens to the covered lanai and flows into a gourmet kitchen and dining area that also opens to the lanai. The Cheshire's spacious owner's suite includes a walk-in closet and a beautifully finished bath. The plan includes a guest bedroom plus a den or third bedroom and a second full bath. The Cheshire floor plan in Covent Garden is base-priced at \$267,990. A furnished Cheshire carriage home model is open for viewing.

The second floor Tourmaline floor plan offers 2,297 under air plus a 230 square feet covered lanai and a two-car garage. Base-priced at \$320,490, the Tourmaline floor plan offers an impressive ground level entry and two-story stairwell, a spacious great room that opens to the covered lanai, a formal dining room, a gourmet kitchen, a breakfast nook that also opens to the lanai, three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, and two-and-a-half baths. The owner's suite bedroom can include an optional tray ceiling and an optional door opening to the covered lanai. His and her walk-in closets are included in the owner's suite.

Covent Garden homebuyers are attracted to TwinEagles' amenities that include two championship golf courses. Set against a splendid backdrop of the community's towering oaks, palm trees, and lush landscaping, the Talon Course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and his son and is regarded as the top residential course in Southwest Florida. The Talon Course hosted the Chubb Classic PGA Champions Tour in February. The challenging yet fair 7,193 yard course features all of Nicklaus' signature design elements, including length, tricky approaches, undulating greens, bunkering, mounding, and water hazards. Thoughtful shot strategies and course



Above: Base-priced at \$267,990, Covent Garden's 1,654 square feet under air first floor Cheshire floor plan is suited to empty-nesters and those seeking an elegantly appointed getaway destination within TwinEagles. Right: The Cheshire carriage home floor plan in Covent Garden at TwinEagles features a spacious owner's suite with a walk-in closet and a beautifully finished bath. Below: A Pulte Homes neighborhood, Covent Garden at TwinEagles offers thoughtfully designed carriage homes measuring 1,654 and 2,297 square feet under air priced from the mid-\$200's to the high-\$300's.

management are the keys to scoring well on the Talon Course. The Talon Course is one of two distinctly different golf courses at TwinEagles. The community's Eagle Course was named "Best New U.S. Private Course of the Year" by Golf Magazine. Designed by Steve Smyers, the course has a challenging historical design with modern yardages.

In addition to the two championship golf courses, TwinEagles is the home of "Doc" Jim Suttie's Golf Academy. Doc has been named one of the top golf teachers in the country. Using sophisticated monitoring and training equipment, Doc Suttie and the Golf Academy staff can help golfers take their game to a new level. TwinEagles also boasts "One of the finest practice facilities in the nation," according to Jack Nicklaus.

The golf courses provide a magical tableau for peaceful neighborhoods tucked along fairways and lakes offering breathtaking vistas and a sense of privacy. A 47,000 square-foot clubhouse pays homage to St. Andrews where the game of golf was born. In addition to a golf pro shop offering golf equipment, clothing, and accessories, the Clubhouse's wrap-around verandahs that overlook preserve views and the finishing holes of both courses provide an ideal setting for enjoying a post-round beverage. The Clubhouse also offers one of the finest dining experiences in Southwest Florida. Award-winning Executive Chef Chas Tatigian serves up a variety of succulent treats ranging from seafood and stuffed chicken to pasta that can be accompanied by a selection from a meticulously vetted wine list.

The Clubhouse is complemented by a sparkling community swimming pool and fitness center. The amenity center includes a 2,500 square foot pool with a spa, a zero-entry feature, and a sunning deck overlooking a lake. An outdoor lounge, dining venue, and lighted Har-



Tru tennis courts are located adjacent to the pool. The 6,430 square foot fitness center complements the Clubhouse architecture and includes men's and women's locker rooms, areas for aerobics and yoga, and a fitness hall with state-of-the-art exercise equipment. TwinEagles offers the serenity of dozens of lakes, walking paths, and neighborhood parks and gardens that

provide quiet spots for enjoying the community's tranquil ambiance.

