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BY Nanci Theoret  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

**G**IANT REPTILIAN EYES SURVEY NEW arrivals from the rooftop, almost daring visitors to enter the historic downtown Bonita Springs building shrouded by fencing and flora that prevent any sneak peeks inside. Parrots and parakeets squawk and screech their own sort of welcome. Inside the

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## NAMI speaker focuses on mental illness policy

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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How to properly manage people who suffer with serious mental illness is a top priority for health and law enforcement officials in 21st century society. The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness is bringing an expert to town to discuss the topic.

DJ Jaffe, executive director of Mental Illness Policy Org and author of the book



JAFFEE

“Insane Consequences: How the Mental Health Industry Fails the Mentally Ill,” comes to the Hilton Naples from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15. Mr. Jaffe will share his insights about how federal mental health funding is allocated and will outline policy steps he feels the public should champion in order

to ensure that communities like Collier County have the resources to treat people with debilitating illnesses such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

Mr. Jaffe maintains that the standards for which conditions count as diagnosable illnesses have changed so that social misbehaviors, like bullying, now receive more attention and dollars that would be better spent creating treatment programs and services for patients who have more serious

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# COMMENTARY

## It doesn't have to be



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knows how to listen.

So do I, and I began to hear hope like distant pipes in his conversation, a call-to-arms music to stand and face the storm — to take some action, to take some responsibility, to fight back against the cynical, the superstitious, the bigoted, the propagandists, the greedy and the liars for whom facts are stumbling blocks.

It's not as hard as it sounds.

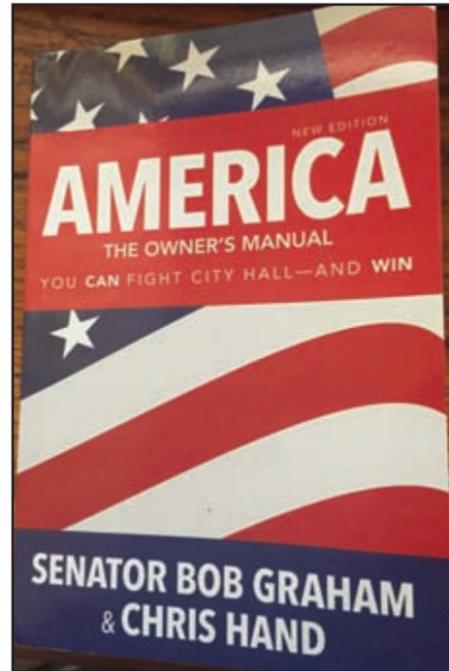
The heart of the notion that we shape the future (not the stars or something else) is our significant American opportunity to weigh in, with a purpose.

After all, Republicans and Democrats alike, the left and the right, tend to love their children. And all of us can get real about helping children and showing them how to help their own, someday.

I decided to buy a car that gets 25 miles per gallon of gasoline, not 50; I decided to pay less and buy food that came from China or South America, or from corporate food producers here who loaded it with potential toxins, rather than purchasing local or organic food; I decided I was too busy to register to vote, or on voting day too busy to get to the polls, so I wasn't able to support the political candidate trying to clean up our water faster.

I decided to quit talking to family members, friends, colleagues, Facebook friends or bumper-stickered boneheads trucking down the highway in the left lane, going too slow for traffic, because I don't like their politics or their inconsiderate driving styles.

None of that had to be. Fate is not in



Sen. Bob Graham's new edition of "America: The Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall — and Win," a how-to primer.

added, serious as a judge, "many of my best friends were Republicans." That was 1987, after he'd already served as governor for eight years, leaving Tallahassee with an unprecedented approval rating of 83 percent of Florida voters. He'd spend the next 16 years or so in the Senate. He sought the presidential nomination as a Democrat in 2003 and 2004, but had to step out after a heart attack and surgery, and a faltering campaign. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, who won the nomination, considered him for a vice presidential pick — Graham would likely have carried Florida for Kerry against George W. Bush — but chose John Edwards instead. And lost in Florida, in a very close presidential race.

That was not written in the stars, but we live with the consequences.

Now, both Republicans and Democrats do everything they can to avoid each other in quiet moments in or out of the Senate dining room in Washington, Sen. Graham says.

But it doesn't have to be.

I could decide to buy the car with the better gas mileage and drive it a bit less by carpooling, for example. I could stop on the way home at the local farmers market, quit eating meat all the time, and vote for somebody bent on protecting water by getting myself to the polls on election day.

I could even decide to talk to that Trumper in his big bumper-stickered pick-up, slowing traffic in the left lane.

"Hey, You Sonofa..."

But it doesn't have to be. ■

charge of those decisions I made — decisions with profound consequences.

When communications cease, Sen. Graham said, so does progress. Once in the Capitol's Senate dining room in Washington, he remembered, Republicans and Democrats would sit together for lunch chatting and communing, after long mornings debating each other on the Senate floor.

"When I got to Washington," he

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# OPINION

## We shall not be moved



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It was Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop, D.D., of New York City who issued the national call to action. He urged the native and the foreign born, and all people united by ties of blood and color, and all who owed allegiance to their maker, to participate in a massive protest. His God was the God of all people and races.

It was to be a nonviolent demonstration, a peaceful parade, a powerful dissent unmistakable in its meaning. The Rev. Bishop said Christ's spirit needed to be made manifest in the making and execution of the nation's laws. He explained why.

"We march," he said, "because, by the grace of God and the force of truth, the dangerous, hampering walls of inhuman injustice must fall. ... We march because we want our children to live in a better land and enjoy fairer condition than have fallen to our lot. ... We march because we are thoroughly opposed to "...segregation, discrimination disenfranchisement and the host of evils" that are being forced upon us. He said he expected resistance and hate. But he was unshakable in his resolve that together, the battle for justice could be won. They would succeed "in spite of shallow-brained agitators, scheming pundits and political tricksters who secure a fleeting popularity ... and financial support by promoting the disunion of people who ought to consider themselves as one."

This isn't a story taken from the front page of last week's *New York Times*. It is a century-old tale about a call-to-conscience protest held in New York City on July 28, 1917. Thousands heeded the call. They were of African descent and came together as the pastor entreated, in a massive, peaceful parade. They demanded racial justice and an end to racial violence

in America.

Just weeks before the protest, brutal race riots in East St. Louis claimed the lives of 40 to 250 black people, murdered in their neighborhoods by white mobs. Lurid, eyewitness accounts described the horrific scenes — white "Lady Macbeths" and their children laughing, cheering and participating in the violence, preying upon the blacks fleeing their burning homes. Their white neighbors left them to die in the streets, burned and literally "roasted by the heat of the flames."

The year was 1917. The horror wasn't an aberration. Racial violence was endemic in America. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, agreeing with Rev. Bishop, mobilized its membership. The time had come to act.

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people showed up, carrying signs of protest. The women and children led the procession, dressed in white. The men followed, attired in funeral black. At the appointed hour, the parade began, moving forward in total silence.

Every footfall, every individual present, stood in witness to the justice of their cause, a demonstration of moral eloquence that required no spoken words. It became known in civil rights history as the "Silent Parade."

At the time, Florida already had the reputation for being among the worst of the worse in its treatment of blacks. Lynchings of black men and race riots were more common here than almost anywhere else in the nation.

The Rosewood massacre in 1921 in Levy County was among the most infamous attacks. A white mob burned the town to the ground. The violence left eight black men and two whites dead.

Forty years passed. African-Americans were still marching. But the trickle of dissent begun decades earlier by the "Silent Parade" had grown into a mighty torrent. Millions of Americans of all races, economic means and religious faiths joined the cause. The movement

for social justice found its following and its faith community.

Interfaith freedom riders hopped buses and traveled to Tallahassee to challenge segregation in public transportation. Local pastors orchestrated a seven-month-long boycott of bus services by black riders.

Thirty more years passed. The Florida Legislature asked forgiveness of its state-sanctioned sins from the survivors and descendants of the Rosewood Massacre. Florida was the first state in the country to compensate African-Americans for crimes suffered at the hands of a white mob.

Another quarter of a century and it's 2017. White nationalism is ascendant. It promotes white supremacy as a legitimate pillar of American life. It spews xenophobia, misogyny and racial hatred.

The religious right is complicit in its rise. The puritanical backsliders sit in pews of the faith community, certain only they know God's will. But their brand of Christian theology is deeply compromised by intolerance and bigotry toward any they perceive as unworthy of God's love.

The Rev. Bishop knew these people and the hypocrisy of their faith. They were the same ones who preached and prayed on Sunday and put their hooded robes on Monday, to harass and commit acts of violence against their spiritual brothers and sisters.

The Rev. William Barber II, the founder of the Moral Monday movement, warns no American is safe when the morally indefensible is sanctioned by government and condoned by religious heretics. The Rev. Barber warns, only partly joking: "We're all colored people now." ■

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## The revolution devours Venezuela



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Special to Florida Weekly

Venezuela is a woeful reminder that no country is so rich that it can't be driven into the ground by revolutionary socialism.

People are now literally starving — about three-quarters of the population lost weight last year — in what once was the fourth-richest country in the world on a per capita basis. A country that has more oil reserves than Saudi Arabia is suffering shortages of basic supplies. Venezuela now totters on the brink of bankruptcy and civil war, in the national catastrophe known as the Bolivarian Revolution.

The phrase is the coinage of the late Venezuelan strongman Hugo Chavez, succeeded by current Venezuelan strongman Nicolas Maduro, who has instituted an ongoing self-coup to make his country a one-party state.

The Chavezistas have worked from the typical communist playbook of romanticizing the masses while immiserating them. Runaway spending, price controls, nationalization of companies, corruption and the end of the rule of

law — it's been a master class in how to destroy an economy.

The result is a sharp, years-long recession, runaway inflation and unsustainable debt. The suffering of ordinary people is staggering, while the thieves and killers who are Chavezista officials have made off with hundreds of billions of dollars. At this rate there will be nothing left to steal.

Any government in a democratic country that failed this spectacularly would have been relegated to the dustbin of history long ago. Maduro is getting around this problem by ending Venezuela's democracy. The Chavezistas slipped up a year or two by allowing real elections for the country's National Assembly, which were swept by the opposition. They then undertook a war against the assembly, stripping it of its powers and culminating in a rigged vote last week to elect a constituent assembly to rewrite the constitution.

The goal of Maduro's alleged constitutional reforms is to no longer have a constitution worthy of the name. Denied the ordinary means of dissent via the press and elections, the opposition has taken to the streets. Already more than 100 people have been killed in clashes over the past several months. Worse is yet to come. Lacking legitimacy and representing only a fraction

of the populace, the Maduro regime will rely on the final backstop of violent suppression.

There is no easy remedy to Venezuela's agony. If meditation were the solution, the country never would have gotten to this pass. Endless negotiations between the government and the opposition have gone nowhere. The U.S. needs to use every economic and diplomatic lever to undermine the regime and build an international coalition against it.

We should impose more sanctions on specific officials and on the state-run oil company; we should advertise what we know about the details of how Chavezistas park their ill-gotten gains abroad; we should nudge our allies to further isolate the Venezuelan government by pulling ambassadors and breaking diplomatic relations. The hope is that with enough pressure, the regime will crack, and high-level officials will break with Maduro, weakening his position and making a negotiated restoration of democratic rule possible.

In the meantime, the Bolivarian Revolution is proceeding according to its sick logic — and there will be blood. ■

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

# Potters pitch in to fill a community need

BY CINDY PIERCE

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An even dozen local potters gathered at Clay More Ceramics on a recent Sunday afternoon to throw pots that eventually will be painted and ultimately filled with soup in the Empty Bowls Naples quest to fight hunger in Collier County.

Between now and the 12th annual Empty Bowls lunch on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, more than 3,000 bowls will be handmade and hand-painted to be sold or auctioned at the event in Cambier Park. Area restaurants and chefs donate soups and bread, and the \$10 cost of admission (bowl included) lets Empty Bowls Naples support various local organizations that provide food to those in need.

The latest “throwing day” at Clay More Ceramics added 150 soup bowls and 10 auction pieces to the growing inventory. Owner Sara Wilson regularly opens her studio for area potters who lend their time and talent to the cause. Ms. Wilson was joined by Kathy Anderson, Jordan Blankenship, Betsy Dawson, Josh Holbrook, Jennifer Meistrell, John Moon, Brian Piesch, Rinny Ryan, Carol and Philip Stonen and Mary Thompson for the most recent effort.

The next step for the bowls is a group painting party hosted by Empty Bowls Naples. Ages 13 and up are welcome to express their artistic side and turn the plain clay vessels into works of art. The next painting parties are from 2-5 p.m. Sunday and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13-14, at Empty Bowls Naples headquarters, 2221 Corporation Blvd. No experi-



Brian Piesch at the wheel



Josh Holbrook



Rinny Ryan and Betsy Dawson



Sara Wilson



Jennifer Meistrell

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ence is necessary. Participation is free, and all bowls, paints and brushes are provided (along with helpful artistic hints).

Service clubs, office and church groups as well as neighbors and friends can organize their own group painting parties as well. NCH, Jewish Family & Community Services, Jaycees, Women’s Cultural Alliance and residents of The Terraces are among those that have held parties so far. For more information, visit [www.emptybowlsnaples.com](http://www.emptybowlsnaples.com). ■

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- >> **What:** A chance for the public (ages 13 and older) to paint bowls for the 2018 Empty Bowls Naples lunch
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## GUEST COMMENTARY

# Where you chose to buy your medications makes a difference

BY DR. CESAR DE LEON

Collier County patients have seen an increase in the cost of prescription medications over the last few years. This rise is made worse by higher insurance deductibles, copays, the Medicare “doughnut hole” and the large number of uninsured patients.



DE LEON

Most patients when they take a new prescription to the pharmacy do not know if it will be free, inexpensive, covered by their health plan, or not covered and so expensive that they choose not to buy it. The care provided by the physician, for as good as it could

be, is dependent on the patient being able to afford the prescribed medication.

What I find most shocking is that the price of medications is not regulated, even when it could be a lifesaving medication.

A clear example of this is on a 30-day supply of a medication used for asthma and rhinitis. Montelukast 10 mg is free at Publix; then prices vary from there, from \$4 at Walmart to \$131 at Walgreens (according to Walgreens pharmacist Janna L.). This could translate to an expenditure of \$1,572 a year for those who do not know it is free at Publix. Other medications are less expensive at

Walgreens when compared individually. The prices also vary depending on what side of town patients are buying their medications, even for the same chain pharmacies.

Fortunately, a few websites have become involved in creating transparency to this problem, GoodRx, HelpRx and Blink Health among them. Besides providing transparency, these websites also provide discounts or coupons for medications to be purchased from traditional retail pharmacies. These online services are addressing a very real need to educate patients on how to access their medications at affordable prices. Most of us price compare what we are buying against websites like Amazon or eBay; now we can do the same with needed prescription medications. These services function as follows:

■ GoodRx negotiates specific prices with pharmacies for each medication and offers these discounts in the form of free coupons to the patient. Patients must take the printed coupon to the pharmacy of their selection.

■ Blink Health negotiates directly with the manufacturer for a single price for each medication and sells them directly to the patients online to be picked up at a local pharmacy. In Collier County, they have partnered with CVS and Walmart.

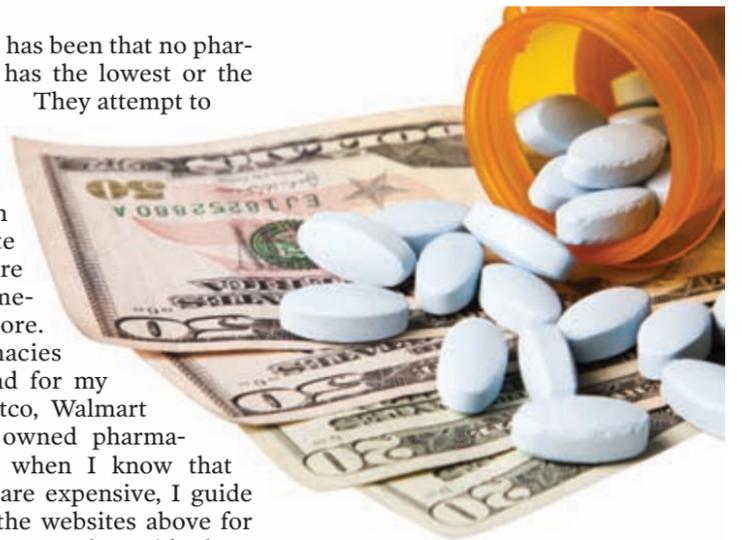
■ HelpRx negotiates a specific percentage of discount at one of its 17 participating pharmacy chains. These pharmacies include CVS, Walgreens

and Walmart.

My experience has been that no pharmacy or service has the lowest or the highest prices. They attempt to lure the patients with one very good price on a single medication and compensate by charging more for others. Sometimes much more. Common pharmacies that I recommend for my patients are Costco, Walmart and the locally owned pharmacies. Of course, when I know that the medications are expensive, I guide them to browse the websites above for discounts or coupons. I also guide them to the manufacturer’s website as it may contain coupons or financial assistance.

I recommend the locally owned pharmacies not only to support the local economy, but because I have found them to be more conscientious with pricing. Some of them even offer free delivery and compounding services. Compound medications are made on site from the raw materials and are offered at a much cheaper price. These medications can be creams, hormones or topical pain medications. A local pharmacy is able to compound the raw material of Cialis and Viagra into a product of equal efficacy.

Price transparency is essential with the high cost of medications and with no



law to protect patients. Most industrialized nations impose price restrictions and limit what pharmacies can charge for drugs, something that as voters we can ask our politicians to implement. For now, patients must become proactive shoppers of their prescription medications and rely on their physicians to lead them to the most cost-effective pharmacies. ■

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## Rookery Bay support organization welcomes new executive director

Athan Barkoukis has joined Friends of Rookery Bay as executive director of the nonprofit organization that supports Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Mr. Barkoukis is responsible for community engagement, fundraising, special events, grant writing and other activities that highlight the education, research and stewardship work conducted by reserve staff. He replaces Gary Lytton, who has retired from the position.



BARKOUKIS

The Rookery Bay reserve consists of 110,000 acres from Naples Bay through the Western Everglades.

“We are delighted to have someone of Athan’s caliber and experience taking the helm of our organization,” said Ray Carroll, president of the Friends of Rookery Bay board. “He has a passion for the environment that will help our members, donors and sponsors understand the importance of protecting our estuaries and the land around them.”

Mr. Carroll added Friends of Rookery

Bay is moving into a new phase of expanding its support for the reserve’s scientists and educators who are dedicated to improving water quality, mitigating invasive plant species, tracking and protecting wildlife, and helping local governments and businesses making informed decisions that impact the Southwest Florida environment.

Mr. Barkoukis brings a mix of environmental research and nonprofit management experience to the organization, including tenures at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Green Energy Ohio, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Mote Marine Laboratory. He earned a master’s degree in environmental studies from the College of Charleston and a bachelor’s degree in biology from Colgate University.

“I am thrilled about returning to Southwest Florida and working with the community to support one of the nation’s few remaining pristine mangrove estuaries,” he said.

A highlight of the Friends of Rookery Bay work is the annual Batfish Bash for the Bay. The 2018 signature event is set for Friday, March 16, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. ■

## Prescribed burn planned on Rookery Bay Reserve islands

Resource management staff at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve are planning a prescribed burn on spoil islands near Keewaydin Island Saturday through Tuesday, Aug. 12-15.

Prescribed fires will commence each day around 9 a.m., as weather permits. Fire or smoke will likely be visible by boaters along the channel from Gordon Pass and Marco Island and in nearshore waters, but should not impede navigation. Residents in the adjacent areas will see and possibly smell smoke.

Rookery Bay Reserve staff coordinate burns with the Florida Forest Service and work with partnering land managers and local fire departments to get the job done safely and efficiently.

The main purpose of a controlled burn is to reduce fuel loads and man-

age wildlife habitat. “Prescribed burns also help to increase ecosystem diversity while assisting in invasive plant control,” Jeff Carter, resource management coordinator of the reserve, said.

A major portion of Collier County is comprised of plants that are dependent on fire to maintain species composition and diversity. These species — including Florida slash pine, gallberry, saw palmetto and scrub oaks — are the same as those that are prone to lightning-strike wildfires.

Other benefits of prescribed fire as a land management tool in natural areas include stimulation of food and seed production, invasive plant control and opening areas for wildlife feeding and travel.

For more information about Rookery Bay’s prescribed fire program, visit [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org). ■

There are still a few spots open for girls ages 8-14 to spend a night at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center this weekend. Guests at “Girls in Science Slumber” will discover the nocturnal side of nature while camping in the center with Rookery Bay educators from 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, until 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13. These photos were taken at the 2016 sleepover. Cost is \$40. To register or for more information, call Jeannine Windsor at 530-5989.



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Watchful eyes overlook the parking lot at Everglades Wonder Gardens, a Bonita Springs landmark since 1936.

## GARDENS

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landmark Everglades Wonder Gardens other birds join the chorus; one even mimics the laugh of a former employee. Not to be outdone, a free-roaming peacock chimes in with his distinct meow-monkey voice.

Welcome to old Florida and one of the state's oldest surviving roadside attractions. Near death but saved by a community and city that rallied to the rescue.

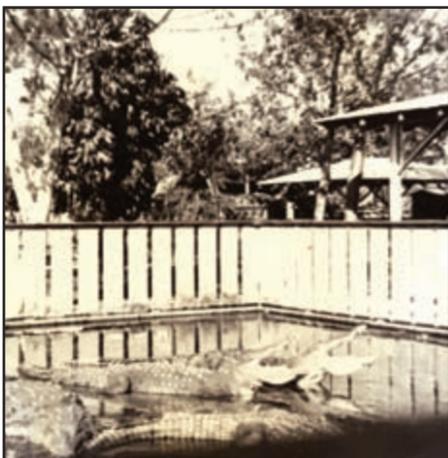
On this July afternoon, heavy rains have subsided and shades of green spanning the full spectrum of greenness cloak the garden's 3.5 acres. A sprinkling of red and yellow blooms adds the exclamation point to the greenery and new blooms seem ready to unfurl any moment.

The sun is working to burn off the remaining clouds; water droplets on leaves shimmer in the gaining light. Banyan branches and untamed vines drape overhead, gnarly and twisting on their downward plunge.

Guests have returned to the pathways, enjoying the shade provided by a dense botanical canopy. They visit enclosures with turtles, monitor and tegu lizards, gators, boas and birds, many of them former pets.

The rain has chased day campers inside to a classroom in the welcome center, where they're painting leaves and learning about some of the hundreds of plants flourishing throughout the gardens.

A nearby room retains the former attraction's kitsch, recalling a laboratory frozen in time with its specimen jars of coiled snakes, skulls and skeletons suspended in clear liquid. Also lining the shelves are historical artifacts and other curiosities that have awed visitors since



STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA

Bonita Springs Reptile Gardens opened in 1936 to serve as a refuge for injured animals. The name was later changed to Everglades Wonder Gardens.



STATE ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA

Above: A photo from the 1940s shows Lester and Bill Piper with Queenie at Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs. At right: A postcard of Bill Piper with Tom the bear.

brothers Bill and Lester Piper opened their Reptile Gardens along the new Tamiami Trail in 1936. A small bear and other taxidermy animals join Big Joe, a former resident who at 15.5 feet long was once the supreme ruler of gator-dom — the largest in the world.

### The Piper family legacy

Nestled along the Imperial River, the garden's fern and bromeliad gardens, signature banyan trees and plants (some only seen here in Southwest Florida) create a tropical oasis in the heart of Bonita Springs. A Garden of Eden almost lost to development when third-generation David Piper, Lester's son, listed the property for sale in 2013.

He was no longer able to keep up with the maintenance and care of a small menagerie of otters, bears, big cats and other animals, said former Bonita Springs Councilwoman Janet Martin. After two years he had a buyer, "a real estate developer anxious to get ahold of riverfront property," she said.

But Mr. Piper gave the city an opportunity.

"We were trying to bring people downtown with our \$18 million downtown revitalization," recalled Ms. Martin. "How could we let the Wonder Gardens go? The council recognized it really was a draw. It brings people downtown. It was an easy decision."

The city council voted unanimously in 2015 to purchase the property for \$3.5 million, turning over operations and repayment to the nonprofit Bonita Wonder Gardens, a foundation formed by local Everglades photographer John Brady who Ms. Martin credits as the unsung hero in the gardens' next chapter

"As we develop, we bulldoze everything," Ms. Martin said. "He saw potential and a vision beyond just animal in cages. He was leasing the property, pouring money into restoring it and knew any day it could have been sold."

Mr. Brady recognized the potential for a destination "other than a stinky old zoo. This was a piece of Florida history that was going to be lost," Mr. Brady said. "Some people had given up and had no interest in bringing it back to life. They didn't understand the importance of the property."

He formed the nonprofit and rallied businesses, residents and the city to the rescue. "We inspired folks to step up and get involved. Without the city, the property wouldn't be there."

"It was John's idea for reptiles and birds and never again having big panthers or bears in little cage," said Ms. Martin. "The Wonder Gardens is known for its gators; there was no reason to bring in large mammals. It was an awesome idea and we ran with it."

"No one wants a tiny stinky little zoo," Mr. Brady said. "It's not ethical and we knew what we were not going to be. People love it because it's so approachable. They can push a stroller around and not be worn out."

### 'It gets under your skin'

Ms. Martin, who termed out in 2016,

was known for her environmental advocacy and served 18 months as the garden's operations manager, focusing on improvements and segueing away from mammals to a rescue sanctuary for birds and reptiles.

"I worked seven days a week and loved it," she said. "It gets under your skin. It's just an awesome place to be. I was amazed during my first year we had 22,000 paying guests."

Faced with an aggressive three-year pledge by the nonprofit to repay the city with interest and not enough contributions coming in, Ms. Martin realized there was something she wasn't: a fundraiser.



HECKER

"As much as I could tour guests around the gardens and share my love of it, it was a lot harder to raise funds than we thought. It doesn't have the heartstrings attached to it like writing a check for a children's hospital or a shelter unless people are really impassioned about it."

"We needed someone with boots on the ground who knows how to raise money," she said. "I resigned. It was a hard decision, like cutting off my arms. For the gardens to succeed it wasn't going to be me. I didn't want the gardens to fail."

Enter Thomas Hecker, a former botanist with the Naples Botanical Garden and the CEO of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, who was selected among 122 candidates to guide the next chapter.

With a background in environmental studies and horticulture, Mr. Hecker is in his element, his Eden. He's a "plant guy" who marvels at the connection between people and plants and stops in the middle of a tour to inspect the installation of more foot-friendly gravel and ponders aloud the fate of a little green heron foraging along the banks of the gator pond. He was born for this. Growing up in Tampa, he had a backyard zoo and aviary.

Mr. Hecker also has big ideas. In his office, where jealousy windows and creaking wood underfoot authenticate the age of the building, Mr. Hecker shares a vision of the Wonder Garden's future — a poster-sized rendering showing tidy designated areas for a café, wedding gazebo and Hall of Wonders woven into the tapestry of existing flamingo and gator ponds and gardens. Its new emphasis on environment and education will someday include boat and kayak tours of the Imperial River.



“We’ve come a long way but we have a long way to go ... The future of the park is really exciting.”

— John Brady, local Everglades photographer



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On the wish list: A larger flock of flamingos, roseate spoonbills and pink blossomed plants for the flamingo pond.



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Thomas Hecker shares a vision of the Wonder Gardens’ future.

That vision embraces the Pipers’ legacy without the mammals. It’s a politically correct version of the original roadside attraction; one Mr. Hecker prefers to call a “cultural icon.”

“No one wants to see a bear in a small cage.”

The world was a different place back when the Piper brothers started their little zoo and garden. Tourists were lured by the promise of real live alligators and other animals that slunk through the Florida wilderness. Until a few years ago visitors on a swinging bridge were wowed during gator feedings as the reptiles roiled in the water just feet below as they lunged for food.

The bridge posts are still in place and may one day be rebuilt. But that, too, takes funding. Mr. Hecker likes the idea of a zip line over the gator pond and allowing opportunities for gator fishing at an additional charge.

**Vision for future grows**

Other ideas flow in a stream of consciousness: a pollination pavilion, walk-through aviaries and butterfly gardens

and a tea and coffee house inside the four 420-square-foot donated French-style solariums. “Interacting, that’s a memory,” he said, noting the park often obliges requests to hold animals. “Immersive” should be my middle name.”

A ramshackle space with a painted wooden portrait of one of the Pipers who remarkably resembles Juan Valdez of old TV commercials, could become an event and wedding space and the nearby animal prep kitchen upgraded to serve people.

Mr. Hecker also envisions opening the gardens for yoga and other community events and he’s intent on growing the gardens’ aging flamingo flock. He’d like to have 24 but a single bird can cost \$5,000. It’s his duty to raise money by selling memberships, sourcing grants, sponsorships and philanthropic dollars to help repay the city loan while providing resources for upgrades.

Since taking the helm Jan. 3, Mr. Hecker has created a concept book based on his visits to zoos and botanical gardens throughout the world. Additional ideas will be unveiled following a board retreat



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Peacocks and peahens roam the gardens.



A sign marking the attraction has been a familiar sight in Bonita Springs since 1936.

in September. “We have a budget and we’re going to set our priorities,” Mr. Hecker said.

One of the inaugural fundraisers is Brew with the Birds, a Sept. 23 event offering samplings of homebrew and craft beers, musical entertainment and food trucks.

Today, Ms. Martin visits the gardens with her granddaughters and stops by the koi pond to visit with the fish that once swam in a pond at her house. Many of the birds recognize her, Kiwi still mimics her laugh. She’s pleased with the changes underway.

“We’ve come a long way but we have a long way to go,” Mr. Brady said. “The future of the park is really exciting.”

About the only controversy surrounding the Wonder Gardens is fitting it into a category.

Mr. Hecker isn’t particularly fond of the “roadside attraction” moniker.

Mr. Brady respectfully disagrees. “It is a roadside attraction that’s been saved,” he said. “It opened in 1936. We can’t forget that but it doesn’t have to be what it was.”

Whatever it’s called, wherever the future takes it, “it’s the green beating heart of the city,” said Mr. Hecker. ■

in the know

**Everglades Wonder Gardens**

**Where:** 27180 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs

**When:** Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12.95 for adults, \$10.95 for seniors and \$7.95 for children 3-12

**Info:** 992-2591 or Evergladeswondergardens.com

# CCSO's Spell honored as a Legacy Lady

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Chief Stephanie Spell, a 30-year veteran of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, has been named the sixth and final Ooh La La Legacy Lady for the 2017 season. As a member of the CCSO executive command staff, Chief Spell provides leadership for several law enforcement bureaus, including public information, media relations, crime prevention and analysis and senior services to name a few. Currently she is working on growing community engagement and partnerships between local law enforcement professionals and the community.



