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THE MERCURY MARQUIS WAS approaching — FAST. Jupiter Police Officer Jason Starks saw it. He did not have time to react. The Marquis ricocheted off the concrete median into his patrol car. His patrol car veered off Interstate 95 and rolled over, coming to rest on its roof.

The radio transmission and dash-cam footage captured before daybreak on June 2 are unnerving. Just watching the video or listening in feels jarring and abrupt. The fear becomes palpable, the fear of what could happen when a driver falls

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## More than a quarter of us speak something other than English

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Albert DeBono studied Latin in his Catholic school-going youth, he notes dryly — and a whole lot of help that's been. Spanish is more useful at Benson's Grocery in Bonita Springs.

Roughly 10 percent of his customers were Spanish-speaking when he bought the business 35 years ago, and now at least half are, he estimated.

This trend has played out across the country to varying degrees and in many languages. More than 27 percent of Floridians ages 5 and up spoke a language other



than English at home in 2011, according to a Census Bureau report released in August. That's a 2 percent increase from five years earlier.

The great majority were Spanish or

Spanish-Creole speakers — 3.6 million people, or 20 percent of almost 18 million people 5 and older in Florida. There were also nearly half a million French or French-Creole speakers, the second largest group. Tens of thousands who speak Portuguese, German, Vietnamese, Chinese, Tagalog, Russian, Arabic and other languages are concentrated in different areas in Florida and the United States.

The data was derived from the census' yearly American Community Survey's through 2011. It varies widely at the state, county and neighborhood levels.

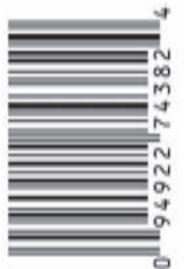
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# COMMENTARY

## Remembering Joe McCarthy



One of the most misguided, would-be despots ever to ascend the voter stairway to (not heaven) a Senate seat in Washington was Joseph McCarthy, from Wisconsin.

Unfortunately and perhaps characteristically, when he died of hepatitis likely exacerbated by acute alcoholism in office at the age of 48, after censure by his slow-to-get-there colleagues on the Hill who watched him betray the principles of the nation for a decade, he did not rest in peace.

Instead, he returned from the dead, reappearing recently as a more viscous and difficult-to-identify corruption oozing out of the cracks of government — in this case the National Security Administration, the FBI and the Obama administration's White House.

For years, the men and women who man or woman these outfits have been investigating people who do not merit investigating by American right, as recent news reports have made all too clear.

Students. Protestors. Journalists. Mem-

bers of religious groups.

This nouveau-McCarthyism even spread to the IRS, which began to investigate and tax some of President Obama's political enemies who too energetically opposed him.

All the while, and just like in the 1950s, I've been told, a lot of people went around saying, "So what? I've got nothing to hide."

Until I began to think more deeply about the issue, I was saying the same thing. If they want to look in my underwear drawer, more power to them, I thought shallowly.

When you chant that mantra, you do so with a knowing smirk, implying that they'll get what they deserve if they explore the dirty laundry, without getting anything of value.

In contemporary terms, you figure that it really doesn't matter if FBI agents and NSA agents spy on people by looking at their electronic correspondence or listening to their telephone calls. Heck, they're just doing their jobs, which got a lot harder after 9/11, right? Maybe they'll turn up a bomb-toting terrorist or two hiding in the woodpile.

Feeling smugly satisfied, then you turn to the sports pages or the Huffington Post's latest method for losing 50 pounds of belly fat in 50 seconds.

Some of that thinking is true, of course. Today's Homeland Security cops do have difficult jobs, or so I imagine, for which we pay them decent salaries — to protect us from criminals, from foreign aggressors, from tyranny.

And it's also true that most people don't

have anything to hide. Which has exactly nothing to do with the bully-boy problem of abusers of power.

So here's what I think now. Dismissing the actions of governments spying on citizens is like dismissing the actions of governments that would suddenly and arbitrarily abolish the Second Amendment, lock, stock and barrel.

So what, some people might say? I don't own any guns and I'm not part of a standing militia, so I have nothing to worry about.

But the problem is this: the Constitution guarantees Second Amendment rights to everyone, just like it guarantees freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right to privacy to everyone — including those who don't use those freedoms.

It was the same constitution guaranteeing the same rights in the early 1950s, too. Which makes the acts of Joe McCarthy so heinous.

For 10 years, from 1947 to 1957, he kept trying to tighten a tourniquet on one of the two great legs of our democracy — freedom of speech (the other leg we stand on is freedom of religion). He slowed its blood supply long enough to choke off the lives and careers of many who expressed opinions he opposed.

He called them Communists — and so what if they were, only a few managed to ask before they went looking for work as waiters?

He called them homosexuals (ditto on the question).

And he called them cowards, falsely accusing his opponent and the acclaimed

Republican Wisconsin Sen. Bob La Follette, for example, of war profiteering, and suggesting he was a coward for not joining the service after Pearl Harbor. Of course, Sen. La Follette was 46 years old at the time, but the slander stuck.

Partly as a result, Joe McCarthy defeated La Follette and took office in 1947, ushering in one of the most disreputable long moments in American politics and American public life, in collusion with many who allowed themselves to be bullied or became bullies themselves, blacklisting those who opposed Sen. McCarthy.

Sen. McCarthy also lied about his war record as a Marine Corps officer in the Pacific, claiming combat missions and wounds he never suffered, and writing his own glowing letter of commendation praising his valor, supposedly signed by Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Those flamboyant moments of unethical manipulation and misdirection may seem merely laughable at this distance — and would, if the specter of Sen. McCarthy hadn't been recently resurrected.

As it turns out, Joe McCarthy was a king with no clothing, and his many supporters were fools for following his fervent, flag-waving version of patriotic behavior.

Patriotism, for us Americans, has nothing to do with flag waving, per se.

Instead, it requires our willingness at each moment in time to insist on basic constitutional rights for all, even if we don't exercise those rights every day ourselves — the right to speak freely, to worship freely, and to carry on privately as we see fit. ■



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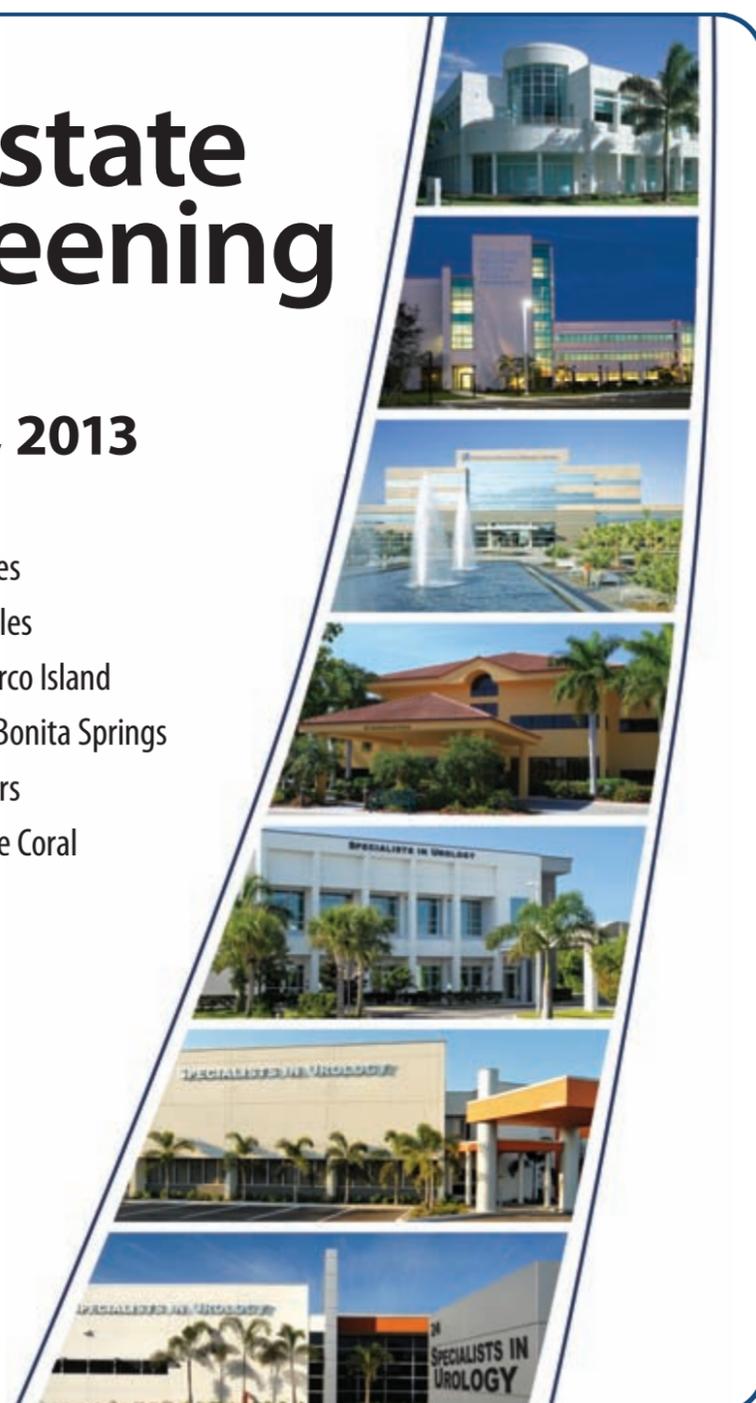
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# OPINION

## The disgrace of the Yankees



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

New York Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez may be the most hated figure in sports, but he is a man for our time.

He is a master at the insincere mea culpa, at self-involvement, at pretense and greed. Not just greed for money, but for fame and glory. If he had only disgraced himself playing for the Texas Rangers, that would be one thing, but he has done it playing for the most storied franchise in sports, whose legends are synonymous with baseball greatness.

So let's consider the tale of two prodigiously talented Yankee corner infielders, separated by about 80 years and a vast moral chasm.

Like Rodriguez in his prime, first baseman Lou Gehrig posted awesome offensive numbers. But what is most remarkable about him isn't the statistics, it's the character. He was modest even at the height of his powers, calling himself "just the Yankee who's in there every day." When tragedy struck, he made his

debilitating illness an epic of dignity.

In 1939, he removed himself from the lineup after playing 2,130 consecutive games, for "the good of the team." Soon after, he was diagnosed with the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis that killed him two years later. On "Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day" on July 4, 1939, his sobbing manager Joe McCarthy called him "the finest example of a ballplayer, sportsman and citizen that baseball has ever known." He recalled how Gehrig told him he was quitting because he had become a drag on the team. "My God, man," McCarthy said, "you were never that."

They called the movie about Gehrig "Pride of the Yankees." Then, there's Alex Rodriguez.

He knows the basic rules of 21st-century damage control: First, lie, and when that becomes unsustainable, confess and become a celebrity spokesperson against your vice.

Sports Illustrated reported in 2009 that Rodriguez had tested positive for steroids in his 2003 MVP season with the Rangers. He had previously denied using steroids on national TV, but eventually admitted it, explaining that he had been young, stupid and naive. He pledged never to use steroids again. He

did events for the Taylor Hooton Foundation, named in honor of a 17-year-old who had abused steroids and taken his own life.

Nonetheless, here he is again, facing a 211-game suspension for abusing steroids. Unless he's the victim of a vast conspiracy, he has been caught cheating a second time. Perhaps because he is old, stupid and cynical? Appealing the suspension, Rodriguez says that he's "fighting for his life."

The difference between the two Yankees is the difference between going away with grace when no one wants you to leave, and sticking around, gracelessly, when most everyone would prefer that you go. It's the difference between fighting for your life but not mentioning it, and saying you're fighting for your life when you are not. It's the difference between calling yourself "the luckiest man on the face of the Earth" when you have been dealt an ugly hand by fate, and pitying yourself when your predicament is the product of your own bad choices.

From Gehrig to Rodriguez is a long way down. ■

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

## Stop-and-frisk: The world according to Questlove



**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

Hip-hop hit a milestone this week, turning 40 years old. The same week, Federal District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin, in a 195-page ruling, declared the New York Police Department's practice of stop-and-frisk unconstitutional. Hip-hop and stop-and-frisk are central aspects of the lives of millions of people, especially black and Latino youths.

Ahmir Thompson was just 2 years old when hip-hop got its start in 1973, but already had shown his talent for music. Thompson is now known professionally as Questlove, an accomplished musician and producer, music director and drummer for the Grammy Award-winning hip-hop band The Roots, which is the house band on the NBC show "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." He and The Roots soon will move with Fallon to the even more popular "The Tonight Show." Despite his success, Questlove confronts racism in his daily life. But he has built a platform, a following, which he uses to challenge the status quo, like stop-and-frisk.

"There's nothing like the first time that a gun is held on you," Questlove told me. He was recalling the first time he was subjected to a stop-and-frisk. "I was coming home from teen Bible study on a Friday night... And we were driving home, and then, seconds later, on Washington Avenue in Philly, cops stopped us. ...I just remember the protocol. I remember my father telling me, 'If you're ever in this position, you're to slowly keep your hands up.'"

A quarter of a century later, just a few weeks ago, Questlove was heading home to Manhattan from Brooklyn after a weekly DJ gig. He was pulled over by the NYPD. He told me, "They walked up, asked to see license and registration. And it was like four of them with

flashlights everywhere. ... They wanted to know, 'Are you in a cab? Is this a cab? Where's your New York taxi license?' I have my own car, and I have my own driver." He felt they were treating him like a drug don. He showed them his newly released memoir, "Mo' Meta Blues: The World According to Questlove," with its stylized, psychedelic portrait of him on the cover. "They looked, and they kind of had a meeting for five minutes. And then, it was like, 'Oh, OK, you can go.' But this happens all the time."