TwinEagles' luxury residences range from carriage homes priced from the mid-\$200's to estate and grand estate residences priced into the millions. Visit the TwinEagles Sales Center at 11330 Twin Eagles Boulevard, or call 239.352.8000. Visit Twin Eagles online at twineagles.com. ■



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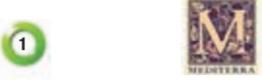


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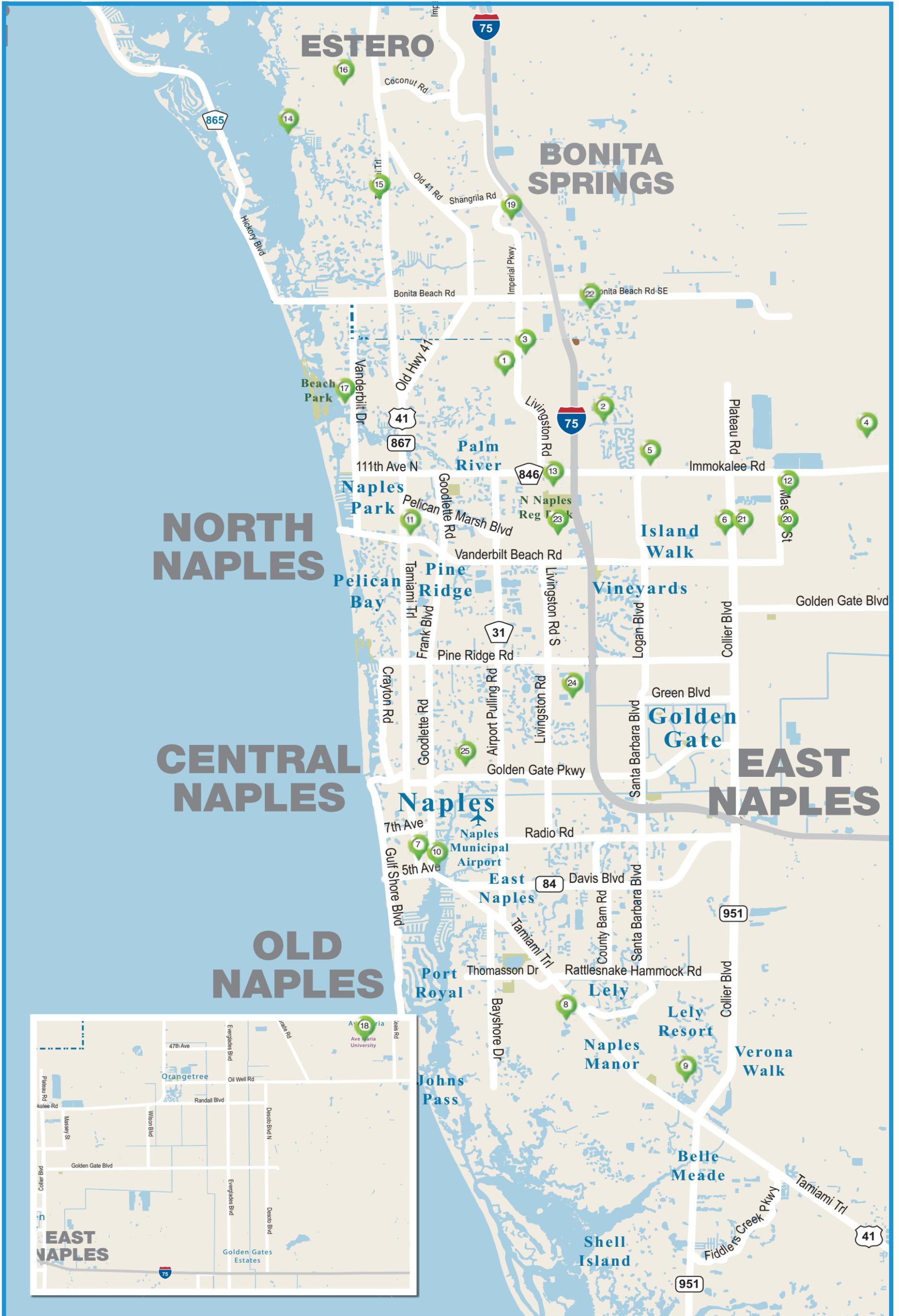