SPELL

"This has been so much more than a career for me," she says. "I would be honored to have my commitment to service be the legacy that I leave in the Southwest Florida community."

A graduate of the Leadership Institute and Leadership Collier, Chief Spell serves as president of the board for Youth Haven and is outgoing chair for Collier Child Care Resources. She is also involved with United Way, the Florida Bar Grievance Committee and the Leadership Collier Foundation.

Ooh La La Jewels du Jour co-owners Amy Turner and Tammy Turner Kipp created the Ooh La La Legacy Lady program as a way to celebrate local women who leave a lasting legacy in the community. ■

# NAMI

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mental illnesses.

"We're wrapping worthy social issues in mental illness and diverting the funds to them," he says. "There's massive mission creep, which we should replace with mission control."

It is the seriously mentally ill who need help the most, he says, adding, "From a community standpoint, they are the ones who are likely to be homeless, incarcerated and victimized. ... What I find is that incremental investments rarely go to the seriously mental ill, but cut-backs do."

The result is that schizophrenia patients, for example, end up in a judicial system that is not equipped to treat them or to provide the means to keep them out of jail. Courts and jails have therefore been forced to create "shadow" treatment programs.

According to research Mr. Jaffe's organization has gathered, 4 percent of Americans have a mental illness that seriously impedes their ability to provide for their own health and well-being. Of that population, 50 percent cannot afford treatment, 16 percent don't know where to go, and about 8 percent say their insurance doesn't cover enough treatment.

Mr. Jaffe believes the mental health community itself has isolated patients with severe illnesses and has created

# insane consequences

How the Mental Health Industry Fails the Mentally Ill

DJ Jaffe

Foreword by E. Fuller Torrey, MD



a public narrative that claims social stigma prevents people from seeking treatment. He maintains that claim is false and argues that many patients would be willing to enter a program or pursue a medical regimen if they could afford it.

The lack of hospital beds is one barrier to treatment, he says. Another is dollars being allocated to places where there isn't a problem — such as an outsized portion of suicide prevention funding going to people ages

10-24 when people ages 25-64 are far more likely to suffer suicide.

At his NAMI Collier County presentation, Mr. Jaffe will talk about where money should be spent to better assist the mentally ill in their communities.

One crisis stabilization bed in a hospital costs \$292 a day, whereas the average cost for an emergency room visit in Florida is \$2,887, he says. The average annual cost for managing a mental illness is \$1,551, and a stay in a state psychiatric hospital is \$112,000, he adds.

Pamela Baker, executive director of NAMI Collier County, says local officials do the best they can with the small amount of funding they receive to care for the community's seriously mentally ill population.

"We have a very small amount of funding compared to other states," she says. "We use evidence-based practices as much as possible — and that's one of (Mr. Jaffe's) points, that we should only use what works." ■

**in the know**

**NAMI program**

**Who:** D.J. Jaffe, executive director of Mental Illness Policy Org

**When:** 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15

**Where:** The Hilton Naples

**Cost:** Free, but donations to the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County welcome.

**Info:** 260-7300 or www.namicollier.com



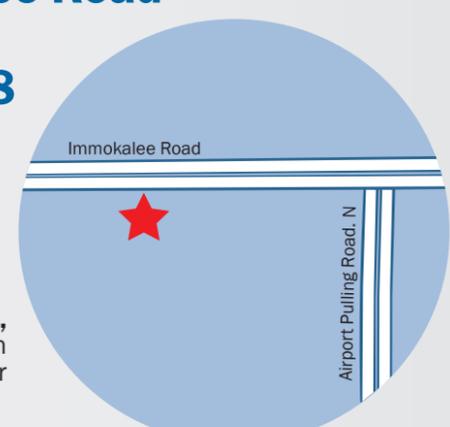
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## Kids head back to class Aug. 16

The Collier County Sheriff's Office's annual back-to-school countdown is underway. Lighted marquee message boards are in place around Collier County reminding everyone that the first day of school is Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The message boards read "School Starts August 16 - Give Kids A Brake" and are at the following intersections:

- Collier Boulevard, near Lely Cultural Parkway
- Livingston Road, near Veterans Memorial Elementary School
- Oil Well Road, near Corkscrew Elementary School
- Golden Gate Parkway, near 44th Street Southwest

The intent of the countdown is to remind the community that the start of the school year is a week away. Traffic will be more congested around schools and students will be walking and riding bicycles along the roadways. And school speed zones will be back in operation.

The goal of the countdown is to educate the community on ways to change driving behavior in order to reduce serious bodily injury and fatal crashes involving youth and the general public.

The countdown is also a way to remind schoolchildren that they need to think about their own safety, whether they're on the bus, on the sidewalk, at school or with friends.

During the first week of school deputies will be at elementary school student drop-off lines to greet parents and arriving students. Elementary school deputies will also be at the student pick-up lines during dismissal, when parents pick up their child.

Also during the first week of school deputies in marked patrol vehicles and in unmarked vehicles with their emergency lights flashing will be parked at school speed zones.

Deputies will also be at crossing guard intersections and other areas where large groups of students walk to and from school. ■

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# CLUB NOTES

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Aug. 10. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ **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 Aug. 11 and 25. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 777-0416 or visit [www.ToastOfTheCoast.org](http://www.ToastOfTheCoast.org).

■ **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 Aug. 11 place to be is Hyatt House on Fifth Avenue South, followed by Shula's at the Hilton Naples on Aug. 18 (\$8 for members, \$10 for guests to cover live entertainment by Manhattan Connection). The club sponsors other social events throughout the year as well. For more information, visit [www.winetastersofnaples.org](http://www.winetastersofnaples.org).

■ **Solo Singles of Collier County** was organized more than 25 years ago to create and promote recreation, culture, charitable and social activities for those persons single, divorced or widowed. Members meet at 5 p.m. every Friday for happy hour and dinner at different restaurants around town. Upcoming gathering spots are: Aug. 11, Miller Ale House, 6320 Hollywood Blvd.; Aug. 18, The Cheesecake Factory at Coastland Center; and Aug. 25, Longhorn Steakhouse, 8010 Trail Blvd. For more information, call Carey Hughes 262-0278 or email [careyjh@aol.com](mailto:careyjh@aol.com).

■ **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** serves a buffet breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, in the pilots lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. All are welcome. Admission for \$5 includes all-you-can-eat fresh fruit, doughnuts and pastries, yogurt, breakfast sausage, juice and coffee, with all proceeds benefitting the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. Chapter members also meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Sept. 6. 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.eaa1067.com](http://www.eaa1067.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



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Members of Wine Tasters of Naples enjoyed a Friday happy hour recently at Three60 Bistro.

1. Frank Falcone, Diane Neary, Vicky Leferink, Curtis Cooper, Joni Brickley and Susan Becker
2. Joni Brickley and Patrick Sweeny
3. Susan McDaniel, John Marchese, Pater Gough and Judy Clements

Ristorante in Waterside Shops. The next meeting is Aug. 14. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae** in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs enjoy lunch together on the second Monday of each month May-October at different local restaurants. The next Lunch Bunch is Aug. 14. For more information, call 434-5610 or visit [www.naples.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.naples.kappaalphatheta.org).

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in the Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero and Marco Island areas are invited to mix and mingle from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Seasons 52, 8930 Tamiami Trail N. To RSVP or for more information, call 908-7301 or email [bhc9514@gmail.com](mailto:bhc9514@gmail.com).

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Naples Conference Center, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, call 649-4145 or visit [www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com](http://www.gulfcoastorchidalliance.com).

■ The Naples chapter of **PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is Aug. 17. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit [pflagnaples.org](http://pflagnaples.org).

■ **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 of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Aug. 19 and Sept. 2. Members 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](mailto:joeearl42@yahoo.com). For more information about the club, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email [dcritchie@comcast.net](mailto:dcritchie@comcast.net).

■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** invites all who enjoy conversing in French to join La Table Française at noon Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Café Normandie, 3756 Tamiami Trail N. Denyse Jenkins will guide the conversation. All are welcome. The only cost is for lunch ordered from the menu. To make a reservation, call the restaurant at 261-0977. For more information about Alliance Francaise de Naples, email [afnaples@comcast.net](mailto:afnaples@comcast.net).

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

■ **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](mailto:swflcivitan@gmail.com).

■ **Tech4Good SWFL**, a club for staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, meets 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way in Naples. The club helps people learn about using technology to advance their organization's mission, community engagement and fundraising. The Sept. 5 program will be about how to tell your nonprofit story with Adobe Spark and other free online software tools. Admission is free and a light dinner is served. RSVPs are requested to [birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org](mailto:birgit.pauli@nptechprojects.org). For more information about the organization, visit [www.tech4good-swfl.org](http://www.tech4good-swfl.org).

■ Want to ski Steamboat, Jackson Hole and Aspen/Snowmass in 2018? Join the **Southwest Florida Ski Club** to learn about upcoming ski adventures on the slopes. Starting in September, membership meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month (Sept. 5) and social gatherings on the third Tuesday (Sept. 19) of every month at different locations throughout Naples. For more information, call 839-3711 or visit [www.swflskiclub.com](http://www.swflskiclub.com).

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

■ Everyone who owns or admires Corvettes is welcome to attend **Corvettes of Naples** meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 7. For more information, visit [www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com](http://www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com).

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■ **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 Sept. 11 and 25. For general information about the club, call Paul Rhoads at 877-3228 or visit [www.aacanaplesmarco.org](http://www.aacanaplesmarco.org).



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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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## Inexplicable

Odessa, Texas, resident Ernesto Baeza Acosta, 34, has legally changed his name to Ernesto Trump and declared himself the son of President Trump. His NSFW Facebook page features photographs of Ernesto wearing a Trump-like wig and

asks viewers to "Please share this so that my Dad your president can see this and spend time with me." Ernesto is a fan of President Trump, but his immigrant mother is unamused about his name change.

## Bright ideas

Alana Nicole Donahue, 27, of Springfield, Ore., just wanted to entertain her children and nephew with a joy ride around the neighborhood. But on July 12, as she pulled the kids (ages 2, 4 and 8) behind her Ford Taurus in a plastic red wagon, she was arrested for reckless

endangerment. Donahue told police she was just "showing the kids a good time." However, horrified witnesses saw the car going about 30 mph as the wagon went up on two wheels going around a busy traffic circle at rush hour

## Unclear on the concept

David Blackmon identified himself as a drug dealer when he called the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office on July 16 to report that \$50 in cash and a quarter-ounce of cocaine had been stolen from

his car. When officers investigated, they found a baggie with "suspected cocaine," a crack pipe and a crack rock in the car. Blackmon was charged with possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

## Technology run amok

A security robot named Steve suffered a soggy fatal error on July 17 when it tumbled down several steps and into a fountain in Washington, D.C. New to the job, the robot had been patrolling the Washington Harbour area of Georgetown,

mapping out its features in an effort to prevent just such an accident. "He looked so happy and healthy," an area mourner tweeted after the incident. Another observer was less sympathetic. "Robots: 0; humans: 1," he tweeted.

## Least-competent criminals

■ The Pink Panther, he ain't. Police in Wayne County, N.C., are looking for a careless cat burglar who keeps waking people up as he robs them. At least one victim awakened by the slender white man in early July has seen him wearing a pink polka-dot beach towel around his head. Police aren't sure if he's actually gotten away with any loot.

■ Three heads are apparently not better than one, as three China Grove, N.C., masterminds demonstrated on July 12. Rex Allen Farmer, his son, Rex Carlo

Farmer, and the younger man's girlfriend, Kayla Nicole Price, cooked up a scheme to rob the Mooresville gas station where the elder Farmer worked. Surveillance video showed Carlo, disguised in a woman's dress and wig, emptying the cash register as his father, the clerk on duty, stood by. Carlo then ran outside and removed the dress and wig, setting them on fire next to the building. However, the fire spread to a meter on the building and a privacy fence, thus summoning authorities. Police soon caught up to all three and arrested them.

## The animal kingdom

■ An African grey parrot named Bud may have been the key witness in convicting 49-year-old Glenna Duram of White Cloud, Mich., in the shooting death of her husband, Martin Duram, 46. The investigation of the 2015 shooting dragged on for a year before Martin's first wife, who inherited the parrot, shared with a local TV station a videotape of Bud imitating two people having an argument, including the words "Don't (expletive) shoot." Three weeks later, Glenna Duram was arrested and charged with first-degree

murder, and on July 19, she was found guilty.

■ Fire department dispatchers in Branson, Mo., must have thought they were being punked on July 22, when they received a call to rescue a bird from a tree. But it was no joke. A ladder truck was dispatched to rescue a parrot that had escaped and became tangled in its leash 50 feet up in a tree. (Bonus: The firefighter who braved the 50-foot climb was Colt Boldman.)

## Government in action

■ Adi Astl, 73, took it upon himself to solve a safety problem in Tom Riley Park in the Etobicoke area of Toronto, Ontario. Accessing the park meant navigating a steep hill, and Astl felt it was dangerous. The city balked at building a staircase, citing a cost between \$65,000 and \$150,000. So Astl, a retired mechanic, built it himself, with the help of a homeless man — for \$550. Responding to the resulting media storm, the city now plans to build a regulation staircase costing \$10,000. "Bureaucrats, bureaucrats, bureaucrats,"

Astl concluded.

■ Meanwhile, in British Columbia's New Westminster, the city has constructed, at a cost of \$200,000, an unfinished stairway to nowhere. The structure was originally intended to replace a required fire escape on a building, but was left incomplete and unattached to the building when concerns arose about wires overhead. "I thought it was an artwork, but I don't think it makes that much sense," said passerby Lawrence Kong. ■

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# HEALTHY LIVING

## NCH earns 'Most Wired' for sixth year



NCH was named a Most Wired hospital system in the 19th annual Health Care's Most Wired survey recently released by the American Hospital Association's Health Forum. This is the sixth consecutive year we have been so honored.

Technology is making it easier for patient and providers to interact, thus improving communication, safety and patient-provider relationships. New tools are helping patients become more involved in their care and in maintaining their health.

"The Most Wired hospitals are using every available technology option to create more ways to reach their patients in order to provide access to care," AHA President/CEO Rick Pollack said. "They are transforming care delivery, investing in new delivery models in order to improve quality, provide access and control costs." Innovation in patient care embraces emerging technologies and underscores the need for secure patient information exchange.

Most Wired hospitals are investing in analytics to support new delivery models and effective decision-making, while training clinicians on how to use analytics to improve quality, provide access and control costs. Of the following 10 actions that 32 percent to 97 percent of all Most Wire Hospitals do, NCH does them all:

- Analyze retrospective clinical and administrative data to identify areas for improving quality and reducing the cost of care (82 percent of Most Wired hospitals do this).
- Use sophisticated analytics such as predictive modeling and data to improve decision-making (75 percent).
- Interface electronic health record data with population health tools for care management (almost 70 percent).

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## What women should know about stroke

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Did you know that stroke is the third leading cause of death for women?

Approximately 55,000 more women than men have a stroke each year, and it kills twice as many women as breast cancer each year.

That's why it is so important to be familiar with the symptoms and risks associated with women and stroke.

When it comes to a stroke, every minute counts.

If you, or someone you are with, experience the symptoms of stroke, seek medical attention immediately. The sooner treatment begins, the better chance for recovery.

Women and men experience many of the same symptoms of stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg
- Confusion
- Difficulty speaking
- Problems with vision
- Loss of balance or coordination
- Trouble walking
- Sudden onset of a severe headache for no known cause.

However, some signs of stroke are unique to women, such as:

- Rapid onset of hiccups
- Nausea
- Fatigue
- Chest pain
- Face and limb pain
- Shortness of breath or heart palpitations.

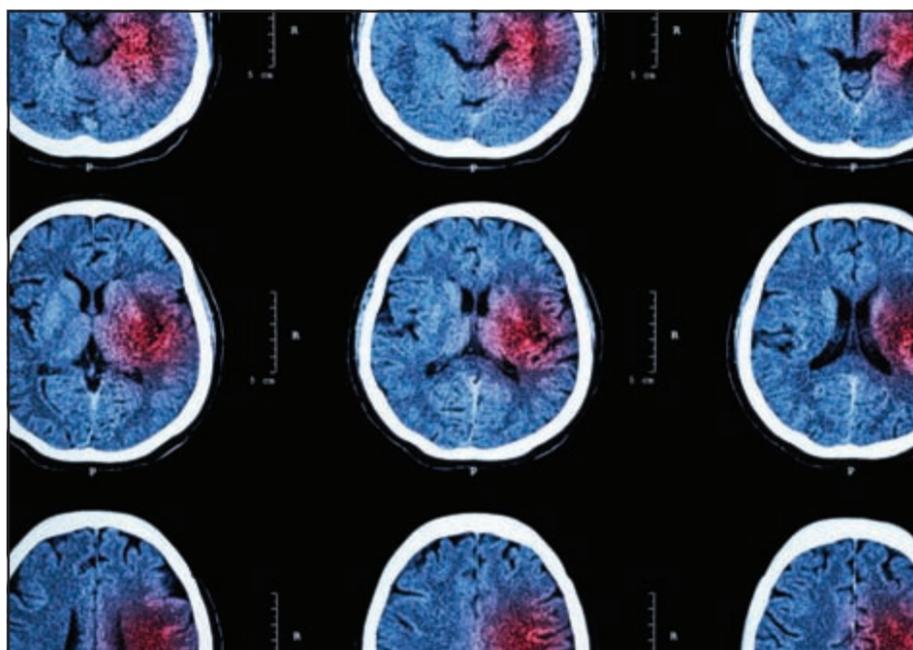
### Experiencing stroke symptoms?

The signs of stroke require immediate attention. Never wait more than five minutes to dial 9-1-1 if you experience even one of the symptoms.

You could be experiencing a stroke even if you don't exhibit all of the symptoms.

It's also important that you check the time, as the responding medical providers will need to know when your first symptoms occurred.

Strokes caused by blood clots, which are called ischemic strokes and are the most common type, can be treated with clot-busting drugs such as tPA, or tissue



plasminogen activator.

But in order to be effective, the medication must be administered within three hours of the initial onset of symptoms.

Anticoagulants, such as warfarin and antiplatelet drugs, such as aspirin, may be prescribed to help prevent a stroke in people who are high risk. In other cases, surgery may be recommended to treat or prevent stroke.

Carotid endarterectomy can be performed to remove fatty deposits that clog the carotid artery in the neck.

If a person does have a stroke, rehabilitation can help rebuild strength, capability and confidence to continue daily activities.

### Risk factors

Women and men share many of the same risk factors for stroke. While a person of any age can have a stroke, risk increases with age. In fact, the chances of having a stroke double every 10 years after the age of 55. Other risk factors include a family history of stroke, high blood pressure or cholesterol, smoking, diabetes, being overweight and not exercising.

Women also have some exclusive risk factors that could raise their risk of having a stroke, which include:

- Taking birth control pills
- Experiencing natural changes in

the body during pregnancy that increase blood pressure and put stress on the heart

- Using hormone replacement therapy to relieve symptoms of menopause
- Being postmenopausal and having a waist that is larger than 35.2 inches and a triglyceride level higher than 128 milligrams per liter
- Suffering from migraines

In addition, African-American women have more strokes than Caucasian women, and stroke is the number one cause of death for Hispanic women.

### Prevention

The good news is that there are steps to prevent stroke. Women can actively reduce the risk of stroke by:

- Monitoring their blood pressure
- Not smoking
- Knowing their cholesterol and triglyceride levels and taking steps to improve those levels, if necessary
- Limiting alcohol
- Maintaining a healthy weight

Generally, it is safe for young, healthy women to take birth control pills. However, risk of stroke increases in some women who are over 35, smoke, have diabetes and/or high blood pressure/cholesterol. ■

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## TO YOUR HEALTH

### Volunteers SHINE light on insurance

Elders in Naples, their caregivers and family members who have questions or concerns about Medicare and related health insurance topics have a new place to turn.

The state's SHINE — Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders — offers counseling at the Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 Tamiami Trail N., from 1-3 p.m. every second Friday of the month. The next session is Aug. 11.

This is a new partnership between SHINE and the Alzheimer's Support Network.

A volunteer program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, SHINE empowers elders to make informed decisions about their health-care coverage. It is offered locally through the



Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida.

SHINE volunteers can answer questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, prescription assistance, long-term care planning and more. They can help seniors and the disabled on Medicare find assistance programs that might lower prescription drug costs, provide prescription drugs at no cost and help with Medicare Part B costs.

To make an appointment for counseling at the new SHINE counseling site or other SHINE sites in Southwest Florida or to receive assistance by phone, call the toll-free Elder Helpline at (800) 413-5337.

For more information, visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org). ■

### Group for Parkinson's patients and caregivers

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. has started two new support groups for anyone who has Parkinson's disease and also for those who care for them.

One group meets from 1-2 p.m. every Tuesday at in the clubhouse at Aston Gardens, 4800 Aston Gardens Way in

Pelican Marsh. The second group meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every Thursday in the clubroom at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 26850 S. Bay Drive in Bonita Springs.

For more information, call PASFI at 417-4365 or send an email to [office@pasfi.org](mailto:office@pasfi.org). ■

### Visually impaired invited to meetings

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss invites all who are blind or visually impaired to attend a support group from

10-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the center, 2685 Horseshoe Drive in Naples. Facilitator Rick Hart encourages attendees to share the challenges they face and the techniques they find helpful in managing those challenges. Attendees feel less isolated as they make connections with others who can relate to their situation. Friends and family members who care for a blind or visually impaired friend or loved one can also



benefit from the group. Reservations are not required.

The nonprofit also hosts a brown bag lunch and program at 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for visually impaired people and their caregivers. The next program is Aug. 15. Guests should bring their own lunch and are welcome to stay afterward for games and social hour.

For brown bag lunch reservations or more information about programs and services, call Lighthouse of Collier at 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org). ■

### WEISS

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■ Provide data analytic tools training to physicians and nurses (70-plus percent).

■ Initiate a patient pathway using health IT to follow a care plan (45 percent).

■ Have tools for real-time patient identification and tracking for value-based care conditions (32 percent).

■ Offer secure messaging with clinicians on mobile devices (76 percent).

■ Use intrusion detection systems (97 percent).

■ Perform data access audits (96 percent).

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We are pleased to belong to this elite, innovative group of Most Wired health-care systems — only 5 percent of all hospitals or health systems — for the sixth consecutive year. It became clear to us many years ago that harnessing the potential of information technology to optimize quality care, enhance secure communications and increase operational efficiencies helps everyone live a longer, happier and healthier life. ■

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

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## Know where traffic deputies hit the road

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- Monday, Aug. 14**  
Radio and Airport-Pulling roads: Aggressive driving  
Golden Gate Parkway and I-75 south-bound exit: Speeding  
Pine Ridge and Livingston roads: Red-light running
- Tuesday, Aug. 15**  
Naples Boulevard: Speeding  
Immokalee Road and Logan Boulevard: Red-light running  
Collier and Green boulevards: Red-light running
- Wednesday, Aug. 16**  
Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary School: Aggressive driving  
Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Aggressive driving  
Victory Lane at Palmetto Ridge High School: Speeding
- Thursday, Aug. 17**  
U.S. 41 East and Collier Boulevard: Aggressive driving  
Golden Gate Parkway and Sunshine Boulevard: Speeding  
Airport-Pulling Road and Cougar Drive: Speeding
- Friday, Aug. 18**  
Vineyards Boulevard: Aggressive driving  
Rattlesnake Hammock Road and St. Andrews Boulevard: Speeding  
Bayshore Drive and Botanical Place Circle: Speeding ■

## Check out CCSO2go app

CCSO2go, the mobile application of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, is free to download. The enhanced arrest log is searchable by date or name and displays each arrestee's charges, Collier County arrest history for the past 10 years and photograph.

The latest version of the app also offers more timely push notifications of CCSO news. By getting information out more quickly, the app can help users help CCSO solve crimes.

All CCSO-produced videos can be found on the app, along with real-time traffic information and updated Google street view maps.

The new CCSO2go is iPad friendly and available at the iTunes App Store. If you have already downloaded CCSO2go, use the iTunes "Updates" feature to download the latest version. Those downloading the app for the first time will automatically get all of the new features.

The Android-friendly app is available on Google Play. ■

## BEHIND THE WHEEL

### Concours of America remains true to its name



In the past, we've hit the road on a summer tour bringing you everything from the most prestigious car events in the country to the salt-of-the-earth Midwestern cruise-ins. But is there a place where these two opposite ideas meet?

The Concours d'Elegance of America is slightly different than the rest of the premiere shows. Located in the Detroit suburb of Plymouth, Mich., this event takes pride in showcasing some of America's greatest contributions to motoring.

For example, this year's event paid tribute to the coachbuilder Walter M. Murphy Co. The California company was not only famous for creating some of the best Duesenberg bodies in pre-WWII America, but also it was a choice for foreign chassis like Bentley, Bugatti and Rolls-Royce. That makes it the perfect American standout mentioned in the same breath as the great European coachbuilders.

Another interesting American that doesn't get seen too often is a 1931 Duesenberg Model SJ. This coupe would almost pass for the current trend to have a car completely "murdered out" covered in black. But this style was original to the body, because the customer told the American coachbuilder Bohman & Schwartz that he wanted the whole coupe covered in a naugahyde-like synthetic leather.

One of the boldest categories for 2017 featured competition cars known as "Gassers." These were built in the 1950s-'60s as budget racers, and they earned their name for running on common gasoline instead of a more sophisticated racing fuel. A Gasser's hallmarks were a raised front end fitting a crude solid front axle, and often there was so much weight removed that there was little left up front besides the fenders. Originally there was nothing elegant about the design, and thus, this is a category will unlikely be found at any other top-tier concours.

Gassers aren't comparable to the million-dollar coachbuilt vehicles that were parked a stone's throw away. But these built the foundation of drag racing — both on the racetracks and what raced in-between stoplights. And so they deserve their place in the sun.

But don't think this is an event strictly for the nationalistic crowd. The Concours d'Elegance of America still showcases plenty of traditional European grace with cars like a 1932 Alfa Romeo 8C, 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K, 1937 Talbot-Lago 150C Aero Coupe. All of these are considered among the most beautiful and streamlined cars of the 20th century.

Possibly this mix of American and European influences was best show-



1931 Duesenberg Model SJ Bohman & Schwartz.



Gas Ronda's 1968 Mustang funny car racer.



1958 Chevrolet Corvette.



1937 Talbot-Lago 150C Aero Coupe.



1929 Auburn 8-90 Boattail.

cased by the Enthusiast of the Year, Ralph Gilles. As head of design at Fiat Chrysler, he's often looking at both sides of the Atlantic for inspiration. While Gilles' special display did not stray too far from his current employer's brands, it was a treat to see the classically graceful Alfa Romeos rac-

ers of the 1960s share space with the brutish Dodge Viper concept car. And while it may seem that these should make for a mismatched presentation, they were felt harmonious under the theme that "Form follows passion."

The Concours d'Elegance of America states its purpose in its name. It's about showcasing a world of automotive style while still being proud of its home-grown roots — as illustrated by its awards.

Best in Show is divided to honor one winner from America and a separate prize for the rest of the world. This year, a 1931 Stutz DV-32 Convertible Victoria was best American, and a 1924 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8A took home the top award for foreign cars. This is a different system than most other shows of this caliber, but it feels correct here. After all, classic cars might be a universal language, but in Detroit, there's some extra patriotism in their favoritism. ■



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# Cambier Park selected for 2017 Farm City BBQ

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

The Farm City BBQ of Collier County moves to Cambier Park in downtown Naples for 2017. Hosted by the Marine Industries Association of Collier County and with deep roots in the local business and agricultural communities, the 62nd annual feast is set for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22.

“Cambier Park is a wonderful venue for this historic event, bringing the culture and history of agriculture in Collier County into the city of Naples,” says Bill Barker, this year’s chairman and president/publisher of the *Naples Daily News*.

Over the years the pre-Thanksgiving tradition has raised more than \$300,000 for nonprofit organizations that benefit local youth leadership development programs.

The National Farm City Council was formed 62 years ago in an effort to help bring together business and agricultural communities. Their goal was to demonstrate the interdependence of a vibrant network of farmers and business owners that help support the economy and provide the basic essentials that every citizen needs. From the truck driver to the rancher, the fisherman, the futures broker and the biotechnology scientist, they all play an important role in making sure that Americans have access to a healthy and abundant supply of food.

In Collier County, the Farm City BBQ was formed in a similar way. Event volunteers remember when area farmers had a bad year of crops. The business leaders reached out to the farmers, inviting them for a barbecue and sharing in the little produce that was available so that their families wouldn’t go hungry on Thanksgiving Day. A year later, the



COURTESY PHOTO

**Student volunteers from the Farm City BBQ beneficiary organizations help out with a number of tasks, like these 4-H members preparing the traditional Immokalee Salad at the 2016 event.**

Immokalee farming community wanted to reciprocate the hospitality, so they invited the business leaders for a BBQ in the “country.” Since then, the event has rotated from “city” to “country” locations; last year’s site was Seminole Immokalee Casino, and the year before was Naples Municipal Airport.

Beneficiaries of the 2017 barbecue are the Collier County 4-H Association, Youth Leadership Collier, the Collier County Junior Deputies League and Key Club International.

**About the beneficiaries**

The Collier County 4-H Association (formerly Collier County 4-H Foundation) funds and supports the activities of Collier County 4-H, reaching more than 7,600 local students every year. In addition to traditional 4-H agricultural programs, Collier County 4-H offers many innovative educational opportunities. Students learn how to build and program robots, create maps using drones,

write and deliver effective speeches and become leaders through numerous other hands-on experiences. Programs take place in Collier County Public Schools during the school day, in after school settings and in many traditional 4-H clubs throughout the community.

Youth Leadership Collier is a program of the Leadership Collier Foundation, an affiliate of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. YLC empowers students to become effective and ethical leaders, showcases Collier County through field work with key organizations and encourages students to come back to (or stay in) Collier County to begin their begin careers and community leadership. For years the Farm City BBQ has assisted YLC in its efforts to have the tuition for this program remain accessible to all qualified candidates regardless of socioeconomic background.

In cooperation with the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, the Collier County Junior Deputies League helps prepare local youth to become responsible, law-abiding citizens. The league’s 34-acre site in eastern Collier County is used for youth activities throughout the year, and plans are underway to add an open-air pavilion, camp centers with restrooms, six campsites with fire rings and a fishing dock to expand programs for Collier youth.

Key Club International is the high school-based service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. Twelve Collier County high school Key Clubs provide more than 600 members with opportunities to perform community service and be mentored in leadership, communication and other vital development skills. Funds from Farm City BBQ

are used to send student leaders to the annual District Leadership & Education Conference in Orlando.

