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'Voices for Recovery' will be heard at annual awards

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The David Lawrence Center joins voices of recovery around the country in celebrating September as the 27th annual National Recovery Month. Programs and campaigns are planned to increase awareness and understanding of behavioral health disorders and to promote the message that behavioral health is essential to health, prevention works, treatment is effective and people do recover from mental and/or substance use disorders.



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The 2017 Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Our Families, Our Stories, Our Recovery!" highlights the importance of families, communities and individuals sharing stories of recovery to

encourage others to seek treatment, share their stories and make a personal connection with the recovery movement.

DLC will celebrate individuals and organizations in the community for their support of those in recovery at the Recovery Month awards ceremony starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the New Hope Community Center, 7676 Davis Blvd. Awards will be presented to the following in recognition of their dedication to sharing their

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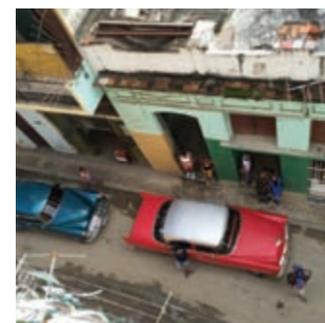
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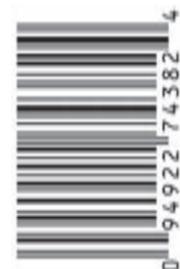
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COMMENTARY

The anteroom of hell



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As an ambassador of ink let me welcome you, Francis, or you Chauncey — and you too, Lizbeth, or you, Jason, and even you, Kathleen or Matt — to the anteroom of hell.

Some of us think of the place you now stand as the anteroom of the U.S. House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, which is not the worst place in the world. But it's no place we'd let our children hang around, that's for sure.

By winning your primaries against other Republicans on Tuesday in U.S. District 19 and state Districts 27 and 28, you very likely sealed victories in your November races.

You have now reached the sub-pinnacle of political power and leadership in Washington and in Tallahassee, since Democrats are about as common as Florida panthers in your districts. The November assault mounted by your Democratic party opponents will likely prove as effective as the charge of the light brigade.

Congratulations on your victories.

The pinnacle of political power (should you ever have the audacity to emerge from the sub-pinnacle, of course) is the White House.

At the sound of the bell, you in particular, Francis, or you, Chauncey, will come swinging out of the District 19 corner weighing in at about 170 pounds and wearing not the purple trunks but a dark suit

and tie, with your millions packed in your gloves like rolls of quarters.

Coming out of the other corner will be a woman who gets to sleep in the White House for the next four years. Her political weight: about 200 tons. This is not the Bush administration, Chauncey. And Francis? She won't think you're the coolest guy on the planet because you run construction and oil companies, have a lot of money and go to church on Sunday.

So good luck, pal, and Vaya con Dios. If you don't know what it means, you should look it up, since a lot of voters do.

But you, Lizbeth, and you Matt or you, Kathleen — you'll have your challenges, too.

The problem for all of you is water. And water can be turned into wine, as some of you know, so don't ignore this problem. (By the way, I prefer a very dry French Sauvignon Blanc in the whites, or if you must because you Republicans apparently like the color of blood, an Argentinian Malbec in the reds.)

We've really screwed up our water, Francis, no matter what the people in your oil companies, the ones that drill in the gulf, tell you when you convene for board meetings.

And Kathleen, Matt, Lizbeth? You three. Please. Nobody is trying to take away our guns. It's a non-issue. Also, the flood of illegal immigrants has subsided as all the numbers suggest, but not the flood of polluted water.

So could all of you please start focusing on what actually matters at this point in time?

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said this, Francis — and I'd like all of you to heed it before you move into the White House someday: "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

She was not talking about sugar lobbyists, by the way.

The bottom line is this: Florida's economy and appeal are dying by the minute, by the yard and by the year because we aren't stopping companies that run cows or grow sugar, or local governments that don't regulate septic systems, or cities that continue to dump bad water into good, from poisoning what we have in small, incremental ways, every day, week, month and year.

We don't even let water flow in the right direction and quantities. And we could.

Result? Dead fish. Dead tourism. Dead businesses. And if you let it happen, dead Florida lifestyle and dead economy.

We don't care who's to blame: Big Ag and Big Sugar? Sure.

Septic? Yep.

Development and greedy local leadership? Democrats? Martians?

Well, of course.

But we just don't care. We want you to fix it and we agree that all of them and all of us should help pay for it.

And you can. Your mothers would have wanted you to fix it. All of your grandparents would have been proud of you for fixing it. Think about them. Do you really care what lobbyists and officials for big companies that make money from bad solutions and bad science care about, in this issue? Would your mothers have cared?

Look, water is precious, and if you think I'm patronizing you, I'm not. Water is precious.

We have to protect it from people who will use it for gain. Commies, for example.

Let me just remind you of the immortal words of Gen. Jack D. Ripper, who launched a nuclear war from the Alaskan SAC base he commanded in Stanley Kubrick's blistering 1964 film, "Dr. Strangelove," to protect our water:

"Mandrake, have you ever seen a commie drink a glass of water?"

"Well, no, I can't say that I have," replies Group Capt. Lionel Mandrake of the Royal Air Force.

"It's because they pollute our waters," replies the general. "I can no longer sit back and allow communist infiltration, communist indoctrination, communist subversion and the international communist conspiracy to sap and impurify all of our precious bodily fluids."

Our precious bodily fluids, Francis. Hear that, Chauncey? Matt? Kathleen? Lizbeth? Jason?

"It's incredibly obvious, isn't it?" The general concludes.

"A foreign substance is introduced into our precious bodily fluids without the knowledge of the individual and certainly without any choice. That's the way your hard-core commie works."

You should know that, all of you aspiring leaders.

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OPINION

Losing ground



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The historical origins of Labor Day are still subject to debate. We do know it became a federal holiday in 1894. There was a long run-up by trade unions and the labor movement to promote the idea, and it caught on. By the time Congress acted, 30 states already had inaugurated their own versions of a celebration. They orchestrated thousands of events to shower American workers with public appreciation.

These were all-day affairs. Vast picnic suppers in public parks followed on the heels of meandering parades. Brass bands entertained them with patriotic tunes. Flowery speeches droned on, late into the afternoon, generous superlatives heaping ever higher the orators' praise of the lowly wage earner. They called to their audience: "Look to your left; look to your right. Here beside you stand the cogs and the wheels that work together and lift the nation toward greatness and shared prosperity for all!"

For one fine day, ordinary men and women were raised upon the shoulders of the nation, their contributions toward building a thriving, American economy accorded dignity and respect. But alas, the holiday passed, American workers returned to their labors, faceless, swallowed up in the anonymity of their workplaces. The reality of workers' lives was neither picnic nor pedestal in the decades leading up to the Great Depression.

Their workplaces were predatory. They toiled in dangerous and unsafe conditions. They were mercilessly exploited by profiteers, their fight for justice in the workplace thwarted by industries immune from oversight and regulation. The labor movement finally brought greater balance into the equation. Workers' pay and working conditions improved.

But in 1894 and for many decades thereafter, the Labor Day holiday was just that: a single day of respite from a yearlong battle to survive in industries notorious for their habit of chewing up and discarding employees as if human garbage — in mining, textiles, construction, agriculture, services and manufacturing. Being in the workforce then was no holiday; and, now, despite all the progress made, it is no holiday for today's workers either.

Sure, the labor movement made a huge difference. "How low can you go" as a U.S. business model was challenged on multiple fronts. Workers are protected by labor standards envied by workers around the world, but those standards always are under threat. Will we roll back laws forbidding child labor? Probably not. Will wage slavery make a comeback? A definite maybe.

In America, economic well-being depends mightily on increasing income and earnings over a lifetime of work. The upward trajectory in income allows for working people to take responsibility for educating children, owning a home, planning for retirement, accessing medical care. They even can take a vacation now and then. But this is where things have gone backward for today's working class families.

Upward mobility is broken, and worse, caught in a downward spiral. All working families are at risk. Wage disparity and income inequality have eroded what was, decades ago, a livable wage. This is not somebody else's problem. It is a national problem affecting a vast swath of American families, including Floridians.

Deciphering a recent Bureau of Labor Statistics study, Scott Powers of FloridaPolitics.com wrote, "In Orlando, the three occupations with the most jobs are "retail salespersons," "food preparation workers" (which includes fast food) and "waiters and waitresses." All these occupations combined total more than 120,000 jobs, or more than 10 percent of all Orlando's jobs. The kicker? None pays a median annualized pay of more

than \$20,430. Is it enough to provide for a family? The answer? Not by half.

A livable, hourly wage to support a family of two adults (one working) and two kids in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area is \$18.04. To pay the estimated expenses for a family of this size in this metro area requires an annual income (before taxes) of \$49,842.

Florida International University soon will publish its 2016 "State of Florida Workers Report," a study assessing how Florida's workforce is faring in the current economy. It is released annually around Labor Day. It's a good opportunity to temper gratuitous myth making with labor force facts.

The 2015 study reported Florida's wage gap grew significantly following the 2008 housing collapse and that from 1980 to 2014, salaries paid to the state's top 10 percent of wage earners grew 25 times faster than the pay earned by workers in the bottom 10 percent.

These and other data suggest Florida is winning the wage race to the bottom. It is among those states whose employers pay the lowest salaries among all states nationwide, and the state's largest metropolitan areas and its bigger cities offer the lowest paying urban jobs in America.

The state's reliance on the service sector may account for the prevalence of low-wage jobs, but these jobs also pay less in Florida than cities anywhere else in the country.

This is what workers seeking a livable wage call losing ground. ■

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The Colin Powell defense



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

The influence that Colin Powell has over Hillary Clinton is something to behold. His word is her command. When he tells her to break the law and endanger the nation's secrets, she doesn't hesitate. She salutes smartly and does as she is told.

Clinton has been desperate for the moral cover of Colin Powell for her email arrangement since the scandal first broke last year. Now we've learned that Clinton told the FBI that Powell advised her to use private email as secretary of state at a dinner in 2009. This escalates Clinton's email defense from "Hey, Colin Powell did it, too," all the way to "Colin Powell made me do it."

The Powell defense doesn't make much sense. While the former general used a private email as secretary of state, it was at a time when the department didn't have a robust email system of its own. And he obviously didn't set

up his own private server. After Powell left State, the department's rules steadily got stricter about using official email for State Department business and preserving email records — and Clinton blew through them all. On the advice, we are supposed to believe, of none other than Colin Powell, the Professor Moriarty of Clinton's illicit email practices.

The *New York Times* reported that at a dinner party hosted by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that included other former secretaries of state, Albright asked Clinton's predecessors what counsel they would give her. Allegedly, Powell didn't advise Clinton (channeling Winston Churchill) that "diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions," or even to avoid a land war in Asia. He told her to use private email.

Powell says now that's not how he remembers it. If Clinton really wanted someone's permission to use private email, she could have asked the State Department, which she never did. In a new book, the left-wing journalist Joe Conason writes that Clinton had already decided to use private email months before the Albright dinner.

Of course she had, and for her own reasons. She wanted to hide as much of her business as possible from journalists and congressional committees seeking information on how she operated. Given the gross intermingling of State Department and Clinton Foundation business, this was only prudent.

No wonder that Colin Powell finds Hillary's effort to enlist him as one of the justifications for her private server so galling. Powell told a reporter, "Her people have been trying to pin it on me." Referring to a description of his email practices he sent to her (at her request), Powell said, "The truth is, she was using (her private server) for a year before I sent her a memo telling her what I did."

No one forced Hillary to use her private email for State Department business in a manner so flagrantly against the rules. And no one forced her and her husband to run their foundation as a vast pay-to-play scheme whose inner workings must be shielded from public view. That's her responsibility and no one else's — certainly not Colin Powell's. ■

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



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Conductor/pianist William Noll, a resident of Naples and New York City, serves as artistic director for ArtsNaples World Festival, Classic Chamber Concerts and the Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra. He is also guest conductor for Opera Naples and the newly appointed music director/conductor of the Bach Ensemble.

A performance veteran of major concert halls around the world, this fall, he goes to Moscow to give master classes in piano at the Gnessin Academy. Next summer, he will make his debut appearance in Minsk, Belarus, as both conductor and pianist.

He has served as music director for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company for three decades and has also served on panels for the National Endowment for the Arts, the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and the Classical Nomination Committee for the Grammy Awards.

The United Arts Council of Collier County honored him with a "Stars in the Arts" award this past year for his musical and humanitarian efforts on behalf of numerous charitable organizations in the area. On the broader stage, he continues to assist the careers of classical, popular and jazz musicians through the

Talking points with William Noll

Mentors: I was fortunate to have several as a young man and in my mid-career. Today, my mentors rest solely in the spirit of great composers. They are my guiding light.

Where did you grow up? Washington, D.C

Something your mother was right about: She always said that when you love to work your hardest is when you are the happiest.

When and why did you first come to Naples/ Collier County, and what was your first impression? I first visited Naples in 2001 at the invitation of Ed Staros. We had worked together in Atlanta when I started a chamber music series at The Ritz-Carlton corporate headquarters hotel in Buckhead. He wanted me to assist with a music program for the hotels in Naples. My impression of Naples was that for a small town, it had a great deal to offer.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? From as far back as I can recall, I only ever wanted to be a musician.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? There is no way that I would trade my position in life for any other.

One thing on your bucket list: Ha! I have a very long list of compositions I would either like to conduct or perform. Probably at the top of the list is a desire to

make a very special recording.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I'm probably not alone in wishing that I had the skill and talent to stay thin.

Advice for someone just starting in your line of work: Get ready to work. Really work. Be a hard-working, eternal student.

Favorite app on your Smartphone or tablet: PDF Expert on my iPad. It makes reading and learning music a totally new experience.

Must-see place to take first-time visitors: I have musicians that visit here from all over the world. The first thing everyone wants to see is an alligator. This is best done at The Naples Zoo.

Last book read: I am re-reading "The Grapes of Wrath." There is a composition lesson to be learned in each and every paragraph. It is like studying a great symphonic score.

All-time favorite movie: "Casablanca."

Something you'll never understand: U.S. politics.

Something you wish could go back to the way it once was: I would give anything to go back to rotary telephones.



Something people would be surprised to find out about you: Most people do not know that I once played the accordion. Now I guess they do.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: An opera house.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The people who live here.

offices of Mayfair Artists Representatives, a full-service music consultancy for which he is the executive director.

Locally in the season ahead, Maestro Noll will lead the schedule for the 20th

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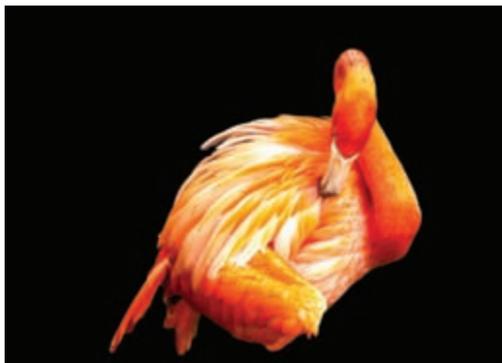
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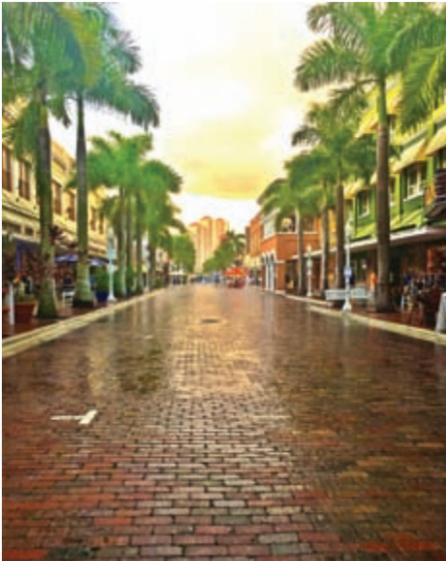
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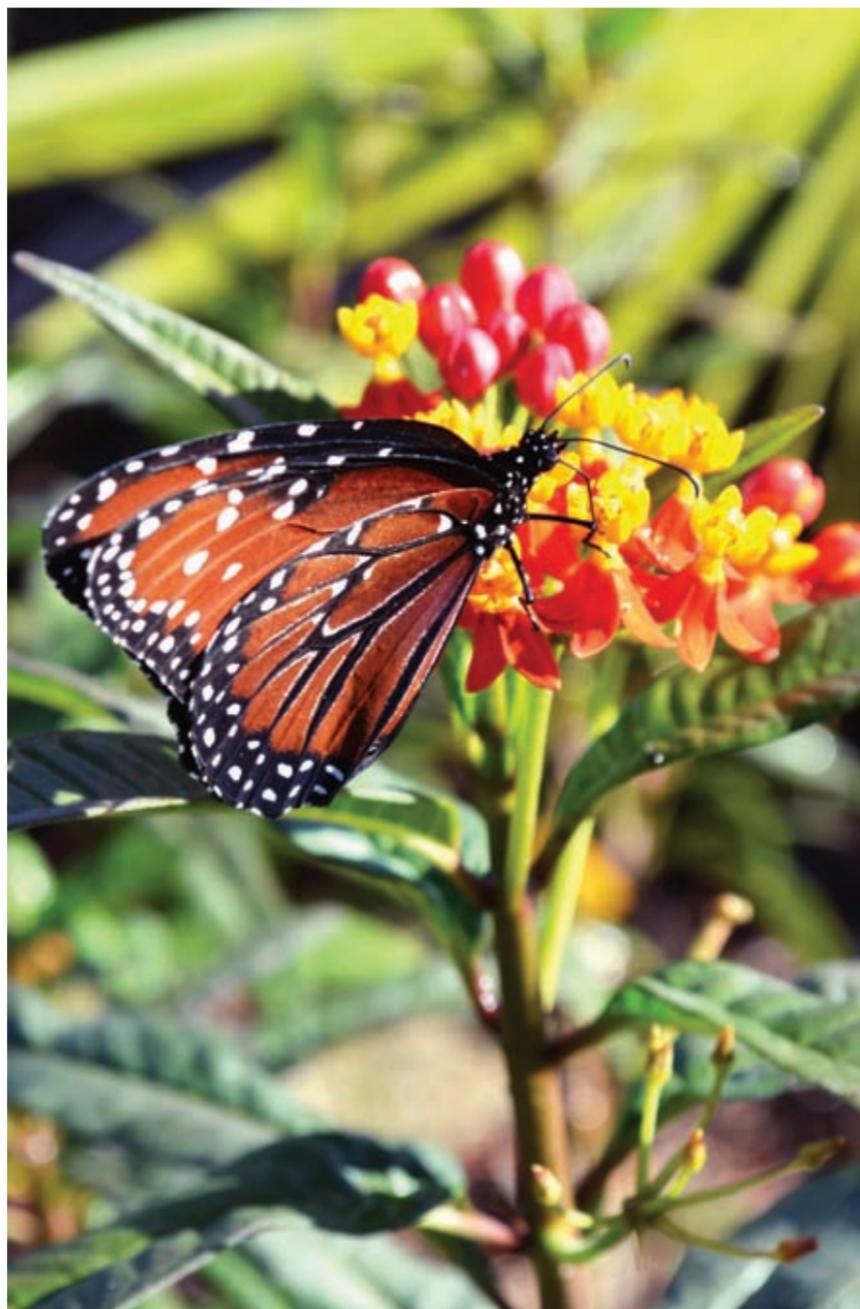
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“When driving into Arcadia from Peace River Campground I passed this place that had a yard FULL of bicycles and parts many times but I never saw the guy who lived there. On recent trips I was saddened to see all the bikes and parts were gone. Someone must have told the owner he had to clean it up or he moved or passed away. On my last trip I finally saw the bicycle man! He was working on a trike in his yard so I pulled over to photograph him. He was skeptical of me at first but after I explained the curiosity I had on so many passings he warmed up and gave me his blessing to make this picture. Long live the bicycle man.”



Naomi Raddatz

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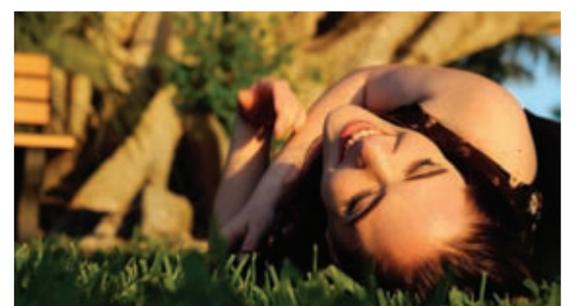
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Virtual fandom

The phenomenal Japanese singer Hatsune Miku (100 million YouTube hits) is coming off of a sold-out, 10-city North American concert tour with high-energy audiences (blocks-long lines to get in; raucous crowd participation; hefty souvenir sales), except that "she" isn't real. Hatsune Miku is a projected hologram on stage singing and dancing (but her band

is human), and her May show in Dallas, according to a *Dallas Observer* review, typically ignited frenzied fans who know the show's "every beat, outfit ... and glow stick color-change." Her voice, a synthesized "vocaloid," is crafted in pitch, timbre and timing to sound human. (The latest PlayStation brings Hatsune Miku into the home by virtual reality.)

The finer points of law

■ Make up your mind, feds: On Aug. 11, the federal government's Drug Enforcement Agency famously refused to soften the regulation of marijuana, leaving it (with heroin) as a harsh "Schedule I" drug because, citing Food and Drug Administration findings, it has "no medical use." However, as the Daily Caller pointed out, another federal agency — the Department of Health and Human Services — obtained a U.S. patent in 2003 for marijuana-derived cannabinoids, which HHS pointed out have several medical uses (as an antioxidant and for limiting neurologi-

cal damage following strokes).
■ Texas! In August, Houston defense lawyer Jerry Guerinot announced his retirement from death-penalty cases, leaving him with a perfect record (for that area of his practice): He lost every single time. Twenty-one clients received the death penalty, and 10 have been executed (so far). He made no excuses, pointing out that "gang members, serial killers and sociopaths" were entitled to representation, too, and that he has taken more than 500 noncapital cases to trial (with, presumably, more success).

Leading economic indicators

Suspicious confirmed: (1) A *New York Times* reporter, describing in June the rising prices of prescription pharmaceuticals, noted that a popular pain reliever (probably describing oxycodone) was available on the Paterson, N.J., black market for \$25 a pill, while heroin was going for \$2 a baggie. (2) The economic growth

rate in Ireland for 2015 was revised — upward — in July. Growth of its gross domestic product was originally estimated at 7.8 percent, but subsequently — adding the paper value of several "inversions" (U.S. companies "moving" to Ireland to reduce U.S. taxes) — Ireland found that it was actually growing at 26.7 percent.

Awesome

(1) Investigators revealed in July that an off-duty Aurora, Colo., sheriff's deputy had justifiably fired his gun to resist a parking lot mugging — and that, furthermore, one of the bullets from Deputy Jose Marquez's gun had gone straight into the barrel of one of the handguns pointed at him. The investigators called the shot

"one in a billion." (2) Matthew Lavin, 39, drew internet acclaim in July after he was gored through his left thigh while "running with the bulls" in the annual spectacle in Pamplona, Spain. Interviewed in his hospital bed by Madrid's *The Local*, he called it "the best time ever" and said he looked forward to another run next year.

Ironies

Gary Durham, 40, was shot to death during a heated road-rage incident in Plant City on Aug. 10. Durham had served 10 years in prison after an aggressive road-rage episode in 2001 in which he

pursued another driver and knocked him to the ground, causing the man to hit his head, fatally, on the pavement. (Included in Durham's 2002 sentence was an order to take anger management classes.)

Wait, what?

■ The Borough Council of Pompton Lakes, N.J., was surprised to learn in June that, because of an existing local ordinance, dogs were not permitted in its brand-new Pompton Lakes dog park, created with great fanfare in an area of Hershfield Park. The council vowed to fix the problem. (2) In June, a police watchdog agency in Dublin, Ireland, asked officers ("gardai") across the country to try to carry out house raids at "reasonable hours" so that they do not disturb the occupants. (In one

complaint, gardai staged a 3:15 a.m. raid to search for evidence of stolen vehicle accessories.)

■ A 9-year-old girl named Irina won a contest in Berezniki, Russia, in August for letting mosquitos bite her more often than they bit other contestants. It is the signature event of the annual Russian Mosquito Festival, and her 43 hits were enough to earn her the title of "tastiest girl." The annual Great Texas Mosquito Festival in Clute, Texas (south of Houston), apparently has nothing comparable.

Least-competent criminals

Didn't think ahead: (1) In July, Joshua Jacobs, 30, accidentally knocked down a traffic sign at 12:45 a.m. in Vero Beach, and, spotting a sheriff's deputy, sped away. The deputy gave chase — especially, he said, given the fully-grown marijuana plant resting in the bed of the pickup. Jacobs was arrested. (2) Jeremy

Watts, 30, and Jessica Heady, 24, were charged with aggravated burglary (a PlayStation and other electronics from a man's home) in Clarksville, Tenn., in August. The pair had offered the haul to a Cash America Pawnshop, but did not realize that the home they had burglarized was the pawnshop manager's. ■

Naples Botanical Garden mourns the death of designer Made Wijaya

Naples Botanical Garden mourns the loss of longtime friend, collaborator and designer of the Marcia and L. Bates Lea Asian Garden, Made Wijaya. His vignettes of Asia through borders and history are a favorite of Garden guests and horticulturalists alike. His dedication to aesthetics and detail was unparalleled.

According to an Aug. 29 article in Australia's *Sydney World Herald*, Mr. Wijaya "died suddenly in Sydney, leaving the island he adopted in mourning. Only his closest friends had known he was sick."

The tropical garden designer was world-renowned for his work on hotels



WIJAYA

and personal properties such as David Bowie's on the island of Mustique. His style and flair, deeply infused with his love of Bali, Indonesia, became his signature and his mark on the world.

