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THOUSANDS OF COLLIER citizens and millions of Floridians evacuated. Millions more without power.

And yet, Naples, Golden Gate, Immokalee and Marco Island still stood after a devastating bout with Hurricane Irma.

More than 400,000 homes were left without power or clean water in Collier and Lee counties after Irma made landfall on Sunday

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Hurricane Irma smashes into Marco Island at Category 3; 'miracle' zero storm-related deaths reported in Collier County as cleanup gets underway

Thanks to Doug Kollmer for providing this photo of his wife and children in the front yard of their home in Logan Woods. See more photos from Hurricane Irma on pages A8-9.

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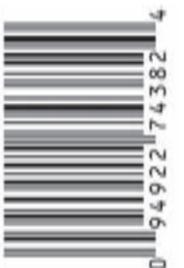
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Other Americans



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So we need a lot of help. We've been hit by forces outside our control. Like the night our parents fell in love or lust and passed on our genetics. Did we have a choice?

Like the fact the old man took a job in South Florida years ago. He could have stayed in Indiana or New Jersey, for God's sake, couldn't he?

And here we are through no fault of our own. Popped suddenly by the biggest hurricane ever to roar out of the Atlantic.

Clearly, this is Obama's fault. And it's Hillary's fault, too, for letting Benghazi happen (just kidding, you lefty dogooders).

Meanwhile, we're "busted flat in Baton Rouge, waitin' for a train, feelin' near as faded as my jeans," as Janis Joplin used to say in an elegant metaphor for trouble.

The hurricane's over now. Not.

The aftereffects might be as devastating as the steel-toed boots of the man who kicks you on the ground after he already knocked you down. Or woman. The storm was, after all, Irma.

We can pick ourselves up alone if we have to, sure. Here comes the next storm, but so what? What about those North Koreans? How about the Red Sox?

Remember those gas stations that ran out of fuel and those big-chain stores that couldn't even keep their shelves resupplied with water days before Irma ever arrived? Remember them?

So many questions.

"Miami, where's the water?" a Facebook friend of mine posted, looking for help as the storm approached on Wednesday night a week ago.

She'd had not a single reply when I saw her question. The stores were all sold out, those bastards.

But who really cares?

Bottom line now: We need some help. And fortunately, there's somebody who can give it to us.

The Canadians? The Mexicans (they helped with Harvey, in Texas. Remember that, so long ago)? The Lakota Sioux or the Navajo? Tibetan monks? My late, never-say-die father or my friend Steve Nelson, at 19 once the youngest officer in the Marine Corps, slamming down in his Cobra gunship to get us out of this goddamn mess?

They would if they could. But they can't.

Oh yeah, Putin.

I'll bet you a buck to your penny old Vladimir Vladimirovitch tries to step in and help — and why? Because he's such a nice guy. He's just misunderstood, is all.

Yeah, right.

But there is somebody you can count on, whether you're churchless or not, like I am — whether you belong to the Holy American Indignation Disciples of the Lord Pabst Blue Ribbon Church of

Roller Coaster Commerce, Hard Liquor, Soft Liquor, Guns, Music and Sex, or say, the Catholic Church, the Synagogue of Yahweh or the Holy Mosque of Muhammad. Or whether you don't.

So who's going to wade into the mess to help, like Jesus, only not as good looking?

Why, it's the family, of course. Remember them?

The family. Also known as ... wait for it ... Other Americans.

Other Americans can and will help you: cops, firefighters, the National Guard, a variety of professionals and volunteers from agencies north to south. People like you and me. And those of us in need don't have to pay for the help, not directly, because we've helped people in need, too. And we will again.

Since about 1932, those Other Americans can and will help you whether they feel like it, or not. And why? Because we've decided collectively that we're all family.

Yessir, that's how it works. We're all family. We're all really just a bunch of kick-ass, take-names socialists, disguised as fierce individualists. Nothing like a little trouble to prove to yourself: You're a socialist, too, by God, and a member of this family, whether you're a fierce individualist or not.

Consider our shared history for a moment before you call the nearest help agency: By 1932 when the Great Depression had gotten fully underway, 12 million Americans, a cool quarter of the labor force, had no work. And they weren't farmers.

So they and their families — a lot

more Americans — began to starve.

Soup lines had been established since 1929, but at first they were private efforts, sponsored by churches and by people like the mafia kingpin Al Capone. Capone set up a place in Detroit that could give unemployed men and their families three meals a day.

Wonderful as it probably was for those who got to the food, all of that fell woefully short of helping everybody who needed it, from north to south and east to west.

There are people alive today who were there. It's not long ago, anymore than Harvey, in the wake of Irma, is long ago.

And that need made socialists of us Americans. As people began to starve Other Americans stepped in, church or no church. Gang or no gang. They were Other Americans, and they called themselves the United States Government.

Us, in other words.

They (we) paid taxes. And some of that tax money they used to help people in trouble — old people and little kids and jobless working people. And all of them, those giving the help and those taking it, went on to win World War II and to create civil rights and to get us here.

Where once again, some of us need help and the rest of us are going to help them, whether we like it or not.

That's America, baby, a socialist nation of 315 million very decent Other Americans.

Love it — or, as they used to say, leave it. ■

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OPINION

Ivanka's brief but spectacular moment



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In 1963, the Equal Pay Act was signed into law. Back then, women earned only 59 cents for every dollar a man earned.

More than 50 years have passed. Call me impatient, but it seems like 50-plus years ought to have been enough time to close and end the wage disparity associated with women's wages. But, no, it wasn't.

The latest study from The Women's Policy Research Institute reports: "In most cases, women, in comparison to men, earn about 82 percent of the amount a man grosses, based on a full-time weekly pay scale." The earning disparity is greater for women of color. Says the report, "...black women earn about 68 percent of what white men typically make, while Latino women earn 62 percent compared to white men."

The numbers in Florida are similar, although slightly better overall. Women who hold a year-round, full-time job make 87 cents for every dollar made by men. Black, Hispanic and Asian women working full-time and year-round do more poorly. For every dollar made by men, they make 61 cents, 60 cents and 79 cents, respectively.

The cumulative effect of the wage disparity is significant. It represents in Florida a loss of income to women and their dependents of at least \$5,500 annually, and it's worse for women of color. It isn't just a smaller paycheck. These lost earnings could be used for house payments, car payments, tuition, doctor bills, new shoes, braces, food on the table — you name it.

Progress has been made. But think of all the time in the bottle that has been consumed by efforts to eliminate the pay inequities women workers experience. If you were a woman of childbearing age in 1963 (when the Equal Pay Act became

law), you or a friend now may have grown daughters who are now raising daughters of their own. They are a single generation among multiple generations of women that suffered disparagement of their worth and value because of their gender. That ancestral tree of dissed females probably includes Millennials' thrice-great-granny, their twice-great-granny, their great -granny, just plain granny and their own mom.

That's a lot of greats who didn't merit the benefit of fair and equitable pay as compared to what the menfolk earned in occupations historically denied to women. Jobs deemed suitable only for women narrowed their opportunity and excluded them from occupations requiring large numbers of workers. Wise men "mansplained" this away as necessary and appropriate.

Women did not have the stamina, strength, temperament, intellectual capacity, skills and/or qualifications. They had babies, meals to cook, houses to clean and husbands to look after. Men were men and women were their subordinates.

It was once inconceivable that women could be lawmakers, doctors, lawyers, professors, accountants, business owners or even secretaries — now it's software engineers, scientists and CEOs of major companies.

Occupational segregation of women in the workforce remains one of the most salient features of the U.S. Labor market and it is a major cause of the women's wage gap. Only by dealing with both issues can you deal with either.

The Institute for Women's Policy Research reports women made substantial inroads into predominantly male occupations in the '70s and '80s. But progress completely stalled following the mid-'90s. No significant milestones have been made toward closing the wage gap since 2007.

The American Association of University Women warns that if the pace of change remains what it was between 1960 and 2015, women won't reach pay equity with men until 2059.

Worse, if yesteryear's glacial progress further stalls going forward, women's pay equity with men will not be reached until 2152. Ye gods.

So, enter Ivanka Trump. She is a senior adviser to and daughter of President Trump. She embraced the cause of pay equity early on in her father's administration and took to the national stage on behalf of its support. She declared, "Women deserve equal pay for equal work." Even the liberals cheered.

But not Daddy. Trump is halting equal pay data collection that requires major corporations to confidentially report to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission information about employee compensation, by job category, sex, race and ethnicity.

The political tactic is like President Clinton's "Don't ask. Don't tell" maneuver. Or asking if a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make a sound?

The Trump version goes like this: If the government doesn't ask companies for data by job category, sex, race and ethnicity, and if companies don't disclose data to government that reveals a pattern and practice of occupational segregation and wage discrimination, will the government know whether companies practice occupational segregation and wage discrimination? The answer seems obvious but not to Ivanka. She demurred without protest to the administration's decision to stop collecting data.

Said she: "The proposed policy would not yield the intended results." Then silence.

It was Ivanka's brief but spectacular moment of abandoning working women and the pay equity they deserve. ■

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Trump gets DACA right



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Even in our divided politics, it should be a matter of consensus that the president of the United States can't write laws on his own.

That's what President Barack Obama did twice when he unilaterally granted amnesties to swaths of the illegal immigrant population. The courts blocked one of these measures, known as DAPA, and President Donald Trump has now begun the process of ending the other, DACA, on a delayed, rolling basis.

In a country with a firmer commitment to its Constitution and the rule of law, there'd be robust argument over how to deal with the DACA recipients — so-called DREAMers who were brought here by their illegal-immigrant parents as children — but no question that Congress is the appropriate body for considering the matter, not the executive branch.

Instead, President Trump is getting roundly denounced by all his usual critics for inviting Congress to work its will. His decision is a relatively mod-

est way to roll back what is clearly an extralegal act.

The president goes out of his way to minimize disruption for current DACA recipients. The administration will stop accepting new applications for the program but will continue to consider two-year renewals for recipients whose status is expiring between now and March 5. This gives Congress a six-month window for its own solution before anyone's status changes.

The proximate cause of the Trump decision was a threat by the attorney general of Texas and other states to bring a suit challenging the legality of DACA. Attention had to be paid, because Texas and other states successfully got the other Obama unilateral amnesty, DAPA, enjoined by the courts.

In a Facebook post, Obama waves off the legal challenge. He says DACA is based "on the well-established legal principle of prosecutorial discretion." He maintained the exact same thing about DAPA, and that didn't save it in the courts, including the Supreme Court.

True prosecutorial discretion involves a case-by-case determination by authorities. Obama's executive amnesties were sweeping new dispensations designed to apply to broad categories of illegal immigrants. They didn't

involve simply deciding not to prioritize the deportation of the affected illegal immigrants, but the conferral of various positive benefits on them, most importantly work permits.

This is clearly a new legal system for these immigrants, and in fact, President Obama once slipped and told an audience, "I just took action to change the law." Prior to DACA, Obama repeatedly said that he didn't have the authority to implement his own amnesty absent congressional action — before doing just that.

Now, Trump is giving Congress another chance. It isn't hard to see the parameters of a deal: a codification of DACA, putting it on firm legal footing, in exchange for enforcement measures. Whatever Congress arrives at, it will have more legitimacy than the jerry-rigged legislating of a president wielding a pen and a phone.

President Trump has exercised his powers foolishly at times, but he's never exceeded them. What Obama calls, pejoratively, the White House shifting "its responsibility for these young people to Congress" is really just basic civics. Congress writes the laws, even when it's not to Barack Obama's liking. ■

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

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afternoon, Sept. 10, in Marco Island. The storm wreaked havoc up the Florida coast, passing through much of the state and even flooding many areas on the

east coast.

Many roads throughout Naples were impassable from downed trees and debris. Some couldn't return to their homes due to flooding.

No electricity. No internet. No cell service.

And yet, there was a silver lining for Collier residents to glean: No storm-related deaths were reported county-

wide, according to Dan Summers of Collier County's Bureau of Emergency Services and Management. Gov. Rick Scott announced 12 deaths attributed to Hurricane Irma during the week. None were reported in Collier or Lee counties.

"That's a miracle. It's an absolute miracle," Summers said, apparently in awe of the area's luck.

Support from 28 states and Washington, D.C., poured in to Florida at the beginning of the week as the rest of the nation mourned those lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks 16 years ago. Naples has postponed all local remembrances until a later date.

Numerous videos on social media showed legions of Florida Power & Light service vehicles, surveying downed

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lines and attempting repairs. FPL made a statement saying they estimate power to be fully restored by Sept. 22.

Miraculously, the city of Naples was largely spared, with the estimated 10- to 15-foot storm surge not coming to fruition; the back end of Hurricane Irma weakened on its way up the coast, so Naples only saw 2-3 feet of storm surge on its streets, according to Mayor Bill Barnett.

“Expect to find damaged roof-top equipment ... air conditioning units, fences, pool cages ... there is widespread damage to trees and landscape ... some roads remained flooded due to the storm surge,” Barnett said in a statement Monday.

City Manager Bill Moss released a statement welcoming Naples residents back into the city on Tuesday, but at their own risk; power remained out in many sections of the city, as well as cable and internet service.

Some 17,000 locals sought refuge during the storm in 28 shelters across the county, including public schools that will remain closed through the week and beyond.

Local media reported massive flood-

ing and loss of housing in Immokalee, with some who chose to stay remaining inside trailers that had roofs partially torn off during the storm.

Many grocery stores and some local restaurants opened for business as early as Tuesday, as well as some gas stations that welcomed multiple mile-long lines.

Local nonprofits began mobilizing efforts to help those in need. Meals of Hope could be found distributing meals out of its Naples headquarters on Tuesday. The Community Foundation of Collier County announced a fundraising effort dubbed the “Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund.”

Collier officials cautioned residents to be careful when returning to homes and roadways, with many emergency vehicles expected to populate Southwest Florida’s roadways for the foreseeable future.

For more information on the Community Foundation’s relief fund, visit www.cfcollier.org.

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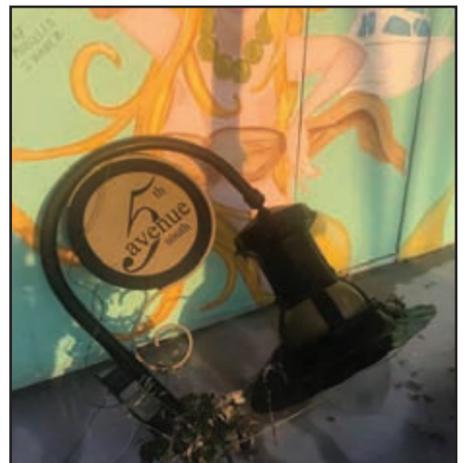
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Marco Island resident Ginny Reiman shared these before-and-after-the-surge photos she took from her house.



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U.S. 41 and Bonita Beach Road.



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Fifth Avenue in downtown Naples.



Eric Garwood shared this picture of the front of his house on Marco Island.



The Garwood home on Marco Island.



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A mangled carport.



Fifth Avenue in downtown Naples.

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Keri Fitzgerald Johnson sent this picture of Nautilus Road in the Monterey community in Naples.



A scene in Bonita Springs.



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Community Blood Center has urgent need after Irma

NCH Community Blood Center had to suspend collection operations for four days as a result of Hurricane Irma. Now there is a need to replenish blood supplies with the help of local donors. Although NCH Community Blood Center is working in coordination with the National Blood Exchange to receive shipments of specific blood products from other parts of the country, the local public is being urged to take time out and donate.

What NCH Community Blood Center needs:

■ **The highest priority is to collect platelet donations.** Criteria to be a platelet donor this week: Males who have not had aspirin within the last 48 hours, and women who have NEVER been pregnant and who have not had aspirin within the last 48 hours. It takes about two hours to donate platelets.

Platelet donations are done by appointment at the NCH Community Blood Center's Naples Branch, 311 Ninth St. N., Suite 201. If you meet the above criteria and want to donate platelets, call 624-4120 and choose option 3 to make a platelet donation appointment.

■ **Whole blood donations are also needed.** NCH Community Blood Center is requesting whole blood donors give their gifts of life specifically on the air-conditioned bloodmobiles at

the following emergency blood drives:

Thursday, Sept. 14 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sunshine Plaza in Bonita Springs, 9170 Bonita Beach Road.

Friday, Sept. 15 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at NCH Support Services Center: 2157 Pine Ridge Road, Naples.

Saturday, Sept. 16 - Noon to 5 p.m. at Coconut Point in front of cinema (subject to change due to storm clean-up).

The need for blood never stops. Not even for a hurricane. It is imperative to have an ample supply before a storm and immediate public support from donors after the storm. While NCH Community Blood Center had adequate supplies both before and immediately following the hurricane, it now needs to see a continued response from willing donors.

People must be age 16 with a parent present and weigh at least 110 pounds to donate blood. There is no upper age limit to donate. Donors should bring photo ID, should eat a meal prior to donating and be well hydrated with juice or water on donation day.

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A message from CCPS about returning to school

Collier County Public Schools issued this message on Wednesday, Sept. 13:

"We know many of you are facing challenges from Hurricane Irma, including power outages, intermittent cell phone service, gas shortages and even deciding when to head back home.

"At this time, the earliest student return date to classrooms would be Wednesday, Sept. 20, with all teachers to return to school sites Tuesday, Sept. 19. Our return-to-school timeline is still directly impacted by power outages. Power is coming back online each day.

"We are currently readying all 54 school sites that sustained damage during the storm. We are proud of the collective commitment of our 27 schools that served as shelters or refuges. We appreciate your patience as many of our employees also evacuated. We currently have six of 54 school sites with power. We are #CCPSstrong and look forward to getting "Back to the Classroom Together" as soon as possible.



Please be safe and continue to follow our communication channels for future updates. ■



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As repairs and cleanup begin, BBB offers cautionary tips

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In the wake of Hurricane Irma, consumers are evaluating the damage done and have started the cleanup process. Better Business Bureau receives hundreds of complaints every year concerning sub-par work performed by contractors, and encourages consumers to take the time to properly research contractors to avoid creating a bigger problem.

Natural disasters can bring out the best in people, as strangers reach out to help others in need. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a crisis typically also brings out many types of scams and unlicensed contractors who take advantage of those who have been victimized.

BBB serving West Florida warns residents who have been affected by Hurricane Irma to beware of out-of-town "storm chasers" and contractors soliciting business.

Disaster victims should never feel pressured by an unknown contractor to make a decision, Karen Nalven, BBB president, says. "Storm chasers may not have proper licensure for your area and may offer quick fixes or make big promises to which they won't deliver," she adds.

BBB offers the following tips for hurricane Irma victims:

- Before you hire, check out the company/contractor at www.bbb.org. It's fast, easy and free. Also search the company/contractor online, adding the word "Complaint," "Reviews" or "Scam" after the name for different search results.

- BBB's "Disaster Recovery Repairing and Rebuilding Guide" provides helpful resources to aid in clean-up and repair



efforts. Find it at www.bbb.org/west-florida/hurricanes/disaster-recovery/.

- Contractors must be registered with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, unless work is limited to a specific area. To check licensing, call 850-487-1395, download the app named "DBPR mobile" or go online to www.myfloridalicense.com to check whether a contractor is regis-

tered. Contractors who limit their work to local areas might only be required to secure a license with their county in lieu of DBPR. Check with your local county contractors' certification/building department if you are unsure if a contractor has secured proper licensing.

- Many municipalities require a solicitation permit if sales people go door-to-door. Verify that they need to have a permit by contacting your local municipality. BBB suggests consumers be proactive in selecting a contractor and not reactive to sales calls on the phone or door-to-door pitches. Always ask for identification and contact the company directly should you have any concerns.

- While most roofing contractors abide by the law, be careful allowing someone you do not know inspect your roof. An unethical contractor may actually create damage to get work.

- Understand Assignment of Benefits contracts. Beware of contractors who claim to be insurance claim specialists and who might ask you to sign an agreement to allow them to contact your insurance company and seek approval of repairs for you. Many unscrupulous businesses have tricked consumers into signing a work estimate without reading the fine print, which commits you to automatically contract with their business if your insurance claim is approved.

- Try to get at least three or four quotes from contractors, and insist that payments be made to the company, not an individual.

- Do not pay for the job in advance. Be wary of any contractor who demands full or half payment upfront.

- Resist high-pressure sales tactics such as the "good deal" you'll get only if you hire the contractor on the spot.

- Get a written contract that specifies the price, the work to be done, the amount of liability insurance coverage maintained by the contractor, and a time frame. Require a copy of their current certificate of insurance.

- Pay by credit card, if possible; you might have additional protection if there's a problem.

- Check that the contractor's vehicle has signs or markings on it with the business name, phone number and license plates for Florida.

- Mold assessors and remediators must hold an active license with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations. You can

review the status by going to www.myfloridalicense.com or by calling 850-487-1395. The license information also should tell you how long the contractor has been licensed to perform work.

Make sure the business has extensive experience in cleaning up mold. Ask for references from the business and contact these references for more information. Also, ask family and friends if they have worked with a mold remediation expert in the past and had a favorable experience.

- Beware of price gouging for commodities or services; if there's a "gross disparity" between the prior price and the current charge, it is considered price gouging. If you think you are being priced gouged, report it to the Price Gouging Hotline established by the Florida Attorney General's Office at 866-9-NO-SCAM.

- If you hire an uninsured and unlicensed contractor and a serious injury were to occur to the contractor, you, as the person who hired him, could potentially be liable for paying the workers compensation benefits. This could turn a simple \$1,000 repair into a bill for tens of thousands more. In addition, a neighboring property, a passerby or other property that is negligently damaged by an unlicensed contractor can become a liability to the person that hired the contractor.

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Agencies join for Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund

The Community Foundation of Collier County, in collaboration with the city of Naples and Collier County Emergency Management, Collier County Sheriff's Office, city of Naples Police Department, Marco Island Police Department and the United Way of Collier County, has established the Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund to provide assistance to Hurricane Irma victims.

Every cent of donations collected will be distributed to victims and their families, according to a statement from the Community Foundation.

The purpose of the fund is to assist those affected and the nonprofits that support victims in the aftermath of a crisis, and also to assure donors that help will reach their intended cause. Fraudulent sites pop up following a disaster or emergency that mislead donors about where their funds will go.

"We are here to help the victims and their families," foundation President Eileen Connolly-Keesler said. "The collaboration of our community partners and the generosity of our community will carry us through to a quick and strong recovery. Together, we can come to the aid of those most in need."

To donate online to the Collier Comes Together Disaster Relief Fund, visit www.cfcollier.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation of Collier County, 1110 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 200, Naples, FL 34108.

The Community Foundation is working with the United Way of Collier County to ensure that donations will be distributed where they are needed most. ■

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Residents impacted by Irma can register for FEMA help

Florida residents with losses due to Hurricane Irma in Collier, Charlotte, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Pinellas and Sarasota counties can register for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to state and federal officials.

Individuals can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or through the FEMA App.

Applicants will need to provide their social security number, daytime telephone number, a current mailing address and the full address and zip code of their damage property, and private insurance information, if available.