Like when Questlove was campaigning for Obama with Jurnee Smollett, an actress on the hit vampire show, "True Blood." He had bought a housewarming gift for his manager, and pulled over the car to take a phone call. He described what followed: "So I pulled over, talked, finished the conversation. Five cars stopped us, and pretty much that was the most humiliating experience, because, we had to get out the car. They made us spread on the car ... (Jurnee's) like, 'This is unconstitutional! They're not — this is an illegal search.' But search they did. The next night, he and The Roots won another Grammy.

Between 2002 and 2012, the NYPD conducted more than 4.8 million stop-and-frisks. More than 80 percent of those targeted were black or Latino. Judge Scheindlin, in her decision, specifically criticized New York's billionaire mayor, Michael Bloomberg, and his police commissioner, Ray Kelly. Kelly, who is said to be a candidate for Obama's next Secretary of Homeland Security, said, "What I find most disturbing and offensive about this decision is the notion that the NYPD engages in racial profiling."

I asked Questlove, with all he's accomplished, what he is most proud of, and what he still hopes to do. "I'm extremely grateful to have survived," he said, "literally just survived, because, you know,

I'm still wondering: Will anyone in the hip-hop culture ever make it to 65? Will we have our first hip-hop senior citizen? Like, that's an amazing thing for me. No, because if they don't — if they escape bullets, they still have to escape strokes and their health."



The richest country in the world could and should inspire higher hopes than merely surviving. But for Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson and the hip-hop generation he represents, targeted by police policies like stop-and-frisk, it is no surprise. This is America in 2013. ■

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# PROFILES IN PARADISE

## As a jazz guitarist, Mario Infanti is the cat's pajamas



Mario grew up in a blue-collar Italian neighborhood in Waterbury, Conn., and happily recalls watching "Tarzan" on Saturday mornings as a boy. Tarzan, of course, had his tiger, Simba, as a companion — something young Mario thought was "so cool."

Mario was attracted to music and playing the guitar in much the same way as he was attracted to big cats. He recalls watching Elvis Presley on TV and thinking, "Yeah, I'd like to do that."

Although he also enjoyed sports in school for a time, he says, "I broke my nose by a line drive in baseball, I broke my collarbone playing football, and I got kicked in the groin playing basketball. That's when I decided sports were not for me."

Growing up, he spent his free time playing music. He formed his first band, The Flares, when he was 12 and has been making his living as a musician since he was 16.

He played for four years in Chuck Mangione's band and for the past 15 years has had his own band, The Catman Doodz."

He started playing with Mudbone two years ago. "It was love at first sight," he says about the first time he played with the aforementioned Mr. Howard, drummer Bill Peterson and bass guitarist David Johnson.

"When Mario improvises a solo, he is like a sculptor, an architect," Mr. Howard says. "He begins with a simple motif, one idea ... a phrase that he brilliant-

Linda and I have long enjoyed listening to the blues group Mudbone on Tuesday evenings at Weekend Willie's. We've also taken advantage of the opportunity to get to know Mario "The Catman" Infanti, who plays guitar as a terrific complement to Mudbone's leader and other guitarist, Rick Howard.

When I asked Mario why he's called "The Catman," he showed me a video on his iPhone of him petting his cat, Sasha — a mountain lion (those who receive the proper training can legally own big cats in Florida).

Mario and his wife, Lenore, love wild-life and big cats and have had several over the years. In addition to Sasha, they currently have Boris, a Siberian lynx that was part of a rescue effort from a fur farm.

Sasha and Boris live on the Infantis' property in a 3,000-square-foot habitat that Mario calls a "catitat." The big cats have access to a pool, they have their toys, and the enclosure has trees and foliage that simulates their natural habitat. Mario and Lenore feed them 2-3 pounds of raw chicken, beef or pork around dusk every evening (when big cats prefer to dine).

### Talking points with Mario Infanti

**Something that's been on your mind:** Why can't people just get along?

**Something your mother was right about:** Bigotry sucks. Everyone deserves to be treated well.

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**  
A jet pilot, a musician and the owner of a farm with every kind of wild animal.

**One thing on your bucket list:** Travel to outer space.

**Guilty pleasures:** A good cigar, tiramasu and a bottle of nice wine.

**Most recent vacation destination:** Bar Harbor, Me., and New York City.

**Skill you wish you had:** Wish I could play the piano.

**Something that makes you laugh:** People who clap on "1 and 3."

**Last book read:** "Ringworld Engineers" by Larry Nevin.



**Pet peeve:** Cruelty to animals.

**Hidden talent:** I'm a really good shot.

**What are you most proud of?** My sense of compassion for other living beings.

**What the Paradise Coast really needs:** More culture.

**What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away:** My baby Sasha.

ly builds into a beautiful, spontaneous melodic composition. Sometimes from the one idea, he'll weave a complex vortex of emotion from his notes, building in intensity until reaching his musical climax — and he never breaks a sweat." ■

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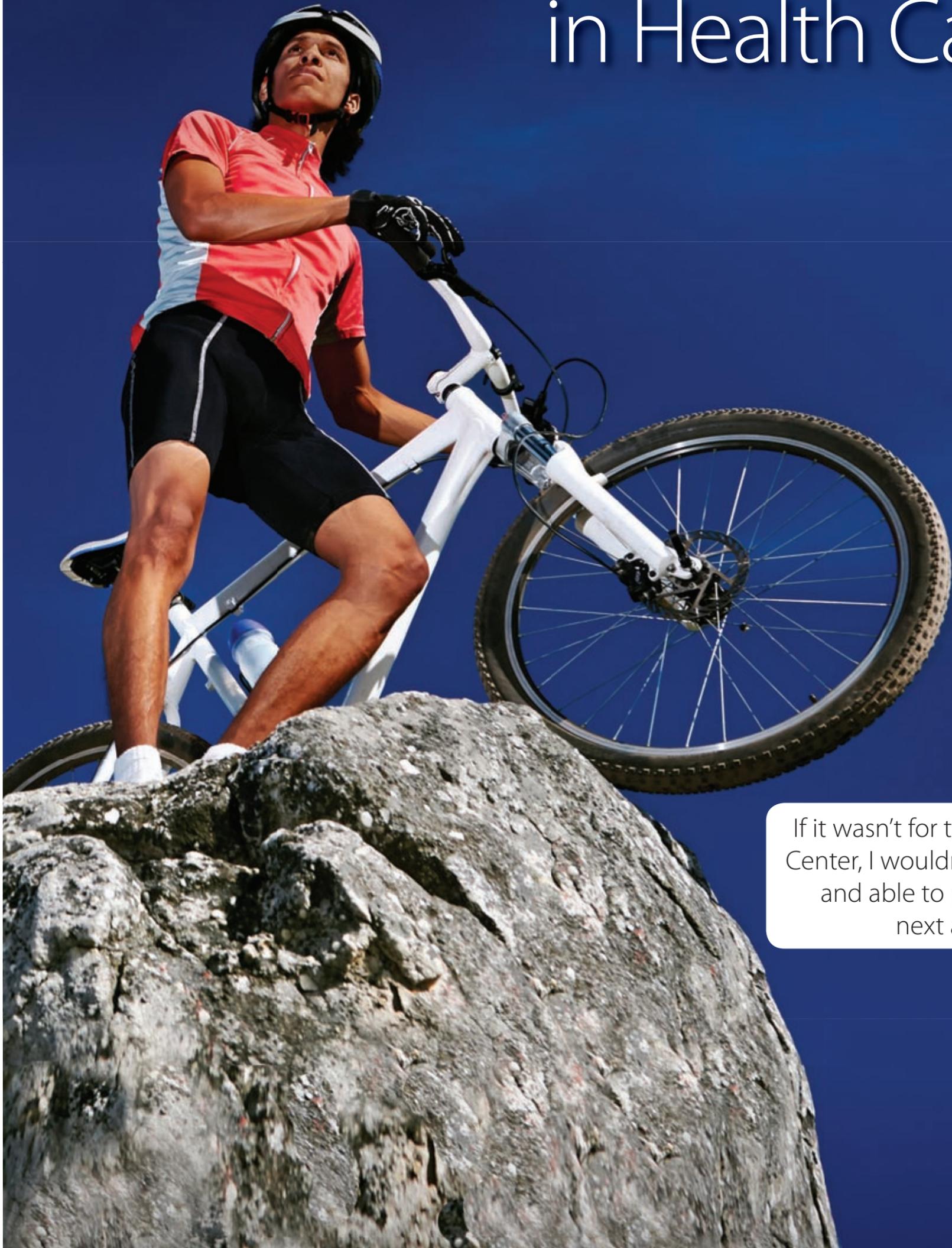
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# DROWSY

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asleep.

"You all right? You all right?" Officer Starks yells in the direction of the Marquis before uttering, "Signal four involved," over his radio, "Signal four involved."

The communications officer on dispatch does not understand. "You keep cutting out," she says. "Nothing's coming across."

Again Officer Starks articulates, "Two vehicles lost on 95 northbound ... Signal four involved," cop speak for when an officer has been involved in a crash. "Can you hear me?"

The dispatch officer hears him clear: "You involved?"

Officer Starks replies, "Yes, I am."

Those who worked alongside Officer Starks say he was not very outspoken, but he was well respected. He was detailed in what he did. Traffic was his forte. Enforcing DUIs was his specialty.

"You can destroy a life within a second from driving drowsy just as you can from driving intoxicated," says Ken Ehrlich, Officer Starks' attorney. "The crash has significantly affected Jason's life and potentially affected his career as a police officer. He may not be able to return to the field ... It's too early to tell. He definitely suffered some pretty significant injuries."

Sgt. Scott Pascarella of the Jupiter Police Department says being a police officer, you must look out for everybody else on the road, you must set the example by obeying all the laws, "doing what's right to kind of let everybody else follow your lead." Law enforcement officers now hope Officer Starks' story will set an example — a story of another life disrupted because another driver fell asleep.

Drunk driving and texting and driving have grit — aggressive awareness campaigns and legislative punch. But drowsy drivers are just as dangerous as drivers who are consumed with social media and drivers who are seeing double.

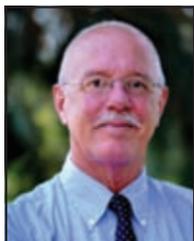
Drowsy driving causes more than 100,000 crashes a year, resulting in 40,000 injuries and 1,550 deaths. And the issue's underreported, says the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Traffic safety experts are trying to find the right words to say, the right tragedies to share to make a difference, to change the statistics, or rather, the denial that one in six deadly crashes involves a drowsy driver but only one in 24 drivers ever admits to falling asleep at the wheel.

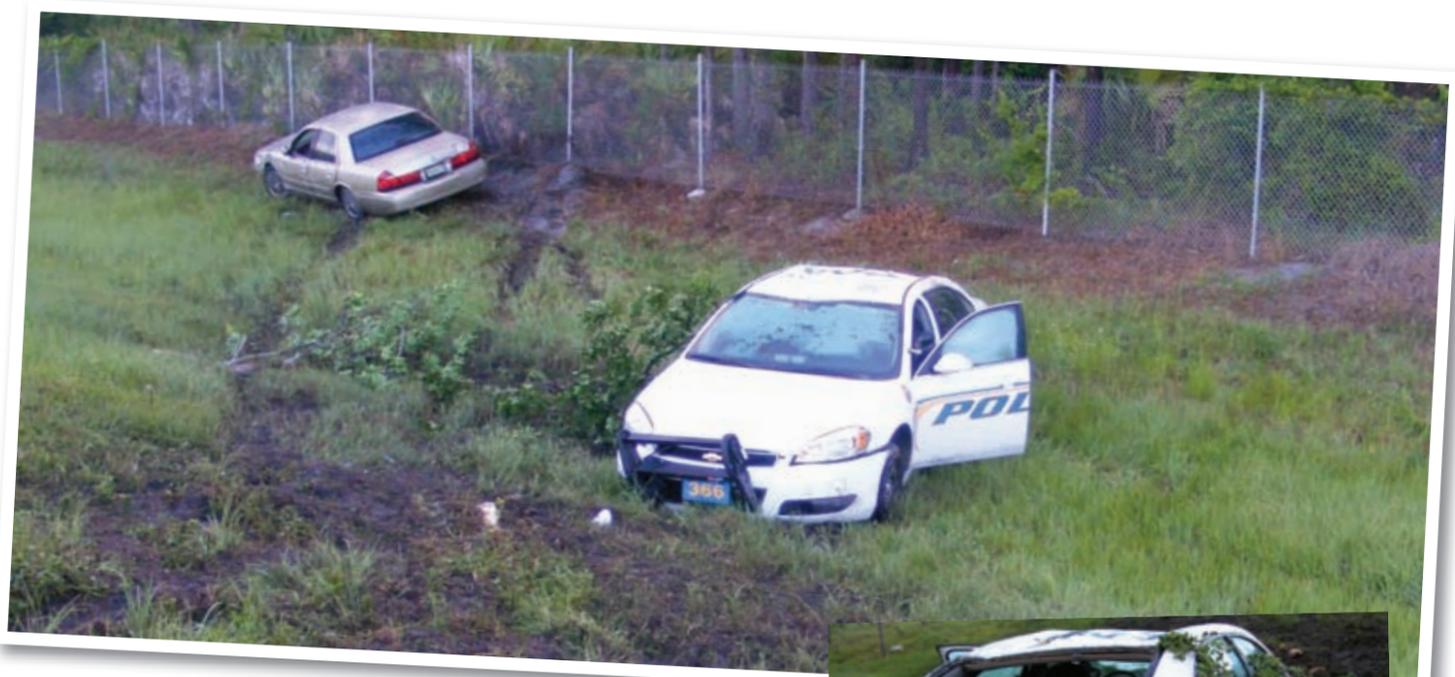
Sleep doctors believe there's a modern romanticism with sleep deprivation and they want to dispel it, even if it means sharing their own stories of dozing off while driving home.