Mr. Wijaya's design of the Lea Asian Garden includes structures built entirely in Bali by Balinese workers and then shipped to Florida before being reassembled and rebuilt by those same workers.

"Made was one of the most complex and engaging people that I have met," says Brian Holley, executive director of the Garden. "He was acerbic and outrageous, a brilliant designer and commander-in-chief of his gardening guerrillas, a raconteur, stubborn and sometimes difficult, a wit that Noel Coward would have been jealous of and one of humanity's kindest souls. The world has truly lost a light with his passing."

Born Michael White, in Sydney, Australia, Mr. Wijaya arrived in Bali in 1973 in an oft-told story of jumping off a ship during a rainstorm. His accomplishments ranged from the design of wildly

romantic landscapes to authoring several books and columns, as well as being a skilled photographer, tennis player and Javanese and Balinese-style dancer.

His last visit to Naples Botanical Garden was in November 2015 for a meeting of the Garden's greatest minds to guide the next decade of growth. He also gave a standing-room-only lecture as part of the Lifelong Learning program titled "Theatrical Nature - My Life Creating Exotic Gardens in the Tropics."

His joie de vivre, larger than life persona and endless generosity will have a lasting influence on the Garden. He will be missed. ■

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what they do. Explore other complicated features of the U.S. and Florida electoral systems, including primaries, conventions, and single and multi-member districts. **Tickets are \$10.* Call (239) 489-8472 to reserve your place.**



Sep 21
The Changing Face of Nature at 10am

Critically acclaimed Sanibel author Charles Sobczak will provide a thoroughly entertaining, beautifully illustrated discussion on numerous birds, reptiles, and mammals that thrive throughout Southwest Florida. The author of three award-winning nature guides will describe how wildlife has found habitat in the least likely places, including accidental preserves like the Venice Audubon Rookery, Harn's Marsh, and more. **\$10 tickets are required* in advance by calling (239) 489-8472.**

Sep 20
Boost Your Electoral Knowledge

at 10am. While many know that the U.S. president

is actually chosen indirectly by an Electoral College, most know very little about this body. This lecture reveals the secrets of the Electoral College, including who its members are, how they are chosen, and



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Nonprofits can learn best practices from industry experts

From tips on board recruitment to learning how to position your organization as “the brand of choice,” Southwest Florida nonprofit leaders will receive industry best practices from business experts with the help of Hodges University’s Center for Nonprofit Excellence. Three workshops are on the calendar for September/

■ **“Board Recruitment and Engagement”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. Susan Suarez, CFRE, Suarez and Associates, and Debbie Mathews Finch, Mathews Finch Consulting Group, will discuss the best strategies for engaging board members in the priority work of boards: governance and

fundraising. The workshop will be held in the Stock Building, John White Community Room on the Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way.

■ **“The Brand Called You”** is set for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Mei-Mei Chan Kirk, former president of *The News-Press*, will discuss how to position and distinguish your nonprofit as the brand of choice. She will also explain how to increase influence, fulfill potential and make an even greater impact on the community. To conclude the workshop, she will provide a review of branding fundamentals and benefits, as well as focus on the participants and their own personal brands. The workshop will be

held in the Kleist Community Room on the Fort Myers campus, 4501 Colonial Blvd.

■ **“Nonprofit Governance and Fundraising”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22. Donna Gillroy, president of Gillroy + Associates Inc., will discuss the current construct on staff/governance roles and responsibilities best practices, voices of national experts on the millennial generation and demographic shifts in Collier and Lee counties that could influence participants’ thinking.

The workshop will be held in the Stock Building, John White Community Room on the Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way.

Registration is \$35 per workshop. Those who attend four workshops in each area (governance, operations or management) can earn a noncredit certificate in the topic area.

For a full list of upcoming workshops and to sign up for the above sessions, visit hodges.edu/cne. For more information, call the CNE at 598-6284 or email Marian Klink at cne@hodges.edu.



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Humane society receives \$800,000 bequest

Humane Society Naples has received an \$800,000 bequest from the estate of Nancy "Jill" Weinig. A resident of Naples for many years, Ms. Weinig did not have children of her own and her extended family was small. Because she was especially fond of small dogs, she wanted to do something in a meaningful way to help provide for their humane care.

Her attorney, Brad Rigor at Quarles & Brady LLP, says she chose to leave a portion of her estate to HSN because of its record for outstanding stewardship of its resources.

"We are profoundly grateful for compassionate donors like Jill Weinig who

include Humane Society Naples in their estate planning," HSN Executive Director Michael Simonik says. "Their thoughtfulness leaves a meaningful and lasting impact for Collier County's orphaned animals."

The mission of HSN is to shelter animals in times of need, locate life-long homes for them and to promote responsible pet ownership through education, legislation and sterilization. Founded in 1960, the no-kill, cage-free shelter has found forever homes for thousands of homeless pets. More than 500,000 people visit HSN's three locations each year. For more information, visit hsnaples.org. ■

Golden Gate continues its tradition of 9/11 commemorative service

The community of Golden Gate hosts "We Will Never Forget," a commemorative service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Golden Gate Government Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. This is the 12th year the community has hosted a service in remembrance of those who lost their lives to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America.

The Golden Gate High School JROTC Color Guard will present the flags, and the flag will be raised by the Collier County Sheriff's Office Color Guard. Band members from Golden Gate Middle School will perform patriotic selections. Golden Gate Middle School Principal Mason Clark will serve as master of ceremonies, and Pastor Paul Getter of Life Church will present the invocation and the benediction.

A memorial wreath sponsored by Legacy Options will be presented by VFW Post 7721 representatives and veterans J.B. and Dusty Holmes in remembrance of the victims of 9-11. A bell ceremony will be conducted by the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District in honor of first responders who lost their lives in the attacks. Mitchell Rogers will present taps.

Members of the GNFD and the Golden Gate Sheriff's Office will also be in attendance.

The public is invited to attend this special outdoor service, which will last approximately 30 minutes. Limited seating will be provided; attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

For more information, call 353-1687 or go to goldengateisgreat.com. ■

Nonprofits invited to exhibit at second annual volunteer expo

Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to register for the second annual "Get Involved Collier! Volunteer Expo" set for 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Hilton Naples. Organizations with volunteer needs can register for an exhibitor table by Sept. 30. Sixty booths will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sponsored by the Leadership Collier Foundation in coordination with United Way of Collier County, the Community

Foundation of Collier County and Greater Naples Leadership, the expo brings individuals who want to volunteer together with various organizations that need their time and talents. Guests are invited to network with representatives from the organizations, learn more about their missions and assess what might be a good fit for their time investment.

Exhibitor tables for \$75 can be reserved at napleschamber.org/events. ■

Lose your fear of public speaking with class at the Sugden

Due to the popularity of this summer's class in public speaking, the Education Department of The Naples Players is holding another session this fall. The class will meet from 7-10 p.m. for eight consecutive Tuesdays, Sept. 20-Nov. 8.

In addition to a variety of weekly on-your-feet exercises, instructor Randall Kenneth Jones has included a book club segment in which the group will explore "Ted Talks" by Chris Anderson. The curriculum will also include lessons learned from Mr. Jones's time spent with high-profile public speaking personalities such as Erin Brockovich, Barbara Corcoran, Jeffrey Hayzlett, Suze Orman, Bob Orr, Peggy Post and Peter Thomas.

A familiar face to Sugden Commu-

nity Theatre audiences, Mr. Jones is an author, actor, motivational speaker, business columnist and marketing/PR consultant. His book about personal and professional development, "Show Me," is set for release Nov. 15.

Committed to the ongoing education for everyone in the community, The Naples Players also offers classes in acting and improv, direction, playwriting, stage combat, tap, burlesque, qi-gong relaxation movement and technical courses in painting, sewing, props, sound design and stage management.

Registration for the public speaking class is \$250 (\$210 for members of TNP and \$200 for TNP working members). Participation also requires purchase of "Ted Talks."

To sign up or for more information, call Dolores Fetters at the Sugden Community Theatre, 434-7340, ext. 100. For general information about the class, call Mr. Jones at (571) 238-4572. ■



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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. At the Sept. 1 meeting, guest speaker Dennis Giardina, Everglades regional biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will discuss his part in the odyssey to find Florida's "lost orchids" and bring them back to reestablish the in the Everglades and Big Cypress Basin. 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.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Sept. 3 and 17. Members are asked to bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald's. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Sept. 6. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ The **San Marco Knights of Columbus Council #6344** meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Parish Center at 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island. Membership is open to all Catholic men. The Knights sponsor bingo games, spaghetti dinners and Friday night fish dinners with the money collected helping out various charitable organizations in the community. The next meeting is Sept. 6. For more information, call John Caltabiano at 642-9840 or visit marcoknights.com.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** welcomes staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations who want to learn more about using technology to advance their mission and their community engagement and fundraising efforts. Meetings are held from 6-8 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way, Naples. Admission is free, and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested and can be made by emailing birgit.pauli@gmail.com. Here's what's planned for upcoming meetings:

Sept. 6: Spreading Ideas on Facebook - Learn about tagging, Facebook Groups, and Facebook Live to build community, get more likes and drive people to your website.

Oct. 4: #GivingTuesday - A branding expert will talk about easy ways to preserve brands in social media graphics. Members kick-off #SWFLGives, a

Tech4Good SWFL initiative supporting local organizations participating in #GivingTuesday.

Nov. 1: Blogging and Editorial Calendar - Learn how blogging can help nonprofits stay competitive in online outreach efforts. Tips for organizing an editorial calendar for your blog will also be offered.

Dec. 6: Show Off Your Tech Tools - At this crowdsourced event, participants will have up to five minutes to share one tool they use that is valuable to their nonprofit communication, fundraising and/or community management life.

Jan. 3: How to Reach More People Via Live Video - Discussion of our own Tech4Good SWFL live streaming experiences, various tools utilized such as Periscope and Google Hangout, equipment and process.

For more information about the club, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

■ 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 Sept. 7. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples MacFriends User Group** has hundreds of members who share a passion for all thing Apple and who love to learn from one another. Weekly meetings are open to all, free of charge, and take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is Sept. 7. For more information, visit naplesmug.com.

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

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

For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eal1067.com.

■ 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.

■ The **Paradise Coast Paddlers Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the North Collier Government Center, 3550

Orange Blossom Drive. The next meeting is Sept. 7. Members also get together to paddle at 9 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month. The next paddle is Sept. 18. All are welcome. For more information, visit meetup.com/Naples-Marco-Island-Paradise-Coast-Paddlers-Club. Michael Develin is president of the club.

■ Are you new to Naples and interested in making friends? Consider joining the **Naples Newcomers Club**. Lunch meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 8. In addition, members get together to explore Naples through a variety of activities and also enjoy a variety of interests from books to bridge to gourmet cooking. For more information, visit naplesnewcomersnorth.com.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Sept. 8. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **DPI-SIG Naples Digital Photography Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive. The next meeting is Sept. 8. Meetings are open to the public, and all levels of photographers are welcome. For more information, visit dpi-sig.org.

■ 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.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Options Thrift Shoppe, which benefits The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, will present models wearing selections from the store. Vocalist Ann Dickout will perform, and guest speaker Ann Combs will share tips for decision-making. Cost is \$28. RSVP by calling 514-2207 or emailing cwcnaples@gmail.com.

■ **Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae** in Southwest Florida are invited to lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month from June-October at Brio in Waterside Shops. The next lunch is Sept. 12. For reservations or more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Sept. 14, at a new location: 1455 Pine Ridge Road (in October the club will return to its regular second Thursday of the month meeting). The meeting's topic, "Health Issues of Orchids," will address pests, fungus problems, viruses and other diseases/maladies that affect orchids in Southwest Florida's rainy season. All are welcome. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is Sept. 15. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ The **PCBUG computer and technology club** invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to its regular meetings at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is Sept. 15. For more information call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email paddyeb@hotmail.com.

■ The **Naples base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 19. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ The **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 Sept. 22. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month October-June at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. The next meeting is Oct. 11. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call Madonna Crame at 455-7295 or visit thegscc.org.

■ **Sigma Chi alumna** meet for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for others. Visit naplessigs.com for more information. ■

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voices to advocate, educate, mentor and help others in need of mental health and substance abuse services:

■ **Polly Whiting, Youth Prevention Volunteer** - As a teacher at Lely High School, Ms. Whiting helps guide more than 50 children to commit to a substance free lifestyle in her role as a Drug Free Collier CORE Club advisor. She also volunteers in the recovery community, spreading hope to individuals in the Collier County jail and area hospitals and treatment centers.



WHITING

■ **Sgt. Leslie Weidenhammer, Crisis Intervention Referral Partner** - Stg. Weidenhammer serves as a Crisis Intervention Team Trainer and coordinator of the Mental Health Unit for the Collier County Sheriff's Office. She is also a member of the Collier County Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Court Teams. In these capacities she tirelessly and passionately invests her time to support individuals in crisis with a mental illness and/or substance abuse problem who intercept with law enforcement. In addition, she serves as a volunteer board member for National Alliance on Mental Illness, where she also works in NAMI youth programs. A steadfast mental health advocate, she conveys the message of help, hope and recovery in all that she does.



WEIDENHAMMER

■ **Retired EMS Chief Walter Kopka, Outreach and Treatment Partner** - Prior to his recent retirement after an accomplished 30-year career with Emergency Medical Services, Chief Kopka was dedicated to helping individuals who experience emergencies related to substance use impairment and overdose. He partnered with CCSO and DLC to help individuals find treatment in the wake of narcotics-related arrests and was a staunch supporter of Drug Free Collier's task force on heroin overdose.



KOPKA

■ **David Lawrence Center Young Executives, Outreach and Fundraising Partner** - Since forming as this group in 2010, the younger generation of mental health and substance abuse advocates has hosted many fundraising events, volunteered their time to help with DLC campus improvements and collected wish list items such as art therapy supplies, hygiene products and clothing for DLC clients. Through these efforts, they have made significant financial contributions, spread awareness and made a noticeable impact in our community and among those DLC serves.



■ **Terry Cox, Recovery Community Volunteer** - With more than 10 years of sobriety, Mr. Cox has invested countless hours being a positive influence to others facing addiction and spreading the message that recovery is possible. He is a member of the David Lawrence Center Alumni Association and past participant in the Collier County Drug Court program. He volunteers in a variety of local and district leadership capacities throughout the 12-step recovery community. Mr. Cox will also share the story of his personal journey through recovery at the dinner.



COX

All are welcome

The Recovery Month awards evening includes education and awareness community partner tables during the reception, entertainment, dinner, a raffle and the awards ceremony. Confirmed education and awareness community partner tables to date include: NAMI, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Drug Free Collier, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Sovereign Health, Hazelden Betty Ford, St. Matthew's House, Justin's Place, CCSO, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, Valerie's House, Max Flex Fitness and Gulf Coast Runners.

Sponsors to date include the David Lawrence Center Alumni Association, St. Matthew's House, Hazelden Betty Ford, Genoa and Sovereign Health.

Sponsorships and donations help ensure the event is able to remain free for those who attend. Donations are appreciated and will be accepted at the event or in advance by calling 354-1434 or donating online at DavidLawrenceCenter.org. To make a reservation, visit DavidLawrenceCenter.org or email the names of your guests to Sue Weber at SueW@dclmhc.com.

DLC is the Southwest Florida-based, nonprofit provider of behavioral health solutions dedicated to inspiring and creating life-changing wellness for every individual. The center provides innovative, comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, residential and community based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges.

DLC operates eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 50,000 people each year. For more information about the center and its programs and services, call 455-8500 or visit DavidLawrenceCenter.org. ■



in the know

Recovery Month awards evening

- >> **Who:** The David Lawrence Center and community partners
- >> **What:** A celebration of those whose outstanding efforts support the local recovery community
- >> **When:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22
- >> **Where:** New Hope Community Center, 7676 Davis Blvd.
- >> **Cost:** Attendance is free; donations welcome
- >> **Info:** Email Sue Weber at suew@dclmhc.com

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Rock star cars are rock stars at Pebble Beach



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The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is the Super Bowl for classic cars. Only the top contenders get the opportunity to part the Sunday morning fog for one day of competition with all of the (automotive) world watching.

For the golfers reading this, it might seem like a dream come true being able to walk along the hallowed 18th fairway in front of The Lodge at Pebble Beach, Calif. But make no mistake, there is no room to practice swings or putt around. The course's signature hole is transformed into rows of automotive excellence that arrive at dawn and leave before dusk.

Often participants have spent hundreds of thousands (if not millions) of dollars just to get their vehicles ready for this one-day event. Any car invited is already exceptionally rare, and the goal when they are presented here is to be just as they were the day each left the coachbuilder many decades ago. If this seems like a near-impossible task with overblown budgets, just know that there is something magical about the grass in Pebble Beach.

Just parking a car on this lawn is an honor that follows the vehicle the rest of its life. It is the kind of legendary status that will increase the value of any entrant, but this is not a financial show. For the level of outlay it takes to be a Pebble-worthy car, it would be wiser to invest money in typewriters than try to make a profit on one of these classics.

The exception to that might be the Best in Show winner. This year the top honor went to a 1936 Lancia Astura with a body built by Pinin Farina. For those who don't follow automobiles, just know that one of the previous owners was rocker Eric Clapton. He called this car, "The most fun I've had off stage and out of bed."

But the reason to go to Pebble Beach is because some of the most interesting cars don't win awards, and their stories never get told beyond the lawn.

For example, the Lancia was not the only rock 'n' roll car on display. This was also the re-debut of Elvis Presley's 1957 BMW 507 Roadster. It was leased to the mega celebrity while he was in military service in Germany. The car was painted red soon after Presley took possession because he found that there were too many female fans leaving lipstick messages on the BMW's white body. The car was kept in private hands for nearly 50 years after Elvis was done with it. It has since been re-purchased by BMW and restored to its original white roadster condition.

Or for those who like the pure car stories, one of Ferrari's most celebrated stylists was Giotto Bizzarrini, who was known for his long, flowing designs. This year's concours celebrated some of his best work, though one car looked a bit out of place. Among the long and



Ferrari designer Giotto Bizzarrini's first car, completed while he was in art school.

low sports cars was a bright blue bubble car, and it was more significant than any of the quarter-million dollar classics in that class. This was Bizzarrini's first car that was completed while still in art school. He drove it to Ferrari's gates. Enzo Ferrari took one look at it and hired Bizzarrini on the spot.

Fans of American cars would have loved the special class celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ford GT40 beating the rest of the world at Le Mans. This racecar has a storied history that culminated with an unprecedented win in 1966 that had these high-performance Fords sweep the podium at the 24-hour endurance race. The Pebble Beach Concours was able to reunite the three winners a half-century later, joined by 13 others that represent the many different generations and variations of this world-champion.

That's the true beauty of this car show. It has the power and clout to bring the upper class of vintage cars around the globe into one place. But for those who can't make it to California to see these amazing classics, don't worry.

So much was invested in getting these cars to a certain caliber for Pebble Beach that they often make other appearances.

Like rock stars kicking off for the reunion tour, Pebble Beach is only the



Three Ford GT40s that raced at LeMans.



This 1957 BMW 507 was painted red when Elvis Presley owned it

beginning. Keep an eye out at some of the best car shows around the country, including Florida's Amelia Island this spring. ■



This 1936 Lancia Astura won Best of Show at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

Sheriff's deputies revs up patrols for aggressive driving

Aggressive driving is one of the most frequent driving complaints that CCSO receives from citizens. So far this year CCSO has received 3,425 such complaints from the public. A total of 5,440 aggressive driving complaints were received in 2015.

While the Collier County Sheriff's Office addresses the issue year-round, deputies are focusing on it in the form of a public safety initiative continuing through December.

Electronic signs at key intersections warn drivers that deputies are on the lookout in marked patrol units, unmarked patrol units and marked police motorcycles — all using radar and laser speed-measuring devices. The focus is on corridors identified by data as being high-volume crash areas, especially during the morning and after-work drive times on weekdays.

The number of traffic deaths in Collier County is up 10 percent so far this year compared to the same period in 2015. There have been 19 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 22 traffic deaths during the first half of 2016, compared to 17 fatal crashes resulting in 20 traffic deaths over the same period in 2015.

Since Jan. 1 this year there have been 42 aggressive driving-related crashes. There were a total of 60 aggressive driving-related crashes in 2015.

If you find yourself on the road with an aggressive driver, try to get out of the way safely. Avoid eye contact, ignore any gestures and do not attempt to catch up to them.

Here are some of the spots where deputies will be posted in the week ahead:

- Monday, Sept. 5**
Vanderbilt Beach Road and U.S. 41 North: Speeding
Piper Boulevard: Aggressive driving
Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Charlemagne Boulevard: Speeding
- Tuesday, Sept. 6**
Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary School: Speeding
Santa Barbara and Devonshire boulevards: Aggressive driving
White Boulevard and 39th Street S.W.: Aggressive driving
- Wednesday, Sept. 7**
Creekside Boulevard and Goodlette-Frank Road: Aggressive driving
Osceola Trail at Osceola Elementary School: Speeding
Immokalee Road and Winterview Drive: Aggressive driving
- Thursday, Sept. 8**
Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Red-light running
Naples Boulevard: Speeding
Collier Boulevard and Mission Hills Drive: Speeding
- Friday, Sept. 9**
Airport-Pulling Road and Rustic Oak Circle: Red-light running
Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Aggressive driving
Orange Blossom Drive and Yarberry Lane: Aggressive driving ■



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HEALTHY LIVING



DLC offers free help for parents facing challenges

Parents of children of all ages can benefit from two free programs being offered this fall by the David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families.

"Parenting Today" is a video and discussion-based series that provides tools to assist parents of youngsters ages 5-12 with improving communication, stimulating independence, teaching responsibility and disciplining in ways that work. Six sessions will meet from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 5.

"Parenting Teens" provides tools for parents of adolescents ages 13-18 who present behavioral challenges. Program participants receive education on preventing and intervening in the child's negative choices, addressing problematic behavior, changing destructive behavior, rebuilding family relationships and identifying and understanding issues of drug use, violence and sexuality. Six sessions will meet from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays beginning Oct. 6.

If enough interest is expressed, each course will also be presented in Spanish.

Sessions meet at the DLC satellite services office at 2806 Horseshoe Drive. For more information or to sign up, call 263-4013. ■



As summer wanes, the danger of heat stroke doesn't

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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It's late summer in Southwest Florida, which means as temps continue to soar, so do incidents of heat exhaustion and stroke. Lee Memorial Hospital has seen a 48 percent increase in heat-related admissions this summer over the last year. Physicians Regional Healthcare System also reports higher than usual heat-related admissions.

"I had two patients in one day suffering from heat issues, one of whom was admitted with muscle breakdown and kidney failure," says Dr. James Roach, an emergency physician at Physicians Regional's Pine Ridge Road hospital. With extreme temperatures and high humidity, dehydration is common, he adds. "It leads to muscle cramps, irritability and elevated core body temperature. In moderate to severe heat conditions, patients have dry-mouth, and for children, they do not produce tears."

Dr. Jeffrey Panozzo, chair of emergency medicine at Naples Community Hospital, reported that heat-related admissions didn't seem to be too out of the ordinary through the summer but ticked up a bit as August came to a close.

"I think hospitals in general underreport heat related injuries," Dr. Panozzo says, adding physicians might code it as dehydration, syncope (fainting) or rhabdomyolysis (muscle breakdown).

Hospital officials say local cases have ranged the full gamut of heat-related syndromes, from muscle cramps to heat exhaustion and stroke. While mild forms of the condition are easily treated with fluids and electrolytes, heat stroke can fatally damage a person's vital organs and muscle tissue.

"There is a high likelihood of death if a patient with heat stroke does not receive treatment," Dr. Lawrence, an emergency medicine physician at Lee Memorial's Gulf Coast Medical Center in south Fort Myers, says. Even with treatment, he adds, there is an approximately 10 percent mortality with true heat stroke.

"The long-term consequences — even with treatment — can be renal failure, brain injury, liver damage and lung injuries. Some of these injuries are reversible," Dr. Lawrence says.

Though certain populations, including children under the age of 4 and adults over 65, are more at risk, admissions to



local emergency rooms seems to divide between levels of activity, he says.

"Younger, healthier patients tend to get heat stroke from exerting themselves, typically through hard labor or exercising," Dr. Chantelle Dufresne, an emergency medicine physician at Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach, says. "In elderly or debilitated patients, they are usually somewhere where it is hot outside or the a/c is broken and they are poorly nourished."



DUFRESNE

Florida, like the rest of the country, is setting records for high temperatures this summer. Seven cities, including Tampa and Fort Lauderdale, experienced the hottest July on record last month.

Heat exhaustion can often be treated without an emergency room visit, but a person who has an elevated body temperature or is disoriented should make the trip, Dr. Dufresne says. "It is something to take seriously, and it is better to be safe."

While it's common knowledge that drinking water is an essential component of summer safety, most people don't know that maintaining their electrolyte levels is just as crucial to avoiding heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Sweating sheds salts including sodium and potassium, and low levels of either can cause seizures. Water is simply not enough if you are working or exercising outside for extended periods

of time.

"Drinking too much plain water will hydrate you, but can lower your sodium level," Dr. Isaacs says. "This is why sports drinks are better than plain old water if you're going to be very active in hot weather. They contain water and electrolytes."



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People who are admitted to the emergency room with a heat-related illness will be cooled down immediately with cold intravenous fluids and ice packs, or possibly an ice bath in severe cases. From there, doctors will address any internal damage overheating may have caused.

To be safe as summer wanes but the heat and humidity don't, be on the lookout for dark-colored urine, dizziness, fainting, headache, muscle or abdominal cramps, gastrointestinal upset, profuse sweating and a rapid heartbeat. Once noted, a person should drink lots of fluid, remove tight clothing, take a cool shower and sit near fans or apply cool towels. If symptoms persist for longer than 15 measures, go to the hospital.