In recent years, more than \$300,000 has been donated back into our community to support the progress of these organizations in providing hands-on education from elementary through high school students.

**About this year’s host**

Since its inception in 1981, the Marine Industries Association of Collier County has been dedicated to boater safety, boater education and access to Florida’s waterways. The association represents its members, the local marine business and recreational boaters to the local government. Through an alliance with the Marine Industries Association of Florida, membership in the MIACC offers direct access to advance information on Florida’s marine industry and access to the legislative forces that are shaping its destiny. For more information about MIACC, visit [www.MIACC.org](http://www.MIACC.org).

**in the know**

**The 2017 Farm City BBQ**

- >> **What:** Steaks from Shula’s Naples, the traditional Immokalee Salad and corn provided by Lipman’s, baked beans from Russell’s Clambakes, complimentary beer, wine and soda
- >> **When:** 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22
- >> **Where:** Cambier Park, downtown Naples
- >> **Cost:** \$20
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# PET TALES

## Rabies review

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You probably know that your dog is required by law to have a rabies vaccination either annually or triennially (every three years). Most states allow owners to decide how often to give the vaccine. But there's more to rabies-related law than frequency of vaccination. Here's what you — and your veterinarian — should know.

Most of us assume that our pets are considered vaccinated for rabies once that needle enters the body. Not so. Pets are not considered "currently vaccinated" until 28 days after the initial injection, says Richard Ford, DVM, an internal medicine specialist and immunology expert who spoke at last month's American Veterinary Medical Association conference in Indianapolis.

Your pet is considered overdue for a booster vaccine one day beyond the one-year or three-year date following the initial vaccination. By law, a pet is not considered immunized beyond that date, even though generally the only difference between a one-year and a three-year rabies vaccine is what it says on the label. In other words, even though a one-year vaccine generally offers the same protection as a three-year vaccine, in law there is no tolerance. Once your pet is revaccinated, though, he returns immediately to "currently vaccinated" status, regardless of the amount of time that has elapsed since the vaccine was due.

Are cats required to have rabies vac-



Approximately 500 cases of rabies in domestic animals are documented each year.

inations? At least nine states do not mandate rabies vaccinations for cats. In fact, Missouri, Kansas and Ohio have no state laws mandating rabies vaccinations for any pets. Nonetheless, it's a good idea to have it done, especially if you allow your pet to go outdoors. In 2015, 244 cases of rabies involving cats were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's 58 percent of all reported cases involving domestic animals that year.

If your pet is currently unvaccinated and bites or scratches someone — the usual routes of exposure — it's not an automatic death sentence for your pet. It's sometimes assumed that euthanasia followed by testing of the brain for rabies is required, but that's not so. Whether a pet is currently vaccinated, the law in the majority of states calls for a 10-day quarantine in the owner's home, followed by revaccination of the pet.

Pets who have been exposed to rabies — and the definition of "exposure" varies from state to state — face a stiffer quaran-

tine of 45 days at home. That's only if they are considered to be currently vaccinated, however. Pet owners must generally be able to document that the rabies vaccination is current.

An unvaccinated pet who is exposed is generally subject to a four-month strict quarantine at a facility for that purpose. That can cost several thousand dollars. The pet must be vaccinated at the time of entry and sometimes within 96 hours of exposure.

Pets who are not up to date on their rabies vaccinations and bite someone may, however, face euthanasia if the person who was bitten isn't willing to wait for the animal to complete the 10-day home quarantine. Dr. Ford cited the case of a dog who was two months late for a rabies booster vaccine. The dog bit the child next door, and the parent insisted that the dog be euthanized and tested immediately. The public health department concurred, and the dog lost his life. Examination of brain tissue determined that he was not infected with rabies.

Some pet owners would like to skip rabies vaccinations for animals who are old or have illnesses that could put them at greater risk of a vaccine reaction. They wonder if a rabies titer test can be used to establish immunity.

The answer is no. In law, a rabies titer is not recognized as a valid index of protection. Only 16 states allow veterinarians to exempt pets from rabies vaccinations for health reasons.

More information on rabies requirements is available at [rabiesaware.org](http://rabiesaware.org). ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Benji** is a handsome 1-year-old domestic shorthair with a soft coat and big gold eyes. He loves to sit in your lap and be petted.



>> **Gordon** is a gentle 3-year-old male terrier bully who weighs about 46 pounds. A fun cuddler who loves attention, he enjoys playing in the water and fetching toys.



>> **Kahlua** is a happy 6-year-old terrier bully who weighs about 45 pounds. She loves to fetch balls and splash in her kiddie pool.



>> **Patches** is an affectionate 1-year-old calico domestic shorthair who lost her home through no fault of her own and is ready to move on to her new forever home.

To adopt or foster a pet

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are waived through Aug. 16. Adoption fees for dogs range from \$30 to \$80. Fees include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit [www.colliergov.net/pets](http://www.colliergov.net/pets). ■

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## Let a local getaway take you out of the 'reds'

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It happens every year at this time. I call it the August reds. I'd say it was the August blues, but these days, the weather is red and my mood is dead.

I'm not the only one. I know plenty of Southwest Floridians who flee our steamy little corner of the tropics around this time of year in the search of cool breezes and less oppressive humidity. I see them on Facebook — Teri in North Carolina, Amy in New York City and

Sunny in South Africa. And while I'm happy for them, my August reds turn green with envy.

I was lucky enough to travel a bit in May, but the thing is, it's not so horrible here in May — August is really the optimum time to get away, when those reds kick in.

But if you're like me and you blew all your travel time earlier in the summer, or if traveling outside this boiling peninsula is impossible because of work obligations or limited finances, then I have to recommend that for your sanity, you run from the reds by going somewhere close by. So, it's hot — I get it. But, we don't have to stay stuck.

I know the word "staycation" is tired and overused, but never knock a much-



needed weekend escape to rejuvenate. Considering the fact that I've lived here since the Stone Age, I have a list of quite a few enjoyable local jaunts. Here are a few of my favorites:

■ You can't beat Sanibel for a weekend in paradise. There are lots of shady trees, no traffic lights and scenic bike paths from one end to the other. Plus, this time of year the island is slow and quiet. And since it's a barrier island, there's even a breeze — I promise. Rent

bikes from Billy's Bike Rentals on Periwinkle Way and peddle to up to Doc Ford's for a refreshing mojito. Check out the resorts, hotels and quaint cottages for Florida resident/off-season discounts.

■ Make your way to Marco Island for a much-needed "ahhhhh" weekend. Again, the off-season rates at resorts like the JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort are pretty sweet, and you might just have money left over for a charter

voyage to Cape Romano to check out the famous dome homes and gather some perfect specimen shells. Marco is pretty famous for good restaurants, too — and this time of year there's no waiting in line for a table.

■ I'm no meteorologist, but the temperature might be a degree or two less hot in the northern climes of Sarasota — or we can always hope so anyway. There's so much to love about Sarasota: the charming historic downtown area, window shopping at St. Armand's Circle, the Ringling Museum, Mote Marine Laboratory and the sandy shores of nearby Siesta Key and Anna Maria Island. Plus, with traffic at a minimum in August, you can stay somewhere affordable on the mainland and drive to the waterfront for the day.

To beat the August reds, these are my top three faves — but don't forget Amelia Island in the northwest corner of the state, South Beach in Miami for color and culture or even a quick trip to the Keys for some snorkeling.

So even if you can't get to the mountains or Manhattan or across the pond, you absolutely can beat the August reds by staying local — and without putting your bank account in the red. Happy trails! ■

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





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## FROM THE TOP

### President enjoys variety on the job

BY DON MANLEY  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Variety is indeed the spice of life for Susan Hadinger.

That is a major reason why being part of the family business, Hadinger Flooring in Naples, is ideal for someone who shies away from the hum-drum and routine.

"It is a great business," said Ms. Hadinger. "It really is a vibrant and very fashion-oriented industry with the design aspect. It's constantly changing, it's constantly fun. I enjoy working with everybody and I enjoy the different everyday challenges. There's always something new on the horizon."



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Hardwood, laminate, tile, natural stone and vinyl flooring, along with an array of carpeting, area rugs and cabinetry can be perused at the store that advertises as the state's largest with 30,000 square feet of showroom space and a 21,000-square-foot warehouse.

The company was founded in 1931 in Fort Atkinson, Wis., by Tom Hadinger, who is Ms. Hadinger's stepfather. He sold his interests in Wisconsin and shifted operations to Naples in 1983. Ms. Hadinger's mother, Judy, is also involved in the business, overseeing and handling purchasing for the area rug section that she started 19 years ago.

Ms. Hadinger's purview at the store spans everything from A to Z.

"I'm involved in pretty much every aspect — advertising, work flow and processes, social media, our website, community involvement, personnel and hiring," she said. "I don't do all

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### Independent restaurateurs defy odds of longevity in the industry

BY JAN NORRIS  
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FCKLE FLORIDA, WHERE RESTAURANTS COME AND GO — sometimes overnight.

The failure rate of restaurants nationwide, once quoted as up to 90 percent within a year of opening, has been debunked by recent analysts showing the figure is only about 29 percent.

Challenges abound for all those in the industry — food trends, demographic changes, and the economy's wild ride among them.

Then there's labor — a constant problem in a tourist- and seasonal-market state. Everyone is trying to snag the small marketplace of pro servers and cooks.



COURTESY PHOTOS  
The Veranda, one of the oldest restaurants in Fort Myers, "is unique in so many ways," says owner Paul Peden.

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## SCORE programs designed to enhance small business success

SCORE Naples presents COLLIER 2020, "the biggest small business event in Collier County" on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Hodges University. With a concept of "10 for 5," Collier 2020 will feature senior executives of 10 major Collier County business organizations speaking for five minutes each about numerous new and upcoming factors and developments that will affect Collier County businesses in the immediate future.

In 50 minutes, attendees will get a crash course covering the major sectors in Collier County to help them develop fact-based plans for their company's growth. Attendees are asked to bring their toughest questions for their business sector expert to answer.

Michael Dalby, president of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce will deliver opening remarks and introduce the panelists. They are:

- Kristi Bartlett, vice president/economic development at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce
- Eric Berglund, president of the SWFL Economic Development Alliance
- Cindy Carroll, president of Carroll & Carroll real estate appraisers
- Tim Cartwright, chairman of Tamiami Angels Funds
- Lois Croft, SWFL regional director at the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- Kathy Curatolo, executive vice president of the Collier Building Industry Association
- Tammi Teece of Regions Bank
- Aysegul Timur, Ph.D., dean of the Johnson School of Business at Hodges University
- Kris Van Lengen, community plan-



ning manager at Collier County Growth Management

■ Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau

Registration is \$25. Check-in and continental breakfast starts at 7:45 a.m. The program takes place from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

### Coming up next

A SCORE workshop for potential business owners, "Is Starting a Business Right for You? What You Need to Know to Reach a Go or No-go Decision" is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at

the Community Foundation of Collier County, 1100 Pine Ridge Road.

SCORE mentors will take attendees through a series of simple steps addressing what entrepreneurs should do — and what they should not do — when launching a business. Three two-hour sessions will address key start-up activities, marketing must-dos and funding/finance basics. There will be ample time for Q&A.

Presenters are Karl William, a retired GE executive with experience in several of GE's businesses including aerospace, telecommunications and industrial products; Michael Zahaby, the owner of a multi-unit Wendy's franchise who has 39 years of experience in banking and lending with leading financial institu-

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# HADINGER

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those things by myself, but I work with the people who do.”

She also closely follows flooring industry trends to stay on top of consumer tastes and what’s driving the market. “There’s definitely a trend toward tile and wood, versus carpet, and luxury vinyl planks are a big category and getting bigger,” she said.

She’s been with the company for seven years, the last two as president. She spent the first five years learning the ropes and acquiring knowledge, first learning about rugs, then flooring and cabinets, which are a relatively new offering for the company.

Prior to that, she lived in Colorado, where she taught social studies at the high school level for seven years and then worked in corporate training.

Skills honed in the classroom definitely have valuable application in her

current position.

“Teaching prepares you for pretty much any job,” she said. “Teaching is a job where you have to be fully autonomous in running a classroom and you have to have a lot of various skills to do that.”

Ms. Hadinger grew up in Jacksonville and Gainesville before attending college at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where she earned an undergraduate degree in economics. She then attained a master’s in education at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and moved to Denver. She lived there for 15 years, marrying Adam Schonberg during that time period. After the birth of their son Drew, 9, the couple moved to Collier County to be closer to family. Ms. Schonberg is an account executive at *Florida Weekly*.

“My family sustains me,” said Ms. Hadinger.

Her business philosophy centers on the concept of service.

“I believe that we should do what we can to serve our customers and make their experience a good one,” she said. “We also try to show our employees

how much we appreciate them. Being a family-run business, we place a great emphasis on the family atmosphere. We also appreciate our community and like to give back.”

Hadinger Flooring demonstrates its support for schools in Collier and Lee counties by donating more than 100 rugs each year to teachers for use in their classrooms.

The company holds an annual charity golf tournament and donates the proceeds to a different organization each year, and also donates rugs for silent auctions that benefit charitable causes.

“Going forward, I think we’re going to step it up a little bit and do a more organized effort to support one local charity every year,” Ms. Hadinger said.

The concept of service also guides her personal life, which includes coaching Odyssey of the Mind teams at Seagate Elementary School, where Drew is a student. And she is working to start a local chapter of the international non-profit Children’s International Summer Villages. CISV promotes cross-cultural understanding among youths and adults

through educational programs, with the goal of encouraging respect for cultural differences.

“It’s a fantastic organization,” she said, adding, “I participated when I was 11, and I would like my child and other children in the area to have the same opportunity.”

### Interview with Susan Hadinger

**Business mentor:** “I have many mentors, but the biggest are my parents and our CEO, Ed Keller. My parents have done a great job of building a fantastic business, and Ed has been very generous in sharing his extensive flooring knowledge with me.”

**First job:** “I was a summer camp counselor.”

**Two things you look for when hiring:** “Reliability and a good attitude are two things we emphasize. You can train for job duties, but you can’t train attitude.”

**Any job openings?** “We are currently looking for an administrative assistant and a rug handler.” ■

# SCORE

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tions; and business consultant Joseph Binder, the owner of a software services company and a publishing group and a senior sales and marketing executive in the computer industry.

Registration is \$50 and includes breakfast and lunch.

And from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23,

at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce headquarters at 2390 Tamiami Trail N., SCORE presents “Let’s Take the Mystery Out of Social Media.” Attendees will learn how to build their presence using the five most popular social media networks for business.

Discussion topics will include the benefits of each network and how to determine which one is best for your business needs, content requirements (how much, how often) and how to measure the

effectiveness of your efforts.

Presenter Barbara Langdon, the owner of Marketing Momentum LLC, has been



helping small companies use email and social media marketing to grow sales and profits, not least by increasing customer retention and referrals. Ms. Langdon

worked for Constant Contact on extending its reach by creating the Authorized Local Experts program, now a key component of Constant Contact’s local success strategy.

Registration is \$25.

To sign up for one or more of the above events, all SCORE at 430-0081 or go to [www.scorenaples.org](http://www.scorenaples.org).

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## MONEY &amp; INVESTING

## Geopolitics, Trump's economic plans could affect the price of gold

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This has been an exciting year for investing in almost all asset classes and securities except one — gold. In fact, the price of the precious metal has been downright boring for the last eight months. In January, gold was trading at around \$1,200 per ounce and then rose to \$1,300. In the next few months, it fell back down to \$1,200. Then it rose to \$1,300. Then it dropped to \$1,200. Now it is increasing back to \$1,300. Why has gold vacillated in such a tight range? Will it ever break out?

In the past year, the bullish and bearish forces affecting gold prices have been roughly in balance. On the bearish side, the economy has been fairly robust. Jobs are being created and GDP has been positive. This would typically depress gold prices, as investors have other areas to gain a higher return than in gold.

Counter to this, inflation has been almost non-existent in the U.S. Consumer goods and wage inflation have not risen as one would expect in a strong economic period of growth. Low inflation is generally positive for gold prices. Investors that hold the commodity won't



lose ground as prices rise, given that gold does not produce interest or dividend income.

An equally bullish and bearish factor on gold recently has news from Washington, D.C. The chaotic Trump presidency has been bullish in that analysts are worried that important economic drivers like tax reform and infrastructure spending will be sidelined, and the economy will suffer as a result. In addition, worry over an impasse on the debt ceiling has made the safe haven of gold more popular and the dollar weaker.

On the bearish side, the Fed has been promising to slowly sell off its massive bond portfolio in recent months. This should push interest rates higher, depressing gold prices as the opportunity costs of holding gold versus fixed income investments rise.

Given these opposing forces, it should be no surprise that gold has not been able to gain traction in any direction for any extended length of time. But there are some wild cards that may tilt the balance in the near future.

First, there are geopolitical risks that

are becoming more pronounced — such as possible military action in North Korea or problems in the Middle East. Should any of these worrisome factors come to reality, gold will certainly rise as investors look to a safe haven for their funds.

In contrast, if the Trump administration were to pass tax reforms or an infrastructure plan, that would put downward pressure on precious metal prices. Similarly, if the Fed actively starts to unwind its balance sheet or raise rates more aggressively than analysts predict because of a strong economy or higher inflation numbers, that would also depress gold prices.

A final force that may tip the scales of gold prices may be physical demand for precious metals. Right now, the demand for gold is low in places like India and China. If their economies improve, that can turn around quickly.

I would expect gold and other precious metals to maintain their tight trading range for the time being. But given the unpredictability of Washington politics and geopolitical events, it may only be a matter of time before gold takes us for a wild ride once again. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks.

## ON THE MOVE

## Awards &amp; Recognition

**Sara Rose Bytnar** of Naples was named winner in the women's division of the 30th annual International Auctioneer Championship sponsored by the Men's and Women's National Auctioneers Association. The competition was held recently in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Bytnar finished second last year to her mother, Beth Rose. She began competing in IAC in 2012 and won the Florida bid-calling championship in 2015.

Executive Chef **Richard Crisanti** of Shadow Wood Country Club received a President's Medallion at the recent American Culinary Federation National Convention and Show in Orlando. Medallions are awarded to members who exemplify culinary excellence and leadership and who have contributed their knowledge, skills and expertise to the advancement of the profession. Among the 29 who were recognized this year, Mr. Crisanti was the only chef from Southwest Florida to receive the honor. A longtime supporter of culinary students, he hosts interns each year in the Shadow Wood kitchen and promotes continuing education and certification within his culinary team. An ACF member since 1992, he has served as a board member of the ACF Caxambas Chapter of Southwest Florida and was awarded Chef of the Year in 2013 and 2014. He is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I.



CRISANTI

## Board Appointments

**Jaime Weisinger** of Lipman Family Farms has been appointed by Gov. Rick Scott to the governing board of

the South Florida Water Management District. Mr. Weisinger will represent district seven — which includes Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, Highlands, Glades, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola and Polk counties — with a focus on the Southwest Florida area. The director of community and government relations for Lipman, he earned a bachelor's degree from Boston University.

## Higher Education

**Christine Manson** has been promoted to chief student success officer at Hodges University. Ms. Manson joined Hodges in August 2015 as director of the Dr. Peter Thomas Veterans Services Center. She earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Hodges and a master's degree in global studies from Liberty University. She enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve in 2002 and was a munitions systems craftsman before earning a commission in 2012. As a captain, she currently serves as a maintenance officer assigned to the 920th Maintenance Group at Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County. In her new role at Hodges, Ms. Manson continues to oversee the veterans services center as well as career services and the Office of Counseling and Disability Support Services.



MANSON

**Tracey Lanham** has been promoted to associate dean of the Fisher School of Technology at Hodges University. She earned her associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in computer informa-



LANHAM

tion technology from the university and previously served as program chair for computer information technology.

## Hospitality

Campagna Hospitality Group, owners of The French, Osteria Tulia and Bar Tulia, announced the following management promotions:

**Jason Zadorski** has been named general manager of The French restaurant. He previously was general manager of Osteria Tulia and Bar Tulia.

**Frank Pullara** has been promoted to executive chef of all three establishments.

**Anna Betulia**, restaurant manager at Osteria Tulia and Bar Tulia, has added special events director for Campagna Hospitality Group to her role with the company.



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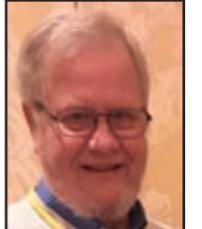


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## Professional Advancement

**Cindy Burgess**, director of special projects at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, has graduated from the Institute for Organization Management. IOM is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Graduation from IOM signifies Ms. Burgess' completion of 96 hours of course instruction in nonprofit management.

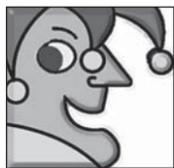
**Dave Carpenter** of the Collier County Supervisor of Elections office has earned the Master Florida Certified Elections Professional designation from the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections. The MFCEP certification is awarded to those who complete training in legal and managerial foundations, organizational development and management processes and procedures.



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## Safety &amp; Security

**Shawn Chamberlain** has been named by the Lee County Port Authority chief of the Airport Police Department to oversee safety and security of Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field in Fort Myers. Mr. Chamberlain comes to LCPA with more than 19 years of law enforcement experience. Most recently, he served as the deputy chief of the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport Police Department, where he started his airport career in 2001 as a detective. He worked in U.S. Customs and Border Protection as a border patrol agent and also served four years in the U.S. Navy. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Airports Law Enforcement Agency Network and Airports Council International-North America. He attended staff and command school at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, Ill., and completed a chief executive leadership course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. He has a master's degree in criminal justice leadership/human services from Concordia University and a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Metro State University, both in St. Paul, Minn. ■



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### Overgrown Hedges

More and more money has been pouring into hedge funds in recent years, with their total assets topping \$3.3 trillion globally in 2017. (In contrast, U.S.-based mutual funds hold more than \$16 trillion.)

Many people imagine that hedge funds are conservative, "hedging" their bets when they invest. The truth is, some may be conservative, but plenty of them are quite volatile and risky. And that's just one of their problems.

Over many long periods, hedge funds, in aggregate, have underperformed the overall U.S. stock market — while charging far higher fees. As Ray Dalio, manager of one of the biggest hedge funds, quipped several years ago: "There are about 8,000 planes in the air and 100 really good pilots."

According to the Financial Times in May 2016, "Since the market hit its post-crisis bottom in March 2009, passive, low-cost equity fund investors have thrived while hedge fund returns have underperformed the S&P 500 by 51 percentage points."

For the privilege of investing in hedge funds that often underperform the S&P 500 index, which can be invested in easily and very inexpensively, investors pay dearly. The common compensation system for

hedge fund managers is referred to as "2 and 20": The managers collect 2 percent of investors' assets each year, whether they deliver gains or losses, and they also take 20 percent of any gains.

Fortunately, most of us can't invest in hedge funds, even if we wanted to. Like mutual funds, hedge funds pool the money of multiple investors, which is then invested by one or more professional money managers. However, hedge funds are far less regulated, and less disclosure is required of them. They're also open only to "accredited investors" — folks earning upward of \$200,000 per year (\$300,000 for couples), or those worth more than a million dollars.

Since hedge fund managers are less restricted, they can take more risks than ordinary investors or mutual fund managers — and many do, investing aggressively in options and futures, shorting stocks, investing with borrowed money and making currency bets. Learn more from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at [sec.gov/fast-answers/answer-shedgehtm.html](http://sec.gov/fast-answers/answer-shedgehtm.html). ■



## Name That Company

I trace my roots back to cider made in 1897 from the fruit of Johnny Appleseed's trees. I soon added apple butter and kept growing my business. Today, (still) based in Ohio, I'm a food, beverage and pet-food giant with a market value recently near \$13 billion. My brands include Folgers, Jif, Crisco, R.W. Knudsen Family, Hungry Jack, Cafe Bustelo, Martha White, truRoots,

Sahale Snacks, Robin Hood, Bick's, Meow Mix, Milk-Bone, Kibbles 'n Bits, Natural Balance, 9Lives — and my own name. Fully 93 percent of U.S. households contain at least one of my products. Who am I? ■

## The Motley Fool Take

### Prescription for Profits

Pharmacy benefits management (PBM) company Express Scripts (Nasdaq: ESRX) has seen its shares tumble in recent months due to two major negative pieces of news.

First, it's expected to lose its relationship with its largest customer, health insurer Anthem, in 2019, knocking out a big chunk of its earnings power. Second, Amazon.com may enter the business of delivering prescription medications.

On the plus side, the Anthem dispute may be a distant memory a decade from now. And as the population of older Americans increases, demand for prescription drugs should rise. Express Scripts' size enables it to hold down costs better than most PBMs, which

should help it grow over the long run. In the meantime, the company is benefiting from an increase in the use of generic drugs and mail orders, and it may be able to further boost its business through cost savings.

Express Scripts' current risks naturally have investors jittery about the stock. Yet that's exactly why its stock may be a great value at its recent depressed price near \$63 per share. With its forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 9, much of the pessimism surrounding Express Scripts has already been priced into its stock, and it may very well turn out to be a bargain for today's investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Express Scripts.) ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Sold Too Soon

My dumbest investment was when I bought shares of electric carmaker Tesla for around \$17 per share at its initial public offering (IPO) in 2010. I sold them at \$37 per share in 2012. I can't complain about the gains, but when I look at how much more the stock has grown, it feels like a dumb investment. It was recently trading at \$330 per share!

— G., online

**The Fool Responds:** You did leave a lot of profit on the table, but at least you nearly doubled your money. It's easy to look back with regrets once a stock has soared, but back when you sold your shares, you couldn't have known just how the stock would perform in the future. (Indeed, we often recommend steering clear of IPOs for a year or two, to allow time for any overexcitement to die down and for the company to perform for a while as a public entity. Many IPOs soar at first and then return to Earth.)

Many people are bullish on Tesla's future right now, due in part to its newly launched lower-priced Model 3 car as well as its battery technology and solar energy systems — but there's reason to not be fully confident, too. The company has posted operating losses in all of the past 10 years, other carmakers are coming out with competitive electric cars, and its stock is viewed by many as overvalued. ■

## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to the Executive Leasing Company, launched in St. Louis in 1957 with seven cars. My founder started renting cars in 1962, and in 1969 renamed me in honor of the aircraft carrier he served on in World War II. Today I'm a rental giant, with my own flagship brand as well as Alamo Rent A Car and National Car Rental. I boast more than 7,200 locations in more than 90 countries and a fleet of more than 1.8 million vehicles. I rake in more than \$20 billion annually and am privately held. Who am I? (Answer: Enterprise) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### Mortgage or Stocks?

What should I spend some extra monthly money on — paying down my mortgage faster, or investing it in a stock market index fund?

— T.M., Norwich, Connecticut

**A** Paying off your mortgage early is often worthwhile, especially if you're nearing retirement, as few people want to be on the hook for mortgage payments in retirement. But whether it's smart to prioritize paying off your mortgage depends on some factors, such as interest rates.

If your mortgage interest rate is 5 percent, then any extra principal you pay off will save you 5 percent in interest payments — which is like earning a 5 percent return. If you hope to earn the stock market's long-term average annual return of roughly 10 percent, then that's clearly more compelling than the 5 percent return.

Remember, though, that the 5 percent is much more of a sure thing than the 10 percent. This decision is easier when mortgage interest rates are high.

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When a mutual fund holds dividend-paying stocks, where do those dividends go?

— D.D., Columbus, Mississippi

**A** The dividends paid belong to the shareholders, not the fund company. Typically, when you first invest some money in a fund, you'll be asked to specify whether you want to receive the dividends as cash payments or have them reinvested in additional shares of the fund.

After a fund receives dividends and before it distributes them to shareholders, the dividends' value is added to the fund's net asset value (NAV). Later, the NAV is reduced to reflect the departure of accumulated dividends. So don't be alarmed if you see a fund suddenly drop in value one day — it might simply mean that a dividend distribution was made.

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# BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** welcomes members and others from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at GreenLinks Golf Villas Hotel at Lely Resort. \$10 for members, \$20 for others. RSVP required. Visit [www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com](http://www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com).

■ **The Above Board Chamber** meets at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at the Hilton Naples for lunch and a program about "The Seven Deadly Sins of Finance." Timothy Cartwright of Fifth Avenue Advisors will moderate a discussion with panelists including David Kover, president of David M. Kover & Associates, LLC; Linda Lowery, vice president at Encore Bank; Karen Mosteller, consulting partner at Markham, Norton, Mosteller Wright & Company, P.A.; and Giovanni Matita,

area manager of Marketplace Home Mortgage, LLC. Meeting sponsors are Mr. Kover and Michelle Graham of Pool Renovations by Siesta Pebble Inc. \$25 for members, \$30 for others who register by Aug. 8; \$30 and \$35 afterward. For reservations or more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or email [Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com](mailto:Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.com).

■ **The next Power Networking Lunch** sponsored by Comcast Spotlight for the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Artichoke & Company, 11920 Saradrienne Lane, Bonita Springs. Guest speaker Ron Rothberg, senior digital sales manager for Comcast Spotlight, will discuss "TV: A Forecast of Innovation." \$35 for members in advance, \$40 at the door;

\$45 for others. To RSVP or for more information, call 992-2943 or visit [www.bonitaspringschamber.com/events](http://www.bonitaspringschamber.com/events).

■ **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Hilton Naples. The program, in conjunction with the *Naples Daily News*, the Naples Press Club and the Association of Fundraising Professionals, will be a panel discussion about social media. Panelists will be Catherine Bergerson, director of communications and marketing for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Jigsha Desai, digital director of the NDN; Georgia Beasley, director of TopicPulse Strategic Initiatives; Matt Bernaoldo, director of digital at NBC-2; and John Miller, attorney at law with Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt. \$30 for PRSA,

AFP and Naples Press Club member, \$25 for students, \$38 for others. Reservations required by Aug. 18.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts Connections Expo 2017 from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Sponsorships an exhibit spaces are still available. For more information, visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Email Karen Klukiewicz at [kluk77@comcast.net](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org). ■

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# SUCCESS

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But in South Florida, there are those restaurateurs who have made it — and have opened multiple eateries spread out in several counties. These are largely the independents, and generations of families in some cases, who have a handful of concepts that are successful on all levels.

What made them so?

We talked to several who provided insight into their processes. Solid work ethics, business acumen, market foresight, and putting ego aside to learn from the best of the competition are cited. Not withstanding, there was some luck involved, too.



## Paul Peden

Sometimes, you have to leave a good thing alone.

The Veranda is one of the oldest restaurant in Fort Myers and is owned by Paul Peden, who knows a great restaurant concept; he's operated seven or eight over the years.