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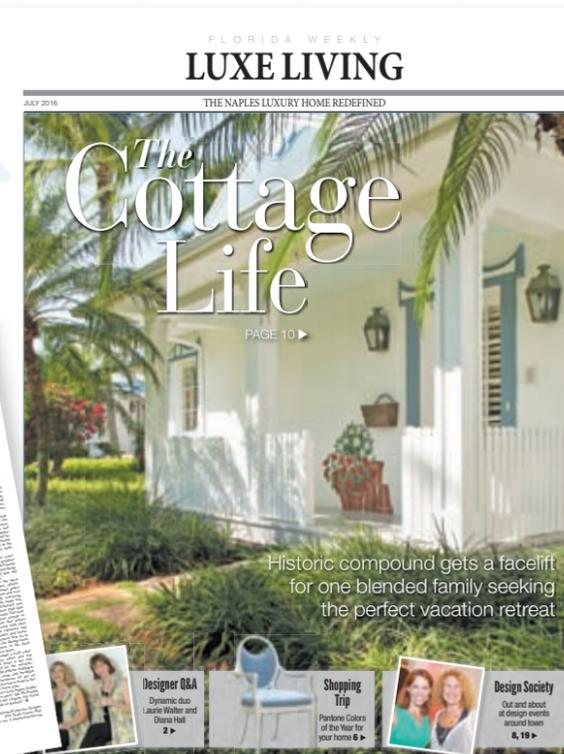
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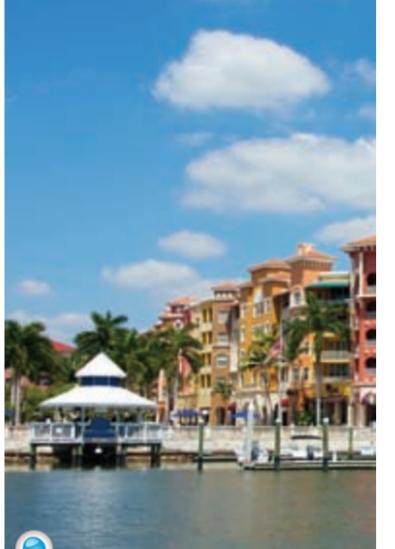
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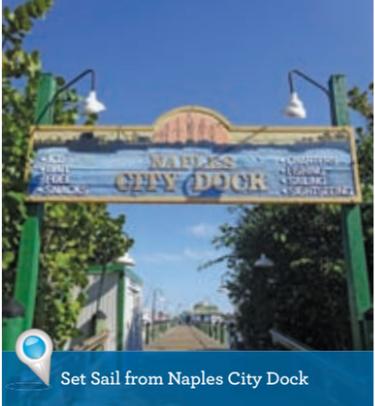
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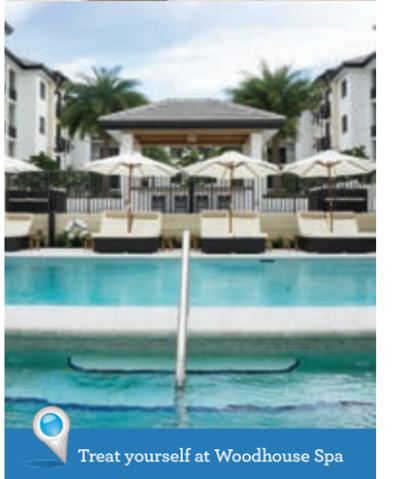
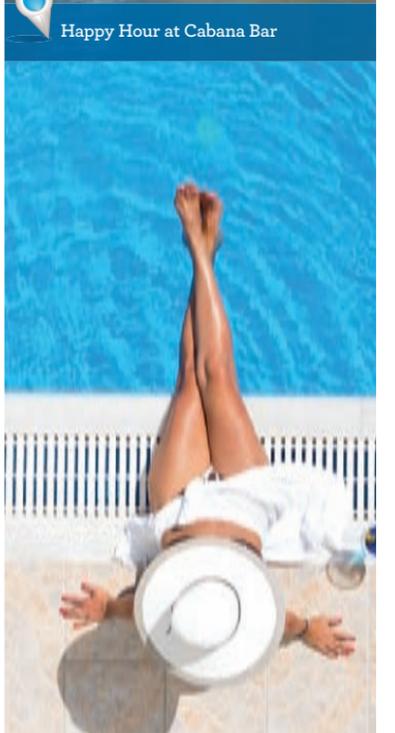


