



Moms Demand Action takes aim at gun violence

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Naples isn't under siege like many urban areas around the country are, but the local chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America encourages everyone to recognize Gun Violence Awareness Day just the same.



Starting at Cambier Park at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3, participants will gather to march down Fifth Avenue South before returning to the park for comments from Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

The Wear Orange movement will stage similar events across the country. All are encouraged to wear orange.

Orange is the color hunters wear in the woods to make themselves visible to other shooters. It's a bright, bold color that demands to be seen.

Wear Orange was inspired by friends of Chicago teen Hadiya Pendleton, who was 15 years old when she was gunned down in a Chicago park near her school in 2013. In her memory, Hadiya's friends organized the first Wear Orange Party for Peace on what would have been her 18th birthday, June 3, 2015.

In the United States gun violence kills 90 people very day and injures hundreds more.

Moms Demand Action advocates for common-sense gun laws on the state level, and while the coalition

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"It was Negron's passion and effort — he was the driving force behind this ... But the product attached to the end has many authors."

— Rep. Matt Caldwell, District 79, second-term Republican from northern Lee County on approval of reservoir south of Lake O.



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Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Lutz, center, with Senate President Joe Negron, R-Palm City, at his side, comments on the Legislature's successes after Sine Die closing ceremonies May 8.

Session ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Florida Legislature took three extra days for the session, passed a budget the governor doesn't like, and may have to return

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THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE INCLUDES 160 men and women each sporting an ambition, a goal or a plan.

Every morning for about eight weeks this spring, those politicians — 120 members of the House and 40 senators — showed up for work to champion the interests and needs of 20 million Floridians during the 2017 legislative session in the state capital. Although they closed up shop May 8, sending an \$82.4 billion budget to Gov. Rick Scott for

approval, they may have to return for a special session.

The governor will likely veto significant portions of their budget, legislators and pundits acknowledge, leaving some issues and problems (a fixed budget not the least of them) hanging and in need of resolution before July 1.

That's less than six weeks away, when the new fiscal year begins. (As of press time he had taken no action on the budget.)

Reviews of the 2017 session, therefore, range from sharply critical to moderately circum-

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COMMENTARY

What it means to speak

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Politicians get to ride shotgun in the big truck of American culture.

And they get to help drive, all at the same time.

The truck pulls up and stops. The engine idles briefly while they wrestle to open the door and fight to climb into the cab.

Once the vehicle gets back underway, they get to see everything.

And sometimes they get to steer.

It must be a beautiful sight, sitting high up there in the shotgun seat with one hand on the steering wheel: all those earnest, well-meaning Americans intent on one cause or another waving madly from the side of the road while the red, white and blue countryside rolls by like a dream. And all that power courses up from the engine, throbbing through the truck frame and vibrating right through their individual cores.

The young politicians, the new ones, tend to express themselves with less restraint. If you're a reporter, they'll look you right in the eye and try to communicate the feeling — *Man, this is good. Trust me. I'm good, too. We're gonna go somewhere!*

That lack of inhibition is a good thing for citizens and a bad thing, sometimes, for careers.

The older politicians or the bitter ones

tend to avoid open expression, often offering innocuous and sometimes even meaningless clichés to satisfy the older, more demanding constituents they see on the road, especially lobbyists.

For example: "I support the Second Amendment."

I've heard a lot of elected people say that — they support the Second Amendment.

When they get to say it from the truck cab of American culture, however, they have an obligation to know the history and intent of the Second, or of anything else.

That's what it means to speak, especially from the big truck of American culture. It means opening your mouth only when you know what you're talking about.

History, facts, considered opinions based on research and study — all of those are pistons, powerful drivers in the engine of our culture. And any who ride up high, who help drive the truck, are obligated to use them every time they speak. Or not speak.

So let me offer a little background, at least in this single instance. The Second Amendment goes like this: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

I support the Second Amendment, too, like those politicians. I also support the intent of the Militia Acts of 1792, two of them written into law a week apart, about 20 weeks after many of the same people ratified the Second, on Dec. 15, 1791.

The Militia Acts, passed 225 years ago

this month, allowed the president to call up armed citizens to put down attacks across our borders or rebellions from within (that was one), and required "free, able-bodied white males" between the ages of 18 and 45 to maintain muskets, powder and balls in case they should be called upon to join the militia (that was two).

Both were designed to define the Second Amendment and give it intent.

Over the next 111 years the Militia Acts were amended to include blacks (1862, with the age of serviceable males extended to 54), and later to create the National Guard (1903).

As simple as it is, therefore, the Second Amendment has nothing to do with such contemporary issues as the right, or not, of any individuals to carry weapons into airports, onto college campuses, into hospitals or day care centers or government buildings and government meetings, into libraries or churches or bars or public schools or anywhere else where citizens engage in the peaceful pursuit of living as Americans.

Those are questions to be decided by voters in each generation, perhaps. But they have nothing to do with the Second Amendment of 1791.

For politicians riding in the big truck, it's imperative to understand this, but many don't.

As a reporter, every time I've failed to quiz politicians who say, "I support the Second Amendment" — each time I didn't ask if they know what the Militia Acts of 1792 are — I've fallen down on the job.

Last year, the election year 2016,

the National Rifle Association spent \$52,921,907 supporting politicians who say they support the Second Amendment, according to the bipartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

That money likely makes it more difficult for some politicians to research and study the Second — it obscures, perhaps, what it means to speak for those men and women.

But they're riding up high, way up in the cab. By and by the truck slows down and stops — the engine idling again — and they have to speak.

If they don't, or if they say something people don't like, they have to give up the ride and let somebody else climb aboard. For each of them, however, their first obligation should be always to speak with wisdom and calm reason based on knowledge whether people like it or not. It's known as telling the truth.

I believe many or even most local politicians mean well, and many of them try hard. The same is true of government employees. My experience suggests they are not lazy, stupid or uncaring. On the contrary, they try hard and they believe in doing the right thing.

That's why here in America, government remains our friend, especially when its officials and our representatives speak with knowledge.

Government is also us. Look in the mirror and you're looking at the government's bottom line.

All of us have an obligation to speak both temperately and wisely, too, therefore. Or to remain silent, and to listen and learn. ■

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OPINION**The arts in Southwest Florida**

Lydia Black, the executive director of the Alliance for the Arts, wrote Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Naples, in support of the National Endowment of the Arts. This was the congressman's reply. ■

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May 17, 2017

Mrs. Lydia A. Black

Dear Mrs. Black:

Thank you for contacting me regarding funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). I appreciate hearing your concerns about the budget, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

As you may know, the United States has a staggering national debt approaching \$20 trillion, threatening the stability of our economy and jeopardizing the future of younger generations who will ultimately have to repay this debt. This amount has doubled in a short eight years, from \$10 trillion in 2008. All programs must be on the table as we search for ways to get our country back on the path to fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget.

One such area where the government can save money is in the public funding of the arts. The NEA, for example, received \$147 million in federal funding in 2016. This money could be spent elsewhere, as NEA grants often go to frivolous projects such as \$60,000 to fund a play about zombies in 2015, and hundreds of thousands of dollars to artistic pursuits that contain graphic and explicit content unsuitable for children. Further, it is not necessary because the majority of arts funding comes from private donations, like the \$323 million raised through the website Kickstarter in 2012 alone.

I am confident artistic institutions will continue to thrive, as private funding and sales revenue provide the arts with billions of dollars every year. I will continue to be a strong supporter for our local arts and humanities, but I cannot support adding more debt to our country to maintain institutions that can thrive on their own.

Thank you again for contacting me to share your concerns. Please do not hesitate to do so again in the future regarding any issue important to you.

Sincerely,

Francis Rooney
Member of Congress

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The worst word in American politics

richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

For the past couple of years, the most important word in American politics has been the worst — “rigged.”

Emanating from slang back in the 17th century, developing into a description of financial fraud, and then branching out to apply to cheating in sports and elections, “rigged” had a breakthrough year in 2016, and it shows no sign of loosening its grip.

It is a word of grievance and conspiracy. It is a word of institutional distrust. It is a word of larger forces beyond our control taking advantage of us. It is a word that says, “We wuz robbed — and we will make the bastards pay.”

In short, it is the perfect term for a fevered era in our national life.

Donald Trump has charged that everything is rigged. “It’s not just the political system that’s rigged, it’s the whole economy,” he said during the campaign. The rigging specifically encompassed, among other things, “unfair trade, immigration and econom-

ic policies,” as well as the Republican primary (at least when he was losing ground).

Since Hillary Clinton picked up on the verbiage from Bernie Sanders, both major-party candidates last year argued that the system had been manipulated by nefarious forces working for their self-interested ends, i.e., “rigged.” The election was basically a contest over which party had a better claim on the word. Yes, “the game is rigged,” Elizabeth Warren thundered. “It’s rigged for guys like Donald Trump.”

In the stretch run of the campaign, Trump warned his supporters that “we are competing in a rigged election” and demurred from saying in advance that he would accept the results. Democrats lamented Trump’s rhetoric, but when he pulled off a stunning upset, they immediately resorted to rigged charges of their own. Trump hadn’t really won; the election had been stolen in a smoke-filled room somewhere in the Kremlin.

The charges and countercharges contrast with the bygone era when national politicians avoided public allegations of foul play even when they might legitimately suspect it. Richard Nixon didn’t contest his razor-thin defeat in the 1960 presidential election, despite doubts

about the vote count in Illinois and Texas. He thought it wouldn’t be good for the country, whereas now charges of rigging are the default. With trust in most American institutions badly eroded over the past 40 years, such accusations find a ready audience — and do their part to undermine trust a little bit more.

The idea that whatever we don’t like about our country is the handiwork of shadowy forces is a form of paranoia, certainly when it involves systems as large, diverse and uncontrolled as our politics or our economy. But there is a certain comfort in this mindset. It provides a ready, simple explanation for unwelcome trends or outcomes, and fixes responsibility for our troubles on an enemy. It implicitly promises not so much the creation of a set of truly neutral rules or more legitimate institutions than simple vengeance against those who are allegedly responsible for the rigging.

In other words, it heralds a particularly nasty politics, and, increasingly, it’s the one thing that unites the right and left. ■

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

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The Collier County Veterans Council invites the public to a Memorial Day ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, May 29, at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. CCVC president and U.S. Coast Guard Chief William Carl will welcome keynote speakers Congressman Francis Rooney (R-Fla., District 19) and Brig. Gen. Edward Dyer, US Army (Ret.).

Both keynotes will embrace the theme of "Honoring and Remembering."

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. with a prelude by the Pine Ridge Middle School Band at 9:45 a.m. The annual Earl Hodges Memorial Day Picnic provided by Cook Brothers Barbecue follows the ceremony. ■

Hear refugees share their stories

Asala International Philanthropy Group invites everyone to hear recently arrived refugees from Syria and Afghanistan talk about their journeys to resettlement in the United States from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Current Event Center, 975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd. in North Naples. Questions from the audience will be welcome.

Admission is \$15 (free for ages 18 and younger), with proceeds benefitting the International Refugee Assistance Program.

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PROFILE IN PARADISE

Being the change she wants to see in the world



The Neighborhood Health Clinic — a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization with approximately 250 physicians and dentists, 100 nurses and 150 non-medical personnel donating their professional expertise to provide Collier County's low-income, working, uninsured adults affordable medical and dental care — operates under the deft leadership and guidance of CEO Leslie Lascheid. Her parents, Dr. Bill and Nancy Lascheid, founded the clinic in 1999.

For five consecutive years, the clinic has earned the coveted four-star ranking by independent evaluator Charity Navigator, putting it in the top 11 percent of evaluated charities in the United States.

"The more than 200 patients we see each week know that our volunteer-driven team is dedicated to providing quality care," explains Leslie. "This rating, however, provides our clients, volunteers, donors and the community at-large with information about how we operate as an organization."

The clinic's \$2.3 million annual budget is funded completely by individual donations and contributions from the United Way and from foundation grants and donations from local businesses and religious and

Talking points with Leslie Lascheid

Something your mother was always right about: You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Where did you grow up? Sewickley, Pa.

When and why did you first come to Naples/Collier County, and what was your first impression? My first time to Naples was on a family vacation. I remember the picture-perfect blue sky, white sand and the calm of the Gulf of Mexico.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A politician. I'm glad that I grew out of those thoughts.

First job: Plowing driveways and jump starting cars in Sewickley. I had to borrowing my brother's Jeep to do it.

Guilty pleasure: Ice cream.

One thing on your bucket list: I've had a wonderful life; my bucket is full of great experiences.

Next vacation destination: Exploring back roads, small towns and local restaurants in Italy.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could deliver my message clearly and concisely.

Advice for your kids and grandkids: Enjoy life. Savor the journey.

Best thing about being a grandmother: My grandson's giggle.

Trait you most admire in your best friend: His get-it-done attitude.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: I earned a degree in aviation and have held a commercial pilot's license.

Favorite app on your smartphone or tablet: FaceTime.

Something that's been on your mind: How can we as a nation better care for our sick?

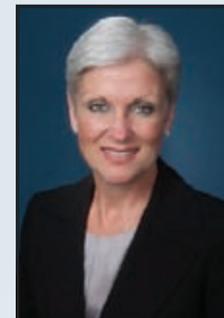
Something you'll never understand: Mean people.

Something you wish could go back to the way it once was: Having face-to-face conversations with people without cell phones.

Pet peeve: People who don't clean up after themselves.

What are you most proud of? My parent's commitment and true understanding of what it means to giveback to those in need.

Something the Paradise Coast really needs: An Isaly's Ice Cream Shoppe.



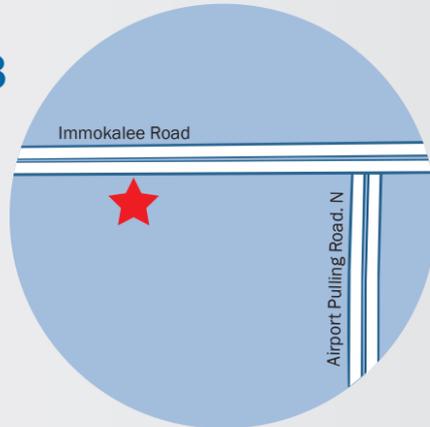
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spect to “elated,” in the case of Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen.

A District 78 Republican from Fort Myers and longtime clean-water advocate, she was speaking of the brightest moment for many in this year’s session: the approval of both legislative branches to build a reservoir for storing, cleaning and releasing water south of Lake Okeechobee.



FITZENHAGEN

One opponent of the original reservoir plan proposed by Sen. Joe Negron, a District 25 Republican from Palm City and now Senate president, ultimately praised the idea.



NEGRON

“It doesn’t take private land out of production to achieve the goal — we were able to thread that needle,” says Distist 79 Rep. Matt Caldwell, a second-term Republican from North Fort Myers.

Rep. Caldwell’s ambition is to become Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs next year, he announced last week — an increasingly powerful position in a state beset by environmental problems created in part by farming and ranching, especially from Orlando south.

“It was Negron’s passion and effort — he was the driving force behind this,” Rep. Caldwell said. “But the product attached to the end has many authors.”

Critics and issues

Elation wasn’t how activist Rand Hoch saw the 2017 session. The founder of the Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, he’s also a strong proponent of legalizing medical marijuana, a policy now stalled by the legislature’s inability to decide how it can be administered.

Mr. Hoch had this to say about the session: “It was another failure for the Florida legislature. They really did not accomplish very much that benefits the people of Florida, they still had trouble getting a budget together, and they failed to put together a process to implement the medical marijuana law approved by over 70 percent of Florida voters.”

But that wasn’t all.

“The main thing on my agenda they missed — and they’ve missed this for 11 consecutive legislative sessions — is they failed to amend the Florida Civil Rights Act and the Florida Fair Housing Act to protect LGBT people (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) in the state of Florida. There’s no reason for the legislature to continue to ignore the needs of such a large population here in our state that continues to face discrimination in employment, in housing and in finances.”

As many as 1.2 million Floridians may be LGBT citizens, according to numbers gathered this year in a Gallup poll.

On balance, “There was a lot of infighting during this session, almost all of it within the Republican party and particularly between the legislature and governor,” says Peter Bergerson, a professor of political science at Florida Gulf Coast University.

“The governor stood out in my mind as being the loser, and we’ll have to wait and see if he vetoes the budget and particularly the education budget — it’s a line-item veto.”



HOUSE PHOTO BY MARK FOLEY

From left: Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Lutz; Rep. Manny Diaz, Jr., R-Hialeah Gardens, and Rep. Michael Bileca, R-Miami, confer on the House floor March 22.

Such a move might be seen as simple pay-back aimed at legislators who opposed his plan to spend big money on tourism and business promotion, including House Speaker Richard Corcoran, a District 37 Republican from Pasco County.

But there is also significant pressure on the governor from some educators. They don’t like the notion, stewarded by Rep. Corcoran and others, to take millions from public education and offer it to outside charter schools that would compete with so-called “failing” public schools. And they don’t like the idea of providing teacher bonuses based on student test scores, among other issues.

“If that bill is not vetoed by the governor, then a great deal of money will go to charter schools. And if you’re a believer in public school education, as I am, you shouldn’t be decreasing Title I dollars to public schools for out-of-state charters,” says Sen. Lauren Book, a District 32 Democrat from Plantation and the Senate’s Democratic leader tempore.

She achieved relative fame this year in Florida politics first by having twins in a couple weeks before the session began (a boy and a girl); and then by proposing legislation that would exempt diapers and baby wipes from the state’s 6 percent sales tax, arguing that working

and poor families often struggle to pay for them even without the tax.

But the education bill is bigger than just public and charter schools.

“The state university system is one of Rep. Corcoran’s pet projects, and he was able to budget \$600 million for it,” explains Professor Bergerson. “There’s an increase in student financial aid, for example — \$180 million would go to Bright Future scholarships.”

If it doesn’t get vetoed by Gov. Scott.

Infighting and stumping

For all its infighting, the 2017 session wasn’t as vitriolic as the 2016 session when things got so bad legislators had to adjourn early, “a low-water mark in state government,” Professor Bergerson recalls.

But they weren’t so good, either.

In addition to strong disagreements between Republican legislators themselves — 25 senators and 80 representatives are members of the GOP — the outright breakdown in Republican ranks between legislators and an emasculated governor left some issues unresolved: not only how medical marijuana can be used or sold, for example, but how to clean up legal but seemingly unethical insurance rules.

“We should go back to special session to resolve the marijuana question,” says Rep. Caldwell. “It’s really disappointing we got stuck on the last issue but in the big scheme of things, there’s no reason we couldn’t come back and finish that up in a special session before the July 1 deadline.”

In the insurance industry, meanwhile, current state rules allow contractors using lawyers to take more money from

in the know

Legislation highlights

If water and the environment are key long-term issues, the challenges with the most immediate gravity in 2017 include gambling, guns, education, health care and open-government rules. The Legislature wrestled with each issue during the session that ended May 8.

And then there’s tax relief.

“They almost always have to address and give some tax relief, a bone to the conservatives,” says Dr. Peter Bergerson, a professor of political science at FGCU, describing \$75 million in tax cuts that come with the Legislature’s proposed budget of \$83.4 billion for the 2018 fiscal year. (As of press time, Gov. Rick Scott had taken no action on the budget.)

That amounts to only a tiny fraction of the total budget, of course — less than one out of every \$1,000, or less than .001 percent.

But it also underscores the increasing demands of more people. Last year’s record setting budget came in at a mere \$82.2 billion, and that was 4.8 percent higher than the previous annual budget.

More demands or not, House Speaker Richard Corcoran is pushing for a ballot measure to appear before voters next year that would increase Homestead exemptions on houses valued at more than \$100,000, to \$75,000.

That would save homeowners money (on average, roughly \$250 per year for each homeowner, analysts say) but cost local governments trying to improve infrastructure almost \$650 million a year, statewide.

In health care, the Legislature turned a blind eye to Florida hospitals, although it reduced Gov. Scott’s proposed \$1 billion in hospital cuts to about \$521 million in cuts in the current budget.

Legislators did this by reducing Medicaid payments to hospitals to help cover the cost of treatment for those who are poor.

“So they have to treat whoever comes to the emergency room, but now funding has been cut by almost \$500 million,” says Professor Bergerson. “To me it’s an ethical question and a glaring downfall.”

It may also have practical consequences for working people.

Hospital administrators, including Jim Nathan,

retiring June 1 as president of the sprawling Lee Health Systems, have long argued that such reductions ultimately result in higher premiums for those who have health insurance.

On the question of gambling, the stark divide between urban and non-urban sensibilities was vivid.

Both the House and Senate, however, came close to a gambling agreement that moved through both houses before collapsing at the end of the session, as conference committee members tried to work out differences.

Here’s what many legislators from both the Senate and the House agreed on: Indian casinos could include craps and roulette, pari-mutuels in some counties could get out of horse- and dog-racing, or at least cut back on it, but bring in slots and poker rooms, and a new casino could be built in South Florida.

But in the wrap-up conference committee meetings, House members would not allow slot machines in pari-mutuels in eight counties, even though voters there approved them.

Then late last week, the state Supreme Court weighed in with a unanimous 6-0 vote, putting a glaring halt to counties aiming to expand slot machines in pari-mutuel betting parlors. County decisions remain subject to state mandates specifically allowing counties to change the rules, and such a mandate does not exist, justices said.

As a result, the Supreme Court banned slots in all pari-mutuels except those that already operate them in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

That decision is a significant one for the Palm Beach Kennel Club, for example, which has spent significant money and time lobbying to expand gambling with on-site slots.

The Legislature revealed “two competing elites,” in the gambling negotiations, according to Professor Bergerson: “The competing elites of the gambling industry, which sees this as a huge payday, and the other side — the entertainment and Disney people, the Busch Gardens conglomerate. They see gambling as taking money away from their entertainment. And the two couldn’t resolve the differences between them.”

The other big loser in this year’s session was ethics — ethics and transparency, in Professor Bergerson’s view.

“The final budget was hammered out behind closed doors. An ethics reform bill cleared the House but never got a hearing in the Senate,” he notes.

The bill would have restricted former legislators and state agency officials from lobbying the

legislature for six years after leaving their official positions, rather than merely two years, as the law holds currently.

Sen. Lizbeth Benaquisto, a District 27 Republican from Fort Myers, chairs the Rules Committee in the Senate, which decides which bills reach the Senate floor, but never saw such a bill, says her assistant, Matthew Hunter.

She did not return a phone call and emails to her office last week asking why the proposed legislation failed in her committee.

Professor Bergerson offers one explanation:

“Lobbying can be such a big payday for former legislators with their term limits; what are these guys going to do, find a real job? But they can line up half-a-dozen big clients and live off of that the rest of the year.”

Then there is the issue or the multiple issues of guns and the legal opportunities to carry them — onto college campuses, for example.

By comparison, after years of fighting over the question in Arkansas as a conservative governor and state legislators this year passed a law allowing guns on college campuses and in other places: day care centers, for example.

That didn’t happen in Florida in the 2017 session, in spite of the efforts of one of the nation’s wealthiest and most influential lobbying organizations, the NRA, says Professor Bergerson.

“The NRA was really pissed off. They even used the F-word on their website, before taking it down,” he adds.

“They did not get the open-carry. They did not overcome the campus-carry ban. They did not get a reduction in gun-free zones.”

And all that after Sen. Greg Steube, a Pasco County Republican from District 23, proposed nine new gun laws at the beginning of the session, in March. ■



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The Florida Senate in the 2017 legislative session.

insurance companies than the contractors spend on work for property owners making claims — and some of those claims may be made without merit, anyway. That results in higher fees for everybody else.

The House passed legislation to resolve that issue but not the Senate, says Gary Aubuchon, a former Republican legislator from Cape Coral, who sits on the board of Florida's Capital Insurance Agency for some 175,000 state employees, and follows the issue. "I'm disappointed in the senate," he says.



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SCOTT

Gov. Scott, meanwhile, was out on the stump during session to promote big-ticket budget contributions to the state's tourist and

business marketers, Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida, but failing completely as Republicans led by Rep. Corcoran snubbed him, cutting those programs by tens of millions of dollars.

But Rep. Caldwell waited until the week after the session ended to stump for the cabinet-level position in state government, starting in 2018, when he concludes eight years in the Florida House.

Farming and cleaning (water)

Rep. Caldwell characterized government as "raising taxes, increasing regulations and increasing their power," but that may be misleading under Gov. Scott's administration.

Since 2010, the governor and Legislature have lowered taxes, decreased regulations of industry and agriculture, and reduced the size and power of state government.

"Agriculture is truly the backbone of nearly every county in the state," noted Rep. Caldwell. "As we grow from 20 million to 30 million in the next few decades, balancing the needs of our cities with our environment and our farm-

ers is the key issue."

Nobody who supports Sen. Negrón's plan to store, clean and release water south of Lake Okeechobee would likely disagree.

The genius of the plan at this point in political time, perhaps, was Sen. Negrón's ability to bring together Republicans, Democrats, Environmentalists and farmers to embrace a reservoir south of Lake O that could slow the pollution and destruction of estuaries flowing east and west to the Indian River Lagoon and Charlotte Harbor — the St. Lucie and the Caloosahatchee rivers.

That is, if the federal government kicks in part of the money state legislators insist it must to build the project.

"Early on I focused my campaign on clean water and how important it is," says Rep. Fitzenhagen, who co-sponsored the House version of Negrón's Senate Bill.

"Sometimes in the legislature it's best to let your condition be known but not beat somebody over the head with a bat. There was consensus among many people in Southwest Florida that this was important. And it came to fruition because of leadership in the senate, making it a priority, and because it was discussed at the highest levels of House leadership."

For many, "This is a lynchpin in moving forward," she adds.

Although Sen. Negrón didn't respond to a *Florida Weekly* request asking what moving forward might mean, Sen. Book did.

A freshman in Tallahassee, Sen. Book was named chair of the Environmental and Preservation Committee by Sen. Negrón.

"I learned how important it is to collaborate, and this represents a joint effort of all senators involved," she says.

"Sen. Negrón didn't want his community plagued by 'guacamole water,' as he calls it (fish-and-tourism-killing algae blooms)."

Now, she says, "storing and cleaning water north of Lake Okeechobee is something we really need to look at. We have lots of stuff coming into the lake, phosphorous for example, from agricultural communities that are north. And we have to look at septic and sewer. We put \$10 million into that, and it's costly but important, especially when we look at toxins in the water and discover things like Splenda (an artificial sweetener)."