The age-old struggle with slumber has turned so dire, car manufacturers are implementing technology where the car wakes the driver up. In Florida, drowsy driving caused more than 1,500 crashes in 2012, resulting in more than 900 injuries and 15 deaths, reports the Florida Highway Patrol.

Jay Anderson saw one of these crashes. Mr. Anderson has a reputation in Southwest Florida: He's a safe-driving zealot. He's a U.S. Army veteran and retired EMS captain who spent his lifesavings to found his nonprofit "Stay Alive ... Just Drive!" He drives up and down the Gulf Coast to further his ven-



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Jupiter Police Officer Jason Starks was sideswiped by a sleepy driver. COURTESY PHOTOS

detta for cell phone-free driving. He'll drive anywhere in the state, setting up his PowerPoint presentation to leave behind his message: "Please think of all the reasons you have to make it home," before you reach for your cell phone, before you text, before you check your e-mail at the wheel, before you drink another drink, before you push it and try to drive a little longer when you know you have not had enough sleep.

One morning, Mr. Anderson was stopped at a traffic light in the inside lane on Daniels Parkway by I-75 in Fort Myers. He heard screeching brakes. He looked in the rearview mirror, saw nothing. Glanced at the passenger side mirror and saw a wayward car skidding toward the truck next to him in the middle lane.

"The skidding vehicle struck the rear of the pick-up truck at approximately 45 mph," remembers Mr. Anderson. "I called 911. Exited my truck and checked for injuries. Both drivers indicated they were OK, so we moved the vehicles to a safe location out of the travel lanes."

Mr. Anderson turned to the young man who caused the crash and said, "Son, please tell me you weren't on your cell phone."

Mr. Anderson remembers the boy put his head down, "Then sheepishly looked up at me and admitted he fell asleep at 10:30 in the morning, traveling 55 mph. He proceeded to tell me he was going to school full time and working two jobs. Thankfully, he only suffered some bumps and bruises, but I can assure you, he totaled his car."

Mr. Anderson serves as the chair of Florida's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. His speaking affairs range from the annual meeting of the Institute of Transportation Engineers state chapter to the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) national conference. There, he shares the numbers he has held on to — 20 percent of crashes can be attributed to driver fatigue, and one in 24 drivers admits to falling asleep while driving.

## Futilely fighting exhaustion

When Donna Bryan thinks of all the people out there on the roadways who could be driving sleep-deprived, her mind runs away with possibilities: College students pulling all-nighters, menopausal women waking up in the early morning hours and not being able to fall back asleep, young mothers waking up all hours of the night to feed their babies. "Then you've got shift



BRYAN

workers." There are third-shift workers or graveyard-shift workers, commercial truck drivers, people who drive long commutes for business. "Then there's people on prescription drugs." The elderly, people on antidepressants, people on antihistamines. "We have pollen and that stuff going on." People who have demanding careers, people who have interrupted sleep, sleep apnea or other sleep disorders ...

"Oh my God, we've just about covered everybody," she says. "All these populations means there's a very good chance somebody near you is a drowsy driver ... And so many people are distracted drivers, you combine distracted driving, drowsy driving, drunk driving, it's like you wouldn't want to drive if you started thinking about it."

As the director of marketing for the Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Ms. Bryan has watched countless videos on the National Road Safety Foundation website showing the consequences of drowsy driving. She tries to think of fresh ways to pitch the same story to the media. She tries to think of the right words to say for someone to hear or someone to read and think twice before sitting behind the wheel.

She remembers the video dubbed "Rusty's Regret." Rusty was driving home from his girlfriend's house on his high school graduation day. He was sleepy. But he was 90 seconds from home. He figured he could make it. He fell asleep at the wheel. His car crossed the center line, hit an embankment and flipped over. Rusty's now a paraplegic.

Then there's the "Tom and Jane" video. Tom was sleepy but he didn't want to wake his wife Jane. He turned on the radio. He opened his window. Just at the moment when he thought he should reach over and wake up his wife, Tom dozed off and drove into the trees. Jane died instantly.

Ms. Bryan asks her driving instructors at the Safety Council to incorporate these scenarios into their driving courses. She asks them to share the statistics she's bookmarked in her memory: Being awake for 20 hours is comparable to having a blood-alcohol content of .08 percent. And people with untreated sleep apnea are seven times more likely to fall asleep at the wheel.

One of her driving instructors recommends the Nap Zapper. "It goes around your ear and looks like a Bluetooth. It detects head nodding," Ms. Bryan says. "We joke that people should wear it when they watch golf on TV. It detects when the head drops and goes, 'Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!' It



costs \$10." As far as preventing nodding off on the road, Ms. Bryan says frequent driving breaks are good. Drinking caffeine is good. But as far as the research she's seen, she feels turning on the radio or cracking open the window might be more slumber-waking fallacy than safe-driving reality.

If you hit rumble strips, those bumps that scare you and wake you up, Ms. Bryan suggests you switch drivers or pull over and take a 20-minute nap. She encourages drivers to keep their passengers awake on road trips, rather than the commonplace, 'Go ahead and sleep. I'll drive.' And if you start to feel the signs of drowsiness, she suggests you might want to try chewing gum, as the action engages the brain.

"The signs are difficulty focusing, not being able to keep daydreams at bay. I notice that's a big one for me, it's very easy to daydream," Ms. Bryan says as she carries on with warning signs. "You can't remember the last few miles driven ... That's one thing with distracted driving. Talking on a cell phone, you're like, 'Did I stop at that stop sign?' You can't remember. Same thing with drowsy driving. It's called cognitive blindness."

Another bit of sleep science Ms. Bryan has picked up would be the science of microsleeps. "Your brain's opportunistic. If it's tired, it seizes sleep," she says. "The driver doesn't even realize it, but the brain will seize sleep in one, two and three-second intervals called microsleeps."

## Understanding sleep

Dr. Jose Colon, a sleep disorder specialist working through Southwest Florida's Lee Memorial Health System, explains the mysteries of sleep by comparing the body to a car and the brain to a gas tank.

"Anything that utilizes energy creates a waste product," he says. "When you put gas in your car, what's the waste product? The exhaust. Our brain utilizes energy, it's called glucose, the name does not matter but the concept does. The waste



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product that's made is called adenosine. Again, the name does not matter, but the concept does. That adenosine exhaust builds up and makes you tired. Adenosine accumulates throughout the day and makes you fatigued. That's why you feel exhausted past a certain time."

Dr. Colon says the body rids itself of adenosine exhaust through sleep. He understands the inner workings of sleep deprivation and driving both academically and personally, as he admittedly fell asleep on his drive home during his medical residency training.

"There was a night, yeah, I was on call all night, and when I was driving home, I did nod off. And it happened while I was coming off the interstate. You know how they have those curves? It happened on that. I went 'Eek!'" says Dr. Colon, shaking his head as if he was coming to while pretending to step on the brakes. "It was a microsleep. It was brief. Brief enough where my car started to veer the wrong way. I was able to adjust. But had I been out cold, I could have ... fallen."

Dr. Colon says in present day culture, there's this romanticism with sleep deprivation. "We have such a 'Go! Go! Go!' society. We champion the sleep deprived," he says. "Who is the most popular doctor on TV shows? The one who was up 36 hours straight doing surgeries and then does another one."

While sleep deprivation may be accepted as "normal," Dr. Colon stresses the danger. It hinders judgment, task vigilance and impulse control. It slows reaction times and inhibits the ability to pay attention. "It's not just falling asleep at the wheel," he says. "Yeah, that sucks and that can cause death, but just having your reaction time and



How the Mercedes driver assistance system detects tiredness.

judgment impaired is what causes a lot of these traffic fatalities."

Dr. Colon has read studies where medical professionals take a group of people and intoxicate them to the illegal limit and then take a group of people who are sleep-deprived and then make the two groups perform driving-simulation tests. "Consistently, the sleep-deprived group does worse than the intoxicated group," he says. "Then they take it a step further and intoxicate the sleep-deprived group ..."

Levels of sleepiness may not be determined post-mortem like blood-alcohol levels, but when it comes to traffic fatalities, Dr. Colon argues, "You can use common sense and ask, 'What times are these automobile accidents occurring?' The majority of them are indeed at night, at times when you should be asleep."

Thinking about sleep keeps Dr. Colon up at night. While the Food and Drug Administration questions the risk of a person taking a prescription sleeping aid like Ambien at night and still being foggy when he goes to drive the next morning, Dr. Colon questions the risk of that same person not taking a sleeping aid, not sleeping and then driving.

"What makes us exhausted? It's the adenosine. How do we get rid of that? Through sleep, particularly within the first portion of the night, our deep sleep, not our dreams. Dream sleep is very active brain time where we're consolidating memories, but our deep sleep within the first portion of the night, that's the period of time that washes away that adenosine," Dr. Colon says. "If you are sleep deprived, you haven't washed away all that adenosine. You're waking up the next morning

already with fog, that exhaust-fog in your mind."

Dr. Colon says sitting up straight and staying hydrated helps keep drivers alert, as well as visualizing light. "Just like we have a heart rate, we have a brain rate," he says. "Our brain rate is our level of arousal. Visualizing light amplifies our level of arousal."

Those with the means can buy a more forward-thinking car. Manufacturers like Mercedes-Benz have implemented technology to detect driver fatigue. If a Mercedes driver demonstrates drowsy behavior — swerving, erratic speed, irregular use of pedals or indicators — a coffee cup icon lights up on the dashboard and the car asks the driver, visually and audibly, "Time for a break?"

Aamir Khan, a service advisor at Mercedes-Benz of Naples, explains that the Attention Assist system takes note of more than 70 different parameters within the first few minutes of a drive to create a unique driver profile. If the car detects the onset of drowsiness, it considers an array of other factors, from crosswinds to road smoothness, before illuminating the coffee cup.

"If you think about antilock brakes and airbags, 25 years ago those features were unique. Now they're mandated by the federal government. I wouldn't drive a car without them," Mr. Khan says. "Eventually, the industry will catch up with Mercedes and make these safety technologies required as opposed to an option."

All Mercedes models come equipped with Attention Assist. Mr. Khan feels there's a genuine need for such sophisticated technology, because to put it simply, "It keeps you safe from yourself." ■



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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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### Haute water

The upscale restaurant at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art announced in August that it would soon add a 20-item selection of waters from around the world, priced from \$8 to \$16 a bottle (except for a \$12 "tasting menu"). Martin Riese, general manager of Ray's & Stark Bar, who is also a renowned water gourmet, will sell his

own California-made 9OH2O, which comes in "limited editions of 10,000 individually numbered glass bottles" at \$14 each. Said Mr. Riese, "(M)any people don't know that water is just as important to the entire dining experience (as, say, a good wine)." Mr. Riese has been certified as a water sommelier by the German Mineral Water Association. ■

### The continuing crisis

■ A security lab, delivering a report to the makers of software for a luxury Japanese toilet, warned that a flaw in their Android program renders the toilet hackable — even while a user sits on it. The Satis (which retails for the equivalent of about \$5,600) includes automatic flushing, bidet spray, fragrance-spritzing, and music, according to an August BBC News report, and is controllable by a "My Satis" cell phone app. However, the PIN to operate the app is unalterably "0000," which means that a prankster with the app could create some very uncomfortable mischief in a public restroom.

■ The CEO of Christian Schools Australia told the Australian Associated Press in June that Caloundra Christian College in Queensland teaches a range of creative sexual health messages and offered the school's recent student pamphlet, "101 Things to Do Instead of Doing It," as evidence. Recommended substitutes: "Pretend you're 6 again," "Have a water fight," "Blow bubbles in the park," and "Have a burping contest."

■ According to their study in July in the Royal Society of Biology Letters, researchers from the University of Florida and Boise State somehow have learned that the hawkmoth evolved to avoid predator bats by jamming bats' signature radar-like hunting technique

called echolocation. A co-author told [www.ScienceRecorder.com](http://www.ScienceRecorder.com) that the hawkmoth "confuses" the bats by emitting sonic pulses from its genitals.

■ Immediately following Judge John Hurley's having reduced her bond from \$76,000 to \$10,000 on drug trafficking charges in a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., courtroom in August, Felicia Underwood, 38, asked, "You can't make it a little lower, hon?" According to a *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* report, Judge Hurley was momentarily taken aback, asking: "Did she just refer to the court as 'honey'?" "Oh, well ..." (He kept the bond at \$10,000.)