"Take frequent breaks out of severe heat. Be diligent with hydration — drink plenty of water," Dr. Roach at Physicians Regional says. "Finally, remember not to leave children in locked cars — even for a short time." ■



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NCH nurses embark again on path toward excellence



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Nursing excellence at NCH is a core value and a critical competence for our 98,000 emergency room visits and 40,000 inpatient and outpatient encounters.

Under the guidance of Associate Chief Nursing Officer Ilia Echevarria, we recently submitted our 650-page document for reaccreditation of the Pathway to Excellence to validate our nursing processes.

NCH first earned the Pathway accreditation three years ago and is one of only 10 hospitals in Florida to hold the designation; there are 139 Pathway-designated hospitals nationwide. The Pathway designation is also a milestone on the journey to Magnet Status.

Magnet Status hospitals have objectively proven better outcomes, improved patient satisfaction, higher levels of professionalism, superior inter-professional teamwork, better retention and more engaged colleagues. All these factors are associated with nurses having higher levels of education.

Florida has only 23 Magnet Status hospitals, with the closest in Sarasota. NCH is pursuing Magnet Status with a goal of document submission in 2017.

Elevating professional standards and clinical competency provides the highest quality of patient care, which ultimately leads to the best outcomes. With

that in mind, our clinical team has:

- Established targets for the advancement of nursing in a Nursing Strategic Plan.

- Promoted nursing autonomy through an established Professional Practice Model and Shared Decision-Making structure.

- Ensured a “voice” at the table with front-line staff nurse representation at Nursing Executive Council and the NCH board of trustees.

- Implemented various technology tools to facilitate workflow and patient care.

- Promoted interdisciplinary partnerships through committees and performance improvement initiatives.

■ Recognized nurses for their contributions through various award programs.

The Pathway to Excellence recertification process requires input and feedback from nurses through a confidential and anonymous survey. We encourage all fulltime, part-time, per diem, float, agency, direct and non-direct nurses to share their thoughts and opinions.

Also coming this fall: Nursing Peer Review, defined by the American Nurses Association as “a process by which practicing RNs systemically assess, monitor and make judgments about the quality of nursing care provided by peers as measured against professional standards of practice.”

Peer review focuses on professional growth and is not linked to compensation. It is always completed by a peer in the same role holding the same license. It is neither voluntary nor anonymous. Although many may be slightly uncomfortable at first, transparency is here to stay, and everyone improves as the patient benefits. Routine, timely feedback with the expectation of continuous improvement is very welcome in our learning culture.

Physicians are also evolving toward more vigorous peer review, which ultimately will be good for all concerned.

From Pathway to Magnet Status, NCH stands for “Nurses Care Here,” as we help everyone live longer, happier and healthier lives. ■

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

Feeling depressed? Weekly support group can help

Have you been feeling really sad, tired and worried for more than a few days? If yes, you could have depression. This is not a character flaw or a sign of personal weakness. You can't yourself well by trying to “snap out of it” or “lighten up.”

The depression support group offered by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida welcomes anyone who is suffering from this very real mental illness. The group meets from

10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday at 2335 Tamiami Trail.

Support groups provide mutual acceptance and understanding and help facilitate self-discovery. They also give people the opportunity to benefit from the experiences of those who have been or are in the same shoes.

Common symptoms of depression include: loss of enjoyment, restlessness and poor nighttime sleep, overeating or loss of appetite, forgetfulness, wanting

to stay in bed all the time, unexplained feelings of anger or fear, general aches and pains that don't go away, no sexual energy, lack of focus and no interest in socializing.

Talk to your doctor if you are experience any of the above symptoms. Depression is treatable and you can feel better. For more information about the support group, call 261-5405 or email info@mhaswfl.org. ■

Volunteers can help Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. is looking for volunteers in the following areas: public relations, finance, educational and social activities, the annual walk and general office duties. Volunteer orientation sessions take place at 3:30 p.m. on the last

Monday of every month. The next session is Sept. 26.

PASFI also holds weekly speech therapy classes starting at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday. Two support groups meet at 10:30 a.m. following the therapy: one for people with PD and a separate one for

their caregivers.

Volunteer training, speech therapy classes and the support groups all meet at PASFI headquarters at 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road, Suite 201. For more information, call 417-3465 or email pasfi@aol.com. ■

Discover yourself during six-week spiritual intensive

Registration is under way for the next spiritual intensive meditation program based on the teachings of Eckhart Tolle. Weekly meetings for “Discovering Your True Self” will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Cost is \$35 for

the six weeks.

Sign up at EventBrite.com or send a check or money order (made payable to Donna Carty, 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34110).

The spiritual intensive aligns with the Southwest Florida Blue Zones Initiative Power of 9 Principles (No. 3: Down

Shift). Each session begins with a meditation guided by Naples resident Linda Allen, a longtime student of Mr. Tolle and a facilitator of his teachings.

Participation is limited to the first 50 people who sign up by Sept. 30. For more information, call Ms. Carty at 784-7734 or email journeytopresence@gmail.com. ■

YMCA will host second annual diabetes conference

The second annual Naples Diabetes Conference is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Greater Naples YMCA. The event is a collaboration of the Y with the Naples-based Help a Diabetic Child Foundation and the Health Care Network of Southwest Florida. The NCH Healthcare System, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida,

the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Florida Diabetes Institute, University of South Florida Diabetes Center and the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation are partners this year.

Organizers are seeking corporate supporters and vendors to help offset the costs of putting on the conference.

Attendance is open to the general public as well as health-care professionals. Breakout sessions and continuing education credits will be available. Tickets start at \$10 (need-based scholarships available). Reservations can be made at eventbrite.com (search for Naples diabetes). ■

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PET TALES

Longhaired pets require extra care to maintain their luxurious locks

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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From the Maltese to the Afghan hound, the Persian to the Maine coon, longhaired dogs and cats have a reputation for beauty and style. Their glamorous appearance comes at a price, though: That gorgeous coat can be a beast to care for. If you've fallen for a pet with long locks, we've gathered some tips to help you keep that coat stunning, healthy and tangle-free.

First, the bad news: There's no secret shortcut to caring for a long coat. It takes time and devotion. You're ahead of the game, though, if you groom it on a regular basis. When a longhaired pet's coat is neglected, the result is painful mats and tangles. Nobody wants that.

Grooming needs depend on the type of coat a dog or cat has, as well as its length. Longhaired pets may have a single coat or a double coat (one with a top coat and an under layer). They may have feathering (longer hair on the ears, chest, legs and tail); thick, fine, silky hair; or ruffs, britches or pantaloons. Double-coated pets typically shed more than single-coated pets.

Gather the right equipment. A pin brush moves smoothly through long hair and feathering. A bristle brush removes loose hair and dirt and polishes the coat. A wide-tooth comb removes downy undercoat. The curved wire pins of a slicker brush remove mats, loose hair and any flotsam and jetsam your dog picks up on a walk. Dogs with thick double coats may



The frequency of grooming a longhaired pet ranges from daily to weekly.

benefit from a session with an undercoat rake, especially during shedding season. If possible, ask a breeder or a professional groomer about the correct grooming tools and techniques to use.

Keep the face clean. Dogs with beards, mustaches and eyebrows (known as furnishings) lose their distinguished appearance if food is stuck in their fur. Comb out the furnishings after every meal to keep them looking nice.

Other trouble spots include the belly, the area where the legs meet the body (the "underarms") and the urogenital area. Many pets don't like having these areas touched (maybe they're ticklish). If you neglect them, though, these areas are most likely to develop mats and tangles. If you comb them before a problem starts, it will be a lot easier to accustom your pet to the attention.

Watch for a poopy butt. Every longhaired pet gets it at one time or another.

Get over the ick factor and check your pet's rear regularly to make sure no dingleberries are dangling from his fur. You may want to trim the area short to help keep it clean. Or have a professional groomer do a sanitary trim for a neater appearance.

Starting with a puppy? Practice for a few minutes every day. Even if your pup won't have his full coat for a year or two, he should learn now what to expect and how to stand nicely for it. You can gradually lengthen the amount of time you spend working on his coat.

Give extra care to aging or overweight longhaired pets. Cats, in particular, may have difficulty grooming themselves and need some additional attention.

Pay attention if your pet frequently bites or scratches at a specific area. On closer inspection, you may find a mat or tangle that needs attention. Be careful when trying to remove these. Severe mats may need professional attention.

When his coat is at its full glory, you should expect to groom your longhaired pet at least every other day. For some pets, daily attention is a must. If you have trained your dog or cat to enjoy grooming, the experience should be a bonding time for both of you. ■

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An open letter to Millennial women about addressing those of a certain age



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Dear Millennial Ladies:
I understand that you are in your 20s and early 30s and seen through your eyes I am, apparently, an elderly, feeble woman who somehow tugs at your heartstrings. Maybe it's because I remind you of your grandmother or the Sunday school teacher you had as a child. Maybe it's because at my advanced age, you're pretty sure that I'm close to death and you want to be gentle when you speak to me. I'm not sure. But, for about five years now, ever since I was in my mid-40s, you've been addressing me as "dear," "sweetheart," "sweetie" and the like.

It's not so much the unwelcome term of endearment that I take to task; it's the cloying way in which you say it.

Way back in olden times, when I was closer to your age, I would visit my Grandma in the nursing home. She was in her 80s, had suffered a stroke and was in the early stages of Alzheimer's. Often when the nurses would come in her room with her orange juice or her medication or what not, they would speak to her in this syrupy tone: "Well, hello, dear! It's time for your pill, sweetie." While I knew their intentions were good, I wanted to stand up, stomp my foot, and say, "My grandmother's name is Mrs. Davis, thank you very much!" I hated that they talked to Grandma as though she were a baby.

And, please, don't tell me you're allowed to call me "sweetheart" because you grew up in the South and "we all call each other that."

Yes, I've been known to call a girlfriend "honey" or "sugar" or "darlin'" — but these are women I love (or at least like a whole lot), and we're comfortable with each other. And the truth is, we don't usually use "dear" or "sweetheart" because they sound like endearments for a much older woman. And, besides, even much older women don't like it.

Listen, Millennial Girl at Macy's or

Starbucks or Bed, Bath & Beyond: I'm OK with "ma'am" and I'm even better with "miss." I remain the same age as Sarah Jessica Parker, Brooke Shields and Diane Lane. I don't need any help crossing the street, and I don't enjoy it when you call me "dear."

When I was in my late teens and early 20s and older men who were strangers called me "sweetie," I knew there was something wrong with it. I was young, but I wasn't their sweetie. It felt icky to have a stranger walk by and say something like, "Smile, sweetie." And while it's not the

same kind of icky, it still raises the hairs on the back of my neck when a young woman I've never met calls me "sweetie."

Weirdly, this subject can be almost as controversial as gun control and Donald Trump's raving tweets combined.

When I started a conversation about it on my Facebook page not long ago, it generated HUNDREDS of comments. For the most part, women despised being called any term of endearment by a stranger, with "dear" and "sweetie" being at the top of the hate list.

On the other hand, friends from the deep South (I'm looking at you in particular, Mississippi and Alabama) said they'd not only be insulted if a stranger called them something other than "darlin'", they ALWAYS call other ladies "dear" and "sweetheart" — unless, they said, they are addressing a woman 20 or more years older than them. Then it's always "ma'am" — because respect.

So that's all I'm asking, Millennial Ladies.

I remember bristling when I was around 30 and a teenage cashier at the Dollar Store called me "ma'am," but I got used to it. And just when I started accepting it, now I'm "sweetie." Sigh.

Thanks for listening. I'll be clipping this column so that 40 years from now, I can tape it to the door of my room at the nursing home.

Fondly,
Ma'am ■

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

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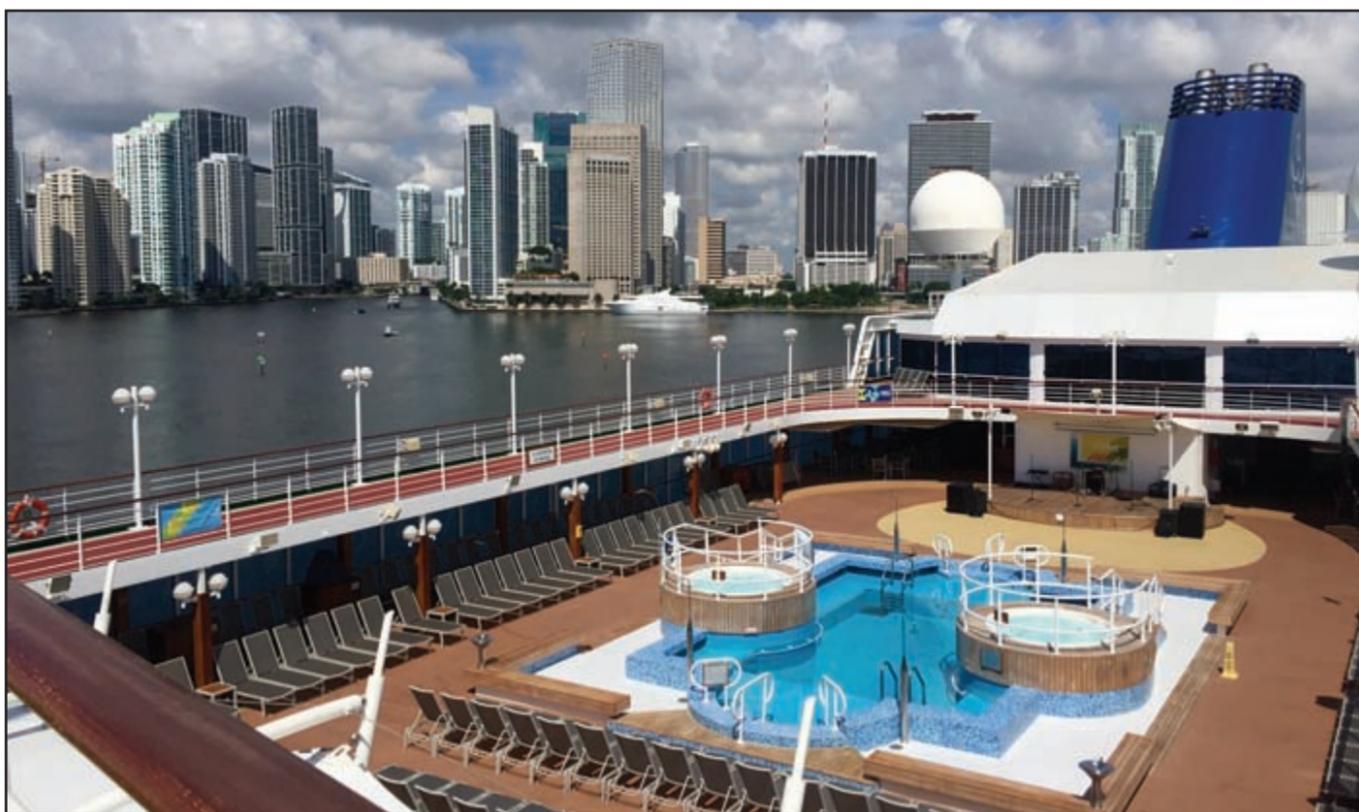
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Fathom’s Adonia cruise ship rests in Miami before sailing to Cuba in June.

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Cuba travel

Trips come with limits

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Although many see full-scale U.S. tourism in Cuba as an inevitability in the years to come, it is still prohibited by our government. But carefully planned visits for a dozen official reasons, including travel for general educational purposes, have opened the door to groups, individuals and even luxury cruise ships that

now take Americans to visit the storied island nation.

Travel agents in South Florida have had mixed success booking trips there since diplomatic ties were re-established last year for the first time in more than five decades.

On the one hand, they say, there is a pent-up desire for many to see Cuba



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CUBA

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after being shut out for so long, to see what travelers perceive as a more authentic version of the country before American tourism and business — if and when it's allowed — could transform the landscape with Cancún-style beach resorts and Starbucks.

Connie Moody, a senior travel consultant with Preferred Travel of Naples, went with a group of 24 people for a long weekend in January organized by the luxury and adventure travel company Abercrombie & Kent. She has also traveled to Cuba on the Fathom Cruise Line's Adonia, which is owned by Carnival. Both trips have price tags upwards of \$4,000.



MOODY

"My clients who are going and have gone with me are very experienced travelers," she said. "They've had a pent-up desire to go to Havana and they're willing to accept some of the regulations to have that experience before it gets too touristy. We're all selling Cuba in my office."

On the other hand, U.S. travelers are forced to stick to a set schedule of activities. The cost of trips is relatively high, and there are other inconveniences in a country with crumbling infrastructure. Internet service is spotty, and U.S. credit and debit cards don't yet work in Cuba, only cash.

Tour operators are required to keep records showing where they went and Americans accustomed to the freedom to go where they please or being ensconced day and night in lush resorts might be disappointed. Visitors at times forgo niceties like air conditioning or bottled water. The country's lack of polish also has its charms, such as the 1950s cars the island is known for.

"It's not going to be like going to Cancún," said David Dowrick, owner of The Travel Gallery based in Jupiter. "But I think people come back and they enjoy it as long as you go with the right frame of mind, you're not going to be able to just go off and lay on the beach and have a drink. That's not what it's about, not now at least, because tourism hasn't been approved."



DOWRICK

He also pointed out in an email, "These restrictions do not apply to Canadians or Europeans. About 1 million Canadians



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Christmas lights hang from an apartment above a typical street in Havana for the holidays.

visited Cuba last year, representing about 40 percent of all visitors."

Among the 12 categories of travel allowed for U.S. citizens are general activities for cultural and educational purposes usually referred to as "people-to-people" travel. According to the U.S. Embassy in Havana that means maintaining "a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities ... that will result in meaningful interaction between the traveler and individuals in Cuba."

Lynnette Lydic, a Fort Myers-based travel agent with Concierge Cruises, studied up on Cuba to sell trips on Fathom's Adonia after diplomacy thawed, but so far few clients have been interested.

"I really thought that it was going to pick up but there's still so many restrictions on it," she said. "A lot of people think it's a tourist thing and you can go and have a drink on the beach, and you can't, you have to stay with your group. The good thing about the travel, though, is the group is taking you to places that you want to see anyway."

Pamela White, a Port Charlotte-based agent with Time 2 Travel Agency, said clients who have inquired about a trip to Cuba decided not to go.

"Most of what I have seen personally is people are still waiting for those restrictions to let up. I have not had anyone who wants to go yet. They want to do their own thing, be able to hang out on the beach."



WHITE

Group tours

Travel Gallery owner Mr. Dowrick recommended going on a visit through an established tour operator instead of trying to plan your own "people-to-people" trip.

"A tour operator will take care of all the government paperwork for you, and solo travelers have reported spending a lot of time trying to find transportation, bottled water and facilities up to the standards we enjoy here in the states," he wrote in an email. "Tour operators have done the homework for you. They select the best hotels, restaurants and modes of transportation so

travelers can enjoy the cultural exchange." Another option that he calls "Cuba-lite" is to take Fathom's Adonia cruise ship on a seven-day tour.

Preferred Travel consultant Ms. Moody has experienced Cuba both on a group visit last January organized by a luxury travel company, and on the cruise.

The group tour left Southwest Florida on a Wednesday night and flew out of Miami on Thursday morning for a long weekend on the island, returning on Sunday afternoon.

"The accommodations, the food, the experience the group and I had in January, everybody said it far exceeded expectations," Ms. Moody said.

Among the authorized events on their schedule, they went to a farmers market, met artists, musicians and a professor of sociology from the University of Havana. They enjoyed meals at family-run restaurants and stayed at the historic art-deco Hotel Nacional de Cuba.

The cruise ship, which can hold 704 passengers, sailed from Miami and visited Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba.

"It's nice to have your ship be your floating hotel to come home to," she said.

Family visit

Those who go to Cuba to visit family have the chance to see a country that other U.S. citizens can't. Kristina Gear visited the island where her parents were born for the first time last December, meeting cousins, nieces and nephews.

On Christmas Eve they roasted a pig, drank Havana Club rum and, of course, played dominoes.

"We kind of wanted to go before things changed too much because I had never been and I wanted to see how it really was before the Americans got in," said Ms. Gear, who is herself an American, born in Naples. She works for Preferred Travel as assistant to the president.

Ms. Gear visited family both in Cotorro, outside Havana, and then in a town called Camajuani. The road trip to Camajuani was one example of why Cuba's infrastructure isn't yet ready for American tourism.

"I think the infrastructure will be the biggest obstacle, because it's very rough in a lot of areas," she said, including power outages, and lack of access to basics such as clothes, toiletries and drinking water. "And if people go to a country, they're going to want to wander throughout and driving was awful. The potholes are like sinkholes and you can't go very fast because you don't know when the next one's going to come."

She believes that potential American tourism and other investment in Cuba, while having some drawbacks, will raise the quality of life for her family and oth-

ers there. "Honestly, I think it would be really good for the people because they deserve to have what the rest of the world has," she said.

That appears to be happening little by little. For instance, major airlines were approved by the Transportation Department to start flights to Havana late this summer and in the fall from 10 U.S. cities, including Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Tampa. Approved airlines include Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and United.

"Today we take another important step toward delivering on President Obama's promise to re-engage Cuba," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in a press release in July.

Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) is not among the airports with major carriers offering flights to Cuba — at least initially.

"We applied and we wrote a letter and we didn't get it, but they're the bigger markets so we really weren't surprised by it," said Carol Obermeier, director of air service development at RSW. "We're going to be watching very closely how those scheduled carriers perform."

She added, "That's a lot of capacity going into Havana (José Martí International Airport) and it's a very small airport." ■

in the know

The 12 categories of travel to Cuba authorized by the U.S. government

Family visits; official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations; journalistic activity; professional research and professional meetings; educational activities; religious activities; public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions; support for the Cuban people; humanitarian projects; activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes; exportation, importation or transmission of information or informational materials; and certain authorized export transactions.

Visits for educational activities and support for the Cuban people include general trips called "people-to-people travel." What does that allow?

Travelers utilizing this general license must ensure they maintain a full-time schedule of educational exchange activities intended to enhance contact with the Cuban people, support civil society in Cuba, or promote the Cuban people's independence from Cuban authorities, and that will result in meaningful interaction between the traveler and individuals in Cuba ... In addition, persons relying upon this authorization must retain records related to the authorized travel transactions, including records demonstrating a full-time schedule of authorized activities.

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As a small-business owner, I know the desire to take on and beat your larger competitors. It is that drive that creates innovation and is one of the key principals of capitalism. However, there is a time when a business should let a sleeping giant lie. And unfortunately for the shareholders of Dollar General, the company is now paying the price for attempting to take on the behemoth of the retail world, Walmart.

Dollar General was founded in 1939 in Kentucky with the concept that no item in the store would cost more than \$1. The company now owns over 12,000 stores across 43 states. And the company has performed well. Since its IPO in 2009 (the company was taken private in 2007), its stock price rose from around \$20 a share to over \$95 last week. And while now many items in its stores cost more than \$1, the company still focuses on low-cost items for non-affluent consumers.

But during Dollar General's growth strategy over the last decade, it was forced to modify its strategy of operating stores in rural areas with very little competition. In order to expand, it had to move into suburban and metro areas where it would compete head on with grocery stores as well as Walmart. And



it competed well as Walmart was facing its own internal challenges and grocery stores were focused on Walmart entry into the grocery business.

But a couple of years ago, Walmart identified the Dollar General threat and moved to counter its competition. It renovated its stores, improved its supply chain and increased employee training. Most importantly, it used its huge cash hoards and dominance in the

market to lower prices in key areas like grocery in locations that border Dollar General stores.

We are now seeing the results of Dollar General's strategy of taking on Walmart and Walmart's response. Walmart recently posted its largest same-store sales growth in over four years. Dollar General's sales growth missed its targets by a wide margin. As a result, its stock plummeted almost 18 percent.

Regrettably for Dollar General, the future does not look brighter. Walmart has announced that it will continue to invest in its stores and people as well as roll out lower pricing in key locations. In addition, grocery chain Aldi has expanded, which will add further competition to a crowded market.

Of course, Dollar General is not standing still after its earnings and sales miss. But its reaction is to copy Walmart in lowering prices by 10 percent in certain categories. Its hope is to lure customers in the door with low prices in specific items and then get them to spend more on higher margin items.

I believe that Dollar General's strategy to regain its sales momentum is very risky.

First, it does not have the cash reserves or free cash flow to take on Walmart in a long-term price war.

Second, its customers are some of the lowest wage earners in the country. Many of these individuals still have not recovered from the recent recession and recently have seen food stamp benefits curtailed by the government. This is not the demographic that has large discretionary funds to buy high margin items.

For these reasons, even though the stock has pulled back from its recent high, I would be hesitant to buy DG stock. Until it can come up with a clear path to growth, I believe its earnings and revenue will continue to be under pressure as it battles the giants in the retail and grocery sectors. ■

ON THE MOVE

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Board Appointments

Kevin Barnhill, CTO of Smart Companies, and **James Sampel**, CIO of Alico, have been named to the board of directors of the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership. Mr. Sampel has been elected vice president. Other officers and board members are: **Marc Farron**, Kadima Consulting, president; **Deborah Johnson**, administrator of SWFRTP, secretary; and **Matt**

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Richard Botthof, vice chairman of The Naples Trust Company, has been appointed to the investment committee of the Florida SouthWestern State College Foundation.

Mr. Botthof brings 50 plus years of experience in the financial services industry to the committee that ensures the foundation's endowments and funds are invested for optimal long-term return. Mr. Botthof has managed client investments and trust relationships in The Naples Trust Company's Naples division since its inception in 2009. He was regional president of First Union for Southwest Florida and previously was president and CEO of Commerce National Bank. He co-founded The Regional Business Alliance of Southwest Florida and served as its executive director from 2004-08. His community engagement includes past board service with the Naples Philharmonic Center for Performing Arts, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the advisory council for the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University.