"We have to make sure septic is brought up to par, to where it needs to be to protect the environment. I've been working with my environmental protection staff to look at being more progressive in how we do this."

Whether this will really happen is anybody's guess, just as the reality of Sen. Negrón's reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee is still anybody's guess, even if both houses of the Legislature have adopted the plan.

The writer Carl Hiaasen put it this way in a *Miami Herald* opinion, with a nod to Florida's Amendment 1, passed by 75 percent of voters in 2014 to buy land and help save the Everglades:

"With a casual disdain for the words on the ballot and the will of the voters, the Legislature has been bleeding Amendment 1 to buy state vehicles, pay salaries, and cover other expenses that normally come from general revenue. . . Those high hopes that so many Floridians once had for Amendment 1 have faded bitterly, and now provide a lesson for how we should react to Senate Bill 10 (Sen. Negrón's reservoir). Don't celebrate. Keep the heat on those sneaky bastards." ■

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Happy grant recipients at the League Club's 2017 Briefcase Breakfast.

League Club grants awarded to 31 nonprofit organizations

The League Club awarded 31 community agencies a total of \$324,278 at its recent Briefcase Breakfast. Funds were raised at the club's "Lauren Bush Lauren: Charity by Design" 2017 luncheon event. The following agencies received grants:

Angels Undercover of Collier County, Audubon of the Western Everglades, Baby Basics of Collier County, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County

Cancer Alliance of Naples, Champions For Learning, Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County, Collier Senior Resources-Golden Gate Senior Center, David Lawrence Center

Florida Wildlife Federation, Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Grace Place for Children and Families, Guadalupe Center, Guardian Ad Litem Foundation-20th Judicial Circuit

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL, Healthcare Network of SWFL

Help a Diabetic Child, Immokalee Child Care Center, JFCS of Southwest Florida

Lighthouse of Collier County, Literacy Volunteers of Collier County, Meals of Hope, NAMI of Collier County,

Naples Lions Club Foundation, Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, New Horizons of SWFL

Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Project Help, The Immokalee Foundation and Young Audiences of Southwest Florida.

Membership in The League Club is open to women who have been or still are active members of a Junior League that is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International. For more information, visit www.theleagueclub.org. ■

Oh, baby! Conservancy plans a shower

It's baby season for wildlife in Southwest Florida, and to help the youngest patients at its von Arx Wildlife Hospital, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is holding a "baby shower" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 3. Items on the gift registry range from infrared spot lamps and special-formula opossum food to exercise wheels and cleaning supplies.

The full list is available for ordering and payment at Amazon.com, which means even those who can't attend the shower can give to the cause. Items purchased from Amazon are sent directly to

Conservancy headquarters. All donors receive one free admission to the Conservancy Nature Center.

All who attend the baby shower can enter a drawing for a 30-minute behind-the-scenes tour of the wildlife hospital.

The von Arx Wildlife Hospital admitted more than 3,800 animals last year. Director Joanna Fitzgerald says the hospital will treat hundreds of baby birds, mammals and reptiles through the summer months.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.conservancy.org/babyshower. ■



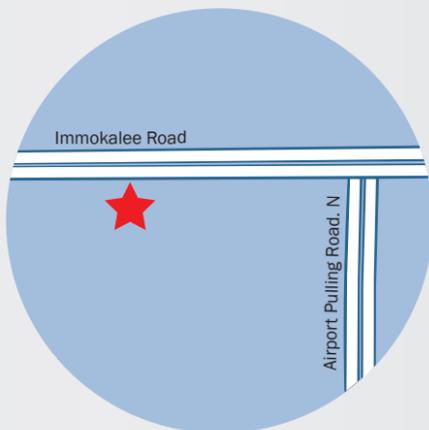
Wildlife rehabilitation specialist Jonee Miller administers meds to a baby bird.



Among the recent patients admitted to the von Arx Wildlife Hospital at the Conservancy are an owl, a fox kitten and a baby bobcat.

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has seen some successes in Florida during the last few legislative sessions — like keeping guns out of schools and colleges — local lead Katherine Cunningham hopes that bringing Neapolitans together for Gun Violence Awareness Day will alert them to the work that still needs to be done to reduce gun deaths.

“It’s really an awareness day to build a broad-based coalition to say we can do better than this,” Ms. Cunningham said. “I think we’re blessed to live in Naples where most of us feel safe on a day-to-day basis, but Florida as a state is one of the worst in terms of gun homicides.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Florida had 2,408 gun deaths in 2014, a statistic that includes suicide. Also, Florida’s homicide by firearm rate has increased about 32 percent since the 2005 passage of the Stand Your Ground law, which grants wide immunity to people who use deadly force as self-defense.

Moms Demand Action does not aim to take away guns from responsible owners, Ms. Cunningham said, but instead wants to spread the word that common-sense laws could prevent the vast majority of gun tragedies that afflict the state. Universal background checks and programs that promote safe storage would go a long way toward promoting responsible ownership, she added, and there are just better ways to legislate a safe gun-owning culture.

“There are other countries with high rates of gun ownership that don’t have the high rates of gun death that we do,” she said. “There are countries where



they do a better job. We have lots of room for improvement.”

One way to improve people’s view of amending gun safety laws is to consider the problem from a public health standpoint, which is why the local Moms Demand Action has invited Dr. Weiss to speak on June 3. By approaching gun violence from the same angle as the health profession has tackled issues like tobacco consumption and heart disease, people might find it easier to understand and practice gun safety measures.

“A public health approach emphasizes prevention over punishment,” Dr. Weiss said. “That approach has been so successful in reducing rates of injury and death for tobacco consumption and

car accidents. It can also be applied to gun violence.”

By finding hotspots of gun violence, health officials can start performing pilot studies to target its specific causes and remove them, much like past campaigns that drained swamps to control malaria or quarantined tuberculosis patients so the illness couldn’t spread.

“It doesn’t mean taking away guns from everyone — that’s the knee-jerk response that gets everyone excited,” Dr. Weiss said. “It’s like an epidemic, and it should be studied scientifically to try out hypotheses and see what happens.”

Despite Naples’ relative safety from gun violence, organizers of the event also want to reach out to people who

are concerned about the future safety of their own families and communities in the wake of loosened gun laws and an epidemic of mass shootings, more than 220 of which have occurred on school campuses across the country since the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary.

“Maybe there isn’t a big problem in our community, but we’re all human and have a desire to make the world a better place,” local event lead Susan Cone said. “This isn’t a partisan issue. This is an issue that no matter whether you’re a Republican or Democrat, you want your children to be safe at school and to feel safe walking down the street. I think that’s something we can all come together with.”

The June 3 activities will begin with a sing-along before the march along the sidewalks of Fifth Avenue South. Upon participants’ return to Cambier Park, Mayor Bill Barnett will proclaim the June 3 to be Gun Violence Awareness Day in Naples. He and Dr. Weiss will speak, and participants will learn how the can take action with their elected officials.

For more information about the local Wear Orange event, visit www.momsdemandaction.org. ■

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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Pedestrian calming

Officials in charge of a Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal heritage site recently installed “speed bumps,” similar to those familiar to Americans driving residential streets — but on a pedestrian walkway, with row upon row of risers to resemble

a washboard. A Western travel writer, along with editors of People’s Daily China, suggested that officials were irked that “disorderly” tourists had been walking past the ancient grounds too rapidly to appreciate its beauty or context.

The job of the researcher

“Marine mammologist” Dara Orbach’s specialty is figuring out how bottlenose dolphins actually fit their sex organs together to copulate. When dolphins die of natural causes, Orbach, a post-doctoral fellow at Nova Scotia’s Dalhousie University, is sent their genitals (and also those of whales, porpoises and sea lions)

and fills each one with silicone to work from molds in understanding the sex act’s mechanics. Dolphins’ vaginas are “surprising” in their “complexity,” she told Canadian Broadcasting Corporation News in April, for example, with the ability to twist inner folds to divert the progress of any sperm deposited by undesirable mates.

Bright ideas

■ Compared to busy coastal metropolises, Indiana may evoke repose, and entrepreneur Tom Battista is suggesting the state’s largest city capitalize on the sentiment by reserving a destination site on a low-lying hill overlooking the chaotic merge lanes of two interstate highways — affording visitors leisurely moments watching the frantic motorists scrambling below. He plans three rows of seats and a sunshade for the relaxed gawkers to take in the “ocean”-like roar and imagine overwrought drivers’ rising blood pressure (while their own remains soothingly calm).

■ Several treatments are available to

combat the heart arrhythmia “atrial fibrillation,” but all require medical supervision, which John Griffin, 69, said he tried to acquire at the emergency room at New Zealand’s Waikato Hospital in April, only to be met with delay and frustration. Griffin went home that day, took notice of his neighbor’s 8,000-volt electric security fence and, with boots off, in a fit of do-it-yourself desperation, nudged it with his arm. He got quite a jolt, he said, but he walked away, and his heart returned to natural rhythm. The medical director of the Heart Foundation of New Zealand said that Griffin was lucky and sternly warned against the “procedure.”

Weird science

Medical researchers have been frustrated for years at failures in getting certain cancer-fighting drugs to reach targeted areas in women’s reproductive tracts, but doctors in Germany announced in April a bold technique that appeared to

work: sending the drugs via sperm cells, which seem to roam without obstruction as they search for an egg. The process involves coating active sperm cells with an iron adhesive and magnetically steering them to their internal targets.

News that sounds like a joke

■ Sean Clemens, now awaiting trial in Liberty, Ohio, in the death of an 84-year-old woman, allegedly confessed his guilt to a co-worker after telling the man that something was bothering him that he needed to tell someone about — but only if the co-worker would “pinkieswear” not to tell anyone else. (The co-worker broke the code.)

■ In the course of pursuing claims

against Alaskan dentist Seth Lookhart for Medicaid fraud, government investigators found a video on his phone of him extracting a sedated patient’s tooth — while riding on a hoverboard. (He had apparently sent the video to his office manager under the title “New Standard of Care.”) Lookhart had been indicted in 2016 for billing Medicaid \$1.8 million for patient sedations unnecessary for the procedures they received.

Perspective

In April, Tennessee state representative Mike Stewart, aiming to make a point about the state’s lax gun-sales laws and piggybacking onto the cuddly feeling people have about children’s curbside lemonade stands, set up a combination stand on Nashville’s Capitol Hill, offering for sale lemonade, cookies — and an AK-47 assault rifle (with a sign reading “No Background Check,” to

distinguish the private-sale AK-47 from one purchased from a federally licensed dealer). (In fact, some states still regulate lemonade stands more than gun sales — by nettlesome “health department” and anti-competitive rules and licensing, though Tennessee allows the stands in most neighborhoods as long as they are small and operated infrequently.)

Ironies

(1) *The Wall Street Journal* reported in February that among the most popular diversions when Syrian households gather to escape the country’s bombs and bullets is playing the Hasbro war board game Risk (even though the game’s default version contains only five armies — not nearly enough to simulate the many Syrian factions now fighting). (2)

The parliament of Australia’s New South Wales, entertaining a February citizen petition to cut societal “waste,” admitted that the petition’s required 107,000 signatures (already on a USB stick) would, by rule, have to be submitted in hard copy (4,000 pages), even though the pages would immediately be electronically scanned into a format for data storage. ■

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The traffic leader in April was Southwest, with 265,761 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Delta Air Lines (179,415), American (128,641), Jet-Blue (124,841) and Spirit (104,093).

RSW had 9,335 aircraft movements

(takeoffs and landings), an increase of 13.6 percent compared to April 2016. Page Field saw 9,814 movements, a 1.6 percent decrease from April 2016. In addition, slightly more than 2.5 million pounds of airfreight moved through RSW in April this year, an increase of 1.2 percent compared to April 2016.

RSW served 8.6 million passengers in 2016 and is one of the top 50 U.S. airports for passenger traffic. No ad valorem taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, visit www.flylcpa.com or follow the airport on Facebook at www.facebook.com/flyRSW. ■

Hodges program examines politics and 'The State of Charitable Giving'

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University presents "The State of Charitable Giving: The Profession, Politics and their Impact on the Charitable World," from 8:30-10 a.m. Thursday, June 15, in the Stock Building at the university's Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way.

Presenter Heidi Jark, senior vice president and managing director of the Fifth Third Bank Foundation, will discuss the connection between politics and nonprofits, including how uncertainty in Washington, D.C., brings uncertainty to donors.

The program will include a look at what's

going on nationally on the legislative and regulatory fronts and how those decisions create a ripple effect for the charitable world and how nonprofits can navigate the new order to fulfill their missions and create last legacies for their donors.

Registration for \$35 (free for members of the Greater Naples Area Planned Giving Council and the Association of Fundraising Professionals) and includes a light breakfast.

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It was a reunion that began with a remark. On a Collier County Honor Flight two years ago, WWII US Army Air Force veteran LTC Vernon Sigo, 92, of Cape Coral, shared with his Honor Flight guardian Rick Wobbe a long-standing wish he'd had since the conclusion of his flights over war-torn Europe: to shake hands with a Tuskegee Airman in gratitude for the escort protection given to them. Mr. Sigo's wish came true recently when he shook hands with LTC George Hardy, 91, of Sarasota, one of the famed Tuskegee Airman, during a veterans ceremony at Cambier Park.



1. Daniel Castillo and Oliver Marshall
2. Cindy McCue, Jessica Hernandez, George Lyon, Nina Raggi and Debi Lux
3. The handshake that waited for 72 years Vernon Sigo, left, and George Hardy
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Watch out for CCSO traffic deputies

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of May 29-June 2:

Monday, May 29

Livingston Road and Learning Lane: Speeding

Everglades Boulevard and Oil Well Road: Speeding

Immokalee Road and Palm River Boulevard: Red-light running

Tuesday, May 30

Oakes Boulevard and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Aggressive driving

Thomasson Drive and Orchard Lane: Speeding

Sunshine Boulevard and Sunset Road: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, May 31

Rattlesnake Hammock Road and St. Andrews Boulevard: Red-light running

Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary School: Speeding

U.S. 41 North and Gulf Park Drive: Speeding

Thursday, June 1

Pelican Bay Boulevard and Gulf Park Drive: Speeding

Wiggins Pass Road and U.S. 41 North: Red-light running

Radio and Airport-Pulling roads: Speeding

Friday, June 2

Golden Gate Parkway and 44th Street SW: Aggressive driving

Collier Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Red-light running

Goodlette-Frank and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running ■

Traffic ticket app offers easy pay, reduced fines

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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It's no longer so new nobody knows what will happen: TIKD, the brain-child app of Miami-based Chris Riley, who insists you can pay a traffic ticket online in two minutes and save 15 to 30 percent of the fine while avoiding both traffic school and points on your license, can get sued by lawyers whose bread and butter is the traffic ticket.

It has happened.

But that hasn't slowed down business.

TIKD.com is now available in 21 Florida counties, including Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota. The company handles tickets for speeding, running red lights and other standard traffic violations; it does not deal with infractions such as DUI or driving without a license or insurance.

TIKD assesses the ticket holder a reduced payment, usually amounting to about 20 percent less, takes half the money to start with and then allows the ticket holder to pay the other half in two subsequent monthly payments.

Consider this: If you're caught speeding at 15 to 19 mph over the limit, for example, you could challenge it and go to court; or you could pay a \$254 fine and attend traffic school but get no points on your license; or you could pay the fine, accept the points and go to traffic school.

TIKD, however, offers a new option:

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BEHIND THE WHEEL



Volkswagen #PinkBeetle is fuchsia fun with a funny name



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One of the funniest (or misguided) classic car sales advertisements today is for the "rare Karmann Edition" Volkswagen Beetle convertibles. The joke here is that nearly all of the regular production original VW droptops were built by an outside company called Karmann. So, those touting these rarities are actually just reminding everyone their Bug is one of over 330,000 made between 1949 and 1979.

This mistake is understandable. Cars can be one of the largest forms of self-expression. We all want to be unique and hold something that others covet. But while the original Beetle took pride in being nearly the same for everyone, VW is getting more individualized with the latest version.

For 2017, Volkswagen has introduced the limited edition #PinkBeetle. The number sign/hashtag and no spacing in the name is a clear indication that this coupe was built to excite the digital generation. And while it makes for an oddly original name to put on a chrome badge, there is some distinctive value that can be enjoyed by pink fans of all ages.

For starters, the color is not as bold as the hoopla might suggest. VW wanted to give people a bright color because so many owners were getting their Beetles re-painted to reflect the car's cheery attitude. But issues arose when they looked at pink paint on an international scale. After all, what might be great for China could be a little too bright for the U.S.

They settled on a hue officially called Fresh Fuchsia Metallic. It's an attractive paint that changes with the sunlight to move between shades of rose and raspberry. If a parking lot is full of cars as white as an iPad, then the #PinkBeetle is a true standout. But this also has no trouble blending in next to hatchbacks that come in conventional shades of



bright maroon. In fact, the Beetle's regular shade of Habanero Orange Metallic is arguably bolder.

The custom pink is also utilized for the interior to accent the dashboard, door panels and steering wheel. But what really makes it special is VW's "club" pattern that weaves the custom color into part of a tartan-like cloth on the seats.

Aside from how it looks, the special edition also comes well-equipped, including some options added as standard. This includes Volkswagen's App Connect that directly links smartphone applications to the 6.3-inch touchscreen infotainment system — exactly the kind of feature someone would want if they were excited about a car named #PinkBeetle.

Powering this flash of fuchsia is a 1.8-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. This is the same power plant that VW utilizes in plenty of other vehicles, such as the Passat and Golf Alltrack. So something that's adequate for those larger and heavier Volkswagens is quite energetic in the small Bug. Plus, this turbo motor is paired with a versatile six-speed automatic transmission, and it all works over a German-engineered independent

suspension. The result is a retro-looking car that is far sportier than its under-powered founding father.

But the most attractive feature of the #PinkBeetle is the price. This special edition starts at \$22,710. That's about \$2K over the price of a base car and this is better equipped. The #PinkBeetle is more in line with the features of the Beetle SE, which is over \$23K. Thus, the extra-bright Bug not only offers real distinction, but also it feels like a value package.

Volkswagen says this is a limited edition car. If they do extend the #PinkBeetle beyond the 2017 model year, our only suggestion would be to make it even more offbeat. Maybe a new shade of pink for each year that could each unite under the same hashtag name? Or does anyone remember those multi-color ads from the '60s showcasing the interchangeable parts?

Regardless of the #PinkBeetle's future, it's already a special edition that stands out for all the right reasons. Its youthful name is clever and Volkswagen isn't charging a fortune to get one. Plus, when these become classics, the #PinkBeetle's individuality will certainly be more notable than a Karmann convertible. ■

APP

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Snap a picture of the ticket with your cell phone, submit it on the app and paying up on the spot.

On a \$254 ticket, TIKD would probably require you to pay about \$200. No points on your license, no traffic school required and no danger of forgetting the ticket and having a warrant issued with your name on it, Mr. Riley says.

The company has become so popular, apparently, that a Miami lawyer whose business is fighting traffic tickets in court took on the app owner in a civil suit, claiming he's doing legal work without a license.

The case has not yet been settled, but go to TIKD.com and the first thing you see is a disclaimer: "This is not a law firm and does not provide legal services."

The new app proved a huge help to Miami resident Karina Rios, who sometimes travels to Naples for business or to visit her sister.

On a recent trip she approached two law enforcement officers pulled to the right side of the road behind another vehicle. Ms. Rios passed them in the right lane — which is now prohibited.

"There was traffic in the left lane and I couldn't move into it, so I just went by them," she recalls.

One of the officers got into his squad car, followed her down the road, pulled her over and handed her a ticket with a \$140 fine.

"I didn't want to go through the hassle of coming back and going to court in Naples," Ms. Rios says. "My sister told me about (TIKD), so I looked into it ... I was a little skeptical at first.

"But everything went through the web-



site — I took a picture, they gave me about \$30 off, and they guaranteed no points.

"About two weeks later I got a notice saying my ticket had cleared."

TIKD makes its money by playing the law of averages, Mr. Riley explains in an online ad (he did not return a telephone call to his press agent asking for an interview). Many if not most traffic tickets won't hold up to court scrutiny, but most drivers don't want to struggle through the process by going to court or hiring a lawyer to go to court for them, with its incumbent time, stress and random outcomes. So TIKD does all of that, usually making money on the deal.

The TIKD motto says it all: "Just snap it, pay it and forget it."

"Everything is done in two minutes on your phone. We handle all paperwork and interactions with lawyers and the courts on your behalf," the website promises

Before long, according to TIKD spokeswoman Alexandra Domecq, similar scenarios will be unfolding in other states besides Florida. For now, however, TIKD is available in these Florida counties in addition to Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Miami-Dade: Broward, Citrus, Duval, Flagler, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Manatee, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole and Volusia. ■

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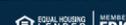
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■ **Wine Tasters of Naples** is a social club that meets from 5-7:30 p.m. every Friday at different locations around town. More so than wine, members enjoy socializing and working together on philanthropic and service projects to benefit the community. Members pay a \$7 door fee; guests pay \$9. Light bites are served, and attendees pay for their own beverages. The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit www.winetastersofnaples.wildapricot.org.

■ **Coastal Chess clubs** in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email wk@keller-publishing.com or visit WWW.chess7.net.

■ **Civitan Clubs** are dedicated to serving the needs of the community with an emphasis on the disabled. The Civitan International Research Center is dedicated to finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome, among others. The Marco Island Civitan Club meets the second Tuesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the fourth week of every month. The Naples Civitan Club meets the first Wednesday of the month and has social/educational meetings the third week of the month. For more information, call 774-2623 or e-mail swflcivitan@gmail.com.

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

■ The **Naples Peggys** invite cribbage players to join the friendly competition from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the East Naples Community Center, 3500 Thomasson Drive. For more information, call Cathy Keeler at 537-3001 or email cathykeeler8@gmail.com.

■ Naples area **Sigma Chi alumni** are invited to happy hour from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Pub at Mercato. RSVP by calling 293-5239.

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is May 25. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ **Toast of The Coast Toastmasters Club** #6544, recognized by Toastmasters International as a President's Distinguished Club, meets from noon to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of every month at the American Cancer Society office, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are May 26 and June 9. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit www.ToastOfTheCoast.org.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to an "Angels on the Town" mixer from 4:30-6 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at Seventh Avenue Social, 847 Seventh Ave. S., Naples. For more information



Members and guests of the Naples Press Club enjoyed a panel discussion about "Changes and Challenges in the Southwest Florida Media Market" at the club's May meeting. Panelists were Georgia Beasley, director of digital sales for Beasley Media Group SWFL; Bill Barker, president and publisher of the Naples Daily News and Gannett regional vice president; and Joe Schwartzel, general manager of WINK-TV.

1. Bill Barker, Soni Diamond, Georgia Beasley, and Joe Schwartzel
2. Helene de Neergaard and Joel Banow
3. David Mink, Jaynie Tice and Connie Kindsvater
4. Carole Greene and Sarah Stauffer
5. Bob Orr and K.C. Schulberg

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The June mixer, also from 4:30-6 p.m., is set for Thursday, June 11, at the Wine Loft in Mercato. To RSVP or for more information, call 908-7301 or email bhc9514@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** invites members and guests to its monthly meeting Thursday, June 1, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Doors open and flower registration begins at 6:30 p.m., flower judging is at 7:10 p.m. and the program is at 7:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ Visitors who own or admire **Corvettes** are welcome to attend Corvette meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is June 1. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are June 3 and 17. Mem-

bers should bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald's. RSVP by emailing Joe Geithmann at joeearl42@yahoo.com. For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ 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 June 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 June 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 www.eaal067.com.

■ **Gamma Phi Betas** who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome to join members for lunch on the second Monday of every month at Brio Ristorante in Waterside Shops. The next meeting is June 12. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420.

■ The **Antique Automobile Club of America-Naples Marco Region** members meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at First United Church of Naples, 388 First Ave. S. Visitors are always welcome. The next meetings are June 12 and 26. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit www.aacanaplesmarco.org.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets Tuesday evening, June 13, in the fellowship hall at Faith Lutheran Church, 4150 Goodlette-Frank Road. Bryan Mulcahy, reference librarian at the Fort Myers Regional Library, will discuss the best record types and research strategies for tracing your female ancestors. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

■ The **PCBUG** computer and technology club invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more information call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email paddyeb@hotmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. 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. June 15, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ The **Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is June 17. For more information, visit www.collierdems.org or email dwcpräsident@gmail.com.

■ The **Solo Women Travel Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is June 17. For more information, call Barb Garrett at 305-664-9202.

■ 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 June 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 www.ussvi.org/base/naples.asp. ■

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Since the beginning of civilization, physicians have held the central role in the care and well being of society. "For the most high cometh healing," is the biblical quotation on the archway entrance of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. It has welcomed generations of medical students, including me 48 years ago.

The rest of the quotation, "and he shall receive honour of the king," is not in vogue today, as much has changed with modern medicine and health care. We are more capable than ever of caring for the sick, understanding health and improving communities. Ironically and paradoxically, physicians' roles, self-esteem and perceived value have evolved and most recently have captured the benevolent attention of the American Hospital Association.

The AHA mission is to advance health in America. Dr. Melinda Estes, president and CEO of Saint Luke's Health System in Kansas City and a member of the AHA executive board, recently chaired a diverse team of a dozen physician-administrators and other leaders with a focus on the next generation of physician leadership.

I was privileged to participate in the discussion that addressed the question: "How best can we understand and help a group of more than 800,000 physicians varying in age, training, specialties, practice setting (from always in a hospital to never in a hospital to both), environment (from rural frontiers to huge academic medical centers) and organization (from independent solo to large group employed)?"

Leadership development, physician well being and high-value care for patients and communities are three broad themes to be shared with other like-minded organizations that are also altruistically motivated. Under-

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David Lawrence Center launches day therapy program for teens

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

David Lawrence Center announces the new children's Partial Hospitalization Program, a voluntary, intensive therapeutic day program consisting of individual and family intervention and support that allows children to spend evenings at home. Run by a multidisciplinary team including a pediatric psychiatrist, licensed clinicians and a nurse, it's the first of its kind available in Collier County.

Adolescents enrolled in the PHP learn healthy coping skills without the need for 24-hour inpatient or residential support.

The voluntary program is intensive: Teens participate five days a week for six hours a day in therapeutic, educational, wellness and expressive therapy groups. They also have individual and family therapy sessions multiple times per week.

PHP can function as a step-down for minors ages 13 to 17 years old once they are discharged from DLC's inpatient crisis stabilization unit or as a prevention measure to avoid the need for inpatient emergency treatment or residential placement.