■ British birdwatchers were especially excited by news earlier this year that a rare white-throated needletail (the world's fastest flying bird) had been spotted on the UK's Isles of Harris — only the eighth such sighting in Britain in 170 years — and ornithologists arranged for an expedition that attracted birdwatchers from around the world. A June report in the *Daily Telegraph* noted that about 80 people were on the scene when the bird appeared again, but then had to watch it fly straight toward the blades of a wind turbine. (As the event might be described by Monty Python, the bird thus joined the choir invisible, left this mortal coil, became an ex-White-throated Needletail.) ■

### Bright ideas

■ Manayunk Cleaners in Philadelphia has been testing delivery of customers' clothing via its own drone (a converted four-blade DJI Phantom quadcopter originally used for aerial photography), guided by GPS. Said one bemused customer, "I was wondering what the hell that was, to be honest." So far, the payload is limited to a shirt or towel, to be picked off the hovering aircraft by the customer, but owner Harout Vartanian hopes to buy a bigger drone soon. Agence France-Presse news service reported an even bolder drone program in August: delivering beer to music festival-goers in South Africa. The director of the Oppikoppi festival in Limpopo province attested to the drone's success. A reveler places

an order by cell phone, which marks the location, and the drone is dispatched to lower the beer by parachute — usually in the midst of a cheering crowd.

■ Contrary to popular wisdom, cows do not sleep standing up, but actually spend 12-14 hours a day lying down, even though their shape makes the position uncomfortable. Conscientious dairy farmers use beds of sand to adapt to the cow's contour, and since the late 1990s, a Wisconsin firm (Advanced Comfort Technology) has marketed \$200 cow waterbeds, which are even more flexible. Waterbeds may be superior, also, because they are built with an extra chamber that makes it easier for the cow to lower herself safely. ■

### Perspective

"High School in the Community," the teachers' union-managed school in New Haven, Conn., recently completed the first year of its program aimed in part at ending "social promotion" — the automatic passing of students to the next grade even if they lack the skills and knowledge necessary for that grade. However, the

officials were shocked to learn that not a single one of the school's 44 first-time ninth-graders passed the promotion tests (and will have lengthy ninth-grade make-up sessions over the summer or beginning again in September). (Several other ninth-graders, who were already repeating ninth grade, were promoted.) ■

### Oops!

Andy Hill was enjoying a leisurely inner-tube ride on the Clark Fork River near Missoula, Mont., on Sunday, July 21 — when a man landed on top of him,

sending Mr. Hill to the hospital with broken bones and torn ligaments. The man, who was not seriously hurt, had playfully jumped from a bridge without looking. ■

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# Bentley Village residents remember the thrill of new school supplies

## Retirees fill more than 100 backpacks for local students

Their own school days are far behind them, but residents of Vi at Bentley Village still remember the thrill of heading back to school with brand new pencils and paper. They also understand that during tough economic times, many families find it very hard to provide new school supplies for their children as they head back to the classroom.

For the fifth year, residents of Vi at Bentley Village gathered more than 100 backpacks and filled them with supplies for children who are clients of St. Matthew's House, the Shelter for Abused Women & Children and the Guadalupe Center, as well as for students at elementary and middle-school students in Bonita Springs and North Naples.

"There are so many children in need,

and our residents know they can make a difference by giving them a great start for the new school year. Their ultimate goal is to provide every child in need a well-stocked backpack. Each year they get closer to that goal," says Ann Walsh, executive director of Vi at Bentley Village. Residents already are planning their strategy for next year.

"Operation Backpack has become a highly anticipated event for our community," Ms. Walsh says. "The vocational spirit of our residents is undeniable and contagious."

Siobhan Mangan, lifestyle director at the continuing care retirement community, says enthusiasm among residents builds through the year as donations come in, "But the day that we actually stuff the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Residents of Vi at Bentley Village stuffed more than 100 backpacks with new school supplies and then celebrated the completion of their fifth annual Operation Backpack project.

backpacks is truly moving. Seeing our residents pack the items into the backpacks — watching them color coordinate

rulers and pencil pouches — it's like you can feel the well wishes being placed into each backpack. It's priceless." ■



Fifth Third Bank (South Florida) collected enough school supplies to fill 1,000 backpacks during its fifth annual back-to-school drive. Donations were collected at financial centers in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Manatee, Sarasota, Broward and Palm Beach counties and were distributed to students through the education foundation or school district in each area. In addition, the bank collected nearly \$5,000 in financial contributions, which will be donated to the local foundations. Left to right: Fifth Third Bank (South Florida) employees Gabriela Nicotra, marketing intern; Peter Stebelton, assistant vice president/portfolio manager; Kathy Leavesley, senior vice president/marketing; and Cara Zasoba, sales support specialist.

# Sports CLUB celebrates 15 years with a day of fun for families

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The "Let's Dance-a-Thon" celebrates Sports CLUB's 15th anniversary and the unveiling of the design of the newest addition to the center: the Florida wildlife playground.

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## Watch out for traffic deputies

The Collier County Sheriff's Office gives drivers a heads-up that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following spots the week of Aug. 26-30:

■ **Monday, Aug. 26**

- Manatee Road at Manatee Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- Rattlesnake Hammock and County Barn roads: Aggressive driving
- Collier Boulevard at I-75 southbound exit: Red-light running

■ **Tuesday, Aug. 27**

- Naples Boulevard: Speeding
- 11th Avenue North at Naples Park Elementary School: Speeding
- Airport-Pulling Road and Rustic Oaks Circle: Speeding

■ **Wednesday, Aug. 28**

- Santa Barbara and Davis boulevards: Aggressive driving
- Golden Gate Parkway and Sunshine Boulevard: Red-light running
- Lely Cultural Parkway at Lely Elementary School: Speeding



■ **Thursday, Aug. 29**

- Thomasson Drive at Avalon Elementary School: Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road and Logan Boulevard: Red-light running
- Vanderbilt Beach Road and U.S. 41 North: Red-light running

■ **Friday, Aug. 30**

- Airport-Pulling Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
- Goodlette-Frank Road and Granada Boulevard: Speeding
- Wildflower Way and Lely High School Boulevard: Aggressive driving ■

## Brush up on your driving skills

The AARP offers driver safety classes to help drivers learn new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 become eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Registration to cover the cost of supplies is \$14 per person, \$12 for AARP members. Reservations are essential and can be made by calling the number with each session. Here's what's coming up:

■ **Thursday and Friday, Aug. 29-30:**

Noon to 3 p.m. at South County Regional Library, 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero; 498 5820.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive; (866) 686-4364.

■ **Tuesday, Sept. 17: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail; 269-6050.

■ **Monday, Sept. 23: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd.; (866) 686-4364. ■

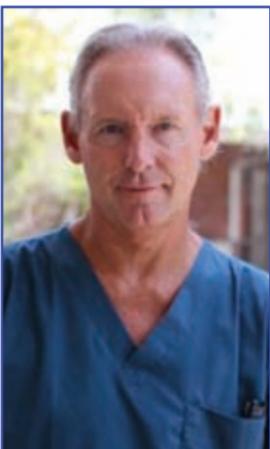


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# LANGUAGE

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In Lee County, for instance, 21 percent of almost 600,000 people 5 and older spoke another language at home in 2011. More than 15 percent of the total were Spanish speaking; 6 percent spoke in a wide variety of European and Asian-Pacific languages.

In Charlotte County, by contrast, only 12 percent of 154,000 people spoke another language at home.

In Collier County, with a large Hispanic community in Immokalee, nearly a third of 311,000 people spoke a second language at home in 2011. By far the most, 73,660 people, spoke Spanish. But there were 12,000 speaking French or French Creole, 2,775

German, 733 Vietnamese and 301 Arabic.

The American Community Survey also gauged how well people who spoke other languages spoke English, whether “very well,” less than very well, or not at all. More than half of Floridians who spoke other languages said they also spoke English “very well” in 2011. But that varied widely by age.

Jimmy Huang, who grew up in India and has lived in China and elsewhere, has young relatives in Florida who speak English perfectly. While they understand the Chinese their parents use at home, they don’t always speak or write it well themselves. On the other hand, Mr. Huang says he has noticed American youth who come back from trips to China speaking the national language, Mandarin, fluently.

“Many American kids go to China — they can speak Mandarin better than me,”

says Mr. Huang, who works as a server at Ichiban Restaurant in downtown Fort Myers. He speaks Mandarin, two Chinese dialects, Bengali and fluent English.

Foreign-born adults such as Mr. Huang, as well as employees in school districts, public service agencies and businesses in Southwest Florida, all bridge the language gap in their own ways.

In Charlotte County, The United Way supports The Adult Learning Center’s English as a Second Language program.

In Collier County Public Schools, some language arts teachers are required to have five college-level courses in English as a Second Language. The district also holds parent-training sessions, employs bilingual tutors and uses computer programs to help students.

There are 83 languages spoken by Collier district students, school officials re-

port. The top five are Spanish (16,719 students), Haitian or French-Creole (3,470), Albanian (148), Vietnamese (120) and Portuguese (99). There are 20 students in the district who speak Bengali.

In Bonita Springs, Mr. DeBono and his staff at Benson’s Grocery have accommodated customers over the years by learning Spanish to varying degrees, hiring Spanish speakers and encouraging their customers to speak English.

“We learned their language and we try to tell them to learn ours,” Mr. DeBono said. “It works both ways.”

The Census Bureau identified at least 300 distinct languages spoken throughout the country, more than half of them native North American tongues. And about 61 million Americans, or 21 percent of 291 million people age 5 and older, spoke a language other than English at home in 2011. ■

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## Wolf it down to raise funds for wolf program



Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education & Experience Center holds its inaugural "Wolf It Down" eating contest at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Naples Harley-Davidson, 3645 Gateway Ln.

Sponsored by Hooter's and Naples Harley-Davidson, the contest will benefit the more than 50 abandoned and neglected animals — wolves, wolf dogs, Florida panthers, foxes, prairie dogs and tortoises — at the sanctuary and to help fund the building of Shy Wolf's new facility east of Naples.

Hooter's is donating its hottest wings for the competition, which is limited to the first 10 registrants (must be 18 or older) who make a \$10 donation to the sanctuary. Contestants will have 10 minutes to wolf down as many wings as they can. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded.

Admission is free for spectators. Hooter's girls will hold a bikini bike wash to raise additional funds. The afternoon will also include a bike and car show, a swimsuit contest and entertainment by the country band One Night Rodeo.

For sponsorships or to sign up to "Wolf It Down," call Shy Wolf event manager Lia Arnold at 246-2835 or e-mail ShyWolfSanctuary@gmail.com. For more information about Shy Wolf Sanctuary, call 455-1698 or visit www.shywolfsanctuary.com. ■

## Southwest Florida sightings dominate panther website

The public has reported hundreds of sightings of Florida panthers to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website launched a year ago, where people can record when and where they saw a panther or its tracks.

As of August 2013, 790 sightings had been reported to www.MyFWC.com/PantherSightings.

Only 12 percent of the reports included a photograph and could be evaluated by commission biologists. Of those with photos, the majority were confirmed as panthers. Other animals identified by FWC biologists were bobcats, foxes, coyotes, dogs, house cats and even a monkey. Most often the reported animal or tracks belonged to a bobcat, when it was not a panther.

The verified panther reports were largely confined to Southwest Florida, the well-documented breeding range



Report Florida Panther Sightings website and encourage others to participate in this citizen-science venture."

As the population of this endangered species grows, Mr. Land adds, the FWC expects more Florida panthers to be seen in areas of the state where they have not lived for decades.

"To properly plan and manage for the expansion of the panther's range in Florida, information about where the panthers are is vital."

The FWC has a new "E-Z guide to identify panther tracks" available at www.FloridaPantherNet.org.

The Florida panther population is estimated to be 100-160 adults and yearlings, a figure that does not include panther kittens. As recently as the 1970s, the Florida panther was close to disappearing, with as few as 20 animals in the wild. ■

for panthers in the state. There also were several verified sightings in south central Florida.

"The public's willingness to share what they have seen or collected on game cameras is incredibly helpful and shows us where panthers presumably are roaming in Florida," says Darrell Land, who heads the FWC panther team. "We thank everyone using the

## Humane society welcomes charitable gift annuity contract

The Humane Society Naples' first charitable gift annuity contract has been established by Pat and Jim Murphy, who have provided many years of volunteer service to the shelter as well as philanthropic support for its programs. Their latest gift will provide specific support for the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program and the Emergency Pet Care Fund at HSN's Humane Animal Clinic.

HSN is the only animal shelter in the state authorized by the Florida Bar Association to provide continuing legal education credit to practicing attorneys on the subject of estate planning for pet owners.

A charitable gift annuity allows a donor to support a favorite nonprofit while receiving a fixed payment for life as well as a charitable deduction. It provides a chance for a donor to

make a significant gift during his or her lifetime, even when income could be a concern in the later years of life.

There is a minimum age required for a CGA; however, payments can be deferred and an annuity can be established as young as 55 years of age. The minimum amount required to fund a CGA is \$10,000.

For more information, call Andy Reed at HSN, 643-1880, ext. 21. ■

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Humane Society Naples' new animal transport and mobile adoption vehicle, above and below, has hit the road. The specially adapted van allows the no-kill shelter and adoption center to safely transport multiple animals from other shelter settings, as well as to participate in public events and showcase adoptable pets to the public. Funds for the vehicle were generated at the society's 2013 Pet Lovers Gala. Major donors who contributed, as well as some of their pets, are showcased on the sides of the van in appreciation of their support. For information about the 2014 Pet Lovers Gala, see page C22.



## Holistic pet store celebrates grand opening

EarthWise Pet Supply, a national chain that focuses on holistic pet health, celebrates its Naples grand opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, in Pine Ridge Crossings at 2326 Pine Ridge Road. Naples residents and franchise owners Tricia Berger and Norm Coffman invite pet owners and their pets for free samples and the chance to win products and services including pet grooming, pet sitting and dog training.