By registering for federal assistance

you can look up your address to find out if it is in a disaster area declared for Individual Assistance, check the status of your application and get updates by SMS or email, and Upload documents to support your application.

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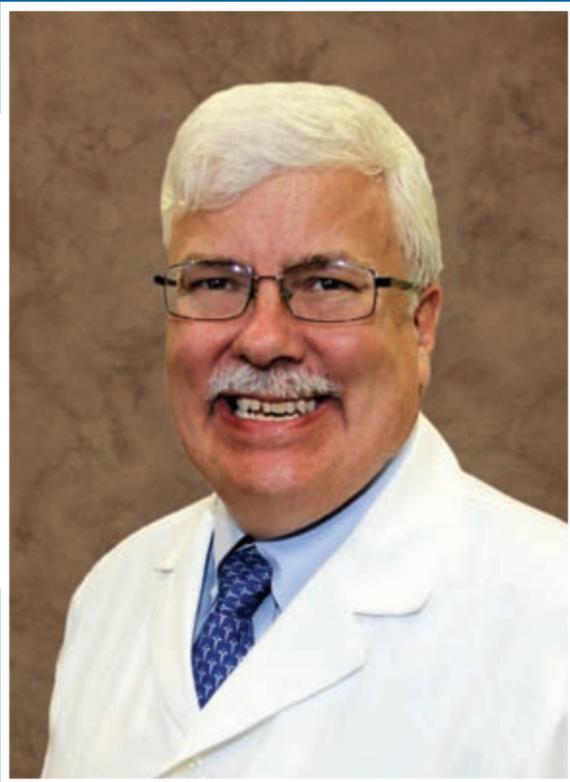


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Young adults at increased risk of hypertension

THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Young adults, particularly men, lag behind middle-aged and older adults in awareness and treatment of high blood pressure, putting this population at an increased risk for heart attack and stroke, according to new research in the American Heart Association's journal Hypertension.

High blood pressure is a leading risk factor for heart attack and stroke and is also a significant public health burden, costing the U.S. about \$110 billion in direct and indirect costs in 2015, according to American Heart Association estimates. AHA guidelines define blood pressure as normal at less than 120/80 and high blood pressure as 140/90 or above.

"While hypertension awareness, treatment and control have improved overall since the early 2000s, all three remain worse in young adults — those aged 18-39," said senior study author Andrew Moran, M.D., an assistant professor at Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

The study, based on 1999-2014 data taken from more than 41,000 people who participated in eight national health surveys, examined the prevalence and management of high blood pressure among adults.

Among the researchers' key findings:

- Only half of the 6.7 million young adults with high blood pressure in 2013-2014 received treatment and only 40 percent got their blood pressure under control.

- Among young men, rates of

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Participants needed for two-year study of smart water bottle

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Can a high-tech water bottle help reduce the recurrence of kidney stones? What about a financial incentive? Those are questions researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health will seek to answer as they begin recruiting participants for a two-year clinical trial at four sites across the country. Scientists will test whether using a smart water bottle that encourages people to drink more water, and therefore urinate, will reduce the recurrence of urinary stone disease, commonly referred to as kidney stones. The trial is supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, part of NIH.

The randomized trial, known as the Prevention of Urinary Stones with Hydration study, or PUSH, will enroll 1,642 people, half in an intervention group and half in a control group. The study's primary aim is to determine whether a program of financial incentives, receiving advice from a health coach, and using a smart water bottle will result in reduced risk of kidney stone recurrence over a two-year period. The water bottle, called Hidrate Spark, monitors fluid consumption and connects to an app.

Those in the intervention group will be asked to drink a specific quantity of fluids calculated based on each person's urine output. They will also be given financial incentives if they achieve their fluid targets. They will also meet with a health coach who will help identify barriers to drinking more liquids, and help solve them. Study participants in both groups will receive the water bottles to monitor how much they drink and will be asked to try to achieve a goal of drinking enough to expel 2.5 liters of urine per day — about 10.5 cups.

In the United States, the prevalence of urinary stones has nearly doubled in the past 15 years, affecting about 1 in 11 people. Little high-quality research exists related to how to prevent stones, and most therapies treat people with the condition only after they are in excruciating pain.

Existing prevention guidelines agree on one important lifestyle change: drinking more water. However, among people with a history of kidney stones — and who are routinely counseled to drink more water — the average increase in 24-hour



urine volume is very small. PUSH researchers hope to identify ways to change and sustain behaviors that increase fluid intake and reduce urinary stone recurrence.

"Urinary stones are painful and debilitating, and their treatment expensive. We hope that identifying the barriers to water intake, and helping people overcome those barriers individually will be successful," said Ziya Kirkali, MD, program director of urology clinical research and epidemiology in NIDDK's Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases. "If successful, the study could change management of kidney stones, and could result in healthcare systems incorporating problem solving and prevention strategies, perhaps using incentives to modify behavior in people with urinary stone disease."

PUSH participants must be 12 years of age or older, have had at least one symptomatic stone in the past three years, have a low urine amount (measured over 24 hours), own a smartphone, and meet other eligibility criteria.

PUSH is being conducted by investigators with the Urinary Stone Disease Research Network. The Duke Clinical Research Institute is USDRN's Scientific Data Research Center. PUSH will enroll at four clinical sites:

- University of Pennsylvania/Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas
- University of Washington, Seattle
- Washington University in St. Louis

"Urinary stone disease remains an important medical, scientific, and public health problem, and it is an extraordinarily painful one for those it affects," said NIDDK Director Dr. Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D. "With this trial, we're leaning on technology to find a solution to preventing urinary stones that can fit into people's lifestyles."

The NIDDK, a component of the NIH, conducts and supports research on diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; digestive diseases, nutrition and obesity; and kidney, urologic and hematologic diseases. Spanning the full spectrum of medicine and afflicting people of all ages and ethnic groups, these diseases encompass some of the most common, severe and disabling conditions affecting Americans.

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Hazelden urges action on opioids

The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation hosts a community action event for leaders from education, law enforcement, health care and government to gather with citizens, parents and teachers to learn ways to be part of the solution to the opioid epidemic.

HOPE — Heroin and Opioid Prevention Efforts — takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Crowne Plaza in Fort Myers. Dave Aronberg, state attorney for the 15th judicial circuit in the Palm Beach area, is the keynote speaker.

According to the most recent Florida Department of Law Enforcement statistics, opioids such as prescription painkillers and heroin were directly responsible for the deaths of 3,896 Floridians in 2015, about 11 people per day. Gov. Rick Scott officially declared the opioid epidemic a public health emergency in Florida this past spring.

HOPE attendees will learn about the impact of opioid use, addiction and overdose in the community; resources for prevention, intervention and treat-



ment; and ways to mobilize a coalition to develop a community-based action plan.

Attendance is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. Sign up at www.HazeldenBettyFord.org/Epidemic. For more information, email Jamie Welton at JWelton@HazeldenBettyFord.org. ■

HYPERTENSION

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awareness, treatment and control were lower compared to young women (68.4 percent versus 86 percent for awareness; 43.7 percent versus 61.3 percent for treatment; and 33.7 percent vs. 51.8 percent for control).

■ Nearly three-quarters of young adults who had high blood pressure were obese compared with 57 percent of middle-aged adults and 42 percent of older adults, suggesting that young adults with high blood pressure are more than twice as likely to be obese.

Researchers noted young women are more likely to have their blood pressure checked due to more frequent health-care visits like gynecological exams or prenatal care.

The prevalence of prehypertension (readings from 120-139/80-89) was significantly higher among young men (33.6 percent) than young women (12.8 percent). According to the AHA, people with pre-hypertension are likely to develop high blood pressure unless steps are taken to control it.

“Our study identified shortfalls in

high blood pressure screening and management among young adults and especially young adult males,” said lead study author Yiyi Zhang, Ph.D., associate research scientist at Columbia University Medical Center in New York. “The first step for young adults is to have their blood pressure measured, whether in a doctor’s office, pharmacy or other place in their community. Young adults with consistently high blood pressure need a link to clinical care to verify the diagnosis and receive regular monitoring and possibly treatment.”

This study emphasizes the need to focus on early hypertension prevention and management in young adults. It also highlights the importance of addressing policy issues related to healthcare access and utilization.

Recognizing the need and importance of blood pressure control, in 2015 the AHA and the American Medical Association began collaborating to get more people appropriately treated to control. Target:BP is a recognition program that urges medical practices, hospitals and health service organizations to reach and sustain a blood pressure control rate of 70 percent or higher among the high blood pressure patients they serve. ■



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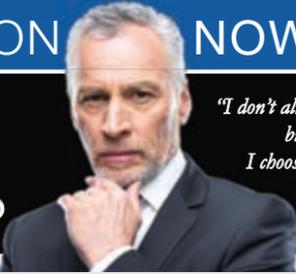
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PET TALES

Ride in safety

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & KEITH TURNER
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Do you secure your pets when they're riding in the car?

While most cats travel safely in carriers when they travel at all, the question typically draws an uneasy look and an uncomfortable response from even the most conscientious and well-meaning of dog lovers.

The truth is that most dog lovers — including those who wouldn't think of leaving home without first securing themselves and their children with a seat belt — don't provide the same protection for their dogs.

The results can be tragic. Unrestrained pets cause more than 30,000 accidents annually, according to the American Automobile Association, injuries and even fatalities that

could in many cases have been avoided with the use of a restraint or carrier.

"It's beneficial to both people and pets to have animals properly restrained in a car — either with a commercial restraint device or

in a carrier," said Dr. Tony Johnson, emergency department director at VCA Indiana Veterinary Specialists in Indianapolis. "I have seen several dramatic and heartbreaking cases where dogs jumped out of a vehicle and suffered severe injuries."

Grant Biniaz of the pet health insurance provider VPI agrees.

"Injuries can be sustained during an accident, or even when slamming on



the brakes," he said. "We also see many cases where unrestrained dogs have been injured jumping out of an open window if they see something interesting — like another dog or a squirrel — outside of the car."

But it's not just about safety for pets. Restraining your dog while you're on the road protects people as well. Secured pets won't be the reason for a driver's distraction. In the case of an accident, a secured pet won't be flying loose in the vehicle, increasing the likelihood and severity of injuries to all.

"In a 30 mph accident, a 60-pound dog can cause an impact of more than 2,700 pounds, slamming into a car seat, windshield or other passengers," said Christina Selter, founder of Bark Buckle Up, an organization dedicated to teaching pet owners about the importance of securing their pets while traveling.

"And if the animal survives and gets loose, it can run into traffic or impede the progress of emergency crews arriv-

ing on the scene."

There are many varieties of restraints, including harnesses that hook into the seatbelt systems, carriers and crates that keep pets protected and barriers to keep animals in the back, away from drivers. In fact, one auto manufacturer, Volvo, has made dog safety such a priority that the Swedish automaker has introduced its own line of pet barriers that fit into some of its more dog-friendly models. And several other automakers are reportedly following suit.

No matter what type of restraint you choose, the key is to introduce it to your pet as early as possible, said VPI's Biniaz.

"It is very difficult to train an older dog to wear a restraint in a car," said Biniaz. "Pet owners should acclimate their pets to restraints from a young age."

The importance of pet car safety is perhaps best summed up by Sgt. Rick Martinez of the Anaheim, Calif., police department, who has seen firsthand the tragic consequences of unrestrained pets in vehicles.

"We all want to spoil our pets," said Martinez. "The best thing you can do for your dog is to buckle them up in your car. In case of an accident, it will save their life and greatly enhance the abilities of first responders to take care of other occupants." ■

— Keith Turner is editor of the Pet Connection's DogCars.com Web site.

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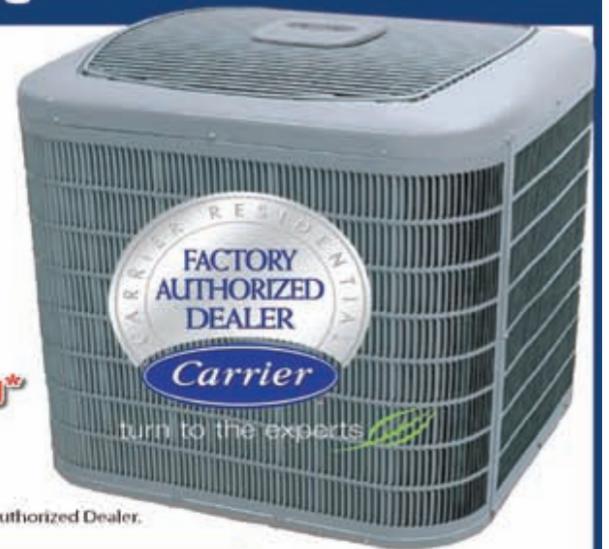
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THE DIVA DIARIES

Girl, you know it's true — we all had shoulder pads, too



“Dear Diva,” the email from a reader began, “my 12-year-old daughter has '80s dress-up day at school coming up and we're looking for costume ideas. Any suggestions?”

I calmly gulped my pinot grigio before typing my reply, when I suddenly realized that '80s dress-up day is the equivalent of '50s dress-up day when I was in middle school. It was a sobering moment. Suddenly, I was the “oldie.”

How can the generation that gave us Molly Ringwald and Michael J. Fox be old? But to seventh-graders everywhere, we're not a generation — we're a costume.

That said, the '80s generation makes for a pretty good costume, and I'd hate for my bitterness at being inadvertently called “old” to rain on anyone's '80s dress-up day. So I responded with the following:

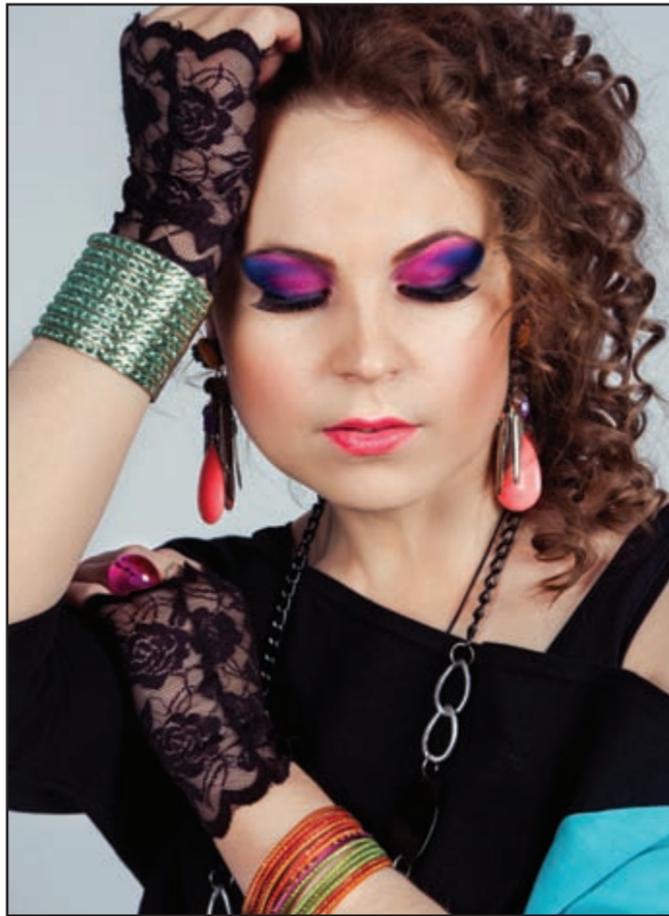
“Your choices for your daughter's dress-up day, dear reader, are plentiful. When I was a 'tween and we had '50s dress-up day at school, my mom had to search desperately all over town to find me a poodle skirt and saddle shoes. But trying to emulate the '80s in 2017 is a no brainer, dude.

If your kid wants to go with the early '80s, all she needs is a pair of high-waisted mom jeans and a tucked-in polo shirt. No need to go thrift-store shopping — this ensemble is currently part of the 2017 fall fashion line at The Gap.

However, if your daughter is looking at the mid '80s, it might take some DIY work on your part. You'll need some crinoline for a skirt, some lace for gloves, some rubber for bunches of bracelets, and lots (and lots) of eyeliner. I remember 1985 very well and Madonna and Cyndi Lauper made it easy for us. How hard is it to rip up a pair of fishnet stockings and wear them like a boss?

The late '80s were a little more challenging, as they melded with the early '90s grunge era. You could get away with wearing a babydoll dress and Doc Martens, or you could go with parachute pants and Converse sneakers — it's a toss up.”

Whether it was the beginning of the decade or the end, the '80s were a smorgasbord of fashion, film and music — I just never realized that my teen years would become a costume.



a skirt for me and hand-embroidered a poodle on it, and when we couldn't find saddle shoes, she dug out a pair of dusty loafers from the back of her closet and inserted a penny onto the top of each one. I remember telling her, “But, MOM, I need SADDLE shoes.”

“Honey, these are even better,” she told me, “They're penny loafers — they're what we all wore.”

So, I wore them — and I was the only kid in penny loafers. I had to explain them to everyone; I remember telling my mom how awkward it was to “explain” my costume. She told me that the kids at my school were dumb.

Now we have an entire generation of 'tweens who will have to explain why the jeans from their '80s costumes are stonewashed. Well, kids, some things aren't easily explained — you just have to live through it — and if you can make it through the '80s, you can make it through anything. ■

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

The difference between the '50s and the '80s is that when I had dress-up day, my mom painstakingly sewed

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STARTING NEXT MONTH, DISCOUNT AIRLINES ARE PLANNING TO add at least 17 U.S. cities to their schedules at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Punta Gorda Airport (PGD).

At RSW in Fort Myers, Frontier and Spirit Airlines will fly nonstop to and from as far west as Colorado Springs and as far east as Islip on Long Island, N.Y.

Other new destinations will include Buffalo, Kansas City, Nashville, Providence, Chicago, Philadelphia, Trenton, Hartford,

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MONEY & INVESTING

Just how high might the government push the debt ceiling?

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In the last few weeks, there has been a lot of focus on the federal government "debt ceiling." Headlines have prophesized everything from a total government shutdown to a market crash to an economic depression if the debt ceiling is not raised by the end of September.

So what is the debt ceiling and why is it so important today?

The federal debt ceiling was created by Congress in 1917 when it passed the Second Liberty Bond Act. Before that date, lawmakers simply authorized the treasury to take on debt to fund a particular expenditure. However, with the start of World War I, it became too complicated to fund each war expenditure by itself, so Congress authorized the treasury to issue bonds or other debt instruments to fund the government's expenses — as long as the total debt was

under a certain number. This number was the first debt ceiling.

Note that the debt ceiling has nothing to do with spending tax dollars or allocating funds to particular projects. Instead, the debt ceiling is analogous to the spending limit on your credit card. MasterCard doesn't care what you use the card for, as long as you stay under your pre-approved line of credit.

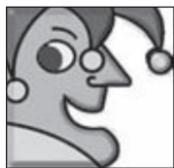
So what is the government's debt ceiling? In 1940, at the onset of World War II, the debt ceiling stood at about \$49 billion. It took about 40 years for that

amount to surpass the \$1 trillion mark. Only five years later, in 1985, that number doubled to \$2 trillion. Today, the debt ceiling stands at about \$20 trillion.

If Congress did not authorize an increase to the debt ceiling, it would be analogous to you being at your credit limit on your Visa Card and having automatic payments on your cable bill, Netflix subscription and insurance premium coming up the next day. Something will not get paid.

Who determines what gets paid and

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Betting Against Stocks — Profitably

The way to make money in stocks is to buy low and sell high, right? Well, yes, but many don't realize you can also make money in stocks by reversing that — buying high and then selling low. It's called "shorting."

Here's how it works: Imagine GroverCleveland.com (ticker: GROVY) has gone public. While others may be excited about the company, you have little faith in it and expect the stock to sink. You go to your brokerage and put in an order to short GROVY. The brokerage will "borrow" shares from a GROVY shareholder's account and sell them for you. Later, if the share price does drop, you'll "cover" your short, which involves buying shares on the market (at a lower price) to replace the ones you borrowed. If you shorted GROVY at \$90 and covered when it fell to \$70, you made \$20 per share (less commissions). This process may seem crazy, but it's legal and commonly done.

You can make money with shorting in any kind of market. If the market plunges, your shorts will likely fall, boosting

your portfolio's performance. Even in a strong market, poorly performing companies will often fall in value, rewarding those who bet against them.

There's a big downside to shorting, though. If the stock price rises and then you sell, you'll lose money. It gets worse: With shorted stocks, you can gain only up to 100 percent, since a stock price can't fall lower than zero. But if your shorted stock keeps rising, your downside is theoretically unlimited. Since you can actually lose more than 100 percent of your money, you need to keep a very close eye on your shorts.

Shorting stocks also involves working against the overall long-term upward trend of the market. Companies you're sure are overvalued can just remain overvalued or keep rising. And if you short a company, you'll have its management working against you to make the company succeed.

Shorting can be effective, but it's only for seasoned investors. Many experienced investors do very well without it. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Slippery Slope

A guy kept calling me about investing in a ski resort in upstate New York. He said, "How could you lose? You are investing in a mountain." I lost the entire investment — and learned not to listen to anyone pushing stocks on the phone or via flyers in the mail.

— Don K., Edinboro, Pennsylvania

The Fool Responds: You got cold-called, which is rarely a great way to find outstanding investments. Any investments that are so terrific wouldn't need salespeople to push them — those in the know would be snapping up all available shares. And, of course, you weren't investing in a mountain. You were investing in a business. It probably wasn't a publicly traded one, with shares of common stock trading on the open market and an obligation to regularly file audited financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are publicly available. Instead, it might have been a limited partnership or some other structure, which can be complicated, tax-wise and otherwise. You probably didn't get a chance to look at its books and see how profitable it was (if it was indeed profitable) and how quickly its revenue and earnings were growing (not to mention its debt load and accounts receivable). Before investing in any company, public or private, you need to understand the company's strengths and weaknesses, its risks and opportunities. You need to be reasonably confident the potential benefits outweigh the risks. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I'm the product of a 2010 merger of two companies, both of which trace their roots to the early 1900s, when one was making pretzels and the other selling peanuts. I introduced peanut butter sandwich crackers in 1913. Today, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, I'm a snack giant, with brands such as Kettle Brand, KETTLE Chips, Cape Cod, Snack Factory Pretzel Crisps, Pop Secret, Emerald, Late July, Krunchers!, Tom's, Archway, Jays, Stella D'oro, EatSmart Snacks, O-Ke-Doke, Metcalfe's skinny and my own names. My market value recently topped \$3.5 billion, and I employ more than 6,500 people. Who am I? (Answer: Snyder's-Lance) ■



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Ask the Fool

Don't Freak Out

How freaked out should I be when the market crashes, say, 274 points, as it did recently?

— C.D., Santa Rosa, California

A Don't freak out. Stocks and the overall market move up and down every day the market is open, with some of those moves being sizable. It's smart to think in percentages instead of points, though — a concept that the financial media doesn't seem to grasp. On Aug. 17, for example, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped a seemingly massive 274 points — the second-largest single-day decline in 2017. The Dow began that day at 22,025, though, and ended not that far away, at 21,751. Those 274 points represented a decline of only 1.24 percent.