But the dowager of fine dining is a "one-of-a-kind operation. Unique in so many ways," he says. Yet it continues to evolve.

"Whatever the guest wants it to be, we want to accommodate and change for them."

In that regard, it will never be duplicated, he said.

"At one time or another over 40 years, we had steakhouses, seafood, Italian, Mexican restaurants. We dipped our toe in all kinds of concepts. What we found is it's a lot harder to run seven different concepts than two."

He's put his focus on Rib City, a barbecue spot he has turned into a franchise, with 28 of the full-serve 'cue restaurants in Florida and six other states.

Rib City is easily duplicated. "You can zero in. You know the operating costs, and if you manage labor costs, you can do comparables between stores," he said. It's the same physical setup, mostly, and the same menu, and same expectations for sales.

But even in a same-same restaurant, you have to be passionate about it. "You gotta do it. Walk the walk and talk the talk. You have to be a personality that doesn't like confrontation. You have to be prepared for it on a constant basis."

He keeps up with the trends in technol-

ogy that he says are changing the business drastically.

"We see a huge growth in home delivery and casual fast-service. Panera Bread: you don't deal with a service person — You order, get your food and sit down."

The end of full-service restaurants won't be soon, but more restaurants will be using this model to eliminate labor costs, he said.

A new generation of diners doesn't mind the self-serve or ordering by screen, he says.

"Millennials want it now. Everybody has a phone or tablet in their hand. That's how they do business and order everything today. If you want to be part of that market, you have to get in it."

Home delivery, and self-service are the models he is going to use for a new concept he hopes to launch in the next six months: Rib City Q.

"The Q is for 'quick.' You'll order, get your food and sit. No servers so there's faster table turnover." No waiting on beverages, the food, or check, and diners will eat and leave.

There will be a delivery component to this one, too, he said, if the neighborhood warrants it and it's logical.

It's easily duplicated as a franchise, and there are none yet jumping on it. Everyone loves barbecue, he said, and there's a place for it everywhere.

As to other concepts, he's not ruling them out, but the focus is on Rib City and Rib City Q.

He sums it up: "There's no finish line in the restaurant business. You keep working at it."



## Richard Gonzmart

His name is legend in Florida's restaurant history. With the iconic 112-year-old Columbia Restaurant to claim as a fifth-generation heritage, Richard Gonzmart could sit on some laurels a long while.

Yet the 64-year-old, president of the Columbia Restaurant Group of 13 restaurants, rises in the wee hours of the morning daily, trolling the internet, churning ideas for his next projects. He has seven in the works.

He's a champion of Tampa and its future. He's a philanthropist and hard worker who supports hard workers. He's a cancer survivor driven to make each day count.

It's a mad ADD drive he admits to that doesn't stop, and it's the cornerstone to his restaurants' successes.

Talking feverishly, he said, "The key is to be passionate about the business. You have to be educated, and understand what it takes to run a restaurant, and what the guest expects."

As a restaurant owner, you must also reinvent yourself, he said.

For the block-long Columbia in Ybor City, the oldest continuously operating restaurant in Florida, that means reinvesting in it to the tune of \$25 million. It's the largest Spanish restaurant in the U.S., with 1,700 seats spread out among its 15 dining rooms and courtyard.

"We put a lot into restoring it. It's a lot of work to maintain," he said.

Meanwhile, he continues to fire off new concepts.

Two of his latest are bold successes, both with a history factor.

Ulele Restaurant and Brewery in Tampa opened three years ago on the Hillsborough River in a building used by the city's Water Works years ago. The brewery is a nod to Mr. Gonzmart's great-grandfather's saloon.

A giant round barbacoa grill is the centerpiece of the restaurant, in homage to the

Arawak Native Americans who lived here in the 1500s. Gulf Coast oysters and steaks from a single Florida rancher are cooked over its fire.

"We created something unique. It surpassed my expectations," he said.

Then there's Goody Goody. Mr. Gonzmart fondly remembers the famous drive-in that closed in 2005 after an 80-year run.

"It was a part of Tampa's identity, it's who we were," he said. It was the city's first drive-in restaurant, and was an informal value meal for many. Serving multi-generations of families, it plays into the memories of longtime residents and visitors alike.

The restaurant group revived it in 2016, and opened an outpost in the airport this year. The former owner praised him for taking such good care of the brand.

He becomes even more animated talking about the project due next year in Ybor City. It's a Sicilian restaurant, Santo Stefano Quisquina, born out of the heritage recipes from a small Italian village, "The (immigrant) families that came to Ybor City, a lot were from Spain and Cuba, but many were from Italy. Sixty percent of those came from one tiny Sicilian village: Santo Stefano di Camastra," he said.

The restaurant will capture the essence of the Old World cooking style. "Everything has to be made from scratch, just like it was in the old days. We don't need a freezer." All the foods will be fresh, he said.

He's had failures, he said. In the 1950s and '60s, the Columbia went through some hard times. Cigar factories in Ybor City shut down and people moved away.

Troubles with a financial officer led to his firing, and Mr. Gonzmart taking over the management of Mangari, an Italian concept that didn't last.

The company failed again in West Palm Beach with a Columbia, though he said he was warned against the fickle market beforehand.

"We were being courted by the company who ran CityPlace," he said. Parking was but one issue. After a year that saw struggles, a new landlord didn't want to have an independent restaurant owner in the huge space along Okeechobee Boulevard.

"We'll negotiate out of it," he told the landlord. A national chain was brought in. It soon went into Chapter 11 bankruptcy, he said.

"The Lord watched out for me."

His says "Never, never give up. There's always a solution."

In this business, he said, "You have to trust your instincts. When I haven't followed up, I regretted it. If I didn't do it, I regret it."



## Dennis Max

The man who brought the exploding California food movement to Florida in the 1980s, a concept now labeled as "farm-to-table," is still at it.

"I'm 72 and I feel like 45," says Dennis Max.

After opening 41 or so restaurants in a variety of concepts — he says he's lost count — Mr. Max is still coming up with fresh ideas, while capitalizing on long-ago successes.

The Boca Raton-based restaurateur started his professional restaurant career in the 1970s as manager in an up-and-coming chain of railroad-themed steakhouses, Victoria Station. "They were going to grow rapidly," he said, and he wanted in on that ground floor.



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Max's Harvest focuses on farm-to-table fare.

As a regional manager, he moved to South Florida to open some of their restaurants here.

Along the way, he made friends with a coworker, Burt Rapoport, who would become his partner in several restaurants, including his first, a casual Mexican in Fort Lauderdale called Carlos & Pepe's Cantina.

In the beginning, he says, "I kind of just wanted to do one restaurant. But I was always groomed to do this many."

Not long after came his foray into fine dining, with Café Max in Pompano Beach.

Its strip mall placement was "a terrible location," he said.

But the unique California-style, farm-fresh menu, plus a wine list gleaned from domestic vineyards hot at the time drew modern diners from as far away as Miami.

"The power of the concept was so strong, people came anyway. We were the first ones in the Southeast (U.S.) to do it," he said. "Nobody down here was doing anything like it."

Guests urged him to open in Miami, and he opened Max's Place in Sunny Isles, another success. His star chef, Mark Militello, would go on to become a restaurateur in his own right.

Different concepts followed, always ahead of the dining curve. The Dennis Max name became gold in the business.

His Italian concepts — Prezzo, opened with Mr. Rapoport, having the first wood-burning oven around, and Maxaluna in Boca Raton — were wildly successful.

Prezzo will have a rebirth this fall in Park Plaza in Boca Raton — with customer anticipation already high from its fans of the past.

Not all his ideas were hits, however. Max's Grille, a spot that has been a lunch staple since it opened in Boca Raton's Mizner Park more than 25 years ago, was tried in Orlando's Celebration, but never achieved the success of Boca's.

Others, like Max's Water's Edge in Manalapan, and Max's Coffee Shop and The Mexican in Boca Raton, and the recently shuttered Social House in Delray, a cocktail-forward concept, didn't find audiences in their respective markets.

The Social House was, he says, "a labor of love." He was surprised it didn't make it. "I thought it was a really good job. Sometimes you make good moves. The market... it wasn't what they wanted."

His eye is on fresh foods in a casual, quick-serve setting now.

"Diners today are busy and on the run. But young people expect fresh foods. You've got Whole Foods Market and Amazon now delivering fresh food to their homes."

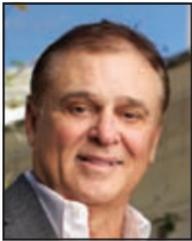
He cites Bolay, the quick-fresh concept begun by Outback founder Tim Gannon with his son, Chris, as the new menus in his next iteration.

"There's room in that area" for his own concept that can be multiple units, he believes.

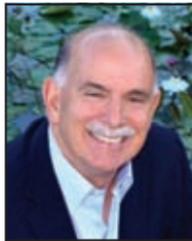
Already successful with Max's Harvest, a farm-to-table restaurant in Delray's Pineapple Grove, he knows the food will work with today's diners.

The challenge is finding the right markets for them and getting the right team in place.

"The secret to success is reading the audience," he says. "The smartest thing, though, is to always have really good people." ■



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The Veranda is in downtown Fort Myers.

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## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

**Susan Gutknecht** has been promoted to senior escrow officer to handle residential and commercial accounts at Access Title Agency. Ms. Gutknecht's career encompasses 25 years in the banking and mortgage fields as a loan officer, compliance officer, branch manager and loan servicer. She has been in the title industry since 2000 and joined Access Title Agency in 2012. The company provides title, escrow and closing services in Michigan and Florida.



GUTKNECHT

**Jeff Kelley** has joined Harwick Homes as a project manager. Mr. Kelley began his career in the building industry in 1983 in Indianapolis, Ind., and relocated to Naples in 2002. For the past 10 years he owned and operated a pool cleaning business. In his new position, he is responsible for client walk-throughs, scope of work development, proposals, bids and budgets. A U.S. Navy veteran originally from Ohio, he worked on the flight deck on the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy as an aviation boatswain's mate.



KELLEY

**Eric Repphun** has joined Harwick Homes as a project manager. Mr. Repphun's 19 years of professional construction experience includes 12 years in Kansas City, Kan., as a custom home-builder. He earned a bachelor's degree in science with a major in construction management from Bowling Green State University. In his new position, he will be responsible for preconstruction project set-up, contract documents, scope review, bidding, design review and permitting as well as supervising sub-contractors and vendors. His



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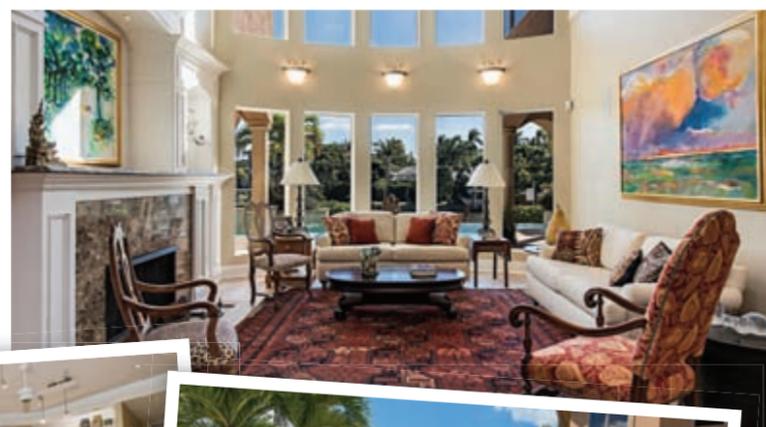
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# CCIM program shines light on solar energy in commercial properties

The Florida CCIM Chapter Southwest District holds its next marketing meeting from 4:45-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Holiday Inn Airport, 9931 Interstate Commerce Drive in Fort Myers.

Guest speaker Clifford Mitchem of Clean Renewable Energy Worldwide will discuss several projects underway in Southwest Florida whereby commercial buildings are being fitted with solar power generating systems. Mr. Mitchem will discuss options for residential and commercial property owners on using solar energy.

Mr. Mitchem is a leader of the South-



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west Florida Solar Initiative to install 1,000 rooftop installations for each of the 10-city region of Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples, Lehigh Acres, Bonita Springs, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Venice, Fort Myers Beach and Estero. His company connects homeowners

and businesses nationwide to installers and financing options for installing rooftop solar systems.

Join area commercial real estate brokers, developers, bankers, builders, investors and commercial real estate service providers and get the latest information on the Southwest Florida commercial real estate market. Attendees can present property haves and wants and closed deals. A marketing table is available for CCIM members to present property listings.

Admission is \$10 for members, \$20 for others (\$5 for FGCU students). Hors d'oeuvres are included with admission;

a cash bar is available. For more information, call Gerald Hendry at 337-0555 or email geraldh@mhsappraisal.com.

CCIM Institute is a professional organization for the commercial real estate industry whose members close \$200 billion annually in commercial real estate deals. Members are eligible to earn the Certified Commercial Investment Manager designation.

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# Naples Square Phase III purchase agreements now at nearly \$32 million

Phase III purchase agreements worth nearly \$32 million have been processed at The Ronto Group's Naples Square community at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. Construction of the Phase III building is expected to start in 4th quarter of this year. Two residences in the completed Phase II building remain available and feature Ronto's Franklin and Denison floor plans. Priced at \$1,425,422, the two-story, three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath Franklin residence showcases upgraded features and finishes and offers 3,378 square feet, including 2,857 square feet under air, a 196-square foot private balcony, and a private oversized one-car garage accessed from the residence. The three-bedroom plus den, three bath Denison residence is priced at \$1,088,921 and features 2,554 square feet, including 2,264 square feet under air and a 290 square feet balcony. Three previously sold Phase II furnished models remain open for viewing with a sales associate.

Naples Square's walkable lifestyle and one and two-story, two and three-bedroom plus den floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces continue to transform how people live downtown. Ronto has announced plans for the Shoppes at Naples Square, a retail and restaurant space on the eastern edge of the Naples Square site. Ronto anticipates retail openings in 2019. Gulfshore Playhouse will finalize its purchase of a three-acre tract within Naples Square this month and is developing plans for a 56,000 square foot theater and education complex. The complex will serve as an ideal anchor for the Shoppes at Naples Square.

Eight Phase III one and two-story floor plans from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air are base-priced from \$695,000 to \$1,550,000. The two and three-bedroom plus den plans feature 10' ceilings, open-air terraces, and designer kitchens with enhanced appliance packages. One of the plans is sold out.

Base-priced at \$695,000, the Phase III Astoria residences offer 1,460 square feet under air plus a 260 square feet balcony.

The plan includes two bedrooms and two full baths. The great room and the owner's bedroom open to the balcony. The kitchen's island and food preparation area includes a double stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and seating. The plan's open feeling continues with a dining area that merges with the great room.

The two-bedroom plus den, two-bath Phase III Barton plan is base-priced at \$795,000 and offers 1,593 square feet plus a 220 square feet balcony. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony. An optional pocketing door can provide ensuite guest quarters. A counter-height island in the kitchen offers seating and a stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and food preparation area.

Base-priced at \$845,000, the 1,698 square feet Biltmore plan also includes a 242 square feet balcony. The two-bedroom plus den, great room plan features a counter-height island kitchen with a stainless-steel sink, dishwasher and food preparation area. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony.

The Phase III Chatham two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath plan is



Above: Base-priced at \$695,000, the thoughtfully designed Phase III Astoria great room plan at Naples Square offers 1,460 square feet of living space. Left: Base-priced at \$1,150,000, the Phase III Dover floor plan at Naples Square features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a great room and dining room, an island kitchen, and an L-shaped balcony that wraps around the corner of the building. Below: Modeled after the 2,934 square feet under air Phase I Franklin floor plan, the two-story Phase III Fenwick plan at Naples Square offers 3,238 square feet under air, a 10% increase in air conditioned space. Phase III purchase agreements are being accepted.



base-priced at \$895,000 and includes 1,883 square feet plus a 260 square feet balcony. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the balcony. The plan features a kitchen with a counter height bar and food preparation area with a double sink and dishwasher. The owner's bath offers a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities.

With its private, one-car garage and a walk-out balcony that adjoins the home's ground floor entry, the Phase III Dorset plan lives like a townhome. The garage is accessible from the residence. Base-priced at \$1,150,000, the Dorset features 2,274 square feet with three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a great room and dining room, and a kitchen that includes a counter height island. The great room and dining room open to a 269 square feet balcony. The owner's suite includes a bath with a soaking tub and a glass-enclosed shower.

The Phase III Dover plan offers 2,397 square feet plus a 314 square feet balcony. Base-priced at \$1,150,000, the plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a family room and dining room, an island kitchen, and an L-shaped balcony

that wraps the corner of the building. The great room, dining room, and one of the guest bedrooms open to the balcony. The owner's suite includes a bedroom with a private balcony and a bath with a soaking tub and a glass-enclosed shower.

Already sold out, the Phase III Emerson plan provides 2,746 square feet under air. The living room, dining room, owner's bedroom, and one of the two guest bedrooms open to a 366 square feet balcony. Base-priced at \$1,495,000, the plan includes a den, an island kitchen with counter height bar seating, three-and-a-half baths, and a laundry room. The owner's suite includes a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, and a glass-enclosed shower.

The two-story Phase III Fenwick plan

offers 3,238 square feet with three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, formal living and dining rooms, an island kitchen, powder room, first floor guest suite, and a second floor that includes a flex room, an owner's suite, a second guest suite, and a laundry room. An optional elevator is available. Base-priced at \$1,550,000, the Fenwick plan includes a 323 square feet balcony off the flex room. A glass-enclosed shower, soaking tub, and his and her vanities are included in the owner's bath. The first floor Fenwick residences include a private one-car garage accessible from the residence.

The Naples Square Sales Gallery at 100 South Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples is open daily. Visit NaplesSquare.com. ■

# NEWSMAKERS

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construction management services also include client communications, project reviews and project closeout.

**Mark Smith**, president of Harwick Homes, has announced the company's plans for a 12,750-square-foot estate home to be built on the last remaining lot in the Il Cosini neighborhood of Mediterra in North Naples.



SMITH

Architectural design will be by Visionary Residential Design, interior design will be by Sherri DuPont of Collins & DuPont Interior Design and landscape design will be by Scott Wyndham. Completion is anticipated in the fall of 2018.

**Frey & Son Homes** is on target to complete a spec house in Bonita Springs this coming fall. The Serrano model is underway at 27144 Serrano Way, just off West Terry Street in the gated community of Serrano. The three-bedroom, three-bath home will have 2,271 square feet of living space as well as a three-car garage, a pool and boat access. The house is priced at \$549,900.

**Michael Mahan** has joined Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property Southwest Florida, LLC, as director of retail. Mr. Mahan relocated to Southwest Florida from Atlanta, where he worked as a senior transaction specialist for Georgia State Properties Commission, overseeing commercial real estate activities for the state as well as negotiating and renegotiating more than 1,500 statewide real estate contracts and 300-plus individual contracts per year. His 15 years of real estate experience goes back to Charlotte, N.C., where he founded and managed Red Oak Commercial. A graduate of Ball State University, he served in the 3/505th 82nd Airborne Infantry of the U.S. Army.

**Alliant Property Management, LLC**, has opened an office at The Strand Executive Park in North Naples. The new office, which includes managers and administrators, is the company's second location. The announcement was made by Millie Strohm, president and CEO of the company that represents more than 150 community associations and more than 28,000 residential units and employs more than 90 people in Southwest Florida.

**Lane Boy** has joined Cushman & Wakefield Commercial Property Southwest Florida, LLC, as director of real estate. Mr. Boy recently returned to Southwest Florida after several decades in Australia, where he was the CEO of two real estate-related businesses for 20 years, a direct investor in Southwest Florida real estate and the founder of a company that published one of Australia's highest selling real estate magazines. He is a graduate of University of Queensland in Australia and Duke University.

**Mercedes Sifontes** has been named leasing agent for Milano Lakes, an FL Star Development apartment community under construction off Collier Boulevard at The Lords Way in south Naples. The community will have 296 apartment homes in eight buildings. Ms. Sifontes previously worked as a leasing consultant for Pinnacle Property Management, as a sales associate with Trustar Salon Services and as a concierge with the Lee



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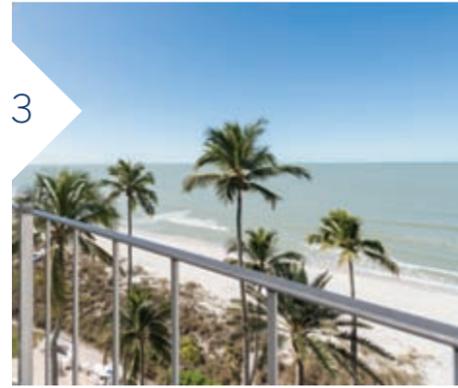
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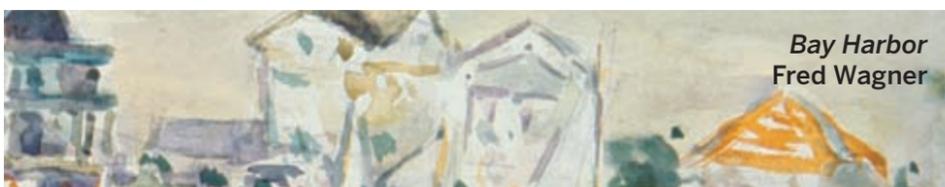
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County Port Authority. She studied nursing at Southern Technical College and emergency medical services at Florida Southwest University.

**London Bay Homes** has introduced a new custom floor plan in its Naples Collection of luxury homes. The Watlington is under construction 41 Fifth St. S. in Old Naples.

With 4,182 air-conditioned square feet of living space, the two-story design has a spacious great room and open-concept kitchen with a butler's pantry. A formal

dining room, the master suite and a den are also on the main level. The second floor boasts a bonus room and balcony and three en suite bedrooms.

The covered outdoor living area has expansive sitting and dining space along with a kitchen, fireplace and nearby pool half-bath. The custom pool is steps away.

Scheduled for completion at the end of 2017, the custom Watlington estate will be fully furnished by Romanza Interior Design and is priced at \$4,685,000.

London Bay's Chelston model, another design in the Naples Collection, is open for viewing at 631 Broad Court in Old Naples. Three additional Naples Collection models will open for viewing later this year: two in Port Royal on Gordon Drive and one in The Moorings. ■



Above: The Watlington, front. Below: The Watlington, rear.



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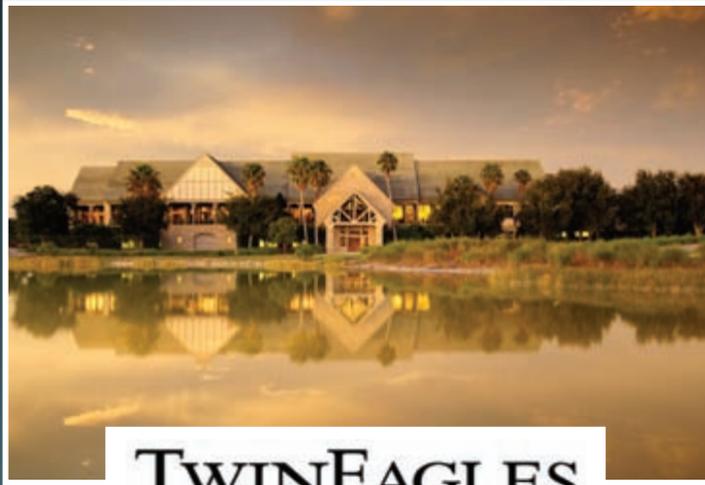


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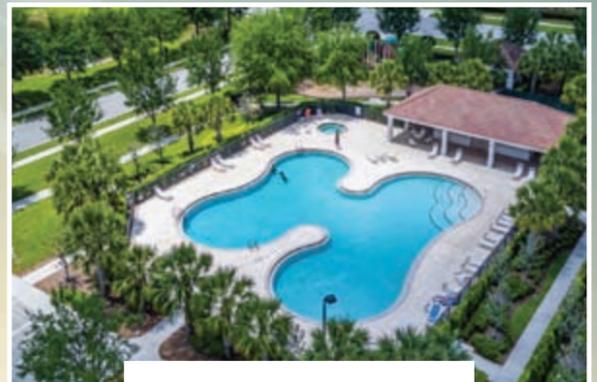


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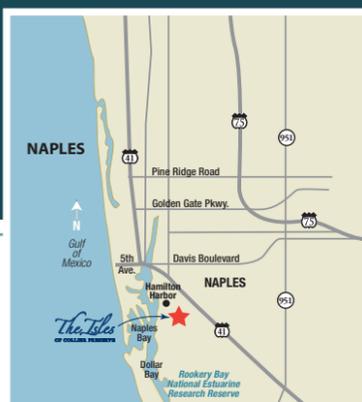
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# The Isles of Collier Preserve... where residents celebrate nature and active living

The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples by Minto Communities is an award-winning master-planned community inspired by nature, informed by historic references to the classic southern coastal architecture of Old Naples, and designed to accommodate an active lifestyle that is connected to nature.

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

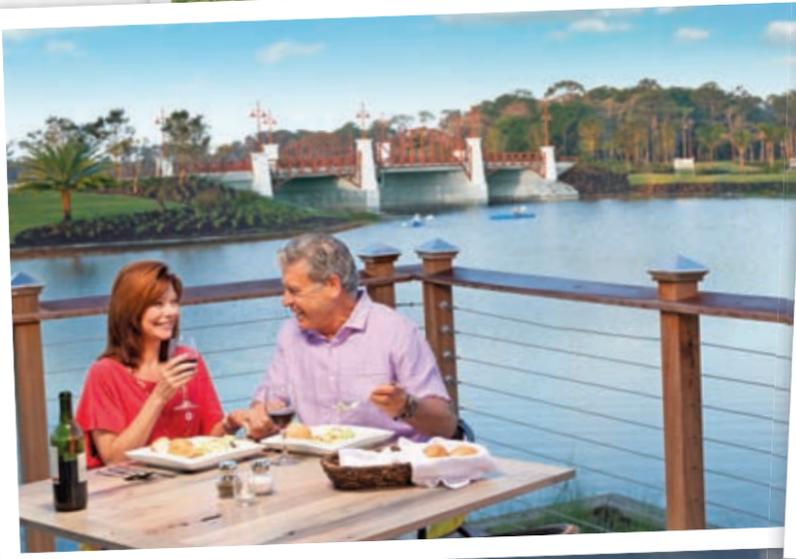
The Isles Club with its inviting coastal cottage style design inspired by the original Naples Beach Hotel built in 1888 is at the community's center. Like the original Naples Beach Hotel, The Isles Club is distinguished by a stylized cupola and large awning-shaded front porch. Residents and friends gather 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 only, Minto is offering up to \$60,000 in purchase incentives on select move-in ready coach homes and up to \$50,000 in savings on select single-family and villa homes.

The available Orchid Grande two-story coach home is 2,011 square feet under air, and includes two bedrooms, two baths, den, sunroom, two-car garage, private elevator, and water view. It is priced at \$663,610. The Alamanda single-family home includes a pool and spa with a beautiful water view. It is 2,225 square feet under air, with two bedrooms, den, two and-a half baths and two-car garage and is priced at



\$763,215. The Dahlia villa home is 1,565 square feet under air with two bedrooms, two baths, den, two-car garage, covered lanai with tranquil preserve view. It is priced at \$481,420.

## ■ 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 elevators. 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 Col-

**Above: 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. Available coach homes offering up to \$60,000 incentive. Left: Available single-family and villa homes offering up to \$50,000 incentive.**

lier 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 "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 MintoUSA.com. ■

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# Babcock Ranch announces new building partner

## Pulte Homes joins the select ranks of homebuilders in solar-powered town

One of the nation's leading builders is partnering with Kitson & Partners to build the next new neighborhood of 150 homes at Babcock Ranch. Pulte Homes will be introducing a variety of floor plans at prices attractive to young families and empty nesters - all within walking distance to restaurants, shops and a school at the heart of the nation's first solar-powered town.

At Babcock Ranch, every home will include a full gigabyte of fiber-optic connectivity, and an environmentally friendly lifestyle powered by the 75mw Florida Power & Light (FPL) solar power plant located within the town. With a projected population of 50,000 at buildout, the new town of 19,500 homes and six million feet of commercial space is the largest new development currently underway in the U.S.

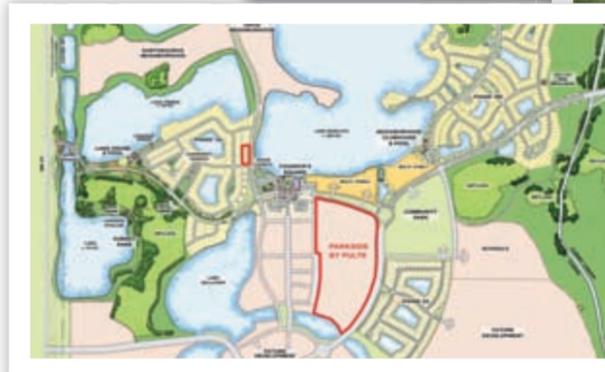
"Pulte is an outstanding addition," said Syd Kitson, Chairman and CEO of Kitson Partners. "In addition to being one of the pre-eminent residential builders in the nation, they share our passion and commitment to creating a whole new, sustainable way of living at Babcock Ranch."

"Babcock Ranch has been highly anticipated for a long time and we couldn't be more excited to have the opportunity to be a part of this groundbreaking project," said Rich McCormick, president of PulteGroup's Southwest Florida Division. "Pulte Homes has long appreciated the benefits of solar and other renewable sources of energy. Our goal is to build more energy efficient homes that effectively balance constructability, cost and quality." Pulte will collaborate with valued building partners who are committed

to offering the most innovative, renewable and affordable solutions that improve the lives of their Pulte homebuyers and the world we live in.

Pulte will be building a new neighborhood, Parkside at Babcock Ranch, just southeast of Founder's Square, that will include more than 150 Pulte homes on 50-foot lots priced in the \$200s to mid \$300s. The new Pulte neighborhood is adjacent to a community park and the neighborhood being built by Lennar. Pulte will also be constructing homes in the Lake Timber neighborhood. With front porches providing spectacular views across Lake Babcock and Founder's Square, prices for those homes will start in the high \$200s.

"Babcock Ranch is the perfect location for families, empty-nesters and retirees who want a walkable, bike-able and connective community where residents all know each other," said McCormick. "Pulte's consumer inspired floor plans include innovative features and are built for the way modern families live in their homes today. Whether you are looking for a second home to spend the winter months or dreaming of a larger space to accommodate your growing family, Pulte homes at Babcock Ranch offers many options to suit your active lifestyle." Learn more at [www.babcockranch.com](http://www.babcockranch.com). ■



Babcock's architecture was inspired by original Florida homes and pre-World War II neighborhoods in Southwest Florida. Parkside at Babcock Ranch will be in the area marked Phase 1B2, southeast of Founder's Square. The new Pulte neighborhood is within easy walking distance to Founder's Square.