"Until now, a gap existed between our 24-hour emergency level of care and the once- or twice-weekly therapy sessions minors typically have after leaving our crisis unit," says Natalie Garcia, DLC director of admission and outpatient therapy services.



GARCIA

"Although they're no longer in crisis, many still need more intensive treatment. At the PHP level of care, they benefit from daily therapeutic services and support for themselves and their family."

The children's PHP provides structured and medically supervised treatment for adolescents whose significant psychiatric symptoms are causing severe distress and impairment in areas such as self-care, school functioning and

family or interpersonal relationships.

"Our hope is that the children's PHP can prevent crises from happening," Ms. Garcia says. "If we see an escalation of symptoms in a minor already involved with our services, and those services are no longer supportive enough, we can now consider PHP as the next level of care."

The average length of stay is one to three weeks. Because PHP is a day program, participants do not attend school.

DLC collaborates with Collier County Public Schools to meet the children's educational needs on site.

While enrolled in PHP, clients have access to online school assignments. And when they're ready to return to school, a case manager works with families and school personnel to ensure successful transition back to school.

"We believe that the PHP will reduce recidivism back into the crisis unit," Ms.

Garcia says. "In addition, its presence in the community means many families will no longer feel that a residential long-term program — possibly far from home — is their only option."

The new program is part of the expansion of DLC's comprehensive children's services that began in 2016. The expansion has included a new children's outpatient building and doubling the capacity of the children's crisis unit.

DLC provides mental health and substance abuse solutions for children, adolescents and adults through innovative, integrated treatment that includes inpatient, outpatient, residential and community-based services. Each year, the center helps create life-changing wellness for more than 9,000 people through more than 220,000 treatment sessions.

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A Euphoric Living Foundation recently donated \$4,000 to the David Lawrence Center. The gift represented proceeds from the 2017 SpellLife Women's Wellness Summit. Shown here are Scott Burgess of DLC, Sharon Hood of eBella magazine, Gaynell Anderson and Jill Ciccarelli Rapps of A Euphoric Living Foundation, Darcy Taylor of DLC and Kay Anderson. The donation will support various community initiatives of the DLC toward its mission to provide guidance and resources for those with mental illness and addiction challenges.

FSW gets teaching ambulance for Collier

Florida SouthWestern State Foundation has received a \$25,000 cash donation to support equipment purchases for the college's emergency medical service technology program. The gift has made purchase of an ambulance possible for training EMT and paramedic students at the college's Collier County campus.

"This ambulance means that our EMTs and paramedics can have hands-on experience with treating and then transporting patients in an ambulance. They graduate with not only the classroom knowledge they need, but also the

hands-on experience that makes them instrumental in saving lives in our community," said Joe Washburn, director of Emergency Services Programs at FSW.

"The donor wishes to remain anonymous, but understands the importance of training the professionals we need right here," said Lou Traina, FSW vice president-institutional advancement. "The majority of our graduates stay here, using their professional skills to the benefit of us all."

For more information about programs offered at FSW, visit www.FSW.edu. ■

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standing that healthy, satisfied, empowered and meaningfully included physicians leading like-minded teams composed of advanced practitioners (nurse practitioners, physicians assistants and others) along with ancillary caregivers (therapists of all types — respiratory, physical, occupational, speech — as well as lab and radiology technologists, social service providers, case workers, dietitians, etc.) are essential for good health.

Answers are pending, and no doubt there will be unanswered questions and unpredictable suggestions and conclusions; however, just discussing the issues, stresses and best practices, along with convening and providing educa-

tion, will help everyone.

And to keep with a positive, optimistic point of view, medical school enrollment is up 25 percent, so it appears that a group of young, bright and selfless folks see a great future in helping others. They may not have seen the biblical quote, but they certainly understand its meaning. At NCH, we will soon welcome 12 new internal medicine residents.

Accepting that physicians, hospitals, health-care systems, communities and our nation are all interdependent and share the common goal of helping everyone live a longer, happier and healthier life is mission critical for the more than 326 million Americans we all serve. Our mission at NCH is similar to that of the AHA — with our scale being community centered rather than nation spanning. ■

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PET TALES

Mind games

Puzzle toys enhance play and put the brain in gear

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Is there anything more fun than watching a pet play? Whether the game is fetching a ball, tugging on a rope toy, “killing” a soft toy, wrestling with a pal or working to solve a puzzle toy, it’s fascinating to see how play mimics key real-life behaviors, such as hunting, exploration and self-defense.

Play is a rehearsal of adult behaviors, including the social signals that allow animals to get along with their peers and their humans. All the cognitive and motor skills a dog or cat needs throughout life are enhanced by play. Toys can help to stimulate a pet’s brain, and toy manufacturers take that into account when creating their designs.

“It’s very important to engage a dog’s brain,” says Elizabeth Fagan, director of marketing for Planet Dog. “When we start the development of a new interactive toy, we want to make sure it delivers on our mission of play, which in itself is critical to health and bonding, but also functions in a manner that makes a dog think.”

When a pet’s brain is working, it can be good or, well, we won’t say evil, but perhaps for ends that owners don’t always like. It’s always the brainiac dogs and cats who seem to get into trouble the most as they use their little gray cells to break into the pantry, refrigerator or trash can; work in tandem to steal



Brain-teaser toys offer important mental challenges.

food; hide inside child-proofed drawers; make their way over seemingly impregnable baby gates or unzip soft crates; climb onto roofs; or chew their way through a door to get outside.

Interactive, or puzzle, toys are an outlet for these precocious pets. They are an important part of enriching a pet’s life and allowing him or her to productively channel physical and mental energy. Understanding a pet’s natural instincts and movements and how they use their paws, noses and other senses is integral to creating an interactive toy that is attractive to pets and people.

“I always test ideas first with my own dogs, then I have some other testing dogs and cats of different sizes and mental capacities, before I consider if

this is a good idea to continue to the next step,” says Outward Hound toy designer Nina Ottosson. “I can see it’s a winner in their eyes, body language and in their interest to continue finding all the hidden treats, and I can absolutely see in their happiness that it’s a winner the second time they test the idea.”

Toys can be interactive, such as balls or flying discs; treat puzzle toys, which allow pets to release energy by working for food or treats; and treat puzzle games, which offer mentally challenging problem-solving at different levels of difficulty. The best toys are easy for humans to handle and difficult for dogs to destroy. Different types of toys appeal to different pets.

“All dogs are different and like to be rewarded in different ways,” Ottosson says. “Some are very food-motivated, some are object-oriented and some like to play, run, and chase or hunt. Cats mostly like toys that include chasing and hunting in different ways, and some appreciate being rewarded with treats or food.”

No matter how your pet likes to play, the goal is to have one happy, tired, well-behaved dog or cat afterward. You may be surprised at how much of a workout your pet gets from brain games.

“It would significantly reduce the number of ‘problem dogs’ if everyone understood how important it is for the dog to use his head as well as his legs,” Ottosson says. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Belle Michelle** is a spayed pup who is ready to learn her manners and promises to become the belle of the ball.



>> **Cinnamon Bun** is a senior neutered mix whose matted hair had to be shaved but will grow back beautifully. He’s a bit confused as to how he ended up in foster care, and he hopes it doesn’t take long to find his forever family.



>> Bright-eyed **Nancy** is a spayed adult domestic shorthair who will make a wonderful companion to whoever is lucky enough to adopt her.



>> **Serenading Sam** is a neutered adult domestic shorthair whose adorable expressions provide constant entertainment.

To adopt or foster a pet

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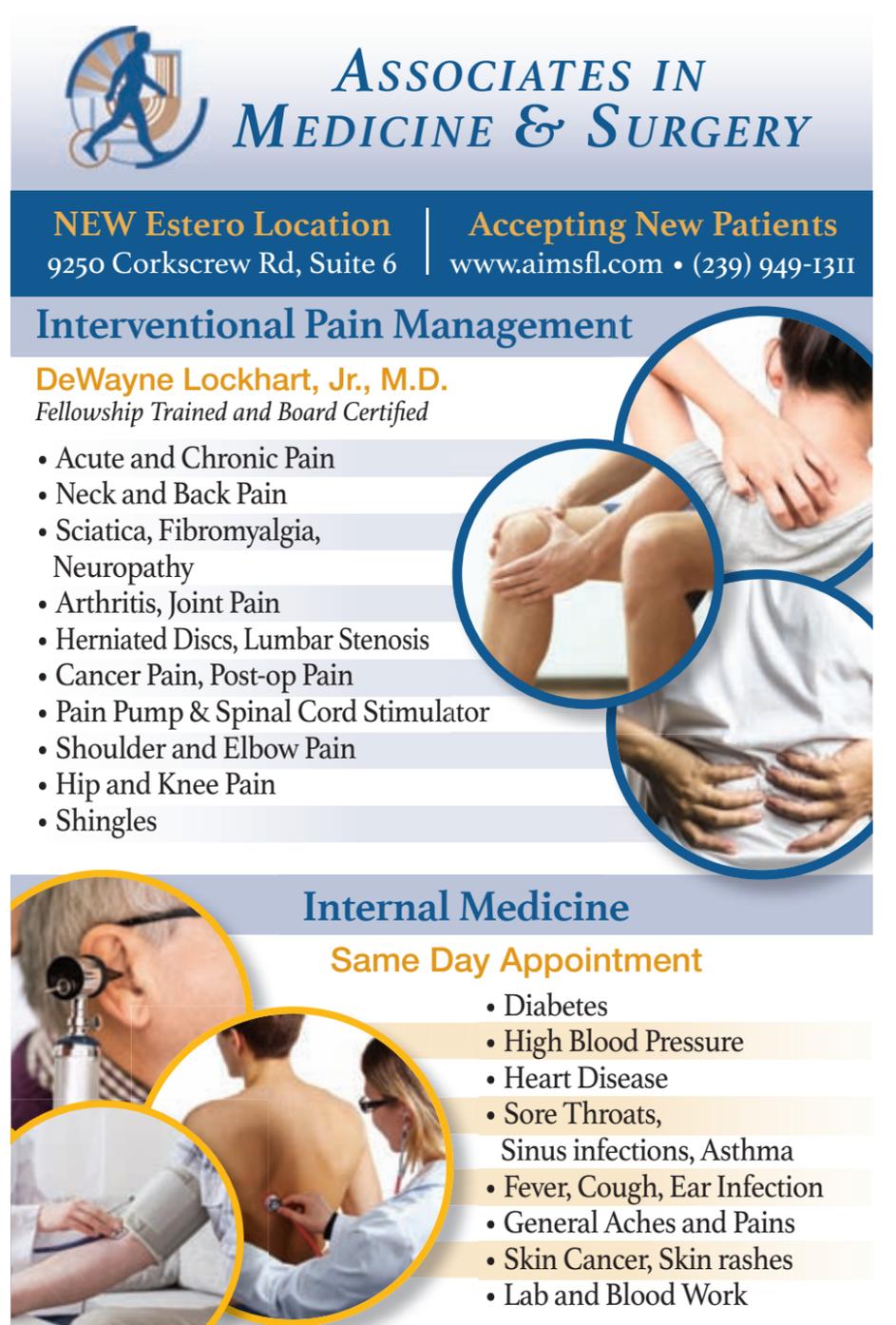
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THE DIVA DIARIES

Can Tennessee mountain memories make Southwest Florida summer bearable?



As I type this missive, I basically feel like I'm Walt Whitman or Henry David Thoreau. See, I usually pen my column from my sealed up condo in Southwest Florida overlooking an infinity pool where retirees do aqua aerobics, but today — I'm in nature.

The scene: a wood-framed screened porch with an old twin bed covered by a forest green quilt faded by the sun, two rustic wooden rockers, a couple of potted plants, a set of wind chimes that tinkle with the occasional breeze and a ceiling fan overhead, keeping the 70-something degree air circulating comfortably.

I'm in the Smoky Mountains, about three miles from Gatlinburg in a little cabin my husband and I found on AirBnB. It overlooks (literally) a babbling brook in the form of the Little Pigeon River. Our absentee hosts are bird enthusiasts, and they have placed plenty of feeders throughout the yard, so I'm watching blue jays and robins and wrens flit about as squirrels dance around picking up whatever food their flying friends drop as they soar into the

many, many trees surrounding the cabin. Yellow butterflies are everywhere. Just across the narrow river, we can see headstones from a cemetery that's more than 200 years old, and the only thing we hear is the music of the birds and the river gently flowing over the rocks.

It's springtime in East Tennessee, and I think this is what heaven must look like.

Re-entry into Southwest Florida after a mountain vacation is always a difficult transition, but I fear that this time I'll be like an astronaut returning from the weightless cosmos, breaking the sound barrier and then all noise and heat and fire.

I have simply got to figure out a way to survive Southwest Florida summers without allowing them to suck my soul. I've written about the miseries of our subtropical summer that lasts from April to November before — and I've gotten some angry emails from readers who adore temperatures in the high 90s combined with humidity that makes the air barely breathable. Some folks seriously love it. And while I don't begrudge them their affection for heat, I wonder if they have special skin on their palms so that it doesn't burn when they get in their cars and touch their sizzling steering wheels?

I'm starting to believe I might be in the minority on this.



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The babbling brook behind the writer's AirBnB cabin in East Tennessee.

in February, and another home in Tennessee where I can be happy the other 11 months of the year — I have to start embracing our summers and stop referring to them as "The Hot, Angry Breath of Satan."

As a coping mechanism, I'm taking lots of photos and video of the babbling brook steps from our cabin, the chipmunks scampering amongst the wildflowers and the blue-gray vista of the mountains. I'll look at these photos and play these videos for a few minutes whenever I have to leave our condo filled with freezing manufactured air. It will be my moment of Zen as I go forth into our Southwest Florida summer days — before my make-up melts off, my hair goes limp and my clothes stick to my skin. I'll remember an idyllic spring weekend in a dense, cool forest in the mountains and, hopefully, be mentally transported back.

So if you see me around town this summer with a peaceful smile on my face even though it's 5 million degrees outside, you'll know why: I'm seeing happy chipmunks play and hearing mountain birds sing. ■

And since I don't have the means to enjoy the best of both worlds yet (I'm looking at you, snowbirds) — a winter home in Southwest Florida where I can enjoy our one month of cooler weather

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

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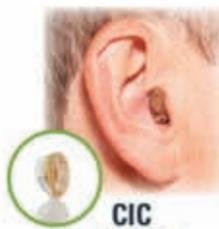
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'Going south' a good choice for Todd Gates

DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Todd Gates took a slightly different approach to Horace Greeley's late 19th century advice to a young man to "Go West" to seek his fortune in life.



GATES

Instead of journeying westward, the small-town Virginia native headed south when he turned 21 in the early 1980s. His destination was predetermined: Collier County, a place he had visited with his family for many years.

It's a decision that has paid major dividends for Mr. Gates, founder and chairman of GATES, one of Southwest Florida's best-known construction management, general contracting and design-build companies.

"When I moved to the Naples area 35 years ago, I wanted to get into the construction, development and real estate industries because of the growth that was occurring in Southwest Florida," he said. "I married my high school sweetheart and moved down here with nothing and started with nothing."

His timing was impeccable, as the region's population boom was gaining momentum.

After arriving in Naples with his bride, Angela, and with no experience in construction, Mr. Gates began hunting for a job in the industry. He was hired by a Naples-based company, the former Krehling Industries, where he worked his way up from laborer to hanging dry-wall and mixing stucco and eventually, to estimator.

Next, he became partner in Naples-based metal framing, drywall and fire-stop contractor Wall Systems. He sold his interest in the company in 1993

SEE GATES, B5 ►



Working hands

Some professions rely more heavily than others on all eight fingers and two thumbs

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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OUR HANDS ARE AMAZING TOOLS THAT, along with our creativity, give us the capability to perform tasks that in many ways define what it is to be human. From old hands to helping hands, and from dealing good hands to having their hands full, here are first-hand accounts of six Southwest Floridians whose unique professions rely heavily on eight fingers and two opposable thumbs.

"But hands are a complicated organism, a delta in which much life from distant sources flows together and is poured into the great stream of action. Hands have a history of their own, they have indeed, their own civilization, their special beauty; we concede to them the right to have their own development, their own wishes, feelings, moods and favorite occupations."

— Rainer Maria Rilke

Shelina Turner, 24
■ Table games dealer at Seminole Casino Hotel, Immokalee

Ms. Turner grew up in Fort Myers and started not long after high school as one of the Seminole Casino Hotel's Zig Zag Girlz, a coterie of beautiful women in bustiers who deal blackjack.

"I had a friend who was working here and I was just out of high school and in between going to college or not and thought I would give it a try," she said.

The Casino offers a four- to six-week training program for the Girlz. Now after four years



COURTESY PHOTO
Shelina Turner deals a game of Spanish 21 at Seminole Casino Hotel in Immokalee.

as a card dealer, she is adept at other games such as Mini Baccarat, Three Card Poker, Mississippi Stud and Spanish 21, but Blackjack is still her favorite game to deal.

"It's pretty fast paced," she said.

She deals each player two cards to start with, including herself. As the players turn over their cards in succession, they have the option to be dealt another card. The idea is that the numbers on your cards add up as close as possible to 21 without going over.

Like human cards, the wide variety people who turn up at her table is part of the fun. One of the challenging parts of the job is always being on: bringing the hair, the make-

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"Creating a Human Firewall" will be presented by two experts who are also small business owners: Wendi Fowler, president and a founder of The Client Server Inc., and Kim Hastings, a labor and employment attorney and

the owner of Kim M. Hastings, PLLC. With more than 50 combined years of experience in advanced technology and law, they will address how being aware of cybersecurity threats and laws is the first step toward building a defense against cyberattacks.

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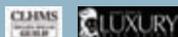
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up, “a smile on our face and good vibes” to the table every time.

“I like all the types of different people you get to meet and the conversations you come across,” Ms. Turner said. “I really learn a lot from the people who come in, and carrying on conversations, in their life as well as mine. From day to day you never know who’s going to walk in and sit at your table and who you’re going to meet.”

Outside of work, she practices yoga each morning, and enjoys reading, riding her bike and walking her dog.

“On my days off I like to go to the beach, lay in the sun, and really just do anything with my friends and my family,” she said.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Drew Johnson builds sets at Florida Rep.

Drew Johnson, 40

■ Technical director at Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers

Florida Repertory Theatre has developed a national reputation as a regional theater in part due to its detailed stage sets. Drew Johnson and his team have had a big hand in building them over the last three seasons.

Most recently you might recognize their work in the Rep’s production of “Doublewide,” which is itself about a family’s American Dream of building a home.

At the Rep, he’s in charge of the scene shop, set builders, the paints department and props department. After they receive design plans for a show, the building begins. He and carpenters create walls, furniture, cabinets, windows, staircases, first and second stories — the background of characters’ lives with its own silent but distinct voice, a character in and of itself.

Mr. Johnson grew up in northern Indiana, lived in the mountains of North Carolina, and was a homebuilder for 15 years before building sets for theaters. But building for the stage is quite different, as you might imagine.

“It’s a mirage, is what it is,” he said, brought to life with special effects like paint treatments. “So it’s completely different from building a house, but I still have all that knowledge to make things.”

After high school, Mr. Johnson tried college, but sitting in a classroom wasn’t for him. He went into sales before becoming a builder.

“I’ve always been interested in building stuff and working with my hands,” he said. “I play music, I play guitar and things like that so I was always a hands-on type person and I left that (sales) job to start building houses because it was fun to me. At the end of the day you can step back and look at it and say, ‘OK, this is what I did.’”

Once a set is nearly ready, the woodwork needs trimming, such as details around the baseboard, doors and windows.

“My favorite part honestly is coming in at 2 o’clock in the morning when nobody’s there and trimming the set by myself,” Mr. Johnson said. “I’ll have a saw out and some music going and just start trimming the set. And then everybody else shows up at



Brooks Jody Belcher translates for Gov. Rick Scott during a media event for Tropical Storm Erika in 2015.

9 or whatever and I’m like, there, it’s done.”
Brooks Jody Belcher, 40

■ Sign language interpreter and co-owner of Associated Interpreters for the Deaf, Punta Gorda

Mr. Belcher’s hands as well as facial expressions translate spoken English into silent signs for the deaf, a three-dimensional language all its own with a different word order and syntax. And his voice translates their American sign language back into English.

For instance, to someone who was born deaf the phrase “raining cats and dogs” wouldn’t make sense, so the translation would convey the meaning “raining very hard.”

“The hand shapes are absolutely important,” he said. “One twist of the wrist, one curl of the finger, one little nuance of change can change the whole meaning. So we as interpreters have to be very careful. In critical situations like legal situations we work as a team to ensure the accuracy of an assignment.”

He and his wife, Natalie, started AI Deaf in 2006. It offers interpreters for hire for just about any occasion in Florida. That might include at a doctor’s office, a courtroom, a media event or in a prison. Mr. Belcher notes that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires businesses that are open to the public to provide an interpreter if need be, and it’s the company, government or school that pays for the service.

“Our profession is really about equal access for deaf people. That is a big passion for us,” he said.

Mr. Belcher specializes in mental health, legal and educational interpreting. These days he most often works in schools.

“So sometimes I’m with a little preschooler language modeling for them, showing them American sign language all the way up to the post-secondary level which is at Florida Gulf Coast University, interpreting for deaf students in their college classes.”

Mr. Belcher grew up in West Virginia. One of Jehovah’s Witnesses, he started working with the deaf, teaching them the Bible, and then went to school to become a nationally certified interpreter. His profession also grew out of “an intense love for language,” he said.

“And I’ve always been sort of a visual learner so when I started learning sign language, instantly it just clicked. And then I fell in love with deaf culture, which is a whole other side of the language. The deaf culture sign language just reflects the beauty of that culture. There’s an honesty, there’s a clarity, there is a beauty of the



Maranda Hoffman styles a client's hair at Salon Blue in Punta Gorda.

language.”
Maranda Hoffman, 35

■ Master stylist, makeup artist and owner of Salon

Blue in Punta Gorda

“Originally, I thought I was going to be an attorney. That was my goal,” Ms. Hoffman said, until she realized it was more office work than high courtroom drama most of the time.

“I graduated high school and I was still fairly young, I was just 17 when I graduated. I wasn’t ready. I wasn’t ready to go off to college. My mom was really afraid I was going to become a beach bum and surf my days away ... That’s why she bribed me into going into hair school.”

The bribe was that if she enrolled her mom would let her dye her hair blue for a class project, hence the name of her business, Salon Blue.

Ms. Hoffman grew up in New York state and Florida. She had fun doing her own hair and that of her friends for events like prom, and before becoming a stylist also worked as a cake decorator. But she’d never viewed hair and makeup as a career path until her mom suggested it.

Typically with a client, she’ll start with a neck and shoulder massage and shampoo. After checking the skin for abrasions and coloring and cutting the hair, she’ll use a round brush in one hand and a dryer in the other, “using a lot of tension to pull the hair smooth and straight.” After that comes “up-styling,” using pins or ties and the tips of her fingers to shape the hair.

Applying makeup to accentuate or minimize features requires a light touch, especially around the eyes.

“With makeup, it’s a lot of fine details,” she said. “Soft movements, delicate movements to create shape, contour.”

The physical aspects of the job, standing and repetitive motions, are among the most challenging, she said. Hair stylists often have joint pain in places such as their wrists, upper neck and shoulders from motions such as cutting with shears and round-brushing techniques.

“So you kind of build up a lot of muscle capability in your forearms which is funny because when you first start in your industry you almost go home cramping at night and in tears,” she said.

When Ms. Hoffman does have down time she often spends it with her husband and daughter. She’s also a runner, and enjoys hiking, camping and reading.

Her favorite part of her job, she said, is “the people. The creativity. I love making somebody smile. I love figuring out what it is, what that missing piece was they were looking for that makes them just lighten up. I love making a difference in people’s world even if it’s just for a couple of hours.”



Frank Corso at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

That’s really cool.”

Frank P. Corso, 64

■ Painter and guitarist, Naples

A successful landscape painter and a finger-style and slide guitarist who headed to Nashville late last week to record his fifth album, Mr. Corso’s dual professions make his hands worth their weight in gold. He has also built 14 guitars and two banjos, and until recently built most of his own picture frames.

On his left hand, which holds down chords, the tips of his fingers are deeply callused and have no fingerprints. Mr. Corso’s right hand, his picking and painting hand, has slight arthritis setting in, his doctor told him, but looks great for his age.

“Everything I do in my life is with my hands,” he said. “People have asked me many times if I insure my hands, because yeah, it’s really everything.”

Mr. Corso grew up in Syracuse, N.Y., and started playing guitar as a boy. Soon he was able to make a living at music, which allowed him to paint, and eventually the painting became the source of most of his income. But he says they still go hand in hand.

“I don’t think that one would have worked without the other,” he said. “I think that for me being a musician and being an artist are crucial to each other.”

These days he lives most of the year in Naples, and heads north in the summer to play at big blues and jazz festivals. He plays many of his own original songs, as well as early 1920s and ’30s country blues music mixed with ragtime, and old-time America “medicine show” songs that originated in the late 1800s as opening acts for snake-oil salesmen. Those are often funny songs “about stealing chickens and things like that.”

As a plein air painter, his popular Florida landscapes are in the style of artists such as John Singer Sargent, one of his major influences. Many are on display at Gardner Colby Gallery in Naples.

Outside work, you’d probably find him fishing, or restoring classic cars such as a 1933 Plymouth 5 Window Coupe.

When he was young, he dabbled in other jobs. His father was a General Motors executive and he worked at GM for a while, but unsatisfied, he enrolled in school for architecture. Eventually he dropped out.

He told himself, “I’m going to be an artist and musician, that’s who I am. Whether



Erik Wigert uses bonsai technique to work on a tree at his nursery.

it works out or whether it doesn’t, that’s what I’m going to do. And I never really looked back.”

Erik Wigert, 40

■ A bonsai artist and co-owner of Wigert’s Bonsai, North Fort Myers

Even though bonsai trees are often rendered in miniature, they have a larger than life personality so that if you imagine one out of scale it might be an ancient oak, limbs gnarled like an old man’s arms.

Mr. Wigert grew up on Pine Island, runs the nursery with his wife, Andrea, and practices the ancient Japanese art form of bonsai.

“It entails routine aspects like weeding, pruning and repotting of the nursery stock,” he wrote. “Also the more specialized styling of the trees which involves wrapping the branches with aluminum wire to shape and design the bonsai. Also, there is a lot of lifting and moving of trees at the nursery.”