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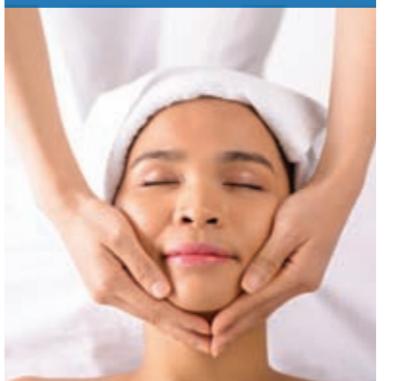
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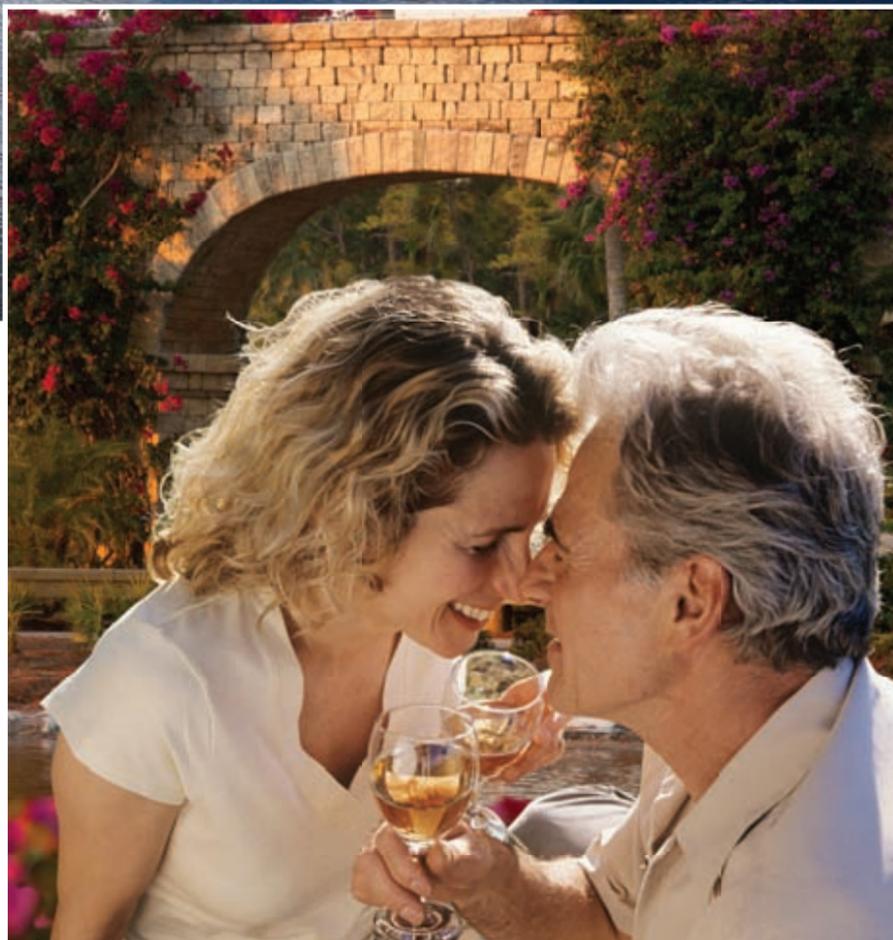
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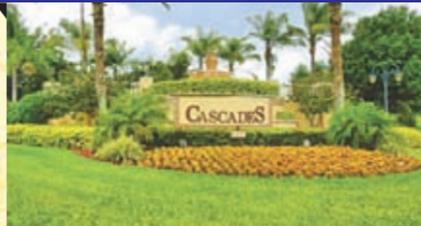
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Beautiful SE Cape pool home. Assessments are in and paid! Home offers gorgeous master w/grand master bath & more.
\$289,900
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Whiskey Creek 4/3 Pool Home on Golf Course
Spacious 4/3 pool home backing onto Whiskey Creek Golf Course. Fenced back yard for privacy and pets. Laminate. **\$285,000**
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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**
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CAPE CORAL