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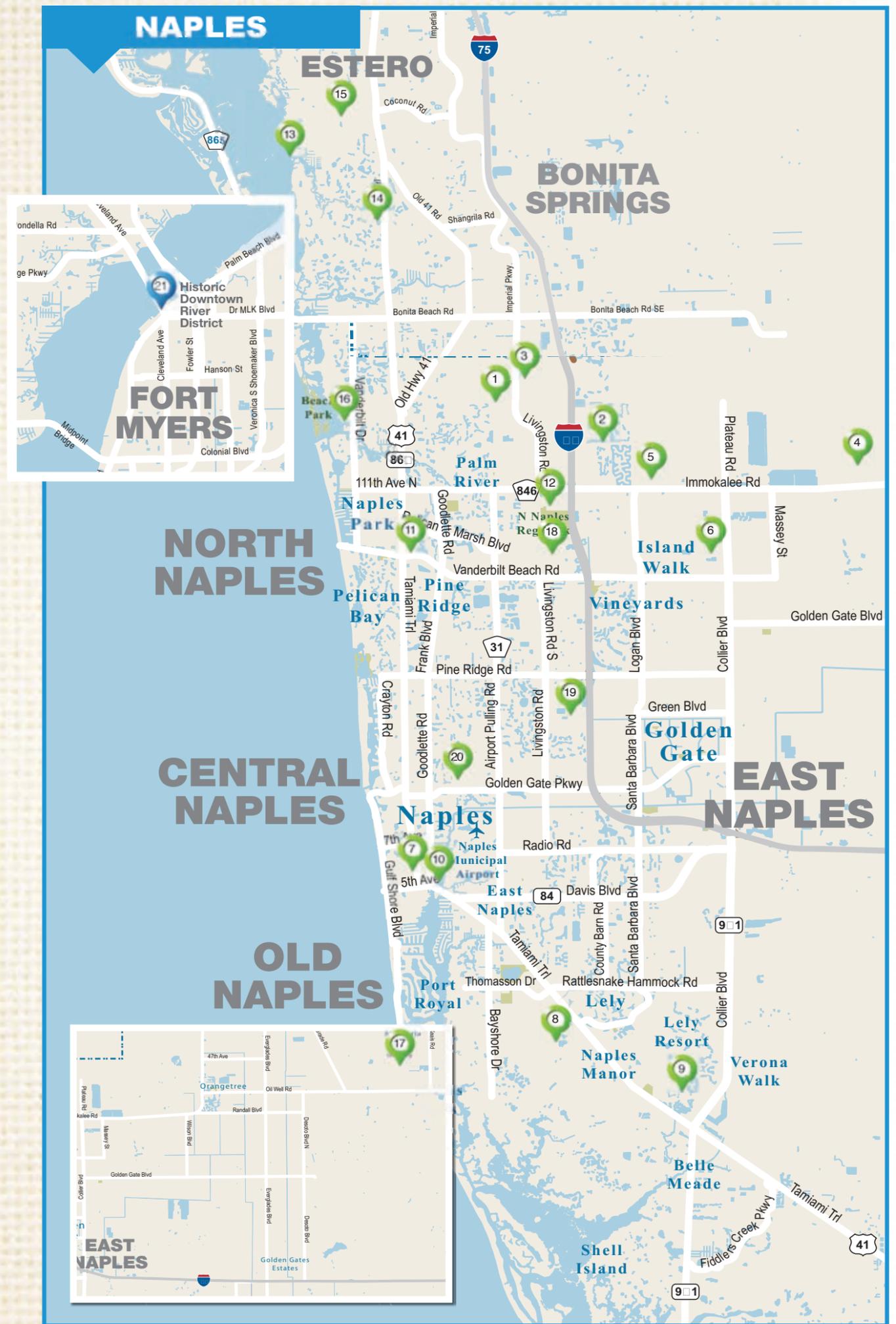
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# Miami Beach mansion priced at \$65 million

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Miami Beach was an unnamed barrier island with a few avocado trees, dense mangroves, lots of mosquitoes, very few people and almost impossible to get to until an Indiana promoter and entrepreneur began its historic transformation. Carl G. Fisher looked at the strip of desolate Florida sand and saw a grand resort city.

When early developers such as John Collins (think Miami Beach's Collins Avenue main drag) ran short of money to build the first bridge from the mainland to Miami Beach, it was Mr. Fisher who stepped in with his money and vision to move the project along.

To get people to his new Miami Beach, Mr. Fisher paid for a billboard in Times Square in the middle of the winter advertising that it was June in Miami Beach. Vacationers and transplants began flocking to Miami Beach. The population increased by more than 400 percent from 1920 to 1925.

In 1923, Mr. Fisher built the Miami Yacht Club on Star Island, which he



later turned into a private residence.

With the double whammy of the Florida real estate collapse following the Great Miami Hurricane in 1926 and the 1929 Great Depression, Mr. Fisher lost his fortune and spent the remainder of his life as a handyman living in a small home in Miami Beach, where he died in 1939.

Now, for the first time in 30 years, his former estate on Star Island is for sale.

Priced at \$65 million, the 1.5-acre property is on the tip of the island with commanding views of Biscayne Bay. The 18,400-square-foot mansion has 10 bedrooms, 12 baths, a two-story formal living room, a 3,000-bottle wine cellar, three offices and two separate staff living areas currently used by a full-time staff of five employees. There is 255 feet of bay frontage, two docks and a boat-lift, swimming pool and cabana.



The listing agents are Alexa Lacovelli, Mirce Curkoski and Albert Justo from One Sotheby's International Realty in Miami Beach. For more information, visit [www.sothebysrealty.com](http://www.sothebysrealty.com). ■



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# Kalea Bay's first tower nears sellout

## Tower 2 released for sale

The first residential tower at Kalea Bay, the gated, resort-lifestyle, high-rise community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, is 90 percent sold. Of the 120 residences in the 22-story tower, only 12 remain.

"The approaching sellout of Tower 1 and the overwhelming response from our buyers prompted us to release Tower 2 earlier this year," stated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "Currently, the number of residences already under contract in the second tower exceeds the \$60 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 master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve. 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.

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.

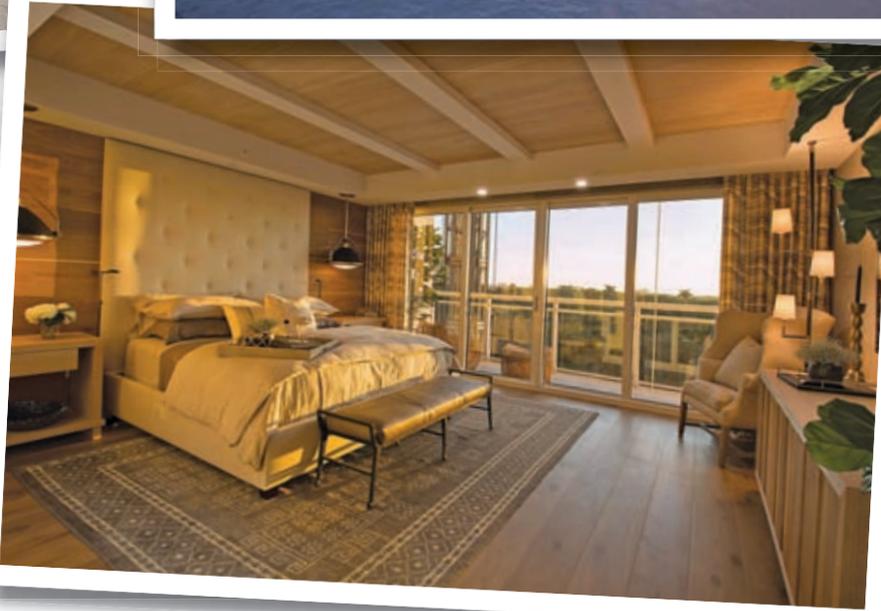
"The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community," said Lodge.

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



**Above: The first tower at Kalea Bay is slated to be completed in November. Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans. Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools. Right: All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. Below: Kalea Bay's Tower 1 and Tower 2 were designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center.**

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.

The Club at Kalea Bay will be in excellent hands when it opens. That's because Stephen G. Jones, CCM, has been hired as the Club's General Manager.

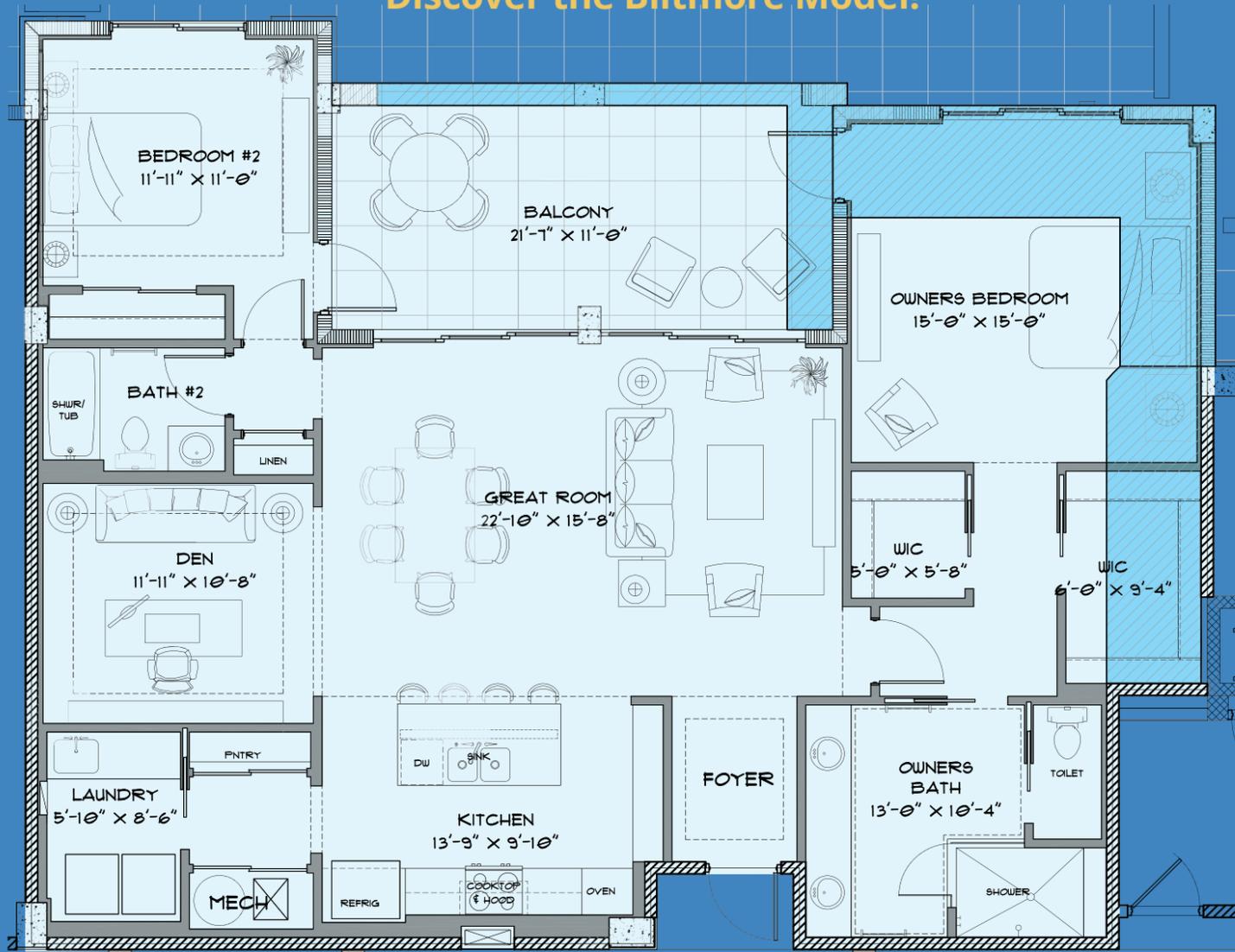
Jones is a Certified General Manager, one of only 1,200 in the country. The Manchester, England native has worked in the cities of London and Atlanta, as well as on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean. More than 20 years ago he moved to Naples and has been associated with some of the finest Beach and Golf Clubs in the area.

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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Grassroots competition  
a fun part of annual conference  
of Florida architects



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Donald Yoshino and Miyuki Tsujimura work on their entry in the Drink and Draw partner category.

BY NANCY STETSON

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**S**O A BUNCH OF ARCHITECTS WALK INTO A BAR ... It sounds like the setup for a joke, but it's the basis of an honored tradition at the yearly conference of the Florida chapter of American Institute of Architects: the Drink and Draw.

It involves three major elements: architects, cocktail napkins and drinks. Lots of drinks.

The grassroots competition is the brainchild of West Palm Beach urban designer/public artist Sherryl Muriente, MURP, Associate AIA, who came up with the idea four years ago.

Whenever architects get near paper — even napkins in a bar — they can't resist taking out their pens and sketching. It's as natural as

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## KidzAct kids present Roald Dahl classic

Set sail with an orphan boy and his insect friends on an amazing journey across the ocean on a giant piece of fruit when

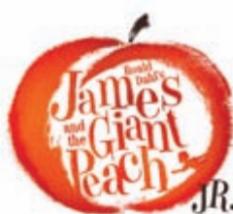
The Naples Players' KidzAct troupe presents "James and the Giant Peach Jr." The delightfully offbeat musical adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure tale takes the stage Friday through Sunday, Aug. 11-13, in the Tobbye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

"Behind its wit and whimsy, "James and the Giant Peach Jr." explores some sophisticated themes. How do we define

our family, and how do we start over after a big loss?" Craig Price, TNP director of education, says. "James is a child put in a remarkable situation, and with the help and support of some new friends he is able to achieve great things.

"Similarly, these KidzAct students are working together in extraordinary ways to present this musical."

Thirty KidzAct actors ages 9-14 have spent the past few weeks working on



the production with Mr. Price, choreographer Lauren Raleigh and musical director Lisa Federico. The novel's adaptation for the stage is brought to life with music and lyrics by the Tony-nominated songwriters Justin Paul and Benj Pasek and book by Timothy Allen McDonald.

James (played by Brian Boland) is a young orphan who finds a loving fam-

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## FLORIDA WRITERS

### Startling tales of America's Cold War sailors revealed



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■ **“Cold Water Canoe Club” by Jeffery Hess. Down & Out Books. 292 pages. Trade paperback, \$16.95.**

I can't think of another short story collection that I've read in recent years that's given me such a jolt of vicarious experience and insight. Original, fraught with every kind of pain, clear-sighted and despairing, Jeffery Hess' book — a group of 15 stories focused on the lives of Navy seamen during the Cold War — takes us to external and internal places that most of us have been able to avoid. And that avoidance has distanced us from people, whole swaths of society, we have unwittingly depended on to keep us safe — and even prosperous.

Given today's concerns about America's conflicts and rivalries with Vladimir Putin's Russia, these stories take on an added dimension of relevance. In addition, they are amazingly well-written,

filled with an abundance of explosive imagery and presented through unmistakably authentic first- or third-person voices (with perhaps a bit of literary overlay on and around these voices).

The lives of shipboard sailors on patrol in potentially dangerous parts of the world are lives of confinement and compression. Their tasks as communications experts, engineers or electricians are tedious and tense. They perform maintenance, make repairs when necessary and prepare to meet emergencies.

A ship is a dangerous place even when not under fire; so many things can go disastrously wrong. Such things happen in the stories of “The Cold Water Canoe Club.”

These sailors are confined spatially, socially and often spiritually. They depend on one another and yet can learn to both love and hate their workmates. The compression demands release: port days with a bit of time off, prostitutes and all the drugs and alcohol one can manage or mismanage.

Mr. Hess begins with an early marker of the background history, a story set in 1949 near the outset of the Cold War, and then moves us forward through the following decades, beyond the Cuban Missile Crisis and up to the Reagan presidency's achievement. He takes us to Lebanon, Turkey, Manila, Naples, Guam and other places where a U.S. fighting ship might go — or stop.



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# FLORIDA WRITERS

Through flashbacks and other devices, the author sets these mostly young men into their larger lives: the kind of towns and families they come from, the marriages they have entered and exited, their relationships with the officer class they serve under, race relationships, the ambitions they've put on hold, the children they hardly know, the injuries and other physical hardships that have aged them, and the inertia — or is it momentum? — that keeps them going.

He offers enough telling scenes of his characters' stateside domestic lives so that readers can feel the interweaving, often chilling, cause-and-effect vibration between ship life and home life.

The language Mr. Hess' creations use is filled with political incorrectness. Offenses against bourgeois propriety reign. We might be embarrassed to find ourselves in their company, yet Mr. Hess allows us to come close them, to empathize, respect and even admire them. Of course, not all of them.

Even though the characters' circumstances have so much in common, Mr. Hess manages to individualize them skillfully and knowingly. Though male characters dominate, the several important female characters are given the same care, the same verisimilitude and distinctive-

ness and pitch perfect voices.

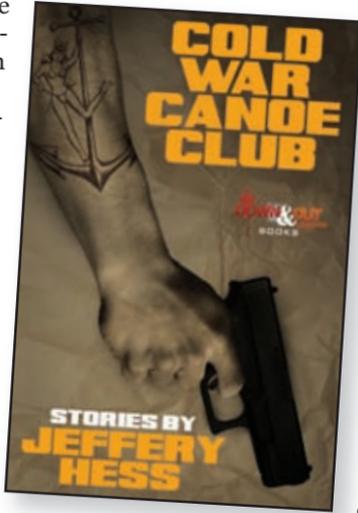
"Cold Water Canoe Club" is an unusual adventure, at once roughhewn, raw, sophisticated and lyrical. Be prepared.

### About the author

Jeffery Hess is the author of the novel "Beachhead" as well as the editor of the award-winning anthologies "Home of the Brave: Stories in Uniform" and "Home of the Brave: Somewhere in the Sand." Prior to earning a master's in creative writing from Queens University of Charlotte, N.C., and a bachelor's degree in English from the University of South Florida, he served aboard the Navy's oldest and newest ships. He has published numerous short stories that recall this period of his life.

Mr. Hess has held writing positions at a daily newspaper, a Fortune 500 company and a university-based research center. He lives in Tampa, where he writes and leads the DD-214 Writers' Workshop for military veterans. ■

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



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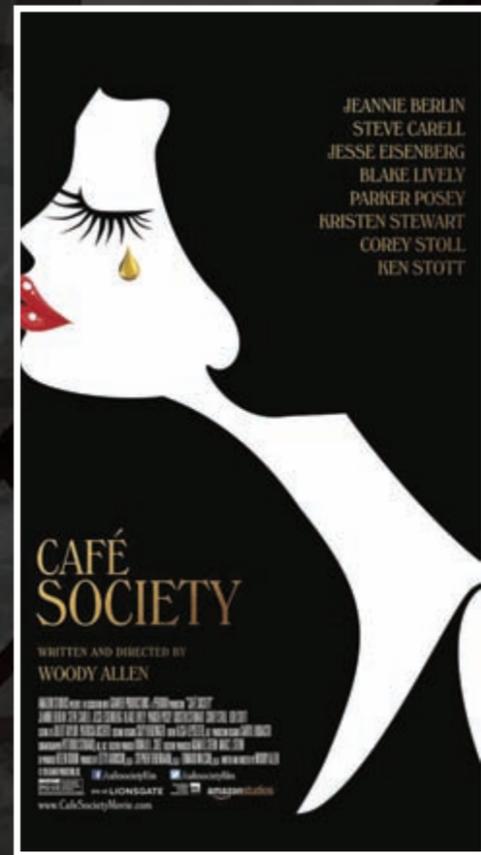
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# DRAW

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talking.

So why not transform that impulse into a friendly competition?

When the Florida AIA planning committee was working on the 2014 conference, Ms. Muriente says, "We wanted to have a happy hour with a purpose, where people would have to draw to get a prize—which was a free drink. We put it into the program as part of the convention."

Part of the idea was to encourage networking so that AIA members from around the state could get to know one another. And when architects draw together, she adds, "You really come to your core and you understand each other."

It would also be a friendly way for more experienced and younger architects to mingle.

Twenty-five conference attendees showed up for the first Drink and Draw. The conference was in Miami that year and was so successful it became a tradition. The second Drink and Draw took place in Boca Raton, the third in West Palm Beach.

And the fourth occurred recently at the Naples Grande Beach Resort in Naples.

The event has changed somewhat since it started.

Instead of a noisy, crowded bar, about 100 architects gathered in a hotel ballroom. A sponsor, Graphisoft Archicad, provided pens and drink coasters on which to draw. Some architects bemoaned the loss of napkins, which provide more space and can even be opened up for panoramic sketches.

They were given four categories in which to compete: Best Partner Sketch (two people drawing together), Best



Judge Lourdes Solera selects an entry as a possible winner.

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Donald Yoshino wins the overall prize. He is shown with judge Amie Calisti.

Section of a Building, Best Elevation of an Interior or Exterior Building and Best Realistic 3-D Rendering. They had 10 minutes to create a drawing and pin their work to a bulletin board. If they wanted to make more drawings during that time, they could. They just had to be done within 10 minutes' time.

Three judges would determine the

winners: Virgil Campaneria, AIA, and Lourdes Solera, AIA, both of Miami; and Amie Calisti, Associate AIA, of West Palm Beach.

As the evening progressed and the libations flowed, the event grew more raucous. Architects tried to beat the clock. After running to pin up their drawing, they'd hover around the boards to see what their professional peers had created.

"Draw responsibly!" Ms. Muriente cajoled them.

"There is no bribing of the judges," she told them at another point. "No extra drinks!"

Some images showed an economy

of line, while others were full of detail. Drawings were highly technical, whimsical, realistic or imaginary. One winning drawing showed the cross-section of a waterfall. Another, which seemed to be just a curvy line and an arrow, was actually a drawing of the back of a female nude.

The judges declared the need for a new category: WTF. They also asked for submissions for Best Representation of Graphisoft.

A Best in Show award was given to Don Yoshino, an accomplished artist as well as an architect, who received a \$100 gift certificate from Graphisoft. He decided to pay it forward by holding



Entries for the the Drink and Draw.



Entries for the first three competitions in the Drink and Draw.

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his own impromptu contest for young architects (those licensed for 10 years or less) and associates (those on the path to licensure) He asked them to draw a person, either a full figure or a face. The winner would receive his \$100 gift certificate.

You could feel a shiver of excitement run through the room at this unexpected twist of events: the Drink and Draw wasn't over! There was yet another competition.

Ten minutes later, Mr. Yoshino thoughtfully looked over the entries and chose the winner: a close-up of an eyeball.

"Drawing by hand takes you back to the first reason of why you want to become an architect," Ms. Muriente said at the end of the evening. "And this is why we do this ... to remember that this is where we started, drawing by hand."

Joyce Owens, Florida AIA president and principal of Architecture Joyce Owens, said architecture and the ability to sketch go hand-in-hand.

"If you can't draw the space that you imagine, you won't be a good architect," Ms. Owens said. "Drawing is an architect's opportunity to explore space, light and shade, structure and form, without restraint.

"And, it's our most valuable communication tool, because it can inspire others with our conceptual ideas." ■



Judges Amie Calisti, Lourdes Solera and Virgil Campaneria start a discussion about the double meaning of an entry signed "Picasso." Is it an arrow on a wall or a female nude?



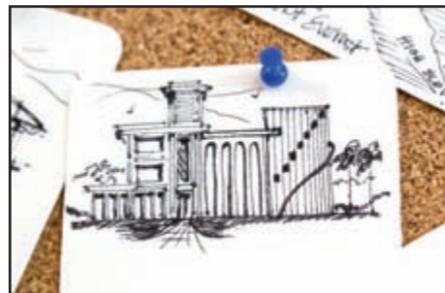
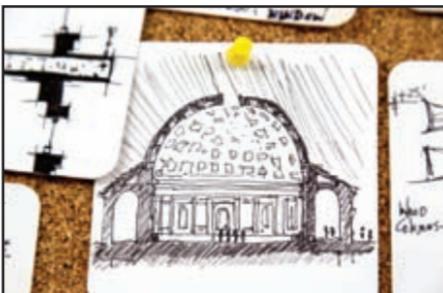
Entries for the the Drink and Draw.



Brian Gladden pins his drawing on the board.



Sherryl Muriente, moderator of the contest and inventor of the game, explains the rules and keeps the group on task.



Overall Winner by Donald Yoshino is marked by expert penmanship appearing to be a watercolor brush. Contestants display their talents through a wide variety of drawing styles and design ideas.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## THEATER

**James and the Giant Peach** – By KidzAct of The Naples Players Aug. 11-13 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Women in Jeopardy** – By Theatre Conspiracy Aug. 11-26 at the Alliance for the Arts. 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. 936-3239 or [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org).

**The Smell of the Kill** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through Aug. 20. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or [LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com](http://LaboratoryTheaterFlorida.com).

**Mary Poppins** – By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Aug. 12. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

**She Kills Monsters** – By The Naples Players Oct. 11-Nov. 5 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Paradise** – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 14-29 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org).

**Sex Please We're Sixty** – By The Marco Players Oct. 25-Nov. 12 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.marcoplayers.org](http://www.marcoplayers.org).

## THURSDAY 8.10

**Lit Lecture** – Hodges University hosts a talk about Astrid Lundgren, author of the Pippi Longstocking books, with university professor Wes Boozer from 10:45-11:45 p.m. at the Carlisle Naples. Free. 6945 Carlisle Court. 598-6140 or [www.hodges.edu](http://www.hodges.edu).

## FRIDAY 8.11

**Art Awards** – Naples Art Association hosts an awards ceremony, reception and live music by Joel Osment for “Your Choice 2017,” the annual exhibition of NAA member works, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exhibition will hang through Sept. 29. \$10. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

**Ma Belle** – Liverpool Live performs a tribute to The Beatles from 6-10 p.m. at Southwest Florida Events Center. \$25-\$75. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or [www.swflpac.com](http://www.swflpac.com).

## SATURDAY 8.12

**To Market, To Market** – Third Street South hosts a farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

**Live Opera** – Silverspot Cinema at Mercato screens a live performance of the Royal Opera House production of Verdi’s “Otello” at 10 a.m. \$25-\$26. 592-0300 or [www.silverspot.net](http://www.silverspot.net).

**Nature Film** – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida screens Disney-nature’s “Wings of Life” at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

**Stand-Up Guy** – Comedian Gary Owen (“The Gary Owen Show,” “Think Like A Man”) hits the stage at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight and Sunday, Aug. 13. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or [www.offthehook-comedy.com](http://www.offthehook-comedy.com).



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Silverspot Cinema at Mercato screens a live performance of the Royal Opera House production of Verdi’s “Otello” starring tenor Jonas Kaufmann starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12. [www.silverspot.net](http://www.silverspot.net).

## SUNDAY 8.13

**Rise and Shine** – Experimental Aircraft Association 1067- Naples hosts an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet from 8-11 a.m. at Naples Municipal Airport. \$5, benefits the EAA Young Eagles program. 649-6627 or visit [www.eaa1067.com](http://www.eaa1067.com).

**Beach Treasures** – Set out with a guide at Delnor-Wiggins State Park and learn about seashells, sea creatures and tidal movement at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or [www.floridastateparks.gov](http://www.floridastateparks.gov).

**Classic Film** – Paragon Pavilion hosts a 50th anniversary screening of “Bonnie & Clyde” (1967) starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway at 2 and 7:10 p.m. \$15. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or [www.paragontheatres.com](http://www.paragontheatres.com).

**RAWR!** – Silverspot Cinema screens the adventure classic “Jurassic Park” (1993) at 2 and 7 p.m. 592-0300 or [www.silverspot.net](http://www.silverspot.net).

**Foreign Film** – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy screens “My Life as a Zucchini” (France, 2016) at 2 p.m. After losing his mother, a young boy is sent to a foster home with other orphans his age and learns the meaning of love and trust. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu).

## MONDAY 8.14

**Songwriter Showcase** – The Marco Players present singer/songwriter Andy Wahlberg in concert at 7 p.m. followed by a reception, Q&A and jam session until 10 p.m. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com).

**Films for Film Lovers** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Women on the 6th Floor” (France, 2010) at 7 p.m. In 1960s Paris, a conservative couple’s lives are turned upside down by two Spanish maids. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## TUESDAY 8.15

**For The Birds** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning center hosts a light breakfast and lecture about citizen science from 9-10:30 a.m. \$10 for members, \$15 for others. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org).

**Poetry and Piano** – Florida Poet Laureate Peter Meinke and composer

William Dawson Jr. present their original collaborations at 7 p.m. at Naples United Church of Christ. Performances by soprano Steffanie Pearce, soprano Nadia Marshall, baritone Christopher Holloway and pianist Richard Bosworth. \$40. 5200 Crayton Road. 646-734-8179 or [www.grandpianoseries.com](http://www.grandpianoseries.com).

## WEDNESDAY 8.16

**Wild Wednesdays** – Naples Botanical Garden’s conservation team leads a walk through the garden’s natural areas in the Smith Upland Preserve from 9-10 a.m. Free with regular admission. 643-4737 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

**Lifelong Learning** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a behind-the-scenes native orchid tour from 10 a.m. to noon. \$15 for members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.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](http://www.riptidebrewingcompany.com).

**Crystal Clear** – The Gypsy Sea Witch hosts a crystal bowl meditation at 7 p.m. at Koreshan State Historic Site. \$15-\$20, must pre-register at website. 754- 444-9779 or [www.thegypsyeawitch.com](http://www.thegypsyeawitch.com).

## COMING UP

**The Elders** – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a guided walk to see the preserve’s strand of ancient bald cypress knees from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 17. \$10-\$25. 348-9151 or [www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org).

**SUP Dudes** – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a beginning paddle boarding lesson at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, with instructors from Naples Beach Adventures. \$15, plus park entry fee. Reservations required. 431-0958 or [www.naplesbeachadventures.com](http://www.naplesbeachadventures.com).

**Third Thursday** – Musicians Steve and Shelley perform from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Third Street South’s Fleischmann Courtyard. Free. 434-6533 or [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

**SummerJazz on the Gulf** – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Gloria West and The Gents when the 32nd season of SummerJazz on the Gulf concerts continues from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19. Free. 261-2222 or [www.naplesbeachhotel.com](http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com).

**Eurocentric** – Opera Naples hosts

a Eurofest celebration featuring Italian cuisine and music at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Ristorante Ciao. \$90. 835 Fourth Ave. S. 963-9050 or [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org).