The Wigerts started their nursery in 2003. Here you can wander among patiently crafted bonsai trees, buy supplies and take bonsai classes.

Learning the art includes “lots of trial and error working on trees, inspiration from reading many books and magazines on the art form as well as viewing bonsai at shows and exhibits.” Mr. Wigert said.

His dedication to his business and art keeps Mr. Wigert busy most of the time, and time is what’s needed to fulfill an artist’s vision.

“Seeing a tree reach the design I have envisioned, sometimes it’s a matter of hours, sometimes years,” he wrote. ■

ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments

Dr. Shawn Khan has been elected to the Lighthouse of Collier board of directors. Dr. Khan received his medical degree from McGill University, was chief ophthalmology resident at Albany Medical College and completed a glaucoma fellowship at the world-renowned Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. He also holds an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.



KHAN

Gregg Zavodny, a retired FAA air traffic controller, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Cultural and Performing Arts Center. Mr. Zavodny has been involved with the summer programs of the Chautauqua Institution in New York since 2012.



ZAVODNY

New officers of the Latchkey League, which supports and provides services to the Fran Cohen Youth Center at The Salvation Army and provides grants to organizations that serve the needs of Collier County youth, are: **Betty Bailey**, president; **Judy Tedder**, first vice president; **Karole Davis**, second vice president; **Sally Bettin**, membership secretary; **Wendy Schaedel**, recording secretary; and **Laura Clemo**, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are **Wilma Boyd**, **Joe Coppola**, **Peggy Coppola**, **Lynette Merillat** and **Bob Young**.

New officers for the Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Association are: **Harry Casimir**, director of operations at the digital design and mar-

keting company Atilus, board chair; **Rachel Faramo**, development chair; **Ryan Kowadla**, membership chair; and **Lauren Schuetz**, awards chair. New board members are: **Todd Cofer**, **Meredithe Dyer**, **Dan Harris**, **Ryan King**, **Britney Lamb**, **Andrew Miller**, **Brian Sanders**, **Gabriella Santos** and **Caroline Thomas**. Members returning for a second term are **Paul Allen**, **Ms. Faramo** and **Corey Smith**.



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PARRY

Board members for 2017-2108 for Women's Network of Collier County are: **Gina Sisbarro**, Marco Office Supply, Furniture & Printing Co., president; **Amber Phillips**, Sage Events and Sand Dollar Weddings, vice president; **Stacy Nicolau**, Neapolitan Family Publishing, secretary; and **Karen Parry**, Best Interest Mortgage Inc., treasurer.

Digital Design

Valerie Baker has joined the Atilus digital design firm as a client services and digital marketing specialist to assist clients with websites and digital marketing by managing developers, designers, writers and programmers. She earned a

bachelor's degree in marketing with a minor in music from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ryan Shawgo has joined the Atilus digital design firm to produce websites and graphics for the company's local and national clients. Mr. Shawgo earned a bachelor's degree in graphic design from the Kansas City Art Institute and is trained in advanced web coding.

Hospitality

Stephen Jones has been named general manager for The Club at Kalea Bay. A native of Manchester, England, Mr. Jones is a certified general manager and has worked in London and Atlanta as well as on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. He moved to Naples more than 20 years ago and has been associated with Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club in Estero and more recently with Bay Colony Beach Club in Naples. In addition to his responsibilities at Kalea Bay, which is being developed by Soave Real Estate, Mr. Jones will oversee operations at Soave's Moraya Bay and The Floridian Club. The Club at Kalea Bay is slated to open in November.



JONES

Law Enforcement

Four Collier County Sheriff's Office sergeants recently graduated from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Florida Leadership Academy.

Sgts. Melvin Gonzalez, **Rebecca Gonzalez**, **Benjamin Lopez** and **Daniel McDonald** were among 39 first-line supervisors from across Florida who attended the program and graduated in April. The graduates serve in leadership roles representing 22 criminal

justice agencies throughout the state. Sgt. Melvin Gonzalez is assigned to the Youth Relation Bureau; Sgt. Rebecca Gonzalez is assigned to the Crime Prevention Bureau; Sgt. Lopez is assigned to Corrections; and Sgt. McDonald is assigned to the Professional Responsibility Bureau.

Marketing & Media

Jennifer Stacy has joined Phelan Family Brands, owners of Pinchers, Deep Lagoon Seafood and Texas Tony's Rib & Brewhouse restaurants, as well as Island Crab Company, to lead the media team.



STACY

Ms. Stacy's responsibilities include directing and elevating new initiatives in broadcast, digital and social media. She spent 17 working as an award-winning news anchor at stations in Ohio and Boston before joining WINK News 10 years ago, most recently serving as the station's morning news anchor. She has also served as a contributor and travel writer for local and national magazines.

Sports

Stephanie Reeves, PGA director of golf at Countryside Golf & Country Club, has earned PGA Master Professional status, the highest educational designation that can be obtained by a PGA member. Ms. Reeves, who received her certification in golf operations, is the 10th woman to ever receive the title of PGA Master Professional. Her final project in the certification process focused on best practices that led to increased merchandise sales and profit, as well as the importance of leveraging an efficient tournament management system. She has been a PGA member since 2007. ■

GATES

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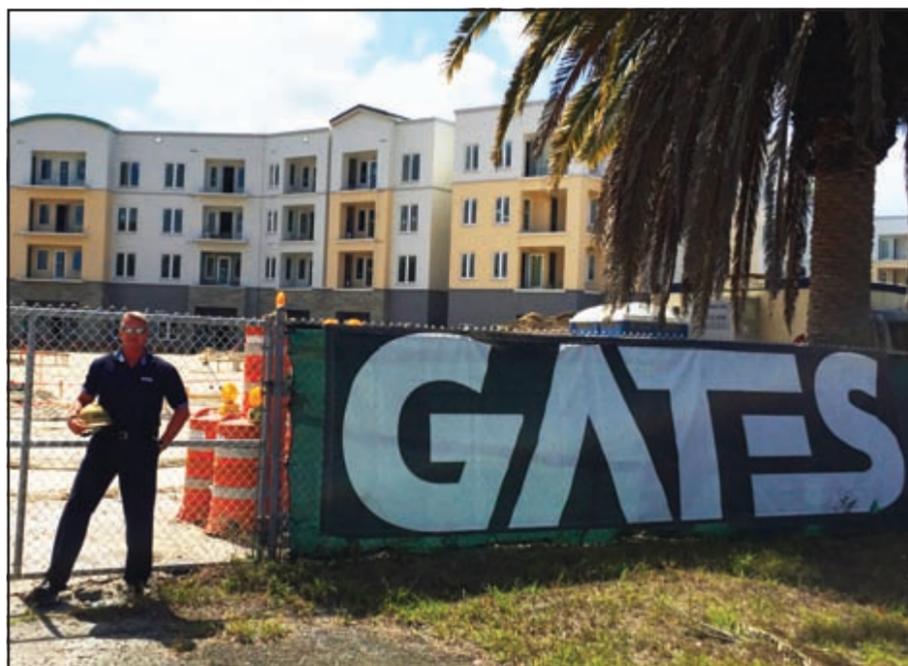
and struck out on his own, forming GATES, a general contracting firm that specializes in commercial, retail, office, health-care, industrial, hospitality, institutional, club and residential projects. Based in Bonita Springs and with an office in Sarasota, GATES handles projects throughout the Southeast and in the Republic of Panama.

GATES has been involved in a host of high-profile projects in Collier and Lee counties, including Miromar Outlet and Coconut Point Mall, The Naples Daily News headquarters, Naples Community Hospital's Briggs Healthcare Pavilion, the Inn at Pelican Bay and, in Fort Myers, Golisano Children's Hospital (in a joint venture with international contractor Skansak) and a \$315 million expansion underway at Gulf Coast Medical Center.

"We've been blessed to build almost 1,800 projects — many of them landmark projects," says Mr. Gates. "To be a small part of such a respected team is extremely satisfying and humbling at the same time."

After more than three decades in construction, he still takes great pleasure in the industry that's been his career.

"I just enjoy building, developing and constructing things," he says. "It's very satisfying to take something that starts with a concept and raw land, then to build something on it that can add value to the community and to the residents."



COURTESY PHOTO

Todd Gates on a job site.

He says the company's success has been a collaborative effort, making it a point to praise the contributions of GATES' president and partner John Hayes, who oversees company operations, and the Butz family for its long-time partnership and support.

Mr. Gates' duties encompass overseeing all company divisions — everything from marketing and business development to accounting.

He also devotes considerable energy to civic causes, having served over the years on the boards for organizations including Golisano Children's Hospital

of Southwest Florida, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and the United Arts Council of Collier County.

In 2008, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida honored Mr. Gates as a Hall of Fame Laureate for his support of local youth, and Gulfshore Business Magazine named him No. 10 on its list of "Top 50 Power Players" in Southwest Florida that same year.

Trade and business-related organizations, such as the Economic Development Council of Collier County, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the Christian Chamber of Southwest

Florida and the Collier Building Industry Association, have also been a focus for Mr. Gates.

"I care deeply about our community," he says.

The journey from coming to Naples with nothing more than a dream, even sleeping on the beach the first three nights after his arrival, to where he is today has been a testament to his faith, hard work and intrepid spirit.

"To sum it up, I guess the important thing is to never, ever give up," he says.

The Gates recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. The couple has two daughters and two grandchildren.

Interview with Todd Gates

Business mentor: Hank Krehling of Krehling Industries

First job: Cleaning a Laundromat

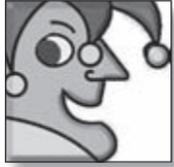
Business words of wisdom: There are three types of people: those who make things happen, those who wait for things to happen and those who have no idea what happened

Favorite business book: "The Slight Edge: Turning Simple Disciplines into Massive Success" by Jeff Olson.

One thing you look for when hiring: The eye of the tiger.

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Ownership Issues

When studying small companies, it can be good to check how much of them is owned by insiders or institutions.

It's generally good if insiders own many shares. After all, if employees own a chunk of a company, their interests are aligned with those of shareholders, and they have an incentive to help it succeed. Insiders buying shares is also promising, as it suggests that they expect the shares to rise in value.

Insider sales may seem like bad news, but they may not be. Many executives get a significant portion of their compensation in the form of stock, so they may occasionally sell some shares to generate funds. Many executives selling many shares might be a red flag, though.

Meanwhile, it's good to find promising small companies with little ownership by institutions such as mutual funds and pension funds. Big players are often unable to buy many shares of small companies, giving us smaller investors a chance to get in before they do.

Small companies typically have relatively few shares outstanding, and their total value is modest. Imagine, for example,

Drive-Thru Dentistry Inc. (ticker: DRILZ), with just 10 million shares outstanding, valued at \$20 each. (Total market value: \$200 million.) Institutions that might typically buy \$20 million worth of a company's shares can't do so with Drive-Thru Dentistry without buying fully 10 percent of the entire company, something they're often prohibited from doing.

As a company grows bigger and institutions start buying, their demand can push share prices up, benefiting existing shareholders.

Discovering a small but growing company with significant insider ownership and low institutional ownership is a promising scenario. Study the company from many angles before buying, though. Make sure it has growing sales and earnings and a strong competitive position, among other things. You can call any public company and ask its investor relations department about insider and institutional ownership. Or look them up online, at sites such as finance.yahoo.com.

Remember, too, that small companies can be volatile. Beginning investors might tread with caution or get more experience first. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Timeshare Troubles

My dumbest investment has been in a timeshare property. Don't believe the hype you'll hear from the sales team: They are selling high-price maintenance fees that never end, while telling you you're getting a bargain on vacations.

— M.R., via email

The Fool Responds: Timeshares have been extremely regrettable investments for many people. Still, they might suit some folks, in certain circumstances. For example, they can be good for large families, as some feature several bedrooms and a kitchen, helping you avoid renting multiple rooms and eating out all the time when on vacation. (Of course, you might simply rent a house or apartment for a vacation, too.)

On the other hand, beware of the downsides: There are often maintenance fees (which tend to increase over time) that are due regardless of whether you use the unit, and contracts sometimes last forever, becoming burdens to heirs. If you're thinking that you'll simply sell the timeshare before you die, that can be hard, too. Many are very difficult to unload, with some "exit" companies having been created just to help you get out of your contract.

It's smart to think twice before buying a timeshare. Many end up being used far less than planned. Some timeshare purchasers will be happy, but anyone considering one should do a lot of due diligence into what the total costs will be — and think of it as a vacation purchase, not an investment. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to the 1865 founding of Badische Anilin- und Sodafabrik in Germany. I started out recycling, producing dyes from coal tar for the growing textile industry. I soon hired a company doctor and offered employees housing. In 1875, I self-funded a health insurance plan for workers. Today I'm a chemical giant, employing about 114,000 people, including more than 17,000 in North America. My offerings include herbicides, brake fluids, glues, plasticizers, detergents, foams, and raw materials for paints, medicines and more. New areas of interest include wind energy, water solutions and batteries. Who am I? (Answer: BASF) ■



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Ask the Fool

Socially Responsible

Where can I learn about which companies are being socially responsible, treating employees well and being good to the environment?

— T.L., Columbus, Indiana

One useful reference is Corporate Responsibility Magazine's annual list, The 100 Best Corporate Citizens. Its rankings take into consideration a company's performance on climate change, employee relations, human rights, corporate governance, financial performance and philanthropy. The top 10 companies for 2017 are Hasbro, Intel, Microsoft, Altria, Campbell Soup, Cisco Systems, Accenture, Hormel Foods, Lockheed Martin and Ecolab. (You'll find the entire list at thecro.com.)

The 2017 World's Most Ethical Companies list, via Ethisphere.com, includes names such as 3M, Aflac, Allstate, Colgate-Palmolive, Deere, Dell, Eli Lilly, Ford, GE, Kellogg, L'Oreal, Levi Strauss, LinkedIn, Marriott, Mastercard, Microsoft, PepsiCo, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Starbucks, T-Mobile, Target, UPS, USAA, Visa, Volvo, Wyndham and dozens more.

Learn more about socially responsible companies at sites such as socialfunds.com, csrwire.com and ussif.org.

How much might health care cost me when I'm retired?

— H.E., Pleasanton, California

It will probably cost a lot. You have Medicare to look forward to, but it's not free, and even with it, you'll still have out-of-pocket expenses.

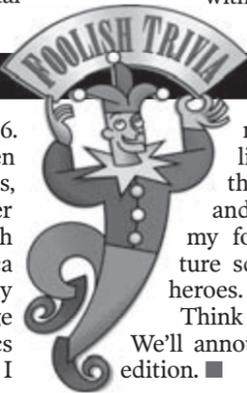
According to Fidelity Investments, an average 65-year-old couple retiring this year will spend about \$260,000 on health care in retirement — not counting the cost of long-term care.

That's just an average, though. You might end up spending significantly more — or less — than that. Still, it's a useful reminder that health care costs can be substantial and should be factored into your retirement planning. ■

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Name That Company

I was founded as Sound of Music in 1966. (I took my current name in 1983.) Between 2000 and 2010, I bought Musicland Stores, Magnolia Hi-Fi, Pacific Sales, Napster and more. Today I'm a retail giant, with more than 1,500 stores in North America and more than 125,000 employees. My recycling program receives an average of more than 400 pounds of electronics every minute that my stores are open. I



rake in close to \$40 billion annually. I've gone through a rough patch and am now regaining my footing. My stores feature squads of technological heroes. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Documented Profits

Iron Mountain's (NYSE: IRM) core business is providing storage, primarily of records, and information management services to companies and government organizations. It's also been expanding into related operations, such as data centers. The Boston-based company leads its industry, with a portfolio of more than 1,400 facilities spanning 47 countries. It has more than 220,000 customers, including about 94 percent of the Fortune 1000 companies.

In 2014, the company reorganized into a real estate investment trust (REIT). REITs are required to pay out at least 90 percent of their income as dividends, and Iron Mountain recently yielded a fat 6.4 percent.

What's wonderful about the storage business is that customers are willing to sign multiyear agreements to help keep their documents safe. Those agreements keep revenue flowing into Iron Mountain's bank account, even during economic slowdowns.

Management plans to steadily increase revenue and profits between now and 2020, in part via \$100 million in annual spending on acquisitions and expanding its capabilities in art storage and data-center management.

Documentation management and storage is boring, but boring businesses that crank out predictable profits can be great investments. Iron Mountain shares aren't a screaming bargain right now, but they'll likely reward long-term investors. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Young Professionals of Naples** members and guests meet for networking and socializing from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Cavo Lounge in Mercato. For more information, email events@ypnaples.com

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association's Leadership Lunch** series continues with a program about state and local economic development with a focus on the recent legislative session from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Guest speakers will be Crystal Stiles, economic development director for Florida Power & Light; Kristi Bartlett, vice president of economic development for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce;

and Michael Dalby, president and CEO of the Naples chamber. \$15 for dues-paying LCF alumni, \$20 for non-dues paying LCF alumni, \$25 for non-alumni. Registration is required by May 26 and can be completed at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ Members, family and guests of the **East Naples Merchants Association** are invited to the annual summer barbecue from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomasson Drive. Free pickleball lessons will be offered by Pickleball for All instructors from 5-6 p.m. Dinner by Two Guys Catering will be served at 6 p.m. Reservations are required for a free pickleball lesson and also for dinner (\$15 per person). Sign up by emailing info@eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ **Business After 5** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the *Naples Daily News*, 1100 Immokalee Road. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

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

■ **Goal Setters BNI (Business Networking Inc.)** meets at 8 a.m. every Wednesday at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road. For more information, call Carolyn Hoover 239-263-2021 for information.

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

■ **Women's Network of Collier County** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Etudes de Ballet. The next meeting is June 13. For more information, visit www.wnoc.org.

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

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

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SCORE Naples' 'inSights for Women's Business Growth'



1. Leigh Herndon, Elaine Murphy and Michelle Mullman
2. Lynn Pitochelli and Angela Bruckner
3. Brooke Sykes, Sue Huff and Angela Bruckner
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After Hours with the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce at Vi at Bentley Village's new East Clubhouse



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2. Allen Furrer and Tony Lee
3. Stan Geer and Pam Fultz
4. Erin Burdette, Susi Husty and Rachel Rango
5. Mike Briers and Carl Schwing
6. Jordan Scardigno and Penny Smith
7. Sue Tharp and Janet Grainge
8. Scott Hennells and Eddie Thorpe
9. Marci Seamples

COURTESY PHOTOS

Collier Building Industry Association members' breakfast



1. Kaleigh Grover, Claudine Leger-Wetzel and Violeta Cordova
2. Matt Sellick and Ron Waldrop
3. Noel Davies, Ron Waldrop, Kevin Deardorff and Tony Fortino
4. Jackie Nelson and Linda Donnelly

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NAR midyear forecast predicts continuing low ownership rates

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The multi-year stretch of robust job gains along with improving household confidence are expected to guide existing-home sales to a decade high in 2017, but supply and affordability headwinds and modest economic growth are holding back sales and threatening to keep the nation's low homeownership rate subdued. That's according to speakers at a residential real estate forum held recently at the 2017 Realtors Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo in Washington, D.C.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, presented his midyear forecast and was joined onstage by Jonathan Spader, senior research associate at the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University, and Mark Calabria, chief economist and assistant to Vice President Mike Pence. Mr. Spader's presentation addressed past and projected movements in the homeownership rate, while Mr. Calabria discussed why reversing weak productivity and the low labor force participation rate are necessary to boost the economy.

The first quarter was the best quarterly existing sales pace in exactly a decade (5.62 million), and Mr. Yun said he expects activity to stay on track and finish around 5.64 million — the best since 2006 (6.47 million) and 3.5 percent above 2016. With several metro areas seeing hefty price growth, the national median existing-home price is expected to rise around 5 percent this year.

"The housing market has exceeded expectations ever since the election, despite depressed inventory and higher mortgage rates," Mr. Yun said. Although sales are currently running at a decade high, he added, he believes the healthy labor market should be generating even more activity. However, listings in the lower- and mid-market price range are scant and selling fast, and homebuyers are discovering they can afford less of what's on the market based on their income.

"We have been under the 50-year average of single-family housing starts

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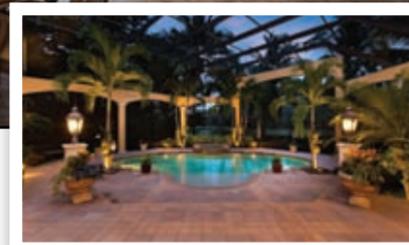
House Hunting

15202 Brolio Way, Mediterra

This masterfully designed estate home blends perfectly amid the flora and lake views of the nature preserve surrounding it on three sides. More than 9,000 total square feet of elegance is found in the three-bedroom, three full and two half-bath home that was built in 2002.

There is a first-floor study and also a second-floor study with breathtaking views that can be used as a fourth bedroom. Details include a custom imported front door, soaring ceilings, seamless windows, granite counters, glass walls, one of the most notable outdoor living spaces in Southwest Florida and an air-conditioned four-car garage. The first-floor master suite has his-and-hers baths, three walk-in closets and a cozy sitting area with access to the pool deck. The chef's kitchen with island and breakfast bar is full of natural light and opens into the morning room and family room.

Emily K. Bua and Tade Bua-Bell at John R Wood Properties have the listing for \$2.795 million. To arrange a showing



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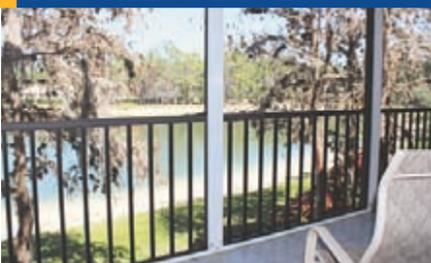
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for 10 years now," Mr. Yun said, adding limited lots, labor shortages, tight construction lending and higher lumber costs are impeding the building industry's ability to produce more single-family homes. "There's little doubt first-time buyer participation would improve and the homeownership rate would rise if there were simply more inventory."

Housing construction has been uneven so far this year, but Mr. Yun said he anticipates starts to jump 8.4 percent to 1.27 million. This is still under the 1.5 million new homes needed to make up for the insufficient building in recent years, however. New single-family home sales are likely to total 620,000 this year, up 8.4 percent from 2016.

Addressing the nation's low homeownership rate, Mr. Spader said substantial uncertainty exists about its future direction. He cited foreclosure-related housing exits from older adults and delayed buying from younger households as the primary causes in the downward trend since the downturn. The good news, he added, is that while there was growth in homeowner households in 2016, an aging population, changes in family type and increasing diversity by race and ethnicity all present headwinds going forward.

Mr. Spader's 2025 projection puts the homeownership rate in a range of 61.0 to 65.1 percent.

"Stagnant household incomes, rising rental costs, student loan debt and limited supply have all contributed to slower purchasing activity," he said, adding young and minority households' ability to reach the market will play a big role in how much the actual rate can rise in coming years."

Mr. Calabria's presentation focused on his thoughts of what can be done to jump-start economic growth. He attributed prolonged weak productivity and the low labor participation rate as the primary reasons why the current economic expansion is the slowest since World War II.

"A strong labor market will drive a strong housing market, but you can't have a strong housing market without a strong economic foundation," he said. "The recovery has been uneven, with roughly 70 counties making up roughly half of all job growth. The White House's proposed plans to cut corporate and individual tax cuts will help large and small businesses grow, hire and ultimately contribute to more households buying homes as more money goes into their pockets."

Although Mr. Yun said economic growth in the first quarter was "a huge disappointment" at 0.7 percent (first estimate), he anticipates an increase in consumer spending and more homebuilding should provide enough fuel for gross domestic product to finish slightly higher (2.2 percent) than a year ago (1.6 percent).

He also believes the rising interest rate environment is here to stay, as the Federal Reserve slowly begins unwinding its balance sheet. He foresees two more short-term rate hikes by the end of this year and predicts mortgage rates will average around 4.30 percent before gradually climbing towards 5.0 percent by the end of 2018.

Although there was a lot of uncertainty at the start of the year, a very strong first quarter has set the stage for a modest sales increase compared to last year, Mr. Yun said. However, he cautioned, "Prices are still rising too fast in many areas and are outpacing incomes. That is why housing starts need to rise to alleviate supply shortages. There will be more sales if there's a meaningful bump in new and existing inventory." ■

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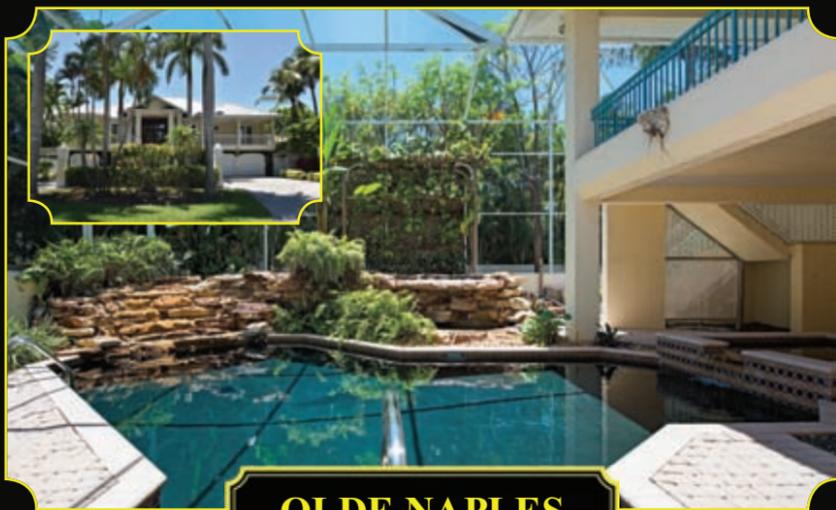
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Jay Civetti has joined the real estate sales team at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Mr. Civetti brings more than 30 years of sales expertise focused in real estate and finance to his new position. He is a member of the board of directors for the Mortgage Bankers Association of Southwest Florida as well as an allied member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors. A native of Massachusetts, he was the northeast regional director of sales for Polo Ralph Lauren Golf before relocating to Florida

and joining the real estate industry.