Brands carried by the store include

Natural Balance, Nutrisource, Sojos, Stella and Chewy's, Nature's Variety and Canidae. Freeze-dried, raw, grain-free and dehydrated food source options are also available.

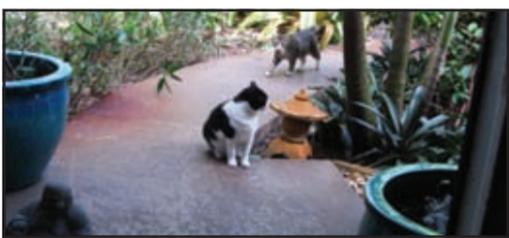
All grooming services are green and chemical-free. As part of the grand-opening celebration, EarthWise groomers will offer nail trims for \$5.

For more information, call the store at 263-7387 or e-mail [naples@earthwisepet.com](mailto:naples@earthwisepet.com). ■

## Resale shop has not-so-shabby bargains

Shabby Cat, a resale shop that benefits Brigid's Crossing holistic cat sanctuary, has reopened at 956 Second Ave. N. and welcomes thrifty shoppers as well as donations of gently used clothing and accessories, furniture and household items.

The current inventory includes a large selection of Laurel Burch jewelry as well as designer handbags, original art, handmade rag rugs and various cat-themed accessories. While shopping for bargains, visitors can also find out about the felines that are available for adoption from the sanctuary.



COURTESY PHOTO

Resident cats roam freely at Brigid's Crossing.

Donations of cat food and supplies to help feed and care for or the residents of the sanctuary are always welcome and can be dropped off at the shop. Especially needed are wet and dry food, treats, flea combs, brushes, pet beds, nail clippers, litter scoops, toys and scratching posts.

Shabby Cat is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. To arrange for pick-up of large donation items, call 263-6019. For more information about Brigid's Crossing, visit [www.brigid.com](http://www.brigid.com). ■

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## Tickets available for High Holy Days at Beth Tikvah

Tickets are still available for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at Beth Tikvah of Naples, Collier County's only Conservative synagogue. Rabbi Ammos Chorny will lead the services with assistance from guest Cantor Rebecca Zwiebel.

Preparation for the High Holy Days begins with a Selichot program the evening of Saturday, Aug. 31. A Havdalah service starts at 8:30 p.m. followed at 9 p.m. by a screening and discussion of the film "Imaginary Witness: Hollywood and the Holocaust." Selichot prayers follow the discussion. There is no charge for the Selichot program.

Rosh Hashanah services are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, and 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 5.

Yom Kippur services are at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13 (Kol Nidre) and at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

High Holiday tickets are \$175 for single adults, \$225 for couples. Children are admitted free, and there are special prices for adults ages 39 and younger.

Space is limited for a Break-the-Fast meal that follows the concluding Yom Kippur service. Cost is \$25 per person, and reservations and payment are required in advance.

Beth Tikvah, the Naples affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is at 1459 Pine Ridge Road, just west of Mission Square Plaza.

For more information and to request reservation forms, call Phil Jason at 287-8921. ■

## Speakers Assembly of SWF has membership openings

The nonprofit, non-partisan Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida is accepting new members for the 2013-14 season. Members are enlightened, educated and entertained by the world-class speakers at eight Friday luncheon events at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

Here's the lineup for the new season:

■ **Nov. 15:** Archie Dunham, former chairman and CEO of ConocoPhillips, kicks off the season with a discussion on energy policies, alternative sources of fuel, the effects of energy dependence and potential for further improving domestic sourcing.

■ **Jan. 10:** William Isaac, PhD, chairman of Fifth Third Bank, will discuss marketplace news.

■ **Jan. 24:** Tom Zenty, CEO of University Hospitals in Cleveland, will discuss new developments in health care and health-care economics.

■ **Feb. 14:** Former Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, director of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, will discuss his years in China and share his assessment about how China has become a major player in global affairs.

■ **March 21:** National radio host Neal Boortz will discuss why he wants to overhaul the U.S. tax system and implement the FairTax legislation.

■ **April 4:** Ken Feld, CEO of Feld Entertainment, will share stories about his experiences producing shows such as The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus and "Disney on Ice."

Additional programs are TBA for Feb. 7 and March 7.

For more information, call 948-7908 or visit [www.SpeakersAssembly.com](http://www.SpeakersAssembly.com). ■

## A conference on adult autism

Creating a Future for Adults with Autism hosts "Securing an Inclusive Future for Families" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 11th Ave. N.

Presenters will discuss topics including co-housing and the transition from home to a new living arrangement as well as Goodwill Industries' new training programs for people with autism. Registration is \$25 and includes a lunch and snacks. For reservations, call Debby Lasek at 450-6060 or e-mail [debby.creatingafuture@gmail.com](mailto:debby.creatingafuture@gmail.com). ■

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■ **Breastfeeding:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 8, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17; \$35 per couple - A little learning can go a long way toward building knowledge and comfort level for parents-to-be and ensuring a successful experience once baby arrives.

■ **Express Childbirth Class:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 14 and Dec. 14; \$70 per couple - This one-day class covers the basics of pregnancy, physical changes and medicated and unmedicated labor techniques. Discussion includes the benefits and risks of medical interventions such as augmentation, induction, epidural anesthesia, reasons for unplanned cesareans and more.

For more information or to sign up for any of the above session, call 354-6142. ■



## Parents can help youngsters manage back-to-school stress

BY BRIAN FOLLWEILER  
Special to Florida Weekly

The beginning of the school year can be an exciting yet stressful time for young students, with new teachers, classmates and routines, bigger classrooms and more schoolwork. This time can be particularly unnerving and even overwhelming for children facing the major transitions of starting elementary school or entering middle school.

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida offers these tips for ways parents can help ease the stress of heading back to school for their children:

■ Know that your child's mental health is just as important as her physical health. Reassure her that it's normal to feel nervous about the start of school.

■ Express interest and enthusiasm about school. If you are confident and excited, your child will be, too.

■ Start the conversation. Talk to your child about your expectations as well as his for the new school year. Take time to listen to him and discuss the things he is worried about.

■ Spend some time after school each day talking to your child about what happened that day. Be open to hearing the good and the not so good.

■ Encourage your child to become involved with school activities and to try new things. Give positive feedback when she does.

■ Attend school functions and stay involved in your child's education and engaged with school staff. Children whose parents are more involved with their education have higher achievement, are better adjusted and are less likely to drop out.

■ Be proactive in learning about how your child is developing not just physically, but socially and emotionally, as well. If you are aware of what is considered typical behavior and thoughts for your child's stage of life, you will be able to tell more readily when things might not be right.

■ Know the signs of bullying. It can be direct, as in pushing, kicking, teasing, name-calling and destroying belongings, or indirect, as in leaving someone out of a group, spreading rumors and cyber bullying. If your child is the bully or being bullied, swift action involving school staff is necessary.

Anxiety and stress about starting school is normal for a child and usually



### in the know

Here are some statistics that might inspire an examination of how your family communicates (or doesn't):

From fifth to eighth grade, the amount of time children spend with their families is cut in half. Parents are more likely to consider talks about sex, alcohol, drugs and violence as happening "regularly." Their children, on the other hand, remember having these discussions "a couple of times."

While 42 percent of parents say they have talked to their teens about risky sexual behaviors, less than half (49 percent) of those teens remember the conversation.

Sixty percent of children ages 8-11 and 56 percent of those ages 12-15 say they learn "a lot" from their mothers about issues such as sex, alcohol, drugs and violence. Most youth turn to their mothers before their fathers, friends, teachers or media.

Only one in five teens younger than 15 years old have ever received advice or information about sex from their parents.

Kids want to know more. Most children and teens say they wish they had more information about guns in school, discrimination, homosexuality and puberty.

Parents need to initiate difficult conversations. Almost 80 percent of teenagers say they don't talk to their parents about sexual health because they don't know how to bring it up.

Sources: Various sources cited by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida, including the Kaiser Family Foundation and Nickelodeon/Talking with Kids.

passes within the first few days or weeks. If your child continues to seem anxious or stressed, it might be time to seek help. Talk to your child's teacher, other classroom-based staff as well as your pediatrician about what you can do as a parent.

If problems persist, consider getting a referral to a qualified mental health professional. ■

— Brian Follweiler is the director of programs and community outreach for the Naples-based Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. For information about programs and services, call 261-5405 or visit [www.mhaswfl.org](http://www.mhaswfl.org).

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Massage Envy Spa and the Arthritis Foundation have joined forces to host the third annual Healing Hands for Arthritis, a one-day nationwide event to build awareness and raise funds to fight arthritis. Massage Envy Spas across the country will donate \$10 from every one-hour massage or facial on Wednesday, Sept. 18, to the Arthritis Foundation. The goal is to raise \$1 million.

Appointments are required. Call 325-3689 in Naples or 947-3689 in Estero. ■

## Drug Free Collier seeks volunteers

The staff at Drug Free Collier is looking for a few good volunteers to assist with the next community-wide Operation Medicine Cabinet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. It's a day for residents to safely dispose of expired or unused prescription and over-the-counter medications. Volunteers will help man several temporary drop-off locations that will be set up to receive medications.

Permanent locations that accept expired or unused prescriptions and over-the-counter meds are:

■ The Marco Island Police Department, 51 Bald Eagle Drive; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ The Marco Island Recycling Center (no controlled substances), 990 Chalmers Drive; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

■ Everglades City Hall, 102 Copeland Ave.; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ The North Collier Recycling Center (no controlled substances), 9950 Goodlette-Frank Road; 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

■ The Collier County Sheriff's Office, 3319 Tamiami Trail E.; 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ The Naples Police Department, 355 Riverside Circle; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ The Naples Recycling Center (no controlled substances), 2640 Enterprise Ave.; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

■ The Collier County Medical Examiner, 3838 Domestic Ave.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information or to sign up to help on Oct. 26, e-mail [info@drug-freecollier.org](mailto:info@drug-freecollier.org). ■

## Program focuses on advances, trends in health care

Local health-care industry experts who are graduates of Leadership Collier will present "Advances and Trends in Healthcare" from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Naples Children and Education Foundation Pediatric Dental Center at Edison State College-Collier Campus. The program is presented by the Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association and ESC.

Presenters are: Dr. Allen Weiss, CEO and president of NCH Healthcare System; Nancy Lascheid, RN, co-founder of the Neighborhood Health Clinic; Dan Lavender, CEO, Moorings Park; Vicki Tracy, director, The Arlington of Naples; Dr. Paul Mitchell, chief medical officer, Avow; Robert Jones, Ed.D., president, ESC-Collier Campus; and Dr. Rolando Rivera, president of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society. Their topics will include recent developments and trends in health care locally and nationally, Collier County population trends, the emergence of Assisted Living Facilities in the community and how to get involved in health-wise community groups and outreach programs.

The day will wrap up with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Naples Children and Education Foundation Pediatric Dental Center.

Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information, visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org). ■



## Brookdale Center earns accreditation

The Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International has awarded NCH Healthcare System's Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging & Rehabilitation accreditation for a period of three years as a comprehensive inpatient program with additional specialty accreditations in the Stroke Specialty Program and Case Management.

The CARF survey report highlights strengths of the Brookdale Center including:

■ Leaders demonstrate a patient-centered approach in their desire to do what is best for the patients.

■ The new location and space enhance the rehabilitation experience and self-worth and dignity of persons served and staff.

■ The center is complimented for its participation in a joint research project with Florida Gulf Coast University and the stroke specialty program rehabilitation team.

■ The Stroke Service Line Stakeholders' Guide is an exceptional resource that highlights the benefits of the program.

A nonprofit organization, the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging & Rehabilitation operates at the NCH North Naples campus and has served Collier County and the surrounding area for 25 years. For more information, call 552-7222 or visit [www.nchmd.org/brookdale](http://www.nchmd.org/brookdale). ■

## Free screenings for prostate cancer

Men can receive free prostate cancer screens and PSA blood tests at Specialists in Urology locations in Collier and Lee

counties Saturday, Sept. 7 and 21. This is the 10th year that SIU physicians, physician assistants and nurses have volunteered their services for the day of free testing.

SIU is a division of 21st Century Oncology. The free prostate screenings are offered at three SIU offices in Naples and at its locations in Marco Island, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers and Cape Coral. Appointments are required by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, and can be made by calling 434-6300. ■

## The doctor is in with sweet talk

Dr. Teresa Sievers of Restorative Health & Healing will discuss the effects of sugar on the body during a lunch program from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Bonita Springs. The program is sponsored by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public. Dr. Sievers will offer tips on how to become more aware of sugar consumption and explain sugar cravings how to resist them.

Cost is \$25 for chamber of commerce members and \$45 for others. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or visiting [www.BontiaSpringsChamber.com](http://www.BontiaSpringsChamber.com). ■

## Avow counselors lead support groups

Professional counselors at Avow lead several grief support groups at the Ispiri community center on the Avow main campus, 1095 Whipoorwill Lane in Naples, and also at the Marco Island office, 656 Bald Eagle Drive. For the complete schedule of meetings, call 261-4404 or visit [www.avowcares.org](http://www.avowcares.org). Attendance is free, but registration is required.

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# CLUB NOTES

■ Members of the **Naples IOWA Club** invite University of Iowa Hawkeyes fans and alumni to watch the football season's opening game against Northern Illinois beginning at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Weekend Willie's, 5310 Shirley St.