BOTTHOF

Dr. Corey Howard, a past president of the Collier County Medical Society, has been elected to a third term as speaker of the house for the Florida Medical Association House of Delegates, a 20,000-member organization representing Florida physicians. Dr. Howard presides over all FMA House of Delegates meetings and, in consultation with the FMA president, appoints a credentials committee and all reference committees. He is a member of the FMA Executive Committee and Board of Governors, chair of the FMA delegation to the American Medical Association and a board member of the FMA Political Action Committee.

Banking

Erica Vanover has been appointed senior vice president-private banker for the Naples market of Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust. She will work with executives; entrepreneurs; legal, medical and accounting professionals; high net worth individuals and families; foundations; and nonprofit organizations. Ms. Vanover has more than 15 years of experience in the banking industry, most recently with Regions Financial Corp. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of South Florida. A resident of Naples for more than 30 years, she serves on the executive committee for the March of Dimes and on the CREW Naples/Fort Myers board of directors.



VANOVER

New Location

Naples Soap Company is opening a new location at Coconut Point in Estero. Company founder and CEO Deanna Renda says a grand opening is set for Saturday, Sept. 3, for what is the company's second store opened this year and its first Simon Malls property. In addition to the new store and its flagship Naples store, Naples Soap Company has retail outlets in Fort Myers, Sanibel Island, Punta Gorda, Lakewood Ranch, Sarasota, Key West and Destin.

Professional Development

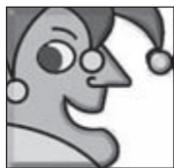
Julie Pedretti, director of development/marketing/PR and annual fund for NCH Healthcare System, has earned the designation of Accredited in Public Relations from the Public Relations Society of America. Ms. Pedretti has more than 25 years of experience in health care, financial services and state chamber marketing and public relations. She is treasurer of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and a member of the Rotary Club of Naples and the Naples Press Club. She also is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of its western Florida chapter.



PEDRETTI

Real Estate

Liz Lawrence, **Diane Neglio** and **Susan Smity** have joined the Bonita Springs office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty. ■



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Should You Reverse Your Mortgage?

If you need more income in retirement, consider a reverse mortgage. When you get a reverse mortgage, you collect a lump sum or regular payments based on the equity you have in your home. You don't have to pay back the loan until you die or stop living in your home. Income from a reverse mortgage is generally tax-free, too.

What are the downsides? Well, not everyone will qualify for one; you may not get as much income as you'd hoped for; and you'll face closing costs. The points and fees you'll face can be fairly high, and reverse mortgage interest rates can be higher than those for regular mortgages.

Having a reverse mortgage can mean your heirs don't get to inherit your home, unless they can cough up enough to repay the loan. Also, getting a reverse mortgage might affect your eligibility for certain benefits such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

The income you can expect from a reverse mortgage is determined by your home's value, your age and prevailing interest rates. Those 62 years old or older

with little or no debt stand to benefit the most. A reverse mortgage can also establish a line of credit that seniors may draw on whenever the need arises. It may cost more than a home equity loan, but it won't require monthly payments.

Reverse mortgages are generally not the best way to finance a retirement, but they can make sense for those without better options. Look into alternatives such as home equity loans. Or consider selling your home, moving to a less expensive dwelling, and investing and living off the difference.

Reverse mortgage programs vary widely in what they offer, so it's critical to shop around. Learn more at usa.gov/mortgages and consumerfinance.gov. Or read "Understanding Reverse Mortgages: Increase Your Cash Flow and Minimize Your Stress" by John Barlow (CreateSpace, \$13).

Don't sign up for a reverse mortgage without getting advice — from people who don't sell reverse mortgages. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Lights, Camera, Oops!

Having received the worst stock tip ever in the form of sage advice from a day trader, I sank \$2,000 into a U.S.-based Indian filmmaking company. You may be laughing already. Needless to say, the curry in my cabinet is now worth more than all the stock. I learned to be less gullible when it comes to snake oils and divining rods.

— M.Y., Atlanta

The Fool Responds: Your story is chock-full of lessons. For starters, filmmaking isn't necessarily a bad business — just ask Disney. But not all filmmaking companies are alike. You should want any company you invest in to have a proven track record of revenue and profits — and ideally for both of those to be growing.

Taking advice from a day trader is not usually advisable, as they practice short-term speculation instead of long-term investing, and though they may occasionally hit a home run, they typically get washed out.

You're right to now be skeptical of snake oils and divining rods — which usually pop up in the stock market in the form of penny stocks, priced at a few dollars or pennies per share. They're frequently hyped, with promises of imminent gold, or oil discoveries, or major medical breakthroughs. This sends their shares up, only to crash again, wiping out many naive investors.

For best results when investing, seek established companies whose businesses you understand well. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1837, when an Illinois blacksmith made a polished-steel plow. Today, I'm an agriculture, construction, turf and forestry equipment giant. I make everything from sugarcane harvesters to riding lawn mowers to log harvesters to articulated dump trucks to golf course equipment. In the past I've even built bicycles and homes — and during World War II, I made military tractors, ammunition, aircraft parts, and cargo and mobile laundry units, among other things. While losing money in the Great Depression, I carried indebted farmers, boosting loyalty. My market value recently topped \$25 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Deere & Co.) ■



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Ask the Fool

Underpriced Issues

Q What does it mean if an IPO is underpriced?

— K.V., Binghamton, New York

A Let's first review how an initial public offering (IPO), when a company first sells its stock on the open market, works. The company will generally hire an investment bank (such as Goldman Sachs or Morgan Stanley), which may then bring in other underwriters.

The upcoming IPO is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and a prospectus is issued, offering financial statements and information about the company's health and performance to the public and potential investors. The investment banks then woo big investors, generating interest in the company.

As the IPO date approaches, the company and the banks come to an agreement on how to price the shares. For example, imagine that they have decided to sell 10 percent of the company to the public in 100 million shares — reflecting a total share count of 1 billion shares. If they agree that the company is worth \$10 billion, then each share would be priced at \$10, and their 100-million-share offering would bring in \$1 billion for the company.

If the shares skyrocket on the IPO day, that suggests they were underpriced and could have generated more money for the company.

Q Which mutual funds pay shareholders the most?

— D.P., Adrian, Michigan

A Look for "income" funds, which invest chiefly in dividend-paying stocks or in interest-paying bonds. Other kinds of funds (such as "growth" or "value" ones) aim to reward shareholders mainly via stock price appreciation — though they may also feature some dividend or interest income.

To see high-quality, low-fee mutual funds we recommend, try our "Rule Your Retirement" newsletter for free at fool.com/shop/newsletters. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1724, when a publishing company I later acquired was founded. The organization with my current name was born in 1844 as a building company in England. Today, based in London, I'm the world's biggest education company, employing more than 35,000 people in more than 70 countries. I used to own The Financial Times and related publications, but sold that unit to a Japanese company last



year. I rake in close to \$6 billion annually. My products and services serve 75 million learners, and I'm aiming for 200 million in 10 years. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Marketplace Without Walls

E-commerce is one of the most promising industries around. Accounting for a modest 7.5 percent of all retail transactions in the United States, it has a lot of room for growth. Within the e-commerce world, eBay (Nasdaq: EBAY) has lagged industry leader Amazon.com in revenue growth over the past several years, but its stock has recently been reasonably priced and is worth consideration.

eBay sports fat net profit margins topping 20 percent in part because of its compelling business model: It operates a massive marketplace without walls or inventory or sales clerks. Better still, it's implementing multiple initiatives to accelerate growth, and its most recent financial report suggests that these moves are generating the desired results.

Sales growth is accelerating and profit margins are increasing. eBay has been improving its product inventory and giving more visibility to unique items on the platform. In addition, sellers are required to provide more and better product descriptions to improve the shopping experience. It's adding more name brands to its platform and is introducing new nooks, such as eBay Wine.

Meanwhile, management is educating sellers on inventory gaps and strategies to generate better rankings in search results. If eBay can deliver on accelerating growth, then its stock should offer plenty of upside potential for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool has recommended and owns shares of eBay and Amazon.com.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ A **Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit napleschamber.org.

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

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

■ Members and guests of the **Above Board Chamber** meet from 11:30 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, at the Hilton Naples. The program, "How to Get Discovered by the Media," will be a panel discussion of representatives of various local media outlets. \$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, Sept. 14, at the Hilton Naples. The morning's sponsor is The United Way of Collier County. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The next luncheon in the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's Power Networking** series takes place from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Artichoke &

Company, 11920 Saradrienne Lane. Steve Blount of Blount Law will discuss ways for small business owners to avoid common legal snags. \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for others. Sign up by Sept. 9 by calling 992-2943 or visiting bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ Members of the **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** meet for Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the SpeakEasy Marco Island, 1106 N. Collier Blvd. For more information, email Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Leadership Collier Class of 2017** kicks off with a reception from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Hyatt House Naples Fifth Avenue. Cost is \$30. Sign up by Sept. 16 at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual Excellence in Industry awards celebration from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$60 for member, \$85 for others. Sign up by Sept. 23 at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts its 49th annual meeting, installation of officers and awards presentations from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. The 40th annual Bonita Springs Citizen of the Year award will also be presented. For ticket or information about sponsorships, call 992-2943. ■

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

NETWORKING

MY Shower Door awash in kudos from Gov. Rick Scott



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4. Kyle Kitchens and Albert Dambrose
5. Clair Wright, Howard Wheeler, Gov. Scott and David Douglas
6. Jared White, Gov. Scott, Libbie Kruger, Cory Lavey, Jason Rybak, Douglas Daubmann, Tiffany Esposito, John Kozak, Bob Rozier and Mike Briers
7. Gov. Scott with Jessica Ryback and Jason Ryback
8. Brian Hamman and Cecil Pendergrass
9. Liz Larson, Gov. Scott and Jared Larson
10. Gov. Rick Scott addresses family, friends and employees of MY Shower Door

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Association honors Poteet for commercial achievements

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Naples Area Board of Realtors member Bill Poteet received the Florida Realtors Commercial Realtor Achievement Award at the Florida Association of Realtors annual convention and trade expo held in Orlando last week.

The award honors a Realtor's lifetime of contributions to commercial activities at the local, state, national and community levels.



POTEET

Mr. Poteet has served on numerous committees and in every leadership position for NABOR, including president. He is the 2016 chair of the RPAC committee and serves as Florida Realtors District 5 RPAC trustee, is chairman of the Realtor Party Forum and vice chair of the FAR Commercial Alliance Committee.

He has earned NABOR's Commercial Realtor Achievement Award, Realtor of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Humanitarian of the Year, Committee Member Spotlight Award and the Ad Miller Award, one of the top honors given for a lifetime of work toward ensuring private property rights.

He has been a key contact for State Rep. Matt Hudson and is a Sterling R investor in RPAC.

On the national level, he is a member of the National Association of Realtors committee on Land Use, Property Rights and the Environment, and also serves on the NAR Commercial Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee.

In the community, he chairs the Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Committee, which has acquired more than \$104 million in environmentally sensitive properties for public use and protection, and is a member of the Collier County Value Adjustment Board. He also serves on the board of directors for the Golden Gate Area Civic Association and for the Junior Deputy League of Collier County, a youth program serving mostly elementary school age students. He also serves on the executive board for the Southwest Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America and on the Greater Naples Better Government Committee. ■



House Hunting

3278 Runaway Lane

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Recently completed in Runaway Bay at Fiddler's Creek, this open concept plan is a light-filled beauty designed to maximize the fabulous setting. There's a private dock to enjoy fishing and boating, plus an expansive colonnade-style pool with outdoor kitchen that has views over the water to the preserve. There is a bonus room in addition to four bedrooms and four full bathrooms. Custom moldings, wood and tile flooring, tray ceilings, impact glass, a dream kitchen with gas cooking and a three-car garage are just some of the features. Fiddler's Creek is an award-winning community celebrated for its resort-inspired lifestyle and a host of amenities.

Michelle Thomas of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$1,295,000. For more information, call 860-7176 or email michelle.thomas@sothebysrealty.com. ■



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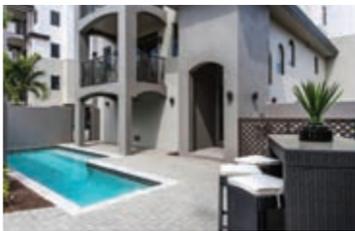
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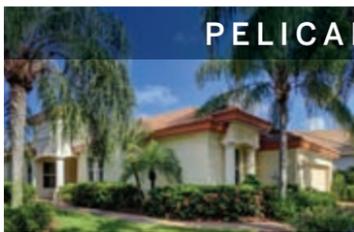
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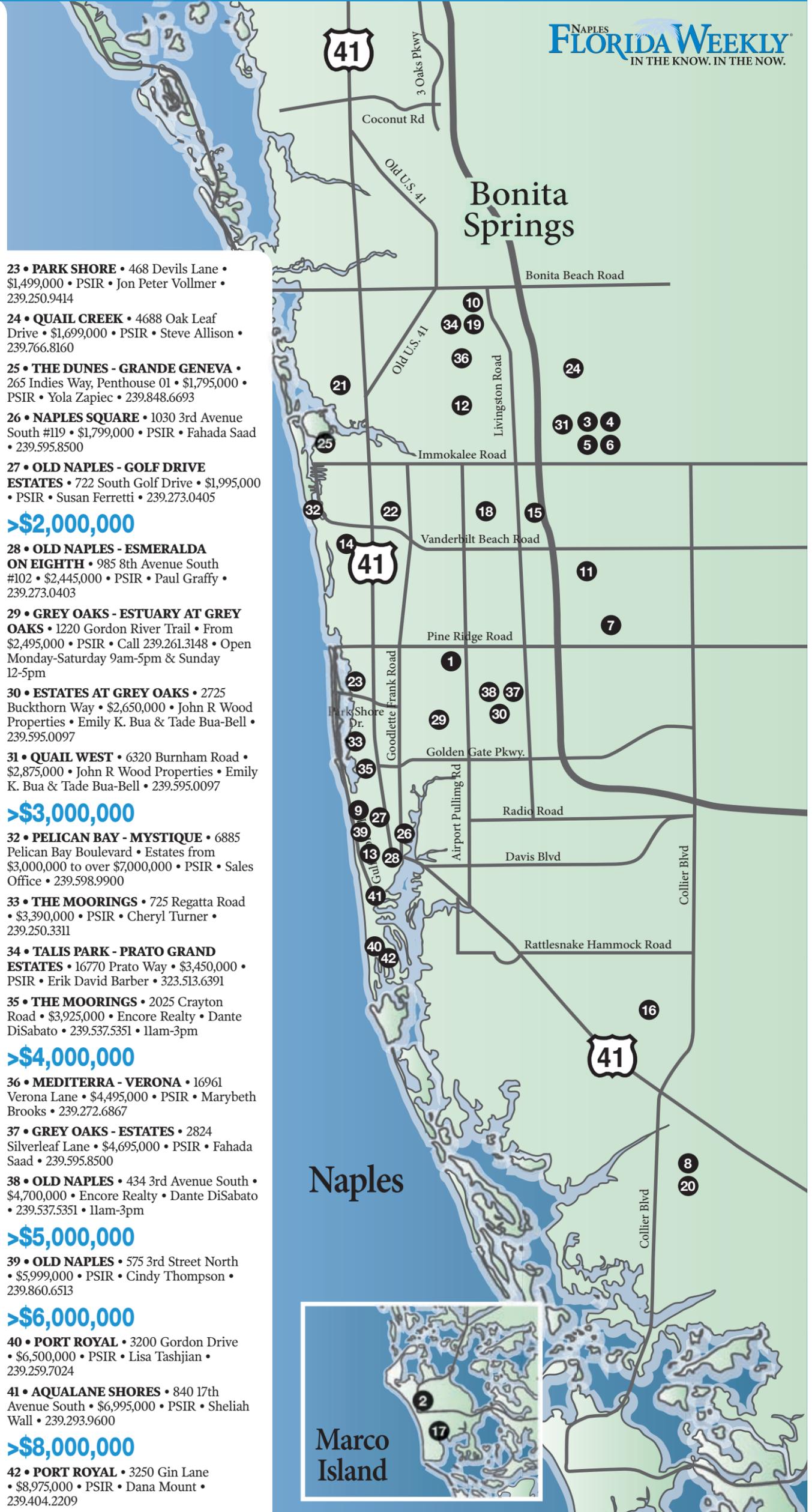
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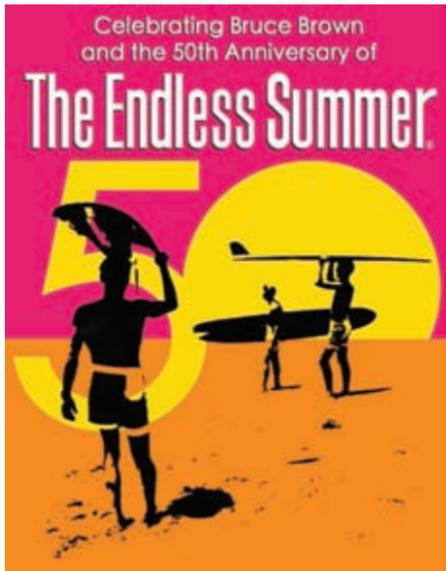
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NIFF screens 'The Endless Summer' surfing classic

Catch a wave with the Naples International Film Festival with the NIFF Film Society hosts a screening of "The Endless Summer" in celebration of the seminal documentary's 50th anniversary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato.

Filmmaker Bruce Brown follows surfers Michael Hynson and Robert August on an around-the-world surfing adventure. With Mr. Brown's wry, sardonic narration and a twangy, guitar-driven instrumental soundtrack by The Sandals playing over the silent footage, the surfers leave their California home to visit Hawaii, Australia, South Africa and other secluded surfing spots in a search for "The Perfect Wave."

When the movie was first shown, it encouraged many surfers to go abroad, giving birth to the "surf-and-travel" culture, with prizes for finding "uncrowded surf," meeting new people and riding the perfect wave. It also introduced the sport to a broader audience beyond Hawaii, the Polynesian Islands, California and Australia.

Mr. Brown released a sequel, "The Endless Summer II," in 1994. In 2000 his son, Dana Brown, released "The Endless Summer Revisited," which consisted of unused footage from the first two films, as well as original cast interviews.

In 2002, "The Endless Summer" was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically or aesthetically significant."

Admission to the NIFF Film Society screening at Silverspot is free for society member, \$16 for others.

The 2016 Naples International Film Festival takes place Oct. 27-30. The deadline to be recognized as an NIFF Film Society member in this year's festival catalog is Sept. 12. For information about membership, visit naplesfilmfest.com.

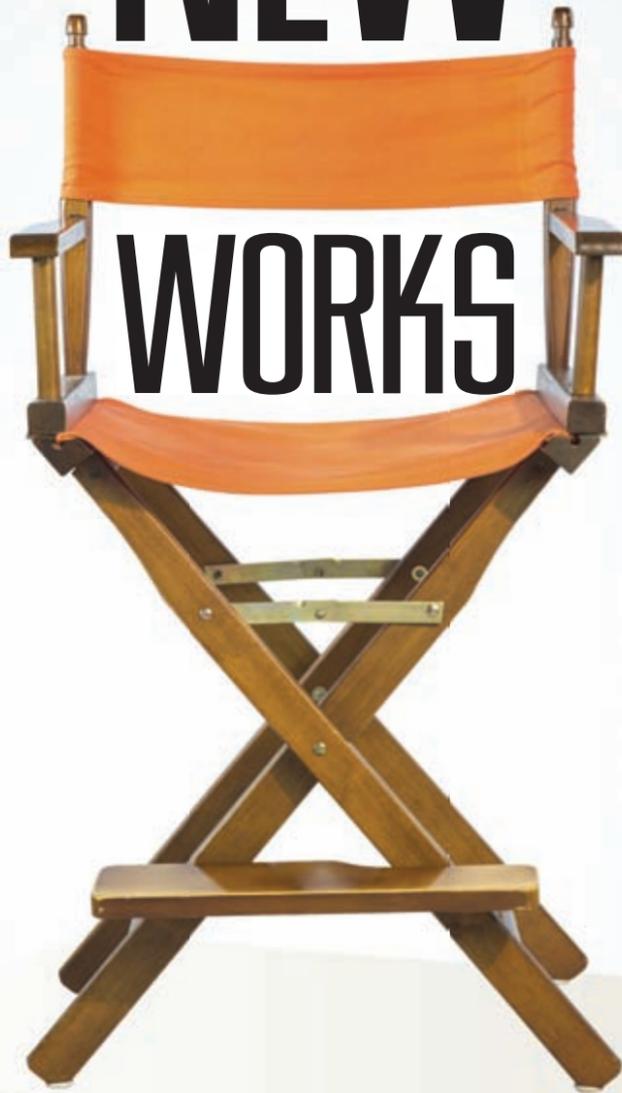


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GULFSHORE PLAYHOUSE FESTIVAL SHOWCASES FIVE FRESH PLAYS

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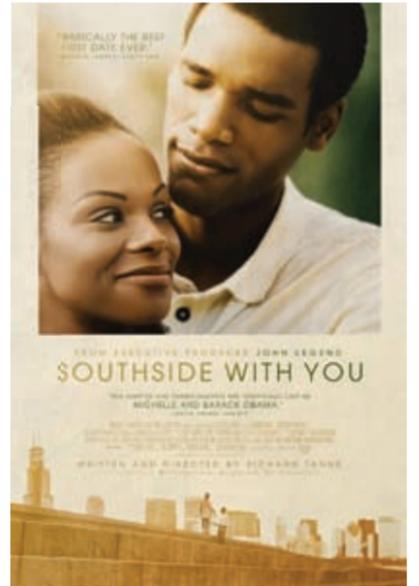
GULFSHORE PLAYHOUSE'S ANNUAL NEW WORKS FESTIVAL is always full of surprises.

The surprise this year is that all five new plays that will be presented as readings were written by women.

"We didn't set out to feature women playwrights," says Audrey Zielenbach, artistic assistant with the professional company. She and artistic associate Jeffrey Binder read every one of the approxi-

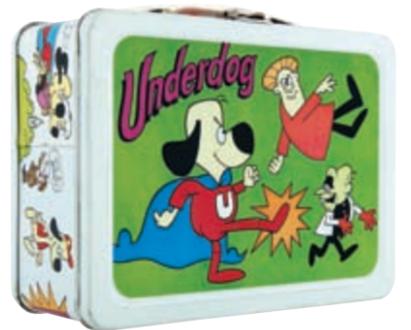
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Rural Florida town harbors a nutcase killer and a nosy sleuth

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■ **“Mud Bog Murder” by Lesley A. Diehl. Camel Press. 268 pages. Trade paperback, \$15.95.**

Cozy mysteries have established themselves as a thriving mystery subgenre. While there's plenty of suspense and plenty of investigatory action, the cozies have a warm feeling. Often humorous and usually uplifting, they are on the other side of noir.

While the queen of this category is Nancy J. Cohen (who even wrote a how-to book about this subgenre), Lesley A. Diehl is a contender.

“Mud Bog Murder,” the fourth Eve Appel Mystery, is set in a place called Sabal Bay, Fla., which I take to be a fictional stand-in for Ms. Diehl's rural residence of Okeechobee. Here, on the ranching property owned by Jenny McCleary, disaster strikes during the mud bog race, a favorite local entertainment that can bring the person whose property is rented a nice piece of change.

In fact, the disaster strikes Jenny, whose

severed head is found flying through the air, spun up by the churning wheels of a participating monster truck. Pieces of her alligator-torn body are found near the Miccosukee tribe's airboat business.

Jenny had recently begun shopping at the quality second-hand clothing business owned and run by Eve Appel and her pregnant friend, Madeleine. Theirs is a mobile business about to be transformed into a fixed address store in town.

Eve and Madeleine might have become friends with Jenny, who was about the only property owner around who didn't resent seeing the shop owners among the environmental protesters at the mud bog race. Why should these two be telling the ranchers how to use their land and trying to take away the pleasures of monster truck fans?

Resentment toward the protesters threatens the business. Eve and Madeleine can't even get local trades people to do repairs on the building, which the previous owner left in terrible condition.

When Eve's friend Grandfather Egret (his grandson Sammy is cautiously attracted to Eve) is arrested for the murder, Eve just knows this is a mistake and has to prove it. Alex, her PI boyfriend, resents her snooping ways, as does Frida, a local police officer. Yet Eve pushes on, and Alex becomes enlisted in the investigation. All want to help bring justice for Jenny's teenage daughter, Shelley, who in her disorienting grief has begun leaning on Darrel, the exploitative, abusive low-life she calls her boyfriend.

Who would have had it in for Jenny? Where do the clues point?

Most readers will focus on the sleuthing team that grows to include not only Eve and Alex, but also Madeleine's husband David, Eve's former husband Jerry, Sammy Egret and Eve's dear Nappi Napolitani, the local mafia kingpin (you better believe it). One after another, suspects are identified and rejected — until only one is left. Among these are the rival properties owners seeking the benefit of contracting for the mud bog race.

Another center of interest is Eve's fear of romantic commitment, which grew out of her wretched marriage to Jerry. Alex is pushing to tie the knot, but Eve keeps pushing him away. His anger is palpable, as is her uncertainty. Slowly, an attraction builds between Eve and Sammy Egret. An awkward situation for both of them at first, it gathers strength and naturalness through the novel.

These plot interests combine with other features to provide a multi-faceted reading experience. Richly drawn characters like Eve and her grandmother can be at once endearing and irritating. Darrel is a perfectly despicable bad boy. Grandfather Egret has wisdom, patience and courage.

Ms. Diehl examines several relationships in rewarding depth.

She also provides an entertaining overview of the cultural climate in rural Florida's small, inland communities — this one within shopping distance of West Palm Beach, where Eve and Madeleine get those upper-class cast-offs to

market back in Sable Bay.
Read it and smile. ■

— *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.*

Catching up with the writer

Lesley A. Diehl retired from her life as a professor of psychology and reclaimed her country roots by moving to a small cottage in the Butternut River Valley in upstate New York. In the winter she migrates to Old Florida, with its cowboys, scrub palmetto and open fields of grazing cattle — a place where spurs still jingle in the post office.