Sam Blalack has joined American Eagle Mortgage Company as a mortgage loan originator in the Mercato office. Mr. Blalack has experience in all aspects of real estate financing, from luxury, jumbo, conventional, VA, FHA and USDA loans to new construction and renovation loans. He worked in construction and as a police officer before joining the mortgage lending industry 14 years ago. ■

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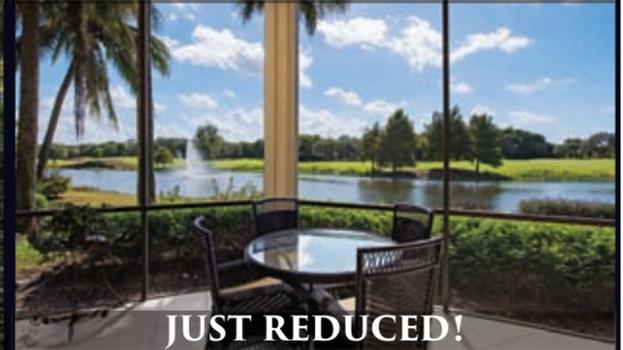
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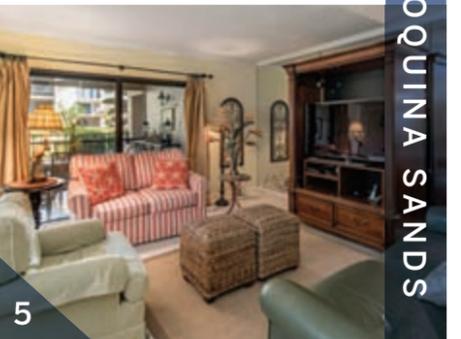


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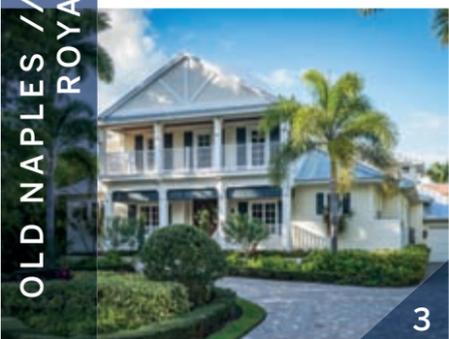


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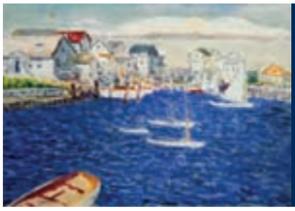


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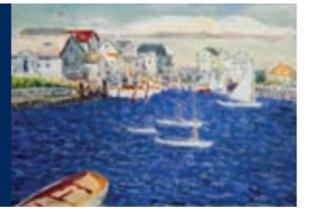
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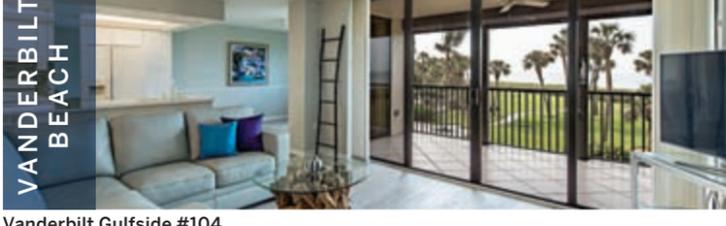
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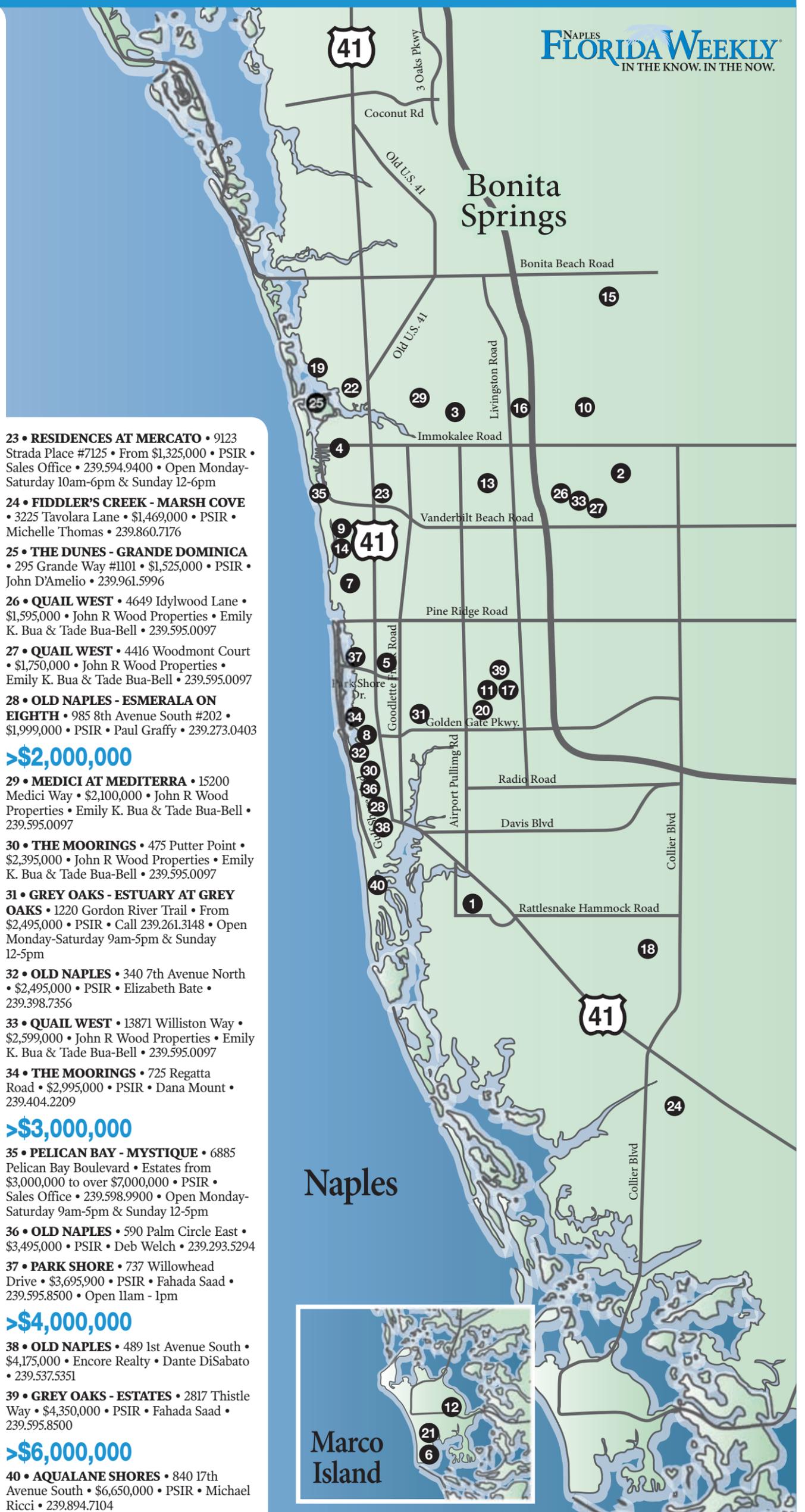
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The 2017 NANCIES

A somewhat skewed look at the 2017 arts and entertainment season

BY NANCY STETSON

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ANOTHER SEASON'S COME AND GONE, JAMPACKED with concerts, plays, musicals and art shows.

Time again for The Nancies, my annual mostly tongue-in-cheek, irreverent, sideways look at the arts and entertainment season that's just ended.

It seemed to have a lot of Shakespeare, or Shakespeare-related shows, as well as

more than its fair share of politically themed plays (as if current news weren't drama or comedy enough).

■ The Let's Do the Time Warp Again Award

(Tie) To "Constellations" at Gulfshore Playhouse, about a couple and all their infinite alternate universes, many of which were acted out in front of us. Real-life couple Cody Nickell and Kate Eastwood Norris portrayed the two who meet and in some universes marry, and in some stay together and in others break up. But we can't imagine any universe in which this couple wouldn't move us by their acting.

And also to Tiger 93.3FM, broadcasting out of the Dunbar community near



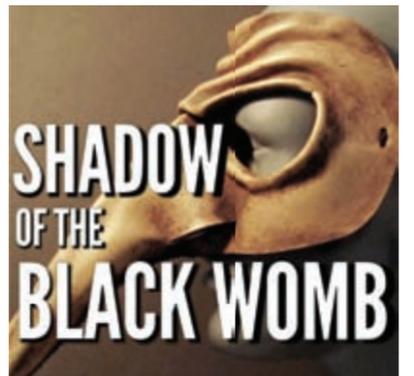
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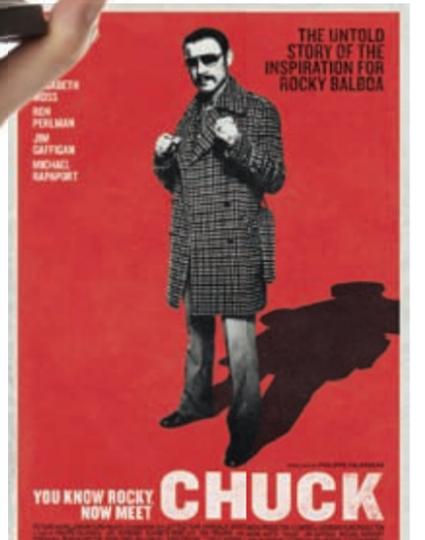
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Book review

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Film critic Dan Hudak finds "Chuck" an unconventional boxing biopic that's well worth the time and \$\$\$ **C15** ►



Broadway Palm theater won't be the same without Betsy

BY NANCY STETSON

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Betsy Cress has made a career of waitressing.

She's fast. She's efficient. She's good with detail.

Not only that, but she's entertaining. She sings. She dances. She makes wisecracks.

Anyone who's been fortunate enough to have her as a server at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre typically leaves with a smile.

"That's why we come," says Susie Carr



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of North Fort Myers, a regular patron. "The shows are good, but she's really entertaining." Her husband, Jim Carr, adds, "You never know what's going to come out of her mouth. She's really fun." For example, during the intermission for "George M," a musical about George M. Cohan (who wrote "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Grand Old Flag" and "Over There," among many others), Betsy marched up and down

the aisles, high stepping like a drum majorette.

One time, during "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," she started dancing with a customer. "He knocked his table over in the middle of the show," she recalls.

Such antics are not unusual. "It's the closest I'm getting to Broadway, kid," she says, by way of explanation.

"She loves to entertain. She missed her calling," Joan Anastos, Betsy's best friend and a fellow server at the dinner theater in Fort Myers, says.

The two have known each other for

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FLORIDA WRITERS

No. 8 in Naples writer's serial killer mystery series continues to satisfy

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■ **"Shadow of the Black Womb" By Lawrence J. De Maria. St. Austin's Press. 204 pages. E-book, \$2.99.**

This is No. 8 in the Alton Rhode Mysteries, one of three exciting series penned by Lawrence De Maria. The title, drawn from the Delmore Schwartz poem "The Heavy Bear Who Goes with Me," sets a minor key note of literary erudition that plays quietly through the novel.

It reminds us of how the bodily self undermines the aspirations of our more noble — and intangible — sense of identity. The series' title character and main narrator observes the distance between who he is and who he might be. This awareness flutters through his perceptions. Alton Rhode senses an inescapable twinship between two sides of one person.

Dark doubles and duality play out in other ways in the course of the story that involves a serial killer addicted to his pleasure of murdering young children. The depraved addict has a score to settle. It's Halloween, and the masked killer has a pistol hidden in his plastic pumpkin. Cormac Levine is his target.

The mystery plot — who is this murderous madman and what are his motives? — is interrupted so that we can drop in on Alton. We meet his tomcat, his dog and his gorgeous, brainy girlfriend, Alice Watts, a philosophy professor at Barnard. The two enjoy New York's cultural offerings.

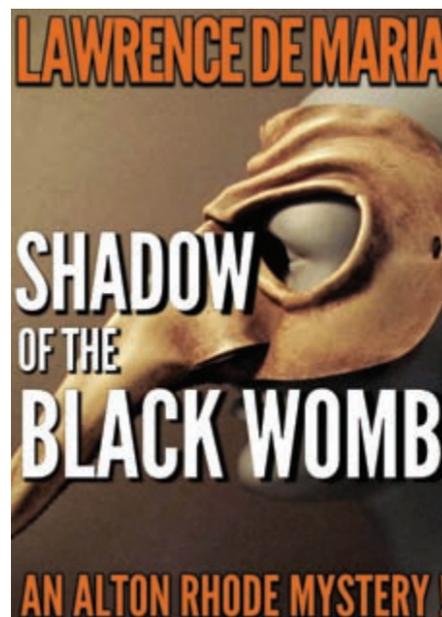
One evening Alton gets a call from his police force buddies, using a crime family figure as an intermediary because this enforcer would know how to get in touch with Alton quickly. Already we know that Alton is well connected on both sides of the law.

A private investigator can handle some issues more readily than the police department or the district attorney's office can. Alton rushes over to the Richmond Memorial Hospital (Staten Island) where Cormac ("Mac") is in a coma. We discover that Mac and Alton are old friends. "I was a rookie cop when he cornered a child molester," Alton reveals. We might wonder if the child molester, now a child killer, is settling the score with someone who sent him to jail.

But the perp was pushed or fell eight floors. How could he be back now to shoot Mac?

Comatose Mac manages to utter a few syllables that sound like "alt . . . a live mole." Figuring out how to parse this utterance is one of the challenges for Alton and others.

Alton's investigation leads him not only over much of New York but also across much of the U.S. We follow his interactions with Alice, with his crime-fighting friends and members of



officialdom, with journalists and with Abby, his office assistant. Also in the mix is Marat Rahm, patriarch of the dominant crime organization on Staten Island. Readers learn how Alton works his sources, how he maintains trust and how well he knows the cultural, legal and economic texture of his beloved New York City. He explores old case files, interviews co-workers who knew Mac "back then" and pursues whatever might clarify the relationship between the past and the present.

Mr. De Maria describes the push and pull of the investigative process with authority, each new piece of information leading to a new question and a

new increment of suspense. The final revelations are worth the wait.

Along the way, the author continues to embellish and deepen his major and minor characters, setting them against well-wrought backgrounds. He takes us further into the Alton-Alice relationship to reveal their multifaceted personalities. He does all this crisply, but without a sense of haste.

A Lawrence De Maria title gives you more bang for your buck than just about anything in the book marketplace today.

About the author

Mr. De Maria began his career as a reporter (winning an Associated Press award for crime reporting) and eventually became a Pulitzer-nominated senior editor and financial writer at *The New York Times*, where he wrote hundreds of stories and features. After leaving the *Times*, he became an executive director at Forbes. Following a stint in corporate America, he returned to journalism as managing editor of the *Naples Sun Times*, until its sale to the Scripps chain in 2007. Since then, he has been a full-time fiction writer.

Still a resident of Naples, Mr. De Maria is on the board of directors of the Washington Independent Review of Books, where he writes features, reviews and a column. ■

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SPEACH

General admission is \$30; VIP admission with early entry at 5 p.m. and access to the VIP Section is \$150. VIP guests and major sponsors enjoy private dressing rooms, clothing hold, express checkout service and complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets go on sale July 15 at 222.

lovethatdress.org.

In the meantime, sponsors, volunteers and vendors are still welcome, as are donations of new and gently worn dresses of all styles and sizes. Dress donations can be dropped off during business hours at these locations: A. Jaron Studio, First Florida Integrity Bank, Georgie's & The Shoe Resort, Gretchen Scott Designs, Healthsource Chiropractic, Ideal Image, IHeartMedia, Invitation to Paper, Kunjani, Lilly Pulitzer and Lux Boutique.

In addition to White House Black Market, sponsors to date include Arthrex, Seminole Casino, GL Homes, The Village Shops on Venetian Bay, ABC7, iHeartMedia and Coconut Point.

All sales from Love That Dress! benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee, which provides at-risk girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. For more information, call Marianne Kearns at 842-5406. ■

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15. Boarding begins at 6 p.m. and the ship sets sail at 7 p.m. for a two-hour sunset cruise.

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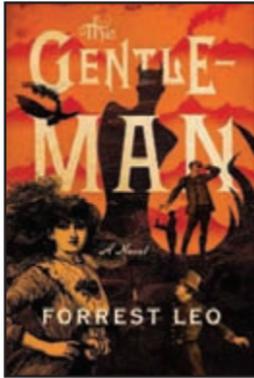
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downtown Fort Myers. Every day is music of a different decade. Where else can you hear "Roll With Me Henry," "The Hully Gully," "Vehicle" and "Slippin' Into Darkness," all at the same place on your radio dial? My favorite weekday? Monday, with the music of the 1960s.

■ The Making Titles Like They Used to Award

The full title of Forrest Leo's 2016 debut novel is:

"The Gentleman: Being a Truthful Account Concerning the Hazards of Love, Marriage, Duels, Poetry, Inventors, Family, Anarchists, Airships, Intercourse with the Devil, Ladies' Undergarments, Painting From Life, the History of Exploration, &c. Set Down by Mr Lionel Lupus Savage & Edited with Objections by Mr Hubert Lancaster, Esq., Containing Nothing Either Allegorical or Metaphorical in Nature & Never Deviating from the Truth."



Imagine asking for *that* in a bookstore!

■ Best Writerly Trend Award

It might seem counterintuitive, but even Amazon is using "bricks-and-mortar stores" to sell books. Writers know that people love to read. One of my favorite trends is bestselling writers opening up bookstores. There's Ann Patchett's Parnassus in Nashville, "Wimpy Kid" author Jeff Kinney's "An Unlikely Story" in Plainville, Mass., Louise Erdrich's Birchbark Books in Minneapolis, Jonathan Lethem's Red Gap Books in Blue Hill, Maine, and Judy Blume's Books & Books in Key West (co-owned with her nonfiction-writing husband, George Cooper). And Emma Straub ("Modern Lovers" and "The Vacationers") just opened Books Are Magic in Brooklyn, N.Y.

■ The Sia Award

To Cinco Aero and New Zealand comedic artist Thomas Moncton, who, in his one-man clown show at the Ringling International Arts Festival, acting as a classical pianist experiencing a series of mishaps, actually did swing from the chandelier.

■ Smoothest Bodies Award

When Australia's Naked Magicians brought their show to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, I got to interview them over the phone. But looking at publicity photos of their smooth, buff bodies afterward, I couldn't believe I'd neglected to ask them the most obvious question of all: waxing or shaving?

■ Best Tagline for a Show Award

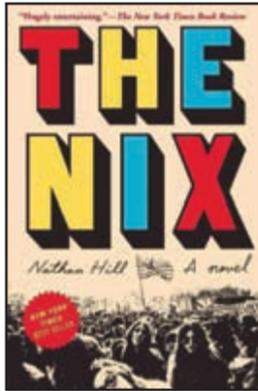
It's hard to beat this: The tagline for the Naked Magicians (see above) is: "Good magicians don't need sleeves. Great magicians don't need pants." And the best unintentionally funny quote from one of the duo, Christopher Wayne talking with *Florida Weekly*: "I don't want to get too cocky, but Mike and I are both comfortable with what we have underneath our clothes."



The Naked Magicians

■ Best Meandering, Entertaining Novel Award

To "The Nix" by Nathan Hill, a Naples resident and former FGCU instructor who worked on the novel for 10 years, never quite believing it would be published. It's basically a funny, cleverly written book about everything, including gaming, the riots at the 1968 Democratic convention, mother-son relationships and lazy college students. Now in paperback and soon to be a J.J. Abrams movie starring Meryl Streep, the novel is the epitome of success.



■ Best Local Theater Trend Award

To new play festivals/contests. It's the best way to see brand new, never-produced-before plays and actually give feedback to the playwrights, directors and cast. Florida Repertory Theatre has its PlayLab Festival in April, Gulfshore Playhouse holds its New Works Festival in September, and ETC ... Readers Theatre of The Naples Players holds an annual one-act playwrighting contest. But of course, Theatre Conspiracy's been doing it forever (17 years), holding partial readings of its New Play Contest finalists as an annual fundraiser in the summer, letting us vote for our favorite. It whets our appetite for seeing the entire play and seeing a full production with costumes and sets.

■ The Not-So-Great Local Theater Trend Award

Improv. It's hit or miss funny, depending upon the participants. Exception: when it's included within a structured show, such as "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" (Florida Rep) or "Shear Madness" (Florida Rep's Art-Stage Studio).

■ The Hair Extensions Award

Set in a fully functioning, zany hair



Shelley Sanders as his country wife, Margery, and Jim Yarnes as Pinchwife.

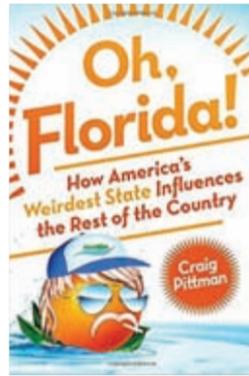
salon, "Shear Madness" (see above) was so popular the run was extended not once, but twice. Filled with topical jokes and local references, it made me laugh almost non-stop on opening night. Apparently, it had the same effect on others as well. It finally closed three weeks after originally planned.

■ The Bringing Back Jheri Curls Award

To "The Country Wife" at Theatre Conspiracy, where many of the gentlemen in this 17th century Restoration comedy with their shoulder-length curly wigs looked like Rick James wannabes.

■ The When Bad Covers Happen to Good Books Award

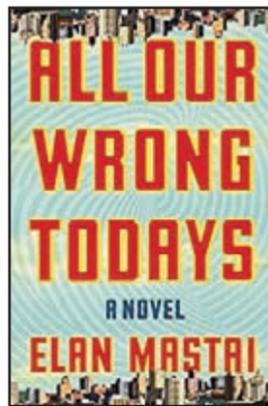
To "Oh Florida: How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country." I passed by Craig Pittman's book many times, simply because the cover was so unenticing. There's a giant head wearing a baseball cap that looks as if Mike Ditka mated with an orange. He's smoking a cigarette and wearing mirrored sunglasses — just the type of guy most of us want to avoid. Not only that, he's drifting along in the water, just a disembodied head.



It looks like just another make-a-quick-buck book about Florida. But when I finally picked it up and started reading it, I realized how deceptive the cover is. The book's funny, smart and packed with interesting stories about our crazy Sunshine State and its colorful history. It's well written and full of substance. Just ignore the cover. Read it.

■ The Making Architecture Sexy Again Award (Fictional)

In Elan Mastai's novel, "All Our Wrong Todays," one of the characters, an architect from an alternate universe, gives this speech to his fellow architects: "We are failures. We've failed ourselves and we've failed the world. Architecture is the art we live in. And we could be living in miracles. Instead of dull boxes. Instead of geometry. We, in this room, make the frame that the world looks through to see its own reflection. And if the world has not provided us the materials we need to unbind our imaginations, we must demand it. Everything that we need to reimagine this city, every city, to redefine how human beings live on this planet, it's all possible. No idea is impossible. All we need is infrastructure. But are we inspiring the material world to chase our grand visions? Or are we letting infrastructure shackle us? You fail yourself, you fail the world, you fail the future, you fail whoever looks out the window to see what we as a civilization are capable of. Look out that window at the story we've told. Is that a story you're proud to tell? Think about what you tried to build today and ask yourself if it will change this world into the one we need. If not, why not? Start again. These are not buildings. They are monuments to the future we deserve."



Joyce Owens

■ The Making Architecture Sexy Again Award (Real Life)

To Joyce Owens of the Fort Myers-based Architecture Joyce Owens. She's president of the Florida chapter of the American Institute of Architects. She ran on the theme "Communicating Value," stressing that architects need to communicate the importance of what they do, and that they need to do so in clear, understandable, jargon-free language. "Architects build more than structure. They build value. And it's our responsibility as AIA Florida to ensure the general public is aware of that value," she says.

■ The Knowing Your Audience Award

The Naples Players hit the jackpot and showed that they know their audiences when they put on the play "These Shining Lives," which is set in Ottawa, Ill., appealing to both Canadians and Midwesterners.



■ Best Bigot Onstage Award

(tie) Graham Smith, in "Best of Enemies" at Florida Rep. He took us on a journey from being the head of a North Carolina KKK to forming a true friendship with an African-American civil rights leader.

Also, to David Breitbarth, who played George Wallace in "The Great Society" at the Asolo Repertory Theatre. It's the sequel to "All the Way." Both plays dealt with Lyndon Johnson's presidency. (At the end of "The Great Society," Mr. Breitbarth also played an incoming President Nixon, promising to make America great again.)

■ The Theatrical Fashion Accessory Award

With a Shakespearean play ("The Merchant of Venice," Gulfshore Playhouse), a play about a Shakespearean actor ("I Hate Hamlet," The Naples Players) and a traveling Broadway musical about the Bard himself ("Something Rotten!,"



Annisa Lee tap danced during Postmodern Jukebox.

Artis—Naples), codpieces were the ... um ... prominent fashion piece this season. The ghost of actor John Barrymore admitted to stuffing his in "I Hate Hamlet," and the ones in "Something Rotten" were as individual as the men themselves.

Best Mash-Up Award

To choreographer Doug Elkins, whose dance troupe performed "Mo(tor)town/Redux" at the Ringling International Arts Festival. The dance is a mash-up of music by Amy Winehouse and various Motown groups with Shakespeare's "Othello." It comes from the wildly inventive mind of Mr. Elkins, who wondered: "What if you have James Baldwin do a rewrite of 'Othello' on the set of 'Soul Train'? What does that possibility look like?" Now we know.

Best Thing on Tap Award

Mad crazy tap dancer Annisa Lee was one of the best things at the Postmodern Jukebox concert at the BB Mann, providing unique percussion to many of the songs as well as humor and a more-than-healthy dash of show biz. We haven't been so entertained by tap dancing since we saw Tony Award-winning tapper/choreographer Savion Glover onstage.

The Delilah Award

To the unnamed woman sitting in the front row at the Postmodern Jukebox concert (see above). When Casey Abrams, whose hair was as crazy as his antics, was lying on the stage floor, she stood up and started stroking his shoulder-length locks — and was rewarded with a smile.



Best Costume Award

To Gulf Coast Symphony musical conductor Andrew Kurtz, who wore a blue sailor outfit, complete with a white sailor hat, to conduct "South Pacific" at the BB Mann. As he strode across the stage I thought it was one of the actors, and didn't realize until he'd almost reached the podium that it was the maestro. We also hear he wore a cool Luke Skywalker outfit when his orchestra performed music from "Star Wars" at an earlier event.

The Great Timing Award

To the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest, which booked country singer Maren Morris last October. Just before she came to the Pink Shell Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach to perform, the singer had a nice write-up in Entertainment Weekly magazine and it was

announced she'd been nominated for six Academy of Country Music Awards, up there with Keith Urban and Miranda Lambert. (She won New Female Vocalist of the Year.) Her career went into warp drive, and we got her just as the mega-stardom was beginning.