**Bridal Blast** – Southwest Florida’s best wedding vendors converge from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, at Germain Arena to offer their services to local brides-to-be. \$5, brides can enter for prizes, including a honeymoon to Turks & Caicos, on the website. [www.bridalblastfla.com](http://www.bridalblastfla.com).

**Partial Eclipse of the Sun** – Headquarters Regional Library supplies a limited number of solar eclipse glasses from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, for people who want to view the Great American Solar Eclipse. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or [www.collierlibrary.org](http://www.collierlibrary.org).

**Songwriter Showcase** – The Marco Players hosts “Sawgrass” Cindy Hackney in concert at 7 p.m. followed by a reception, Q&A and jam session until 10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com).

**Cast A Net** – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a session on cast netting for bait at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or [www.floridastateparks.gov](http://www.floridastateparks.gov).

**Songwriter Showcase** – The Marco Players presents singer/songwriter Joerey Ortiz in concert at 7 p.m. followed by a reception, Q&A and jam session until 10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28. \$30-\$35. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com).

**Piano Concert** – Pianist Bryan Wallick performs works by Liszt, Bach, Brahms and Albeniz from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at Shangri-La Springs. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 646-734-8179 or [www.grandpianoseries.com](http://www.grandpianoseries.com).

**Turtle Time** – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park presents a talk about sea turtles at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or [www.floridastateparks.gov](http://www.floridastateparks.gov).

**Art Celebration** – Florida Gulf Coast University hosts an art walk with multiple exhibitions to celebrate the school’s 20th anniversary from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. Events include a curator’s talk, reception for the exhibition “20 Years: The Creation of FGCU” and a final reception and performance at the ArtLab Library. 590-7199 or [www.art-gallery.fgcu.edu](http://www.art-gallery.fgcu.edu).

**Art, Drink and Be Merry** – Naples Art Association invites guests to sip wine while instructors help them complete an acrylic painting from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. \$50. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

**Om in the Swamp** – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a meditation session with spiritual guide Bethanny Gonzalez from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, in the preserve’s natural amphitheater. \$10-\$20. 348-9151 or [www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org).

**Free Concert** – Rockin’ Horse performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

**Free Film** – Mercato screens “The Angry Birds Movie” (2016) on the lawn at sunset on Tuesday, Sept. 13. When an island populated by happy, flightless birds is visited by mysterious green piggies, it’s up to three unlikely outcasts to figure out what the porkers are up to. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**SummerJazz on the Gulf** – Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Late Night Brass when the 32nd season of SummerJazz on the Gulf concerts concludes from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. Free. 261-2222 or [www.naples-beachhotel.com](http://www.naples-beachhotel.com).

**Third Thursday** – Love Hunter performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Third Street South's Fleischmann Courtyard. Free. 434-6533 or [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

**Nosh & Shop** – Waterside Shops hosts the fifth annual Craving Fashion culinary and fashion event where guests can see the latest fashions available at retailers and enjoy bites from dozens of area restaurants from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. Proceeds benefit United Way of Collier County. 598-1605 or [www.watersideshops.com](http://www.watersideshops.com).

**Art ALIVE** – The museums and studios of Naples Art District, located behind Airport-Pulling and Pine Ridge Roads, open their doors to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4. Over forty professional artists will showcase their recent works and demonstration their medium. Free. 596-5099 or [www.naplesartdistrict.com](http://www.naplesartdistrict.com).

**Wicked Game** – Rock 'n' roll crooner Chris Isaak performs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. \$43-\$63. 481-4849 or [www.bbmanpah.com](http://www.bbmanpah.com).

**Met Live** – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Bellini's "Norma" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct 7. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or [www.paragontheaters.com](http://www.paragontheaters.com).

**Met Live** – Paragon Pavilion screens a live Metropolitan Opera performance of Mozart's "Die Zauberflote" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. \$18-\$24. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or [www.paragontheaters.com](http://www.paragontheaters.com).

**American Pie** – Don McLean performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, at Southwest Florida Events Center. \$52-\$77. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or [www.swflpac.com](http://www.swflpac.com).

**Youth Day** – Koreshan State Historic Site hosts Youth Empowerment Day with a fishing clinic, self-defense demonstrations, guided hikes and more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Free with park entry fee. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 992-0311 or [www.floridastateparks.gov](http://www.floridastateparks.gov).

**Free Film** – Mercato screens "Legally Blonde" (2001) on the lawn at sunset on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Elle Woods follows her ex-boyfriend to law school and figures out there's more to her than good looks. Free. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

**Tribute Concert** – Southwest Florida Event Center hosts a dinner show featuring Van Halen tribute band Completely Unchained from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20. \$25-\$75. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or [www.swflpac.com](http://www.swflpac.com)

**How Does Your Garden Grow?** – Naples Yard & Garden Show hosts vendors, horticultural experts, lectures and more from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at Collier Extension Services. \$5. 14700 Immokalee Road. 352-4800. ■

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

#SWFL TOP PICKS

11.8

■ Naples Art Association hosts a reception and awards presentation for its annual members-only "Your Choice" exhibition from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday. Pictured here are: Mila Bridger's "Painting of the Sunset" and Carl Clark's "Isle of Palms." (Inset)

— [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org)

8.10-13

■ Things get dicey when **Gary Owen** steps up to the mic at Off The Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday.

— [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com)

8.13

## #HEAR IT

■ Harp guitarist **Andy Wahlberg** is next up when the J. Roberts Songwriter Showcase continues from 6:30-10 p.m. Monday at The Marco Players Theater.

— [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com)

■ Paragon Pavilion hosts a 50th anniversary screening of "Bonnie & Clyde" (1967) starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway at 2 and 7:10 p.m. Sunday. \$15. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road.

— [www.paragontheaters.com](http://www.paragontheaters.com)

8.13

8.11-13

■ KidzAct, The Naples Players' company of young actors, presents "James and the Giant Peach Jr." Friday through Sunday in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. See story on page C1.

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James Boland, center, stars as the young orphan who is the title character in "James and the Giant Peach Jr." Christina Young, left, and Addison Smith star as his conniving aunts.

## PEACH

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ily in a most peculiar way. Sent by his mean, conniving aunts Spiker (Addison Smith) and Sponge (Christina Young) to chop down their old fruit tree, the boy discovers a magic potion that results in a tremendous peach occupied by some not-so-normal characters.

From the center of the gigantic fruit, James and an unlikely crew of insects including a grasshopper (Camden Karen), a spider (Lila Mastro), an earthworm (Jayden Serna) and a centipede (Phillip Hajjar) launch a journey of enormous proportions. Together they

discover that while we are all born into a family, we go on to create a family of our own.

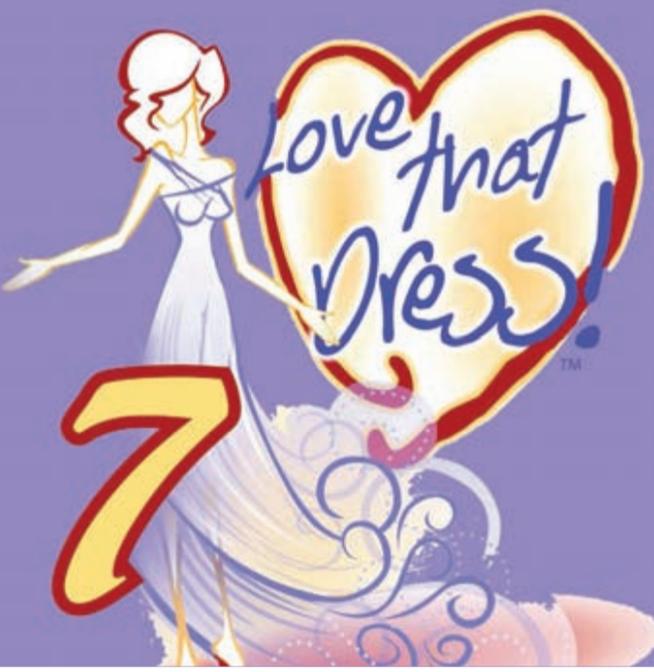
"By the end of the show we all learn a little something about each other and ourselves," Mr. Price says. ■

in the know

**'James and the Giant Peach Jr.'**

- >> **Who:** KidzAct of The Naples Players
- >> **When:** 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-12; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13
- >> **Where:** The Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **Cost:** \$20 (\$10 for students and educators)
- >> **Info:** 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

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Opera Naples holds auditions for its chorus and its student apprentice program on Sunday and Tuesday, Aug. 26 and 28, at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center, 2408 Linwood Ave.

Chorus auditions are for adults. No opera experience is necessary. Those auditioning should prepare one vocal song and bring sheet music. Paid positions are available for qualified individuals. The chorus will be involved in the following productions this coming season:

■ "Madama Butterfly," Friday, Nov. 3, at Artis—Naples.

■ "L'elisir d'amore," Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, at the Wang Opera Center.

■ "Le nozze di Figaro," Thursday, May 10, at Artis—Naples.

All three productions will be sung in Italian. Rehearsals begin in mid-September and take place Monday evenings and select Saturday afternoons at the Wang

Opera Center.

Children and youth between the ages of 7-20 are invited to audition for ON student apprentice program that gives one-on-one training encounters and performance opportunities. Participants prepare and perform solos and small ensembles but also sing as a youth chorus for various events including the annual ON gala and CAPA's Rising Stars concerts. Many of the students participate in ON's "Sing for Smiles" group that performs at assisted living facilities throughout the area.

Admission to the student apprentice program is determined by audition and interview. Participation is free.

To schedule an audition or for more information, email ON chorus master Robin Frank at rfrank@operanaples.org. Information can also be found at operanaples.org/auditions/. Auditions at later dates are available by appointment. ■



# 'Elf' tryouts on tap for KidzAct

KidzAct of The Naples Players holds auditions for the holiday production of "Elf the Musical Jr." by appointment from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 22-24, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Young thespians ages 8-18 are invited to try out.

The show is based on the classic holiday film that follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity.

Those who hope to win a part should prepare 32 bars of a song to sing (bring

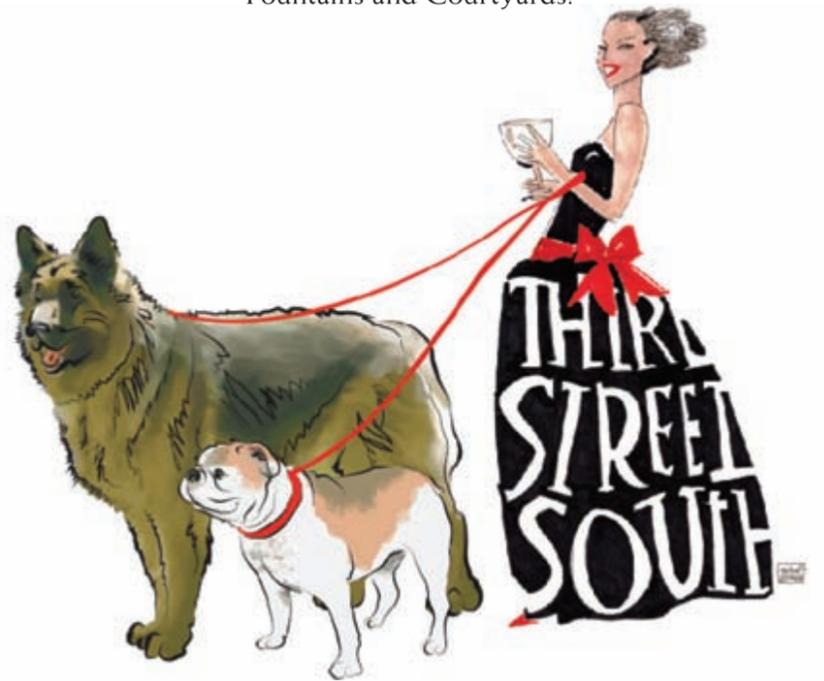
sheet music; an accompanist will be provided). The audition process also includes learning/performing a short choreographed dance and reading a scene.

Rehearsals for "Elf the Musical Jr." begin Sept. 14. Matinee and evening performances are set for select dates Dec. 2-11.

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# ARTS COMMENTARY

## Jack Frost nipping at your nose ... and everything else



There's no hell like being forced to socialize with people you don't like — unless it's being married to someone you can't stand

That's the fate of Debra, Nicky and Molly in Laboratory Theater's "The Smell of the Kill." The three women are married to men who have been buddies since college. The couples get together monthly, rotating homes. They've been doing it for years.

But the wives don't really like each other and have only the most superficial of relationships. And as for their husbands (who remain off-stage and are only heard, never seen) — well, they're condescending jerks who boss their wives around.

One's a control freak, checking on with his wife every two hours. One's an adulterer, and the other is under indictment for embezzlement. Not exactly candidates for Husband of the Year.

The embezzler, who likes to hunt and kill defenseless animals for sport, has just spent \$8,000 on a meat locker in his basement. While showing it to his buddies, he and his friends accidentally lock themselves inside it.

When the wives realize this, they're faced with a dilemma: Do they get their husbands out, or do they let them freeze to death?

The play by Michele Lowe got off to a bumpy start at Lab Theater. The women playing the wives each have a different hair color: platinum blonde, red and brunette, which makes you think the characters might be stereotypes too. Opening lines were hard to hear, as the characters clattered dishes and plates. (Some lines later on were also difficult to catch, as the audience was laughing and drowning them out. I trust the actors will learn to pause to accommodate the laughter.)

The concept of having the husbands in the next room, calling out through a door that opened when they spoke, was also frustrating. The men sometimes sounded as if they were talking out of a tin can. It also wasn't totally clear what the men were doing: watching football or golf on the TV? Also practicing golf shots?



COURTESY PHOTO

Tera Nicole Miller, Lucy Sundby and Jessica Walck star in "Smell of the Kill" as women who share a growing disdain for their husbands.

But soon enough, the play found its feet, as the women bickered and sniped, then gossiped about each other whenever one of them left the room.

The action all takes place in a big kitchen in a \$1.2 million house in Winnetka, Ill. The set by Michael Eyth is one of the Lab Theater's more accomplished sets, complete with a refrigerator, stove and an island with a sink. (Though I wish the walls had been painted a more sophisticated color. If you'd added more tables, it would've looked like the setting of a Mexican restaurant chain.) A more surreal kitchen would've been fun and fitting for this offbeat play.

This dark comedy is light fare, but despite myself, I began liking these women, even though they are not totally likeable characters. They're wealthy and entitled and thoroughly shallow, but they have enough funny lines that I began to laugh. Consistently.

The actresses definitely help elevate the material.

Tera Nicole Miller plays Debra, a

sophisticated real estate agent who looks down her nose at the other two, like a classic Hitchcockian blonde ice queen. It's entertaining to see her break down onstage.

Jessica Walck is Molly, the ditzy wife whose face clouds when she has to think. She's so moneyed that she thinks being poor means you have to drive a Ford Focus.

Rounding out the trio is Lucy Sundby as Nicky, the wife of the embezzler and the evening's hostess. A new mother, she's competent, but she's also full of rage. And boy, is she full of surprises. She's also the character I'd most like to hang out with, though part of that might have to do with the fact that she's an editor.

Director Carmen Crussard has cast this show well and despite the material, keeps the play more theatrical than sitcom-y. I wish she had smoothed out some of the play's rough edges, however, and made the men's dialogue clearer.

As the evening wears on in this one-

act play, the wine flows and more secrets are revealed.

Will the women rescue the men, or will they just let them freeze to death?

They discuss it. They argue vehemently.

"The Smell of the Kill" is deliciously wicked. I'm sure more than one husband in the audience slept with one eye open that night.

Is it high theater?

No.

Did it make me laugh?

Yes.

And you can't argue with that. ■

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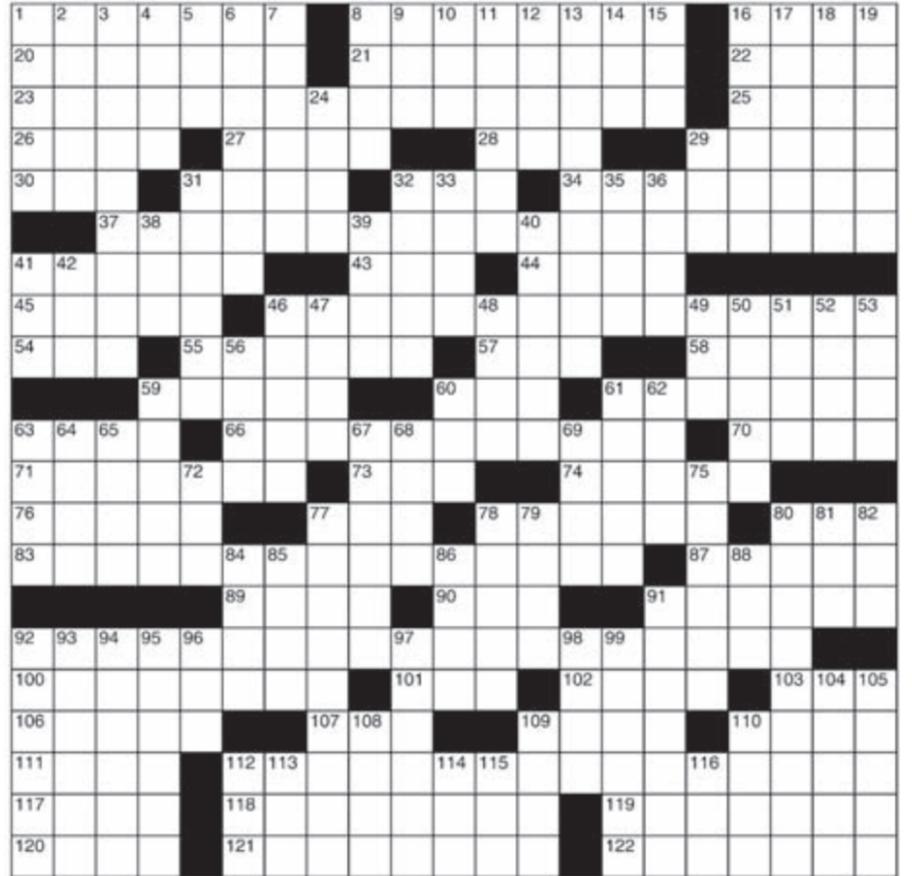


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  - 8 Part of VCR
  - 16 Snow clearer
  - 20 Saint who converted Scotland to Christianity
  - 21 Informal "Leave it to me"
  - 22 Roll-call call
  - 23 Public speech about unity?
  - 25 Dictator Idi D.C.
  - 26 D.C. baseball team
  - 27 Dog pests
  - 28 On the — (in hiding)
  - 29 Gun-carrying — — devil
  - 30 — devil
  - 31 Roster
  - 32 Canto or esprit lead-in
  - 34 Big online dating site
  - 37 Japanese dancing girls being helpers?
  - 41 Shunned sort
  - 43 Hagen of the stage
  - 44 Former U.N. head Annan
  - 45 Citizen of Muscat
  - 46 Don't leave the Hoosier State?
  - 54 Method
  - 55 Walk atop
  - 57 "Wow!" in a text message
  - 58 Get via logic
  - 59 Reeves of Hollywood
  - 60 Dandy guy
  - 61 Substitute several parts
  - 63 Prefix meaning "both"
  - 66 Infant next to a famous British poet?
  - 70 Holders of holy tablets
  - 71 Observant
  - 73 French "yes"
  - 74 Atlanta university
  - 76 Came — (Mexican dish)
  - 77 Method: Abbr.
  - 78 Feta, e.g.
  - 80 English article
  - 83 Route for some travelers headed for Ohio from Ontario?
  - 87 Housing at 74-Across, e.g.
  - 89 London vehicle
  - 90 Hawaii's Mauna —
  - 91 Style of many ski chalets
  - 92 Police officer in a certain military posture?
  - 100 Having several parts
  - 101 They may be parked at KOA sites
  - 102 Dark film genre
  - 103 Seattle-to-Phoenix dir.
  - 106 Weed B Gon brand
  - 107 Stable diet?
  - 109 Followers of Attila
  - 110 Like two peas in —
  - 111 Miles of film
  - 112 What DNA paternity tests provide?
  - 117 Shah's home
  - 118 Assumed control of
  - 119 Polar light phenomena
  - 120 To be, to Tacitus
  - 121 Fireplace log supporters
  - 122 Adolescents, informally
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- 1 Holy relics
  - 2 Singer Jones
  - 3 Roofing color
  - 4 Mild rebukes
  - 5 Former U.K. record co.
  - 6 Nullify
  - 7 Pastry type
  - 8 French film
  - 9 In time past
  - 10 Prince, e.g.
  - 11 Artist Frank
  - 12 2015 erupter
  - 13 TV show opener, often
  - 14 "— a pity"
  - 15 19th letter
  - 16 Big — (drug companies)
  - 17 Actor Jack
  - 18 Get aligned
  - 19 Rival of Burger King
  - 24 Bi- times four
  - 29 Goya's field
  - 31 Act as a link
  - 32 Not — eye (show no reaction)
  - 33 Actor Morales
  - 35 Player of 45s
  - 36 "It's —!" ("That's just wrong!")
  - 38 A, in Berlin
  - 39 Japanese sport
  - 40 Like bikinis
  - 41 "Smack!"
  - 42 Org. for drs.
  - 46 Of kidneys
  - 47 Digital book file extension
  - 48 Tyro PC user
  - 49 Drop down
  - 50 Mosaic piece
  - 51 Miles off
  - 52 Tie locale
  - 53 Eros' father
  - 56 Perfume from Dana
  - 59 Fella
  - 60 Sticky-note initialism
  - 61 Juliet's flame
  - 62 Baseball's Slaughter
  - 63 At the drop of —
  - 64 "You've Made — Very Happy"
  - 65 Pooh, e.g.
  - 67 Cellist with 18 Grammys
  - 68 Total failure
  - 69 Marsh stalk
  - 72 Real admirer
  - 75 West Coast evergreen
  - 77 Hawaii achieved it in 1959
  - 78 Congeals
  - 79 Sun provision
  - 80 Take place
  - 81 "I wonder ..."
  - 82 Suffix of nationalities
  - 84 Certain Vette roof
  - 85 Uttered
  - 86 Kingly Norse name
  - 88 Pedro's gold
  - 91 In dispute
  - 92 Cheap flick
  - 93 Sirens, say
  - 94 Radicals
  - 95 Gas in fuel
  - 96 AFL- —
  - 97 Strive to get
  - 98 Adequate, in dialect
  - 99 Skim, maybe
  - 104 Sub finder
  - 105 Rims
  - 108 Golfer Isao
  - 109 — d'oeuvre
  - 110 Elvis —
  - 112 K-12 gp.
  - 113 Pal of Harry at Hogwarts
  - 114 Lacto- —
  - 115 Marsh
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## HOROSCOPES

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Watch that penchant for being super-judgmental at work. It might create a bad impression with someone whose decisions could determine the course of your career.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You've been your usual busy-bee self, gathering nectar wherever you can find it. But now's a good time to kick back, relax and just enjoy smelling the roses.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** That pesky personal situation seems to be improving. But change comes slowly, so be patient. Expect someone to bring more positive news by week's end.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Whoa. Ease up on that hectic pace you've been putting yourself through. Take time to recharge your energy levels before going full gallop again.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Try to be intrigued, not intimidated, by the issues you're suddenly facing, and you'll be ahead of the game. Don't be afraid to demand answers to your questions.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** New associates freezing you out of their inner circle? Never mind. Put a warm smile on that friendly face of yours, and you'll soon thaw them all down to size.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your wise guidance helps colleagues agree to compromise and move forward. Meanwhile, there are still vital issues you need to deal with in your personal life.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** As eager as you are to take on that new challenge, it would be best to temper that spurt of "Ram"-bunctious energy until you have more facts to back up your decision.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** This is a good time for hardworking Bovines to take a break from their hectic on-the-job schedules to bask in the unconditional love and support of friends and family.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Pay attention to what you hear in the workplace. You could pick up some hints about possible changes. Meanwhile, a new infusion of creative energy sets in by week's end.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Try to be more flexible in dealing with a suddenly difficult situation, whether it's on the job or in the home. Others might have some good points to offer. Listen to them.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy being free with your emotions, but you also can exercise disciplined focus. You would make a fine artist. ■

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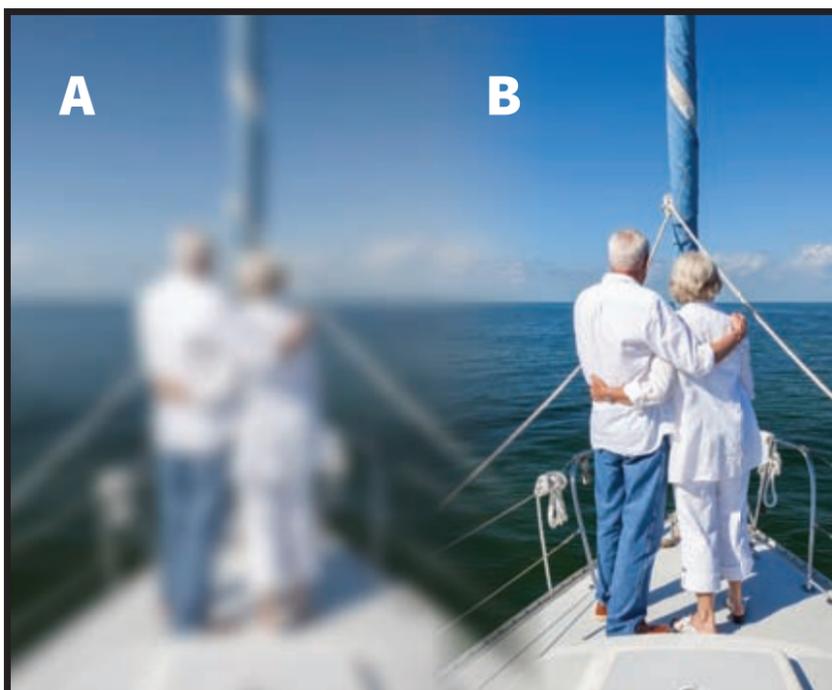


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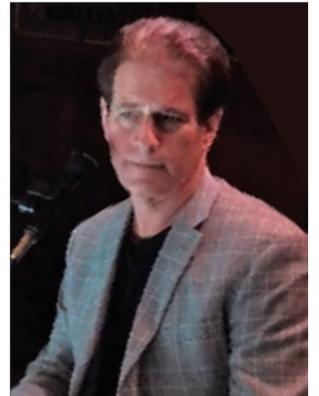
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## Art walk celebrates FGCU's 20 years

The Art Galleries of the Bower School of Music & the Arts and Florida Gulf Coast University Library present the 20th Anniversary Art Walk from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. The event celebrates the 20th anniversary of the opening of the university.

The walk will begin in the Wasmer Art Gallery with the 20/20: Art Alumni Exhibition. The 20 artists chosen for the exhibition represent the range of ideas and techniques the FGCU faculty and staff are proud to have helped shape. A curator talk will take place at 5:40 p.m. The exhibit runs through Sept. 21.

At 6 p.m., attendees will be invited to the FGCU library for the opening reception of 20 Years: The Creation of FGCU, in the Archives & Special Collections Gallery. Several guest speakers, including founding President Roy McTarnaghan, will share their FGCU experiences. The exhibition runs through Dec. 15.

The 20th Anniversary Art Walk will culminate with a reception and performance from 7-8 p.m. at the ArtLab Gallery.

For more information, visit [www.fgcu.edu](http://www.fgcu.edu). ■



## Entries sought for Bonita film fest

Southwest Florida filmmakers are encouraged to heed the call for entries for the fourth annual Bonita Springs Short Film Festival. In keeping with the 2017 theme of "Historic Bonita Springs," all submissions must include significant footage shot in Bonita Springs.

The competition is open to all ages and all levels of filmmaking experience, from novice to professional. There is no entry fee. Films must be rated PG and no more than 10 minutes in length.

Cash prizes will be awarded at the opening night gala Thursday, Nov. 2, at Prado Stadium 12 in Bonita Springs.

Overall Grand Prize is \$1,000; \$250 will be awarded for Best Technical Film, Best Educational Film, Best Aspiring Filmmaker (under age 18) and People's Choice Award (to be voted for at the gala).

Bonita Springs Film Festival organizers provide technical support with cameras, audio, editing and free workshops. The next workshops are set for Aug. 26 and Sept. 16. For more information, visit [www.bonitaspringsfilmfestival.com](http://www.bonitaspringsfilmfestival.com) or send an email to festival director Antonio Correia at [antonio@bonitavideo.com](mailto:antonio@bonitavideo.com). ■

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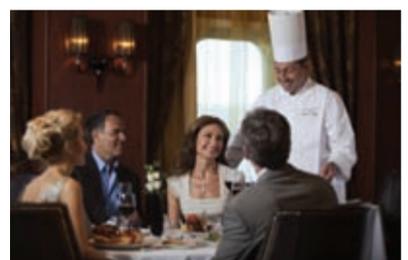
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# FILM CAPSULES

## Kidnap ★★

(Halle Berry, Sage Correa, Chris McGinn) A desperate mother (Ms. Berry) will stop at nothing to rescue her kidnapped son (Mr. Correa). The story is thin and the action is decent; too bad for Halle Berry that mediocrity is not good enough. Rated R.

Rated PG-13.

## Lost in Paris ★★★

(Fiona Gordon, Dominique Abel, Emmanuelle Riva) Canadian librarian Fiona (Ms. Gordon) has never left home, but ventures off to Paris after receiving a letter from her aunt (Ms. Riva) asking her to come. Hijinks and hilarity ensue. A silly French comedy in the style of Jacques Tati and the great silent comedians, it's quirky and playful in all the best ways. Not Rated (but nothing objectionable).

## Lady Macbeth ★★★½

(Florence Pugh, Cosmo Jarvis, Naomi Ackie) An unhappily married woman (Ms. Pugh) in mid-1800s England has an affair with a groundskeeper (Mr. Jarvis) and will stop at nothing to keep it going. The story is dark and twisted, but the real revelation is the emergence of Ms. Pugh, who is superb. Rated R.

## War for the Planet of the Apes ★★

(Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson, Judy Greer) After his wife and child are murdered, Caesar (Mr. Serkis), the leader of the apes, vows vengeance on the man who killed them (Mr. Harrelson). That's right: Caesar only wants revenge on one guy, so there's not much "war" here at all. It's one of the many letdowns in this third part of the new "Apes" trilogy. Rated PG-13.

## Atomic Blonde ★★★

(Charlize Theron, James McAvoy, Sofia Boutella) British Secret Agent Lorraine (Ms. Theron) is sent to Berlin in 1989 to retrieve a list of secret agents that's fallen into the wrong hands. The story is too complex for its own good, but the action scenes — especially one on a stairwell toward the end — are excellent. Rated R.