Florida Weekly's Phil Jason had the pleasure of posing her a few questions. Find out more about her at lesleyadiehl.com.

Q: Which parts of the writing process do you enjoy the most, and which the least?

A: I enjoy creating the first draft where the ideas are fresh and come together in interesting ways. Since I like to insert humor into my cozy mysteries, this time in the writing is when I sometimes am so pleased with a clever scene or piece of dialogue that I laugh out loud. If I find it funny, I want to believe others will also.

The least fun is with edits after I've

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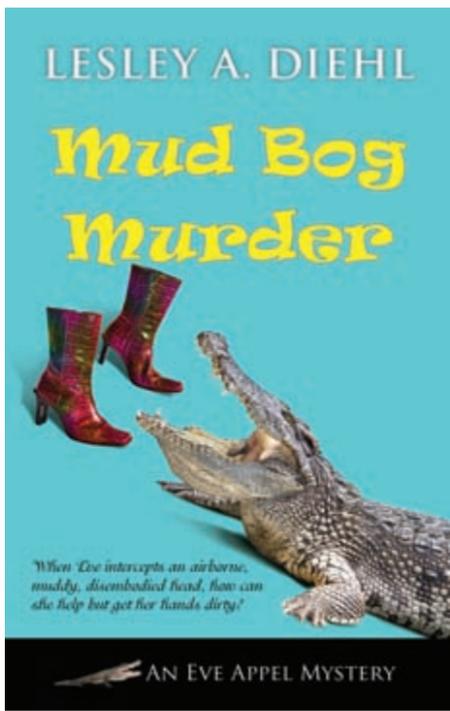
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it and revise several times again. I also read the work out loud and print out it out to make edits on a written page. After that, my editor gets it and we revise again.

Q: You say your Eve character has been improved over the four books. How has that happened?

A: Eve's signature characteristic was that she was an in-your-face kind of gal, a lively character, and one who usually took chances and went her own way. She was loyal to her friends and brilliant at sleuthing. I have begun to morph her into someone who retains her sass but who is more considerate of others and not so quick to take chances now that her life circumstances have changed. How has her life changed? That's part of the next several books, kind of a surprise I don't want to give away. Let me just say that Eve is more multidimensional now. I'm spending just as much time now with Eve as a character as I spend with the plot, and I love the twists and turns of plotting.

Q: What generated the mud bog races idea?

A: Mud bog racing came to the area of rural Florida where I live in the winter and, with it, some clashes between economic issues and environmental ones. This clash is at the center of the plot in "Mud Bog Murder," and I pit Eve and Madeleine's concern with the environment against those who want to use the races to make money. The county can use an influx of money, but the way it's usually done in Florida is by ignoring wildlife and land use issues and putting development first. That conflict has come to rural Florida as it did to the coastal areas. ■

already edited several times. This is when I begin to see the story and characters emerging with greater depth and complexity. Painful as this editing is, it also gives me great pleasure to know how much better the writing is because I've worked it over so many times.

Q: Do you revise by wholes (full rough draft followed by a series of whole book revisions) or by parts (write a few pages, revise, write a few more pages, revise), or some other habit?

A: I revise what I have written the day before and use this as a way of keeping the story flowing and connected. I then may go back and revise a chapter. When I have a first revision, I will go through

'A Gathering of Creatives' on Sept. 9

Storytellers Creative Arts invites writers, musicians, filmmakers, singers/songwriters, actors, dancers, inventors, designers, chefs, producers, photographers, techies and anyone else who wants to share creative ideas and inspirations to "Mix and Mingle, Meet and Eat: A Gathering of Creatives: from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops.

Group leaders involved with Storytellers Creative Arts will explain how members gather in small settings to connect and build community. Groups meet in art galleries, studios, offices and other creative spaces in Collier and Lee counties.

Cost is \$25, and RSVP is requested by Sept. 8. Call Bill Barnett at 591-6649 or visit storytellerscreativearts.com. ■

Theatre Conspiracy takes a shot at provocative new one-man show

Theatre Conspiracy presents "The Gun Show," a new solo play by E.M. Lewis, Sept. 8-17 (preview Wednesday, Sept. 7) at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. Miguel Cintron plays a surprising character who lays bare Americans' complicated, contradictory feelings about guns. His unique perspective upends common criticisms from the opposite poles of the American political spectrum.

In five true stories that range from humorous and touching to harrowing and heartbreaking, "The Gun Show" makes audiences on either side of the aisle realize there are no easy answers in the gun debate.

"We have a problem with guns in America," Ms. Lewis writes. "The problem is, we really, really like them." In vignettes about things ranging



from life-changing episodes of gun violence to fond reminiscences about growing up in a rural community where



learning to shoot was a familiar rite of passage, her play offers an unflinching look down the barrel at the America we live in today.

Tickets to the preview performance are \$15; all others are \$24 (\$11 for students). Thursday nights are "buy one get one half off."

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mately 150 works submitted in the competition. “There were a number of plays written by men (in the semi-finalist group), but our favorites happened to all be written by women.”

Women’s plays are historically under-represented on stage, so having a festival with all female playwrights is highly unusual.

From the initial entries, Ms. Zielenbach, Mr. Binder and a group of readers chose 30 favorites. Ms. Zielenbach and Mr. Binder narrowed those down to 10 before Kristen Coury, Gulfshore Playhouse founder and producing artistic director, selected the five finalists.

In addition, compelling stories with unique circumstances and interesting characters, the finalists had to be something Gulfshore Playhouse could cast. An entry might have been an amazing play, but if it had too many people in it, or nine women, for example, it wouldn’t work, Mr. Binder explains. (Of the 10 actors taking part this year, eight have roles in more than one of the plays.)

“We all had our favorites, the plays that really knocked our socks off, resonated with us personally,” Mr. Binder says, but there was “general agreement” among them as he, Ms. Coury and Ms. Zielenbach considered the semi-finalists. “The question (became), how do we fit those plays into the festival?” he says.

In addition to putting the playwrights together with professional actors and directors, the New Works Festival gives audiences the opportunity to be part of the playwriting process. After each presentation they are encouraged to give feedback and ask questions.

“It’s a real opportunity for the playwright to use the audience, to use everyone around them, as a sounding board to their work,” Mr. Binder says. They take to heart audience reactions, he adds. “They hear their work, wrestle with it, change it.”

Some might do a complete rewrite, while others will tweak here and there, changing only a few things.

“These plays have never been on a stage or seen by an audience before,” Ms. Zielenbach says, adding any of the five “could be the next great American play.”

Ms. Coury was out of the country on vacation, but Mr. Binder and Ms. Zielenbach agreed to talk about each of this year’s new works:

■ “Paradise” by Laura Maria Censabella

This two-person play features a Yemeni-American student and her science teacher at an inner-city high school in the Bronx.

“He has a religious past, but has become disillusioned,” Ms. Zielenbach says about the teacher. “They form this unlikely pairing and embark on a scientific study.”

She recently learned that the play has earned a grant and been commissioned as a partnership between the Ensemble Studio Theatre and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Science & Technology Project.

“We were drawn to this one,” Ms. Zielenbach says. “We don’t see many Yemeni people represented in theater. It’s so beautiful, so engaging ... all three of us were completely in love with this play.”

“It’s an incredible exploration of the relationship between these two people,” Mr. Binder says. “It’s a meeting of these two very distinct and completely different worlds. One is full of hope and one



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Jeffrey Binder, Gulfshore Playhouse artistic associate director.

has given up hope. How it is reconciled in the play is very beautiful and fascinating and complex.”

Ms. Censabella, a part-time assistant professor at The School of Drama at The New School in New York City, recently won the \$10,000 ADAA William Saroyan Human Rights/Social Justice Drama Award for her play “Carla Cooks the War.” She has won three grants from the New York Foundation for the Arts for her plays and screenplays and also won two daytime television Emmy Awards.

The New Works Festival reading of “Paradise” takes place at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8.

■ “Marla and Her Prayers” by Kim Merrill

Mr. Binder won’t give too much away about this one. “As with all wonderful plays, there’s a real twist to this that makes it fascinating,” he says.

The title character is confronting the fact that the person who shot and killed her son is about to be released from prison. And he is the son of a friend. Marla’s son was gay; he and his killer were both teenagers. Now she must reconcile the fact of the killer’s release and whether or not she’s going to confront him.

“As theater-makers, we’re drawn to scripts that jump off the page at you,” says Ms. Zielenbach. “This one is really theatrical ... We just loved how it stood out to us. It’s darkly funny, a real exploration of grief and the way we deal with complicated things.”

Mr. Binder will direct the reading of “Marla and Her Prayers,” which will feature three actresses familiar to Gulfshore Playhouse patrons: Jessica Wortham

(“An Enemy of the People”), Maureen Silliman (“Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike” and previous New Works Festival readings) and Amy Van Nostrand (“The Glass Menagerie”).

Other plays by Ms. Merrill have been produced by NJ Repertory, Contemporary American Theatre Festival, Theater for the New City, Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey and Manhattan Theatre



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Source, among others.

The reading of “Marla and Her Prayers” will be at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9.

■ “The Last Allegiance” by Annalisa Dias

This play is modern retelling of the Medieval Persian myth, “The Shahnamah.”

“It’s cool to bring that to life in an accessible way,” says Ms. Zielenbach. “This is our big cast epic,” she says jokingly, adding the play requires six actors, but contains many more characters.

It tells the story of a wicked old king who grows jealous of one of his sons and sends him off on a task that he believes will kill him.

“It’s about honor and pride and pragmatism,” Mr. Binder says. “What is the right thing to do on a grand scale? When you honor your father but do the wrong thing, what is the right thing? What does wisdom teach you?”

“What happens when you follow a code or an ideal without taking into account the consequences whether following that ideal is the ultimate good?”

Ms. Dias is a performer, director and playwright whose works have been staged in Washington, D.C., New York, London and Glasgow. She is a producing playwright with The Welders, a Washington, D.C., playwrights collective, and co-founder of the DC Coalition for Theatre & Social Justice.

The reading of “The Last Allegiance” will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10.



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■ “Miss Keller Has No Second Book” by Deb Hiatt

This play might remind audience members of the late novelist Harper Lee. It’s about fictional author Agnes Keller. Now quite elderly, she published one well-known book and then became a recluse.

“She’s being faced with a significant



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and life-changing event which has just occurred,” Ms. Zielenbach says, “and suddenly she is being visited by a number of people who she really doesn’t want to see. It’s about her grappling with change and her family, and whether she is obligated, because of this book that was so well-loved, to create more work for the world.”

“It explores her own relationship with her family and her life as an artist as (she relates) to the outside world, when one of her protections is gone and whether she is going to be taken advantage of, as an artist, as a person.”

This reading will feature Ms. Silliman as the aging author and Ms. Nostrand as the second lead.

Ms. Hiatt moved to Los Angeles after years of living in New York City, where she was an actress, dancer, musician and writer. “Miss Keller Has No Second Book” was a semi-finalist in the 2016 Eugene O’Neill National Playwrights Conference, the 2016 PlayPenn New Play Workshop and the 2016 Princess Grace Playwriting Fellowship, as well as a finalist in the 2016 Route 66 New Play Workshop.

The Gulfshore Playhouse New Works Festival reading of “Miss Keller Has No Second Book” will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

■ “Lunch at Audrey’s” by Jarlath Barsanti-Jacobs

Ms. Zielenbach describes “Lunch at Audrey’s” as “almost a one-woman show,” for although it has a cast of three people, two of them are “coming in and out and playing a variety of people.”



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The Audrey in the title is actress Audrey Hepburn. It’s 1960. She’s 30 years old, at her Swiss chalet preparing to have Sophia Loren and Carlo Ponti over for lunch. But a big snowstorm rages outside, and she begins reflecting on a variety of things: her marriage and pregnancy, and whether she should take the role offered her in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s.”

The playwright has done copious research on Ms. Hepburn, Ms. Zielenbach says. “It’s interesting, stepping into the mindset of Audrey Hepburn and into her private life, imagining how she would deal with all these complicated things that are happening,” she says.

“It’s also a glimpse into her career thus far, her experience with other actors, directors, agents,” Mr. Binder adds. “It’s a glimpse of her in that Hollywood period when her star was rising. It’s grand old Hollywood and the colorful characters within it.”

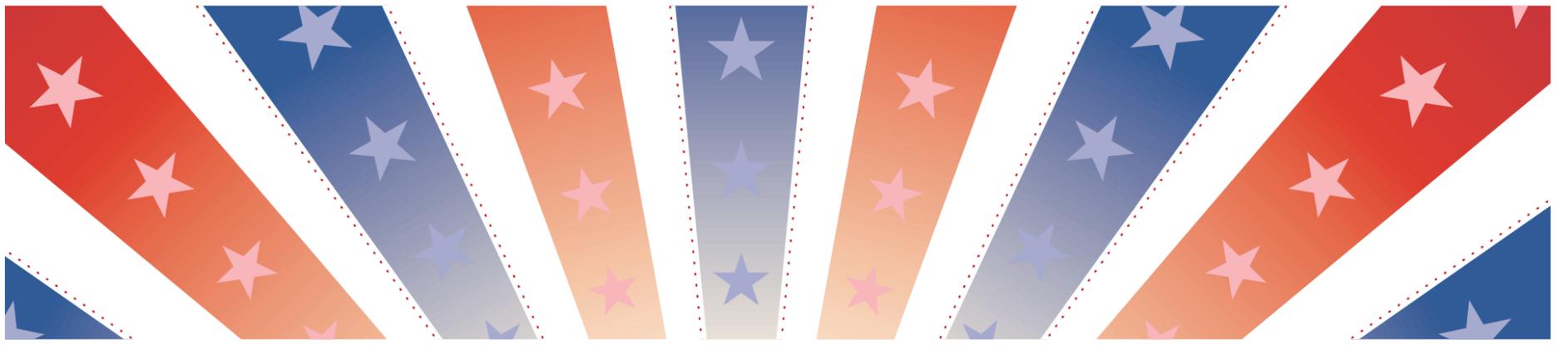
“Lunch at Audrey’s” is Ms. Barsanti-Jacobs’ first play. She worked in New York City as a copywriter for TV commercials, specializing in jingle lyrics. She recently wrote the original book and lyrics for “Fire Island,” a musical about the shenanigans of group shares in a beach house, and the book and lyrics for “Miracolo,” a musical love story set in Italy about the rivalry between conventional and alternative medicine.

The reading of “Lunch at Audrey’s” takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15. ■

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The fourth annual New Works Festival

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THEATER

New Works Festival – Gulfshore Playhouse presents the fourth annual New Works Festival Sept. 8-11 at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. 261-7529 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org. See story on page C1.

The Gun Show – By Theatre Conspiracy at 8 p.m. Sept. 7-10 and Sept. 15-17 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, 10091 McGregor Blvd. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

Yesterdays – A musical comedy revue at Broadway Palm Theatre Sept. 8-Oct. 8, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 278-4422 or BroadwayPalm.com.

Of Thee I Sing – By TheatreZone and FGCU's Bower School of Music and The Arts Oct. 6-9 at FGCU. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

Constellations – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 8-30 at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth St. S. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

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The Cemetery Club – By The Marco Players Oct. 26-Nov. 13 at Marco Town Center Mall, 404-5198 or themarcoplayers.com.

THURSDAY 9.1

Outdoor Yoga – A gentle yoga class celebrating goddess mythology starts at 8:30 a.m. at Koreshan State Park. Basic physical agility is required. Some mats are provided. Bring a water bottle. \$10. 3800 Corkscrew Road, 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Photo Show – Ave Maria University presents "The Humanity of Service: Portraits by Michael Collopy" today through Dec. 16, 280-2500 or avemaria.edu.

Love It – PACE Center for Girls sells off all the dresses collected over the summer when Love That Dress! takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Naples Grande. Burn by Rocky Patel in Mercato hosts the afterparty. \$30-\$150. 207-1878 or lovethatdress.org.

FRIDAY 9.2

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

Exhibit Opening – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a reception for "Organic & Geometric" from 6-8 p.m. 26100 Old 41 Road, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

SATURDAY 9.3

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.

Funny Guy – Adam Hunter ("Last Comic Standing" "The Tonight Show") takes the stage tonight and Sunday, Sept. 4, at Off The Hook Comedy Club, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Yes, And? – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a performance of improvisational comedy with its in-house troupe, Improv Tonight!, at 8 p.m. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.



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Square One Improv provides some back-to-school comedy relief with an off-the-cuff performance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at The Marco Players Theater. Members of the troupe include Gregory Sofranko, Dan Klein and Shaun Johnson. \$10-\$20. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

SUNDAY 9.4

All Green Thumbs – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts a native plant sale and farmers market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 273-8945 or fnpscocoloba.org.

Walk the Dog – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes well-behaved, leashed dogs accompanying their owners from 9:30-11 a.m. Free for Garden members and their canines, regular admission plus \$9.95 per pooch for others. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Seashells by the Seashore – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a talk about sea shells, sea creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

MONDAY 9.5

Jazz with Jebry – Jebry and friends jam from 6-9 p.m. at Pate's Island Club, 600 Neapolitan Way, 228-7796.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Dark Passage" (1947) at 7 p.m. A man convicted of murdering his wife escapes from prison and works with a woman to try and prove his innocence. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 9.6

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

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

Ethically Speaking – Marco Island Historical Society welcomes environmental journalist Cynthia Barnett with "Blue Revolution: A Water Ethic for Florida" at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Ms. Barnett will discuss how Florida, one of the most water-rich areas of the world, has come to face water shortages and quality problems. Free for members, \$5 for others. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, 642-1440 or themihs.com.

WEDNESDAY 9.7

More Jazz – Jebry and friends jam from 6-9 p.m. at New York Pizza & Pasta, 11140 Tamiami Trail N. 594-3500.

Namaste – Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead a beach session from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. \$5 plus park admission. Reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Summer Lecture – Everglades Wonder Gardens hosts a lecture about alternative energy sources and clean Florida waterways from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free with regular admission. 27180 Old 41 Road, 992-2591 or evergladeswondergarden.com.

Jazz It Up – Chill out to music by The Richmonds from 6-9 p.m. at The Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road, 591-3837 or bayhousenaples.com.

Doc Screening – Naples International Film Festival screens "The Endless Summer" (1966) at 7 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema. Documentarian Bruce Brown follows two young surfers around the world in search of the perfect wave. \$16. 775-3456 or naplesfilmfest.com. See story on page C1.

COMING UP

'SUP? – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a beginning paddle boarding class at 9:30 a.m. Reservations required. \$15 plus park entry fee. 431-0958 or naplesbeachadventures.com.

Pick Your Place – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform two chamber concerts at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, one at Naples Botanical Garden and another at Headquarters Library on Orange Blossom Drive. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Tatted Up – The Ink Empire Tattoo Expo brings seminars, music, tattoo contests and awards to Germain Arena starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, and continuing through the weekend. \$22-\$38. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

More Jazz – Jebry and friends invite everyone to join the jam session from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Royal Wood Country Club, 4300 Royal Wood Blvd. 775-4451.

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.

Sensorily Speaking – Paragon Theaters at Pavilion Shopping Center host a sensory-friendly screening of "The Wildlife" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Foreign Film – The FGCU 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 academy members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Artist Appreciation – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a talk about Vincent van Gogh and guided painting session with master artist Laurent Dareau at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12. \$35, includes beverage and materials. 26100 Old 41 Road, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Funny Guy – Ralphie May ("Last Comic Standing") takes the stage Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 15-17, at Off The Hook Comedy Club, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Live and Local – Latin band West Side Tropico performs at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples, 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Dark Knight – Barnes & Noble celebrates Batman's enduring legacy with cosplay, trivia and games at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 598-5200 or bn.com.

Paint Party – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided paint session for ages 10 and up to raise money for Peace Early Learning Center from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, \$40. Bring your own wine or beer. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 431-8750 or vinospicassonaples.com.

One-Man Show – Frank Blocker performs 17 characters in the wildly popular one-man comedy, "Southern Gothic Novel: The Aberdeen, Mississippi, Sex Slave Incident," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$22. 10150 Bonita Beach Road, 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "Monsoon Wedding" (India, 2001) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 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 preparations for an arranged marriage in India. \$5 for academy members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Author Signing – Barnes & Noble hosts a signing with Nathan Hill, author of "The Nix," at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 598-5200 or bn.com.

Funny Guy – Comedian Bob Marley takes the stage Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 22-25, at Off The Hook Comedy Club, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road, 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Fashionable Bites – Waterside Shop hosts Craving Fashion featuring tastes from more than 30 area restaurants from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. \$50. Proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida and United Way of Collier County. 598-1605 or watersideshops.com.

Eco-Party – Rookery Bay celebrates National Estuary Day with staff-narrated boat tours, kayak trips, animal presentations and more from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Free. 300 Tower Road, 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Summer Jazz – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Resort wraps up another season of free SummerJazz on the Gulf concerts with Late Night Brass from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Free. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Improv Night – Square One Improv performs at The Marco Players Theater at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. \$10-\$20. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Woodwinds in Concert – The wind orchestra from FGCU’s Bower School of Music performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Ancient Walk – Tour the ancient bald cypress forest at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 28. \$25, plus regular admission. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Funny Girl – Kate Quigley takes the stage Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Story Time – Nationally recognized storyteller Andy Offut Irwin delights the audience with tales of his best character, Aunt Marguerite, from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the office of Dr. Joel Ying. \$15. 2335 Tamiami Trail N. 267-6480.

Surprise Inside – Cirque du Soleil presents “Ovo” Sept. 28-Oct. 2 at Germain Arena. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

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.

Tater Salad – Ron White, best known as the whiskey-swilling, cigar-smoking comedian from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, takes the stage at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. (800) 440-7469 or bbmannpah.com.

Bless You – Everglades City blesses its stone crab fleet and hosts some family fun starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Rod & Gun Club on Barron River. Free. 695-2905 or evergladeshistorical.org.

Sensorily Speaking – Paragon Theaters at Pavilion Shopping Center host a sensory-friendly screening of “Storks” at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Magic Carpet Ride – Artis—Naples invites youngsters to get up-close with the orchestra’s brass players and their horns at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Show Me The Way – Peter Frampton performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Pink Party – Physicians Regional Healthcare System hosts its fifth annual Pink Party with wellness information, sophisticated fun, live entertainment and more from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at its Pine Ridge location. Free, reservations required. 6101 Pine Ridge Road. 348-4180 or physiciansregional.com.

Moon River – Friends of Lovers Key hosts moonlight kayaking through the park setting out at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. \$15 for members. \$20 for others (kayak rental separate). (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

Ahoy! – The Marine Industry Association of Collier County presents The Naples Boat Show Downtown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, at Naples City Dock. Free. 682-0900 or miacc.org.

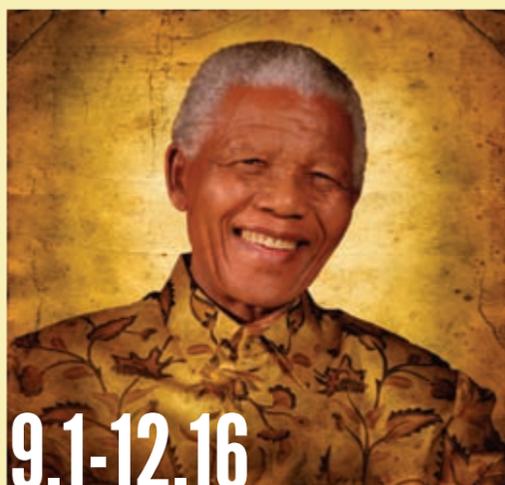
Come Sail Away – Dennis DeYoung and the Naples Philharmonic perform the music of Styx at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.



9.2

■ See the shape of things to come when Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the exhibit “Organic & Geometric” from 6-8 p.m. Friday. “The Swimmer” by Eileen Amster is shown here.

— artcenterbonita.org



9.1-12.16

■ The exhibit “Humanity of Service: Portraits by Michael Collopy” opens Thursday in the Canizaro Library at Ave Maria University. One of the world’s preeminent photographers of public figures, Mr. Collopy has a portfolio that includes humanitarian leaders Nelson Mandela (shown here), Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II. View the exhibit during library hours through Dec. 16.

— avemaria.edu

9.1

■ Spice up your wardrobe and support PACE Center for Girls by shopping at **Love That Dress!** from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the Naples Grande.

— lovethatdress.org



#JUDGE IT

■ See some indie films that have been submitted for consideration for the 2017 Fort Myers Film Festival on **T.G.I.M.** Monday at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Happy hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and the screenings begin at 7 p.m. This week’s judges are Jason Maughan, Julie DeTomaso and Dan Miller.

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Author Signing - Bestselling author Randy Wayne Wright introduces "Seduced," with a talk and signing at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Sunshine Booksellers on Marco Island. Free. 677 S. Collier Blvd. 393-0353 or sunshinebooksellers.com.

Comedy Legend - Jerry Lewis performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$89-\$130. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Yard & Garden - Collier County Extension Services hosts its annual SWFL Yard & Garden Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. \$4. 14700 Immokalee Road. 352-4800 or collier.ifas.ufl.edu.

Ramblers - The Tin Can Tourists host the 10th annual Vintage RV Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Koreshan State Historic Site. Free with regular park admission. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Art Show - Naples Artcrafters hosts a fine arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Cambier Park. naplesartcrafters.com.

Chamber Concert - Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform baroque selections from Jean-Philippe Rameau's "Zaïs" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis-Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Film Fest Fun - Naples International Film Festival kicks off this year's event with a red carpet walk, opening film screening and a VIP after-party featuring many of the festival filmmakers at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Artis-Naples. 775-3456 or naplesfilmfest.com.