There have been — and will be — many moves of much more than 1.24 percent in the market. In 1987, for example, the Dow plunged 157 points, but at the time, that represented a fall of 8 percent. A 2008 drop of 778 points was a 7 percent decline. Meanwhile, a seemingly small shrinkage of 38 points in 1929 was a 13 percent drop, followed the next day by a 12 percent fall.

Despite its volatility, the stock market's long-term trend has always been up. Only keep money you won't need for five (or even 10) years in stocks — and when the market plunges, grab your shopping cart.

Are there any bills larger than the \$100 bill?

— FW, Columbia, Missouri

A There used to be. The Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve System discontinued \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 notes in 1969, due to their not being used much. (Indeed, they were last printed in 1945.) ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1847, when one of my co-founders, an immigrant, invented America's first candy machine — a lozenge cutter — followed by a sugar pulverizer. I churn out more than 600 million of my lozenge-like flagship product annually. It has been so popular that it's been a supply on multiple Arctic expeditions going back to 1913, and was given to U.S. soldiers in World War II. I'm based in Revere,



Massachusetts, and my offerings today include Squirrel Nut Zippers, Mighty Malts, Canada Mints, Mary Janes, Sweethearts, Candy Buttons, Clark Bars, Slap Stix and Sky Bars. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

An Alphabet for All Ages

There is no company quite like Google's parent company, Alphabet (Nasdaq: GOOG). The company takes in nearly \$100 billion of revenue annually, and it's still growing fast. In its latest quarter, Alphabet increased revenue by 21 percent year over year. Almost all that comes from advertising. Alphabet was estimated to have captured 43 percent of the \$181 billion online advertising market in 2016.

Its Google is the world's largest search provider and most popular website, and its Android mobile operating system enjoys greater market share than Apple's iOS. Alphabet encompasses YouTube, Verily Life Sciences, Nest thermostats, solar-powered drones and more.

Investors in Alphabet get a dominant online advertising business coupled with the chance that one of the company's "moonshots" will become the next big thing. The most prominent is Waymo, Alphabet's self-driving car subsidiary. Alphabet is aiming to be the driving force behind this revolutionary technology.

Alphabet's coffers have ballooned to contain more than \$94 billion in cash and investments — which can be used to buy more companies or pay a dividend, among other options. Alphabet isn't without risk, but it's strong — and likely to reward long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Alphabet.) ■

Finance students invited to apply for scholarships

CFA Society Naples, a nonprofit organization that brings together professionals in finance including wealth managers, financial advisers and analysts who adhere to ethical and professional standards within the investment industry, offers \$1,000 academic scholarships to deserving university students who are studying finance.

Recipients must be undergraduate finance majors or graduate students in an MBA program with a declared finance concentration. They must have an overall GPA or at least 3.0 and must have at least one more semester remaining prior to graduation.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 29, via email to Travis Jones,

Ph.D., a professor of finance at Florida Gulf Coast University and a member of the board of CFA Society Naples, at tljones@fgcu.edu.

Applicants must submit a 500- to 1,000-word essay describing why they deserve the scholarship, how it fits into their major, their plans for the future and their goals for obtaining a CFA charter.

Mr. Jones serves on the CFA Society Naples committee that will conduct applicant interviews in October and select the recipients.

Approximately 130 financial professionals in Southwest Florida belong



to CFA Society Naples, a member of the global CFA Institute. The executive committee for 2017-18 consists of Loren McDougall of Wasmer, Schro-

eder & Co., presiden; Jack Clark, CFA, CFP, The Colony Group, vice president; Richard Smith, CFA, treasurer; and Omar Bhangia, PNC Wealth Management, secretary.

CFA Society Naples sponsors monthly lunches with finance experts and hosts an annual forecast dinner. The society also encourages professional development through the Chartered Financial Analyst program. For more information about membership and to register for events, visit www.cfasociety.org/naples. ■

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what doesn't once the government limit is reached? Some argue that the Executive Branch can pick and choose which programs get funded and which do not. Others argue that no one can receive government money at that point, including U.S. government bondholders who are owed interest.

This last point has convinced many analysts that the debt ceiling has outlived its usefulness and now causes more problems than it solves. They worry that for political reasons Congress might fail to increase the limit,

leading to a loss of confidence in the bond markets. Interest rates would spike as investors demanded a higher rate of return to hold U.S. bonds, which could lead to a depression.

Will Congress phase out the debt ceiling? After all, if it wanted to control debt it could simply pass a budget with less spending. But politically, conservatives would be hard pressed to abolish it for fear of being seen as not fiscally conservative. And liberals like it, as they are often able to "trade" a higher debt ceiling for some spending package that favors their constituents. So for now, as long as Congress continues to fuel ever-expanding budget deficits, we will constantly be pressed against rising debt ceilings as well. ■



AIR

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Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

And next year starting in May, the German discount airline Eurowings will start nonstop flights from RSW to Munich and Cologne/Bonn.

A little more than 30 miles north at PGD, Allegiant Air will begin nonstop service to Rochester, Newburgh, Milwaukee, Flint and St. Cloud, on new Airbus A320s.

"(Allegiant) is always looking for cities where demand to get to a vacation destination like the Gulf Coast is underserved," said spokesperson Hilarie Grey. "These latest additions are a continuation of what we've seen in terms of demand for Southwest Florida, and we believe these routes will end up supporting even more service down the road."

She adds that passengers end up staying in hotels not just in Charlotte County, but also Sarasota, Fort Myers and Naples.

Gianluca Corso, owner of Cosmos Café & Pizzeria in Naples, expects the new routes from PGD and RSW will boost business.

"It'll be fantastic," he said. "(We have) a lot of Michigan customers, tons of New York customers in Naples. A lot of people from New York own a second home and I bet they will use it more and more. I think it will be very good for the city."

Discount airlines advertise prices that are about half to 30 percent of comparable destinations on major airlines. In all, savings may add up to less than that because passengers often pay extra fees for carry-on and checked luggage as well as snacks and drinks. Fees vary depending on the flight.

Allegiant advertises fares as low as \$49 to \$69 one way on the new flights out of PGD. One personal carry-on item is free, according to the company's website. Additional carry-on or checked bags range from about \$15 to \$50, depending on the flight.

"With low fares and nonstop flights, they get a lot of people to take vacations," said PGD executive director James Parish. "Our model with a low-cost airport and low-cost airline has just allowed them (Allegiant) to grow."

Allegiant flew 1,070 flights in and out of PGD in 2012; in 2016 the number was 7,538.



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One of the fastest-growing small airports in the country, PGD is about 10 minutes from downtown Punta Gorda, 30 minutes from Fort Myers and an hour from Naples.

With new cities added to schedules this year, PGD will offer service to 39 destinations. More than 1.2 million passengers last year traveled through the airport.

"Allegiant is just blowing up and it's really exciting for us because these are all areas we are really interested in and we get a lot of visitors from," said Francesca Donlan, director of communications of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau.

Allegiant also announced in August that it is planning Sunseeker Resorts, a hotel and condo development on more than 20 acres of waterfront property in Charlotte County, including restaurants, bars, retail shops and a marina. The company estimates that the resort will spark an increase of 300,000 visitors per year. Preliminary plans call for construction to start later next year.

"I'm really bullish on Punta Gorda Airport having a huge effect on that region,"

said Christopher Westley, Ph.D., director of the Regional Economic Research Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University. "It fits perfectly well into Allegiant's business model in that it caters to slightly off-the-grid airports that probably have lower costs of operating compared to the bigger airports, which allows them to keep their costs down."

At PGD and RSW, airlines' increase in flight destinations is keeping pace with the region's population and business growth, Mr. Westley said.

"You just have basic increased demand because the population has been steadily growing, so you'd expect this to happen on its own," he added. "But also you have economic activity that wasn't occurring before, which contributes to it."

More than 8.6 million passengers came through RSW in 2016.

Frontier Airlines is leading growth in destinations this year with nine new cities. The company promotes bundled flight options starting at \$59 each way including a carry-on bag and a checked bag.

Spirit Airlines is also adding two destinations and Southwest Airlines, one.

With new cities being added, RSW offers 48 nonstop destinations through 16 air carriers. About 80 percent of users are leisure travelers, and 20 percent business travelers, said spokesperson Victoria Moreland.

"In all measures, capacity is up," she said. "That means more seats available and new markets. And that demand, of course, is driven by the desire for people to come down to our area."

For airlines such as Frontier, she said, RSW is "a perfect fit. People want to come here, the airlines want to service the mar-

ket, we make sure they have a beautiful facility to come in to. We keep their costs low ... So it makes sense for them economically to be here in a number of ways." ■

in the know

New flights at RSW

Spirit Airlines:

>> On Nov. 9, nonstop daily service begins to Hartford's Bradley International Airport (BDL) and Pittsburgh (PIT).

Frontier Airlines:

>> On Oct. 5, nonstop weekly service begins to Colorado Springs (COS), and daily service to Islip on Long Island (ISP), and Philadelphia (PHL).

On Oct. 6, nonstop weekly service begins to Nashville (BNA), and Providence (PVD).

>> On Dec. 10, nonstop weekly service begins to Trenton (TTN), Buffalo (BUF), Kansas City (MCI), and Chicago-O'Hare (ORD).

Southwest Airlines:

>> On Jan. 13, nonstop weekly service begins to Cleveland (CLE).

Eurowings:

>> In May, nonstop weekly service will begin to Munich Airport (MUC) and Cologne Bonn Airport (CGN) in Germany.

New flights at PGD

Allegiant Air:

>> On Oct. 6, nonstop service begins to Flint, Bishop International Airport (FNT) in Flint, Mich.; on Oct. 13 to Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport (MKE); and on Nov. 17 to New York's Rochester International Airport (ROC) and Stewart International Airport in Newburgh (SWF). Seasonal service will also begin Nov. 17 to St. Cloud Regional Airport (STC) in Minnesota.

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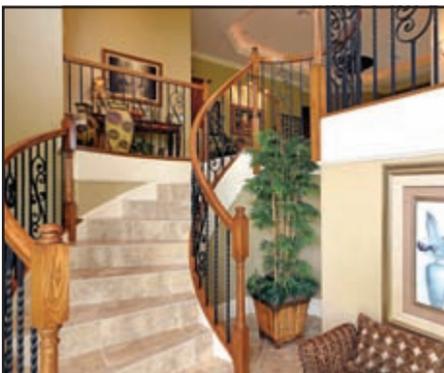
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House Hunting

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Here's second-floor living at its best, with a private driveway and private front/side yard plus a private elevator from the two-car garage. Built in 2007 and well cared for every since, this three-bedroom-plus-office, three-bath coach home is being sold furnished and has approximately \$100,000 in upgrades. Features include extra utility storage in the garage; GE whole-house cartridge water filter; stereo speakers in the living room, lanai and master bedroom; upgraded light fixtures and dimmer

switches throughout; crown molding; a Frigidaire wine cooler; wood shelving in the pantry; and upgraded wood kitchen cabinetry. To top it off, it's a rarely available end unit with southwest rear exposure. One more plus: Immediate golf membership is available with the purchase of this home, so the new owners can skip the Mediterra Golf and Beach Club waitlist.

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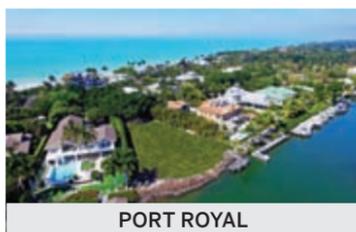
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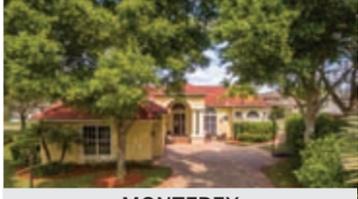
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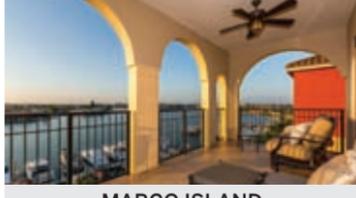
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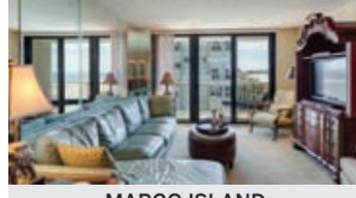
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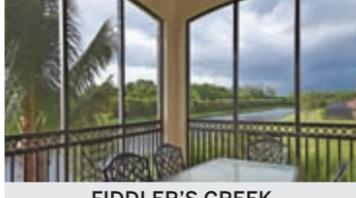
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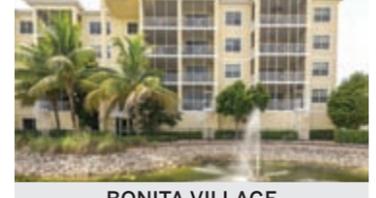
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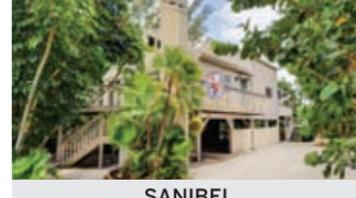
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ADVERTORIAL

Ronto Selects interior designers for Phase III models at Naples Square

The Ronto Group has selected the interior designers for its Phase III models at Naples Square. Ronto is developing Naples Square at the corner of 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road in downtown Naples. The community's walkable lifestyle is bringing a sense of cohesion to downtown by connecting 5th Avenue to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via 3rd Avenue South. Construction of the Phase III building is expected to start in 4th quarter of this year.

Phase III will feature models showcasing Ronto's Biltmore, Chatham, and Dover floor plans, three of the eight Phase III plans that range from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air and are priced from \$695,000. The one and two-story, two and three-bedroom plus den plans include open-concept living areas and open-air terraces. The Phase III Emerson plan is sold out. The Phase III floor plans offer enhanced iterations of the Phase I plans.

Leasebacks are available to purchasers of the three furnished Phase III models. Baer's Furniture's Linda Kaufman will create the interior for the Biltmore model that is priced at \$980,000 furnished. The Biltmore plan reflects the enhanced Phase III space sequences. Base-priced at \$845,000, the 1,698 square feet under air two-bedroom plus den plan is based on the 1,529 square feet Phase I Ballard plan. In addition to the 11% increase in air-conditioned space, the Biltmore's terrace is 20% larger and measures 242 square feet. The great room plan includes an island kitchen. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom open to the terrace. The owner's suite includes walk-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and his and her vanities.

Ronto enlarged the width of the Biltmore's great room, kitchen, and terrace by two feet. The enlarged width allowed Ronto to increase the glass slider panels opening to the terrace from four to six, a step that provides additional natural light and enhanced courtyard views. An additional foot of depth was included in the terrace design. The additional width and depth resulted in the 20% overall increase in the terrace space. A wall of cabinetry was added to the kitchen design and is now standard in Biltmore residences. The re-design also increased the size of the owner's bedroom. It measures 15 x 15-feet, a full 225 square feet. A third panel of glass was added to the window.

Robb & Stucky's Ingrid De Villiers will design the Chatham model that is priced at \$1,045,000 fully furnished. Fashioned after the Phase I Chelsea plan that includes 1,832 square feet of living space and a 214 square feet open-air terrace, the Phase III Chatham two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath floor plan is base-priced at \$895,000 and includes 1,883 square feet under air and a 260 square feet open-air balcony. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom all open to the balcony. Ceiling details are included in the foyer and den. The Phase III Chatham is available with courtyard views or east and west city views. The flowing floor plan features a kitchen with a peninsula counter height bar and food preparation area with a double sink and dishwasher. The powder bath is located in a hallway leading to the laundry room. The owner's suite includes walk-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities.

Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer at Renee Gaddis Interiors is designing the Dover model. Based on the 2,264 square feet Phase I Denison plan, the Phase III



Above: Naples Square's Phase III Biltmore floor plan offers an ideal pied-a-terre and reflects the enhanced Phase III space sequences. Base-priced at \$845,000, the 1,698 square feet under air two-bedroom plus den plan is based on the 1,529 square feet Phase I Ballard plan. Left: Based on the 2,264 square feet Phase I Denison plan, Naples Square's Phase III Dover floor plan offers 2,375 square feet of living space, an increase of 111 square feet. Renee Gaddis, NCIDQ, ASID, GREEN AP, President and Principal Designer at Renee Gaddis Interiors is designing the Dover model. Below: Modeled after the Phase I Ballard floor plan, Naples Square's Phase III Biltmore's terrace is 20% larger and measures 242 square feet. Baer's Furniture's Linda Kaufman will create the interior for The Ronto Group's furnished Phase III Biltmore model.

Dover plan offers 2,375 square feet of living space, an increase of 111 square feet. The Dover also includes a 314 square feet open-air balcony. Base-priced at \$1,150,000, the plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a great 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, walk-in closets and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower, and a separate water closet. The Dover is available with eastern, southern, western, northern, and courtyard exposures. The furnished model is priced at \$1,365,000.

To enhance the Dover's space sequences, Ronto pushed the corner unit's great room and dining area out to increase the depth by four feet and the width by two feet. The increases allowed Ronto to add a third panel of glass to the great room window and a fourth panel to the slider opening to the balcony. The additional panels will allow more natural light into the residence. The enhancements in the great room also increased the size of the balcony. Ronto increased the size of the Dover's study by 30% compared to the



Denison by repositioning the laundry room. Two feet of depth was added to one of the guest bedrooms.

The Phase III Dover will offer an exceptional level of livability. The plan's entry opens to a foyer that will feature a ceiling detail. The enlarged study is situated to the left at the front of the residence. The foyer leads to the home's

living space that includes the great room, dining room, and kitchen. Three banks of sliders will open the living area to the balcony. The enlarged guest bedroom also opens to the balcony.

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ADVERTORIAL

Kalea Bay's first tower nears sellout

Tower 2 contracts remain strong

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 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 resi-

dents move into their new homes.

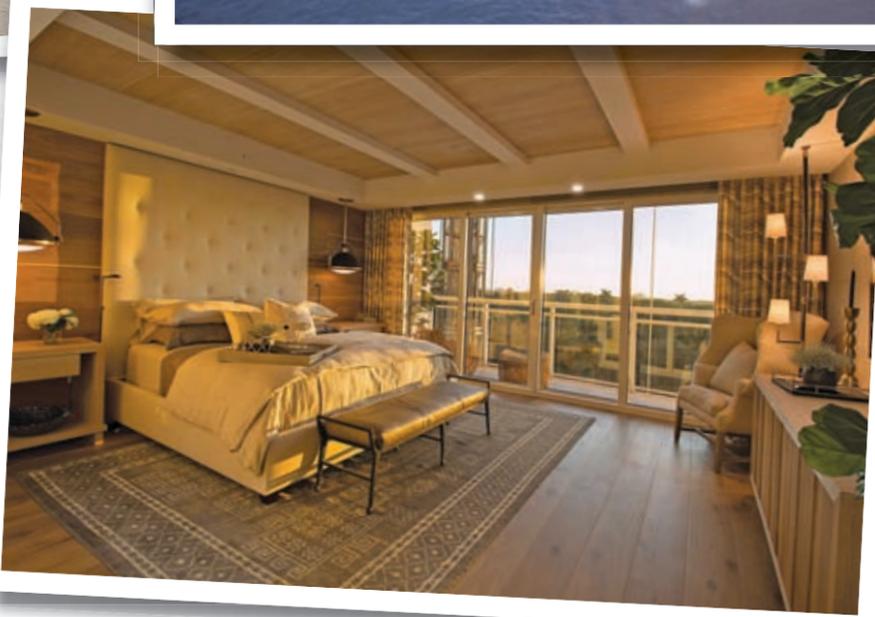
"The clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community," said Lodge.

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

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

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

"What better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set



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.

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

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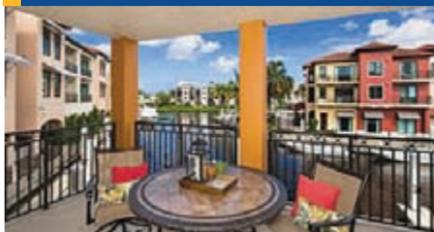
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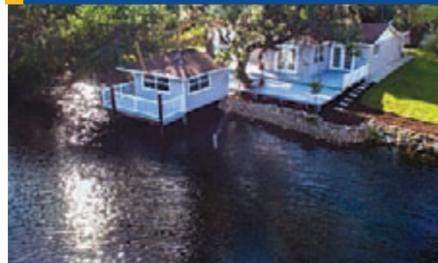
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Johnny Depp's Kentucky horse farm going up for bids

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"Pirates of the Caribbean" actor Johnny Depp has been trying to liquidate much of his extensive real estate holdings, including a village in France and a series of Los Angeles penthouses. Now a Kentucky horse farm he has purchased twice is going to auction on Sept. 15.

Depp was born in Owensboro, Ky., in 1963 and grew up surrounded by horse farms. Early in his movie career in 1995, he bought the 41-acre farm for his mother. He sold it in 2001 but bought it back in 2005.



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The farm is six miles west of the Lexington, Ky., beltway and two miles to the Bluegrass Airport, directly across from Keeneland Race Course. The eastern property line abuts Westmoreland subdivision, offering the possibility of future residential development. The original list price was \$3.4 million, recently reduced to \$2.9 million. ■





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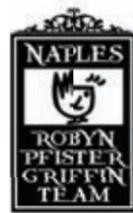




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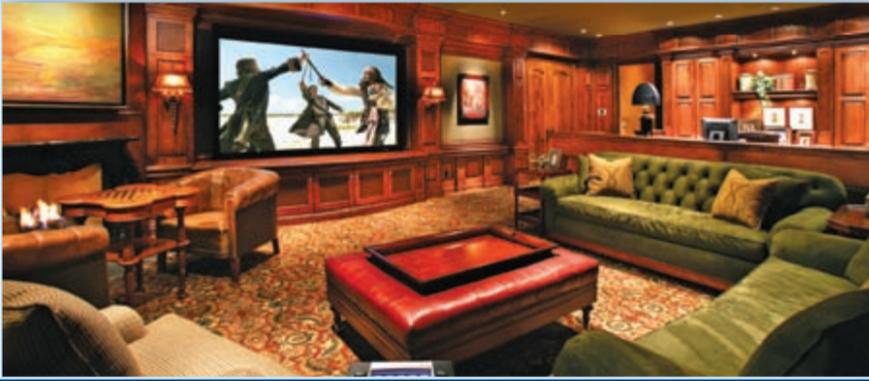
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Moorings Park Grande Lake designed for next generation of retirees

Informational luncheon planned for September 21

Building upon the foundation that has made Moorings Park and Moorings Park at Grey Oaks the preferred choice for Life Plan communities in Southwest Florida, a third incredible neighborhood is planned for the next generation of residents.

Situated on 55 acres in the heart of Naples, Moorings Park Grande Lake will combine one-of-a-kind vistas of magnificent lakes and championship golf with luxury homes and exceptional healthcare.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is being created in partnership with esteemed luxury custom homebuilder and developer, London Bay Homes, long known for its award-winning architectural design and attention to detail.

"Future residents will be attracted to its natural beauty, classic design and total commitment to enabling them to live longer, healthier and happier lives," stated Daniel Lavender, CEO of Moorings Park Institute, Inc.