For more information, call Michael Eovino at (319) 431-8845, e-mail [naplesio-waclub@gmail.com](mailto:naplesio-waclub@gmail.com) or follow the club on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/naplesio-waclub](http://www.facebook.com/naplesio-waclub).

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to their monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Guest speaker will be "Miss Goody Two Shoes" Marie Smith, and a fashion show will feature clothes from St. John's Thrift Shoppe.

Cost is \$23. For reservations or more information, call 254-0584 or visit [www.cwcf.net](http://www.cwcf.net).

■ The **Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group** meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Jewish Federation of Collier County, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. All who are interested in getting starting and/or continuing to explore the world of Jewish genealogy are welcome. No experience is necessary. RSVP by e-mailing [genresearch13@yahoo.com](mailto:genresearch13@yahoo.com).

■ The **Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** invites Buckeyes, friends and fans to happy hour in the Parrot Room at Harold's Place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. Burgers will be served in the chickee hut after happy hour.

RSVP by calling Sara Ann Mousa at 593-9196 or e-mailing [brusara@aol.com](mailto:brusara@aol.com).

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG**, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Sept. 19. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ The **Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered around various social activities. Members meet to share a variety of interests and activities, including couples and singles groups, bridge, mahjongg, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffees, movies, card games and book discussions. Membership is for women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years.

Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [www.naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com).

■ Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join the new **Chess Club** at the Moorings, meeting from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park. Each morning will begin with a brief discussion by various experts about some aspect of the game.

Participation is free. Bring your own chess set or use one provided by the Moorings. Moorings Park is on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. Stop at the entrance gate to receive directions to the Chess Club meeting. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525.

■ The **Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Naples** invites all Pi Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island to a beach-casual gathering at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, on the beach at Pelican Bay. Reservations are required in order to board the Sandpiper Beach shuttle.

For information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or e-mail [conskind@aol.com](mailto:conskind@aol.com).

■ Literacy Volunteers of Collier County has formed a new club for reading tutors who are no longer teaching. **Club 52** is designed to allow former tutors to remain involved because they have a vested interest in the cause. Members pay \$52 annual dues and enjoy social occasions together as well as discounts to LVCC events. They are expected to volunteer for a specific period each month by serving on committees, fundraising and doing office work.

For more information, call LVCC at 262-4448, ext. 302.

■ The **Naples Woman's Club** is cooking up its second annual Naples Kitchen Tour showcasing kitchens in Port Royal area homes where prominent Naples restaurant chefs will offer their finest gourmet samplings. Each home will also have musicians, floral designs, gift boutiques and prize drawings.

The date is Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, with tours setting out from the Naples Woman's Club at either 10 a.m. or noon. Tickets are \$100 for general admission, \$150 for patron level. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Foster Children, the David Lawrence Center, Youth Haven and the Naples Woman's Club philanthropic efforts.

To purchase a ticket, call the club at 262-6331 or send a check made payable

to the club to Naples Woman's Club, 570 Park St., Naples, FL 34102.

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

**Bonita Toastmasters Club:** 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Scott Vail at 777-3642.

**Collier Communicate Club:** 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 208. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

**Marco Island Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Elkcam Circle, Marco Island. E-mail Chris Pritchard at [colliertostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:colliertostmasters@gmail.com).

**Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club:** 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

**Naples Toastmasters Club:** 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 776-5398.

**Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club:** Noon on the second and fourth Friday at Stantec (previously Wilson Miller), 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples. Call Gwen Green-glass at 431-0931.

**Naples Advanced Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Linda Valentine at (954) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership. ■

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# PET TALES

## Relaxed purr-fection

Many jumpy cats can learn to accept petting without biting

BY GINA SPADAFORI

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My two cats are both beautiful — I may be a little biased, but I'm pretty sure it's true. When it comes to temperament, though, their similarities end. One cat is relaxed and easygoing, a born lap kitty. The other is easily aroused, sometimes reacting to petting by scratching the person in whose lap he finds himself — which, more than likely, of course, is mine.

Over the years, I've worked to lengthen his short fuse, starting with the most important rule when it comes to dealing with feline aggression: Never, ever hit your cat.

If punishment won't work, what will? You need to understand the reasons why cats lash out and learn to read feline body language, while also retraining and managing your cat to prevent bites or clawing. Here's what makes cats go crazy and how to correct these problems:

■ **Overstimulation.** You're petting your cat, and suddenly he grabs you with his claws and teeth. Don't struggle or fight back, or you may trigger a real bite. Sometimes, smacking your other hand loudly against a hard surface — a tabletop, for example — may startle your cat into breaking off the attack. If you stay still, however, he will usually calm down and release you.

Cat lovers often think such attacks come without warning, but they've



Cats who may lash out if petted in touchy spots will often accept and learn to love scratches alongside and under their chins.

missed the warning signs of a cat who has simply had enough. The tail is the key. If your cat starts twitching his tail in a jerky fashion, it's time to stop petting. And you can often keep him from getting to that overstimulated place by petting along the side of and under the chin only, avoiding touchier spots like the back or the belly.

■ **Play aggression.** Never let your cat view you as a plaything, not even when he's an adorable kitten. Wrestling barehanded with your cat or kitten is a no-no, because you're setting up a bad precedent. A stuffed sock is a great substitute for a human hand when it comes to playthings — let your cat bite, claw and bunny-kick to his heart's content. Give your cat lots of other exercise, frequent sessions that burn his youthful energy, such as playing with a "fishing pole"-type toy.

What if he persists in seeing you as a plaything? As with an overstimulated cat, stop the behavior by freezing if he has you in a painful grip. If he's ambushing you, water from a small squirt gun might help convince him that this is not a game worth playing.

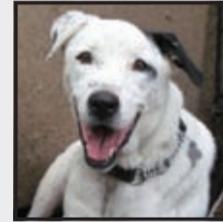
■ **Redirected aggression.** Your cat sees another cat, an intruder, outside your living room window. He becomes enraged. You walk by, and he nails you.

This is redirected aggression, and it's a management issue. Motion-detecting sprinklers can discourage strange cats from being in your yard. If you can't keep feline intruders out, block your cat's access to the window through which he sees the other cats. And again, be aware of your cat's body language. A cat who's looking for trouble is one who's best avoided.

The trick with cats is to eliminate the triggers for biting or scratching and work on your cat's tolerance levels. If you're patient and consistent, your cat may well improve over time. If you're not getting anywhere, talk to your veterinarian about a referral to a behaviorist experienced in feline behavior. Additionally, veterinary behaviorists can prescribe medications that can help ease your cat's anxiety while you work on permanent changes to his behavior.

While my jumpy cat will never be the completely relaxed purr-machine his housemate is, he's incredibly more tolerant of petting. His purrs let me know that he's as happy with the changes as I am. ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Cherimoya** (Cherry) is a spayed, 3-year-old Dalmatian/border collie mix who has been fostered with a Brooke's Legacy trainer who can show her new owner how to have a great time with her.



>> **Chewbacca** a neutered, 5-year-old shih tzu who is incredibly sweet and anxious to find a forever home.



>> **Dixie Buttons** is a fluffy, spayed, 2-year-old fluffly spaniel mix who has lots of love for her new owner.



>> **Sonchai** is a neutered, 2-year-old blue point Siamese. A former show cat, he loves to "talk."

### To adopt a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.



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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## A 'sweetheart' of a deal — not



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*"Let me call you sweetheart  
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Let me hear you whisper that you love  
me too  
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so true ..."*

I feel like that old favorite, written in 1910, is very specific in that one calls someone "sweetheart" because she's in love with him (or her). I completely agree. I can also accept that it might mean she just loves him (or her) as a family member or a close friend. But a stranger waiting on me in a restaurant has no business calling me "sweetheart" when she's asking me if I'd like a refill on my iced tea (insert 9,486 exclamation points).

I'm sorry to get persnickety about this, I really am. When it comes to just about everything except seasonal traffic, I'm generally easy like Sunday morning. But there's been a rather sudden shift in the past year or so when it comes to how females I've never met, particularly those who appear to be a few years younger than me, address me.

I remember being taken aback when I was in my 30s and a teenage cashier at the Winn-Dixie called me "ma'am" for the first time. It was quite jarring. But

she was still in high school, I was a grown woman and she was being respectful.

Going from "miss" to "ma'am" was a major life transition, but I was cool with it.

But now, I'm "SWEETHEART" or "SWEETIE" — and I am NOT cool with that (sorry to get all capsy). Nor am I cool with "HONEY" or "HON." What's next? "DEARIE"?

There are, of course, exceptions. If we're friends you can call me "doll face" for all I care. It doesn't matter. And if you're a stranger, but you have an extremely thick Southern accent and you're at least 20 years my senior, "honey" is fine — because then it's like you're my grandma and maybe you'll bake me some peanut-butter cookies and read me a Bible story and it's comforting and nostalgic.

But, what's up with younger waitresses, cashiers and sales girls calling us 40-somethings "sweetheart"? I don't know what caused this shift. Is this happening on "The Kardashians" or something? I thought I was well schooled in pop culture, but I swear, this is a new thing, and it's happening *all* the time.

I remember being in church as a kid, and women in their 40s would escort elderly ladies who were having trouble walking to their pews. I'd hear the younger ladies speaking loudly to the seniors, "Just take my arm, sweetie! That's it, honey! I've got you, sweetheart!" So, it has me think-



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**Fred and Debi Foss Heaviside with Cheryl McDonnell of PACE Center for Girls at the Winetasters of Naples' "Love That Dress!" dress collection party at McCormick & Schmick's.**

gently loved dresses and purses, the big "Love That Dress!" event is upon us — just in time for savvy shoppers to fill their closets with cocktail dresses, evening gowns and frocks "from Gap to Gucci" to help them sparkle throughout a new season of soirees. At pennies on the dollar, prices promise to give double meaning to the name of the event.

The third annual "Love That Dress" to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee takes place from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. General admission is \$30. VIP tickets for \$150 include early entry (5 p.m.), one drink ticket and chocolate from Norman Love Confections. For

more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.lovethatdress.org](http://www.lovethatdress.org).

If you missed the dress collections parties but have a dress or two to donate to the cause, drop-off locations are: White House Black Market at Waterside Shops and on Fifth Avenue South; Pristine Fine Dry Cleaning, 506 Ninth St. N.; A. Jaron Fine Jewelry, 6310 Trail Blvd.; D'Amici Salon & Spa, 5628 Strand Blvd.; and True Fashionistas Designer Resale, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. ■

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

ing: Do these waitresses, etc. think I'm in my 90s? I mean, I certainly hope to reach my 90s someday; some of my favorite lady friends are in their 90s (but, I would never, ever call any of them "sweetie"). So, until then, I implore younger women whom I don't know intimately to *please* go back to "ma'am."

When I'm in my 90s (or if before then, we somehow fall in love and the love light in your eyes glows so true), then I'll let you call me sweetheart — otherwise, not so much.

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Bonnie Grunberg and Tammie Shockey, co-owners of The Oasis Restaurant, chat with customers.

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# Sales up, improving

## Florida merchants ring up a sales increase

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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We're dressing up, dining out and getting out on the water more often than last year.

Restaurants, clothing stores and boat dealerships helped drive a 5.9 percent increase in sales statewide during the

months of April through June.

That number reflects the gain across Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties, where merchants rang up \$780.8 million more than during the same three months last year, a 7.9 percent jump along the coast.

The Florida Department of Revenue, which collects sales tax data, had figures available through June.

In that month alone, compared to June last year, boat dealers in the region sailed to a 32 percent increase, while

restaurants and catering services were up 9 percent, and apparel and accessory stores were up 4 percent. As consumers spend more on luxuries, they boost merchants' confidence as well.

“There's nothing better than seeing your numbers go up,” said Bonnie Grunberg, owner of The Oasis Restaurant, a diner in downtown Fort Myers. “In 2008 we thought we were going out of business, so to see this kind of increase

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# MONEY & INVESTING

## All-cash real estate deals portend bad news for the long-term



March 2013 showed that total international sales were \$68.2 billion....” True, this \$68 billion in sales represents a mere 5 percent of the entire U.S. residential home sales but, in states such as Florida, California and Arizona, the international buyer is significantly more important to overall residential housing supply and demand.

The NAR’s Profile of International Home Buyers in Florida from 2012 further states: “Approximately 19 percent of total Florida residential sales ... are estimated to have been to non-resident foreigners in the 12 months ending June 2012.” “All cash” purchases by international buyers were 82 percent of the value of their

purchases. The average price of their home was greater than 150 percent of the median Florida home price.

Who within the international community did all the Florida buying? Of the \$10 billion purchased, Canadians bought 31 percent; Brazilians 9 percent; Venezuelans 7 percent; Argentinians 5 percent; and UK 5 percent.

These allocations differ greatly from California’s international buyers’ metrics as the Chinese have been big buyers in the west coast in recent years. CNN Money attributes this to a special U.S. immigration program. “Many Chinese buy homes through the U.S. government’s EB-5 Immigrant Investor program, which is considered a fast-track to getting a green card. To qualify, foreigners must invest at least \$500,000 in a business that provides or preserves 10 jobs. This could be a home that is part of a bigger business project, such as a condo complex. Nearly 80 percent of all EB-5 visas went to Chinese nationals in 2012, according to the government.”

If countries in Latin America and Southeast Asia continue to grow at substantially greater rates than that of the U.S., then it would be logical to expect continued foreign demand. Now, if only somehow Florida’s real estate agents could convince the Chinese that Florida is a better land of green card opportunity than California.