Golf Course Pool Home
Bright open floor plan with south exposure for the solar heated pool. Great view across pond. **\$279,900**
866-657-2300 800CC036092.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Gulf Access Pool Home
Charming 3/2 with direct gulf access pool home in a prime location in Cape Coral. New appliances, a/c and more. **\$279,000**
866-657-2300 800FM010110.

ESTERO



Beautiful Home in Bella Terra - Lake View
Fantastic opportunity to purchase this 2 story, 3 bed + loft 2.5 bath, 2 car garage townhouse 2282 sqft w/lake view. **\$279,000**
866-657-2300 800BS039076.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Stunning Country Setting Home
Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home. **\$273,500**
866-657-2300 800CH223177.

FORT MYERS



Brings All Offers to The Forum
Spacious Alexandria floor plan in the Forum close to I-75, shops & restaurants. Four bedroom, 3 bath. **\$269,900**
866-657-2300 800FM005996.

CAPE CORAL



Coral Lakes Executive Home 5/4/3
Features 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, oversized 3 car garage. Located on large corner lot backing up to a private preserve. **\$269,900**
866-657-2300 800CC023006.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2 Single Family Home Port Charlotte Area
This like new 3 bed 2 bath 2 car garage pool home in Sec 15 is a must see! Remastered kitchen and bathroom! **\$259,900**
866-657-2300 800CH227000.

NAPLES



3/2 West of Goodlette Frank Road
Awesome location and great starter home. Awesome schools and convenient to everything! **\$252,500**
866-657-2300 800NA020963.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Waterfront View
What a view from this Cornwallis home w/10,000lb lift & a 3/2/1 in one of the city's most popular areas! Heated pool. **\$249,500**
866-657-2300 800CC056327.

LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bed 3 bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features includes 2 master bedrooms, 1 w/sitting room. **\$245,000**
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! **\$239,900**
866-657-2300 800CC041937.

FORT MYERS



Ft Myers Home-RV/Boat Parking
This 3/2/1 home w/1422 sqft has hurricane impact windows/doors & fenced yard, upgraded kitchen/bathrooms. **\$233,500**
866-657-2300 800FM027807.

BONITA SPRINGS



Perfect Stater Home
Adorable 2/2 with screened lanai. Cute backyard with a storage shed w/ Pond. New AC and roof. Both baths remodeled. **\$229,900**
866-657-2300 800BS044471.

LEHIGH ACRES



Gorgeous Home You Must View
3/2/2 with extra sheds in back. All on 1 acre all upgraded appliances. Fans/light fixtures. New water equipment. New drain fields. **\$225,000**
866-657-2300 800LE038280.

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4000 SE 20TH Place #2

Attention Serious Boaters! Direct Gulf Access
Rare 3 /2 Condo, 1 car garage with extra room for storage, over 1600 sqft. Walking distance to Jaycee Park. **\$224,900**
866-657-2300 800CC041119.