"For nearly three decades, the brand promise of 'Private Label Living' has reflected our commitment to building and developing the finest luxury homes in Southwest Florida," said Mark Wilson, President of London Bay Homes. "It's an honor for us to now extend our philosophy of choice in design to the area's newest community."

Moorings Park Grande Lake is located on the south side of Golden Gate Parkway, between Airport-Pulling and Livingston roads.

The community will consist of luxurious mid-rise residences, including spacious penthouses. Prices start at \$1.4 million with 70 percent refundable entrance fees.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is a pet-friendly campus and has been designed to take advantage of views of a 28-acre lake, offering panoramic water and picturesque golf course views.

"The physical environment presents an innovative and resort-style blueprint that provides for seamless physical and visual experiences," said Lavender.

"It also maximizes the beauty and appeal of waterfront living combined with high-end materials and services," Wilson added.

Moorings Park Grande Lake will feature a modern design that is sophisticated and refined. Consistent with other Moorings Park campuses, the new community will include common areas that promote social interaction.

"This extraordinary site will allow and encourage residents to choose from indoor and outdoor activities year-round, including a variety of daily fitness and mind/body classes," said Steve Brinkert, Vice President of Resident Services.

The clubhouse, as planned, will feature casual and fine dining areas.

"Moorings Park Grande Lake will offer Simply the Best® in dining choices," stated Lavender. "This includes the highest standards of service which will complement the elegant lifestyle found here."

As planned, the clubhouse will also



Above: As planned, Moorings Park Grande Lake will feature 275 lakefront residences. Left: Residences command lake and golf course views. Below: The buildings at Moorings Park Grande Lake feature a coastal-inspired architectural design. The new Sales Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



feature a ballroom, art studio, wellness center, strength and cardio area, group fitness area and a salon and spa.

Also located in the clubhouse will be The Center for Healthy Living, home to the Care 360 concierge healthcare program developed in partnership with NCH Healthcare System, Physicians Services, and rehabilitation services.

Planned outdoor amenities to include poolside cabanas, yoga pavilion, walking paths, lakeside parkettes with boardwalks, gardens, fire pits and overlooks, and several bird-watching posts. Areas for social gatherings will allow for friends and family to join in activities including outdoor concerts.

Residents also receive primary healthcare administered by a team of concierge physicians, 24/7 onsite emergency care and security services. Should the need arise, Moorings Park Grande Lake provides world-class Assisted Living and Memory Care in existing centers of excellence.

An informational luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 21, at 11:30 a.m., at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 18, by calling 239-919-1620.

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is located on Premier Drive, on the south side of Golden Gate Parkway, between Airport-Pulling and Livingston roads, inside the entrance to Naples Grande Golf Club.

For additional information regarding Moorings Park Grande Lake visit MooringsParkGL.org.■

REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Adam Palmer of LandQwest Commercial has been named 2018 president of the Florida CCIM Chapter of the CCIM Institute. Mr. Palmer is a principal and a managing director with LandQwest's Southwest Florida team. He has previously served as president of the Southwest Florida CCIM District and as president of the Commercial Investment Professionals.



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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 Tru-star Salon Services and as a concierge with the Lee County Port Authority. She studied nursing at Southern Technical College and emergency medical services at Florida Southwest University.

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

Michael Agins has joined Neal Communities as vice president of sales and marketing in the company's south region, which encompasses Lee and Collier counties. He is responsible for all regional sales and marketing efforts and will oversee the design team for the south region. He will have additional responsibilities in the development of condominium communities. Mr. Agins brings more than 12 years of experience in the new home industry to Neal Communities. He grew up in southeast Florida and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing with a minor in sales management from the University of Florida. ■



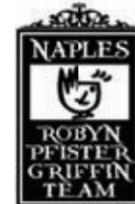
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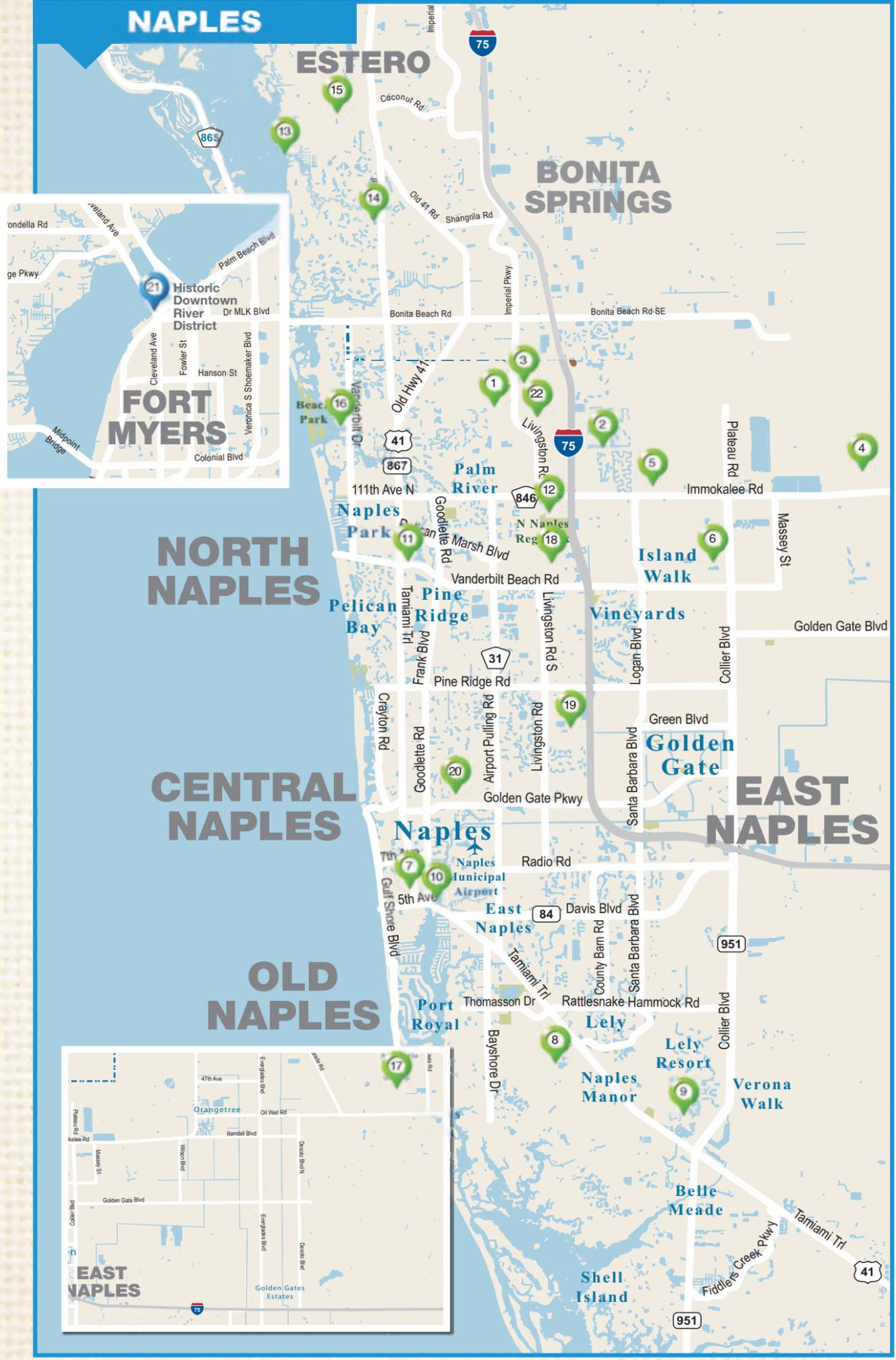
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

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Naples Fifth Avenue office - Top listing producers team, The Taranto Team; top listings producer individual, Vito Bauer; and top sales producer individual, Liz Appling.

Bonita Springs office - Top listing producers team, The Vahle Team; top listings producer and top sales producer individual, Gabe Mellein; and top sales producers team, The Lummis Team.

Sanibel/Captiva office - Top listing producers team, The McMurray & Nette Team; top listings producer individual, Tracy Walters; top sales producers team, The Nicholson-Lomano Team; and top sales producer individual, Sally Davies.

Fort Myers office - Top listing producers team, Team Jay; top listings producer individual, Tina Tusack; top sales producers team, The Yergens, Miller & Welsh Team; and top sales producer individual, Patti Testa.

Cape Coral Office - Top listing producers team and top sales producers team, Koffman & Associates; Top listings producer individual, Marc Wozny; and top sales producer individual, Jennifer Morrow.



A four-bedroom, 8,525-square-foot home under construction in Grey Oaks Golf & Country Club is the newest estate in the Diamond Custom Homes portfolio. The residence showcases a transitional architectural design by Richard Guzman of R.G. Designs with interiors by Lou Shaf-ran and Mark Vanagas of Pacifica Interior Design. There are four full and two half-sized baths, as well as two garages, each big enough for two cars, and a golf cart bay.

The grand parlor has floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking 1,093 square feet of outdoor living space, pool and spa. Each guest bedroom has its own full bath. Other features include a gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, two Sub-Zero refrigerators and two islands and a full bar with wine coolers. The design also has a private study off the owner's suite, formal dining room, pantry, breakfast bar, laundry, mudroom, storage areas and two covered patios. The master suite also has a sitting room with floor-to-ceiling windows and private direct access to the outdoor living areas, where Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design plans a tropical oasis for entertaining, cooking/dining and relaxing by the pool.

For more information, call Diamond Custom Homes at 325-4600 or visit www.diamondcustomhomesFL.com. ■

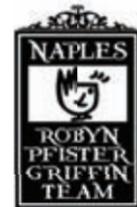
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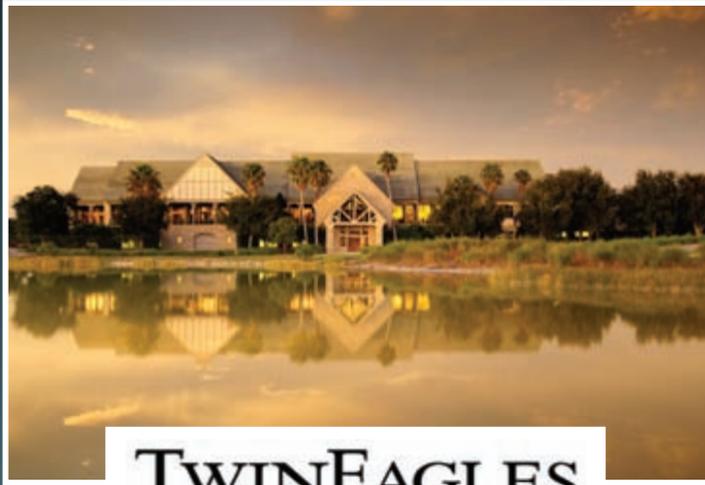
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Built in 1948, the charming house comes with lake rights on Lake Waccabuc and more than four private acres of grounds surrounded by light hard-

wood forests. Across the road from the entrance is the 16th hole of the Waccabuc Country Club golf course.

Most of the French Country elements remain, such as the wrought-iron stair banister, leaded windows, arched doorways, parquet floors and European-styled fireplaces. Encompassing 4,291 square feet, the residence has four bedrooms and six baths. The pool house has an outdoor kitchen and cabana.

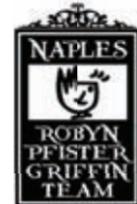
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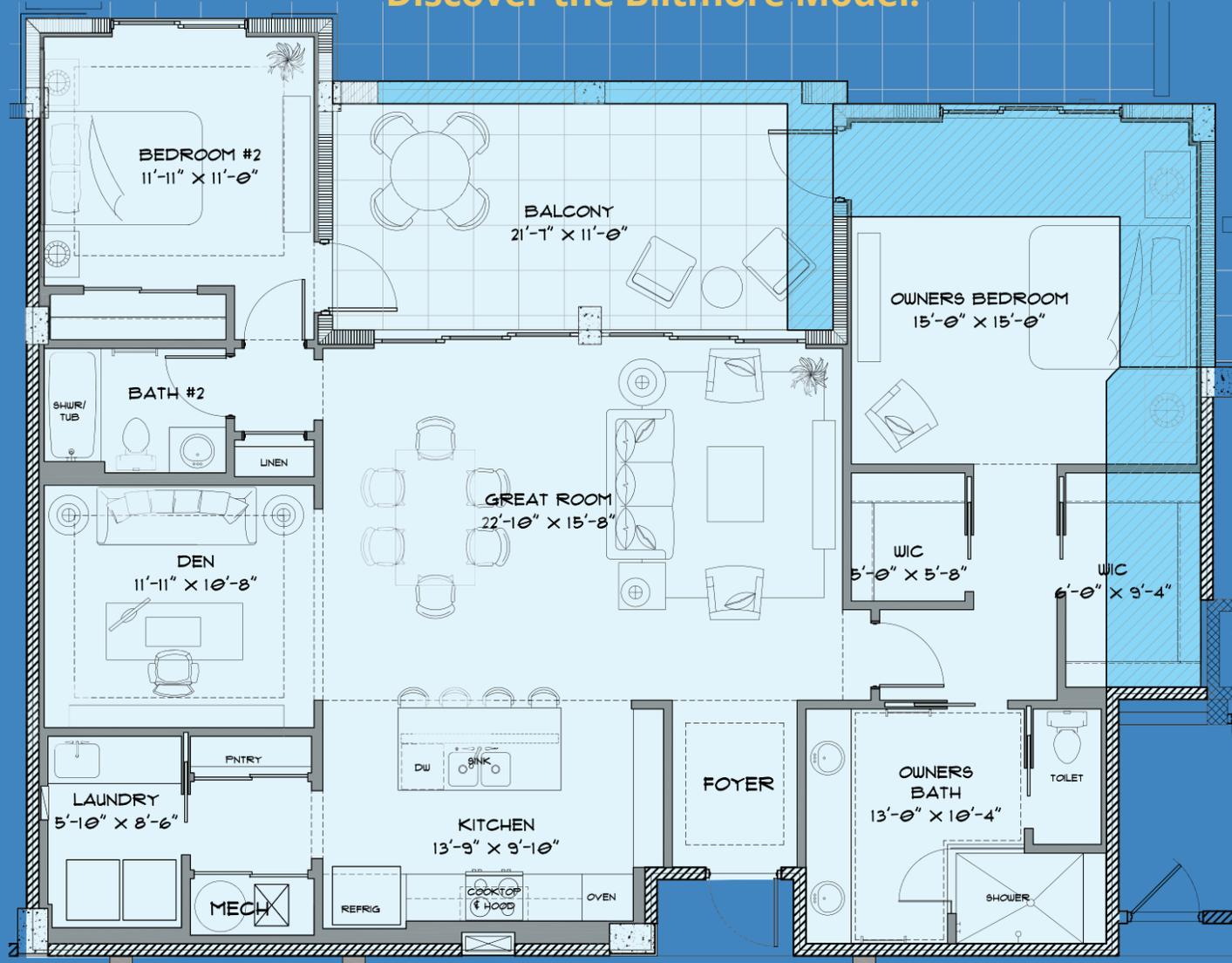
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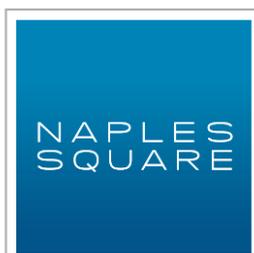
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In Florida this fall, there is a festival, food extravaganza, music blowout or cultural gathering for everyone

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■ Details for all events coming up this season. **C4** ▶

F ALL TRADITIONALLY HAS BEEN A SLOW TIME OF YEAR FOR the visitor-dependent Florida tourism industry. Vacationing families head home for children to start the school year, and it's not cold enough up North for snowbirds to begin their migration. Many Florida communities have solved the problem by creating exciting reasons for tourists as well as locals to come out — fall festivals and events. The weather is a little cooler but sunny, which makes fall a good time to hold outdoor events in Florida, and roads aren't as jammed. Travel-

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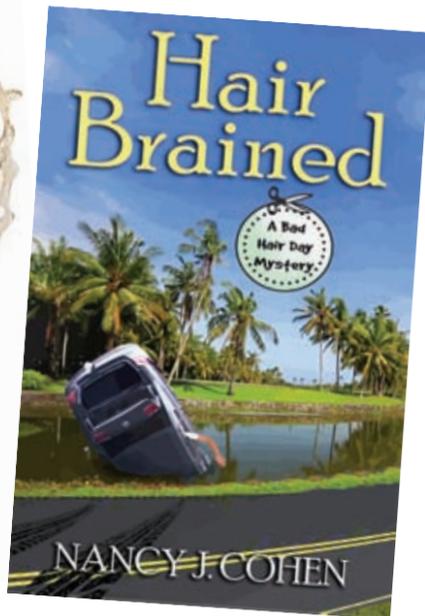
Left: Watch unchoreographed, full-contact jousting at the Sarasota Medieval Fair.

Right: Hear Ashley Gearing at the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest.



THE BEACHES OF FORT MYERS & SANIBEL / COURTESY PHOTO, SARASOTA MEDIEVAL FAIR

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It's all good

Book reviewer Phil Jason finds a lot to like in the newest Bad Hair Day "cozy mystery" installment. **C2** ▶



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Out-of-style Victorian pieces become important because of their makers. **C10** ▶



A star is born?

Film critic Dan Hudak predicts Danielle Macdonald will make a name for herself in "Patti Cake\$." **C17** ▶

'The Vietnam War' documentary series set to air

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

"The Vietnam War," a 10-part, 18-hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, premieres Sunday, Sept. 17, on PBS stations nationwide. WGCU HDTV is Southwest Florida's public station.

The first five episodes air nightly through Thursday, Sept. 21; the final five air nightly Sunday, Sept. 24, through Thursday, Sept. 28. Each episode begins at 8 p.m., with a repeat broadcast immediately following the premiere.



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In an immersive narrative, Mr. Burns and Ms. Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on film. Their series features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others

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FLORIDA WRITERS

It's all good in the newest Bad Hair Day 'cozy mystery' installment



■ **"Hair Brained" by Nancy J. Cohen.** Orange Grove Press. 276 pages. Trade paperback, \$14.99; ebook, \$4.99.

This is Nancy J. Cohen's 14th Bad Hair Day mystery, and given its vigor, humor and inventiveness, the series has a lot of life left in it.

Protagonist Marla Vail runs her own hair salon. However, this occupation has never kept her from getting involved in dangerous mysteries. Even before her marriage to Dalton, a local homicide detective, his cases had sort of become hers, and vice versa. Once again, they work together and apart to solve a complex series of murders.

When Dalton comes home with the news that their friends Tally and Ken are missing, the Vails' life is rocked by the possible changes in their lives. Until they find out what happened, someone will have to take care of Luke, the missing couple's son. And since Talley made Marla the infant's guardian, the responsibility falls to her. Soon enough, Ken turns



up dead in the remains of a suspicious car accident and Talley, seriously injured, is in a deep coma.

Upon investigation, what first looked like it could have been an accident starts to look more like murder. Ken, head of a local insurance company, had somehow become involved in a case pursued by a state agency that investigates insurance fraud. Was Ken being investigated, or was he assisting in an investigation? If the latter, was he killed because of what he knew? Or was the wreck set up with Tally as the intended victim?

Marla's musings lead her to realize that her relationship with Tally, long an intimate friend, had waned. What was going on in Tally's life that she hadn't shared with Marla? She discovers that Tally had joined a somewhat peculiar women's club, some of whose members had been lured into a Russian criminal enterprise. This is the most exotic, but not the most important discovery that Marla makes. How do these discoveries connect with someone wanting Tally dead? Did Tally have a disgruntled employee working in her dress shop?

While Marla pursues the Tally side of their investigation, Dalton presses the Ken dimension, sometimes with Marla's assistance. Would one of Ken's employees want to get rid of him? Had he or his company given a client a motive for murder? Why has a member of his staff been murdered? Why was someone working for the state anti-fraud agency murdered?

Dear reader, you will find out and there will be surprises.

But that's not all.

You will get a detailed, inside view of how a hair salon operates, how an insurance company operates and how local law enforcement agencies work together — or not. Addicted Bad Hair Day mystery readers will see new light — the light of possible motherhood — as she cares for baby Luke and softens a bit toward Dalton's desire that they have their own children.

Dalton's teenage daughter Brianna is a delightfully well-drawn character, her curiosity and intelligence helpful in brainstorming motives and possibilities. Maybe she'd like a sibling. She sure does a good job helping with Luke.

To read the mysteries in this series is to soak up South Florida culture, both its attractions and its foibles. The town where Marla and Dalton have their home is, I would guess, pretty much like the town in which the author lives. The visits readers take to places in Boca Raton, to the Coral Springs branch of Toojays and other locations enhance the sense of place that the author handles so well.

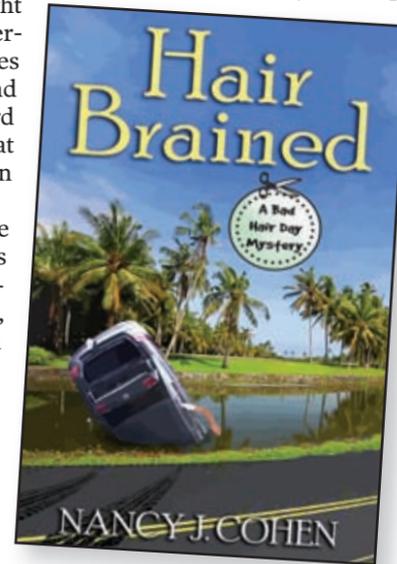
About the author

Nancy Cohen is accomplished in her genre and craft. Her mastery of the "cozy mystery" category guarantees a good time, an inspiring adventure, a flock of well-defined characters, intricate plotting, plenty of suspense and many touches of delightful humor. "Hair Brained" concludes with promises of things to come — things for which Tally will be fully conscious.