Another important real estate research report was recently released by Goldman Sachs. The “all cash” share of the home

purchase market has doubled over the past seven years and “...around 44 cents of every \$1 of homes sold currently is being financed, compared to 67 cents before the crisis”

The shift to “all cash” purchases might not impact the higher-end cities and their higher-end properties, but it does not portend well for the overall real estate market. In the long run, the market needs breath of buyer types and certainly the middle class buyer who typically finances a mortgage.

Further, it is not a positive picture for mortgage originators as they are experiencing much lower mortgage application volume. According to *The Wall Street Journal’s* review of the Goldman Sachs report, “Purchase-mortgage origination volumes have fallen from around \$1.5 trillion in 2005, when the housing market peaked, to around \$500 billion in each of the last two years.”

So, when you are considering the statistics being released for the country on real estate trends, remember that Florida leads the pack in terms of dependency on foreign buyers. The statistics are disproportionately weighted toward “all cash” purchasers. Further, real estate agents not currently interfacing with foreign buyers might consider a strategy to court foreign buyers. ■

— Jeannette Showalter, CFA is a commodities broker with Worldwide Futures Systems, 571-8896. Find her on Facebook at Jeannette Showalter, CFA.

Trends in real estate are important to the entirety of the U.S. and particularly important to Florida, as its economy is highly real estate dependent.

Some new real estate trends are emerging that might impact the future values of Florida real estate and the selling strategies of our state’s real estate agents.

First, foreign buyers remain a critical component of demand for Florida real estate. Nationally, foreigners continue to buy properties at close to over 150 percent of the average sales price for a U.S. home. This premium to average sales price is even greater in Florida.

Second, there is a decided shift by homebuyers away from using a mortgage for partial financing. Instead, since the great recession, there has been a surge in “all cash” home purchases, meaning that mortgage financing is not used.

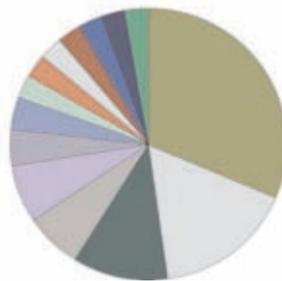
There are two different studies supporting these findings.

The National Association of Realtors report from June 24, which covered the 12-month period ending March 2013, points out the importance of international buyers to the residential real estate market. “...International business activity within the U.S. for the 12 months ending

### in the know

#### Top destinations for foreign real estate buyers

- Canada 23%
- China 12%
- Mexico 8%
- India 5%
- UK 5%
- Germany 3%
- Argentina 3%
- Israel 2%
- Australia 2%
- Korea 2%
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## Business owners invited to share stories of overcoming adversity

Owners of small businesses who have successfully overcome adversity are invited to apply for the 19th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award.

BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank coordinate and sponsor the program to recognize successful small businesses as well as to share their stories as models for other entrepreneurs.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9.

The competition is open to companies that meet the following criteria:

- For-profit business
- Operating under the same owner-

ship for at least three continuous years with principal office in Collier, Lee or Charlotte counties

■ Employs five to 400 people  
To request an application, contact Stacey Mercado by calling 433-7189 or e-mailing SMercado@BBandT.com. Business owners can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. Assistance is available to draft applications.

Independent judges will select one business from the field of applicants to receive the 2013 award. Winners will be recognized Thursday, Nov. 7, during a luncheon ceremony at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. ■



## Travel agency celebrates two anniversaries

Hurley Travel Experts celebrates the second anniversary of its Naples location this month. The branch is the newest extension of the 20-year-old company based in Portland, Me.

HTE is a Virtuoso Member Agency and an affiliate of BCD Travel. Two of the Naples division’s senior travel managers are listed on Travel & Leisure magazine’s A-List of top 137 travel advisors in the country.

In celebration of two years in Naples and 20 in business, HTE has launched “20 for 20,” an online travel auction to benefit area and national nonprofit

organizations. Twenty trips and travel-related hospitality products will go up for bid over the next several months, and winners can choose one of several nonprofits to benefit from their purchase. Local charities are Humane Society Naples, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, the American Cancer Society and Hope Hospice of Bonita Springs. The fourth item in the “20 for 20” program goes up for bid in September.

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# SALES

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in numbers is awesome. It makes you happy, to say the least. It shows people are still out spending their money.”

Hungry customers at The Oasis spent about 11 percent more this June, she said. And some of them no doubt had fun on the water, too.

“We had the strongest second quarter that we’ve had in several years,” said Tom Nichols, owner of Bonita Boat Center in Bonita Springs. “It was very nice after a very weak fall last year, with the election and the whole fiscal cliff fiasco.”

Will it last?

“I pray to all of those gods that have been good to us for the last 90 days that they remain doing so,” Mr. Nichols said.

After decades in the business, with its ups and downs, he remains “cautiously optimistic.” The positive growth has been consistent, if at times halting, since the end of the economic recession in 2009.



WYNN

“We’ve had sales growth for the last several years, but some of that has been anemic,” said Michael Wynn, president of Sunshine Ace Hardware in Naples. “But 2012 was a very good year for us and 2013, even on top of those positive numbers, has continued to accelerate.”



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In June, hardware stores were up 23 percent in Charlotte County, 13 percent in Collier and 11 percent in Lee. That reflects increasingly consistent business growth, Mr. Wynn says, not just a one-month anomaly: “As we’ve progressed through 2012 and ’13 those anomalies are few and far between.”

Even so, the summer doldrums didn’t miss their annual appointment with some in the service industry here. Compounding the usual slowdown in downtown Punta Gorda, said Jerry Presseller, owner of The Big Cheese Eatery, German tourists he’s noticed in years past didn’t arrive.

But meanwhile, a business his wife owns, Sunart Gallery & Framing, rang up higher numbers even in the dog days. General merchandise sales grew by 6 percent in Charlotte County in



Tom Nichols at the Bonita Boat Center.

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Sunart Gallery & Framing in Punta Gorda.

June. As summer concludes, a healthier housing market across the region augurs well for the coming fall and winter, said Mr. Presseller, who is also head of the Punta Gorda Downtown Merchants Association.

“If everything is looking as good as (news reports) are saying it is and the home prices are going up and the inventory is down, that’s a good thing,” he said. “People are spending their

money which means people are more confident about the economy which should lead us to a very good season.”

Another sign of that much heralded consumer confidence is a tendency to buy new items rather than repair old ones, said Mr. Wynn of Sunshine Ace.

“For the big-ticket items — grills, fishing rods, power equipment — those are things people are now willing to purchase new rather than repair,” he

## in the know

### Gross sales for April through June

**Lee County**  
2012: \$4.7 billion  
2013: \$5.2 billion  
Percent change: 10.7

**Collier County**  
2012: \$3 billion  
2013: \$3.2 billion  
Percent change: 7.4

**Charlotte County**  
2012: \$953.9 million  
2013: \$1.007 billion  
Percent change: 5.7

**Statewide**  
2012: \$232.6 billion  
2013: \$246.2 billion  
Percent change: 5.9

### Various industries’ gross sales, June 2012 compared to June 2013 in Collier County

**Paint, wallpaper and hardware dealers**

June 2012: \$4.6 million  
2013: \$5.2 million  
Percent change: 12.9

**Automotive dealers**

June 2012: \$104.6 million  
June 2013: \$121.6 million  
Percent change: 16.2

**Boat dealers**

June 2012: \$11.4  
2013: \$12.5 million  
Percent change: 9.4

**Advertising**

June 2012: \$250.2 thousand  
June 2013: \$245.6 thousand  
Percent change: 1.8

**Restaurants, lunchrooms, catering**

2012: \$54.8 million  
2013: \$60.3 million  
Percent change: 10.1

**Total sales**

June 2012: \$27.2 million  
2013: \$29.3 million  
Percent change: 7.7

said.

Besides hardware, Mr. Wynn leases retail space in Collier and Lee counties, and notes he’s at 100 percent occupancy in both.

“We’re seeing strengthening in about every category of industry we’re in,” he said. ■

## Banking expert, Sen. Richter to address MicroEnterprise grads

Sen. Garrett Richter, president of the Florida Senate and president and director of First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, will be the guest speaker at Central Bank’s Goodwill SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute class graduation. The ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 2390 Tamiami Trail North, Naples.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida provides programs and services that help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome their barriers to employment and independence in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties. Supported programs include Job-Link centers, youth mentoring and job shadowing, income-sensitive hous-

ing for people with disabilities and seniors, the Four Wheels For Work vehicle assistance program, the Goodwill L.I.F.E. Academy charter school, and the Goodwill SWFL MicroEnterprise Institute. For more information about Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, visit [www.goodwillswfl.org](http://www.goodwillswfl.org).

Sen. Richter was elected to the senate to represent District 37 in November 2008, after serving one term in the Florida House of Representatives from



Sen. Garrett Richter

2006-2008. In addition to being Florida Senate president, he is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, and he also serves on the Budget Committee, Judiciary Committee, Rules Committee and the Joint Legislative Budget Commission. He has been working in the banking industry since 1969. He currently serves as president and director of First National Bank of the Gulf Coast since October 2009 and as presi-

dent of TGR Financial since November 2011. Formerly, he was a founder, president and CEO of First National Bank of Florida, which was acquired by Fifth Third Bancorp. in 2005. He was also founding director and organizer of First National Bank of Naples, where he served as president until 1997.

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# ON THE MOVE

## New Location

Eye Centers of Florida has moved to a new office with expanded retail space in Plaza Walk at 2500 Tamiami Trail N. Board-certified physicians are under the direction of founder and medical director Dr. David Brown and retinal surgeon Claudio Ferreira. Frederick Brown, OD, provides primary eye care exams and diagnostic services, prescribes eyeglasses and contact lenses and provides pre- and post-op care.

## Awards & Recognition

**George Beasley**, founder, chairman and CEO of Beasley Broadcast Group, has been named among the 40 Most Powerful People in Radio by Radio INK magazine. With corporate offices in Naples, the company also has five radio stations in the Southwest Florida Market.

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## Board Appointments



JONES

**Bob Jones**, Ed.D., Edison State College-Collier Campus president and ESC regional vice president for economic and community development, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Leadership Collier Foundation.

New members recently elected to the board of directors of the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples are: **Michael D'Amico**, director of Head Start/pre-K for Collier County Public Schools; **Kim Larson-Collins** of Wells Fargo; **Sonya Sawyer**, CFO of Home-Tech; **Chris Sebeck**, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management; and **Edward Wollman** of Wollman, Gehrke & Solomon.

New officers of the C'mon board are: **Chris Lombardo**, chair; **Mary Baron**, vice chair; **Catherine Singleton**, secretary; and **Julie Dalton**, treasurer.



KIRKPATRICK

**Lavigne Ann Kirkpatrick**, manager of external affairs at Avow, has been elected chair of the Florida Board of Nursing. A registered nurse for nearly 30 years, Ms. Kirkpatrick is the only member of the 13-member board

representing Southwest Florida. A graduate of the Leadership Collier Class of 2010, she serves on the board of Collier Senior Resources and on the advisory boards for I-tech and Lorenzo Walker Health Services. She is president of Character Council of Collier County and belongs to the East Naples Civic Association, the Collier County League of Women Voters and the 20th Circuit Court Examining Committee. She joined Avow in 2004.

New members elected to the Next Generation Board for Hope for Haiti are: **Kevin Brachle**, Fidelity Investments; **Alex Daane**, 41 West Realty; **Jenny Foegen**, the Naples Princess; **Stephanie Fowler**, IberiaBank; **Jeff Galati**, New York Life Insurance Company; **Melissa Hedberg**, John R. Wood Realtors; **Mark Hindley**, IberiaBank; **Buddy Hornbeck III**, Lutgert Insurance; **Jaime Lopez**, Barron Collier Companies; **Nicole McGinnis**, Davidson & Nick, CPA; **Stephen Osborne**, McDonald & Osborne, PA; **Ann Porter**, Kitchen Studio of Naples; **Shanna Short**, J.P. Morgan Private Bank; and **Dolly Smith**, Davis & Associates, CPA.

## Accounting

**Stacy Carlson**, CPA, has joined How & Associates as tax manager. Ms. Carlson most recently served as tax manager for McGladrey for seven years. A graduate of the University of Florida with a master's degree in accounting, she is a member of the AICPA and serves as treasurer of the organization's Florida chapter.

## Food & Beverage

**Andrew Carmody** has been named wine buyer, wine consultant and manager of Fairways Wine Vault. Mr. Carmody has more than 30 years of experience in the wine industry.

## Insurance

**Mike Pynnonen** has joined Galt Insurance Group as vice president of business development to assist in office management, lead correspondence among insurance carriers, develop and implement office practices that improve efficiency and to work directly with clients as an advisor.

## Law



PASH

**David Pash** has been promoted to partner at the law firm of Wollman, Gehrke & Solomon. Admitted to the Florida bar in 2001, Mr. Pash focuses on gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer tax planning techniques designed to minimize the tax impact of multi generational wealth transfers. His community involvement includes Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and St. Matthew's House.

## Nonprofit Organizations

The Naples Children & Education Foundation has formed Friends of the Foundation, a committee of 12 next-generation philanthropists who want to broaden the awareness of the foundation's work and who are committed to raising \$100,000 through four events in the 2013-14 season. Members are: **Brandie Dixon LaFond**, chair; **Nick Casalanguida**, **Edee DeLuca**, **Michael DeLuca**, **Sandra Edwards**, **Jeremy Giles**, **Shelley Hobbs**, **Matthew Pietzak**, **Mike Randall**, **Brian**

**Roland, Martine de St. Pierre** and **Kristin Vaughn**. Advisory chairs are **Linda Malone**, **Susie McCurry** and **Adria Starkey**.