Crackin' Claws - The seventh annual Stonecrab Festival returns with a kick-off party from 4-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Pinchers Crab Shack. Festivities continue through the weekend at Tin City. stonecrabfestival.org.

Community Day - Artis-Naples invites everyone to explore the campus from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. The Naples Ballet will dance to some of classical music's spookiest tunes performed by the Naples Philharmonic. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Halloween Party - Koreshan State Historic Site hosts its third annual Family Halloween Festival with a parade, hayrides, costume contests and more from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Free with park admission. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Chamber Concert - Miró Quartet performs works by Ginastera, Welcher and Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Artis-Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Spooky Fun - Fifth Avenue South hosts its sixth annual Halloween Spooktacular on Fifth with costume contests and family activities from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. 692-8926 or fifthevenuesouth.com.

Twinkle Toes - Miami City Ballet performs "Giselle" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Artis-Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

All That Jazz - Trumpeter Wallace Roney performs with the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Artis-Naples' Daniels Pavilion 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

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Sharp-Dressed Men – ZZ Top performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform chamber selections by Brahms and Strauss at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in the recital hall at FGCU. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Sensorily Speaking – Paragon Theaters at Pavilion Shopping Center host a sensory-friendly screening of "Trolls" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Art Show – Naples Art Association hosts an outdoor art festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Cambier Park. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Spoof-tacular – Enjoy raucous political satire with musical spoofs and skits by The Capitol Steps at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Winds Concert – The wind orchestra of FGCU's Bower School of Music performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform works by Purcell, Hayden and Beethoven at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, and Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Opera Night – Opera Naples presents Puccini's "Turandot" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Artis—Naples. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

Cruisin' – The San Marco Assembly of the Knights of Columbus host a sunset cruise at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, aboard the Marco Island Princess at Rose Marina to benefit local veterans programs. \$65, includes dinner and a bar drink. 951 Bald Eagle Drive. 642-9840.

Magical Mystery Tour – The Naples Philharmonic performs the music of The Beatles at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org. ■

— 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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ARTS COMMENTARY

A sideways look at the Summer Olympics



You're more likely to find me at the theater than attending a sports event. (Come to think of it, I don't think I've ever attended a professional game anywhere.) But I'm not adverse to watching the NFL or a good boxing match on TV from time to time.

When the Olympics come around, however, like everyone else I'm avidly watching on my TV or laptop screen.

But I suspect I might watch the Games differently than your typical sports fan. For example, I look forward to the opening ceremonies because I want to hear that country's music and see how the city represents itself and its history.

Putting on a show in an arena is a challenge, because there's so much space to use.

I also like checking out the fashion, not only the outfits they wear during the opening ceremonies but during the competition itself — the warm-up jackets and swimsuit robes, and what the athletes wear on the medal stand.

It's also interesting to look at the various countries' flags. (I wonder if we're the only ones who kept changing the design of their flag, adding stars.)

Here's a collection of various thoughts/reactions to the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Favorite things from the Olympics

■ My favorite quote about the games was on novelist Dorothea Benton Frank's Facebook page: "I just want to know if watching the Olympics qualifies as exercise."

■ Ryan Seacrest is not a journalist. He does not know how to ask questions or how to conduct an interview. He's a lightweight, a featherweight. If they could, I suspect NBC would have turned the summer games into a competition a la "America's Got Talent" or "The Voice." Its coverage did seem very insubstantial.

That being said, I loved that the network had the presence of mind to invite "Saturday Night Live" comic/"Ghostbusters" actor Leslie Jones to the games to give comic relief. She is one big, bold, crazy fan of the Olympics. The woman makes me laugh every time.

■ On the other hand, if I had to pick one person to guide me all the way through the Olympics, it would have to be Bob Costas. He does his research and knows his subject. I wish he'd had more



screen time this Olympics. I dread the day he retires.

■ Whenever I watch the Olympics, I can't help but wonder how other countries are covering the events. Surely they too, are cheering for their own athletes and highlighting them. I wonder if there's any coverage that's truly neutral.

■ When did winning a silver or bronze Olympic medal become "losing?" I was stunned when U.S. bantamweight boxer Shakur Stevenson became so upset after winning a silver medal that he lost his composure and complained about "losing." I can understand being disappointed at not winning the gold, but come on.

■ U.S. middleweight boxer Claressa Shields became the first American boxer to win two gold medals in two consecutive Olympics. Known as T-Rex, she's ferocious in the ring. In the bouts I managed to catch, she didn't knock anyone out, but in at least one instance her opponent was given a standing eight count.

Sundry things I liked at the Olympics:

■ The way Simone Biles' medals sounded like wind chimes when she was wearing them all.

■ The wink Laurie Hernandez gave the judges before starting her floor routine.

■ The noncompetitive show five gymnasts put on for the crowd. They flipped so fast they looked like the replicant Daryl Hannah in "Blade Runner."

■ The way the water polo men looked like they were wearing baby bonnets. It was especially funny on those who had beards or were very hairy. All they needed were pacifiers to complete the look.

■ Katie Ledecky, Katie Ledecky, Katie

Ledecky.

■ I loved the commercials Nike made for the Olympics. Unfortunately, I only saw maybe one or two of them during the whole time I was watching the games. I was surprised to discover so many more when I went on YouTube. If you haven't seen them, you should check out the Nike Unlimited series of commercials. Each one highlights a different athlete: Gabby Douglas, Allyson Ferber, Simone Biles, Serena Williams, Alex Morgan, Ashton Eaton, Mo Farah and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

They're well made and incredibly inspirational in a non-sappy way.

Here are some quotes from the ads:

"Success is losing over and over again without losing enthusiasm." — Ashton Eaton

"The mental part is the hard part. You can always give it more than what you

think you have." — Mo Farah

"So there's obviously days I don't feel like training. But there's no day that goes by that I feel like losing." — Serena Williams

Strange things at the Olympics

■ French fencer Enzo Lefort decided to bring his cell phone with him to his match. It fell out of his pocket when he was in the middle of fencing. Seriously? How addictive do you have to be to your cell phone that you have to bring it to an Olympic game you're competing in?

■ The water in the diving pool turned green.

■ The Mongolian wrestling coaches, upset about a controversial penalty point given at the end of a match (that made their athlete lose), protested in front of the

judges by taking off their clothes, stripping down to their underwear, shouting all the time. It was like a hostile striptease.

■ A Japanese pole-vaulter would have cleared the bar, but knocked it down with his genitalia.

■ Some of the boxing scores for the men were suspicious. I watched one match where a boxer was absolutely pummeled throughout and was stunned when the referee raised his hand in victory at the end.

■ Great Britain thought it'd be a great idea to give all its athletes red suitcases — until the athletes all tried to pick up their baggage upon returning home and realized they couldn't tell the luggage apart.

■ Would anyone watch beach volleyball if the outfits weren't so skimpy?

■ Everyone has their favorite sport that makes them scratch their head and wonder why it's included in the Olympics. I was eating lunch at the Gathering Place the other week and the Olympics were playing on multiple screens. No one could figure out why skipping around on a giant mat with a hula-hoop is a sport. (Of course, I feel that way about the trampoline and — sorry — also golf.) But nothing is as weird as curling, that activity that combines bowling with a stone with housekeeping (sweeping the ice.) But that's a winter sport, and we have to wait for the Winter Olympics for that.

■ Finally, television is great for watching the games, but it falls far short of print media in explaining what's happening. I devoured the sports pages during the Olympics, reading especially *The New York Times* and the *Boston Globe*. I read articles that explained what we'd watched at the opening ceremonies (something the NBC commentators didn't do very well).

I read an article about the table tennis athletes complaining about minute variations in the dimensions of the ping-pong balls. Wrote *New York Times* reporter Andrew Keh: "They do not bounce, the players said. Their flight paths are unpredictable. And they frequently break ... Table tennis balls are capricious little things. Infinitesimal variations in size and imperceptible deviations in construction can have considerable ramifications in how they spin, fly and bounce." Informative, entertaining and excellent writing.

I also read an article about how the shuttlecocks used in badminton are made. (They have 16 goose feathers, Portuguese cork and can go as fast as 300 mph.)

Great writing and interesting stories about the games.

When it comes to depth, newspapers rule. ■

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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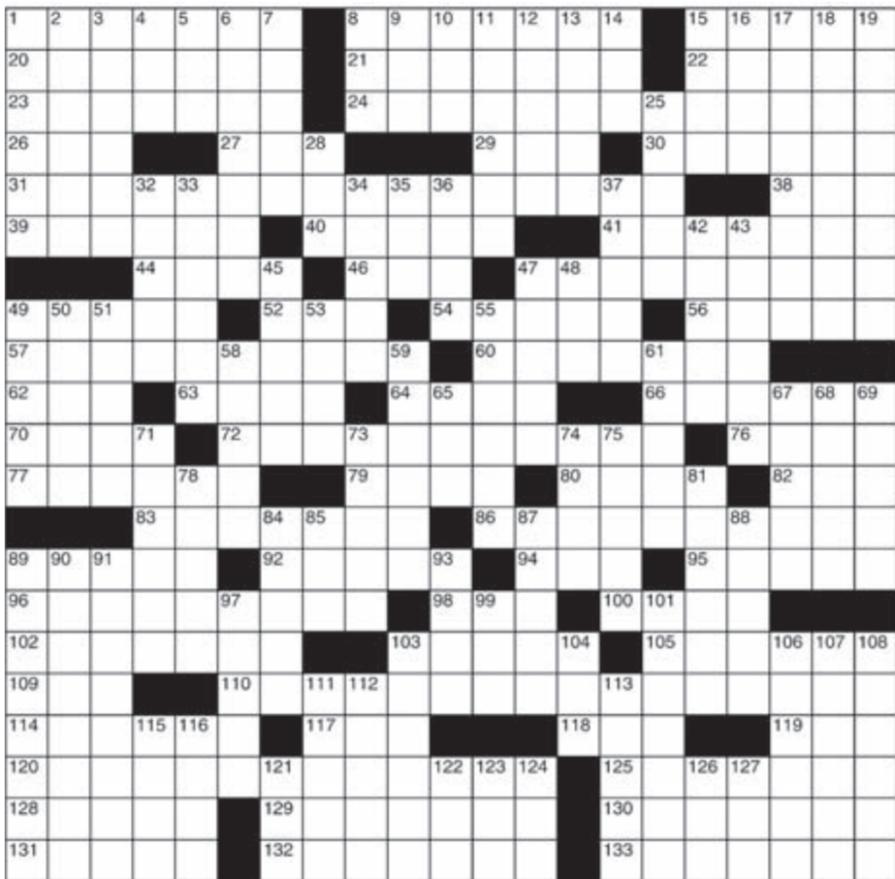
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- 1 Keys that get "ticked"
 - 8 Mysteries
 - 15 Longtime Volkswagen model
 - 20 Port near Naples
 - 21 Allay
 - 22 Brand of deodorant
 - 23 SkyDome national anthem
 - 24 Harley-Davidson product
 - 26 TV's Sajak
 - 27 Meditation sounds
 - 29 With 64-Across, Japan's place
 - 30 A teacher prepares it
 - 31 Also called
 - 38 Nero's 111
 - 39 Political analyst Myers
 - 40 Devilish look
 - 41 Black-and-white bird
 - 44 Optical storage format for burning data
 - 46 Put — (pranks)
 - 47 Ranch jaunt
 - 49 "Socrate" composer Erik
 - 52 Black-and-white bird
 - 54 With 112-Down, backbeat instruments
 - 56 Billionaire Bill
 - 57 Marking the start of, as a 133-Across
 - 60 Homer epic
 - 62 Mani offerer
 - 63 Hydroxyl-containing compound
 - 64 See 29-Across
 - 66 Less jagged
 - 70 Cuts down
 - 72 Film set at Faber College
 - 76 Life-or-death
 - 77 Shoe part
 - 79 County south of Niagara
 - 80 — Pet
 - 82 Org. backing guns
 - 83 Like films, restaurants and bonds
 - 86 Key of Chopin's "Raindrop" prelude
 - 89 Less abundant
 - 92 Suspicious
 - 94 Bump hard
 - 95 Choir song
 - 96 #1 Beatles hit of 1964
 - 98 Unbroken
 - 100 Whaler, e.g.
 - 102 Non-rush-hour, say
 - 103 Pilot
 - 105 Some Japanese cartoons
 - 109 Uncle, in Rio
 - 110 Pampering treatment
 - 114 Carport's kin
 - 117 Meal crumb
 - 118 Sked guess
 - 119 Dernier — (very latest fashion)
 - 120 Bed for eggs Benedict
 - 125 49ers' home, for short
 - 128 Fast Amtrak train
 - 129 Creator of Tigger and Eeyore
 - 130 Chemical salt in spinach and parsley
 - 131 Epoxy, e.g.
 - 132 How some things are chiseled
 - 133 An apt one is spelled out by combining the first two letters of nine Across answers in this puzzle
- DOWN**
- 1 14-legged crustacean
 - 2 Move out of
 - 3 Kansas city
 - 4 Stimp's pal
 - 5 Gershwin the lyricist
 - 6 Granted
 - 7 "Me too"
 - 8 Bolt down
 - 9 Sydney's state: Abbr.
 - 10 Patricia T. O'Conner's "Woe —"
 - 11 Really go after
 - 12 Showy parrot
 - 13 Corporal on "F Troop"
 - 14 Sch. term
 - 15 Actress Fonda
 - 16 Bits of work
 - 17 Alternative to Wheat Thins
 - 18 Compound in pottery glazes
 - 19 Compounds paired with thymines in DNA
 - 25 Nobody — (mine alone)
 - 28 Sizzling bacon sound
 - 32 Munsters' boy
 - 33 Worship
 - 34 Japanese mushroom
 - 35 Author Kesey
 - 36 Fed Elliot
 - 37 After, to Gigi
 - 42 Israeli desert region
 - 43 Got silver, as hair
 - 45 Was too long, as a sentence
 - 47 Was given no choice
 - 48 Suffix with direct
 - 49 Fish-on-rice dish
 - 50 Trembly tree
 - 51 Mellows out
 - 53 — fruit (tangelo kin)
 - 55 Munched
 - 58 Not fitting
 - 59 Less distant
 - 61 "The way I —"
 - 65 Frazier fighter
 - 67 Black-clad mercenary
 - 68 Actor Flynn
 - 69 Update the arsenal of
 - 71 Hollywood's Meryl
 - 73 Dogfight
 - 74 "Mighty Bruins" sch.
 - 75 Frauds
 - 78 Old Yankee Combs
 - 81 Stepping (up)
 - 84 Analogous
 - 85 Hollywood's Stiller
 - 87 Middle Corleone brother
 - 88 Meat jelly
 - 89 Wear for mob quellers
 - 90 Promise to marry
 - 91 Beats into shape again
 - 93 Part of BYO
 - 97 Lots in life
 - 99 Nothing at all
 - 101 Paleolithic tool
 - 103 Trim up, say
 - 104 Adam and —
 - 106 Gordon of "Oklahoma!"
 - 107 Typo list
 - 108 One fishing with a net
 - 111 "— is an island ..."
 - 112 See 54-Across
 - 113 "Challenge accepted!"
 - 115 "— Ask of You"
 - 116 Composer — Carlo Menotti
 - 121 "Balli —"
 - 122 Mel's Diner waitress
 - 123 Orbitz listing
 - 124 Born, to Gigi
 - 126 Rural denial
 - 127 Go by jet

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. You'll soon hear some positive feedback for all the hard work you recently put into a project. A Pisces could soon swim into your personal life.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone whose friendship you felt you had to write off will try to revive it. What you do is up to you. But don't do it without giving it considerable thought.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A job-related plan might need to be reworked to allow for changes. Lucky for you that Saturn remains a strong influence that can help you focus on getting it done right.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to move into areas of self-discovery. You might be surprised about who you really are and how you really relate to those around you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Expect to confront someone who will make an unwelcome request. Stand by your resolve to do the right thing no matter what "persuasion" might be offered.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friendly competition could become more contentious than you expected. Take time out to discuss the reasons behind this unexpected change, and act accordingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a wonderful mind for solving mysteries, so you should feel confident

about solving the one developing very close to you. An unlikely source offers help.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mars, your ruling planet, helps you deal with career challenges in a way that reflects some of your own hidden strengths. This impresses some important decision-makers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your strong Bovine will, combined with your romantic nature (you are ruled by Venus), helps turn a romance with a potential for problems into one with more-positive possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Mercury's influence creates some unsettling moments, but nothing that you can't live with. You'll soon learn more about that major change that is about to be revealed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Opportunities for you are like the phases of the Moon: constantly appearing and reappearing. So, cheer up. The opportunity you think you let slip by will be replaced by another.

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By Linda Thistle

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A famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

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But here is a case where the player in the saddle rose to the occasion. The deal occurred in a team-of-four championship, and the hero was Billy Eisenberg, well-known Los Angeles star. He got to three notrump, and West led the seven of spades.

Eisenberg won with dummy's ace and made the obvious lead of a low club from dummy. When East produced the king, Eisenberg followed with the five! Declarer was well-rewarded for his unusual play, since East could now do no better than cash his K-Q of spades and ace of diamonds to hold Eisenberg to three notrump.

Now let's suppose declarer had won East's king of clubs with the ace, which almost anyone else in his shoes would have done. In that case, the contract would have failed. When South continued with another club to the queen, East would signal with the nine of diamonds, asking partner to return a diamond if he got the lead.

South dealer.

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NORTH

♠ A
♥ K 10 9
♦ K J 8
♣ Q 9 7 6 4 3

WEST

♠ 7 3 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ 10 7 6 5
♣ J 10 2

EAST

♠ K Q 10 5 4
♥ J 3 2
♦ A Q 9 2
♣ K

SOUTH

♠ J 9 8 6
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 4 3
♣ A 8 5

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Pass	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	

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FILM CAPSULES

Hands of Stone ★★★

(Robert De Niro, Edgar Ramirez, Ana de Armas) Based on a true story, boxer Roberto Duran (Mr. Ramirez) emerges from poverty in Panama to become a world champion. Solid performances and editing allow this part biopic/part boxing movie to be a thoroughly engaging drama. Rated R.

Ben-Hur ★1/2

(Jack Huston, Toby Kebbell, Morgan Freeman) At the time of Jesus Christ (Rodrigo Santoro), a Jewish prince (Mr. Huston) is forced into slavery by his adopted brother (Mr. Kebbell), who is a Roman soldier. The story drags and the performances do little to enliven the stilted dialog; two decent actions sequences are the lone saving grace. Rated PG-13.



Hell or High Water ★★★1/2

(Ben Foster, Chris Pine, Jeff Bridges) A Texas Ranger (Mr. Bridges) tracks two bank-robbing brothers (Mr. Foster and Mr. Pine) in this superb neo-western. A great drama highlighted by fantastic writing and even better performances, it's one of the best movies of the year. Rated R.

Florence Foster Jenkins ★★★

(Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Rebecca Ferguson) In 1944 New York City,

wealthy socialite Florence Foster Jenkins (Ms. Streep) aspires to be an opera singer in spite of her notable lack of ability. Ms. Streep and Mr. Grant are a formidable duo, but it's director Stephen Frears ("Philomena") striking just the right tone of laughing at Florence but with the movie that makes it all work. Rated PG-13.



Suicide Squad ★★1/2

(Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Jared Leto) The world's most dangerous criminals are given a reprieve from prison to fight a deadly witch (Cara Delevingne). Robbie steals the movie as Joker's (Mr. Leto) squeeze Harley Quinn, and the action and soundtrack keep things popping, but the story has numerous problems. Set in the same DC Comics universe as "Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice." Rated PG-13.

Jason Bourne ★★1/2

(Matt Damon, Alicia Vikander, Tommy Lee Jones) Bourne (Mr. Damon) gets new information about his past and has to fight off the CIA agents (Vikander, Jones, Vincent Cassel) who want him dead. The story has head scratching moments, but the action is tense and exciting. Make sure you're up to speed on the three previous Damon-led "Bourne" films or you'll be lost. Rated PG-13. ■

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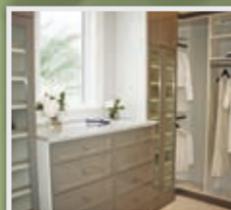
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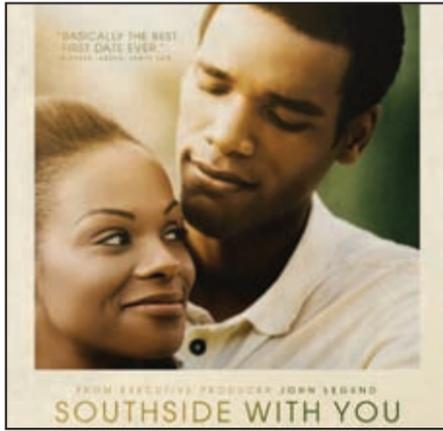
The tagline of "Southside with You" is inherently appealing, as it promises a candid look at Barack and Michelle Obama's first date in the summer of 1989. What it actually delivers, however, is a love letter to the current First Couple, one that depicts them with copious positivity and uses negative topics, such as Barack's negligent father, as sources of inspiration to make a difference.

I'm not a betting man, but I'm willing to bet writer/director Richard Tanne is a Democrat.

Bias aside, the reality is almost the entire movie is fraudulent. Although Mr. Tanne researched the story by reading accounts given by the Obamas about their first date, this only means the locations are accurate, not the conversation. The fictionalized discussion would be more tolerable if the dialog were interesting and about more than personal biographies and life philosophies, but it is not. Combined with low-budget production values and standard editing, the whole thing plays like a made-for-TV movie.

They spend an entire afternoon and evening together, though Michelle (Tika Sumpter) insists it isn't a date. She's Barack's (Parker Sawyers) advisor at their law firm, and with her establishing professional credibility and him on loan from Harvard Law School for the summer, she's worried about how it'll look. But he's a smooth-talker and undeterred, and as they venture from an art museum to a walk in a park to the movies for Spike Lee's "Do The Right Thing," she gradually warms to him.

Their conversation is uncannily personal (her father's MS) and revelatory (he's dated white women), much more than one would expect on a typical first date. She says she wants to help women and empower them. He says he feels a bigger calling in civil rights or, maybe, politics. Mr. Tanne isn't overtly foreshadowing the lives they are about to lead, but it's obviously where the viewer's mind is going to go and therefore seems intentional on the director's part.



And then there are moments that don't belong in the movie at all. A good 15 minutes (of the 84-minute run time) is set at a proposal for a community center meeting in which Barack doesn't even sit next to Michelle. She's told by nosey women what a great guy he is as he shakes hands with everyone. The leader of the event is given harsh feedback from locals who don't feel like the community center will ever be approved. Good thing Barack is there to appease the masses.

The thing is, this has little to do with their date and clearly wouldn't be in the movie if it didn't feature the current president of the United States as a younger man swaying an uneasy crowd to his side. It was lazy for Mr. Tanne to have a scene that feels this overwritten and tedious in a movie that's supposed to be about a budding love story, not a budding political career. Worse — and more unforgiveable — is that (per the press notes) this meeting wasn't held on their first date, and therefore isn't authentic to the story.

It's impossible to watch "Southside with You" without thinking about the Obamas today, which means every line of dialog adds insight and perspective into the couple currently running the United States of America. The problem is we have no idea if any of the dialog is genuine, and with a movie like this, that matters.

Curiosity about the First Couple might be enough to inspire you to see this one, but knowing it lacks the substance it needs makes that a zero sum game. ■

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Syndication helps comic book collectibles maintain value

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Many comic book, movie and TV heroes are so popular that they inspire hundreds of different collectibles. Often, interest in the characters dies about 25 years after the last new episode of their shows are shown. Some have continued to be popular because of TV reruns and their rebirth in new movies, comics or even plays. "Underdog" was one of the characters created in 1959 for television cartoons selling General Mills cereal. In 1969, the show lost its sponsor, but 62 shows continued in syndication. They can be seen on TV, and other syndicated shows with Underdog as the hero were edited, rewritten and re-bundled to remain on TV until the late 1990s. Many years on the air have helped "Underdog" collectibles remain popular and expensive. A 1974 child's metal "Underdog" lunchbox and thermos sold at a Hakes.com auction in fall 2015 for \$2,296.

Q: I have an old blue leather rocking chair with horsehair stuffing and fringe around the bottom. I was told it was my grandmother's and that she brought it over from Germany. The only marking on it is a round button on the back that I believe reads "Karpen Furniture." Can you provide any information and maybe a value?

A: Your chair was made by S. Karpen & Bros. of Chicago, Ill. Solomon Karpen, along with his nine brothers, started the company in 1880, and by 1900, it was the largest manufacturer of upholstered furniture in the world. By 1927, Karpen had also built factories in Long Island City, N.Y., Michigan City, Ind., and Los Angeles, employing 1,800 workers. Karpen was in business until 1952. Your chair is in very distressed condition and it would be very expensive to recover. Any value it has would be sentimental.

Q: My sister was given a black Cou-



Underdog is pictured on this metal lunch box and matching thermos that auctioned for \$2,296. The character has remained popular because of television reruns.

roc serving tray with 37 presidential coins in it. The coin representing President Gerald R. Ford is in the center. It's 18 by 12½ inches. What can you tell me about it?

A: The Couroc Co. was founded in Monterey, Calif., by Guthrie Courvoisier in 1948. The name is derived from the first four letters of his last name, "Cour," with "oc" added to make it sound like "rock." Most Couroc items were made of black resin and embedded with coins, wood, metal or objects from nature. Courvoisier died in 1963 and the company

closed in the 1990s. The value of your tray is about \$30.

Q: More than 20 years ago, I purchased three electric light bulbs that are not just light bulbs. They have animals inside and light up when turned on. Two have dogs and one has a donkey. I can't find any numbers or markings on them and I am wondering if you can tell me when they were made and what they might be worth.