## Spider-Man: Homecoming ★★★

(Tom Holland, Robert Downey Jr., Michael Keaton) Spider-Man (Mr. Holland) must stop a black market arms dealer (Mr. Keaton) from selling alien technology to criminals. Solid action, humor and a winning performance from Mr. Holland in the title role make this thoroughly enjoyable summer fare. Rated PG-13. ■

## Dunkirk ★★★½

(Mark Rylance, Tom Hardy, Kenneth Branagh) The brave actions of individuals on land, at sea and in the air during the WWII Battle of Dunkirk are chronicled in director Christopher Nolan's ("Inception") latest. It's superb filmmaking per usual for Mr. Nolan: Briskly edited, great of use of sound and bold images that immerse you in the action.

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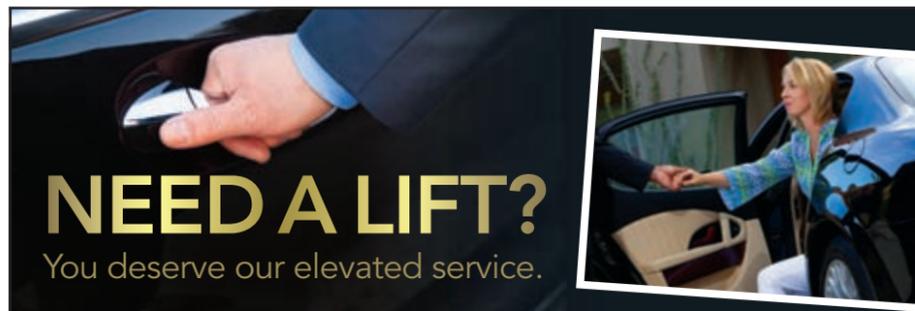
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### ★ Is it worth \$10? No

"The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature" is not just atrocious, it's insulting to the human race. Literally. The only decent humans in the film are the cops in the end; everyone else seems to come straight from hell.

Somewhere I feel like the filmmakers are laughing at the poor schleps who pay money to see their species get endlessly derided for 91 minutes. It's so egregious that even man's best friend, a dog, sides with life in the wild over the safety of domesticity.

In the 2014 original, Surly the purple squirrel (Will Arnett) spent most of the movie gaining access to a nut store. By the end he and his kind enjoyed free and complete rein to an endless supply of nuts, so all was well. At the start of "The Nut Job 2," the store blows up. Easy come, easy go.

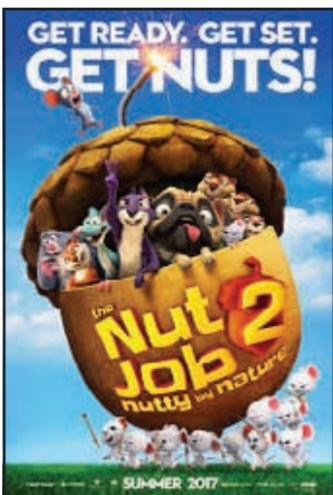
Now forced to scrounge for food in the park once again, Surly and his rat friend Buddy (Tom Kenny) soon have bigger problems: The evil mayor (Bobby Moynihan) wants to destroy their home and build an amusement park in its place. The mayor is so comically over-the-top villainous that his daughter (Isabela Moner) is a nightmare, he's avaricious with a maniacal laugh, and he drives on the sidewalk during traffic jams, recklessly endangering all in his way.

The animals, led by Surly and Andie (Katherine Heigl), fight back. They make life impossible for the construction workers, leading the mayor to call in a needlessly cruel exterminator (Peter Stormare). But let's pause here for a moment to grasp what's happening. The mayor, greedy as he may be, is trying to build something his citizens may enjoy. The animals are being displaced and are resisting the change, and director Cal Brunker has us siding with the animals even though we should be siding with the guy who wants to do a

nice thing for us humans.

It gets worse. The humans are odious throughout, but the damage and danger caused by the animals is nothing to laugh at (additionally, FYI, nothing in the movie is funny). Bulldozers topple over, an office trailer is destroyed, trucks are impossibly upended by a group of mice. All of these things endanger people who are just doing their jobs.

I know, I know. The animals are endangered too. But two wrongs don't make a right. And I know, I know. I'm talking about warped perspective in an animated film aimed solely at kids, and I seem to be taking it far too seriously. But the fact that this message is aimed at kids is why I'm taking it so seriously. Children are impressionable and naïve, and it's not a stretch to think they could walk out of "The



Nut Job 2" thinking all animals are friendly and need to be protected and all humans are evil and up to no good. Neither is true. Worse, they could believe that taking any measures necessary to protect animals is okay as long as you stop people from doing bad things. The inherent subjectivity in this is not accounted for, which means the extremes depicted make this a dangerous message to send.

Making it all worse is how tone-deaf writers Brunker, Bob Barlen and

Scott Bindley are. At one point the animals joke about hollowing out and killing trees. Irony, anyone? Worse, pug Frankie (Bobby Cannavale) mentions teaching his puppies "the skills they need to be competitive in the dog marketplace." For what? Frankie just chose to live in the wild, so what would his pups be in the competitive market for?

I've never seen a movie as blatantly anti-human as "The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature." If the intention was a message of environmental protection, it gets woefully lost. It's not just bad, it's derogatory to the very people who pay money to see it. Keep your integrity and avoid a movie that's giving you a middle finger. ■

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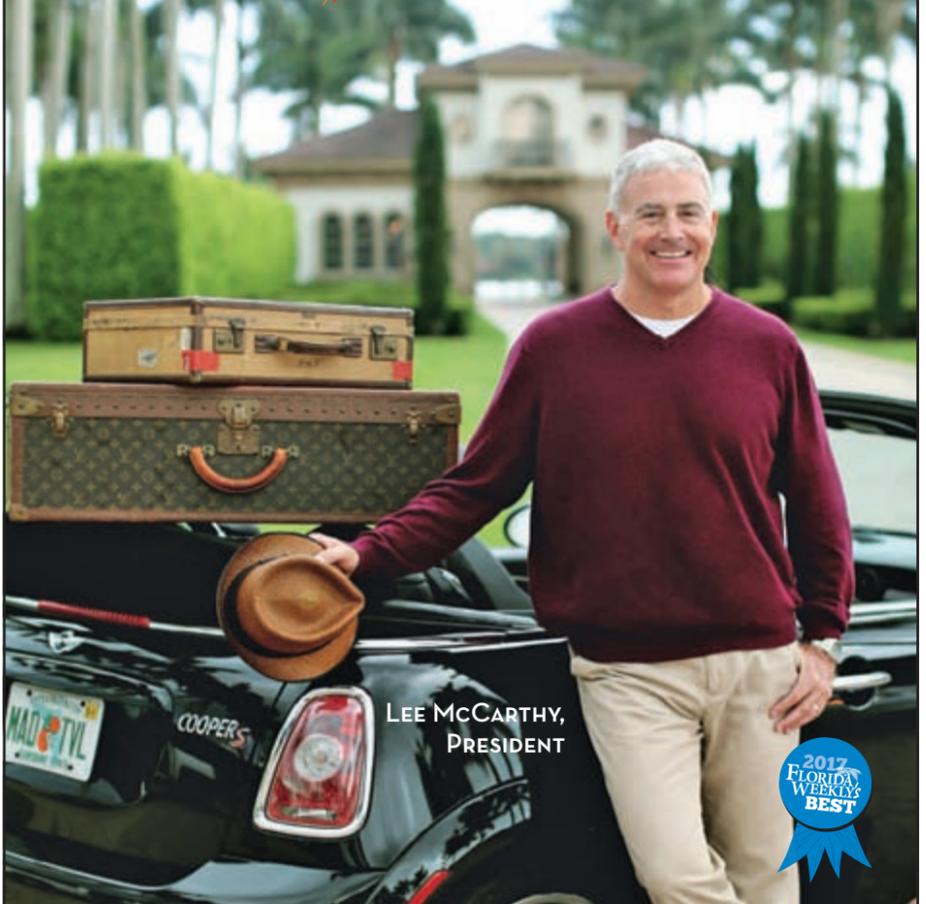
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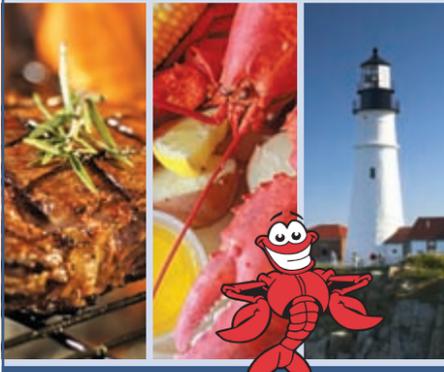
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■ **Waterside Shops** hosts the fifth annual Craving Fashion culinary and fashion event where guests can see the latest fashions available at retailers and enjoy bites from dozens of area restaurants from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22. Proceeds benefit United Way of Collier County. For more information as the date nears, call 598-1605 or visit [www.watersideshops.com](http://www.watersideshops.com).

■ The **Purple Party Masquerade** hosted by the NextGen Committee of The Shelter for Abused Women & Children takes place from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct.



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**PACE Center For Girls-Collier at Immokalee and White House Black Market present the seventh annual Love That Dress! from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets from \$30 for general admission to \$150 for VIPs are available at [www.lovethatdress.org](http://www.lovethatdress.org). Karina Nahmens is shown here having fun at the 2016 event.**

12, at Cavo Lounge. NextGen members and other young professionals gather to raise awareness to end domestic violence and human trafficking. Tickets are \$65 and include one drink (cash bar available), hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Lisa Hulme is this year's chair, and Mike Gebeau is vice-chair. For tickets or more information, including details about sponsorship opportunities, call Rebecca Thompson at

775-3862 or go to [www.naplesshelter.org/purpleparty](http://www.naplesshelter.org/purpleparty).

■ **Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida** honors its 2017 Business Hall of Fame-Collier County laureates during a dinner and awards ceremony Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.JAS-WFL.org](http://www.JAS-WFL.org).

■ High fashion collides with high art at **"Scene to be Seen: A Runway Art Show"** to benefit the Naples Art Association from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at Volvo Cars of Naples. Jewelry designer Amanda Jaron chairs the evening that will include a runway show, sales gallery and live auction featuring clothing and accessories for men and women by local artists and designers from Los Angeles, New York, the Philippines and Italy. In addition to A.Jaron Fine Jewelry and Volvo Cars of Naples, sponsors to date include Shula's at the Hilton Naples, Johnny Was, First Florida Integrity Bank, Gulfshore Life and Salons by JC. Tickets range from \$25 for students to \$150 for a VIP package. For tickets or more information, call the Naples Art Association at 262-6517, ext. 121.

■ The **Community Foundation of Collier County** hosts the 2017 Celebration of Philanthropy luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The following awards will be presented: The Robert C. Cosgrove Award, Patty and Jay Baker; the Harvey Kapnick Award, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Outstanding Corporate Philanthropy Award, Wynn's

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■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 19th annual Fashion Show & Luncheon: "The Real Housepets of Naples" at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Co-chairs are Philip Douglas and Doug Olsen. Tickets are \$200. Formal invitations will be mailed. For information about sponsorships, email Annemarie Zoller at [events@hsnaples.org](mailto:events@hsnaples.org).

■ **Youth Haven** holds its fourth annual Uncorked wine pairing event from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Mediterra Beach Club in Bonita Springs. Guests will catch stellar views of the sun setting over the Gulf of Mexico while enjoying wines from Napa Valley vintner Darioush, live entertainment, a raffle and silent auction. Tickets for \$150 go on sale Aug. 1 at [www.youthhavenswfl.org](http://www.youthhavenswfl.org).

■ The **2017 NCH Hospital Ball** takes place Saturday, Nov. 11, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The longest running annual gala in the history of Naples has been held for 59 years to raise funds and awareness for critical hospital programs and services. Invitations will be mailed this fall. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 624-2000.

■ Shops and restaurants at the **Village on Venetian Bay** do their part for Friends of Foster Children Forever during the annual "Sip & Sample" from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. For more information, call Gisela Estrada at 262-1808, email [gisela@friendsoffosterchildren.net](mailto:gisela@friendsoffosterchildren.net) or visit [www.friendsoffosterchildren.net](http://www.friendsoffosterchildren.net).

■ **Tea at the Ritz** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida takes place from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For tickets or more information as the date nears, call 992-9474, ext. 22, or email [lcolantonio@sflawish.org](mailto:lcolantonio@sflawish.org).

■ **CAPA Cultural and Performing Arts Center** holds its annual gala, "Hitting the Right Note," Monday evening, Jan. 8, 2018, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. For more information, call 775-2800 or email [info@capacenter.org](mailto:info@capacenter.org).

■ The **David Lawrence Center** celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. While numerous programs and events will mark the milestone throughout the year, the biggest of all will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala: "Puttin' on the Ritz" the evening of Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call Jennifer Denike at 304-3505, email [jenniferde@dclmhc.com](mailto:jenniferde@dclmhc.com) or visit [www.DLCgala.org](http://www.DLCgala.org).

■ The **Wishmaker's Ball** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 13, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For tickets or more information as the date nears, call 992-9474, ext. 22, or email [lcolantonio@sflawish.org](mailto:lcolantonio@sflawish.org).

■ **Youth Haven** kicks its annual fundraiser up a notch by turning next year's event into an evening affair. The "Soirée of the Season" is set for Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets go on sale in August. For more information, visit [www.youthhaven.org](http://www.youthhaven.org). ■

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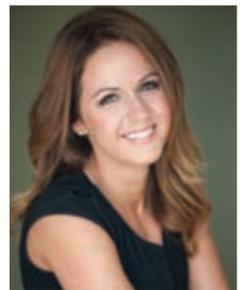
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# CELEBRITY EXTRA

## Good news about 'Good Behavior'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** Michelle Dockery is so wonderful in "Good Behavior." Will the show be back for another season?

— *Ali F., The Villages, Fla.*

**A:** Ten new episodes of the TNT hit drama based on a series of books by Blake Crouch and starring the "Downton Abbey" begin at 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Michelle is thief and con-artist Letty Raines, whose life is always one wrong turn or one bad decision away from implosion.

As the second season opens, Letty has patched things up with Javier (Juan Diego Botto) and reconciled with her mother, Estelle (Lusia Strus), who had long stood in the way of Letty getting custody of Jacob (Nyles Steele). On the run from FBI Agent Rhonda Lashever (guest star Ann Dowd), Letty, Javier and Jacob are heading for a new life trying to be normal. But the more Letty and Javier try to create a normal life, the more things go awry. Their attempt to build a better future for Jacob soon proves futile when something more dangerous than the FBI catches up with them: the past.

**Q:** I keep hearing talk about another season of "Arrested Development," but I can't get any confirmation. Do you know what's going on?

— *Linda R., via email*

**A:** We are indeed going to get a new season of the cult-hit niche comedy.



TURNER BROADCASTING / COURTESY PHOTO  
**Michelle Dockery**

Series star Jason Bateman (who plays Michael Bluth) recently tweeted that the cast will be back in production in August. Of course, it took a little while to align busy shooting schedules because of everyone's other projects, but the next season is finally coming together. I am happy to report that season five, with 17 episodes and the full original cast, will return to Netflix sometime in 2018. ■

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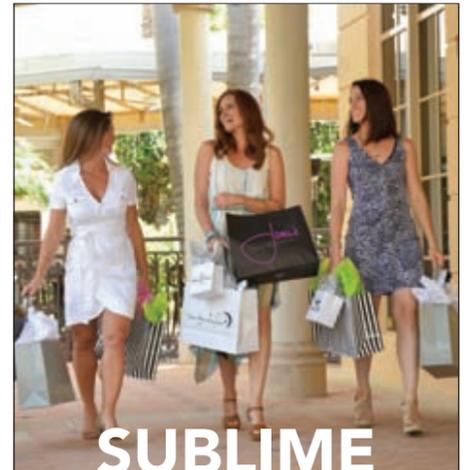
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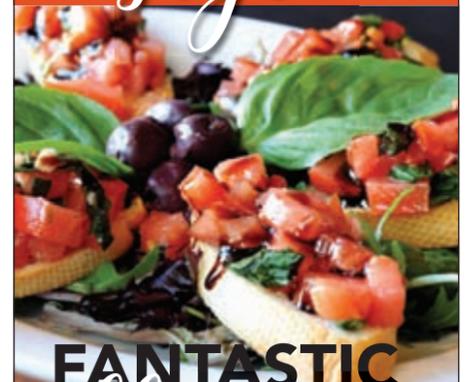
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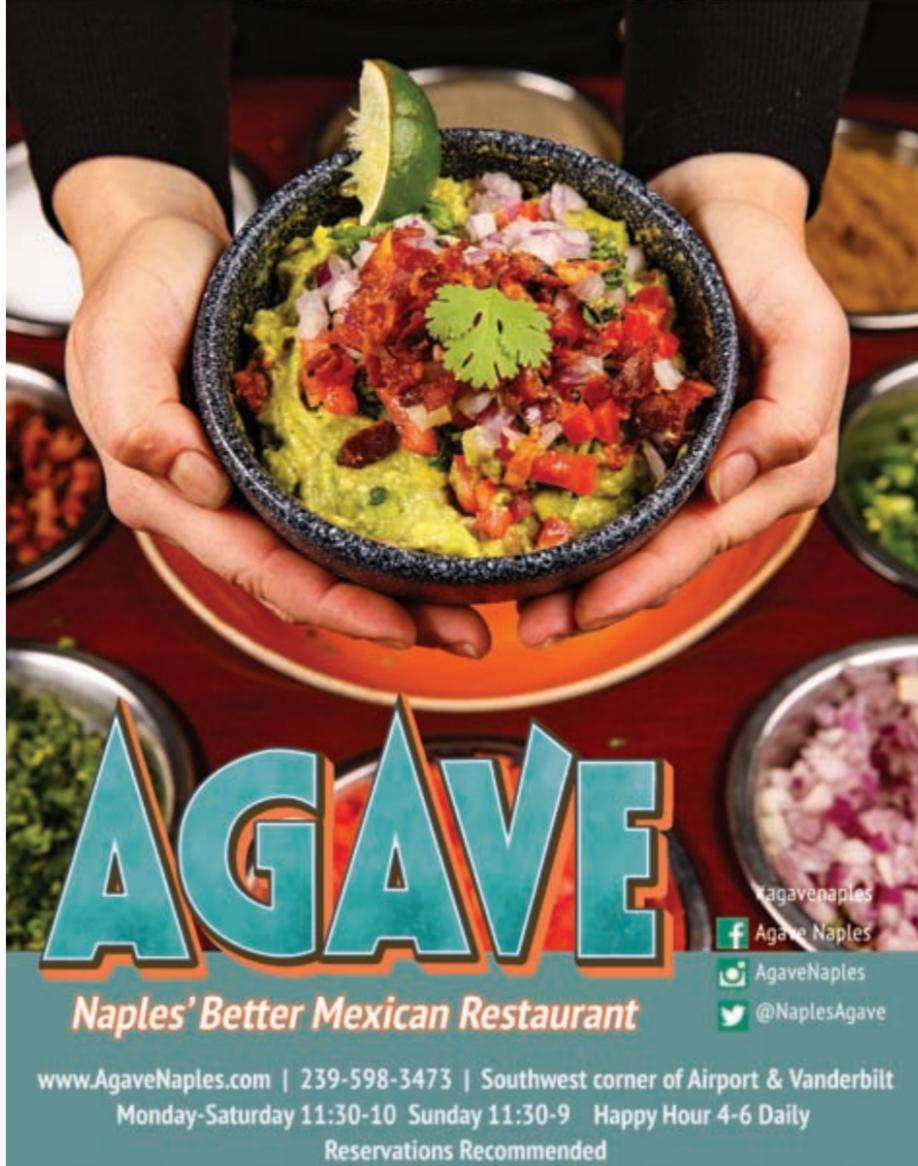
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■ Road trip! Some food is worth hitting I-75 for, and the inaugural **SWFL Hunger Games**, part of the Morgan & Morgan Signature Series at Six Bends Harley-Davidson, merits filling up the tank and heading to Fort Myers from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Organizers expect Top Rocker Field to



Coasting Donuts is one of the many food trucks headed to Top Rocker Field in Fort Myers for the inaugural SWFL Hunger Games on Saturday, Oct. 7.

be filled with more than 30 food trucks, beer stations, live entertainment and more to benefit Blessings in A Backpack of Southwest Florida, which supplies

needy children in Lee and Collier counties with a Friday take-home backpack filled with kid-friendly food items to see them through the weekend. Food truck proprietors promise their best dishes for guests to fill up on — and for judges to consider for several awards — at the first-ever SWFL Hunger Games.

Trucks on the roster to date include Boys & Girls Club Collier County's Blue Canteen Food Truck, Best Popcorn Company, Bubba's Roadhouse & Saloon, Coasting Donuts, Cordobesita Argentinean Catering, Currie's Smokin' Hot BBQ, Dairy-Free Island Smoothie Bar & Grill, Doner Kebab King Karl, Johnsonville Marketplace-Naples, Jonesez BBQ, King's Kitchen, Kreips & Juices, Mobstah Lobstah, Nathan's Famous Fort Myers, Nico's Kitchen, Red Roc Cravings, Rollin Taps, Serious Cookie Company, Slider City Food Truck, Sweet Melissa's Café, The BRIT PIT, The Ravenous Rhino and The Sizzle Truck.

General admission tickets are \$10, and VIP admission for \$100 — which can supply one child a backpack through the entire school year — includes early arrival, priority seating, complimentary samples and a personal runner to stand in line. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 275-4647 or visit [www.toprockerevents.com](http://www.toprockerevents.com).

■ **Bleu Provence** hosts a wine dinner showcasing five of the complex, refreshing wines of Alsace beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. After a welcome glass of 2014 Kuentz-Vas Alsace Blanc, each of four courses will be accompanied by a different wine. \$65. 1234 Eighth St. S. 261-8239 or [www.bleuprovincenaples.com](http://www.bleuprovincenaples.com).

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# CUISINE NEWS

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■ **Barbatella** hosts a four-course wine dinner featuring bottles from 600-year-old Tuscan winery Antinori starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. With special guest Erik Saccomani, guests will tuck into cauliflower panna cotta, smoked veal cheeks with a saffron risotto cake and lamb brasato with roasted sweet potato puree, pistachio drops and autumn-spiced cherry gastrique. \$95, reservations



**Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida patients Caliah Russell and Avery McCaskill with some of the participating chefs at the 2016 Celebrity Chef Night at Rumrunners at Cape Harbour in Cape Coral.**

required. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or [www.barbatellanaples.com](http://www.barbatellanaples.com).

■ **Chef David Speegle of Grand Cru in Baltimore** will create a tasting menu for dinner starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Venue Naples. \$75 without wines, \$125 with wine pairings. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or [www.venue-naples.com](http://www.venue-naples.com).

■ **Opera Naples** celebrates Eurofest with an Italian-themed dinner and entertainment starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Ristorante Ciao. Guests will dine on dishes including manicotti, chicken marsala and basa livornese while enjoying a performance of Italian arias by tenor Martin Nusspaumer and soprano Maria Antunez. 835 Fourth Ave. S. \$90. 263-9050 or [www.operanaples.org](http://www.operanaples.org).

■ **Venue Naples** serves up cooking classes with Chef Brian Roland and Nicole

Roland that showcase healthy cooking techniques and practices from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, and from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23. \$40, includes a three-course meal. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or [www.venue-naples.com](http://www.venue-naples.com).

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# CUISINE

## Casual name belies The Warehouse's serious approach to food, service



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The Warehouse may sound like a place where you'd go for a rave — you know, those dance parties that seem to burst forth spontaneously in abandoned buildings. Instead, however, it's a place you wind up raving about.

This sparkling new, well-designed establishment just east of Collier Boulevard and slightly north of Immokalee Road offers stellar service and an inventive menu that's artfully executed and reasonably priced. The atmosphere is somewhat modern but in no way resembles a warehouse.

Start with the complimentary valet parking, which is the first thing you see when you pull into the ample parking lot of the standalone restaurant. The lot isn't that large that most people can't park and walk themselves, but it's nice if you can't or if it's raining.

Inside, a smiling hostess is ready to greet you. No reservation? No problem, although they will insist on getting your name and phone number in case you leave your glasses or a credit card behind. (And who hasn't done that at least once?)

We requested a booth and were led to a cozy one on one side of a wine chiller, which afforded us some privacy as well as comfort. The seats are nicely padded and, it turns out, so are the undersides of the tables, which helps absorb sound in a building that has few soft surfaces. It's a clever way to tamp down the noise, which otherwise has a tendency to bounce unpleasantly from wall to wall making it difficult to converse.

Our server, Kaylee, greeted us swiftly and was happy to give us the brief intro to the restaurant. We learned that it opened about two months ago go, and everything is made from scratch. Then she went over the specials to help us in deciding what we wanted to drink.

The wine list isn't extensive, but what's there has clearly been chosen with care. There was nary a white zin to be seen, but those who like a light white will fare well with a pinot gris or sauvignon blanc.

We settled on a bottle of Ponzi pinot noir (\$49) from Oregon's Willamette Valley and were happy when it was delivered lightly chilled, as it should be, especially in the midst of this ungodly hot summer.

The wine was a fine accompaniment to



Tim's broccoli toast consisted of an unusual group of ingredients but was well worth trying.



Ravioli is an art form here. This version contained an assortment of wild mushrooms topped with a light Madeira cream sauce.



A scrupulously fresh golden beet salad was big enough for two to share.

my companion's smoked shrimp cocktail (\$14.50), a long plate of shrimp served with cocktail sauce and lemon, and my appetizer called Tim's broccoli toast (\$11).

The shrimp had a pleasantly smoky flavor, as did the cocktail sauce. A spritz of the lemon added a sweet citrus note to the dish.

The toast is somewhat difficult to describe. The toast was at the bottom of the bowl and had absorbed a fair amount of sauce, rendering it soggy. On top was sheep's milk feta, white wine, broccoli rabe and a fried egg. The tender-crisp broccoli and the creamy cheese and egg were a good combination. I skipped the sogged-out toast, which served more as a foundation than an ingredient.

We split a beet salad (\$12.50) and were happy we did when we saw the size of the half portion. Watercress, midnight moon goat cheese, pears, candied almonds, golden beets and a delicate lemon yogurt vinaigrette combined to form a fresh, flavorful salad.

While there are large-plate entrees,

we were more interested in the smaller plates as that allowed room for sampling the appetizers and salad (and, of course, dessert).

From the Ravioli Revolution section of the menu (it appears chef Bobby Forget never met anything he didn't want to stick into a ravioli) offered Buffalo chicken, Philly cheesesteak, four cheeses, crab cake or wild mushrooms tucked into house-made pillows of pasta.

The mushroom rendition — filled with enoki, shiitake, trumpet and oyster mushrooms along with ricotta, thyme and a light Madeira cream — might not have been as colorful as some of the other dishes, but the wonderful umami flavor of the mushrooms shone through. We left not a drop.

Also delicious was the duck confit flatbread (\$14.50), a well-made crust topped with tender pieces of duck, roasted wild mushrooms, queso, caramelized figs, shaved onions and Pecorino Romano cheese.

We also enjoyed a side of the house-

made pickles (\$4), which started out sweet and ended with a subtle heat.

We were unable to agree on a dessert to share. I tried the espresso molten cake (\$8) with a scoop of ice cream. The cake was warm with a soft, chocolatey interior that went well with the cool ice cream. My companion's beignets (\$6.50) were little fried nuggets of cinnamon-sugar-coated heaven, served with chocolate ganache for dipping.

After-dinner drinks of a tiramisu (Patron tequila café liqueur and Rumchata) and Larry's espresso (espresso vodka, Godiva chocolate liqueur, grand Marnier and Cointreau) went splendidly with both desserts.

Service was exemplary from start to finish. Knowledgeable, friendly and attentive, our server kept an eye on us without hovering, kept our wine and water replenished, made sure we had what we needed and got rid of what we didn't (dirty plates). She checked when we had a question about the menu she couldn't answer. The server attendants and manager (who I think might be an owner) were equally gracious.

The Warehouse might not sound like the name of great restaurant. But in this case, it is. ■

### in the know

#### The Warehouse

9010 Bellaire Bay Drive, Naples; 231-4073

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# Pet project

How two pups persuaded their owners to leave the high life

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# DWAYNE BERGMANN

... isn't afraid to take chances

Whether he's working with colors, fabrics or textures, Dwayne Bergmann thinks outside the box to create spaces that are uniquely suited to his clients. Chic and sophisticated, with a hint of whimsy, spaces bearing Mr. Bergmann's distinctive stamp always go bold. *Luxe Living's* Michael Korb talked with him about his craft.

**Q: Is there a moment you can look back on that was the moment you decided you wanted to be an interior designer?**

A: I've always loved designing and creating. I have been creating somewhat professionally all the way back to the fourth grade, when I was hired to decorate cakes after several people saw the cakes I had entered into the Missouri State Fair as part of my 4-H projects. I think it was then that I first realized I was blessed with a creative gift that not everyone possessed.

**Q: Is there a Dwayne Bergmann look? If so, how do you describe it?**

A: Our designs are the reflection of our clients' personalities. We strive to create interiors that are meaningful to each of them and not about our own design aesthetic.

That said, we do not shy away from mixing textures, patterns and bold colors, which is something that does set our designs apart from others in our profession.



A master suite with soft, warm tones and the right pops of color is a great place to begin and end each day.

**Q: What were you doing before you started designing full-time?**

A: I was running a division for HD Supply wholesale products — 26 direct reports and a large budget along with hefty annual goals to meet.

**Q: What's the first thing you ask clients when you meet with them?**



Dwayne Bergmann

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# Q&A

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**A:** I always want to know how my clients wish to feel in their homes. What makes them most comfortable and what makes them feel the most confident is what is important to me.

For some, this means an environment filled with luxe finishes rivaling the most decadent hotel or spa one can imagine. Others want casual and comfortable, and others yet want mid-century “Mad Men” or Miami modern. For all of our clients, though, my goal is that they get to live in an environment they never dreamed possible.

**Q: Is there a current trend that you are excited to see taking place in interior design?**

**A:** I am not a major trend follower. I prefer to think we are on more of the trend-setting side of design. Most of the “trends” making their way through mainstream retail today involve matte finishes with deeper tonality and mixed mediums. We have been utilizing these techniques over the last few years. I believe the future lies in bold, luxurious textures and finishes. Refinement and attention to detail will continue to prevail as minimalism continues to overcome traditionalism. ■

— Dwayne Bergmann Interiors  
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**Above:** This condominium went from heavy Tuscany to soothing coastal. Wood-plank tile flooring and walls painted in a shade called Sea Salt enhanced by violet window coverings and appointments create a sense of calm.