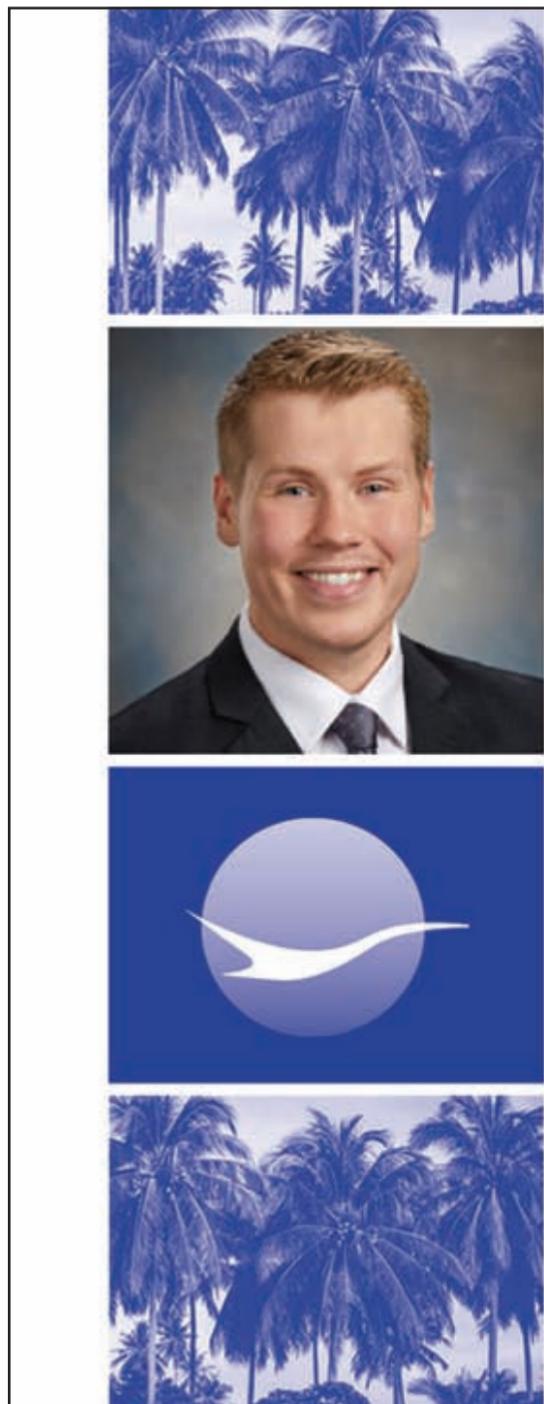
Titles in the Bad Hair Day series have made the IMBA bestseller list, been selected by Suspense Magazine as Best Cozy Mystery and won third place in the Arizona Literary Awards. Ms. Cohen has also written the instructional guide, "Writing the Cozy Mystery." Her imaginative romances, including the Drift Lords series, have proven popular with fans as well. Her first book in this genre won the HOLT Medallion Award.

When not busy writing, she enjoys fine dining, cruising, visiting Disney World and shopping. She resides in Plantation. Keep up with her at www.NancyJCohen.com. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, has written 20 books, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.



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Part 2: The Florida Weekly Writing Challenge

Round two of the 2017 Florida Weekly Writing Challenge continues with the photo prompt you see here. So far nearly 75 writers have submitted their original short stories inspired by the image.

Here's how the challenge works:

We want your original narrative fiction using this picture as the starting point. Keep it to 750 words, please, and no poetry, thank you.

Run your masterpiece through Spell-check, give it a title and send it, either attached as a Word document or simply pasted into the body of the email, to writing@floridaweekly.com. Snail mail offerings will not be considered, nor will any entry that does not contain your full name, the city/state you live in and a phone number where we can reach you.

You have until 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, to submit your story. It's OK if you sent us something for round one of the challenge; you can enter another story — but just one — based on the beach picture. We hope you do, in fact.

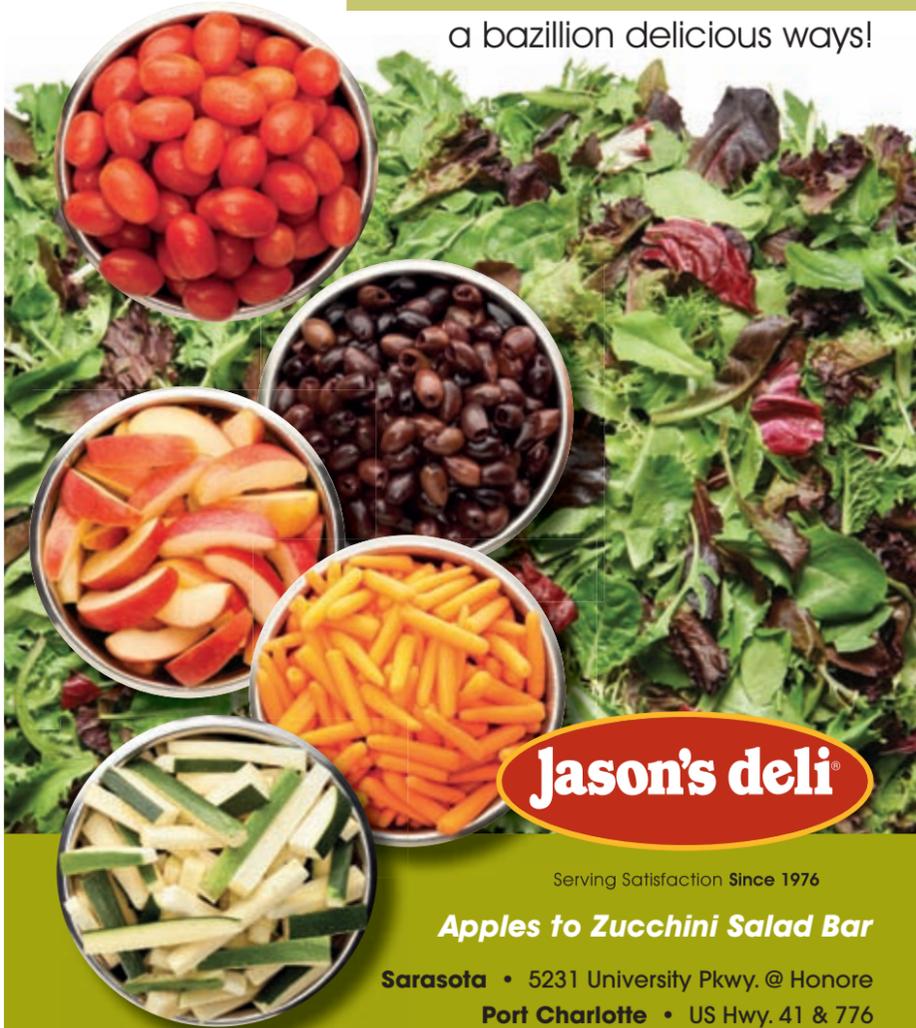
Florida Weekly editors will review all of the entries and vote for our favorite, whose author will receive a ticket to the 12th annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference (value: \$500). With keynote speaker Alice Hoffman, the conference is set for Nov. 2-5 on Sanibel Island.

The 2017 Florida Weekly Writing Challenge winner will be notified by Oct. 15, and the winning entry will be published soon after in all our editions.

Questions? Email writing@floridaweekly.com and we'll get back to you. ■

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AUTUMN

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ing to Florida for fall festivals can be a good deal for visitors, because accommodations often are cheaper and package deals are available.

The following is a sample of the variety of events. Use them for inspiration. But if you have a particular interest — whether it's a genre of music or a type of food or a fondness for a particular hobby — or if you will already be traveling to another section of the state for some reason, look around. Something will be going on.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

Island Hopper Songwriter Fest

Featuring: Acoustic, singer-songwriter, country

When: Sept. 22-Oct. 1

Where: Multiple venues at Captiva Island, downtown Fort Myers and Fort Myers Beach

Cost: Majority of performances are free; ticketed performances \$5-\$20

Info: www.islandhopperfest.com

With e85 songwriting acts performing 155 shows at 24 venues in three Lee County communities over 10 days, the fourth annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest is the best music festival your money can't buy. Crazy as it sounds for a music festival that brings in the songwriting talent behind the hits of nationally known artists such as the Dixie Chicks, Celine Dion, George Strait, Brad Paisley, Eddie Rabbitt, Rascal Flatts and Ariana Grande, nearly the entire festival is free. Even the handful of events that do require tickets, such as concerts by headline performers Lindsay Ell, Brooke Eden and RaeLynn, are modestly priced. How can this be?

"It's a tremendous collaboration that keeps the Island Hopper bursting with song and growing," said Francesca Donlan, director of communications for The Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau. "I don't think there are many festivals out there where you can see this many performances for free."

Because the free performances take place at venues that typically feature happy hour musicians, the atmosphere of the event is quite intimate. It also means you should scope out the schedule online to plot your strategy for finding a chair if there is a popular performer you'd like to see.

Or, you can take a Zen approach and walk among the venues listening for something from the musical smorgasbord to catch your ear and then see if you can find a seat. Sometimes you can make new friends this way. At the first Island Hopper, a visitor on holiday from Germany had booked a stay at Fort Myers Beach because hotel prices were low in September. She had no idea a big event was scheduled. When she went out to find a place for dinner, she was stunned to see so many people but found a seat by asking if she could sit in an empty chair at the



GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF CAPE CORAL / COURTESY PHOTO

Hungry? There's plenty of authentic food at the Oktoberfest held by the German-American Social Club of Cape Coral.

table of a local person who happened to be this reporter.

"My point of view regarding our great trip to Florida / Fort Myers was very amazing, especially the American people, their warm and honest welcome, the enjoyable atmosphere," Marija Gadza wrote by email about her memories of stumbling upon the Island Hopper. "I was quite impressed about the good country-style music. You Americans really know how to make quality entertainment."

Suwannee Hulaween

Featuring: Nationally known contemporary, indie rock, bluegrass and jam bands

When: Oct. 27-29

Where: Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak

Cost: \$259-\$295

Info: www.suwanneehulaween.com

Part jam-band rock festival, part other-worldly performance art, part campout at one of the most renowned music venues in the state, Suwannee Hulaween will definitely be a happening. Headliners include The String Cheese Incident, Ween, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, The Disco Biscuits, Here Come the Mummies, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Magic City Hippies, Space Jesus and about 50 other bands. Although this is a big event, Spirit of the Suwannee is an 800-acre forested park, so you'll be able to spread out to camp.

Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival

Featuring: Acoustic, singer-songwriter, country

When: Nov. 9-19

Where: Pensacola-area venues in both Florida and Alabama

Cost: Majority of performances are free

Info: www.frankbrownsongwriters.com

This music festival brings in more than 200 Grammy-winning and up-and-coming songwriters to put on several hundred performances over the course of 11 days.

OFF Weekend Music & Arts Festival

Featuring: Nationally known contemporary, indie rock and rap music acts

When: Dec. 9-10

Where: Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, 4020 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami

Cost: \$75-\$235

Info: www.offweekend.com

If there wasn't already enough culture in the air in Miami the second weekend of December with the Art Basel exhibition (you'll read more about that festival later), a new festival showcasing contemporary, indie rock and rap music will add to the vibe. OFF Weekend & Arts Festival advertises itself as a multi-genre music festival taking place during "Basel week," and its inaugural outing will feature as headliners the Australian rapper Iggy Azalea, legendary rappers the Wu-Tang Clan and indie rockers TV on the Radio, among others. More acts and details will be announced in the coming months, but early bird tickets are already on sale. The festival

takes place at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, which takes up much of the 863-acre island in Biscayne Bay and historically was the site of Miami's segregated beach for black residents. Other music festivals at this park have offered camping, so watch the festival's website to see if this amenity will be offered.



ART FESTIVALS

Art Basel Miami Beach

Featuring: Museum-quality international modern and contemporary art

When: Dec. 7-10

Where: Miami Beach Convention Center, 1901 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach

Cost: \$60 per day or \$130 for four days

Info: www.artbasel.com/miami-beach

Miami hosts the only Western Hemisphere edition of Art Basel, an international exhibition that started in Basel, Switzerland, to showcase modern and contemporary works of art. Now in its 16th year, the Miami exhibition dwarfs the original, with over 200 galleries exhibiting artworks by 4,000 established and emerging artists, including paintings, sculptures, installations, photography, film, video and digital art. Centered at the Miami Beach Convention Center, the festival extends out to a network of events at venues including Miami's Art Deco hotels. The public purchase general admission, but this is one event where a VIP ticket has real meaning. VIP tickets and events are offered by invitation only to known art patrons.

31st annual American Sand Sculpting Championship

Featuring: Live art demonstrations, beach festival, vendors, live music

When: Nov. 17-26

Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 6890 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach

Cost: \$7 ages 5 and up

Info: www.fmbsandsculpting.com

If you ever built castles on the beach as a kid, you know how tough it can be for sculptures made of sand to hang together. Just imagine what it would have been like trying to build a sand castle that was taller than you. Actually, you don't have to imagine. You can see it for yourself as master sand sculptors from around the world create wondrous but temporary artworks from mere sand at the 31st annual American Sand Sculpting Championship. The event is the largest sand sculpting competition in the country. Beyond watching the artists at work, the festival features plenty of other things to do, including live music, the "Quick Sand" speed sculpting shows, hands-on lessons, amateur competitions, children's activity area and food. This year, the vendor village will be larger, said Jacki Lyszak, president of the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"We'll be having some of the favorite sculptors back and some new ones," Ms. Lyszak said. "We do a Christmas card photo station that's pretty cute, where they put your name into the sand and take your photo so you can use those as Christmas cards. The amateurs competitions are fun because sometimes the kids get in there and do stuff."

If you attend the event, a helpful tip is to arrive from the south and park for free at the event field by the boat launch ramp at Lovers Key State Park (8700 Estero Blvd.) and hop the free shuttle buses to the event.

The Siesta Key Crystal Classic International Sand Sculpting Festival

Featuring: Live art demonstrations, beach festival, vendors, live music

When: Nov. 10-13

Where: Siesta Beach, 948 Beach Road,

Siesta Key

Cost: \$10

Info: www.siestakeycrystalclassic.com

Started in 2010, sand sculptors create masterpieces in a maximum of only 24 hours spread out over the four days of the event. Since parking is quite limited on Siesta Key, see the website for instructions about parking on the mainland and taking public transit out to the island.



FOOD FESTIVALS

22nd annual Epcot International Food & Wine Festival

Featuring: A record 35 marketplace booths with food and wines from across the globe

When: Through Nov. 13

Where: Epcot, Disney World, Orlando

Cost: Starts at \$99 for basic park ticket

Info: www.wdwinform.com/disney-world/epcot/food-wine-festival.htm

There are marketplaces featuring food, wine and beer. The appetizer-sized portions usually range in price from \$4-\$8 and provide the perfect opportunity to try the traditional cuisine from around the world.

The International Food & Wine Festival hosts seminars, tasting events and sumptuous meals overseen by top Disney chefs as well as renowned guest chefs. See the website for details.

8th annual Stone Crab Festival

Featuring: Seafood, live music, craft vendors

When: Oct. 27-29

Where: Tin City and Bayfront Naples, corner of Goodlette-Frank Road and Tamiami Trail East, Naples

Cost: Free admission

Info: www.stonecrabfestival.com

Fall festivals focusing upon foods are fairly common up North, but those festivals celebrate the end of the harvest season. In Naples, the festival celebrates the beginning of the season for one of our uniquely Floridian foods: the stone crab. The six-month season opens mid-October. Given it takes a few days to set traps and harvest the delectable fresh crab claws, it makes sense that the Old Naples Waterfront Association throws the festival on the last weekend of October. After the ceremonial cracking of the first stone crab claws by local leaders, the festivities at the waterfront run all weekend with live music, craft vendors, "charity row" booths, drink specials and, of course, lots of stone crab and other local seafood.

54th Annual Florida Seafood Festival

Featuring: Oyster shucking and eating contests, country music, Christian music

When: Nov. 3-6

Where: Battery Park, 1 Bay Ave., Apalachicola

Cost: \$5 ages 12 and up

Info: www.floridaseafoodfestival.com

Given it is the oldest such festival in



THE BEACHES OF FORT MYERS & SANIBEL

Aaron Barker, who wrote No. 1 songs "Love Without End, Amen" and "Easy Come, Easy Go" for George Strait, returns to the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest taking place in Lee County Sept. 22-Oct. 1.



LILA PHOTO / COURTESY PHOTO

Award-winning chef Elizabeth Falkner from New York City will be one of the celebrity chefs cooking up tasty delights at the Palm Beach Food and Wine Festival in December.

the state, it seems understandable that Apalachicola calls its event the Florida Seafood Festival. But given that when the word “oysters” appear on a restaurant menu in many parts of this country, the requisite question to the server isn’t, “Are they fresh?” but is, “Are they Apalachicola?” the event arguably could be called “Florida’s Seafood Festival” given how synonymous the panhandle town’s name has become with the tasty mollusks. Incorporated in 1827, the historic town of just over 2,000 people is worth the drive to visit even on an ordinary day. One resident, who migrated up from the Keys to open a business, described Apalachicola as having the vibe Key West used to have before it became inundated with tourists.

Highlights of the festival include oyster-shucking and oyster-eating contests (although speed eating your way through a plate of raw Apalachicola seems such a waste), blessing of the fleet, blue crab races, carnival midway and live music as well as interactive educational displays about Apalachicola Bay’s unique ecosystem that makes for such tasty wild oysters and the work it takes for oystermen to harvest them by hand with long-handled tongs.

11th annual Palm Beach Food and Wine Festival

Featuring: Gourmet food, fine dining, wine, celebrity chefs
When: Dec. 14-17
Where: Multiple venues around Palm Beach
Cost: \$85-\$185 per meal
Info: www.pbfoodwinefest.com

If you’re looking for a sophisticated food festival for a grown-up audience, this is your event. With the exception of one hands-on cooking class for kids, no one under the age of 21 is admitted into festival events. Held at some of Palm Beach’s swankest restaurants and resorts, the festival’s 14 events are ticketed *à la carte* or you can purchase tickets to several events at a small discount.



HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Howl-O-Scream

Featuring: Haunted houses, thrill rides, entertainment, full bars
When: Select dates between Sept. 22-Oct. 29
Where: Busch Gardens, 10165 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa
Cost: \$40-\$45 for basic ticket
Info: <https://buschgardens.com/tampa/events/howl-o-scream>

During the Halloween season, Busch Gardens revamps itself at night into a cross between a haunted house and a night club. Nearly a dozen themed scenarios await you in the different haunted houses. Plus, if you thought Busch Gardens’ rides weren’t scary enough by day, they’ll be open for you to try riding on Howl-O-Scream nights.

Halloween Horror Nights

Featuring: Horror movie haunted houses, stage shows, movie-themed rides
When: Select dates between Sept. 15-Nov. 4
Where: Universal Orlando, 6000 Universal Blvd., Orlando
Cost: \$110 (significant discounts available via advanced online purchase with UPC code from Coke products)
Info: www.halloweenhorrornights.com/orlando

Think watching a horror movie is scary? Try walking through a haunted house that is themed upon the most infamously frightening horror movies ever. This will be your experience if you visit Universal Orlando’s Halloween Horror Nights.



FORT MYERS BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE / COURTESY PHOTO

Even fair maidens take up arms to defend the harbor and town during the “Clash at the Pass” sea battle during the Fort Myers Beach Pirate Festival.

Experience living through “The Shining,” “Saw,” “American Horror Story,” “The Purge” and more popular movies. Universal Orlando cautions that this event is not for anyone under the age of 13.



CULTURAL FESTIVALS

El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Featuring: Live music, traditional foods, traditional cultural celebration
When: Nov. 2
Where: Espanola Way pedestrian street, Miami Beach
Cost: Free
Info: www.facebook.com/OnEspanolaWay

Every group who comes to the cultural melting pot that is the United States brings traditions that interest neighbors. Given that the Day of the Dead falls close to Halloween and bears some similarity in that the holiday is concerned with those who have passed the veil to the great beyond, traditions from the Mexican holiday have begun to influence customs north of the border, with stylized black-on-white painted skull faces called *Catrin*as showing up alongside witches and black cats in Halloween decoration stores. But there is more to Day of the Dead traditions than *Catrin*as, and the holiday is intended more as a celebration of departed loved ones than a night of fright. The Oh! Mexico restaurant and the new Espanola Way Association are bringing El Dia de los Muertos to the pedestrian-only street that was an artist quarter dating back to the 1920s.

“Because there are way too many Halloween parties in Miami, we wanted a way to differentiate ours,” said Scott Robins, president of the Espanola Way Association. “Miami embraces unique events, so we will be the maker of Day of the Dead in Miami.”

The event will feature live bands, a station for visitors to have their faces painted in the *Catrina* style, foods traditional to the holiday and traditional marigold-covered altars.

The cultural holiday exchange goes both ways. The street will offer trick-or-treating as part of the celebration.

Cape Coral Oktoberfest

Featuring: Authentic food and beer, music, dance, crafts and carnival midway
When: Oct. 20-22 and Oct. 27-29
Where: German-American Social Club of Cape Coral, 2101 SW Pine Island Road, Cape Coral
Cost: \$6 ages 12 and up
Info: www.capecoraloktoberfest.com

Have you always wanted to go to Oktoberfest in Munich but you could never afford the airfare? Then try the Oktoberfest at the German-American Social Club of Cape Coral. Once you step into the festival big top, you won’t know you’re in Florida anymore. They roll out the barrel to the biergarten by the semi-trailer full. Purchasing one of the club’s refillable plastic souvenir beer steins will net you the most beer for your buck (but

designate your driver first). To go with that beer, you can find anything from a quick bite of bratwurst, potato pancake or *schweinshaxen* (roast pork knuckle) so you can keep on polka dancing, or you can sit down to a full dinner of schnitzel or *sauerbraten* served up the right way with dumplings and red cabbage. Perhaps you’ll want to try a German wine with the full dinner.

With three stages and two dance floors, the music never stops at Oktoberfest. While the club brings over several bands from Germany every year, their own house band *Hafenkapelle*, complete with long alphorns, can certainly hold its own alongside any band from the Old World.

Before you go, Google the words to “Ein Prosit” (“A Toast”), a singalong song you’ll be hearing at least once an hour at Oktoberfest. If you can’t pronounce the rest of the words, just hoist your stein aloft and chant the ending before the toast, “Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke, hoi, hoi, hoi!”

Oktoberfest Tampa

Featuring: Authentic food and beer, music, dance, game competitions, dog friendly
When: Oct. 13-15
Where: Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park, 600 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa
Cost: \$10 daily; \$25 weekend pass; VIP \$95-\$135 daily
Info: www.oktoberfesttampa.com

Oktoberfest Tampa aims to get you up out of your seat, either to dance or to participate in its outrageous Bavarian game competitions at the only dog friendly Oktoberfest on the list. Competitions include stein hoisting, stein racing, beer barrel rolling and carrying the wench as well as a contest for best moustache. This should all keep those dogs barking as the beer is flowing.

Miami Broward One Carnival

Featuring: Caribbean culture, steel drum bands, costumed street parade, live entertainment
When: Oct. 6-8
Where: Multiple locations in Miami-Dade and Broward counties
Cost: \$30-\$225
Info: www.miamibrowardcarnival.com

Never made it to Trinidad for Carnival? Here’s your chance without having buy a sailboat or pop for airfare. Miami Broward One Carnival features a concert showcasing 20 bands representing a number of Caribbean musical genres, a traditional *Jouvert* street parade with elaborate costumes and bands, a steel drum band competition to be named the top band of the Carnival, and traditional Caribbean crafts village.

Fantasy Fest

Featuring: Parade, parties, street festival, skimpy costumes, body paint, skin
When: Oct. 20-29
Where: Duval Street and other venues in Key West
Cost: Purchase tickets by the indi-



THE NATIONAL HOTEL / COURTESY PHOTO

The Art Basel exhibition in Miami attracts internationally known artists such as hyper-realist Carole Feuerman, shown here with her work “Survival of Serena.”

vidual event
Info: www.fantasyfest.com

What started as a parade in 1979 has turned into an outrageous event to give Mardi Gras a run for its money. There’s plenty of bawdy shows at Fantasy Fest, but there’s also plenty of opportunity to show off and be the show as well since creative, skimpy costumes not only are tolerated but encouraged. The homemade bikini contest probably explains it all if you had any doubts left in your mind. Much of Fantasy Fest should be considered rated NC-17.