A: Light bulbs with glowing figural objects inside were first made in the

1930s. They were invented by Philip Kayatt, founder and president of Aerolux Light Corp. of New York City, who patented the first novelty filament glow light in 1935. From 1938 until the early 1970s, Aerolux made gas-discharge light bulbs with small figures in the bulbs. Called "cheer lights," the low-wattage bulbs could be used in standard electric lamps. When the lamps were turned on, the figures glowed orange, pink, green or purple. Dogs were made from about 1938, and donkeys were made between 1940 and 1950. Other companies made similar bulbs. The value of glow bulbs can go from \$15 to \$65.

Q: I found an old post office box door in a box of things that were in my uncle's barn. It looks like it's bronze. The door has an eagle holding a bunch of arrows above a glass window. There is a combination lock dial above the eagle.

Is this collectible?

A: There are collectors interested in old post office box doors. They have been made of bronze, gold-painted aluminum and other metals. Doors with an eagle holding arrows that were first used in about 1906 are fairly common. Some old doors have been made into a box-shaped bank. Most doors sell for under \$25.

Tip: Do not wrap or store scrapbooks in furniture made with pressboard. The pressboard emits gases over the years. ■

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. Write to Kovels, (Florida Weekly), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.



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Naples Art Association fall classes starting soon at The von Liebig

School kids aren't the only ones heading back to the classroom this time of year. The Naples Art Association is gearing up for its fall session of workshops for artists who want to improve their signature technique as well as for those who want to dip their pens and pencils and brushes in something new, from classic calligraphy to "Wine and Dezine" with "ZenDoodles."

Wine and Dezine promises to be the most fun you'll ever have with a brush (and a glass of wine). It's from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, and costs \$55 (wine and your own take-home masterpiece included).

Mario Vitale teaches ZenDoodles in the same time slot as Wine and Dezine, above. Participants will enjoy artistic satisfaction as well as a sense of per-

sonal well being as they're guided in using a series of repetitive patterns to create an intricate design. Cost is \$50.

Other classes in the fall session include:

Hand Building in Clay with Donna Torrence; Portraits from Photos with Richard Kirk; Mixed Media Collage with Pat Smith; Mixed Media Intro Pastel with Ruthe Sholler; Collage Portrait with Marjorie Pesek; Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor with Genie Kell; Stained Glass and/or Mosaic with Stevan Stanisc; and Printmaking with Karissa Costa, among others.

Classes take place mornings, evenings and weekends at The von Liebig Art Center. Visit naplesart.org for a complete schedule, prices and registration details. ■



CELEBRITY EXTRA

New 'King Kong' to premiere in March

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Is it true that they are making a new version of "King Kong"? If so, do you know how or if this will be different from other iterations?

— Dave G., via email

A: "Kong: Skull Island" will premiere March 10 on the big screen. This latest version of the action-adventure movie stars Tom Hiddleston (of "Thor" and "The Avengers" fame), Brie Larson (who won the Academy Award for Best Actress for "Room"), Samuel L. Jackson and Tom Wilkinson, and takes place in the 1970s, focusing on the origins of Kong. Hiddleston's character, Capt. James Conrad, is the leader of an expedition venturing deep into an uncharted island in the Pacific Ocean, where you can bet they are going to run smack into everyone's favorite giant gorilla.

Q: I haven't seen Catherine Zeta-Jones in anything recently. I know she took time off while her husband, Michael Douglas, was recovering from cancer, but did she full on retire?

— Linda F., Baton Rouge, La.

A: The gorgeous and talented Oscar winner recently signed on to star as Olivia de Havilland in FX's eight-part miniseries



GAGE SKIDMORE/WIKIPEDIA
Tom Hiddleston

"Feud," which centers on the bitter rivalry between "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" stars Bette Davis (Susan Sarandon) and Joan Crawford (Jessica Lange). The miniseries will premiere sometime next year, and co-stars Stanley Tucci as studio chief Jack Warner, Judy Davis as gossip columnist Hedda Hopper and Alfred Molina as director/producer Robert Aldrich. With a powerhouse cast like this, I can't wait to see the series.

Q: I remember hearing talk of a "Lost Boys" movie remake. Any word on that?

— Larry T., via email

A: Rob Thomas — creator of "Veronica Mars" and "iZombie" — is bringing the vampire cult classic to television over at the CW network. According to "Deadline," the new series is being envisioned for a seven-season run, "spanning 70 years, each season chronicling a decade." With each season, "the humans, the setting, the antagonist and the story all change — only the vampires, our Lost Boys, who are like the 'Peter Pan' characters who never grow up, remain the same." There is no word yet on whether the vampires will be all-new characters or a reimaging of the movie-version ones, but seeing how they all died in the end, they'd have to get pretty creative if they are planning to reintroduce them. ■

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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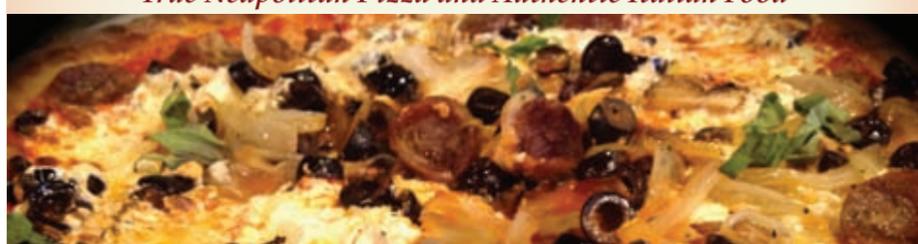
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■ Collier County Sheriff's Office holds the eighth annual **Keewaydin Cleanup** on Saturday, Sept. 10. Participants will depart at 8:30 a.m. from Naples City Dock aboard the Sweet Liberty or from Pelican Bend Restaurant on Isles of Capri aboard the Calusa Spirit and return at 12:30 p.m. Participation is limited to the first 35 people who sign up. Organizers will provide bottled water. To reserve a spot, send an email to keewaydincleanup@gmail.com.

■ **Greater Naples YMCA, Collier County Sheriff's Office** and **North Collier Fire District** hosts a stair climbing challenge at 8 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, in honor of the flights climbed by first responders during the 9/11 rescue efforts. After an opening ceremony, participants will walk or run 17 laps around the main campus in commemoration of the 110 storeys rescuers climbed at the World Trade Center. Food, fun and vendors will be available afterward on the baseball field. \$10, all proceeds will be donated to Freedom Memorial Foundation of Naples, Florida INC. For more information or to register, 597-3148 or visit greaternaplesymca.org.

■ The ninth annual **Sports CLUB/Kiwanis Golf Shootout** takes place Saturday morning, Sept. 17, at Heritage Bay Golf Course. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m. Registration for \$125 includes 18 holes of golf, cart fees, breakfast and lunch. The Hot Shots and The Hackers divisions will be based on handicap, and The Seniors division will be for golfers over the age of 60. Prizes will be awarded to division winners. There will be hole-in-one challenges for a car, a motorcycle and cash. Proceeds benefit two charitable causes: the Sports CLUB After School/Youth Sports Scholarship program, which provides more than \$350,000 as year in financial aid to families, and The Kiwanis Club of Naples Terrific Kids program at Avalon Elementary School, which provides support, mentoring and incentives for students. To register or sponsor, call 431-7322 or visit sportsclubnaples.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 healthcare students and programs. For more information or to register, call 435-7727 or visit ccmsonline.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 kids follows at 8:30 a.m. The first-place winner will be awarded a one-year membership to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and The Naples Zoo; second- and third-place finishers will take home guest passes to both organizations. Participants will

have free entry to both all day with their race number. Registration is \$25 through Aug. 31, \$30 Sept. 1-23 and \$35 the day of the event. Proceeds benefit The Naples Zoo and the Conservancy. For more information or to register, visit gcrunner.org.

■ The Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation Inc. holds its **Family Fun 1- and 2-Mile Walk** from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at North Collier Regional Park. There will be official shirts, food, activities, sponsor displays and prizes for (optional) costumes and teams. All proceeds benefit the Pilot Club and Pilot Foundation's brain-related causes and community service. Registration is \$12 (\$5 for ages 10 and under). For more information, call 289-8268, email lesl612@aol.com or visit pilotclubofnaples.org.



■ The David Lawrence Center hosts the third annual **Chip In for the DLC Golf Tournament** 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 starts at 5:30 p.m. Registration for \$250 includes green fees, cart, lunch and cocktails. Sign up by Oct. 7 by calling 304-3505 or going to chipinfordlc.org.

■ Avow Hospice hosts the second annual **Avow Open Charity Golf Tournament** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Audubon Country Club. In addition to a day of play, participants will enjoy lunch at the clubhouse, raffles, prizes, games and auctions. Registration is \$175 (\$50 for lunch only). Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, call 430-3195 or email kkincaid@avowcares.org.

■ Gulfshore Playhouse hosts its **12th annual charity golf tournament** at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at TwinEagles. A putting contest starts the fun at 11:30 a.m. Registration for \$400 includes lunch, dinner buffet, golf, two drink tickets and admission for two to a Gulfshore Playhouse production. To sign up or for more information, call (866) 811-4111 or visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ Community Cooperative hosts the inaugural **Soup'er Hero 5K Run/Walk** at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Gulf Coast Town Center. Participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite super hero. Awards will be distributed for the top runners, fundraisers and costumes. Registration is \$34. For more information or to sign up, call 332-7687 or email Nicole@communitycooperative.com.

■ The fourth annual **golf tournament to benefit the Marco Island Center for the Arts** tees off Saturday morning, Oct. 29, at Hammock Bay Golf Club. Registration for \$150 includes three mulligans and lunch. For more information or to register, call 394-4221 or visit marcoislandarts.com.

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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 the CHBP and the Hispanic Council Foundation of Collier County. Tickets are \$100 for individuals, \$175 for two. Visit chbnaples.org for reservations or more information.

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

■ **“Under the Stars at Shangri-La”** for Valerie’s House, a nonprofit devoted to providing grieving children and their families a caring place to share and find support, takes place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs. Co-chairs of the event are Joy Gugliuzza with Royal Shell Real Estate and Steve Engstrom with Sirius Computer Solutions. The Shangri-La Springs property encompasses the natural spring for which Bonita Springs was named and include the historic 1920s hotel that was once a retreat for Hollywood stars of the Golden Age. The island-themed night will include live calypso music, flamethrowers, hors d’oeuvres and signature cocktails. Art created by Valerie’s House children will be auctioned along with various auction packages.



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Tickets are \$100 eight (\$1,000 for a table for eight). Major sponsorships range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Sponsorships and reserved tickets can be purchased at ValeriesHouseSWFL.org or by mail at Valerie’s House Inc., P.O. Box 1955, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

Valerie’s House is named after Angela Melvin’s mother, Valerie Melvin, a mother or two who was 31 years old when she died in a car accident in 1987. The organization serves more than 70 children and their families from Lee, Collier, Charlotte and Hendry counties from its headquarters near downtown Fort Myers. Satellite locations are planned for Naples and Cape Coral. For more information about the nonprofit, call 478-6734 or email angela@valeries-houseswfl.org.



■ **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 in

keeping with a masquerade theme are optional but encouraged. Tickets for \$95 are available by calling the Project HELP office at 649-1404 or by going to projecthelpnaples.org/events.

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

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

■ **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida** hosts its 2016 **Business Hall of Fame-Collier County** the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The event begins with cocktails and includes dinner along with recognition of this year’s Business Hall of Fame laureates. Junior Achievement students also attend and are seated with guests for dinner. For more information, call 225-2590 or email jgreenhoe@jaswfl.org.



■ **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.

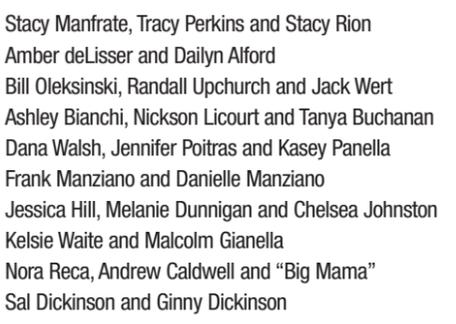
■ **Youth Haven** holds its third annual **Uncorked** wine pairing on Friday, Nov. 4, at Mediterra Beach Club. The annual Home, Hope and Healing Luncheon is set for Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and will feature keynote speaker Jimmy Wayne, a foster care alumni who has used 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.

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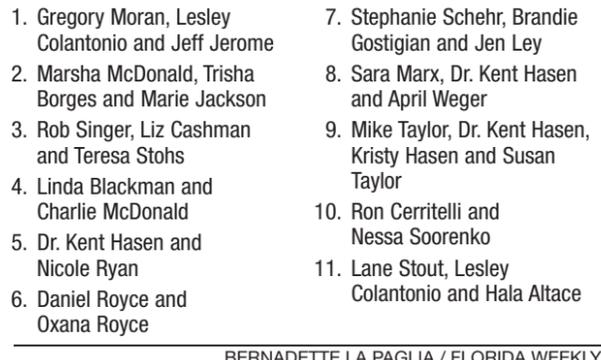


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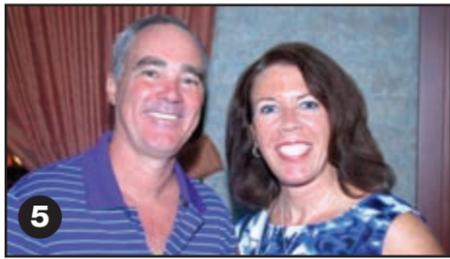
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CUISINE NEWS

■ Guests at **Sea Salt** and **Barbatella** can support disaster relief efforts in Amatrice, Italy, by purchasing a \$25 plate of spaghetti amatriciana at either restaurant. One hundred percent of the cost will be donated to help the city that was devastated by an earthquake late last month. Barbatella is at 1290 Third St. S. Sea Salt is at 1186 Third St. S. 263-0059.

■ **Agave** celebrates its fifth anniversary and National Guacamole Day on Friday, Sept. 13, by bringing back tableside guacamole. The popular dish will be just \$5 all day. The move signifies a larger effort by the restaurant's parent company, Epic Food Concepts, to bring the spot back around to its original concept of a upscale but affordable Southwest and Mexican favorites. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 598-3473 or agavenaples.com.



Sara Kuhn at Agave is ready for the return of tableside guacamole.

■ Craving good food? And some eye candy to go with it? **Waterside Shops** hosts the fourth annual **Craving Fashion** from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, where guests can sip and sample small bites from more than 40 area restaurants while eyeballing the latest fashions from the shopping center's retailers. Participating restaurants will compete in taste and ambience categories to be judged by local personalities including chocolatier Norman Love, foodie Linda Harden, *Florida Weekly* food critic Karen Feldman and NBC2's Chad Oliver.

Last year's first-place winners were Lurcat Catering for ambience division and Seminole Casino Immokalee's Lucky Mi for taste.

"This is such an exciting way to ease from summer to season," explains Anne Fleming, Waterside Shops general manager. "Not only do our guests have an amazing time, they are able to help us support two worthwhile local charities."

Proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida and United Way of Collier County. Tickets are \$50, with 100 percent of sales going to Make-A-Wish. Drink packages are available as well and will benefit United Way. Purchase food tickets at visitcfl6.eventbrite.com and drink packages at unitedwayofcolliercounty.com.

For more information and updates, visit watersideshops.com or like the Craving Fashion page on Facebook.

■ **La Moraga** hosts its second annual Pink Celebrity Bartender Night to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. Sports columnist and ESPN Radio host David Moulton will preside over the festivities while guest bartenders serve cocktails.

Participating barkeeps to date are: Crave Culinaire's Brian Roland, Pyure Brands CEO Benjamin Fleischer, Social Connect CEO Batya Haman, Superbowl winner with the St. Louis Rams Tom Nuten, hairstylists Sashy and Stephi, Clive Daniel interior designer Wilfredo and former NFL Player Winston Justice. \$25 admission includes welcome drink and a selection of tapas. Purchase tickets at pickcelebrity.eventbrite.com. 3936 Tamiami Trail N. 331-3669 or lamoragarestaurant.com.

■ **21 Spices by Chef Asif** holds **Italy Night**, where guests can enjoy plates of fusion Indo-Italian food, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. Andy LoRusso, "The Singing Chef," will perform Italian love songs. He and Chef Asif Syed have worked together to create the evening's menu that includes grilled radicchio cups with fennel and baby shrimp, mandarin oranges with a garam masala balsamic glaze, lobster mulligatawny and Sicilian-style shrimp scampi with mustard and curry leaves. \$95. 4270 Tamiami Trail E. 919-8830 or 21spicesdining.com.

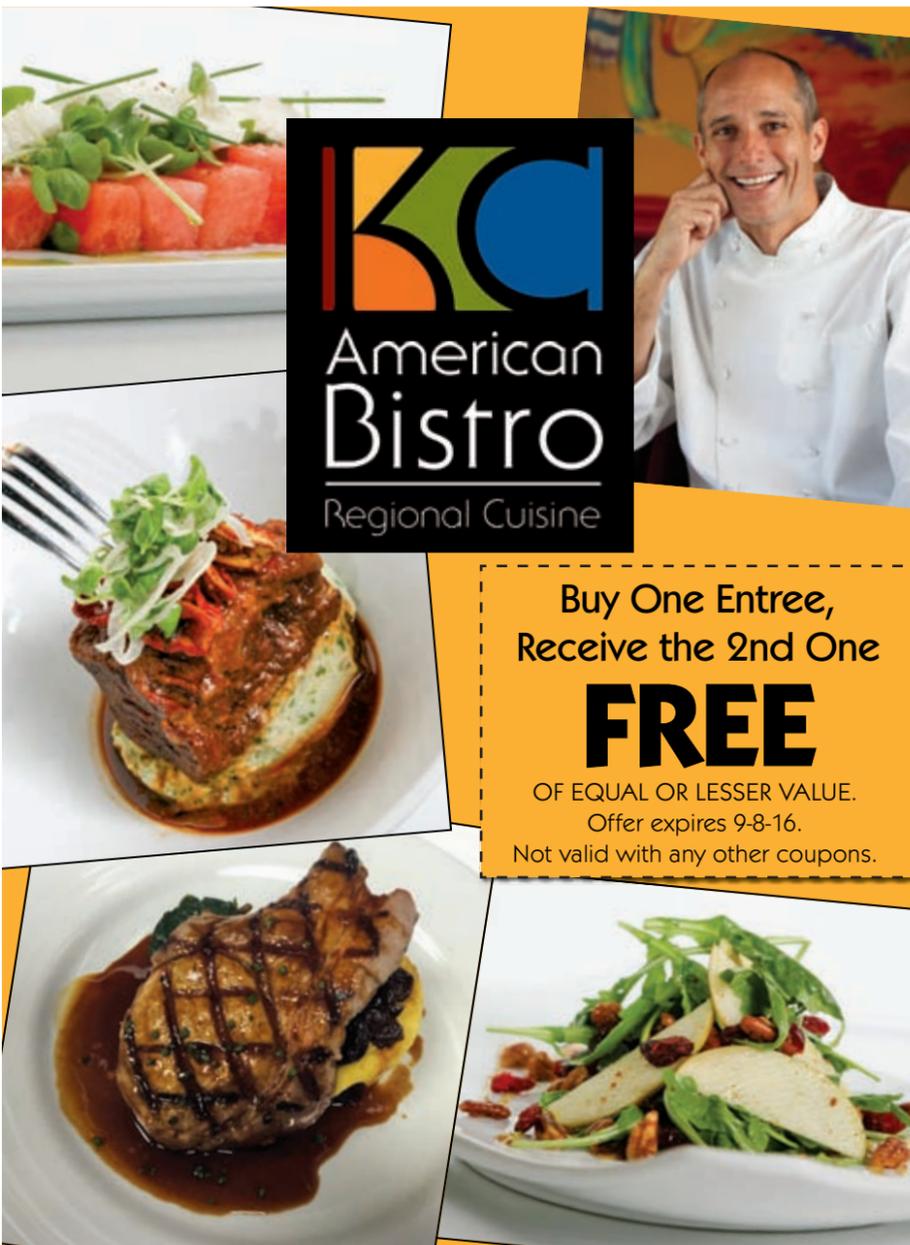
■ Chef/chocolatier **Molly Cook** at **Norman Love Confections** won the Chocolatier of the Year award and the People's Choice Award at the recent Pastry Live competition in Atlanta. Ms. Cook's winning entries were a molded white chocolate piece in banana passion cheesecake and a hand-dipped piece featuring almond raspberry filling with milk chocolate. ■

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The Details: Interestingly enough, the first time I tried watermelon salad was at Bha! Bha! Persian Bistro at its former location in this same shopping center. In fact, it might even have occupied the very space where KC American Bistro now serves innovative American regional cuisine that's as sophisticated as the setting. My watermelon salad was unlike any other, with generous chunks of juicy melon arranged in a block atop a bed of whipped goat cheese (genius!) and topped with micro-sprouts, an orange wedge and Meyer lemon dress-

ing swirled with a lovely balsamic. I was intrigued by the descriptions of three other salads on the menu and will make my return(s) in short order to try: (1) Honeycrisp Apple and Arugula Salad with dried cranberries, candied walnuts and a Mission fig vinaigrette, (2) Kale Caesar Salad with shaved Manchego, toasted pine nuts and KC's Caesar dressing and (3) Heirloom Tomato and Warm Spinach Salad with Maytag blue cheese and applewood smoked bacon vinaigrette. ■



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Sorry ... I couldn't wait. The Chinese won't celebrate until the end of next January, but our Jewish friends are gearing up for their celebration in just a few weeks. So if you can't make resolutions now, then when?

I recently discovered an old column I'd saved from *The Wall Street Journal* from back in 2009, where then-wine writers Dorothy Gaiter and John Brecher made a list of 20 wine things to try in the new year. I said to myself, "Why wait?" After all, we can have wine fun whenever we darn well please. And, many of the items on their list are well worth doing at any time of year.

For example, open a sparkling wine at home, just because you can. So many people save Champagne and other sparkling wines for a special occasion, but you can make any dinner special by popping the cork on a bottle of fizzy. There are dozens of reasonably priced sparkling wines on the shelves, many are Champagnes and others are made by the Champagne method. My favorite, mentioned in this space before, is Gruet, which comes from New Mexico, of all places. Their deliciously dry Brut is about \$18, and worth every nickel.

Try a wine from a different country. Of course, we tend to stick to wine types and producers we've sampled and

liked, but what about expanding your horizons a little? The red table wines from Portugal have become sensational values. The Portuguese have done a terrific job using the grapes traditionally vinified as Port (Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, etc.) to make wines like the Quinta das Carvalhas Touriga Nacional Douro 2013, with plum, cocoa, spice and currant flavors all in the bottle for around \$20.

Shop at a wine store. Although I've written about buying wine in so-called "big box" stores, there's are many advantages to patronizing smaller shops and being helped by a merchant who's caring, knowledgeable, and really understands wine. If you try a new wine and can't find it anywhere, an independent store can special order it for you. They hold tastings and other events where you can sample different wines and expand your horizons. They can put you on preferred customer lists and give you access to wines that may not be generally available. Building a relationship with a local wine retailer in your area is always a good idea.

Splurge, for once. People who can afford to drink a \$60-\$100 bottle of wine with dinner every night don't live at our house. But once in a while — not on a birthday or anniversary — go ahead and spend the money. Restaurant wine lists are often arranged by price, so start at the bottom where the "reserve" wines are, and just do it ... even if it's once a year.

Speaking of big wines, here are some suggestions in several price ranges.



Justin Isosceles 2012 (\$60) — This iconic wine from Paso Robles is a classic Bordeaux blend. Dark ruby garnet in the glass, aromas of plum, smoke, and bright fruit. The flavors are baking spice, cassis, vanilla, and black cherry. Needs time. WW 92-93.

Damilano "Lecinquevigne" Barolo 2012 (\$50) — It means "five vines" in Italian, and gives up Old World aromas of tobacco, leather and roses. The

earthy flavors persist through a long finish. WW 93.

Avant Red Blend 2013 (\$17) — A relatively new label from Kendall-Jackson, it's a very pleasing blend of six or seven red grapes. Blackberry and cherry on the nose, and the six months of oak aging adds a nice cedar note to the predominant cherry and raspberry flavors. WW 90.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. If a wine label says "Cabernet Sauvignon," is the wine in the bottle pure Cabernet, or are other grapes blended in?

— Dominick B., Bonita Springs

A. Depending on the laws of the particular state or region, the bottle must contain between 75 percent and 85 percent of the named varietal. So if the label says "Cabernet Sauvignon," there can be up to 25 percent of other grapes blended in, and they don't have to be disclosed. Most times, blending improves a wine, adding color, structure or aroma. Places like France, Italy and Spain don't list the name of the grape at all — just the name of the region it's from. For example, in the Southern Rhone, a red wine might consist of a blend of 10 to 13 different grapes, and the label will not let you know. ■

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CUISINE

Palladio Trattoria chef true to her Italian roots



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If any doubt remains that Southwest Florida has an overabundance of Italian restaurants, consider this: Palladio Trattoria, the latest Bonita Springs entry in the category, moved into a space formerly occupied by Fabio's Trattoria. Before Fabio took over, it was Anthony's Trattoria.

That's a lotta trattoria for one address. Well, now it's Emma's trattoria. Chef-owner Emanuela "Emma" Calcara opened Palladio in May, dedicating it to the 16th century Venetian architect influenced by classical Roman temple architecture. Chef Calcara's family roots lie in Vicenza, a northern Italian city so rich in Palladian villas that it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the "City of Palladio."

The restaurant's design doesn't mimic that grand scale, but if you look closely at the plaza it's in you'll spot a couple of decorative columned porticoes that evoke neo-classical style. Inside, Palladio is well appointed in a red, black and cream scheme. Wood plantation shutters cover the windows, giving the dining room a shadowy intimacy. Red napkins and real red roses in vases pop next to white linen tablecloths. Italian advertising prints decorate some of the walls.