NAPLES



Lakefront Condo Includes Golf
Watch sunsets while looking at lake and golf course. Third floor, 2/2 is in Naples Heritage. **\$219,000**
866-657-2300 800NA037160.

NAPLES



3 Bed/2 .5 Bath Townhome Reflection Lakes
Preserve view...watch the deer as you sip morning coffee. Gated community with awesome clubhouse and amenities. **\$215,000**
866-657-2300 800NA038124.

LEHIGH ACRES



Golfers Dream
Golfers Dream-location-location beautiful 3 bed home just under 1800 sqft, upgraded laminate, tile floors carpet in bedrooms. **\$214,900**
866-657-2300 800LE037906.

BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful 2/2 Condo in Bermuda Park
Spacious living and dining area with high ceilings, open kitchen with breakfast bar and pantry and large bedrooms. **\$214,900**
866-657-2300 800BS015416.

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**
866-657-2300 800LE042142.

PUNTA GORDA



3/2 Single Family Pool Home
Located on corner lot. Well maintained. Flower garden entertainment sized home! plus oversized garage with work bench. **\$199,900**
866-657-2300 800CH225593.

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**
866-657-2300 800CH223512.

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Lovely 3/2
This 3/2 in a great San Carlos Park location, has a fenced back yard and an air conditioned shed. Schedule your private viewing.
\$199,000
866-657-2300 800LE044748.

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
866-657-2300 800FM021552.

LEHIGH ACRES



2 Story 3/2.5/2 Home
Spacious two story 3/2.5/2. Living, formal dining & large family room. Open kitchen w/center island. French doors to covered porch.
\$195,000
866-657-2300 800LE015150.

FORT MYERS



Gated Community, 2 Car Garage
Beautifully maintained condo with 2 car garage, 2 bedrooms, in quiet gated community. Back faces East so you can enjoy.
\$184,000
866-657-2300 800FM034591.

CAPE CORAL



3/2/2 In San Carlos Park
Lovely 3/2 house in San Carlos Park. Great room concept with marble tile through out. Central water/sewer. Fenced yard.
\$180,000
866-657-2300 800CC025126.

FORT MYERS



Updated Interior
With a wide canal bordering the property, you can be "waterfront" without actually paying waterfront property prices.
\$179,900
866-657-2300 800LE041438.

CAPE CORAL



Updated Home-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
866-657-2300 800CC020156.

NAPLES



2 Bed/2 Bath In Desirable North Naples
Gorgeous lake and pool view 2/2 light, bright, updated and immaculately clean. Being sold turnkey.
\$175,000
866-657-2300 800NA023727.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2/1/ Single Family Home on Water
Nice location with a truly amazing yard. Huge space for a family to play and store all their toys. House needs updating.
\$175,000
866-657-2300 800CH227562.

FORT MYERS



Very Private Home
Very private with deep water access.
\$167,000
866-657-2300 800CC040564.

LEHIGH ACRES



Peaceful 4/2 on 1/2 Acre Lot
This rare 4 bed/2 bath home is clean and move in ready. Huge family room. New carpet in 3 of the bedrooms. New flooring in kitchen.
\$165,000
866-657-2300 800LE046019.

CAPE CORAL



Great Investment Opportunity in SE Cape
All major work has recently been done on this lovely 2 bedroom + Den SE Cape Coral home. New roof, a/c, kitchen, tile.
\$164,900
866-657-2300 800BS045164.

FORT MYERS



South Ft. Myers Beauty
Desirable South Fort Myers location. Lovely single family home with lots of room.
\$164,500
866-657-2300 800FM021508.

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
866-657-2300 800CC031591.

CAPE CORAL



Walk To Downtown Festivals
3/2/1 Fenced yard, split bedroom plan. Florida room with view of patio and built in BBQ. Walk to bus stop and shopping.
\$160,270
866-657-2300 800CC045479.