HISTORICAL FESTIVALS

12th annual Fort Myers Beach Pirate Festival

Featuring: Street festival, historical reenactors, musical performances
When: Oct. 6-8 (Columbus Day weekend)
Where: Times Square and Old San Carlos Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach
Cost: \$5 suggested donation for ages 12 and older
Info: www.fmbpiratefest.com

Arrrrrrr mateys, time to dust off yer muskets, canons, tri-corner hats, bloomers and corsets — the pirates are fixin’ to make land at Fort Myers Beach again. Rated the No. 2 pirate festival in the country by USA Today, the event features the “Clash in the Pass” sea battle on Saturday and Sunday afternoons as pirate ships battle it out with one another and then turn their canon ports toward the harbor defenders and audience onshore.

“The Black Pearl will be back again, as well as the Pieces of Eight (Fort Myers Beach’s resident pirate ship),” said Jacki Lyszak, president of the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce. “This year, we’re also trying to have the Jolly Rover II sail up from Key West.”

Will the third tall ship with its infamous red sails come up the coast to menace the harbor defenders? Pirates are known to have minds of their own. What is certain is that the town will be swimming with costumed reenactors and awash in grog during the Friday evening adults-only Pirate Pub Quest. The kids get the chance to get their inner pirate on at the costume contest, pie-eating contest and fishing tournament. Everyone will enjoy the pirate and musical performances.

“It’s a family friendly fun-filled weekend,” Ms. Lyszak said.

Sarasota Medieval Fair

Featuring: Full-contact jousting, historical reenactors, musical performances
When: Nov. 4-5, Nov. 11-12 and Nov. 18-19
Where: Ringling Woods, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota
Cost: \$18 adults; \$9 children under 12; \$53 full festival pass; \$35 pub crawl
Info: www.sarasotamedievalfair.com

With entertainment ranging from family friendly to thrilling to bawdy, the Sarasota Medieval Fair should have something to tickle everyone’s fancy. The jousting is the real deal — un-choreographed and full-contact in full armor. Several performers appear only one weekend, so consult the website so you catch the show you want to see. Get into the fun by joining one of the themed pub crawls or buying a turkey leg from a food vendor and doing your best Henry the VIII impersonation.

Beyond this list, useful websites to find more festivals include www.visitflorida.com, www.floridarambler.com and www.jazzbluesflorida.com. ■



An American soldier looks over the perimeter of FSB Hampton, March 14, 1969.

MOVIE

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who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides.

"The Vietnam War was a decade of agony that took the lives of more than 58,000 Americans," Mr. Burns said. "Not since the Civil War have we as a country been so torn apart. There wasn't an American alive then who wasn't affected in some way — from those who fought and sacrificed in the war, to families of service members and POWs, to those who protested the war in open conflict with their government and fellow citizens.

"More than 40 years after it ended, we can't forget Vietnam, and we are still arguing about why it went wrong, who was to blame and whether it was all worth it."

Ten years in the making, the series brings the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life. Written by Geoffrey C. Ward and produced by Sarah Botstein with Ms. Novick and Mr. Burns, it includes rarely seen, digitally re-mastered archival footage from sources around the globe, photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20th century, historic television broadcasts, evocative home movies and revelatory audio recordings from inside the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations.

"The Vietnam War" features new, original music written and recorded by Academy Award-winning composers Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross as well as new music arranged and performed by Grammy Award-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma and The Silk Road Ensemble. Additional music in the film was composed by David Cieri and Doug Wamble.

The series also features more than 120 popular songs that define the era, including tracks from The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Simon & Garfunkel, Janis Joplin, Ben E. King, Phil Ochs, Donovan, Johnny Cash, Barry McGuire, Buffalo Spring-



Antiwar protestors gather outside an Army induction center in Oakland, Calif., on Oct. 17, 1967.

field, The Byrds, Otis Redding, Santana, Joni Mitchell, Nina Simone, The Temptations, Pete Seeger and Booker T. and the M.G.s.

"We are all searching for some meaning in this terrible tragedy," Ms. Novick said. In examining the war "from the bottom up, the top down and from all sides ... we discovered profound, universal human truths, as well as uncanny resonances with recent events."

The series rounds out a trilogy of Florentine Films' exploration of American wars that began with Mr. Burns's landmark series, "The Civil War" in 1990

and was followed in 2007 by "The War," Mr. Burns's and Ms. Novick's seven-part series about World War II.

"Ever since 'The Civil War,' Ken and Lynn have been behind some of the most important documentary films ever shown on television, films that have in fact made television history and created national conversations around who we are as Americans," said Beth Hoppe of PBS. "'The Vietnam War' stands out as an unmatched documentary achievement about one of the most transformative periods in modern American history ... Our goal is to reach as many

people as possible to spark a national discussion about the issues raised in the series, in a way that only public television can."

Viewers are encouraged to join the conversation at #VietnamWarPBS.

Starting Sept. 19 "The Vietnam War" will be available for digital download and on Blu-ray and DVD at www.shop-pbs.org. Extras include a 45-minute preview program, deleted scenes and two special segments on the contemporary lives of two of the program's participants, and deleted scenes. ■

THE VIETNAM WAR / COURTESY PHOTO

BEHIND THE WHEEL

Volkswagen Golf offers the practicality of being different



There are probably far fewer people who start with the Volkswagen Golf on their shopping list than those who go home with one. This isn't a magical VW like Herbie from the movies, or the ultra-hot GTI sport model. So why is it compelling?

Without the diesel motor in the lineup anymore, the Golf is adding focus to fill a niche better than most others out there. It's distinctive without being outlandish. It's not a sports car nor is it sluggish. It's affordable without being cheap.

While it may appear like the description of a good middleman, there's more to this car's story.

The Golf's styling is unique. The compact hatchback field has been heating up in the U.S. recently with new additions like the Chevrolet Cruze, significantly redesigned cars like the Hyundai Elantra GT and returning old favorites like the Honda Civic. But these vehicles have a sloping rear end where the Golf's posterior is almost upright — proudly declaring it's a hatchback. Also, there's something really nifty about how the rear VW emblem automatically lifts up every time reverse is engaged to reveal the standard backup camera.

That rear door is the key to its appeal. We traditionally like sedans in the U.S., and so owning a hatchback like the Golf is an instant way to stand out in the compact and midsize car crowds. Plus, any sedan owner who has ever tried to bring large items home — anything from 200-count toilet paper to an electric generator — instantly wishes for the versatility of the wide rear car opening.

But more than just carrying more stuff, the Golf's interior has appeal because Volkswagen seems to understand how to make it feel more upscale. Soft materials, good design and crisp dials make the sensation from the driver's seat a more premium experience than a Ford Focus or the Toyota iM. Also, the no-cost tan color option offers a far brighter atmosphere than some of the half-beige choices in cars like the Hyundai Elantra GT.

While the Golf feels premium within its field, it's also a premium price within its own family. The base model starts at \$20,715, which is \$2,000 more than the larger, but related, Jetta sedan. The reason VW is making customers pay more for less space is because of the longer list of features in the Golf.

It comes standard with a 1.8-liter turbocharged engine producing 170 horsepower — 22 percent more than the base Jetta. The option lists for these two cars are similar enough that the hatchback and the sedan become comparably equipped (engine, interior features, etc.) once about \$23K is spent on either.

Still, the Jetta cannot match the Golf's handling. The hatchback's slightly shorter wheelbase, and more importantly its fully independent suspension, make for a sharper feeling on the road.



Volkswagen pays close attention to this area because the Golf is significantly more popular in Europe, where tighter handling is appreciated in a smaller package.

In fact, not all of the Golf's direct competitors have an independent rear suspension as standard. This won't be a deal breaker for every hatchback fan, but some drivers will feel the difference.

There is a limit to the Golf's appeal.

VW is good at not making people pay extra for stylish interior/exterior color combinations, but there are other ways to rack up the price quickly. Options like the Fender stereo system and keyless ignition might seem like small additions, but they are often part of larger packages that could quickly boost the cost above \$25K. At that price point, a bevy of other vehicles come into play — everything from the sportier GTI hatchback to larger crossovers.

The Golf's niche is not very broad. But this VW occupies a space at the crossroads of something distinctive, versatile, affordable and even a bit fun to drive. And there's an undeniable charm in owning a car that's different from but at the same time more practical than everybody else's in the neighborhood.

So shop wisely, but don't be too surprised if you bring home a Golf. ■

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BY THE EDITORS AT ANDREWS MCMEEL

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Criminal's remorse

An anonymous Australian tourist mailed back a small stone he lifted from the Cwmhir Abbey in Wales, a Cistercian monastery founded in 1176, in August. The thief included a note explaining his remorse: "I have been an avid follower of the Welsh kings and their history, and so I took this rock. Ever since, I have had the most awful

luck as if Llewellyn (sic) himself was angry with me." Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, the last native prince of Wales, was beheaded and buried at the abbey in 1282, and legend says his ghost haunts the abbey. The trust that manages the abbey put the returned stone and the note on display, presumably to deter future sticky-fingered visitors.

Ironies

A Turkish homeless man who was sentenced to house arrest in June has had his sentence altered to better reflect his circumstances. Baris Alkan, 31, had been confined to a specific area, an empty spot enclosed by metal plates, near a bus station after being detained for using

and selling drugs. "I don't have a home address, so I have to stay here," he said. "Even though I don't have a house, I'm under house arrest." The court subsequently lifted the house arrest order and now requires Alkan to sign in at a nearby police station once a month.

People different from us

Emily Mueller, 33, of Ohio asked a photographer friend, Kendrah Damis, to take pictures of her pregnant with her fourth child — and covered in 20,000 bees. Mueller, who is a beekeeper, checked with her doctor before the photo session and was stung three times during the shoot. She said she associates

bees with life and death: "Bees came into my life in a time that we had just suffered a miscarriage," Mueller said. "That's where everything fell into place for me — when honeybees entered my life." She hopes the maternity photos will highlight the importance of bees.

Least-competent criminals

Steven Gomez-Maya, 20, handed tellers at the TD Bank North in Seymour, Conn., a note on Aug. 19, demanding money. He apparently failed to notice that his note was written on the back of his girlfriend's pay stub, and when he tried to return to the bank (presumably to retrieve the note), the doors were

locked. Seymour police tracked down the owner of the pay stub, and when they arrived at the girlfriend's home, they caught Gomez-Maya as he was driving away. The hat he wore during the robbery and "a large amount of \$10 bills" were found in the car, and he was charged with first-degree robbery.

Animals run amok

A swan on the grounds of Blarney Castle in Ireland suffered a harrowing experience on Aug. 31 when it landed in a field where cattle were grazing. At first, the cattle just looked the swan over, but when the bird hissed at them, they took off after it. The swan tried to fly away, but the cows butted and stamped on it. Garden manager at the

castle Adam Whitbourn was finally able to lean over a fence and drag the swan out of harm's way. "It was an aggressive attack," Whitbourn said. "I put (the swan) back in the lake and have checked on him twice. He's sitting there looking bedraggled so I'm hoping it's a happy ending." Rather than a swan song.

The classic middle name

Anthony Wayne Sandusky, 26, of Mascotte, was welcomed into the home of a Groveland woman on Aug. 22 because he had nowhere else to go. She went to sleep, and when she woke up, her mother said Sandusky had closed all the blinds, locked the doors and was carry-

ing their possessions out the back door. She found two bags of items in a nearby field, including a stamp collection valued at \$250,000. When confronted by police, Sandusky said he took the items because the woman was "being mean to him."

Compelling explanation

Andrew Shaw, 44, of Lancashire, England, appeared before the Blackpool Magistrates Court on Aug. 29, facing three counts of possessing obscene images of children on his computer. Shaw and his wife arrived at the court with their guide dogs, as both are legally

blind (Shaw has a small amount of sight in one eye). His attorney explained: "It may be argued that difficulty with his vision makes it difficult to put an age to images he downloads. He may think he is looking at 16-year-olds." Shaw was granted bail.

Oops

Most news items about sinkholes highlight the large size of the hole. But a man in Brooklyn, N.Y., was trapped by a sinkhole in the middle of the street that was just big enough to swallow his leg. Steven Suarez, 33, was making a delivery with a hand truck on Myrtle Avenue on Aug. 29 when his foot disappeared into the pavement. "I was scared," Suarez

said. "It was my whole entire right leg, up until my tailbone basically." Suarez was trapped for nearly an hour as bystanders directed traffic around him and rescue workers tried to free him. Co-worker Joe Grunbaum, 32, said Suarez seemed to be in a lot of pain, but the only casualty of the incident turned out to be Suarez's right sneaker. ■



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ANTIQUES

Victorian furniture is so out of date that best work is treated as art

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Large, ornate Victorian furniture is selling for low prices at auctions for many reasons. Houses are smaller and bedrooms have more windows and closets, so there are fewer plain walls for large double beds or dressers. Plus, the elaborate carvings are out of style. A few makers are so important that their work is treated as art. John Henry Belter, Alexander Roux, Joseph Meeks and John Jelliff are a few designers who still are getting very high prices; however, bargains also exist in well-made, stylish Victorian pieces manufactured away from the East Coast. The H.B. Mudge Furniture Co. of Cincinnati designed and made a Victorian suite consisting of a washstand with mirror, commode, dresser and a bed with a high, carved headboard and footboard. It descended in the Mudge family and was auctioned by Cowan Auctions of Cincinnati for \$5,400 (includes buyer's premium). The company was founded in 1837 and made many kinds of household furniture.

Q: I inherited a large collection of HB Quimper dishes. They are hand painted with pictures of Breton peasants in outdoor settings and are marked "HB, Quimper, France," "F.303.D.201" and "B.Y." What are they worth?

A: Tin-glazed hand-painted pottery was made by three different factories in Quimper, France, starting in the 1700s. Pierre Bousquet founded a pottery in Quimper in 1708. Antoine de la Hubaudiere became the factory manager in 1782, and the factory became the HB Factory (Hubaudiere-Bousquet). Two of the factories merged in 1913. HB Quimper merged with the others in 1968. After more changes in ownership, it became Henriot-Quimper, which still is in business. This mark was used from 1968 to 1984. The number after "F" is the form number and the number after "D" is the decor number. The initials "B.Y." are the initials of the painter. Your dishes are not very old and are worth about half what new Quimper sells for.

Q: I have about 100 old baseball coins from the early 1960s. Most of them are plastic and some are metal. They came in Junket Brand products

COURTESY PHOTO
A set of furniture that would fill the bedroom sold for \$5,400 at an auction in the Midwest. It was made from solid walnut with burl and carved trim.



like Salada Tea. I have coins with Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Don Drysdale, Roberto Clemente, Early Wynn, etc. I also have about 20 football coins. Can you provide any information on these?

A: Salada Tea and Junket were both part of Salada Foods Inc. (now part of Redco Foods Inc.). Individual coins picturing baseball and football stars were packed in Salada Tea and Junket products in 1962. The 1962 baseball set included 1½-inch diameter plastic "coins" with a piece of paper picturing a player on one side. The complete set included 221 players, plus 40 variations. The 1963 baseball set called "All Star Baseball Coins" included 63 metal coins with paper inserts. The top 10 stars of

each team were pictured. Coins for American League players had blue rims, and coins for National League players had red rims. Information about the player is on the reverse side. Holders and a box were issued to hold the coins. You have coins from both the 1962 and 1963 baseball sets. Many coins sell for less than \$5, but superstars' coins sell for much more. Recent prices include \$45 for a 1962 Yogi Berra coin and \$90 for a 1962 Roger Clemente coin. A complete set of 1962 coins, plus 1963 coins for Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris, sold at auction for over \$1,800.

Q: I recently bought a Watt bowl as a potential investment. It's very differ-

ent from most Watt pieces I've found, and I can't find any information on it. It's a light blue bowl with a black drip edge. It measures 10¾ inches across the top and is 3½ inches high. The bottom is stamped with three rings and reads "Watt Orchard Ware, U.S.A. 106." Can you tell me what its value is and when it was made?

A: Orchard Ware is both a Watt shape name and a pattern name. Eva Ziesel designed most of the shapes. It was decorated with two colors, dripped or spattered, in at least 18 different color combinations. Some pieces were decorated with hand-painted designs. Brown with white drip is the most common color combination. Orchard Ware was first shown in Watt's 1959 catalog. The number "106" is the mold number. Its value is \$30.

Q: I just bought a handcrafted silver ring with a multicolored flat "stone" with a tag that reads "sterling silver with an authentic piece of Fordite." But no one here knows what Fordite is. Can you help?

A: We first learned about Fordite over 20 years ago. Many car manufacturers were closing their plants. Someone noticed that the floor where they had been painting the cars was covered with a thick layer of hard automobile paint. Since cars were made in many different colors, the floor had swirling patterns in the hardened material. Rock hounds and other collectors "mined" the material, sometimes with permission and sometimes after the plants were about to be torn down. Small pieces of this mined material are still available, and they usually are made into jewelry. We have seen pendants and rings made with Fordite set in gold that sell for more than \$1,000.

Tip: It is best to wash marble with distilled water. Any trace of acid or iron in the water will cause deterioration or stains. Use soft soap, a bit of ammonia and a plastic container. ■

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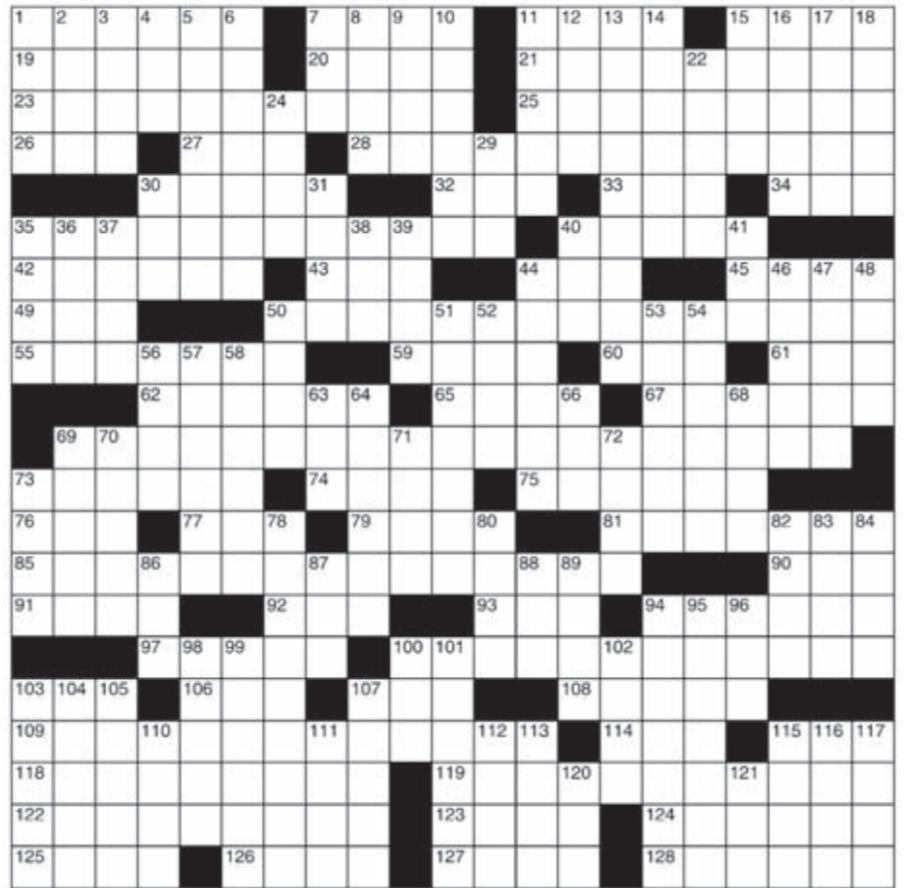


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 - 35 Showy flight maneuvers done by some birds?
 - 40 Boy band of pop
 - 42 Geologic time periods
 - 43 Suffix with Wisconsin
 - 44 — Schwarz
 - 45 Traffic sign
 - 49 See 19-Across
 - 50 Deep-down faiths?
 - 55 Sound, as an argument
 - 59 "That's clear"
 - 60 Cloning material
 - 61 Auto tankful
 - 62 Alligator's cousin
 - 65 Bit of design info
 - 67 Persian Gulf country
 - 69 Serenade your purveyor?
 - 73 Horse riding movements
 - 74 Bedazzle
 - 75 Events with witnesses
 - 76 NY hours
 - 77 Lyric-penning Gershwin
 - 79 Longtime youth org.
 - 81 Skilled in
 - 85 "Whatever happened to your faith?"
 - 90 Vow for the nuptials
 - 91 What might follow "tra"
 - 92 Bit of body ink
 - 93 Fertility clinic cells
 - 94 Ring sealing a junction
 - 97 Seizes
 - 100 Give some yuletide plants moisture?
 - 103 Mrs., in France
 - 106 "— and Stimpy"
 - 107 Depressed
 - 108 Chaise spot
 - 109 Test done by a marine aquarium keeper?
 - 114 Suffix with 36-Down
 - 115 Diner bill
 - 118 Providing nourishment
 - 119 Bill of fare at an outdoor eatery on a clear night?
 - 122 Had profits equaling losses
 - 123 Helen of —
 - 124 Grippers on golf shoes
 - 125 Soup containers
 - 126 For fear that
 - 127 Besides that
 - 128 Grammar of "Frasier"
- DOWN**
- 1 "Qué —?"
 - 2 Necessary: Abbr.
 - 3 Océano filler
 - 4 Tchr.'s union
 - 5 W. Coast engineering school
 - 6 Puzzles
 - 7 Easy as —
 - 8 Tap mishap
 - 9 Piddling
 - 10 Tear into
 - 11 Drive- (pickup windows)
 - 12 One using a weeding aid
 - 13 Promoted insufficiently
 - 14 Dallas — Plaza
 - 15 Major finale?
 - 16 Easily fooled
 - 17 Reed instruments
 - 18 Get a feeling
 - 22 Offshoot
 - 24 Zoologist Fossey
 - 29 Refusals
 - 30 Rocker Ocasek
 - 31 — -dieu (pew addition)
 - 35 Real pain
 - 36 Sword type
 - 37 Part of S&L
 - 38 See 121-Down
 - 39 City on Utah Lake
 - 40 Scot's refusal
 - 41 Longtime CBS show
 - 44 Least restricted
 - 46 Forum robes
 - 47 Studio sign
 - 48 "Hey ... you"
 - 50 Sci-fi captain
 - 51 Nature
 - 52 Gym set
 - 53 Rubber stamp go-with
 - 54 Charles de — Airport
 - 56 Skin woe
 - 57 Ziploc item
 - 58 Pen fixtures?
 - 63 "— longa ..."
 - 64 "Maybe later"
 - 66 Inferior dog
 - 68 Faint cloud
 - 69 Obama girl
 - 70 PC chip giant
 - 71 Anesthetize
 - 72 Chanteuse Edith
 - 73 Cry weakly
 - 78 Watchful
 - 80 Opposite of 95-Down
 - 82 — torch (luau lamp)
 - 83 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
 - 84 Little 'uns
 - 86 Tattle (on)
 - 87 Owns
 - 88 "— had it!"
 - 89 Frontier figure Wyatt
 - 94 Took ill
 - 95 Just slightly
 - 96 — -pitch
 - 98 Palmer of the links
 - 99 Actor Harvey
 - 100 Nursery cry
 - 101 "— Fideles"
 - 102 Greet
 - 103 "Hardball" network
 - 104 Tierney of "Liar Liar"
 - 105 Rocker John
 - 107 Fragrance
 - 110 Ticks off
 - 111 Part of YSL
 - 112 PC key abbr.
 - 113 Evil group in "Get Smart"
 - 115 Caddy picks
 - 116 Initial stake
 - 117 Not at all idle
 - 120 Seedy loaf
 - 121 With 38-Down, old New York Giants great