**Right:** Mr. Bergmann knows that sometimes designers “just need to break all the rules” — which he did in this playful and artistic powder bath. He used oversized tiles on the walls, penny tiles on the floor and art on the door instead of on the walls.

**Below:** Hardwood floors, a shaggy, textured rug and luxe metallic finishes turn this dining area into a statement room.



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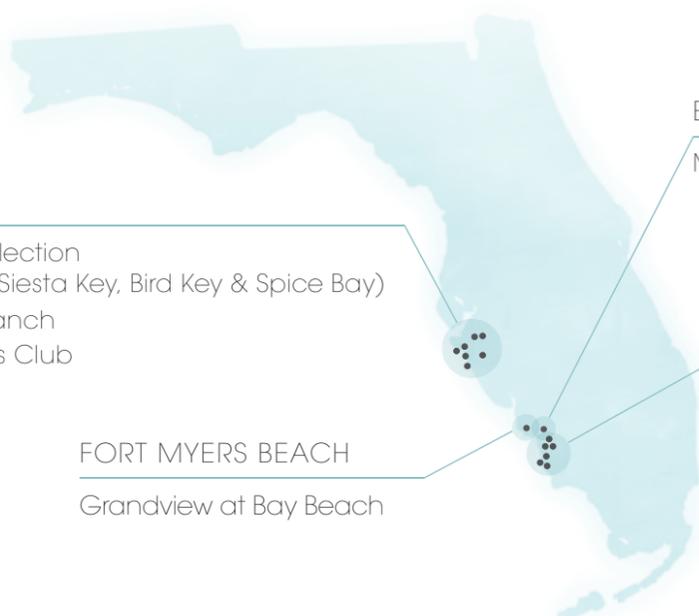
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# Here comes the sun

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# Pet project

How two pups persuaded their owners to leave the high life behind



BY MICHAEL KORB

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Living in a high-rise condominium offers some serious perks. Among them: amazing views, luxurious amenities and a fabulous lack of responsibility.

And for Karen and Bill Bucy, who moved from Austin, Texas, to Naples in 2003, it was the ideal lifestyle. Their 2,700-square-foot residence in Bonita Bay certainly made living easy. Until, in 2009, they added Bichon Frise pups Sofi and Elli to the family.

Things seemed fine at first. Puppies and parents were handling things swimmingly. But eventually, the fact that they were traveling up and down the elevators four and five times a day drove home the understanding that for these two dog owners, high-rise living was for the birds.

“For a lot of people in the condos, it’s their second or third home — or a vacation place,” says Mrs. Bucy. “But for us, it was our only home. And there was a long walk from the garage to the elevator and from the elevator to our place. I was getting tired of that. I just wanted to get back to a house.”

Then she spotted a house for sale. Though the location was great (it overlooks the 18th fairway of Bonita Bay’s Marsh golf course), the Bucys didn’t particularly care for how the house looked or how it was laid out. It was, in a word, dated. So they decided to tear it down and build new.

They contacted Mark Smith, president of Harwick Homes, and together they reached out to Weber Design Group, where the Bucys selected an existing plan and tweaked it — a lot.

The finished product you see on these pages is a lovely three-bedroom (plus den), 3½-bath transitional contemporary that has the owners’ stamp of approval throughout its 3,215 square feet. In fact, Mrs. Bucy handled interior design duties herself.

“Inside we have super clean lines,” she says. “I didn’t do crown molding on purpose because I wanted that clean

Above: Clean lines and Asian touches throughout help define the contemporary feel of the interior. The baby grand piano has followed the owners from home to home, even though it hasn’t been played in years. (It does, however, get tuned each year — just in case.)

Inset: Sofi and Elli wait patiently in a bedroom that has been outfitted as their grooming salon.

On the cover: Custom-cut Richmond Stakledge stacked stone sourced in Wisconsin adds a dramatic flair to the entrance of the 3,215-square-foot home. Guests are greeted with an expansive view of the great room, outdoor living area and beyond to the final approach to the 18th green.



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**Above:** Wide-plank oak flooring helps tie the spaces together and is more durable than the cherry flooring the owners' previous condo had. That's a welcome relief when you have two dogs running around and guests who might wander in with sand or crushed shells on the soles of their shoes.

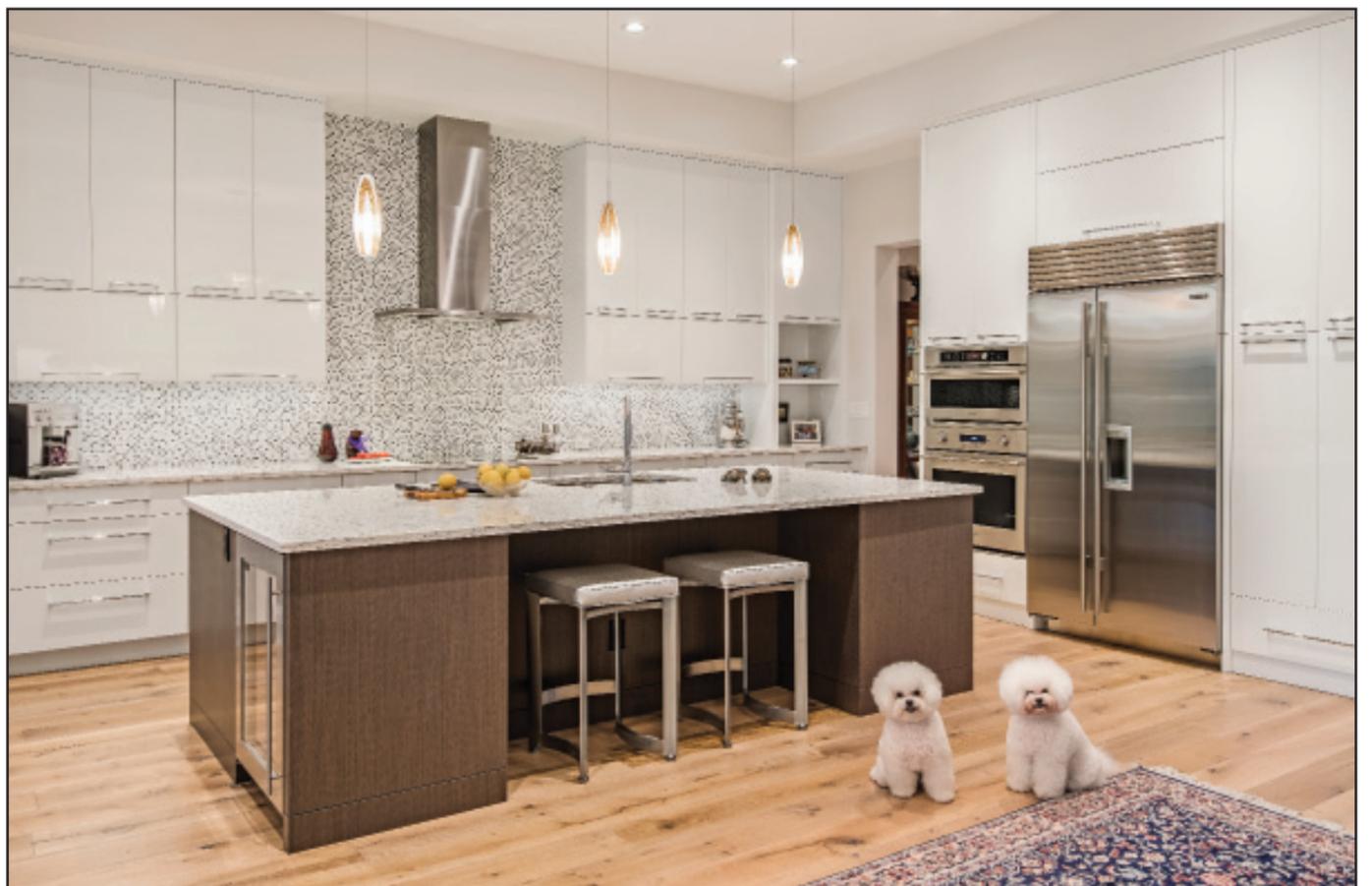
**Right:** The kitchen opens onto the main living area and has cabinets that open garage-style, a single-level island and a backsplash of natural stone tiles. Bichons Sofi and Elli approve.

look. ... Outside I think of it as contemporary, but not Frank Lloyd Wright. I knew I wanted the stonework. It took a long time to find the exact stone I wanted, and then it wasn't in the right size." Fortunately, the folks at Harwick Homes said they could cut the stone to any size she wanted.

She had the stone, a Richmond Stakledge from Wisconsin, cut into 1/2-inch layers for a nice, clean, dry-stack look that gives an impressive air to the front entrance. The stone is continued inside, where it bookends the living room media wall.

"I wanted the open concept," says

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The outdoor living area has a full kitchen, a small pool and is fully screened in.



Most of the furnishings came from the owners' previous residences. The dazzling array of lighting fixtures came from Naples Lamp.

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Mrs. Bucy. "In the high-rise the kitchen was not open to the family room, so I wanted the kitchen to be open to everything. And we didn't want a living room anymore because we've gone from house to house over the past 30-some-odd years and the living room furniture was never touched."

Another important feature for the couple was the large covered lanai and the screened-in pool area that helps keep the Bichons safe.

"I know a lot of new homes don't do the cage anymore," says Mrs. Bucy, "but between the golf balls and the alligators and other critters, it's the right thing for us."

The side-loading garage was also on the wish list because it would allow for a fenced-in front yard, again for the dogs.

Walking through the front entrance gives guests a dramatic look across the expansive living space and out back to the outdoor living area, pool and golf course beyond. In fact, Harwick Homes pushed out the space at the foyer to accommodate the baby grand piano that has followed the Bucys from home to home (although Mrs. Bucy admits it hasn't been touched since they got the dogs).

Wide-plank oak flooring throughout ties the spaces together beautifully and is much more durable than the cherry wood flooring the couple had in their condo.

Interestingly, the Bucys had just rede-

signed the condo kitchen and baths before deciding to sell, so they knew what they wanted in the new house and used many of the same surfaces and finishes.

"I knew I wanted the big island and I wanted it level — at counter height," Mrs. Bucy says. "It's just more conducive for parties and things if everyone is at the same level. And the cabinetry is a European style that opens like a garage door. You can leave it open and no one is going to walk into it."

As for the rest of the house, virtually all of the furnishings came from the condo and/or from Austin.

"We kind of built the house around some of the furniture," says Mrs. Bucy. (Though that might not be true for one of the guest bedrooms — it's missing bedroom furniture altogether, as it's used as a grooming space for the dogs.) "This breed requires constant grooming," Mrs. Bucy explains about the dogs. "I do a trim once a month, a bath every week, we brush every day. It's a labor of love."

Add the fact that long elevator rides are a thing of the past and the Bucys and their canine companions can now walk straight into the house from the garage, and it's safe to say there's plenty of love to go around. ■

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# Summerfields knows how to color your world

BY MICHAEL KORB  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When you first walk through the doors of Summerfields, you get a sense that interior designer Shari Summers, ASID, knows a thing or two about how we should all be designing our homes.

The space is broken into four areas that give visitors a sense of what colors and accessories work together, whether it be with wallpaper or paints.

“We try to set things up for different palettes — so that every palette is accessible,” Ms. Summers explains. “There’s something for everybody.”

And while many people enter the store in the market for home goods, furnishings and accessories (bedding, lamps, etc.), it also offers a wide array of gifts.

“When you’re looking for an unusual gift item, we probably have it,” says Ms. Summers. It might be a fun game to give as a hostess gift, something whimsical for a child (or someone young at heart) or a lovely coffee table book. “We only stock a few books at a time that catch our eye and that we think are valuable reads,” she says.

Ms. Summers worked for another design firm for 13 years before heading out onto her own in 1996. She opened the store in 1998. At that time it was on Fifth Avenue South, but Summerfields has been at its current Central Avenue location since the mid-2000s.

The impetus for opening the store was that it was “really, really difficult to provide all the furnishings, including accessories, to finish off our jobs,” Ms. Summers says.

“It was hard to shop in Naples for those things. We decided to open this shop so we could supply the gamut of home furnishings. The shop and the design business go very hand-in-hand.”

With that said, the inventory is a terrific mishmash of items that come from many different suppliers.

“We’re not like a big furniture store where you see this chest on the floor and you want to buy it and there are 10 more in the warehouse,” she says. “We try to make it so that everything is a little more special. When we find something, we don’t overload on it.”

But that’s not to say shoppers can’t count on Summerfields keeping a few special items in stock.

For example, the store represents east coast artist Kelly Tracht, who creates original acrylic paintings that capture the Florida vibe in the most whimsical ways imaginable (she also does prints, giclees and decorative pillows).

The store also carries jewelry by Julie Vos and has a delightful line of candles that are named after Naples locations, such as Naples Pier, Naples Cottage, 34102, etc.

“We try to keep it kind of local because you want to remember where you are,” Ms. Summers says.

And you get that sense the moment you walk through the door. ■

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Above: Prints and giclees by east coast artist Kelly Tracht hang above the sofa in one of the several room vignettes set up at Summerfields.



Though the store is clearly an interior designer’s happy place, Summerfields also has an array of things that make perfect gifts. Thoughtful shoppers can find unusual books, fun games and even a line of candles named for landmark places in Naples.



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# Collecting evidence

A Hidden Harbor renovation showcases Native American art

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Not everything in Naples was originally faux Italian. Some homes were a passable sense of '90s generic that almost defied categorization. Witness this Bonita Bay Hidden Harbor gem, which just needed to be polished to find its charm.

The four-bedroom, 3½-bath, 3,500-square-foot (under air) home was built in 1994. The current owners purchased it in 2008. Hailing from Arizona, the couple has a significant collection of Native American art they wanted to showcase in a manor befitting its origins.

So they hired interior designer Amy Coslet from Collins & DuPont to reimagine the space with the art in mind.

"The goal was to design the whole space to highlight their beautiful art collection," says Ms. Coslet. "That was the inspiration. ... They showed me all of the artifacts and told me the more important pieces they wanted displayed. And we customized display areas specific for certain pieces."

Their collection — which spans every-thing from pottery to basketry to weap-

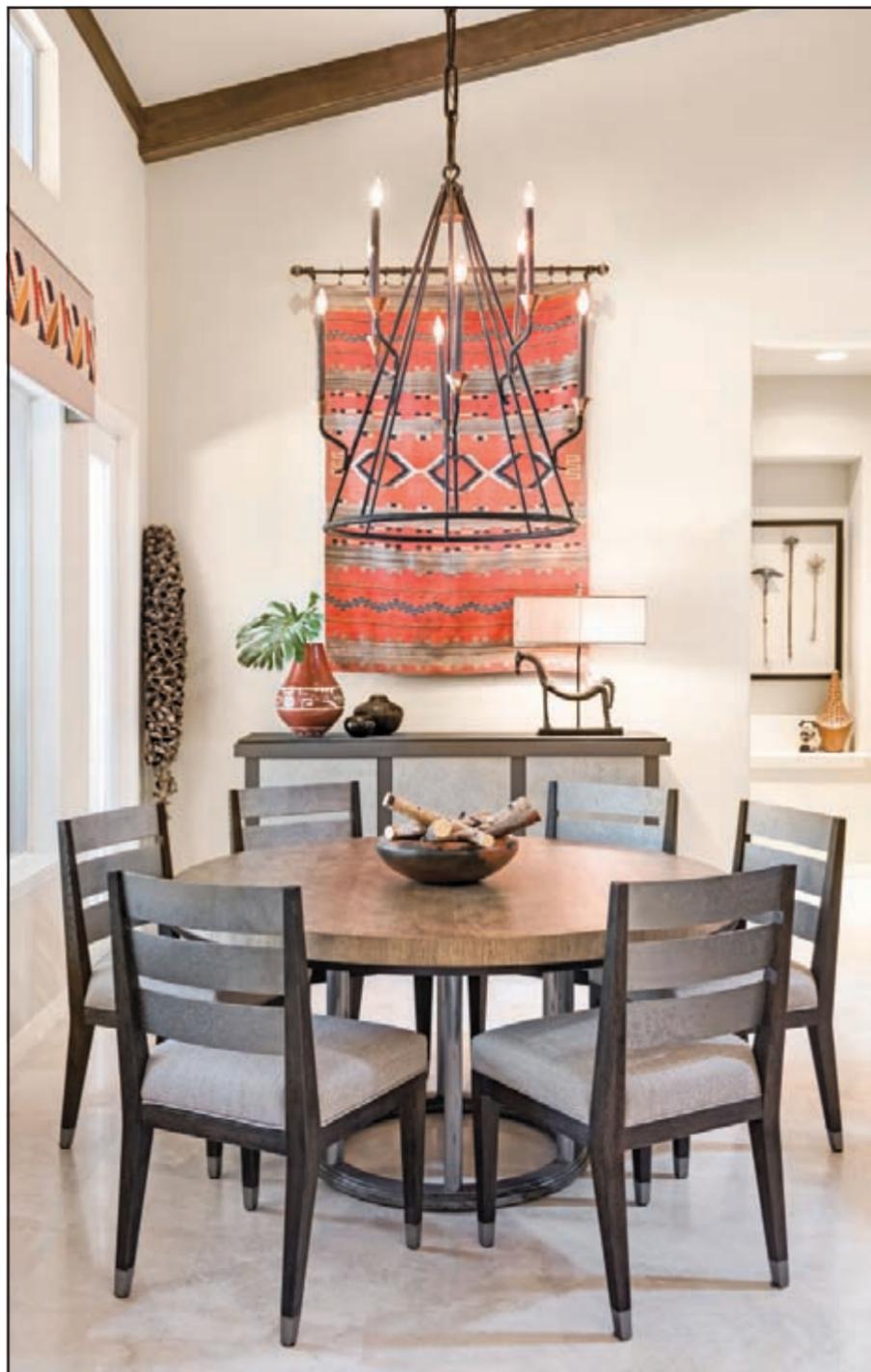
onry, tapestries and beaded clothing — is worthy of a whole-house remodel.

"One of the biggest things they collect is woven Navajo blankets, which we hung and highlighted as artwork," adds Ms. Coslet. The blankets also set the tone for much of the coloring used throughout the home.

"The color palette and also the patterns are very bold and graphic," the designer says. "We incorporated that in some of the fabrics we used. There are a lot of earthy tones and some terra cotta, and some of the basketry has bright, primary colors, so it was important to do a more neutral background."

Ms. Coslet and her team lightened all the walls and focused on clean lines with the furnishings, adding pillows and accessories to compliment the color palette. The strategy lets the artwork stand on its own.

Conveniently, there weren't a lot of structural changes that needed to be done on this makeover. The home already was an open-concept design with good bones, so the only major change was shortening a wall in the kitchen and raising a few ceil-



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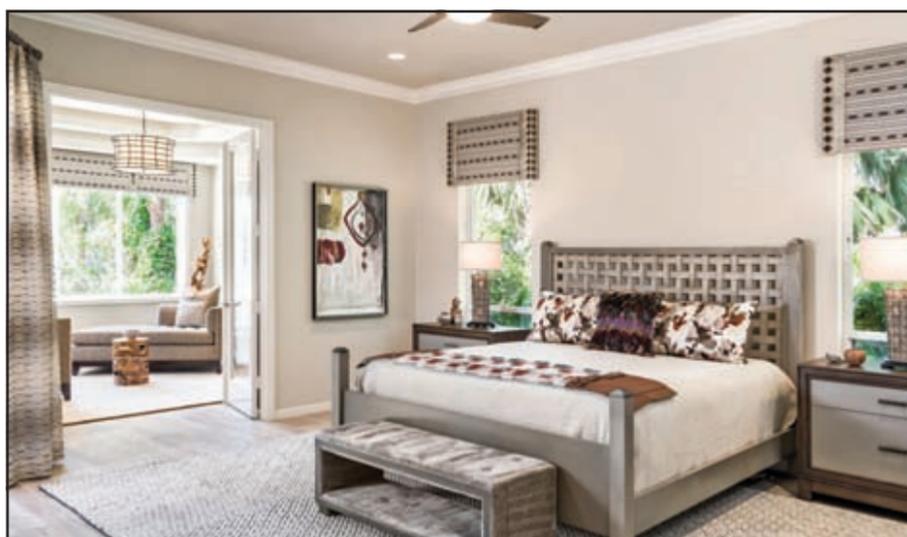
Above: In the breakfast nook, a treasured Navajo blanket dominates a wall and a custom-designed light fixture gives off a deliberate teepee vibe.

Below: Souix beaded hide tobacco and dance bags (c. 1890) featuring dyed porcupine quills and glass beads are the perfect complement to the dining room.



Above: The kitchen once screamed the '90s from every angle. Removing part of a wall and replacing everything within reach turned it into a sleek, modern space that flows seamlessly into the main living area.

Below: The master suite echoes the warm, earthy palette throughout the rest of the house.





ings to gain some extra height. That left designers free to focus on things such as custom built-ins and a linear fireplace set in a stacked-stone wall in the living room.

Ms. Coslet also designed all of the light fixtures, which are forged metal that blend rustic with modern. Some have leather strapping, others incorporate burlap. But the most entertaining is over the breakfast nook — and was inspired by a teepee.

The adjoining kitchen was completely gutted and made to be very clean and linear, again melding the subtle tones of the artwork, without competing for attention.

Now the home is the perfect case in which to cherish the treasures gained over a lifetime of collecting. ■

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Because the house has good bones, interior designer Amy Coslet of Collins & DuPont was able to put much of her attention on paint, furnishings and accessories. New lighted towers in the living room display native pottery and accents, bookending a new linear fireplace and stacked-stone wall. A raw-cut piece of ash is used as a coffee table.

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**\$259,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC045991.

### NORTH PORT



**Great North Port Home**  
Large 3/2/2 pool home secluded in this growing area of North Port.  
**\$259,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH239075.

### PUNTA GORDA



**Deep Creek Beauty**  
3/2/2 Pool home with over 2200 sqft of Florida living. Large living room leading to great outdoor living.  
**\$264,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH241061.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Olympia Point Beauty**  
This home has it all. Upgraded appliances, upgraded carpeting and 3 bedrooms, plus a den and 3 full bathrooms.  
**\$269,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE033922.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Beautiful Maintained Home**  
Living in nature- Lots of privacy but also close to everything!!!  
**\$269,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM018580.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**2770 + sqft Pool Home**  
This elegant two story pool home has it all with over 2770 sqft in living area!  
**\$292,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE029634.

### PUNTA GORDA



**Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home in Punta Gorda Isles**  
Gorgeous pool home! Beautiful living space with upgrades, landscape and pool! Don't miss it!  
**\$299,888**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH235126.

### FORT MYERS



**Magnolia Lakes in Gateway Home**  
4 bed/2 bath home with a 3 car garage in Magnolia Lakes in Gateway. Great family home with separate living room/dining.  
**\$299,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM043001.



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### CAPE CORAL



**Luxurious Pool Home**  
3/2 Pool home in SW Cape Coral with stunning upgrades.  
**\$299,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC047178.

### CAPE CORAL



**Fully Furnished Pool Home close to Cape Harbour**  
Located in one of the most popular neighborhoods in the SW Cape. 3 bedrooms/2 bath pool home.  
**\$309,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC021663.

### CAPE CORAL



**Fantastic 4 Bedroom in Beach-Chiquita Area**  
Seller put in many upgrades and improvements since 2015. Solar water heater, new a/c, New pool heater.  
**\$315,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC022513.

### BONITA SPRINGS



**Gorgeous New Construction in Bonita Springs**  
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, fantastic open floor, 1 car garage, and open lanai, lot of room for pool.  
**\$320,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS035782.

### FORT MYERS



**Down by the Riverside**  
3/2 Well maintained ranch, 4 House from river. Never roof, a/c and refurbished pool and pool house.  
**\$328,445**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM039304.

### CAPE CORAL



**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**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC055707.

### ESTERO



**Silver Oaks Beauty**  
More than wow factor move in ready!!  
**\$349,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM063883.

### CAPE CORAL



**Almost One Acre Pool Home**  
Almost one acre of land (.85) with an over 2300 sqft home nestled in the center. Lots of room! New kitchen and roof.  
**\$349,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC034268.

### FORT MYERS



**Ranch in the City**  
Unusual 4 acres +/- ranch in East Fort Myers - perfect for the person looking for acreage with animals.  
**\$350,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM063729.

### CAPE CORAL



**SW Cape 4 Bedroom Pool Home**  
This custom built 4 bedroom pool home is waiting for a new owner.  
**\$354,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM046264.

### CAPE CORAL



**Pool Home on almost 1/2 Acre Fenced-in Lot**  
4 bedrooms, 2 bath, pool with integrated spa on almost 1/2 acre lot. Backyard is fenced. Built in 2006.  
**\$360,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC044789.

### BONITA SPRINGS



**Newly Constructed Home**  
3 bedroom 2 bath ultra efficient home on Imperial Shores.  
**\$374,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS035740.

### FORT MYERS



**Spectacular Lake Views**  
Waterfront home! Gated community-clubhouse & pool! Custom lanai w/spa! Builder warranty! Low fees!  
**\$389,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM014888.

### BONITA SPRINGS



**Steps from Barefoot & Bonita Beaches**  
New construction in Imperial Shores, this stunning home features; 1443 sqft of living area. 3/2 with spacious floor plan.  
**\$395,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS035755.

### NAPLES



**Pool Home with a Mother-in-Law Apartment**  
Three bed home with a bonus room and pool. Mother-in-law apartment with separate bed, bath and kitchenette. On 2.25 acre lot.  
**\$399,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA038187.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Beautiful 3/2 Waterfront Pool Home**  
Gorgeous well maintained pool home with amenities. Canal waterfront. 2 car garage. Come see it!  
**\$405,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH238418.

### CAPE CORAL



**Southern Exposure, 4 Bed 3 Bath, Solar Heated Pool**  
Formal living, dining and family areas with 2 sided fireplace, breakfast nook large entertaining patio. Assessments paid.  
**\$439,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC014011.

### FORT MYERS



**Tanglewood Neighborhood**  
Charming 4 bedroom home in the Tanglewood neighborhood with extra garage and parking for your boat and/or RV!  
**\$440,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC046062.

### CAPE CORAL



**Southern Exposure Gulf Access Pool Home**  
This completely renovated home comes turnkey (including furniture and furnishings).  
**\$450,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC035410.

### CAPE CORAL



**SW Cape Sailboat Access 4 Bed Pool Home**  
SW Cape sailboat accessible 4 bedroom pool home with boat lift. Less than 2.5 miles of idle to the Caloosahatchee River.  
**\$450,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC024178.

### CAPE CORAL



**4-5 Bed, Den Pool Home, Whole Home Upgrades**  
Custom home with over \$100,000 in upgrades, from whole house generator, & RO, dream kitchen & laundry with LG appliances.  
**\$450,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC038198.

### CAPE CORAL



**Like New 4/3 Cape Coral Pool Home Close To Everything**  
Great family home on quiet cul-de-sac. Fresh water. canal, pool, spa, 3 car garage.  
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#### Lovely Gulf Access Pool Home

3 bed 2.5 bath 2589 sqft huge master eat in kitchen, living, dining, family room, fireplace, captain dock, 10,000lb lift.

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**\$469,000**  
800CC034197.

### FORT MYERS



#### Location, Location

Beautiful 3 bedroom plus den with a pool in Blackhawk community in Briarcliff area.

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**\$500,000**  
800CC046320.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Southern Exposure

Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath gulf access southern exposure pool home is move in ready! Sold turnkey!

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**\$525,000**  
800CC038681.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Breathtaking Scenic Views

Beautifully maintained 3 bed/2 bath Pool home with Gulf access. Enjoy breathtaking views from every room!

1-866-657-2300

**\$534,900**  
800CC028392.

### CAPE CORAL



#### 3/3 Pool Home

3 bedroom + den. 3 bath 3 car garage pool home situated on gulf access canal.

1-866-657-2300

**\$559,900**  
800CC047372.

### NAPLES



#### Have You Been Dreaming of a Designed Home

Don't miss out on this beautifully appointed exceptional floor-plan.

1-866-657-2300

**\$563,000**  
800FM072906.

### 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.

1-866-657-2300

**\$569,900**  
800CC014769.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Direct Access Pool Home

Direct sailboat access pool home in unit 64. 3/2 with formal living & dining/den/office. Atrium off master bedroom.

1-866-657-2300

**\$575,000**  
800CC024494.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Gulf Access in SW Cape

3 Bed 3 bath 3 car garage pool home with gulf access in prime SW Cape location. Only 2 years old. Impact glass throughout.

1-866-657-2300

**\$599,900**  
800CC035866.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Well Maintained Gulf Access Home

The 3/2 home features a very spacious screened in lanai with an electric heated pool, beautiful landscaping.

1-866-657-2300

**\$599,900**  
800CC024930.

### ST. JAMES CITY



#### Waterfront Living in Pine Island

Enjoy this spacious 2 story home with direct access (1200 feet) to the open water. A cook's kitchen; heated pool/spa.

1-866-657-2300

**\$625,000**  
800FM079890.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Formal Model Home on Thunderbird Lake

5/4 Pool home is SW Cape Coral. Billiard room, large loft area, private elevator, 3 car garage.

1-866-657-2300

**\$629,900**  
800CC074559.

### ST. JAMES CITY



#### Luxury Living Pine Island Style

View sunsets from the lanai and pool area. Pool faces West and has direct gulf access.

1-866-657-2300

**\$645,000**  
800FM028502.

### CAPE CORAL



#### 3/2 Direct Gulf Access Pool, Lift, Turn Key Home

Enjoy the Florida lifestyle w/this beautiful direct gulf access pool home. Dock w/ lift. \$160,000 of upgrades turnkey.

1-866-657-2300

**\$650,000**  
800CC043143.

### FORT MYERS



#### Waterfront Beauty Offers No Bridge Access

Pour a beverage! Turn on the music! Cruise into the sunset! Fabulous old style waterfront home, 2 story caged pool.

1-866-657-2300

**\$699,000**  
800FM041599.

### CAPE CORAL



#### Large Sailboat Access Pool Home

2 Story 4 bed/4 bath wide intersecting canals. 3 Car garage lush landscape. 3 living areas & 2 upper decks. Alarm system.

1-866-657-2300

**\$769,000**  
800CC001916.

### CAPE CORAL



#### River Views

Charming 3/2 with heated pool and SE patio exposure. Captains walk wooden dock with boat lift. Oversized in great area.

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**\$825,000**  
800CC029166.

### FORT MYERS



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#### Ft. Myers Contemporary Estate Home

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**\$1,699,000**  
800FM022494.

### FORT MYERS BEACH



#### Ft. Myers Beach Bayfront Home

Over 5,000 sqft with a private boat dock! One of a kind home on the bay.

1-866-657-2300

**\$1,700,000**  
800FM033960.