Funniest Chombers Award

To Mark St. Germain, whose Florida Rep's PlayLab reading of his new play "George Washington's Teeth" made me laugh so hard I would've spit out my own false teeth, if I had any. The play poked fun at quirky historical societies in small towns as well as at racism. Slyly clever, it made me laugh continuously. ■

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

55 and Over – By Laboratory Theater of Florida May 26-28. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or <http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com>.

Clue: The Musical – By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through June 24. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Rapunzel – By Broadway Palm Children's Theatre June 2-23. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Right Bed, Wrong Husband – By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre June 15-July 29. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Sister Act: The Musical – By The Naples Players June 29-July 30 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

The Cocktail Hour – By The Studio Players July 21-Aug. 6 at the Golden Gate Community Center. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.com.

THURSDAY 5.25

Nature Talk – Learn about the barrier islands from a ranger at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park during a guided walk that sets out at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 597-6916 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Lifelong Learning – Learn about lesser-known tropical fruits in a class at Naples Botanical Garden from 10 a.m. to noon. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Step Back in Time – Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons perform at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$125. 658-1313 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

FRIDAY 5.26

Steady Hand – Naples Art Association hosts a calligraphy workshop focused on Carolingian script from the ninth century from 1-4 p.m. \$50. 272-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Free Concert – Hester Prynne performs from 6-9 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. Free. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Piano Man – Musical comedian Jimmy Keys performs from 9-11 p.m. at Barbatella. \$35. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or www.barbatellanaples.com.

Rock Concert – Sister Hazel performs at 8 p.m. at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$28-\$38. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.swflpac.com.

Ad Libbing – Stage II Improv performs at 8 p.m. tonight and 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday at Sugden Community Theater. \$10-\$20. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

SATURDAY 5.27

To Market, To Market – Third Street South hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Wonder in the Garden – Kids are invited to Naples Botanical Garden to learn about harmonious habitats through themed activities from 10:30-1:30 p.m. today and Sunday in the Smith Children's Garden. Free with regular admission. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Creature Report – Germain Arena invites families to enjoy carnival games, kid activities and a live performance by The Octonauts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$4-\$7. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Still the King – Western swing giants Asleep at the Wheel perform at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$25. (888) 219-0007 or www.moreinparadise.com.

Three Voices – Terry Barber Trio performs at 8 p.m. at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$35-\$45. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Funny Guy – Dov Davidoff performs tonight and Sunday, May 28, at Off The Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SUNDAY 5.28

High Tea Fun – House of Gaia hosts high tea and a painting party from 5-6:30 p.m. \$25-\$45. 1660 Trade Center Way. 272-6152 or www.houseofgaia.org.

Summer Spectacular – The Naples Philharmonic and members of its youth orchestra perform side by side in concert at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Classic Film – Silverspot in Mercato screens "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982) at 2 and 7 p.m. A troubled child summons the courage to help a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home world. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.



Pinkies in and brushes out when House of Gaia hosts high tea and a painting session from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 28. 272-6152 or www.houseofgaia.com.

MONDAY 5.29

Sunset Om – Watch the sun sink below the horizon while going through the moves with an instructor from Greenmonkey Yoga from 6:45-7:45 p.m. on the beach at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. \$5 plus park entry fee. 597-6916 or www.floridastateparks.org.

TUESDAY 5.30

Pup Patrol – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes friendly, leashed dogs to accompany their owners from 8-11 a.m. Free for member dogs, regular admission plus \$9.95 for non-members and their pooches. Dog-walking hours are also from 3-5 p.m. Thursday and 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday. 643-4737 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Tour in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a tour the of the property's legacy trees from 9-11 a.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform free concerts at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Library and at 7 p.m. at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. Information about additional dates and locations through June 2 is on the website. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.



The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples offers free after-hours access to the public from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Be sure to check out The Olga Hirshhorn Collection, which includes "Portrait of a Woman" by Alexandre Falguiere. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

WEDNESDAY 5.31

Morning Salutations – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a yoga session on the beach with an instructor from Greenmonkey Yoga at 9 a.m. \$5 plus park entry fee. 597-6196 or www.floridastateparks.org.

Art After Hours – Artis—Naples offers free after-hours admission to The Baker Museum and live music from 6-9 p.m. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Jig Is Up – Traditional Irish musicians take the stage and kick up their heels at 7 p.m. at Riptide Brewing Company. 987 Third Ave. N. 228-6533 or www.riptidebrewingcompany.com.

Dark Side of the Moon – Pink Floyd tribute band Brit Floyd performs at 8 p.m. at Germain Arena. \$31-\$45. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

COMING UP

For The Birds – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center presents a program about shorebird migration from 9-10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 1. Instructor Adam DiNuovo is manager of the Shorebird Stewardship Program for Audubon Florida. \$15 includes a light breakfast. Registration required. 300 Tower Road. 530-5490 or www.rookerybay.org.

Music in the Garden – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform a chamber concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Free Concert – Wilder Sons and Sprout perform from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Dog Daze – Pups and their people can enjoy pet-friendly specials and entertainment from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

In the Hole – Bone Hook Brewing Co. hosts a cornhole tournament and more fun, including live music by Wilder Sons & Sprout and The Ben Allen Band starting at 11:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day Saturday, June 3. 1514 Immokalee Road. 631-8522 or www.bonehookbrewing.com.

Choir Concert – The Southwest Florida Gay and Lesbian Chorus performs its 2017 Pride Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Laboratory Theater of Florida. \$15. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Pro-Am – Talented amateur musicians perform great orchestral works alongside the Naples Philharmonic at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Got Some Pipes – Artis—Naples shows off its 3,604-pipe Casavant organ with a program of a wide range of music performed by the area's best organists at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 4. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Songwriter Showcase – The Marco Players hosts a performance by Raiford Starke with a post-performance reception, Q&A with the musician and jam session from 7-10 p.m. Monday, June 5. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Meet the Author – Ann Kidd Taylor, the daughter of Marco Island resident and bestselling author Sue Monk Kidd, discusses her newest book, "The Shark Club," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 592-5100 or www.bn.com.

Two to Tango – El Gaucho Inca hosts tango music and dancing with Adrian Batista from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.elgauchoinca.com.

Story Time – Storyteller Elizabeth Ellis presents "The Company We Keep" from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, at the office of Dr. Joel Ying. \$15. Ms. Ellis also leads a workshop for storytellers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10. 2335 Tamiami Trail N. www.elizabethellis-naples2017.eventbrite.com.

Nature Film – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida screens Disney's "Earth" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or www.conservancy.org.

Danger Zone – Paul Schaffer & The World's Most Dangerous Band perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$75. 800-514-3849 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Songwriter Showcase – The Marco Players hosts a performance by Austin Church with a post-performance reception, Q&A with the musician and jam session from 7-10 p.m. Monday, June 12. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Free Film – Paragon Pavilion screens "The Peanuts Movie" at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, June 13-15. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or www.paragontheaters.com.

Nature Talk – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts a lecture with Joanna Fitzgerald, director of von Arx Wildlife Hospital, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13. Free for members, \$10 for others. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 403-4207 or sophian@conservancy.org.

Art Lecture – Naples Art Association hosts a wine and cheese reception and a lecture about modern photographers with art historian Gary Monroe at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15. Free for NAA members, \$10 for others. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Third Thursday – Third Street South presents Jerzey Band from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15, on the Fleischmann Courtyard. Free. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

Sail Away – David Lawrence Center Young Executives hold the sixth annual sunset cruise about the Naples Princess from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15. \$45-\$50. 550 Port-o-Call Way. 354-1434 or www.davidlawrencecenter.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Honor Flight Fun – Collier County Honor Flight hosts a fundraiser with a steak dinner, a fashion show by Petunia's of Naples, live music by Mooney Mann Dub, raffles, giveaways and more from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at Aqua. \$75. 862 Fifth Ave. S. 216-1123 or janet_brune@yahoo.com.

Photo Reception – Naples Art Association hosts an opening reception for Camera USA 2017 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16. Free for members, \$10 for others. 585 Park. St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Looky-Loo – Miromar Outlets hosts grandfather/father/son look-alike contests at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

SummerJazz on the Gulf – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents The Betty Fox Band from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Free. 261-2222 or www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

Bridal Blast – Naples Bridal Expo returns with displays from local wedding vendors, prizes, giveaways and more from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 18, at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. \$5, but brides can pre-register for free admission on the website. 272-8477 or www.naplesbridalexpo.com.

Songwriter Showcase – The Marco Players hosts a performance by Bob Williams with a post-performance reception, Q&A with the musician and jam session from 7-10 p.m. Monday, June 19. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Free Film – Mercato screens "Moonrise Kingdom" (2012) on the lawn at sunset on Tuesday, June 20. A pair of young lovers flees their New England town, prompting a local search party to fan out to find them. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Pianoforte, Anyone? – Mike Lee performs on a replica of Mozart's pianoforte at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, in the Bower Chapel at Moorings Park. \$40. 120 Moorings Park Drive. 646-734-8179 or grandpianoseries.com.

Sword Play – The Naples Players hosts a stage combat class focused on sword fighting from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at Sugden Community Theater. \$30 for members, \$55 for others. Must be at least 18 years old. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Songwriter Showcase – The Marco Players hosts a performance by Mitch Peters with a post-performance reception, Q&A with the musician and jam session from 7-10 p.m. Monday, June 26. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Love That Dress – Ideal Image hosts a Love That Dress! collection party to benefit PACE Center for Girls from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 29. 596-2005 or www.lovethatdress.org.

Independence Party – Everglades City celebrates Independence Day with a parade, arts and crafts, family activities, fireworks and more starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at McLeod Park. 695-3781 or www.evergladeshistorical.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.



■ Pink Floyd tribute band Brit Floyd performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Germain Arena.
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5.31



■ Stage II Improv performs at 8 p.m. Friday and at 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday at the Sugden Community Theater.
— www.naplesplayers.org

5.26-27

■ Relive the '90s when Sister Hazel, whose "All for You" topped the charts in 1997, plays the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center in Bonita Springs at 8 p.m. Friday.
— www.swflpac.com

5.26



■ The Terry Barber Trio takes the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs.
— artcenterbonita.org

5.27



■ Let your pooch put his best paw forward when Naples Botanical Garden invites owners to bring their well-mannered dogs for a walk from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday and 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.
— www.naplesgarden.org

5.25, 28, 30



■ Bone Hook Brewing Co. kicks off summer with a cornhole tournament, craft beer, and live music by The Ben Allen Band and Wilder Sons starting at 11 a.m. and continuing all day Saturday, June 3.
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Southwest Florida playwrights invited to enter annual new works contest

The Naples Players' ETC ... Readers Theatre is accepting original one-act scripts for its 14th annual Evening of New Plays contest for Southwest Florida playwrights. In addition to having their play cast and performed at TNP's Evening of New Plays on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, up to four finalists will each receive a performance royalty and will have the opportunity for their play to be cast, directed and staged at the Sugden Community Theatre.



Deadline for submission is July 31. Winners will be notified by Oct. 31.

Under the leadership of Jessica Walck, associate artistic director of The Naples Players, ETC ... Readers Theatre helps develop playwrights, directors and actors through staged readings of original works, daring performances of contemporary plays and fresh interpretations of classic productions. The ETC program allows TNP to test new plays before producing them and provides critical feedback to playwrights along with access to performance and directing opportunities through flexible and shortened rehearsal processes and augmented performance demands.

"ETC ... is the true experimentation ground of The Naples Players," says Artistic Director Bryce Alexander.

Playwrights must be a resident of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades or Hen-

dry counties. Only non-musical one-act plays are accepted, and only one play per writer can be submitted. Each play must be the writer's own original work, not an adaptation, and not commercially published or produced, though it may have been work-shopped or presented in staged readings. A submitted play also may have been entered in an earlier contest, so long as it was not an earlier finalist.

The judging panel can recommend up to four finalists to the ETC... committee for review and final approval by Mr. Alexander and Ms. Walck.

Still working on it?

For writers with unfinished works, TNP is offering a class in Play Writing 101 with instructor Anna Segretto. Sessions meet from 2-4:30 p.m. on six consecutive Saturdays beginning June 10. Designed to guide writers through the process of creating a one-act play, the class includes idea-generating writing prompts, plot structure, character development through distinctive dialogue and script formatting.

For more information about the playwriting class or for the complete rules and regulations for entering the Evening of New Plays contest, call 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org. ■

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Be there when the Sugden heats up with 'A Midsummer's Night Steam'

What could be more appropriate for the dog days of summer than a steam-themed concert?

Master musician Mark Pettey and his Steampunk Stompers band promise you'll want to strap on your goggles, corsets and top hats for "A Midsummer Night's Steam" at the Sugden Community Theatre on Wednesday, July 12.

As a style of design and fashion, Steampunk combines historical elements with anachronistic technological features. Mr. Pettey and his band add unusual twists — a tuba that shoots steam and a geared-up animatronic drum set among them — to a repertoire of contemporary songs. Their performance at the Sugden will also include a cast from The Naples Players' fall hit "The Rocky Horror Show."

Mr. Pettey has been a member of several symphony orchestras, toured as keyboardist for the Marshall Tucker Band and appeared in concert with Frank Sinatra Jr., Doc Severinsen, Aretha Franklin, Barry Manilow and numerous others. With The Steampunk Stompers he sings and plays keyboards, trumpet, steel pan and bagpipes.

The members of The Steampunk Stompers, all professional musicians as well, are: Timothy Torres, electric cello, electric guitar and banjo; Kirsten Trembley, electric violin; Adren Hance, sousaphone; Todd Betz, drums; Moe Perrera, percussion; and Nick Rogers, electric guitar.

They perform regularly with the orchestra in The Naples Players' musical productions. In fact, Mr. Pettey says, "Our band was formed in the orchestra



COURTESY PHOTO

Mark Pettey and Kristen Trembley of The Steampunk Stompers.

pit at the Sugden."

"The Steampunk Stompers was born because of the connection that developed between the very musicians who play during our musicals," says Bryce Alexander, TNP artistic director, adding proceeds from "A Midsummer Night's Steam" will benefit The Naples Players. "We are thankful that they are willing to share their passions with us in so many diverse and dynamic ways." ■

in the know

'A Midsummer Night's Steam'

- >> **Who:** Mark Pettey and The Steampunk Stompers
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 12
- >> **Tickets:** \$25 general admission (\$15 for students and educators); \$50 VIP admission including 7 p.m. reception
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org



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BETSY

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almost 25 years; Betsy, 75, started working at the Broadway Palm one month before Joan, 68.

And now, having been with the venue since before it officially opened, Betsy is retiring.

It's a bittersweet night.

"She's my hero. It's been a pleasure working with her," Ms. Anastos says. "She never called in. Even when she had big problems, she came to work. The place won't be the same without her. She's my best friend in the whole wide world."

The two even vacation together every year.

"I'm the widow and Joan's the gay divorcee," Betsy says.

They're similar in stature, and both have short blonde hair. Joan came here from Massachusetts, Betsy from Atlantic City, N.J.

Betsy has a what-can-I-get-for-ya-doll waitress attitude. She's a live wire.

"God gave me a personality," she says. "I make my own parties."

Even on her last night, two nights before the final performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar," she hustles. She's training a young man how to be server. When she notices patrons have stripped the dessert table of all the ice cream, she goes to the freezer and gets more — even though it's not part of a server's job.

"You pitch in when you have to pitch in," she says.

On a typical night in the middle of season, she serves 46 people. Tonight, it's 38.

"If I were 20 years younger, I'd start it all over again," she says. "I love people. It's a job you never get bored with."

"I can't believe she's leaving," Ms. Carr, the regular patron, says. "She's awesome. She's part of why we come. She gives everybody a lot of guff, but in a good way ... It won't be the same without her."

Allison Leone, 23, comes into the back bar to say goodbye and wish Betsy luck. Ms. Leone's father is the longtime drummer in the Broadway Palm orchestra. When she was little, he often brought her to work and she'd sit in the pit with him. She's known Betsy since she was 7.

"She's like a grandma," she says, adding she's happy for Betsy's new chapter in life. "She's ready to live ... She's going to live her life."

So what has made Betsy so popular with her customers?

"She has a fun personality," Ms. Leone declares. "She connects with everyone."

Hired on the spot

Betsy has been a waitress for 61 years.



VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY
Broadway Palm Theatre Executive Producer Will Prather emcees a company celebration for more than 200 people for departing long-time employee Betsy Cress.

Her first job was in 1956, at the Woolworth's 5&10 at Tennessee Avenue on the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

"I was paid 57 cents an hour. We had steak sandwiches that were \$3.95, a lot of money in those days. I was a go-getter ... Whoever sold the most every week got to pick out a piece at the jewelry counter."

Of course, Betsy won, week after week.

"You'll laugh, but you know what I picked out?" she says. "Plastic clip-on earrings, because my ears weren't pierced."

At the Broadway Palm, whoever sells the most souvenir glasses each week gets a \$10 door prize or a bottle of wine.

Which does Betsy choose?

"I take the money!"

And at the end of some shows, she adds, the biggest seller gets a gift certificate to a Fort Myers Beach resort. She long ago stopped counting how many of those she's won over the year.

When she interviewed for the job at Broadway Palm, the place was still under construction in its transformation from a Publix supermarket. Tom and Deborah Prather had opened the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre five years before in Lancaster, Pa., and this would be their second such operation.

"(Son) Will



(Prather, now the owner and executive producer) was in his late 20s. He was a babe," she says. "I had to laugh, because all these girls coming to interview were wearing flip-flops and shorts. I had high heels on and a dress and make-up ... and I knew what went into a drink."

She was hired on the spot as the very first server.

Betsy calls Mr. Prather "the best boss to ever work for."

"As long as you do your work, he doesn't bother you," she says. "That's rare in a boss."

He, in turn, says she's "a very, very special person ... really, one of a kind."

"In one way or another, we've all been entertained by her," he adds, calling her "Say Anything Betsy."

B e f o r e



COURTESY PHOTOS
Betsy Cress has spent nearly 25 years as an employee of Broadway Palm Theatre.

Broadway Palm, Betsy worked at the Golden Grill in Lehigh Acres for 10 years (it later became 225 East), starting as a waitress then moving up to head hostess before becoming the service manager.

Pat Boone used to come and sing there, she notes.

It was all good training for her current job.

Two weeks before the Broadway Palm opened in October 1993, Betsy helped set the place up.

"We put the tables and chairs up, the salt and pepper shakers. It was exciting opening, starting a new place ... There had been a dinner theater in Naples, but it had closed. This was the first here in Fort Myers."

The opening show was "Me and My Gal."

She's seen every show the theater has presented.

Some of her favorites: "The Full Monty." "Les Miserables." "Buddy" ("I love rock 'n' roll," she says). "Million Dollar Quartet" ("That was my all-time favorite, because it was with Elvis. I love Elvis.").

Her bucket list

Ironically, Betsy has never seen a show on Broadway. But that might change after she retires.

Looking at turning 76 in July, she was startled by the recent deaths of Debbie Reynolds (at 84) and Mary Tyler Moore (at 80). She started re-examining her life and now is ready to start checking off some things on her bucket list.

First, she's going to visit her brothers and sisters in Maine, a state she's never been to, and back in South Jersey. She hasn't seen them since their mother's funeral 20 years ago.

When she returns home, she plans to volunteer two days a week at Hope Hospice. And she's going to ring the bell for The Salvation Army during the holiday season.

"I'm going to start singing, and then they'll be donating the money right away," she says as she envisions herself standing beside a big red kettle. "You know that, right?"

And for the first time in 61 years, she's not going to be waitressing. Her time will be her own.

"It's like a whole new adventure," she says. "I don't know how I'm going to feel. I'm scared. I'm nervous about how it's going to be. I've always worked ..."

Another coworker says goodbye to her, giving her a long hug.

Betsy comforts her, tells her not to cry.

"I'll be around," she promises. "We'll have lunch."

The woman leaves.

Betsy looks around.

"Oh, God, I'm going to miss this place, aren't I?" ■

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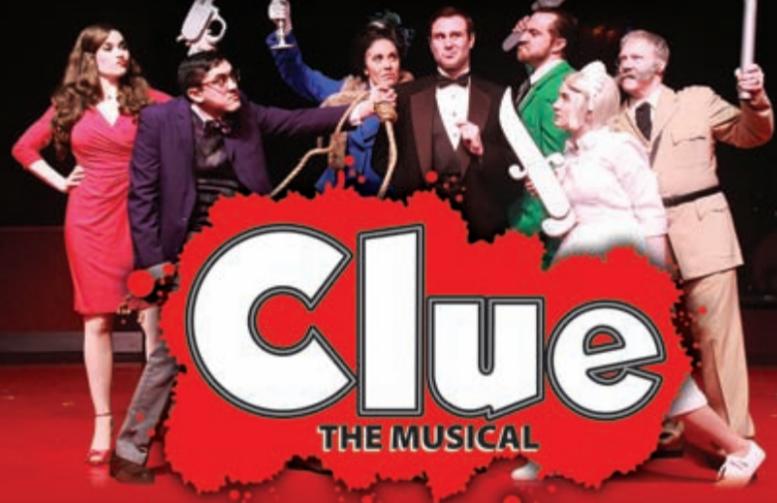
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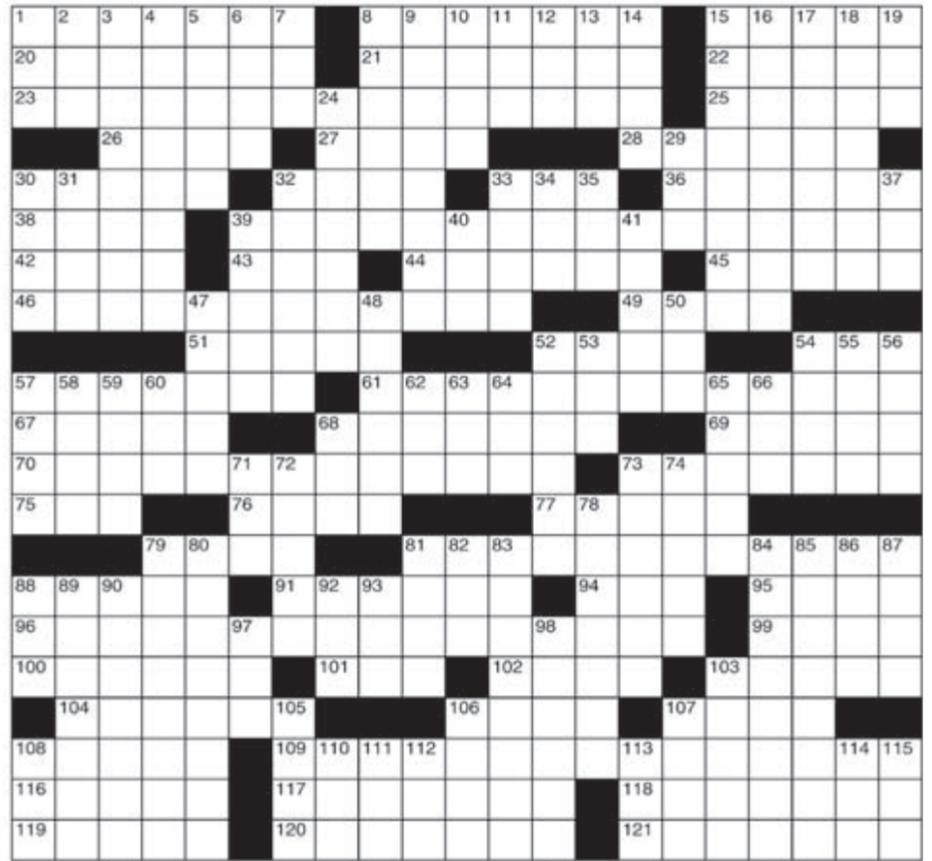


PUZZLES

PLANETS OUT OF ALIGNMENT

- ACROSS**
- 1 Get in a trap
 - 8 Diner dishes
 - 15 Long tales
 - 20 One finding something
 - 21 Mishmash
 - 22 Match venue
 - 23 Additional examination [3rd from the sun]
 - 25 McLain of old baseball
 - 26 Sioux tribe members
 - 27 Scene
 - 28 Tranquil
 - 30 — Island (old immigration point)
 - 32 Poker style
 - 33 Eve's music
 - 36 Sends in, as payment
 - 38 Run things
 - 39 Result of a minor infraction in hockey [8th from the sun]
 - 42 Specks in la Seine
 - 43 Not be well
 - 44 "Sand" actor Estevez
 - 45 Fencing weapons
 - 46 Hall-of-Fame Jets running back [4th from the sun]
 - 49 Launch platforms
 - 51 Italian for "seven"
 - 52 Complacent
 - 54 Projecting crane arm
 - 57 Major fuss
 - 61 Lie in court [5th from the sun]
 - 67 "I'm keeping my eye —!"
 - 68 Work site supervisors
 - 69 Book review?
 - 70 One enlisting GIs [1st from the sun]
 - 73 Milk sugar
 - 75 Where one lives: Abbr.
 - 76 Sty feed
 - 77 Gabrielle of modeling and volleyball
 - 79 Part of AFB
 - 81 Moon rock source [7th from the sun]
 - 88 — gin fizz (cocktail)
 - 91 Ancient Indian emperor called "the Great"
 - 94 Colo. clock setting
 - 95 Whitish gem [6th from the sun]
 - 99 Fight arbiters
 - 100 Comic Berle
 - 101 JFK takeoff guess
 - 102 Wine-related prefix
 - 103 Don't dissent
 - 104 "Peter Pan" penner
 - 106 Gen. Robert —
 - 107 Pair or acquired" dichotomy
 - 108 "Zip your lip!"
 - 109 "Inherited or acquired" dichotomy [2nd from the sun]
 - 116 Tolerate
 - 117 Like sandals
 - 118 Not shown, as on TV
 - 119 Died down
 - 120 Nonvital body organs
 - 121 People being quizzed
- DOWN**
- 1 Hobgoblin
 - 2 — -TURN (street sign)
 - 3 "Page Down" user, e.g.
 - 4 Most dapper
 - 5 Eldest
 - 6 Some deer
 - 7 Goof up
 - 8 — -gatherum
 - 9 Carnivore's intake
 - 10 Couture magazine
 - 11 Place
 - 12 Naval acad. grad
 - 13 — Fridays
 - 14 Meeting of Cong.
 - 15 Made blue
 - 16 Tourists' aids
 - 17 Non-Jewish
 - 18 Funicello of film
 - 19 Declare
 - 24 Home of Elaine, in Arthurian lore
 - 29 Prior to, poetically
 - 30 Actor Dane
 - 31 Lollapalooza
 - 32 Reach by water, in a way
 - 33 Lay waste to
 - 34 Ocean off Ga. and Fla.
 - 35 U.S. architect I.M. —
 - 37 OS part: Abbr.
 - 39 Stunned with a gun
 - 40 Abbr. for those with only one given name
 - 41 Infield fly ball
 - 47 "A Mighty Fortress — God" (hymn)
 - 48 Gain back
 - 50 Gain maturity
 - 52 — Nevada
 - 53 52-Down, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 54 A martial art
 - 55 Fleur-de-lis
 - 56 Gig fraction
 - 57 Wild hog
 - 58 About
 - 59 Y facilities
 - 60 Tyke amuser
 - 62 "Either he goes — go!"
 - 63 Confronted
 - 64 Mrs., in Nice
 - 65 Sprinter, e.g.
 - 66 Extend (out)
 - 68 To and —
 - 71 Ar-tee linkup
 - 72 Not dirty
 - 73 To a smaller degree
 - 74 Not obtuse
 - 78 Badgers' kin
 - 79 River or lake outing
 - 80 Various
 - 81 Ear-piercing
 - 82 Odessa loc.
 - 83 Emperor exiled to Elba
 - 84 "No deal!"
 - 85 Gap
 - 86 Cozy eatery
 - 87 Additional
 - 88 LP stat
 - 89 "Arabian Nights" hero
 - 90 Skin pigment
 - 92 Beatified Fr. woman
 - 93 Pres. initials
 - 97 Singer DiFranco
 - 98 Keanu of film
 - 103 Subtle glows
 - 105 Seth's eldest
 - 106 Deco artist
 - 107 Sand hill
 - 108 Raven's cry
 - 110 Smartphone download
 - 111 No. in the white pages
 - 112 A, in French
 - 113 Enthusiast
 - 114 R&B singer Des'—
 - 115 Mag workers



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HOROSCOPES

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works

to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpian temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving

again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

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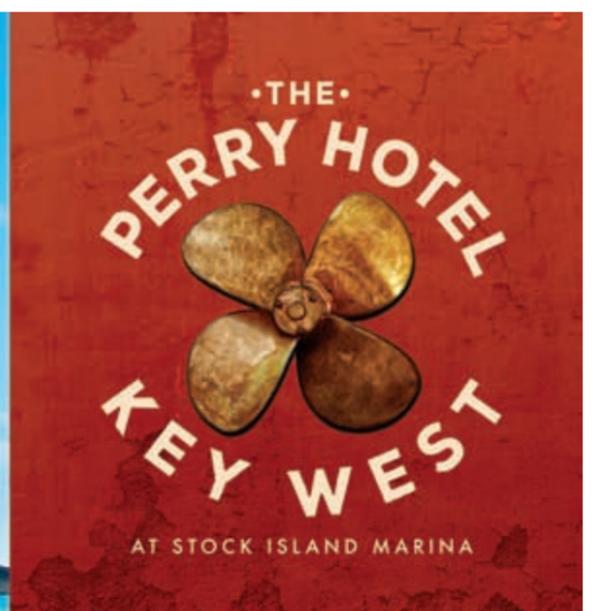


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By Linda Thistle



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How championships are won

BY STEVE BECKER

Occasionally there are enormous swings in world team championship competition. For example, consider this deal played in 1974 in the match between Italy and Indonesia.