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HOROSCOPES

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Relationships — personal or professional — present new challenges. Be careful not to let a sudden surge of stubbornness influence how you choose to deal with them.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might need more facts before you can decide on a possible career change. But you should have no problem making a decision about an important personal matter.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're respected by most people for your direct, no-nonsense approach to the issues. But be careful you don't replace honest skepticism with stinging sarcasm.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A newly emerging situation could require a good deal of attention and some difficult decision-making. However, close friends will help you see it through.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to

January 19) Family matters need attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Of course you deserve to indulge yourself in something special. But for now, tuck that bit of mad money away. You'll need it to help with a looming cash crunch.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A temporary setback in your financial situation is eased by changing some of your plans. You'll be able to ride it out quite well until the tide turns back in your favor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time for the usually outspoken Lamb to be a bit more discreet. You still can get your point across, but do it in a way less likely to turn off a potential supporter.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Good news: All that hard work you put

in is beginning to pay off. But you need to watch that tendency to insist on doing things your way or no way. Be a bit more flexible.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to delay making a decision on the future of a long-standing relationship until you check out some heretofore hidden details that are just now beginning to emerge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your reluctance to compromise on an important issue could backfire without more facts to support your position. Weigh your options carefully before making your next move.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time for ambitious Leos or Leonas to shift from planning their next move to actually doing it. Your communication skills help persuade others to join you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for understanding people's needs. You have a low tolerance for those who act without concern for others. ■

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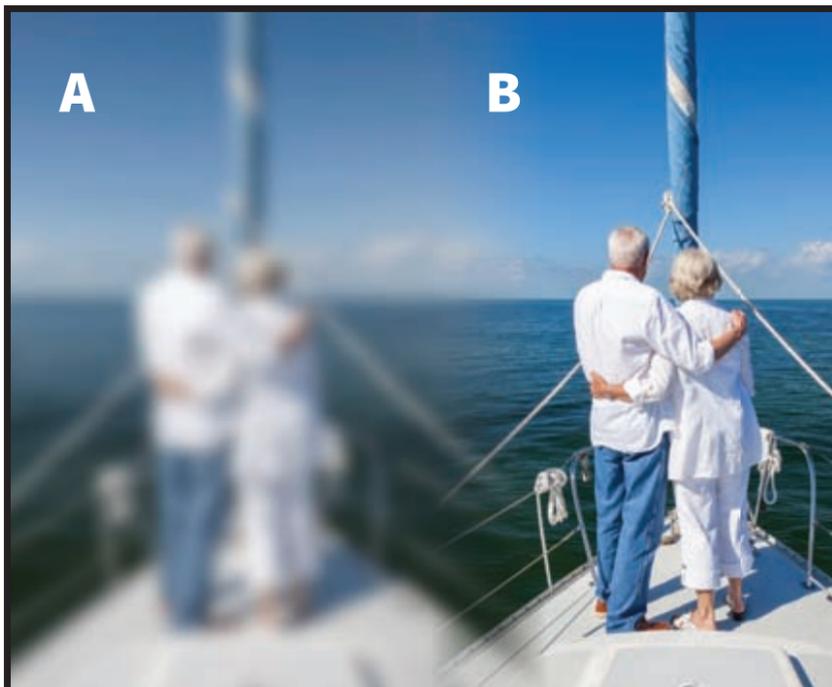


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By Linda Thistle

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Wrong way to run a railroad

BY STEVE BECKER

One tends to become a victim of habit in certain situations because they seem to be similar to others encountered previously. This tendency can prove costly at times, as witness what happened to South in this deal.

West led the jack of clubs against South's four-spade contract. Declarer won with the queen, crossed to dummy with a trump and led a heart to the jack, losing to the queen.

West made the fine return of a trump, which declarer took in dummy to lead another heart. When the king lost to the ace, West returned a third round of trumps.

South was now at the end of his rope. He could not avoid losing a diamond and another heart, and so finished down one.

The ironic part of the hand is that if declarer had been dealt three small hearts instead of the K-J-5, he would surely have made the contract. In that case, given the same opening lead, he would have arranged to ruff one of his heart losers in dummy.

After winning the club, he would have immediately returned a heart. Then, regardless of what the defenders did next, he would play another heart, putting himself in position to trump his third heart in dummy and so guarantee the contract.

But the presence of the K-J-5 of hearts induced declarer to cross to dummy

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
 South 1♠ West Pass North 2♠ East Pass
 4♠
 Opening lead — jack of clubs.

with a trump in order to lead toward his heart honors. This in turn opened the gate for repeated trump leads by the defense and eventually brought about South's downfall.

To avoid this pitfall, declarer should have led any heart from his hand at trick two, and 10 tricks would have been assured. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Dunkirk ★★ ★ 1/2

(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. 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).

The Beguiled ★★ ★

(Nicole Kidman, Colin Farrell, Elle Fanning) During the Civil War, a wounded Union soldier is taken in by Confederate women who subsequently compete for his attention. It starts slow, but it's fun to watch the story twist — and the third act packs a wallop. 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.

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.

Despicable Me ★★ ★

(Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker) Gru (Mr. Carell), his long-lost brother Dru (Mr. Carell again) and Lucy try to stop 1980s-inspired villain Balthazar Bratt (Mr. Parker) from destroying Hollywood. Too much focus on Mr. Carell's two characters and not enough on the villain and story make this an uneven disappointment. Rated PG.

Transformers: The Last Knight ★★ ★ 1/2

(Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins, Laura Haddock) Once again the Autobots get Mark Wahlberg's help in saving the world from the Decepticons. It's understandable if you're expecting this fifth installment to be terrible, but it's actually pretty amusing. The story is more clever than you expect, and the visual effects and action are strong. Rated PG-13.

The Hero ★★ ★

(Sam Elliott, Laura Prepon, Nick Offerman) An aging former movie star (Mr. Elliott) tries to reconcile his disappointing life after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Although Mr. Elliott's performance is stellar, the story is underdeveloped and some important characters barely register. Rated R. ■

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Wind River ★★1/2

(Jeremy Renner, Elizabeth Olsen, Kelsey Asbille) In a frigid and remote Wyoming territory, a hunter/tracker (Mr. Renner) and inexperienced FBI agent (Ms. Olsen) search for the murderer of a teenage girl (Ms. Asbille). The frostiness of the snow-covered terrain provides a nice texture to the compelling story; too bad the last act is a bit weak. Rated R.

The Only Living Boy in New York ★1/2

(Callum Turner, Pierce Brosnan, Kate Beckinsale) In his early 20s and aimless in New York City, Thomas (Mr. Turner) sleeps with his father's (Mr. Brosnan) mistress (Ms. Beckinsale) and ends up even more confused about life. The ending is decent, but this is the type of indie film that's full of high-minded ideas that never amount too much. Rated R.

The Trip To Spain ★★1/2

(Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon, Claire Keelan) Friends and comedians Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon play versions of themselves as they sample fine dining and tourist attractions throughout Spain. Most of it is good conversation that's reasonably consistently funny, though it does get a bit too chatty for its own good at times. Not Rated: Adult themes.

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 Ms. Berry that mediocrity is not good enough. Rated R.

Logan Lucky ★★★

(Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Daniel Craig) The Logan siblings (Mr. Tatum, Mr. Driver, Riley Keough) and career criminal Joe Bang (Mr. Craig) plan to rob the Charlotte Motor Speedway during the biggest race of the year. It's a fine return to form for director Steven Soderbergh ("Oceans 11") and is full of cameos to keep you smiling. Rated PG-13.

The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature ★

(Voices of Will Arnett, Katherine Heigl, Jackie Chan) When a greedy mayor (Bobby Moynihan) wants to build an amusement park, squirrels Surly (Mr. Arnett) and Andie (Ms. Heigl) and the rest of the animals try to stop the destruction of their home. It's not funny, and it's actually insulting to the human race. Rated PG.

Lady Macbeth ★★★1/2

(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.

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. ■

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★ ★ ½
Is it worth \$10? Yes

There's no room for Patricia Dombrowski in the rap world. She's an overweight white girl from New Jersey who's laughed at and rejected whenever she dares to ask for a chance. But she wouldn't be an inspiring dreamer, and we wouldn't have "Patti Cake\$," if she didn't try.

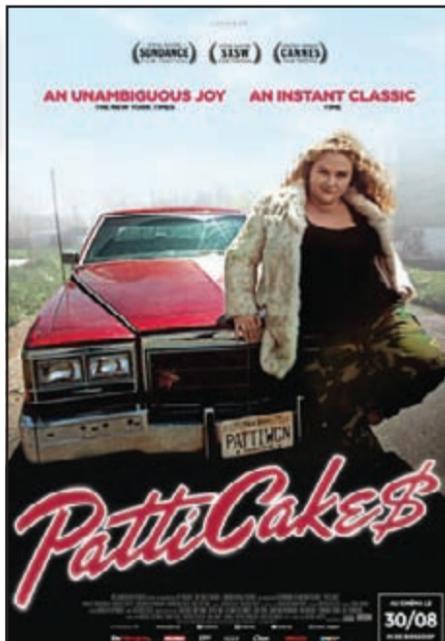
She's earnest and likeable and we want her to succeed, which is why it's a shame writer/director Jeremy Jasper's movie isn't more of a success. Contrivances, melodrama and predictability hinder an otherwise engaging narrative that at times has us dancin' in our seats.

Patti (Danielle Macdonald) can see the bright lights of Manhattan across the Hudson River, but she's far from having her dreams come true. She's a lowly bartender whose alcoholic mother (Bridgett Everett) had a promising singing career that was dashed when she became pregnant with Patti. Money was then and continues to be an issue, so much so that they can't even pay Patti's grandmother's (Cathy Moriarty) medical bills.

But Patti dreams. With the rap name "Patti Cake\$," she and best friend Jheri (Siddharth Dhananjay), who's Indian and works as a pharmacist, create music in their spare time. Opportunities knock, doors open and close. When they meet a sound mixer who's a self-described anarchist (Mamoudou Athie), they get even closer to making their dreams a reality.

Mr. Jasper's film hits typical hangout spots such as bowling alleys and diners, and if you've ever been to Jersey, the divided highway will look notably familiar. Keeping the film grounded in the small-town nature of Patti's life means we're constantly reminded of how much she yearns to escape it, which in turn makes each blow to the contrary sting that much more. Try all she wants, she could still end up stuck there; it's not the worst thing in the world, except when you consider it's the last thing she wants.

The music is catchy enough to stick in your ear —especially the songs "Tough Love" and "P, B & J" — but



it's not necessarily good enough to make you want to buy the soundtrack. In a way this makes sense; these are unproven amateurs creating the music, after all. At the same time, this is a professionally made feature film that we've paid money to see. Can't help but wish the music were a little better.

Regardless, the real revelation and appeal of "Patti Cake\$" lies in Ms. Macdonald, the heretofore unknown actress who plays Patti. She will remind some, both physically and in terms of singing prowess, of Rebel Wilson ("Pitch Perfect"), which is oddly apropos given that both Ms. Macdonald and Ms. Wilson are Australian. But consider that for a moment: An Australian actress learned how to rap and mastered a New Jersey accent, and it all feels lived-in and natural. Depending on the popularity of the film, this could be a star-making turn for Ms. Macdonald.

The plot will remind some of "Hustle & Flow" (2005), which was a great movie, and Eminem's "8 Mile" (2002), which was a good movie. "Patti Cake\$" is a notch below those, yet respectable enough in its own right to be worthy of your attention. Give it a chance. Like Patti, it's not perfect, but it will win you over by the end. ■

in the know

>> **Danielle Macdonald** received a standing ovation after "Patti Cake\$" premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January this year. Fox Searchlight purchased the distribution rights for \$9.5 million, and the film's production budget was \$1 million.

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The **David Lawrence Center Young Executives** hosts a National Recovery Month-themed Wish List Friendraiser from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Public House in Creekside Corners on Immokalee Road. Admission is free, and those making a wish list donation will receive one free drink ticket. Wish list items include composition notebooks for journaling, art therapy supplies such as pipe cleaners, glitter, sidewalk chalk and bubbles, and stress relieving puzzles. Guests also have the option of making a cash donation at the door toward the purchase of these much-needed items that will help children in DLC's various recovery programs. The friendraiser is sponsored by Barron Collier Companies. For more information, call the center at 354-1434.

The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples Guild holds **"Backyard Bash: Barbeque and Brew"** from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at Naples Beach Brewery. Guests will enjoy local beer, great food, live music, photo booth fun and beer pong and cornhole tournaments. General admission is \$50; VIP admission is \$75. All proceeds will benefit STEAM educational programming at C'mon. Must be 21 to attend. Purchase tickets at www.cmon.org. Sponsors to date are D&D Site Services, Naples Beach Brewery, Germain Lexus of Naples, Montgomery Eye Center, and Thornburg Pediatrics. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, call Teresa Stohs at 260-1708 or email tstohs@cmon.org.



Project HELP hosts its inaugural **Halloween party** from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Design Studio by Raymond, 990 First St. N. The ghoulish fun includes a costume contest, tarot card readings, music, dancing, games, raffles and sweet treats. Adults only, please. Tickets are \$60. Call 649-1404 or visit www.projecthelpnaples.org.

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida honors its **2017 Business Hall of Fame-Collier County** laureates on Thursday evening, Oct. 26, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. For tickets or more information, visit www.JASWFL.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.



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Humane Society Naples holds its 19th annual fashion show and 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.

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■ 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 or visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net.

■ **Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida** will welcome Barbara Pierce Bush as keynote speaker for the organization's signature annual gala, The Choice Affair 2018, set for Saturday evening, Feb. 10, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Ms. Bush is the CEO and co-founder of Global Health Corps, which she helped established in 2009 to engage the younger generation in addressing the world's biggest health challenges.



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Ms. Bush worked with the American Red Cross in South Africa and UNICEF in Botswana. She is member of UNICEF's Next Generation steering committee and the UN Global Entrepreneurs Council. She is a Draper Richards Foundation Social Entrepreneur, a World Economic Forum Young Global Shaper and a fellow of the Echoing Green Foundation. She was named one of Glamour's Women of the Year (2011), one of Newsweek's Women of Impact (2013) and one of Fast Company's Most Creative People in Business (2015). She graduated from Yale University in 2004 with a degree in humanities.

■ **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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ **Guadalupe Center's** "Welcome Aboard" signature gala takes place Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Amy Heuerman chairs the evening that benefits the center's three educational programs serving Immokalee students from cradle to career. "Welcome Aboard" begins with a cocktail reception and meet-and-greet with high school students within Guadalupe



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Center's Tutor Corps program, along with a presentation from a Tutor Corps student.

Sponsors to date include the Moglia Family Foundation, London Bay Homes, TD Ameritrade, JPMorgan Chase & Co., MarineMax, Seminole Immokalee Casino, Gulfshore Life, Preferred Travel, Port Royal Jewelers and Waterside Shops. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available until Sept. 15. Individual tickets are \$500. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or to learn more about Guadalupe Center, visit www.guadalupecenter.org.

■ **The Neighborhood Health Clinic** hosts a gourmet vintner dinner Saturday evening, Feb. 3, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening begins with a reception featuring a samples from more than 10 winemakers selected by The Ritz-Carlton's sommelier. Following the tasting, guests will enjoy dinner, live entertainment, a live auction, dancing and more. Guests will be able to be "life savers" by donating directly to clinic, where 90 cents of every dollar goes directly to patient services. NHC cares for approximately 200 working, uninsured patients a week.

Tickets to the vintner dinner are \$375. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call 316-7416 or visit www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 8 P.M.

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Cult comedy opens new season for Lab Theater

Hurricane Irma recovery efforts could force rescheduling of events for weeks to come. Be sure to check ahead before heading out.

BY TOM HALL
Florida Weekly Correspondent

On the heels of summer's successful runs of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: A Parody of the Horror" and "The Smell of the Kill," Laboratory Theater of Florida opens the 2017-18 season with another cult classic comedy.

Del Shores' "Sordid Lives," a semi-autobiographical homage to inglorious idiosyncrasy, is set to run Sept. 15-30 at the theater in Fort Myers.

Family and friends of Peggy Ingram are converging on Winters, Texas, for the matriarch's funeral. They aren't just shocked and grief-stricken over Peggy's unexpected demise. They're scandalized as well. Peggy, it seems, died after hitting her head on the bathroom sink in a seedy motel after tripping over the wooden legs of her lover, her very married and decades younger neighbor, G.W. Nethercott.

But poor Peggy was the least flamboyant character within her own inner circle. For example, there's her free-spirited daughter LaVonda, her cross-dressing gay son "Brother Boy" (who's been institutionalized for 23 years), her closeted 20-something nephew Ty (who's moved to West Hollywood to pursue an acting career), Ty's deranged ex-girlfriend Sara and Peg's eldest daughter Latrelle (a woman quixotically trying to "keep up appearances" in the small Southern Baptist town she calls home).

Add to that a bar owner named Bubba, his lounge singer Bitsy Mae, G.W.'s disgraced



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wife, a security guard named Bumper, an evil shrink who wants to de-homosexualize Brother Boy so she can appear on "Oprah" and Peggy's chain-smoking younger sister, and you have the recipe for an over-the-top black comedy about white trash striving to figure out who they are and, more to the point, who they wish to be.

It takes a large and talented cast to breathe life into a stage play like "Sordid Lives." For Lab Theater, director Scott Carpenter has assembled Joann Haley (Latrelle Williamson), Cindi Heimberg (Lavonda Dupree), Kenneth Johnson (Earl

"Brother Boy" Ingram), Patrick Erhardt (Bubba), Shelley Sanders (Bitsy Mae Harling) Drew Larman (Ty Williamson) and Brian Linthicum (G.W. Nethercott). "Each of them has made their character their own, within the confines of the script, of course," Mr. Carpenter promises.

Most people are familiar with "Sordid Lives" not through the play, but rather the movie, its sequel and associated television series. These subsequent iterations impose expectations no playwright, no matter how prescient, could have envisioned. But Mr. Carpenter and his cast have found a unique way to embrace and incorporate the play's afterlife.

"Fans of the movies and the series will hear certain nuances in phraseology and see costumes that reference the movies and the series," the director says.

But even if you've seen neither the movies nor the TV series, "Sordid Lives" at Lab Theater promises to entertain with its tapestry of lovably dysfunctional characters and the play's overarching message of family, love and acceptance. It's no accident that Mr. Shores the playwright chose the 1835 Charlotte Elliott hymn "Just As I Am" as the play's culminating anthem. ■

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'Sordid Lives'

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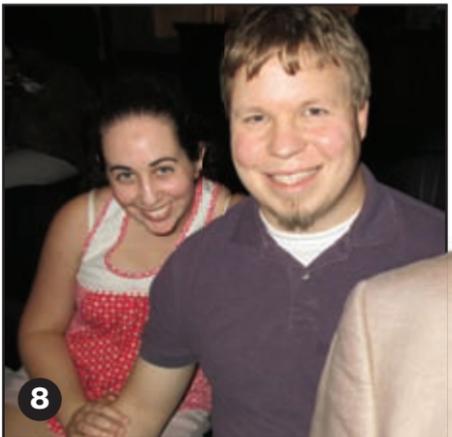
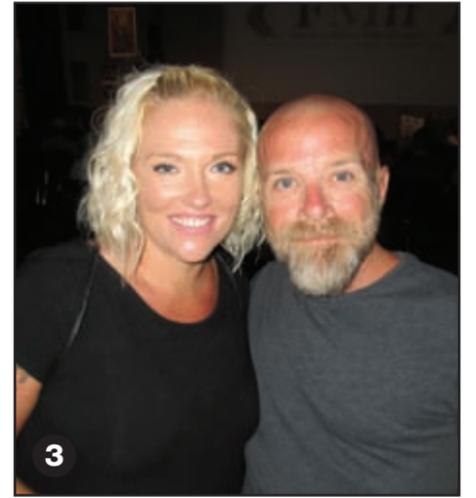
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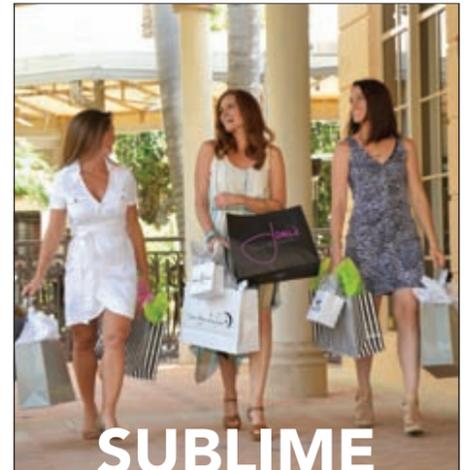
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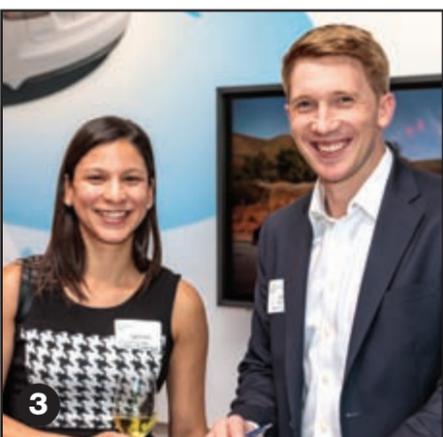


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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

Big Hickory Seafood Grille, 26107 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs; 992-0991

In a bayside marina on a quiet stretch of Hickory Boulevard, Big Hickory is off the beaten path but has long been worth tracking down. The expansive view of boats, mangrove islands and birds makes the bayside deck a hot spot, and Big Hickory enjoys a reputation for award-winning dishes that play with local seafood and fruit. Think plantain-crusted grouper with banana-infused sauce and shrimp tacos drizzled with Key lime aioli. The popularity of such signature items might explain why the menu has not changed much over the years. But we can report that the mahi coco loco (coated in coconut and topped with pineapple and buttery rum sauce) and apple-mango grouper (with salsa and passion fruit sauce) are as good as ever. Service can be leisurely, so sit back and enjoy the view. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed October 2016

Catch 41 Bar 'n' Grill, Ramada Inn, 1100 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 263-6046