CAPE CORAL



Bright, Airy, 2 Bed/2 Bath, 2nd Flood Corner Condo
A must see-too many features, immaculate, upgraded finishes, 1850 sqft., perfect location and views.
\$159,900
866-657-2300 800CC025244.

CAPE CORAL



Fabulous Triple Lot
3 Bed+Den! 2 baths, 2-car garage, bonus den could be Office, great room layout w/vaulted ceil, French doors to FL room.
\$159,900
866-657-2300 800CC046339.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Great Buy
Spacious 3 bed+den, 2 baths and 1-car garage. Updated kitchen gorgeous custom moldings & trim, rear patio & storage. Shed
\$149,900
866-657-2300 800CC046271.

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
866-657-2300 800CC032611.

FORT MYERS



Spacious Townhome
Sandalwood Estates is centrally located and close to restaurants, beaches, Rutenberg Park, schools and shopping.
\$136,000
866-657-2300 800FM042964.

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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
866-657-2300 800CC024959.

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Location, Location, Location
Well maintained completely updated turnkey condo.
\$129,900
866-657-2300 800FM046413.

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A Must See 2/2.5 Townhouse
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\$125,000
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Hard to Find
Top floor end unit.
866-657-2300
\$124,900
800FM013071.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Condo In Central Cape Coral
Sweeping views of the canal from your lanai. Minutes to Cape Harbour and the river! Large living space. End unit.
866-657-2300
\$124,745
800CC029102.

NAPLES



Fairway Gardens In Lely
Come check out this perfectly situated, 1st floor unit just footsteps away from the pool and the Hibiscus Golf Course.
866-657-2300
\$122,000
800BS017315.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Rare 2 Bedroom 1 Bath in Port Charlotte
Must see! large and very 2/1 in Port Charlotte. Newly redone water pump and electric. Well maintained home.
866-657-2300
\$104,900
800CH227470.

NAPLES



Well Maintained 55+ Community
Great location! 4/2 double wide manufactured home in Cape Sable Lakes. Large living room, full size laundry, ramp.
866-657-2300
\$85,000
800NA063544.

LABELLE



Great Investment Property
This 4 bed unit is ready to be remodeled for your home or for your rental property.
866-657-2300
\$80,000
800LE030034.

FORT MYERS



Fort Myers Villa
Rarely available home in New Approach a very conveniently located 55+ condo complex. 2 bedrooms.
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\$79,000
800FM044419.

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Ft Myers Contemporary Estate Home
This is a two story estate home has been totally remodeled.
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\$1,699,000
800FM022494.

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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!
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\$1,549,500
800CC032693.

CAPE CORAL



Brand New Sailboat Access Home
2016 contemporary 3 bed/3 bath/3 car garage open floor plan. Beautiful view thru invisible corner patio door.
866-657-2300
\$899,800
800CC044185.

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Old Florida Country Setting
Old Florida country setting. 7+ Acres that is perfect for horses and other animals. Ponds, barns, fully irrigated property.
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\$850,000
800FM015632.

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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!
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\$799,999
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.
866-657-2300
\$799,900
800CC015780.

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Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated! Wow!
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more!
866-657-2300
\$799,750
800FM016561.

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Park & Fly
Fly home to Buckingham.
866-657-2300
\$724,990
800FM008100.

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Gorgeous Direct Gulf Access
3/3/3 with stunning lagoon style pool and a huge dock. Perfect for waterfront entertaining!
866-657-2300
\$699,900
800CC033439.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, w/access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac.
866-657-2300
\$650,000
800CH216378.

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Stunning Family and Entertaining Home
Beautiful 3500+ sqft. waterfront Home in Whiskey Creek with custom waterfall pool.
866-657-2300
\$629,900
800FM026144.

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Unit 64 Direct Sailboat Access Pool Home
Eastern exposure, direct sailboat access pool home in Unit 64 - absolutely move in ready!
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\$599,999
800CC039188.



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