The bidding at the first table went as shown when Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna were North-South for Italy. Garozzo made a fine decision when he elected to bid six spades over six hearts, and Belladonna had no trouble making the slam. He ruffed the heart lead in dummy, drew trumps and cashed the obvious 12 tricks to score 1,430 points for Italy.

At the second table, the Indonesian North-South pair doubled six hearts when the Italian East-West pair reached that contract. The heart slam proved to be unbeatable, and, in fact, declarer made the contract with an overtrick when South elected to lead his singleton diamond.

So the Italians scored another 1,310 points — making a slam with the East-West cards after their North-South teammates had also made a slam — to give them a total gain of 2,740 points on this one deal.

Six spades could have been defeated at the first table had West been smart enough to lead a diamond at trick one and had East then been smart enough to win the trick and return a club at trick two.

On a more practical basis, though,

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	3 ♣	3 ♥
4 ♣	4 ♥	4 NT	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♣	6 ♥	6 ♠	

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

East would have been well-advised to bid seven hearts over six spades, following the general principle that it pays to take another bid in a tight competitive situation where you stand to lose very little by bidding, but potentially a great deal by passing. ■



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FILM CAPSULES

Alien: Covenant ★★★

(Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston, Danny McBride) After landing on a planet they hope to colonize, members of the Covenant space vessel soon realize there are native aliens who don't want them there. This is much better than "Prometheus" (2012), as it tells a solid story with clarity and has riveting action. Rated R.

The Wall ★★★

(Aaron Taylor-Johnson, John Cena, Laith Nakli) American soldiers (Taylor-Johnson and Cena) in Iraq try to survive a deadly sniper (voice of Nakli) in late 2007. This is no-frills filmmaking at its finest — tense, unrelenting, and endlessly captivating. Rated R.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

★★★½

(Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista) Peter Quill/Star-Lord (Pratt) wonders who his real father is as he and the Guardians once again save the galaxy. The 2014 original is better largely because this is narratively flawed, but darn if the action and visual effects aren't tremendous fun. Rated PG-13.

The Dinner ★★

(Steve Coogan, Richard Gere, Laura Linney) Paul (Coogan), his brother Stan (Gere), and their wives (Linney and Rebecca Hall) meet for dinner in a posh restaurant to discuss a crime their sons committed. The plot keeps getting interrupted with backstory and only occasionally moves forward, which is a problem when trying to build drama. Rated R.

King Arthur: Legend of the Sword ★★

(Charlie Hunnam, Jude Law, Djimon Hounsou) Origin story of how Arthur (Hunnam) came to be king, including getting revenge on the man (Law) who killed his parents. The editing is so frenetic, and the rest of it so profoundly average, that this is a letdown for Warner Bros., which would like it to be the first of a six-part franchise. Rated PG-13.

Free Fire ★★

(Brie Larson, Armie Hammer, Sharlto Copley) In a Boston warehouse in 1978, a misunderstanding leads to a shoot-out between gunrunners. The story is thin and the characters are one-dimensional, but that's forgivable. What's not forgivable is the ho-hum, repetitive action. Rated R.

The Lost City of Z ★★

(Charlie Hunnam, Robert Pattinson, Sienna Miller) In the early 1900s, British explorer Percy Fawcett (Hunnam) leaves his family behind to search for what he believes is an undiscovered city. Pattinson plays his right-hand man, and Miller is Percy's long-suffering wife. It's bloated at 141 minutes, but the performances are strong and it tells an epic story in an intriguing way. Rated PG-13.

Gifted ★★

(Chris Evans, Jenny Slate, McKenna Grace) After her mother dies, a 7-year-old math prodigy (Grace) is the subject of a custody battle between her uncle (Evans) and grandmother (Lindsay Duncan). It's predictable and has touching moments, but the best parts are the unexpected dashes of humor. Rated PG-13. ■

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LATEST FILMS

'Chuck'



★★★★

Is it worth \$10? Yes

"You do know me, but you don't know you know me," Chuck Wepner (Liev Schreiber) says in the opening narration of "Chuck," an unconventional boxing biopic that delights in its surprises. The movie is good enough that when it's over you'll be glad you spent 98 minutes with Chuck — and you will not feel the need to learn more about him. That's intended as a backhanded compliment.

The reason we know Chuck already, even though we've never heard of him, is because his life story became Sylvester Stallone's inspiration for "Rocky." In the mid-'70s Chuck is a struggling boxer in Bayonne, N.J., working menial jobs while his trainer (Ron Perlman) angles him up the heavyweight ranks. He pays his dues, and when Don King wants "a white guy" for champion Muhammad Ali (Pooch Hall) to beat up on, Chuck, being the only white guy in the top 10, gets a title shot.

If this were a Hollywood movie he might have won, but the true story requires director Philippe Falardeau ("The Good Lie") to tell us Chuck went 15 rounds with Ali and only nearly won. However, the fight makes Chuck a local celebrity back in Bayonne, and he revels in the attention. The match also captures the imagination of Sylvester Stallone (Morgan Spector), and when "Rocky" becomes a huge hit, Chuck's celebrity grows. He's no longer the "Bayonne Bleeder," a nickname he hates; he's the "Real Rocky," an association he endlessly embraces.

Personally, Chuck is less successful. He's a neglectful louse who sleeps around on his wife (Elizabeth Moss) and isn't much of a father to daughter Kimberly (Sadie Sink). A heavy drinker, stubborn and bullish in his demeanor, he later develops a cocaine addiction and has legal trouble. His career might have inspired Rocky, but in reality he's much more like the other famous big screen pugilist, the "Raging Bull" Jake LaMotta.

The boxing scenes may or may not be faithful recreations of the real fights

— I don't know and it doesn't matter. What does matter is that Chuck takes a beating, we respect and believe in him as a fighter, and his ups and downs are always compelling. To that end, Mr. Schreiber's performance feels impressively authentic and lived-in, unapologetically coarse to great effect. There's something about Chuck we both always like and always pity, and that's not an easy dynamic to pull off.

Ms. Moss is also superb as Chuck's embattled wife, a woman who acts with reason and understanding with a man who isn't good enough for her. Credit also to Naomi Watts as Linda, a bartender who takes a liking to Chuck, and Michael Rappaport in a small role as Chuck's brother.



The actors playing Ali and Stallone (Mr. Hall and Mr. Spector, respectively) don't look much like their real-life counterparts, and in a way these impersonations are fitting for a movie about Chuck Wepner. They are, we realize, people whom Chuck would envy from afar but whose company he never truly belonged in. In other words, what we get of them is about all Chuck deserves. As a result, "Chuck" is a fascinating exercise in watching someone under the radar strive for glory but always remain, through no fault but his own, under the radar. ■

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 >> Liev Schreiber knows boxing and for authenticity took real punches during filming.



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CELEBRITY EXTRA

There's news from 'Nashville'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY
King Features Syndicate

Readers: I promised to let you know as soon as I had more "Nashville" news, and that time is now. Word just came down that the second half of season five will premiere at 9 p.m. Thursday, June 1, on CMT (with all new episodes streaming on Hulu the following day).



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Here's some casting news: Cameron Scoggins, who plays tech billionaire Zach Welles, has been upgraded to series regular. Methinks this has something to do with his burgeoning romance with Will Lexington. And Odessa Adion joins the case in the recurring role of Liv. Here's her character description from CMT: "Tough but vulnerable, Liv is a teen runaway who has ditched a bad situation to live on the streets among a loose collection of other runaway teens. She is a quick thinker who has a mischievous sense of humor and dominant personality (a bit of a 'wiseass,' especially with adults)."

Q: This past year I got really into "Timeless" and couldn't wait to see what era in history they would travel to next. Do you know if it has been renewed?

— Debbi J., via Facebook

A: I love that show, too, so I am doubly sad to report that NBC has canceled the freshman series for low ratings. There is still hope, however: Series creators Eric Kripke and Shawn Ryan tweeted that "Timeless" is being shopped around by Sony to other outlets. And while the odds are against them, we can hope they have the same luck as the aforementioned "Nashville" and find new life on another network. Hmm ... I'm thinking it's a perfect fit for FX or SyFy.

Q: My mom told me Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicles" are coming to television. Is that true? If so, do you have any details?

— Lydia F., via email

A: The Queen of the Damned herself, Ms. Rice, confirmed on her official Facebook page that Paramount TV has picked up "The Vampire Chronicles." Her son Christopher will write the series, with both of them serving as producers. "This is a dream come true, both for me and for Christopher, and for the fans who have been asking to see the Brat Prince in this medium for years," Ms. Rice also wrote.

It's still very early, and there is no script or casting news to report on. But as soon as I know, you'll know. In the meantime, let me know who would be your perfect small-screen Lestat. ■

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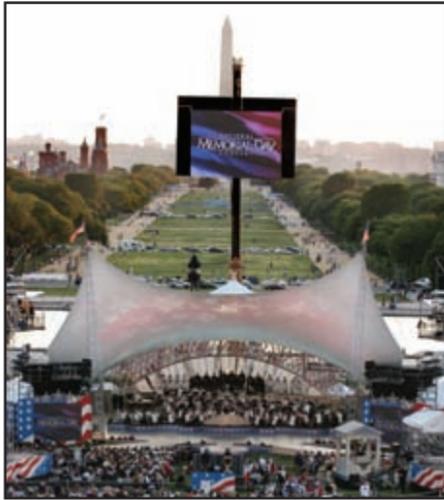
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"The National Memorial Day Concert," May 28

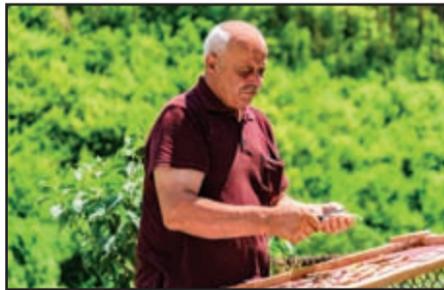


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My grandmother remembered that polishing the silver was a task typically assigned to the children in her family, and I can picture Grandma and her sister, Lizzie, parked at a kitchen table cleaning the silver-plated flatware from which they dined each day.

Of course, Grandma told me this as the two of us cleaned her mother-in-law's sterling flatware.

Great-grandmother Martha Bolender's silver has an elegantly simple design.

Grandma would look at the silver, sigh, and say, "This looks just like your grandmother."

And it did. Grandmother Bolender always bought the best, but it was understated — nothing flashy.

She could be opinionated, remembered a family friend, who added that Martha was unfailingly kind and generous.

Grandma never mentioned her mother-in-law's failings, if one could call them that. She remembered only the kindness and genuinely mourned Martha, who died unexpectedly at 58 in 1949 — far too young even back then.

The silver is monogrammed with a "B" for Bolender.

"That gives it history," Grandma would say.

It's the history that gives objects meaning.

Martha Bolender knew how to make people feel welcome.

There's a single napkin ring in Grandma's silver chest. It's monogrammed with a "K" for Kathryn,

Grandma's name.

Grandma Bolender bought it in 1937, when my grandparents were married.

"That's how I knew I was part of the family," Grandma told me.

She retrieved her napkin ring when the family divided Grandmother Bolender's possessions.

I now have that set of silver and I have the napkin ring, too.



A silver napkin ring with my grandmother's initial of "K" made her feel like part of her husband's family.

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Could this be the start of another set of silver? I won't say, but I did recently acquire a matching vegetable spoon. ■

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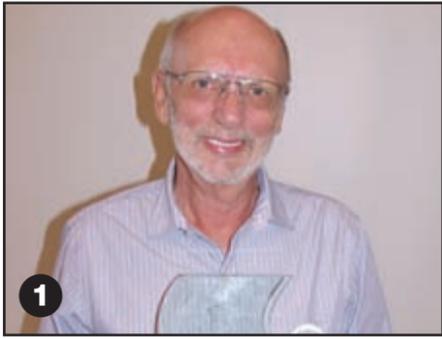


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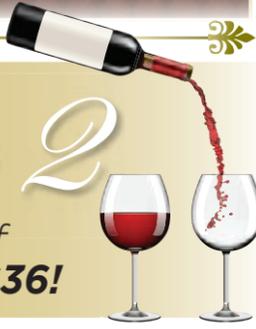
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CUISINE NEWS



Guests at Osteria Tulia can enjoy a pasta flight of the restaurant's signature fresh pasta dishes each Wednesday through summer. Pictured here are risotto fruta di mare, tagliatelle alla Bolognese and creste with smoked salmon.

■ **21 Spices by Chef Asif** celebrates National Wine Day with 20 percent off all bottles \$50 and over on Thursday, May 25. The restaurant also offers a daily early bird menu from 5-6 p.m. for \$26. 4270 Tamiami Trail E. 919-8830 or www.21spicesdining.com.

■ The summer edition of **Naples Restaurant Week** — two weeks, actually — takes place Thursday, June 1, through Wednesday, June 14, with dozens of top local restaurants offering prix-fixe menus for \$25-\$35 a pop. Diners who want to take advantage of the promotion can view participating restaurants' special menus on the website, make a reservation or walk in and enjoy the chef's best offerings at an affordable, fleeting price.

A portion of all proceeds will benefit Humane Society Naples. For more information, visit www.naplesrestaurantweek.com.

■ Starting Wednesday, May 31, **Osteria Tulia** serves a weekly dinner special every Wednesday evening. Guests can tuck into a flight of fresh signature pastas dishes for \$29. 466 Fifth Ave. S. 413-2073 or www.osteriatulia.com.

■ For a limited time, **Shula's Steakhouse** at the Hilton Naples offers The House of Blue Burger topped with blue cheese, red onion jam and balsamic greens and served with steak or sweet potato fries, for \$15. 5111 Tamiami Trail N. 430-4999 or www.shulasnaples.com.

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■ **Stevie Tomato's Sports Page** offers an appetizer and two entrees (baby back ribs, beer-battered fish 'n' chips, Southwestern mac 'n' cheese and more) for \$20. 15215 Collier Blvd. 352-4233 or www.stevietomato.com.

■ **St. Germain Steakhouse** celebrates summer by offering dinner for two with a bottle of wine starting at \$36. Menu options include a 6-ounce filet mignon, stuffed shrimp, beef stroganoff, Norwegian salmon and crispy herb-



7th Avenue Social's fried green tomato stack is one of the restaurant's featured items on its Naples Restaurant Week prix-fix menu.

roasted chicken breast. 403 Bayfront Place. info@stgermainsteakhouse.com or www.stgermainsteakhouse.com.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

■ **The Good Life of Naples**, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or www.goodlifenasles.com - Italian Family Dinner: Wednesday, June 7 (\$65); Asian Flavors: Thursday, June 15 (\$69); Sunday Brunch Gathering: Saturday, June 24 (\$55).

Purple Spoon, 25151 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs; 908-3842 or www.chefkristina.com - Tapas: Saturday, May 27 (\$60); Flavors of Thailand: Friday, June 2 (\$68); Whose Salmon Is It Anyway: Saturday, June 17 (\$74); Rustic Italian Cooking Class: Friday, June 23 (\$68).

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The third-place winner in the recent Naples Restaurant Week "First Bite" competition, Fish Crazy is known for its Mediterranean-style Florida triple tail with smashed potatoes, and its Crazy Shrimp and Whipped Goat Cheese Grits with Chorizo. The menu covers the bases with a variety of salads, Hawaiian

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Riesling reconsidered



I have a confession to make. As widely as I sample and write about wine, there has always been something of a vacant space in my wine appreciation, and it's the wines of Germany. Our collection is packed with bottles from California, Washington State, France, Italy and some stranger places like Moldova.

But I've never been able to get my arms around the way German wine producers classify and label their products.

Until now. On a trip to Germany last year, I set out to get myself educated about Riesling, which is the predominant varietal in the region, as well as some of the lesser-known wines, like Gruner Veltliner, Müller-Thurgau and Gewürztraminer. I am glad I did.

The problem has been that the Germans classify their wines — and label them — in a very unconventional way — by level of sweetness. Second, a producer might make 15 or 20 different wines from various blocks in the vineyard. And third, until recently, German wine labels were gorgeously colorful works of art with completely unreadable Gothic lettering. Add to that descriptive terminology like “Troockenbeerenausele” and “Qualitätswein mit Pradikat,” and American consumers (like me) can perhaps be excused for scratching their heads in puzzlement.

And, like many people, I originally believed that most, if not all, Rieslings were very sweet.

But here's what I discovered. Not only are Rieslings at all levels of sweetness great food wines, but the winemakers have started labeling their bottles in a much more contemporary — and readable — style.

Our visit to the village of Bernkastel on the Mosel River was a revelation. We were hosted at a private tasting by Bart Kroth, whose family has been making wine in the area for about 500 years, though he doesn't look that old.

Bart guided us through several styles of Rieslings that he creates from some of the world's steepest vineyards.

Many of his samples were quite dry, acidic and complex, but of course there were some sweeter styles, which are designated Auslese, Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese, in order of increasing sugar content.

Characteristic flavors of this varietal include peach, honey, citrus and apricot. In a way, it's the opposite of Chardonnay.

It's grown with great success not only in Germany, where it's indigenous, but in Alsace, Washington State, Australia, the Finger Lakes of New York and South America.

But there is bad news and good news.

Many of the best examples of Riesling from Germany are imported in very small quantities, often less than 100 to 200 cases. And they can be pricey. The good news — Rieslings from the U.S. and other parts of the world are plentiful, respectably rated and reasonably priced.



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Winemaker Bart Kroth.

After some conscientious sampling, I've settled on the following recommendations.

■ **A.J. Adam Riesling QbA Mosel Dhroner 2016 (\$36)** — This wine is from the Mosel region, the place with the really steep vineyards. It has an herbaceous style, featuring grassy flavors and creamy citrus on the finish. WW 90.

■ **Penfolds Riesling Eden Valley Bin 51 2016 (\$40)** — Nicely acidic, with characteristic peach and pear flavors. WW 89.

■ **Xabregas Riesling Mount Barker 2016 (\$20)** — This offering from Australia tends more toward citrus flavors, like tangerine, with a nice long finish. WW 89.

■ **St. Urbans-Hof Wiltinger “Alte Reben” Riesling 2015 (\$18)** — For Riesling lovers, the Saar region may not be as

well-known as the Mosel, but this “alte reben” (old vine) Riesling strikes a nice balance between bracing acidity and slight sweetness. We noted flavors of Granny Smith apple and Bosc pear, which would make this a great accompaniment to Asian cuisine. Nice. WW 89-90.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q: On a recent trip to Sonoma, we loved the peaceful views of the grapevines rolling off into the distance. But I have a feeling that life in the vineyard isn't as idyllic as it looks. Can you comment?

— Bill R., Port St. Lucie

A: You're right. Grapevines face multiple hazards that keep winemakers up at night staring at the ceiling. In addition to pests like the glassy-winged sharpshooter and the root louse that spread deadly diseases, there's dry rot, powdery mildew, birds, raccoons and other critters, frost, hail — the list goes on. You may have seen vines covered with netting to keep the birds from eating the grapes that should rightfully go into the wine we enjoy. Growing wine grapes is not as attractive or relaxing as it looks from your hotel room balcony. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is also creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His book, “Secrets of the Wine Whisperer,” is available through Amazon and also at www.winewhisperer.com.

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CHEF Q&A

Bringing a world of experience to the kitchen at the Naples Grande

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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This week we check in with Executive Chef Bader Ali at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. As a world-traveling chef, he uses his experiences cooking in the Mediterranean, Middle East, China and the United States to create resort menus that cater to sophisticated palates and the taste buds of young picky eaters alike. Read on to see how Chef Ali brings his global influence to the challenges of working in a seasonal economy.

Where did you get your culinary education?

I attended L'Academie de Cuisine in Washington, D.C., one of the top culinary and pastry schools in the country. I enjoyed the culinary school so much that I went back and completed the pastry program as well, equipping me with a wide range of skills that I have used throughout my career as a chef.

What inspired you to become a chef?

I was inspired by my family's love of food. Growing up, food was the core of our family culture. My family was skilled in Mediterranean food with a special French twist. Kabsa — chicken and rice cooked in a tomato paste with dried lemons and spices — was one of our favorite family dishes. Cooking around loved ones is a passion of mine, which has led me to a career in the culinary arts.

You've worked all over the world, from the United States to Asia. Which region had the most impact on your culinary perspective?

French Mediterranean cuisine had the largest impact on my culinary perspective. I was raised in Lebanon, which has a French influence, and studied the region in culinary school as well to gain a deeper knowledge of it.

What are the most important elements of a well-developed menu?

A well-developed menu consists of variety that is also current in food choices and that calls on locally sourced ingredients. I source a majority of our ingredients from vendors in the Naples area. For example, we have strong relationships with Inyoni Farms, Oakes Farms, Calusa Farm and Captain Jerry's Seafood. This



Chef Bader Ali

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allows us to offer our guests a farm-to-table experience with fresh produce and seafood.

As a resort chef, what challenges do you face in the off-season?

During the off-seasons, we put forth a series of happy hours and special events to drive traffic to our various restaurants. Locals and guests alike really enjoy our special offerings and continue to frequent the restaurants well after the specials have ended. Currently, we are offering a series of spring and summer limited-time food and beverage programs property-wide that include a bloody Mary bar special, Wine Down Wednesdays, a Sangria and Oysters special and our popular #BubbleQ happy hour. One of our larger summer events last year was our first annual Grill & Chill Weekend, a culinary celebration that featured an assortment of food and beverage tasting events that ranged from a high-energy cocktail match to the Grande Grill Off. The event was well received among guests and locals alike.

What brought you to Naples?

Naples Grande Beach Resort was the main reason for my transition to Naples. I had heard of the area's unique culture and cuisine and felt as if my skills would be a fit for the hotel and the area. Prior to Naples Grande Beach Resort, I was at the

forefront of the culinary program at Northwood Hospitality, where I shaped the food and beverage program at Revere Hotel Boston Common, New York Palace and Cheeca Lodge & Spa in the Florida Keys.

Which dishes are you particularly proud of?

I am particularly proud of the texture and unique flavors of our Miso Glazed Sea Bass.

What do you find challenging?

I found adapting to the seasonal business and the ever-changing clientele to be the most challenging. At Naples Grande Beach Resort, we cater to guests with discerning taste alongside young children, families and corporate groups. I believe we adapt our methods for how we serve these groups effectively, such as our carefully crafted menus, family-friendly food and beverage programs and exceptional catering options.

Who or what are your greatest culinary influences?

Two of my greatest culinary influences are Michel Richard and Jean-Louis Palladin. Both chefs were among the top two most influential chefs in my culinary field when I first started my professional career. I admire their ability to push the envelope to create innovative dining concepts.

What has been one of your favorite culinary experiences?

China has been my favorite international culinary experience. I was able to visit Beijing, Shanghai, Yuhuan and Hong Kong and take in each region and dive into its culinary perspective. I loved the fact that each region had its own food that is unique and specific to the area.

What are your favorite culinary resources (books, blogs, etc.)?