The Ramada has a winner in its latest restaurant, run by talented Executive Chef David Lani, a Culinary Institute of America alum who helped launch 7th Avenue Social. The atmosphere is casual, the food is fun and fanciful. Cucumber mojitos started the meal off on a

cool and refreshing note. Three Maryland style mini crab cakes with remoulade, grilled Mexican street corn and cotija cheese made a great appetizer. The bao bun tacos — tucked into Chinese-style buns rather than taco shells — come in three versions, and I liked all three: the crispy pork belly with charred jalapenos, mango and bourbon glaze; blackened shrimp with kim chee slaw; and wild mushrooms with hoisin, onion and cucumber. Red grouper sliders and a pair of mini hot butter poached lobster rolls with garlic beurre blanc were great entrees. Also well done were sides of hand-cut fries and roasted cauliflower with garlic and Parmesan. The stout beer milk chocolate pudding is a great ending for beer lovers. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
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Sophia's Ristorante Italiano, 3545 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 597-0744

Tucked between a Harley Davidson dealership and a Hawthorne Suites sits a gem of a restaurant that seems as if it's been lifted right out of Italy. Sophia's is filled with lovely Tuscan browns and golds with mosaic patterns on tables and floors. The staff is uniformly gracious, and some also come with charming Italian accents. And the food. Try not to overload on the house-made breads served with herb-studded olive oil. The fried calamari was excellent, but I could have made a meal of the tender-crisp rapini and well-seasoned sausage with polenta. The zuppa de



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PAST REPASTS

pesce is a remarkable mountain of seafood, but veal is a specialty here and the osso buco, a special that evening, was fork-tender and delicious with a side of porcini risotto. Sea bass with clams, caperberries and house-made linguini was just right. For dessert, the house made tiramisu was light, delicious and ample for two. The wine list is noteworthy as well. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed December 2015

The Crust, 8004 Trail Blvd., Naples; 244-8488

This popular pizza spot at the Pavilion Shopping Center has added a second, much-needed larger location just a few miles away on U.S. 41. About four times the size of the original (which remains open), it serves the same Midwest-style pizza in the former Big Al's space. Try an old-fashioned soda — we loved the Dr. Pepper and Orange Crush made with real sugar rather than high-fructose corn syrup. A Caesar was fresh with a mild dressing. A house salad had good ingredients but needed a more assertive dressing than the house-made Champagne vinaigrette. A 10-inch BBQ pizza had a thin, crisp crust topped with

smoky barbecue sauce, roasted chicken, red onions, smoked gouda, provolone and cilantro. My companion chose one with mushrooms, Kalamata olives and basil. Both were excellent. Service is efficient and pleasant. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Reviewed May 2016

21 Spices by Chef Asif, Sugden Park Plaza, 4270 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 919-8830

Head east — on Tamiami Trail, that is — for a taste of modern Indian cuisine as imagined and prepared by Chef Asif Rasheed. Born in Northern India, he brings his well-developed talents for art and cooking to this elegant and innovative newcomer where you'll find some of the standards as well as intriguing offerings such as lobster mulligatawny soup, dumptukhy goat biryani and jhinga prawns. The ghehra paani diver scallops were plump and delicious atop a mound of black lentils with orange tomato jus and yellow pepper coulis. Palawaka chaat consisted of crisp fried baby spinach leaves intermingled with dates, tamarind and yogurt. A trio of baby lamb chops were moist and seasoned with a touch of mint and mustard. From the entrees, great choices were the seafood medley, the saffron chicken korma and the Nizam's kofte, vegetable and cheese dumplings. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
 Reviewed January 2016 ■

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VINO

Revisiting rosé — the wine for any time



Every once in a while, it's a good idea to take another look at a wine or a grape varietal that we've discussed in the past. Sometimes it's because the wine somehow went out of fashion and then came back. They do that. Other times new types or styles of a particular wine are developed and find their way to the market. And then there's the seasonal situation: We generally write about and review wines that are suitable for the weather and time of year.

I've never quite believed that we have to drink only whites in the summer and only full-bodied reds during cooler seasons. But having sampled widely and with great dedication, I've arrived at a conclusion about rosé: These wines are excellent choices pretty much whenever.

You can make rosé wines in two ways. It's perfectly legitimate to simply mix some red and white together, which is how many of them are created. Or if you do it the classier and more expensive way, you crush red grapes, leave the juice on the skins until the liquid achieves the color you want, then drain it off.

Plus, rosés can be made from just about any red varietal.

In Tavel, in southern France, many are made from Grenache and Syrah, which are the major grapes in the region. One of the samples in the list below is made pri-



marily from Cabernet. But we've sampled others made from Zinfandel and even Pinot Noir.

Since these wines come in such a wide variety of styles, you're sure to find one that's light enough or full-bodied enough, or dry or sweet enough to accompany almost any kind of food and any type of occasion. And since excellent rosés are made all over the world, you can choose the traditional styles from the south of France (especially Tavel and Lirac) or other types from California, Washington State, or even South America.

These offer a very satisfying range of styles.

■ **Villa Gemma Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo Rosé (\$15)** — The darkest color of all the

rosés we sampled ... deep cranberry with a nose that fulfills the promise of the color. Profound cherry notes and an explosion of fruit on the palate. The grape is Negroamaro, and it's extremely full-bodied for a rosé. Serve well-chilled and enjoy. WW 89-90.

■ **Frescobaldi Alie Rosé Ammiraglia 2016 (\$22)** — Lovely light pink color with flower peach aromas. Plenty of refreshing strawberry and raspberry flavors. Refreshing any time. WW 86.

■ **Raimat Castell de Raimat Rosé 2015 (\$12)** — This blend of 75 percent Cabernet and 30 percent Tempranillo delivers spicy cherry aromas with overtones of smoke. The palate is a pleasing mix of strawberry and blueberry notes,

a little bit of spice, and a sweetish finish. Serve well-chilled. We liked it. WW 88-89.

■ **Fel Pinot Noir Anderson Valley 2015 (\$38)** — A lighter-than-usual garnet color with aromas of blackberry and pronounced raspberry. Soft and light-bodied on the palate: spice, cedar and strawberry. WW 89.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q. Recently, my husband and I attended a wine tasting at a Renaissance festival. I fell in love with a dessert wine called "Simply Psychedelic" and purchased a couple of bottles from a local winery. When we opened it at home and poured it into our glasses, we noticed right away a grainy "sugary" ring left by the wine. I have never seen this before and it made me raise my eyebrows. When we tasted it, it was much sweeter than we remembered. Is it common practice to add sugar to wine?

A. The sugary particles you saw were most likely crystals of tartaric acid — cream of tartar. This sometimes crystallizes in wine, especially whites, and usually settles to the bottom of the bottle or sticks to the inside surface of the cork. It is harmless and no cause for concern. In the U.S., it is not legal to add sugar to wine, though some countries (like Germany) permit the practice. It's done during fermentation to increase alcohol content. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. His book, "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer," is available through his website. Read his other writings at www.winewhisperer.com.

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Island Hopper Songwriter Fest pairs perfectly with great food and libations

If the thought of taking in 159 live performances including 85 songwriters at 24 venues makes you work up an appetite, fear not. The good folks at the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel and sponsors BMI and iHeart Radio have paired some of the performances with meals at interesting restaurants around the area.

For example, on Monday, Sept. 25, you can hear songwriters Clint Daniels, Aaron Barker and Ashley Gearing at The Barrel Room and enjoy dinner and a wine pairing as well. There's another dining and musical event with Lindsay Ell and Brooke Eden on Wednesday, Sept. 27, at Pinchers at The Marina at Edison Ford.

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Funds raised are used to heighten awareness about child hunger in the United States, support nutrition programs such as school breakfast and summer meals and educate children and their families on how to cook healthy meals with limited resources.

According to Share Our Strength, which oversees www.NoKidHungry.org, one in every six American children will face hunger this year.

There's a Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar & Store at Coconut Point in Estero as well as a Tommy Bahama Restaurant and Store on Third Street South in Naples.

Chef Roy Yamaguchi hosts dinner

The namesake of Roy's Bonita Springs will be on hand Tuesday, Sept. 19, to team up with Chef Partner Ignacio Ortiz for a special four-course dinner paired with fine wines. The dinner celebrates the local Roy's team and Chef Yamaguchi's legacy as the founder of Roy's Restaurant. Two students from Florida Gulf Coast University's resort and hospitality management program will also have an opportunity to work with the famed chef.

Seating is limited and is \$79 per person, plus gratuity and tax.

The event, which runs 5-9 p.m., is at Roy's at The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs. Call 498-7697 for reservations.

Gather opening at Tarpon Point

The ambitious and hugely energetic pair of chefs that have brought you Fathoms Restaurant & Bar and The French Press at Cape Harbour are preparing to open a third dining concept, this one at Tarpon Point Marina.

Gather is the name of the new restaurant that is expected to open in early October. Chefs Benjamin Voisin and Fabrice Delatrain will develop the menu and take an active role in training and hiring, hiring and managing the kitchen.

The enterprise is a collaboration of Mr. Voisin, Valeria Zanella Voisin and Meredith and Timothy Hoffman, partners in HGH LLC, who own the two Cape Harbour restaurants.



Chef Roy Yamaguchi

Fathoms General Manager Kathy Stephan and The French Press Manager Sue McCormick, along with Fathoms' well-known mixologist Jeremy Vincent, helped spearhead the Gather concept and will oversee operations.

It will occupy the space that was previously Melegnano, offering indoor seating for 67, plus outdoor seating. There will be organic breakfast options, European-style pastries and, for lunch and dinner, an international gastro-bar menu and craft cocktails.

"Gather is a culmination of our team's desire, passion and drive to develop a new concept that combines the best of the French Press and Fathoms to achieve a unique waterfront dining experience," Mr. Voisin said.

The restaurant is currently hiring. Submit resumes to Valeria Zanella Voisin at val@hgh-llc.com.

Taste of the Town returns

The Junior League of Fort Myers will hold the 35th annual Taste of the Town at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers on Sunday, Nov. 5.

The primary fundraiser of the Junior League began as a small French picnic at several locations around town with members creating most of the menu. It's grown to a big festival with local restaurants

offering samples of their best dishes at low prices to the public.

Proceeds are used to fund the volunteer mission of the organization for women.

"The Taste of the Town allows the Junior League to share our mission with the community," says Laura Richardson, chair of the event. For details, call 277-1197 or visit www.jlfmtaste.com.

Quick bites

■ Time to Eat, the lovely little Spanish tapas restaurant on Del Prado Boulevard, in Cape Coral has closed. A sign out front says it will soon open as Two Sisters Vietnamese Cuisine.

■ Tarpon Bay Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort will hold a six-course Italian wine dinner created by Chef de Cuisine Gaston Sanchez at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28. It's \$95 per person. Reservations are required. Call 390-4297 or email carrie.clay@hyatt.com.

■ Grimaldi's Pizzeria's fall menu includes the Buffalo chicken pizza, a twist on the classic wing with Frank's Red-Hot Sauce, chicken breast, mozzarella, gorgonzola crumbles and celery; green apple sangria; as well as caramel apple cheesecake and chocolate cheesecake. Grimaldi's is at Bell Tower Shops, U.S. 41 and Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers. ■

Tommy Bahama raises money, awareness for childhood hunger

For the fifth year, Tommy Bahama is partnering with No Kid Hungry to fight childhood hunger in America. Donations made this month through the Dine Out for No Kid Hungry campaign ensure that every child gets the nourishment he or she needs to grow strong and learn.

Throughout September, guests are invited to donate \$5 to No Kid Hungry in exchange for a \$20 promotional award card redeemable at any Tommy Bahama restaurant or full-priced U.S. retail location (including www.tommybahama.com) between Oct. 1-Oct. 31.

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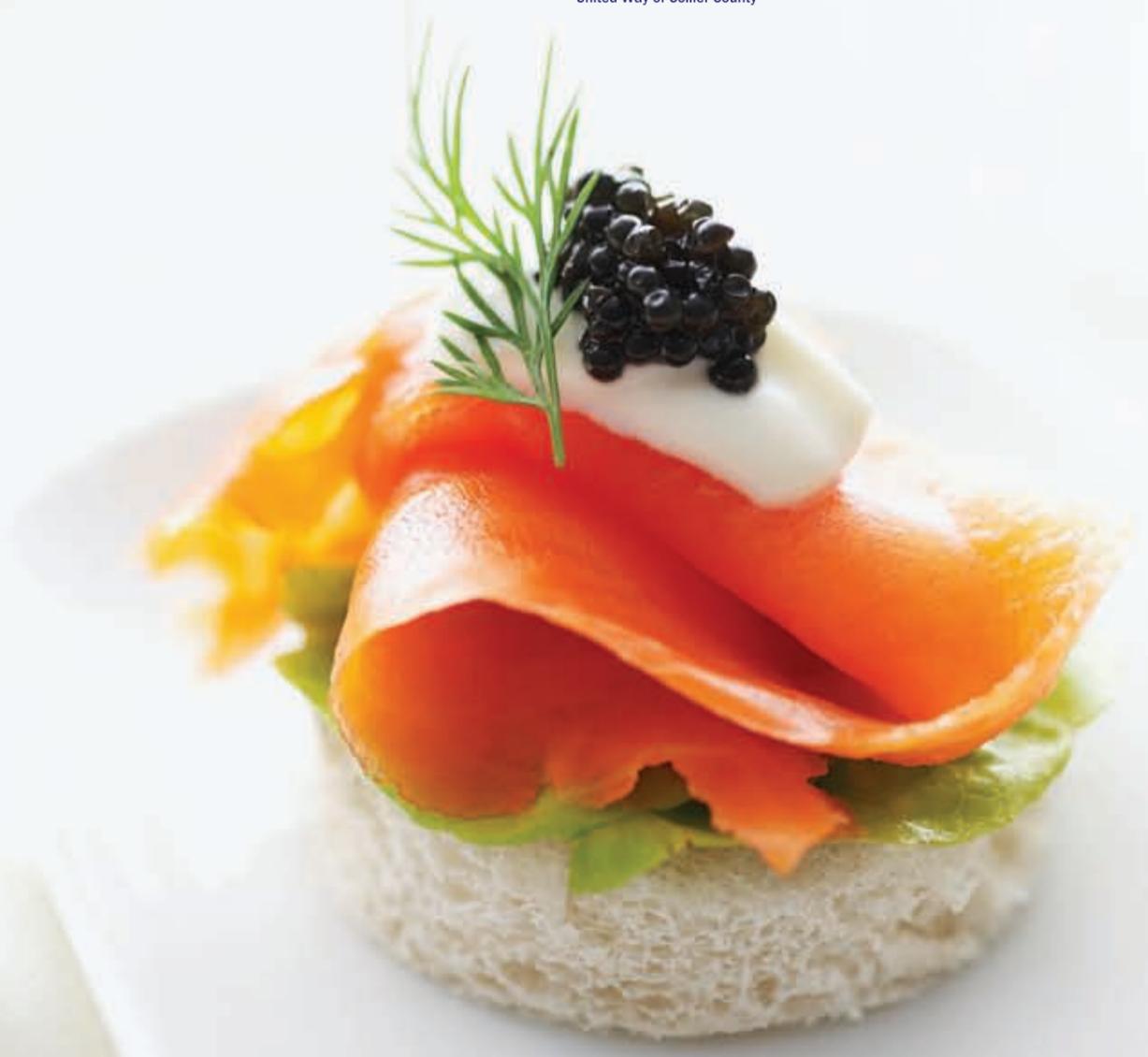
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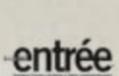
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1-866-657-2300 800FM035965.

CAPE CORAL



Pristine Salt Water Pool Home
Remodeled 3/2 w/many upgrades. In established neighborhood. All appliances included W/D new in last 2 years. Newer A/C.
\$225,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC050323.

CAPE CORAL



4/4 Duplex-Right Next to Downtown Cape Coral
Great investment opportunity just minutes away from downtown Cape Coral.
\$225,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC065748.

FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Without the Fees
Kelly Greens Village condo with great view-off season golf and no joining fees!
\$230,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM033713.

ESTERO



Grand Palm Beauty
Beautiful second floor coach home.
\$235,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM031313.

FORT MYERS



Gated Community
3/2 lake view home in Stoneybrook's gated community. Split floor plan with great room layout.
\$239,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC053860.

CAPE CORAL



Spacious 3/2/2 Pool Home in SW Cape Coral
2 Bedroom 2 bath pool home in Palmetto Pine Country Club. Impressive views of the golf course!
\$239,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC043667.

CAPE CORAL



3/2 Pool Home-Fantastic Location-Southern Exposure
Tons of open space & lighting with gorgeous high ceilings. Brand new carpet in bedrooms, freshly painted, over sized lot.
\$244,999
1-866-657-2300 800CC049780.

CAPE CORAL



Waterfront Home
Bright and airy 3 bedroom, 2 bath, waterfront home in SE Cape on 3 lot site! All assessments PAID!!
\$247,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC055320.

CAPE CORAL



Beautifully Updated
3/2 Pool home. Newly renovated pool surface and brick pavers. Updated kitchen with granite counters.
\$249,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC054530.

FORT MYERS



Great Price-2/2 + Den/2 Car Garage Villa
Gorgeous, immaculate open floor plan villa with many upgrades! Amazing amenities!
\$249,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC045056.

LEHIGH ACRES



One of the Best Maintained Properties in Lehigh
Stunning, immaculate, and tasteful are words that best describe this well maintained home.
\$249,942
1-866-657-2300 800LE038205.

FORT MYERS



Lakefront Western Exposure-Lots of Upgrades
Lakefront western exposure with lots of upgrades. Home has paver driveway & tile roof. 18" diagonal tile throughout.
\$254,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC045991.



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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.
\$259,900
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



Olympia Point
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 4 bath home in a great gated community close to everything. Easy commute to Fort Myers.
\$269,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM049590.

CAPE CORAL



Investor's Dream
Location, Location, Location! One of the lowest priced sail boat access canal front home in the Yacht Club area!
\$274,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC042464.

FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Pool Home with Big Yard
Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club single family villa pool home with a huge backyard!
\$275,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM052232.

CAPE CORAL



Bring Your Suntan Lotion
This pool home comes with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, den, great room, walk in pantry, open kitchen with island.
\$289,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC045506.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful Lake Home South Western Exposure
Southwest exposure pool home in desirable Deep Creek Community. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with 2 car garage. Sold turnkey!
\$299,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC038179.

CAPE CORAL



So Much House for the Money
This is like a new home. Everything in this home has been redone! Great location and minutes to the open river.
\$320,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC048653.

BONITA SPRINGS



Gorgeous New Construction Home
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.

CAPE CORAL



Completely Upgraded Lakefront Home
2 bedroom + den, 2.5 bath home in Sandoval. Den is large enough to be your 3rd bedroom.
\$324,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC053849.

ESTERO



3 + Den / 2.5 in Stoneybrook Golf Community
Well maintained 3+Den/2.5 bath in Stoneybrook. Close to shopping, schools, and airport. Enjoy a great golfing community.
\$329,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS047844.

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.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Quick Access to Charlotte Harbor PGI Beauty
Very nice 3/2/2 home with concrete seawall and boat lift. Metal roof.
\$329,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH242104.

ESTERO



Silver Oaks Beauty
More than wow factor move in ready!!
\$349,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM063883.

BONITA SPRINGS



Original Owners - Upgrades Galore
Additional living area added at construction. Extra large, lakefront lot, granite crown molding. Easy to show!
\$349,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS055001.

FORT MYERS



Ranch in the City
Unusual 4 acres +/- Ranch in East Ft. Myers - perfect for the person looking for acreage with animals.
\$350,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM063729.

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



2 Bed 2 Bath Turnkey Direct Access Condo-Boat Dock
Luxury turnkey waterfront condo, with with boat slips and direct access to the Gulf of Mexico in minutes.
\$364,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM049844.

NAPLES



Limitless Possibilities on Almost 3 Acres
Large 4 bedroom plus lots of extra rooms with a ground floor separate entrance sitting on almost 3 acres!!
\$365,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA051439.

BONITA SPRINGS



Newly Constructed Home
3 bedroom 2 bath ultra efficient home on Imperial Shores.
\$374,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS035740.

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.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful 3/2 Waterfront Pool Home
Gorgeous well maintained pool home with amenities. Canal waterfront. 2 car garage. Come see it!
\$399,950
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4/2 two story pool home with just under 4000 sqft of living area!
\$419,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC054589.

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape Gulf Access Luxury
Gulf access southern exposure 4/2/2 in highly desired SW Cape Coral. Oversize solar heated pool.
\$419,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM017821.

CAPE CORAL



Investment Opportunity
Well maintained 4-Plex with very good rental history. All units are 2/2/1 with screened in lanais.
\$429,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC055859.

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.

ESTERO



Charming Ranch Style Home
Open concept floor plan. One of the largest lots in Bella Terra. 4 bed/2.5 bath pool home with plenty of upgrades.
\$449,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS049865.

CAPE CORAL



Spectacular 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.
\$459,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC023123.

ESTERO



Pool Home in Bella Terra
5/3 pool home with 3 car garage in the Bella Terra community. 24 Hour guard gated community.
\$469,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS048975.

CAPE CORAL



Lovely Gulf Access Pool Home
3 bed 2.5 bath 2589 sqft huge master eat in kitchen, living, dining, family room, fireplace, captains dock 10,000 lb. lift.
\$469,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC034197.

CAPE CORAL



Unique Well Maintained 4-Plex
All units 2 bedroom/2 bath. Oversized garages. In-ground pool. Good rental history. Easy commute to Ft Myers.
\$499,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC052234.

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.
\$575,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC024494.

CAPE CORAL



SW Cape Coral, Gulf Access, 4 Bedroom Pool Home
Gulf access pool home in one of the most desirable areas in SW Cape Coral. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.
\$595,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC052498.

CAPE CORAL



Your Search Ends Here, Gulf Access!!
2 Story home located on 200' gulf access canal home over 3,000+ living area with soaring ceilings & open floor plan.
\$629,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC037038.

CAPE CORAL



Spectacular 3/2 Direct Gulf Access Pool, Lift, Turnkey
Enjoy the Florida lifestyle w/this beautiful direct gulf access pool home. Dock w/ lift. \$160,000 of upgrades turnkey.
\$650,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC043143.

FORT MYERS



Waterfront Beauty-No Bridge to the Gulf of Mexico
Pour a beverage! Turn on the music! Cruise into the sunset! Fabulous waterfront home w/2 story cage pool.
\$650,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM041599.

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.
\$799,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC029166.

FORT MYERS



Buckingham Equestrian Estate
For the equestrian with discriminating taste. This property offers a show barn, sand arena, multiple turnouts.
\$999,999
1-866-657-2300 800FM042365.

BONITA SPRINGS



Mother-in-Law Suite
Home features 3/2/2 in main house with a mother-in-law attached apartment w/living room, full kitchen & master bath!
\$1,295,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC043281.

FORT MYERS



Custom Riverfront Home
4 Bedrooms + den, 4.5 bath pool home right on the river.
\$1,499,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC049615.

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.
\$1,700,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM033960.