Chef Calcara grew up helping her parents at their Italian restaurant in Ocean City, Md. Classically trained in Italy and at Le Cordon Bleu in Los Angeles, she boasts mentors including hot-headed TV chef Gordon Ramsey and Nancy Silverton, the California pastry chef who gave rise to the artisanal baking trend. It's hard to discern their particular influence, but Palladio definitely demonstrates a dedication to quality ingredients, precision cooking and interesting flavor profiles. Even though you'll find some of the usual crowd-pleasing Italian-American restaurant favorites (think fried calamari, steamed mussels and lasagna), it's not just another red-sauce joint.

Word seems to have spread, because the sprawling restaurant appears to be attracting enough traffic to survive the lean months before seasonal residents trickle back into Bonita. I doubt it will be so easy to get a table a couple of months from now.



Creamy burrata is served with pistachio and sundried tomato purees.

The wine list offers a good sampling of Italian selections, if you bypass the commonplace house wines. The Palladio Chianti (\$8) from Tuscany our server recommended had more depth and roundness than most lower-priced chiantis.

The appetizer menu offers a few surprises along with the standards. Cioppino is usually reserved for the main course, as are lamb chops, but here they're \$22 starters. Chef Calcara even manages to elevate bruschetta with toppings including beets with goat cheese and microgreens, and apples with gorgonzola and arugula. You could also start with a 9-inch pizza with toppings such as prosciutto, arugula and radicchio.

We chose to start with the meatballs (\$12) for something traditional, and the burrata (\$14) because it's relatively new for Southwest Florida menus.

If you're accustomed to dense, heavy, dry orbs of ground meat, Palladio's delicate, airy meatballs could be a revelation. The key, as the chef clearly knows, is mixing and rolling the meat without overworking or overpressing it. Draped with chunky tomato sauce and melted cheese, the meatball trio would make a good entrée with a small side of pasta.

Burrata is a welcome addition to the appetizer repertoire. Fresh, milky mozzarella is wrapped around a soft creamy center that adds a lush note to what it otherwise a fairly humble ball of cheese. We smeared it on toasted bread along with dabs of green and red sauce (pistachio and sundried tomato purees, respectively) served in tiny, shallow bowls that proved inadequate for the task.

Both plates were quickly emptied and promptly carried away. Our server was helpful and accommodating, tim-

ing courses well and not trying to oversell anything. (However, his heavy cologne tended to arrive before he did.)

For entrees, there are about a dozen enticing pasta dishes, ranging from spaghetti carbonara to angel hair tossed with crabmeat. The gnocchi (\$22) are handmade and available with meat sauce, cream sauce with peas and ham, or my choice of sage and butter. Sometimes the simplest preparation is the best, and a splash of butter flecked with evergreen-scented herbs did nothing to upstage enjoyment of the main ingredient: the tender, pillowy dumplings. I especially liked the hint of sweetness and licorice imparted by a sprinkling of crushed amaretto cookies. When it's first served, it might look like a spartan portion, but a bowl of a dozen or so gnocchi will not leave you hungry.

And speaking of not going hungry, the veal chop (\$36) looked positively Fred Flintstonian, its hefty bone hanging off the side of the plate. And the meat? Perfection — amazingly tender, sweet and juicy. The chop was served on a bed of fluffy polenta and swathed in a glossy, deeply flavorful porcini demi-glace thick with mushrooms. My companion said it was the best chop he'd had in years, and I couldn't disagree.

If, unlike me, you're not tired of tiramisu, you'll probably enjoy Chef Calcara's time-tested take on the dessert, which she's been making since she was 8 years old. We opted instead for a delicious crostada (\$8) layered with pastry cream and a bounty of berries: red currants, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. Another good



Left: Handmade gnocchi are dressed with sage butter and topped with crumbled anise cookies. Right: Palladio's meatballs are incredibly light and airy.



Left: "Adult milk and cookies" comes with your choice of limoncello or white or black Sambuca. Right: A berry crostada is a good way to end a meal at Palladio Trattoria.



choice is the "adult milk and cookies" (\$12), a sampling of Italian confections served with your choice of limoncello or Sambuca.

From start to finish, Palladio Trattoria proves there's still room for another good Italian restaurant in Southwest Florida. ■

in the know

Palladio Trattoria

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Ronto reports construction on schedule at Seaglass



The Ronto Group announced construction of its 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay high-rise tower within Bonita Bay continues to progress on schedule. Ronto anticipates construction taking approximately 26 months with completion expected by summer, 2018. Seaglass is being built by the team of BCBE Construction and Stiles Construction. To date, 253 tons of steel (506,000 pounds) have been put in place on the construction site. A total of 543 trucks have delivered 5,422 yards of grout that has been pumped for the building's 800 pilings. An additional 184 trucks have poured 1,833 yards of concrete for the piling caps, columns, and shear wall. Because some of the foundation elements are as deep as 13 to 15-feet below grade, the ground water at the deep excavation sites was removed and the sites were dried out prior the foundation being poured. Dewatering is a common practice in Florida when doing deep construction work.

With construction well underway, opportunities for future residents to specify preferred finishes will become increasingly limited. The designer-selected finishes displayed at the Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center at 26951 Country Club Drive within Bonita Bay are suited to the open concept living spaces at Seaglass. Ronto's Finishing Touches Program allows future residents to visit the Design Studio and select finishes for their new home's flooring, cabinetry, countertops, door hardware, plumbing fixtures, and paint colors. Future residents may also specify finishes from other sources. Prospective homebuyers are encouraged to make their buying decisions and finish selections promptly.

Seaglass will feature fully-completed, ready for occupancy residences with premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available. With the combination of the building's captivating tower floor plan choices, various Bonita Bay Club membership opportunities, and amenities that include a 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center, five championship golf courses, numer-



Above: The Bonita Bay Club's approximately 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center contributed to Bonita Bay being recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions. Three Arthur Hills designed courses wind their way through the 2,400 acre Bonita Bay community and complement the surrounding natural setting. Two additional courses designed by golf course architect Tom Fazio are located at the nearby Bonita Bay Club Naples. Right: The award-winning Ronto Group announced construction of its highly anticipated 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass at Bonita Bay high-rise tower within the Bonita Bay community continues to progress on schedule.



ous formal and informal dining venues, a full service marina, 12 miles of on-property hiking and biking trails, a tennis complex, and a residents-only private beach park, Seaglass is redefining the luxury high-rise living experience.

Luxury homebuyer traffic and sales continue to expand at Seaglass. Ronto has processed more than \$103 million in sales contracts. All of the building's penthouse residences have sold. A choice selection of tower residences remains available. Three luxurious tower residence great room floor plans range from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and are priced from just over \$1 million. The spacious tower residences will include dual private elevator grand foyers, large island kitchens, three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, or three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom and three-and-a-half baths, walk-in closets in the owner's suite, and sliders opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan.

Three furnished tower residence models featuring the finishes on display at the Design Studio will be available for viewing upon completion of construction. Cinnabar Design's Diana Hall, ASID and Laurie Walter, ASID are creating the interior for the

Tower Residence 605 model. The Tower Residence 605 floor plan offers 2,889 square feet under air plus 464 square feet of covered outdoor terrace space. The open-concept plan features a private elevator lobby, and a gallery hallway that leads from the foyer to a spacious living area with a great room, gourmet island kitchen, dining area, and a sitting area. The great room, dining area, and the owner's suite open to a terrace with spectacular views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The plan includes two guest bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. The designers have chosen to transform one of the guest room spaces into a study. The remaining guest suite opens to a terrace with a southeasterly view.

Robb & Stucky's Susan J. Bleda ASID and Rachelle Porco are creating the interior for the Seaglass 804 tower residence model. The spacious 3,088 square feet under air floor plan includes three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, a den, an open great room, dining area, and island kitchen, terrace space totaling 485 square feet, and a private elevator foyer. Bleda and Porco's design will exude chic sophistication while providing welcome comfort and an exceptional level of livability. Set against a background wall tone of soft sandy bisque

that runs throughout the home and blends effortlessly with neutral fabrics and furnishings, their color palette will include light creams and whites for a fresh breezy aura. Furnishings will be clean lined with fabrics that include the textural diversity of leather against cotton and linen.

Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer of Renee Gaddis Interiors is creating the interior for tower residence 306. The floor plan offers 3,421 square feet under air and 525 square feet of outdoor covered terrace space. The open great room plan includes three bedrooms plus a den or fourth bedroom, three-and-a-half baths, a large island kitchen and dining area, and a private elevator lobby. The design includes an optional fireplace and a dry bar with wine storage. The design will showcase a classic style with a contemporary edge for a chic, clean-lined look. She will incorporate a color palette based on cool matte blue grays. The flooring will be executed in a warm wood tone.

Visit the Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com. ■

Kalea Bay's first tower reaches penthouse 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 mid-August, the construction on our first tower has reached the penthouse floor," stated Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay's Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

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 ceilings in living areas, 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 recreational 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

Left: The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay has 120 residences. Above: Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. Kalea Bay residences have open floor plans with 9-foot high ceilings. All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe.

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."

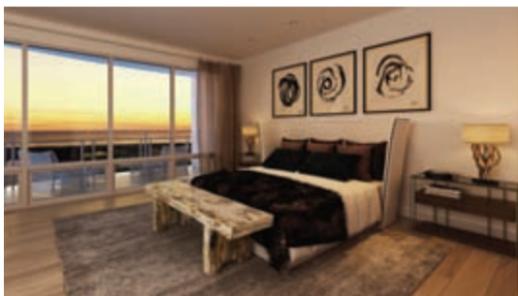
Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight

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. ■

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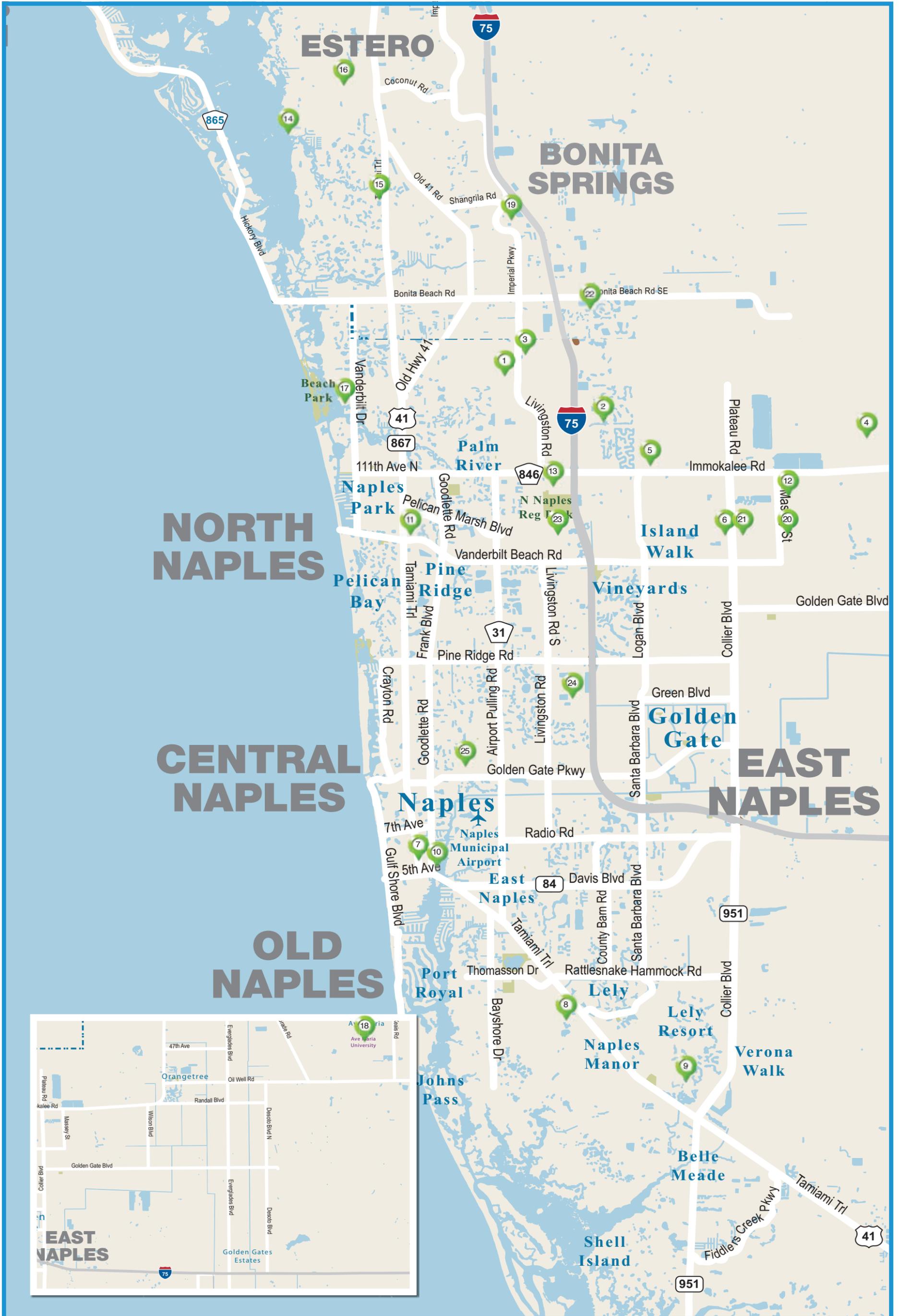
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Majestic Palms, the final condominium to be built in the premier community of Royal Pointe, offers an attractive selection of desirable floorplan designs. One of the most popular is the "Aspen" floorplan which features two bedrooms and two baths, as well as an expansive covered lanai, the largest of all of the models. The "Aspen" is a spacious residence for buyers looking for a luxurious home in a prestigious, gated neighborhood that is close to the beach. Best of all, with preconstruction prices for the "Aspen" residence starting at just \$188,000, it is a spectacular value as well.

The "Aspen" residence includes a complete stainless steel appliance pack-

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Majestic Palms is being developed by JAXI, CMD in the desirable area of Iona in Fort Myers. The private community will include just 80 elegant two- and three-bedroom residences housed in two 4-story buildings. Residence features include balconies, walk-in closets in the master suite, spacious great rooms, open floor plans, and every home comes with an assigned, personal carport.

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For more information, please visit the sales gallery at 11561 Majestic Palms Blvd., Suite 110 (next to Rib City) in Fort Myers. The sales gallery is open 7 days a week. You may also call (239) 500-5294 Option #2, or visit online at www.MajesticPalmsCondominiums.com. ■



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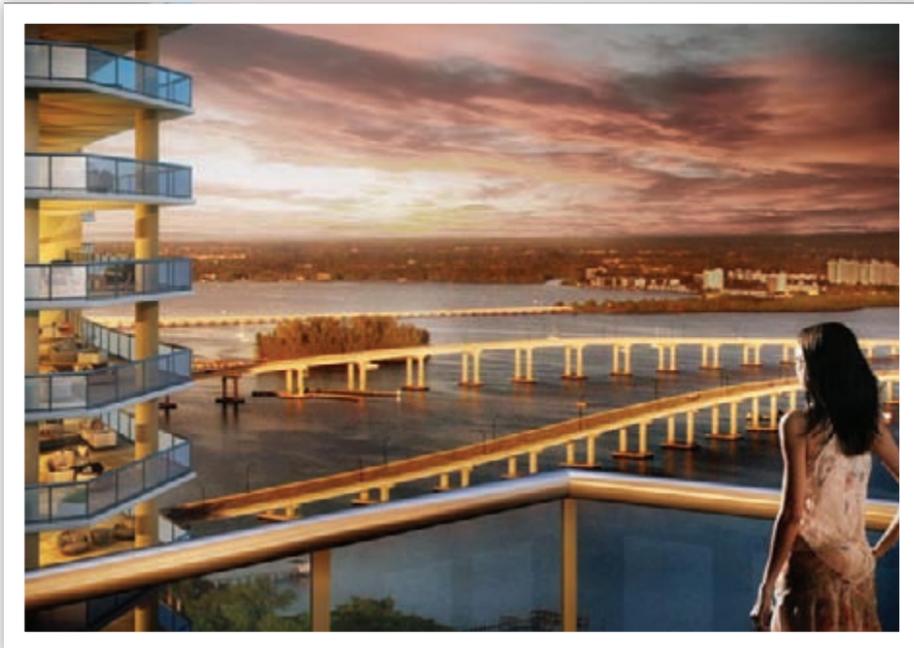
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2 Bed 2 Bath In Desirable North Naples
Gorgeous lake and pool view 2/2 light, bright, updated and immaculately clean. Being sold turnkey. **\$175,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA023727.

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**
1-866-657-2300 800CH227562.

PORT CHARLOTTE



3/2 Single Family Pool Home in Port Charlotte
Large 3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage pool home. Exterior door to the pool area, small picket fence and utility fence. **\$169,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH226212.

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape Coral
Well maintained 3 bedroom, two bath, 2 garage home centrally located. Utilities are in and all assessments paid. **\$169,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM040332.

CAPE CORAL



Move In Ready 3/2 SE Cape Home
Great starter home or second home, and has been a successful vacation rental. This 3 bedroom 2 bath move in ready home. **\$169,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC051485.

FORT MYERS



Roomy Whiskey Creek Villa
2 bed/2 bath/2 car garage villa with family room! Rare floor plan. **\$167,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM046587.

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**
1-866-657-2300 800LE046019.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Fixer-Upper
3/2/2 on lovely lot. Screened-in lanai, laundry room, pool bath & great closet space. Close to shops & major routes. **\$164,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC034277.

CAPE CORAL



Bright, Airy, Beautiful 2nd Floor Corner Condo
A must see-too many features, immaculate, upgraded finishes, 1850 sqft, perfect location and views. **\$157,500**
1-866-657-2300 800CC025244.

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. **\$159,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC031591.

LEHIGH ACRES



Looking for a True 4 Bed Home in Lehigh
Your search for a ready to move in home has ended. This spacious home offers 4 bed 2 bath & an open living space. **\$149,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE017353.

LEHIGH ACRES



Calling All Investors
This well-maintained 3/2/2 is just steps away from Harns Marsh Elementary, close to Sunshine and Sunniland. **\$149,000**
1-866-657-2300 800LE010164.

FORT MYERS



Location, Location, Location
Well maintained completely updated turnkey condo. **\$129,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM046413.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Large Outstanding Lakefront
2/2 Move in ready expansive view of the lake, large carport, own your land. Low monthly maintenance fee boat/RV storage. **\$129,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC026707.

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Hard to find
Top floor end unit.
1-866-657-2300

\$124,900
800FM013071.

LEHIGH ACRES



Larger 2/2 Home on 1/2 Acre Property
If you are looking for a larger 2/2 home with lots of space you have found your home. This property features many upgrades.
1-866-657-2300

\$119,900
800LE047578.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Cute 1st Floor Condo in Foxmoor Village
Come and see this nicely furnished first floor condo. This is a bright and clean 2 bedroom/2 bath unit.
1-866-657-2300

\$99,900
800FM042360.

FORT MYERS



Great Starter 3/2 Home in Established Area
Great starter 3/2 home in established area in Fort Myers.
1-866-657-2300

\$89,900
800CC052336.

NAPLES



Well Maintained 55+ Community
Great location! 4/2 double wide manufactured home in Cape Sable Lakes. Large living room, full size laundry, ramp.
1-866-657-2300

\$85,000
800NA063544.

LABELLE



Great Investment Property
This 4 bedroom unit is ready to be remodeled for your home or for your rental property.
1-866-657-2300

\$80,000
800LE030034.

FORT MYERS



Great Townhouse, Low HOA Fee
Central to everything! Great 2 bedroom 2 bath second floor unit. This unit is located off College.
1-866-657-2300

\$79,300
800CC051573.

LEHIGH ACRES



Lehigh 2/1 w/Den & Fenced Yard
Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home w/den, fenced yard & extra storage space, appliances replace 2013. New roof 2003.
1-866-657-2300

\$75,000
800LE048690.

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5 Bed Intersecting Canal Home
Almost 7,000 sqft 2 story executive home w/pool. Intersecting canals, Stunning! 20k boat lift with captain's walk.
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\$2,380,000
800CC028418.

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Ft Myers Contemporary Estate Home
This is a two story estate home has been totally remodeled.
1-866-657-2300

\$1,699,000
800FM022494.

CAPE CORAL



Luxurious Estate
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sqft. Schedule your private showing today!
1-866-657-2300

\$1,549,500
800CC032693.

FORT MYERS



Old Florida Country Setting
Old Florida country setting. 7+ Acres that is perfect for horses and other animals. Ponds, barns, fully irrigated property.
1-866-657-2300

\$850,000
800FM015632.

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.
1-866-657-2300

\$799,900
800CC015780.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Home Across From Cape Harbour
Better then new construction !! This home is located in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral.
1-866-657-2300

\$799,000
800CC019327.

CAPE CORAL



Great South Spreader Canal Location
Sunny southern exposure. 2,744 sqft living space. Home is just a stones throw from Cape Harbor. Tile roof.
1-866-657-2300

\$759,900
800CC027486.

FORT MYERS



Park & Fly
Fly home to Buckingham.
1-866-657-2300

\$724,990
800FM008100.

FORT MYERS



Stunning Family & Entertaining Home in Whiskey Creek
Beautiful 3500+ sqft waterfront Home in Whiskey Creek with custom waterfall pool.
1-866-657-2300

\$629,900
800FM026144.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access, 3 Lot Site
2500+ sqft home has 2 master bedrooms! Custom built w/110 ft of waterfront & southern exposure. Room for all!
1-866-657-2300

\$595,000
800CC020015.

CAPE CORAL



Exquisite Gulf Access Pool Home
This gorgeous 2 story home offers 2251 sqft of paradise living with 3 bed 3 bath 3 car garage + bonus room!
1-866-657-2300

\$584,900
800CC062342.

CAPE CORAL



Boaters Delight! No Bridges!
Custom built SW Cape pool home on gulf access canal.
1-866-657-2300

\$570,000
800CC048148.





CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access 3/2 Pool Home
Heated, salt water pool, jacuzzi & pool bath. Concrete dock w/captain's walk & seawall. Assessments paid.
\$349,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC002960.

ALVA



Riverhall Bundled Golf - No Green Fees
Gorgeous and well maintained David Weekly Home has 3 bed plus a den overlooking the 18th hole Davis Love III.
\$339,999
1-866-657-2300 800FM009579.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed Pool w/Lakefront Views - Gated Community
This home has bright open floor plan w/ views of the lake. 3 bed/2 bath w/pool. In Willows gated community.
\$339,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC051713.

PUNTA GORDA



Beautiful Burnt Store Pool Home
This is the one you have waited for! Boasting with pride of ownership this 3 bedrooms plus a den, 2 1/2 baths 3 car garage.
\$339,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM017983.

FORT MYERS



2 Bedroom Condo w/Riverfront & Sunset Views
Boasting almost 1,600 sqft this condo has plenty of space for all types of living styles! Open floor plan.
\$324,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC050882.

FORT MYERS



WOW
That will be your first impression when you walk in to this 4 bedroom/2 bath river side of McGregor home.
\$319,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM039662.

ESTERO



Rarely Available, Turnkey, 2nd Floor, Beautifully Decorated
This beautifully decorated 3/2/2 coach home offers Custom Robb & Stucky furniture with coordinating window treatments.
\$299,999
1-866-657-2300 800BS028265.

CAPE CORAL



Cute, Affordable Gulf Access Pool Home
3/2/2 Affordable Cape Coral pool home. Gulf access canal, southern exposure, cathedral ceilings, and much more!
\$299,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC028576.

BONITA SPRINGS



Gulf Access Waterfront Duplex
Each residence has 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, 1-car garage, and a patio in the back. Solid income generating property.
\$299,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS021335.

CAPE CORAL



Golf Course Pool Home
Bright open floor plan with south exposure for the solar heated pool. Great view across pond.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC036092.

CAPE CORAL



Catalina Isles
Come see this immaculate, 3/2 home at Catalina Isles gated community.
\$279,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC021858.

ESTERO



Beautiful Home in Bella Terra w/Wonderful Lake View
Fantastic opportunity to purchase this 2 story, 3 bed + loft 2.5 bathrooms, 2 car garage townhouse 2282 sqft w/a lake view.
\$279,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS039076.

ESTERO



2 Bed 2 Bath Fairway Bend
Don't miss seeing this beauty.
\$269,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM048735.

CAPE CORAL



Pool Home
Gorgeous 3/2/2 open floor plan.
\$265,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM048689.

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
1-866-657-2300 800CH227000.

NAPLES



Vineyards Condo in Immaculate Condition
In addition to the amenities such as heated pool, clubhouse and hot tub, this unique condo has a spectacular view.
\$255,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA049043.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Stunning Country Setting Home
Beautiful country style home with caged pool. Very well designed and updated home.
\$254,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH223177.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed 2 Bath Lake View - Gated Community
Well maintained clean home. Located in a desired community with a lake view. Many amenities for all to enjoy.
\$252,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM042577.

CAPE CORAL



Updated Direct Gulf Access Condo
Beautiful granite countertops in this hard to find three bedroom, two bath 1st floor condo. Minutes to the river.
\$249,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC009649.

LEHIGH ACRES



Only 4 Bedroom House In Gated Community
This is a steal for the price 4 bed 2 bath home in the gated community of West Minster Golf & Tennis Club. Low HOA fees.
\$249,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS057670.

ESTERO



2 Bed 2 Bath Grand Palm Beauty
Awesome view of the golf course.
\$232,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM027255.

BONITA SPRINGS



Perfect Starter Home
Adorable 2/2 with screened lanai. Cute backyard with a storage shed w/pond. New AC and roof. Both baths remodeled.
\$229,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS044471.

CAPE CORAL



Attention Serious Boaters - Direct Access
Rare 3 /2 condo, 1 car garage with extra room for storage, over 1600 sqft. Walking distance to Jaycee Park.
\$224,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC041119.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Nice Single Family 2/2
Very nice Suncoast Lakes community with nice peaceful view of big lake. Pool home with screened lanai.
\$219,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH228529.

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