My favorite culinary resources are books and anything interesting on the internet that challenges me to push the envelope. We keep our dishes relevant by continuing to research the latest trends in the culinary arts. We look at resources like YouTube, ChefSteps and other popular consumer magazines, industry websites and blogs that are extremely knowledgeable on what's new and innovative in food. ■



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Chef Asif Syed

21 Spices chef headed to NYC for fall festival

Chef Asif Syed of 21 Spices by Chef Asif has been invited to participate in The Food Network's 2017 New York City Wine & Food Festival this coming fall.

After his successful performance at the South Beach Wine & Food Festival in February, the organizing committee of the New York event decided to invite Chef Asif to its 10th anniversary celebration.

Chef Syed has been serving his modern interpretation of authentic Indian cuisine at 21 Spices in the Sugden Park Plaza on U.S. 41 East since December 2015. His menu includes a wide selection of biryanis, curries and vegetarian delights, refreshing salads, Tandoor-roasted lamb, prawns, fresh fish, chicken and kabobs flamed in an open kitchen.

Prior to opening 21 Spices, Chef Syed served as the executive chef at the Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort, trained with top international chefs in three continents and was named the Curry King at the Tampa Bay International Curry Festival in 2013 and 2015. He also competed in The Food Network's "Guy's Grocery Games" in 2015.

The Food Network's 2017 New York City Wine & Food Festival takes place Oct. 12-15 at Pier 94 in New York City, with all proceeds designated for the Food Bank for New York City and the No Kid Hungry campaign. For more information, visit www.nycwineandfoodfestival.com. ■

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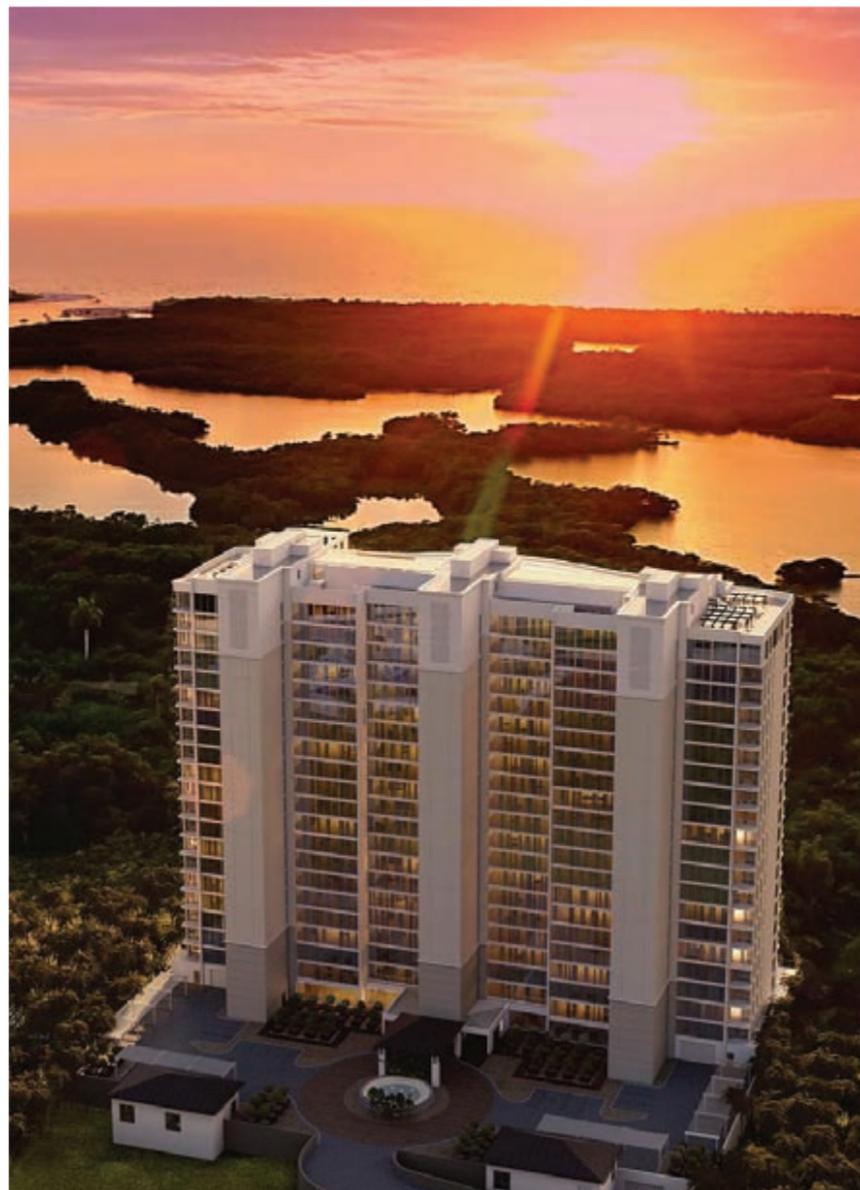
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Kalea Bay's Tower 1 nears sellout

Reservations in Tower 2 remain strong



Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, announced the community's second tower has been released for sale.

"Our first tower, which is under construction and scheduled to be completed in November, is approaching the 90 percent sold mark," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2. Currently, the number of residences already reserved in our second tower exceeds the \$40 million mark."

The new 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. The incredibly designed residences offer views of the Gulf of Mexico and pristine nature preserve.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2.

Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, have 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans also with 3,791 total square feet.

"Residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout," said Lodge.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island, all of which are standard features.

"Our floor plans have an open design we call 'lifestyle designs' that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today," said Lodge.

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the mas-

ter 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. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," Lodge said.

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails.

"We take our outdoor living as seriously as our indoor living with oversized lanais on every residence," said Lodge. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features, she noted.

Dramatic views are available to every homeowner, no matter which floor they live on as the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop including the 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.

Above: The custom kitchens feature Wolf and SubZero appliances and an oversized island. Tower 2, which was released for sale at the start of the year, is 22 stories tall. Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Kalea Bay's Tower 1 and Tower 2 were designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.

Prices at Kalea Bay begin at \$1.3 million in Tower 1 and \$1.4 million in Tower 2.

In addition to the rooftop amenities, the residents of Kalea Bay will also enjoy the community's clubhouse area, which is also under construction and due to be completed when the first residents move into their new homes.

"The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community," said Lodge.

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, a poolside bistro, open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a sundries shop, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

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

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

"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," said Lodge. "This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as pickleball courts, and 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 our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Lodge.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the onsite sales center. Due to bridge closings in the North Naples area, take US 41 to Wiggins Pass Road, then right on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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Seaglass residents to enjoy new tennis and aquatic center

With full golf and sports membership opportunities available, residents of the Seaglass at Bonita Bay high rise tower being built by The Ronto Group and scheduled for completion in just 13 months will be able to enjoy the Bonita Bay Club's new Tennis and Aquatic Center that is expected to open by the beginning of the 2018 winter season. Plans for the Center were recently approved by the Club's Board of Directors. The Center will be the latest addition to Bonita Bay's array of world-class amenities that includes five golf courses, upscale and casual dining choices, a full-service marina, a private residents-only beach park, on-property hiking and biking trails, numerous parks, and a 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center that features a 20,000 square foot Fitness Center and Wave Café, and a 9,000 square foot spa and salon. Bonita Bay Club has been acknowledged as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions.

To provide a focal point of the Tennis and Aquatic Center, the Club is building an 8,000-square foot center that will be positioned between the tennis complex and the aquatic area. This new Sports Center will include a tennis pro shop with a professional staff, racquet services, a tennis retail shop, as well as dedicated men's and ladies' tennis locker rooms. A covered patio will overlook the entire length of the Club's new Championship Court. A small kitchen will offer casual fare, including salads, grilled items, and fresh sandwiches and a casual open-air bar under roof will be available for beverages. Outdoor dining options and a breezeway will be located on both the tennis side and the pool side of the building. Court assignment television monitors will be placed throughout the facility. A multi-purpose room will be available for meetings, event food stations, private dining, and tournament preparation.

The pool complex will feature dedicated pool locker rooms and a bathhouse as well as a new pool deck with chaise lounges, umbrellas, architectural features, and cabanas. The swimming pool will include areas for aqua classes, lounging, and marked swim lanes. Additional pool features will include a "beach entry" and a separate spa.

Named Private Facility of the Year by Tennis Industry Magazine, Bonita Bay's tennis operations are overseen by Director of Tennis and USPTA Master Professional Paula Scheb and a staff that includes two additional certified tennis professionals. Scheb is the only Master Professional in Southwest Florida. The Master Professional designation is the highest accreditation given by the USPTA and is earned via coaching credentials, educational articles published, volunteer work, and speaking assignments.

"About 750 members play tennis, so it is a very popular sport within the Bonita Bay Club," said Scheb. "Everything we do, every decision we make, is based on trying to create a better tennis experience for our members. We have new member orientations, ambassador programs, weekly round robins to level, and 41 special events during the season that include both tennis and socializing. With all we offer, we can help new members find the right level and a group to play tennis with very quickly."

Tennis is offered at all levels from 2.5 to 4.5 for men and women who play recreationally and in competitive leagues. The instructional approach offers a level of consistency that is rare within club environments. To ensure students are receiving the same message from one lesson to the next, each instructor subscribes to a consistent, written approach to specific doubles strategy and stroke production. To



Above: With full golf and sports membership opportunities available, residents of the Seaglass at Bonita Bay high rise tower being built by The Ronto Group will be able to enjoy the Bonita Bay Club's new Tennis and Aquatic Center that is expected to open by the beginning of the 2018 winter season. Right: The Seaglass at Bonita Bay high rise tower being built by The Ronto Group is on schedule for completion in just 13 months. Below: Bonita Bay Club's array of world-class amenities includes five championship golf courses.

track the progress of the instruction, written notes are taken and sent to each student. A member of the professional staff attends and watches each of the Club's member home league matches and follows up with written notes.

The courts at the Club's tennis complex are modified hydro-courts, the latest in subsurface clay court technology. Bonita Bay Club is the only club in Florida with the PlaySight system that provides a video and statistical analysis of play during matches. Available on several of the Club's courts, PlaySight tracks every shot and provides players with the same information touring professionals receive.

Seaglass is situated 600 feet from Estero Bay, making it one of the closest to the water's edge of the high-rises currently under construction on Southwest Florida's Gulf coast. Open-concept floor plans with tall ceilings take full advantage of spectacular mangrove, water, and sunset views. Seaglass offers brand new, fully-completed, and ready-for-occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. The space sequences and components found in the kitchens and master baths will reflect the contemporary flair found in the architectural style of the building. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available.

The Seaglass penthouse residences have been sold. A choice selection of tower residences ranging from 2,889 to 3,421 square feet under air and priced



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and sliders opening to multiple outdoor spaces that include a gas grill. Ten-foot ceiling heights are included per plan.

The Seaglass Design Studio and Sales Center are open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com.

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Just four miles east of downtown Naples, The Isles of Collier Preserve provides residents with a stunningly beautiful private world bordered by Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden and Dollar Bay. More than 1,300 acres of the community's 2,400 acres are dedicated to natural habitat and nature preserves connected by a network of recreational trails, nature observation stations, bike paths and waterways for kayaking.

Residents and visitors enter The Isles of Collier Preserve through a gatehouse archway distinguished by a reflecting pool. Next stop for visitors... the Discovery Sales Center, described as more nature center than sales center. A "Neighbors Room" presents displays on neighbors Rookery Bay Reserve, Naples Botanical Garden, and Conservancy of Southwest Florida, among others. A rustic boardwalk encircles a recreated cypress wetland and 14' cypress tree replica. Visitors can take a virtual tour at interactive stations, take an eco-friendly electric boat ride or explore via Minto-provided bicycle or kayak.

World-class amenities inspired by Collier history

The Isles Club with its inviting coastal cottage style design inspired by the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 is at the community's center. Like the original Naples Beach Hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Residents and friends gather at The Isles Club for dining and social functions, swimming in the resort-style pool and lap pool, tennis, pickleball and workouts in the state-of-the-art fitness center. A lushly landscaped event courtyard, yoga lawn and kayak launch provide additional opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Home choices to meet every lifestyle

Minto offers a selection of 43 innovative, energy-efficient home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve that complement their spectacular natural surroundings and present a contemporary interpretation of classic Florida coastal home styles. Selections include coach homes, villas and single-family homes ranging from the mid-\$300s to more than \$1 million.

For a limited time, Minto is offering up to \$50,000 in purchase incentives on select move-in ready homes—the Pimento single-family home and the Mimosa villa home. The Pimento includes a pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,333 square feet under air with two bedrooms, den, 2.5 baths and three-car garage, and priced at \$823,237. The Mimosa villa is 1,780 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, two-car garage and water view, and priced at \$528,480.

The available Orchid Grande three-story coach home features 2,169 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, sunroom, third floor obser-



vatory, two-car garage and private elevator. It is priced at \$658,250 with a limited time incentive of \$60,000.

Visit 16 furnished models

Sixteen furnished models include nine single-family homes, four one-story villas, and three award-winning coach homes. Single-family homes range from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air, and are priced from the high-\$400s to over \$1 million. Designed for entertaining, homes feature gourmet kitchens with large seating and serving islands, open floor plans, private guest quarters, and luxurious outdoor living areas with nature and water views.

Coach homes include one, two and three story floor plans ranging from 1,621 square feet under air to 2,960 square feet under air, priced from the mid-\$400s to \$600s. All include two-car garages. Two-and-three-story coach homes also include private eleva-

tors. Architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, bright, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens, formal dining rooms and more are among Minto's distinctive luxury touches.

Villas range from 1,565 square feet under air to 1,862 square feet under air, and are priced from the mid-\$300s. Villa homes include two to three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two-car garage.

An award-winning master planned community

A recognized leader in green construction, Minto has won many national and regional awards for The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include three silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), including the 2016 Best in American Living Award for "Best Mixed Community", the 2017 Nationals Award for

Above: An eco-friendly electric boat is available at The Isles of Collier Preserve Discovery Sales Center dock for tours of the Cypress Waterway. The Isles Club resort-style pool, lap pool, shaded cabanas and sandy beach area provide the ultimate environment for relaxation and socializing. The Isles of Collier Preserve is an award-winning master-planned community. Left: The Pimento single-family home includes pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,333 square feet under air, with two bedrooms, den, two-and-a-half baths and three-car garage and is priced at \$823,237. Model home shown in photo.

"Best Clubhouse", and the 2017 Best in American Living Award for "Best Community Facility".

The Isles of Collier Preserve also received the Grand Aurora Award for Master-Planned Community of the Year from the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC), the largest building industry trade show in the southeast, and the Community of the Year award at the Collier Building Industry Association 2016 Sand Dollar Awards.

Minto developed The Isles of Collier Preserve using its own funding sources, electing not to utilize Community Development District (CDD) funds, and saving homeowners at The Isles of Collier Preserve thousands of dollars in annual assessments.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is located just four miles east of downtown Naples on U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East. The Discovery Sales Center is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on The Isles of Collier Preserve call 888-707-1251 or visit mintofla.com. ■

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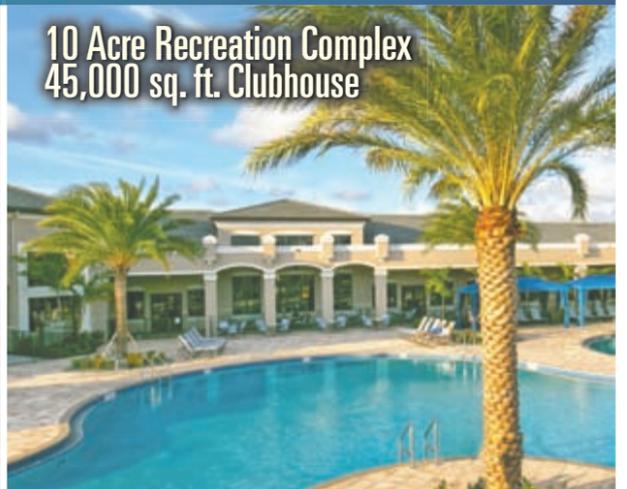
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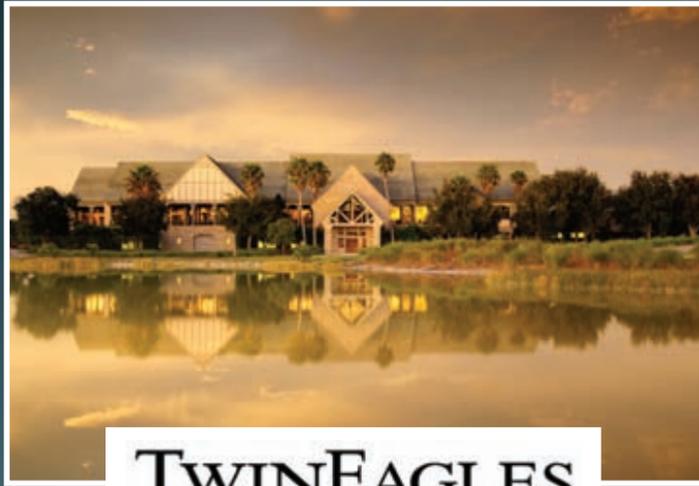
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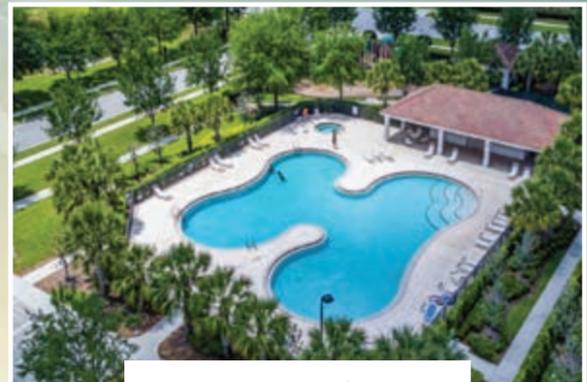
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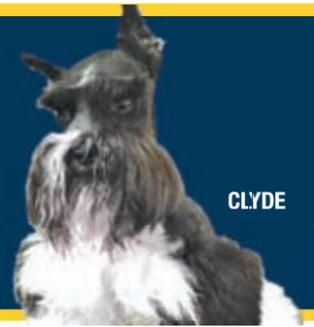
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3/1 Single Family Home in Port Charlotte
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Caloosa Bayview Condo in a Great Location
Lovely, quiet community tucked away along the Caloosahatchee River. Attached end unit villa with 2 bedrooms.
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2 Bed 2 Bath Turnkey Condo
2 bed 2 bath turnkey condo. Beautifully decorated in very nice gated community clubhouse with resort style pool.
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Gulf Access End Condo
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Sweet Condo in Berkshire
2 bedroom 2 bath condo with amazing views of the canal.
\$155,800
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Great Move in Ready NE Gator Circle Home
Corner lot with large screened lanai in back and nice open porch on front. Make this 3 bedroom 2 bath home yours today!
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Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath home with two car garage on half acre parcel.
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Spacious 3 Bedroom Townhome
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First Floor Condo Built 2013
Two bedroom plus a den, screened lanai with wet bar, granite kitchen, tile and more! Low HOA fees.
\$171,900
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First Floor Veranda with Great Lakeview
Kelly Greens 2/2 VERANDA condo with garage on lake with a great view.
\$174,900
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Investment Opportunity! \$\$\$
3 bed 2 bath investment property, located on Lee Blvd. Minutes from schools & convenience!
\$176,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



Home on Oversized Lot - Pool - Fenced
Situated on an oversized, corner lot, this home features 3 bed/2 bath, stainless steel appliances, above ground pool.
\$176,500
1-866-657-2300 800BS028959.

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Concordia Condo Living at it's Best
Beautiful Concordia 3/2 condo w/many upgrades & well maintained located in well sought after complex. Low maintenance fees.
\$182,500
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2005 Single Owner 4 Bed 2 1/2 Bath
2 story home located in Lehigh Acres. Many extra custom features make this one of a kind. Convenient to shopping.
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FORT MYERS



Immaculate Fort Myers Townhouse
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Spacious Home in Port Labelle
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\$185,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



4 Bedrooms in West Lehigh
Lovely 4 bedroom 2 bath home with 2 car garage. All tile floors and brand new kitchen cabinets and counter tops.
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Home Sweet Home on Two Dead End Streets
3/2 w/family room & 2 car garage w/1810 sqft under air on a .50 acre lot. This home also incl. a 15x35 screened lanai.
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A Home Suited For Everyone
2 bedroom + den, 2 bath home with 2 car garage situated on an oversized, cul-de-sac, lakefront lot with "spool".
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Pelican Neighborhood Jewel
Beautifully renovated 3/2 home, granite counters in kitchen, virtually new everything, hand built fence in back yard.
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CAPE CORAL



Charming Pool Home on a Corner Lot
3 bed/2 bath pool home w/eat-in kitchen an open great room floor plan. Well maintained by original owners.
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Buy for the Price-Stay for the View
Spectacular 2/2 condo less than 300 yards from the river.
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LEHIGH ACRES



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This fantastic move in read home offers 3 bed & a great den space. Enjoy the picture beautiful view from any back window.
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CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 3 Bed/2 Bath in Desirable Lotus Canal Area
Meticulously maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage, lots of curb appeal and an awesome back yard!
\$223,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC018332.

FORT MYERS



This 3 Bed/2 Bath Condo Offers the Best Views
Views in the complex! Attached garage with private gate and stairway to access this second-floor unit.
\$224,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM029158.

CAPE CORAL



Completely Remodeled Home in SW Cape
3 Bedrooms + den, 2 baths, 2 car garage home. Large open back yard great for entertaining.
\$225,000
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FORT MYERS



Coach Home in Gated Community of Majestic Palms
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath coach home with a 1 car garage built in 2006. The condo has over 1800 sqft.
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CAPE CORAL



Freshwater Canal Home
4 bedroom 2 bath pool home on freshwater canal in NW Cape Coral. Move in ready.
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ESTERO



Grand Palm Beauty
Beautiful second floor coach.
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ESTERO



Grand Palm Carriage Home
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CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home on Oversize Lot in SW Cape
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Top Floor Veranda Condo - Kelly Greens
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Watch the Sunset from your Terrace
Upscale Tuscan Village condo located on 200" Rubicon Canal is a pleasure-2 bedroom, 2 bath. Turnkey.
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Charming Pool Home in SW Cape Coral
3 bed/3 bath pool home in SW Cape Coral - Quiet neighborhood, close to parks and Tarpon Point Marina.
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Best Kept Secret in Gateway-Gated Community
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Well Maintained Pool Home Open Floor Plan
Beautiful well maintained Florida pool home with open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, split bedrooms. Corner fenced lot.
\$247,000
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CAPE CORAL



Fabulous Accommodations
4 bed 3 full bath single w/2-car garage, 2 master suites each w/luxury bath & access to screened lanai, kitchen w/granite.
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ESTERO



Water View Villa at Estero
Lovely 2 bed 2 bath + den. Beautiful view.
\$264,900
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LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful Maintained Home
Living in nature- Lots of privacy but also close to everything!!!
\$269,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM018580.

CAPE CORAL



2040 SE 6th Ln
Intersecting Canal View
Cleverly designed floor plan takes advantage of the incredible view.. Wow. Three bedroom, two bath open floor plan.
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2 Story Home in Botanica Lakes
4/3 2 story home in gated community. Large kitchen w/ granite counter tops. Open informal living area w/tile throughout.
\$285,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC026112.

ESTERO



Fairway Bend Waterfront Beauty
3 bed 2 bath - Awesome view - electric shutters - granite kitchen with tiled floors.
\$285,900
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Owners pride shows in this 2004 home with 3yr old salt water pool and paved patio plus crown molding.
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2770sqft Pool Home
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\$292,000
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Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home in Punta Gorda Isles
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NW Cape Home in Gated Community
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 800CC022513.
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Magnificent 2 Story 3 Lot Site
 2 master suites, 2 1/2 bath, den, formal living & dining, family room 2 1/2 car garage. Many upgrades alarm system salt water pool.
\$329,900
 800CC055707.
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3 Bedroom on Triple Lot
 This beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home sits on three lots. It is fenced in making it great for pets, kids.
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BONITA SPRINGS



Custom Home in Bell Villa with In-law Apartment
 Price reduced on this beautiful corner lot, 3 bed/3 bath custom home in private Bell Villa with in-law apartment.
\$350,000
 800BS066177.
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CAPE CORAL



4 Bed, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Pool Home, NW Cape
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\$379,900
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Waterfront Living - Sandoval Style
 Lakefront home in award winning community with resort style amenities, 4 bed/3 bath study, granite kitchen, 3 car garage!
\$379,900
 800CC046441.
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Spectacular Lake Views
 Waterfront home! Gated community - clubhouse & pool! Custom lanai w/spa! Builder warranty! Low fees!
\$399,999
 800FM014888.
 1-866-657-2300

ESTERO



Colonial Oaks Lakeview, Pool Home
 This spacious 2 story home offers a lake view, southern exposure and features 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths.
\$419,900
 800BS021472.
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CAPE CORAL



Largest Home in Sandoval
 Over 3k sqft of living area. 4 bed/4 bath pool home features an upstairs bonus room with closet and full bath.
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 800CC024548.
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CAPE CORAL



Big Water Views, Gulf Access Heated Pool/Spa
 Reduced thousands! Immaculate Oyster Bay Home, 4/2, formal living, dining, family room. Counter bar kitchen, dock/lift.
\$459,900
 800CC045356.
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 Great family home on quiet cul-de-sac. Fresh water canal, pool, spa, 3 car garage.
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 A beautiful professional designer 4 bed + den 3 bath with a lot upgrades and nice pool.
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Colonial Style Home on Sailboat Water
 Immaculate 2 story Colonial designed home on sailboat water in Port Charlotte. Sailboat frontage and beach access!
\$575,000
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Direct Access Pool Home
 Direct sailboat access pool home in unit 64. 3/2 with formal living & dining/den/office. Atrium off master bedroom.
\$575,000
 800CC024494.
 1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Pool Home
 Beautiful 3 bed, 2 bath SW Cape sailboat access home on a wide canal. Open floor plan, pool, spa. Large undercover.
\$589,900
 800CC014769.
 1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Waterviews-Over 200' of Seawall-Direct Sailboat Access
 3/3 pool home, 10,000 pound boatlift, newer kitchen. Waterviews from almost every room in the house.
\$750,000
 800CC007480.
 1-866-657-2300

CAPE CORAL



Riverfront Beauty on 195' Deep Lot
 This stunning home has been completely rebuilt in 1997 with upgrades such as a 2nd story tile roof. Stunning views!!
\$1,050,000
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