**Chantil Shamus** has been named director of Go Red For Women for the American Heart Association of Southwest Florida. Ms. Shamus was a senior representative at Merck & Co. for more than eight years. She holds a bachelor's degree in health education with a specialization in health promotion from the University of Florida. She joined AHA 2011 as regional director in Volusia and Flagler counties and later served as director of the Tampa Bay Heart Walk.

In her new position, she oversees all events associated with the Southwest Florida Go Red For Women campaign, including the Breakfast in Red, Fifth Annual Go Red For Women Luncheon, the Red Dress Dash and the Circle of Red/Red Tie Society. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Mobile in Alabama.

## Media



GROVER

**Kaleigh Grover** has been promoted to publisher of Naples Illustrated, a publication of Palm Beach Media Group. She joined the company in 2006 as associate publisher and has played a key role in building the brand in the Naples market. In



EVANS

New York, where she was a top editor at Entrepreneur.com and Home Channel News and an editorial project manager and reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*. During her time in New York, she also was a freelance journalist for Business Week, FoxBusiness.com, SmartMoney.com and Fodor's, among others. A graduate of the University of Florida, she earned a master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

## Marketing /Public Relations

**Sarah Jane Burt** has joined the staff at Conric PR & Marketing to create and distribute press releases, write and editing web copy and manage social media. A native of Naples, Ms. Burt earned a bachelor's degree and a master's in English at Florida Gulf Coast University. While in graduate school, she taught English composition at the university, served as managing editor for the school's Mangrove Review and interned at eBella Magazine. ■

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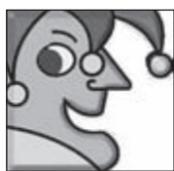
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### Slow and Steady

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— W.E.C., Columbia, S.C.

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— A.J.S., Cincinnati

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A venture capitalist ("VC") firm will typically enter the scene well before a company gets to the initial public offering (IPO) stage, helping the company grow via funding and guidance, usually in exchange for a large percentage of the company. The hope is that once the company grows to a certain point, it will go public and the venture capitalists can cash out, making a very tidy profit.

Famous VC firms include Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, which has funded companies such as AOL, Amazon.com, Facebook, Google and Intuit. Andreessen Horowitz, another, seeded Instagram and Pinterest, among other outfits.

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Q Is there any reason why I might want to have multiple IRA accounts?

— D.E., Tampa, Fla.

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It generally doesn't matter if you have multiple accounts. Just know that most folks face a contribution limit for 2013 of \$5,500 (\$6,500 for those 50 or older), and that's all you can contribute in total — it's not the limit per account. Learn more about IRAs at [fool.com/retirement](http://fool.com/retirement). ■

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### Don't Panic Over Coach's Plunge

Shares of handbag and accessory specialist Coach (NYSE: COH) fell almost 10 percent recently, after the luxury-goods maker reported underwhelming earnings, with revenue for the fiscal year up 6 percent over year-ago levels and earnings per share up 2 percent. Key concerns include weakness in North American sales, along with the departure of several top executives, including the CEO.

Don't write the company off, though, as it still has a lot going for it. For starters, it has a strong global brand name, giving the company pricing power. In its last quarter, international sales rose 7 percent year over year to \$386 million, or a 17 percent increase on a constant currency basis. Coach's China operations grew a whopping

35 percent.

The company's new CEO will be Victor Luis, who has led Coach's successful international division.

Coach's history of rewarding shareholders through dividends and share repurchases is also appealing. The stock recently yielded 2.5 percent, and the company has increased its dividend by 13 percent over the past year and by more than fourfold over the past four years.

Still, Coach has some work to do revitalizing its business. It plans to focus on North American sales and on its outlets. Patient investors might consider accessorizing their portfolios with Coach stock. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Coach and its newsletters have recommended it.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual trade show, "Oh the Places We'll Go," from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course. Admission is \$20

at the door.

■ The **Public Relations Society of America**, Gulf Coast Chapter hosts a webinar luncheon titled "Optimize 360: An Integrated Approach to Digital Marketing and Public Relations" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Northern Trust, 4001 U.S. 41 N. The presentation will help organizations optimize their content-focused digital marketing and public relations efforts. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members, \$27 for nonprofits and \$15 for students. Reservations must be made by Friday, Aug. 23. Call Judy Bricker, chapter president, at 213-6146 or visit [www.gulfcoastprsa.org](http://www.gulfcoastprsa.org).

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** welcomes

Andrew Hill with a lunch series program titled "Eco-Economics: How Your Economic Opportunities and the Southwest Florida Environment are Aligned" at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Call 262-6376 or go to [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be John Cox, incoming president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Collier Foundation. Call 262-6376

■ The **Business Alliance Committee** of the Marco Island Area Chamber

of Commerce hosts speed networking facilitated by David Longfield-Smith from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Marco Island Hilton Beach Resort. Cost is \$5 at the door (cash only). Participation is limited to the first 30 people who RSVP by e-mailing [Katie@marcoislandchamber.org](mailto:Katie@marcoislandchamber.org) or [donna@marcoislandchamber.org](mailto:donna@marcoislandchamber.org).

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation** kicks off its 25th anniversary season and the Class of 2014 at a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speaker will be John Cox, the new president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25. Reservations are required and can be made at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events). ■

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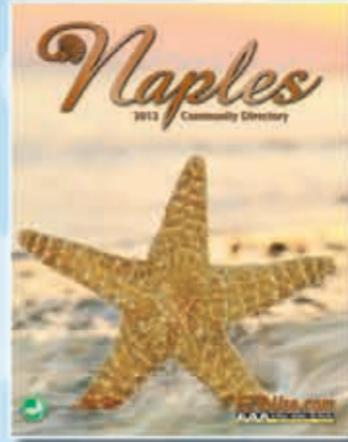


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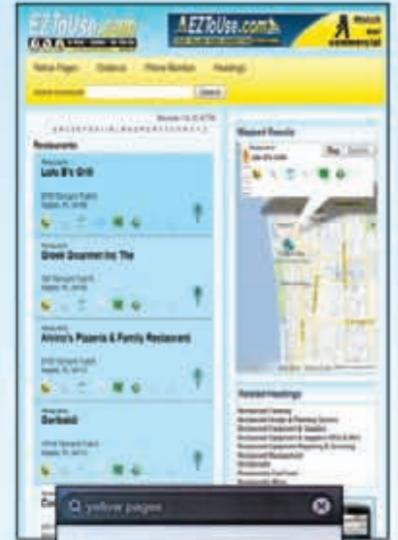
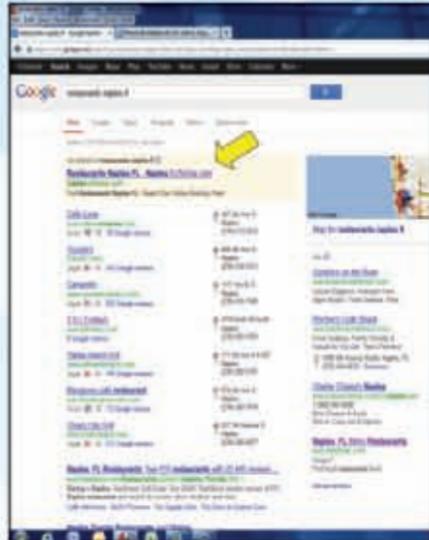


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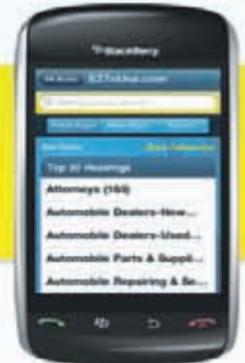
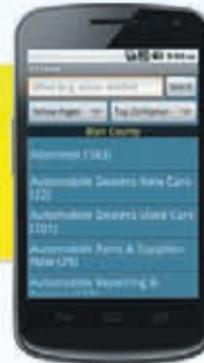
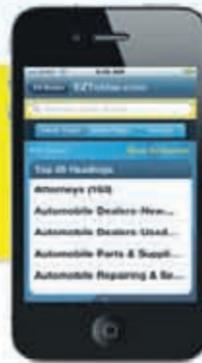
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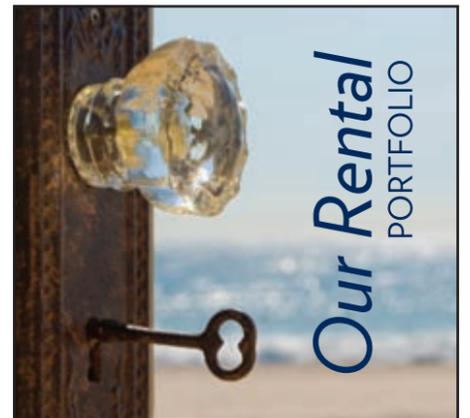
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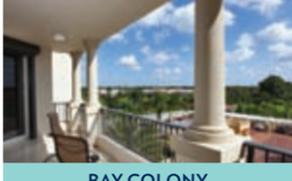
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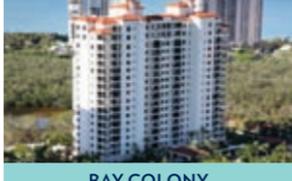
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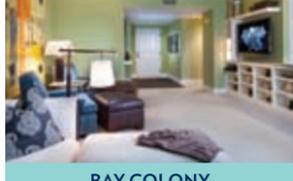
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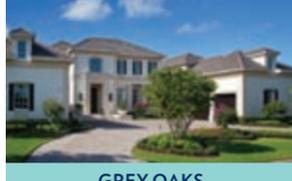
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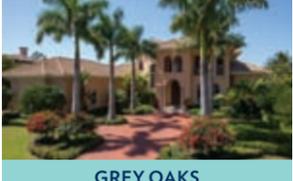
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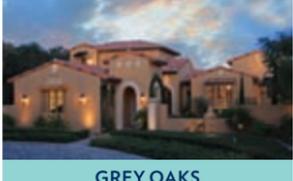
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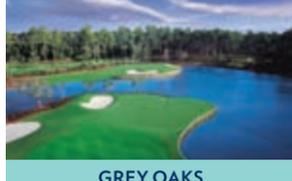
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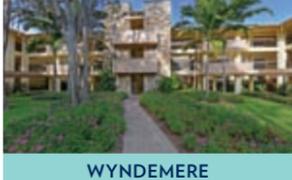
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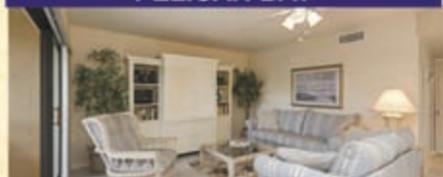
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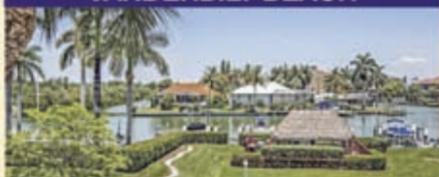
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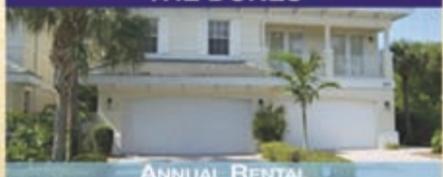
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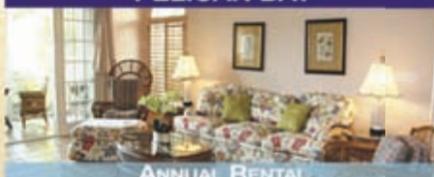
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"The statistics show us that high-end buyers are out condo shopping," says Mike Hughes, vice president and general manager of Downing-Frye Realty. "Overall, if you subtract the 'bubble years' of 2004 and 2005, 2013 is looking to be one of the best years on record for home sales."

NABOR officials point to a 2011 prediction made by Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors, that a sense of urgency would drive the market in 2013.

"His prediction has become reality," says Steve Barker, advising broker for Equity Realty. "The SunshineMLS statistics show that the inventory is decreasing and the median home price is increasing," he adds. "This creates a market where buyers are afraid there won't be anything left in their price range if they do not buy now."

NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island). The July monthly report



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provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges

and geographic segmentation. It also includes an overall market summary. Among the highlights of the most recent report, all relating to the 12-month period from July 2012 to July 2013:

- Overall closed sales increased by double digits in all but the \$0-\$300,000 category.
- Pending sales increased by double digits in all but the \$0-\$300,000 category.
- The overall market median closed price increased 19 percent, from \$190,000 to \$226,000.
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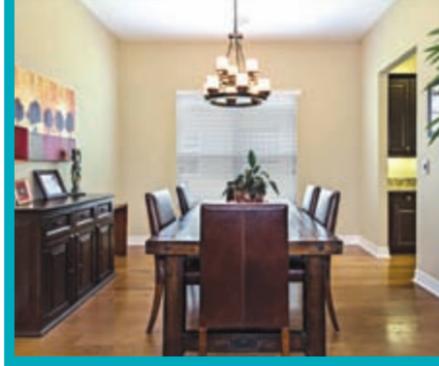
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## Naples REALTOR magazine wins awards

Naples REALTOR magazine, a quarterly publication of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, received four awards at the Florida Magazine Association Charlie Awards gala held in Orlando in early August. More than 700 entries vied for first-, second- and third-place awards. The Charlie Award goes to the top winner in each category, followed by silver and bronze awards.

In the Trade/Technical category, Naples REALTOR won the following:

- Best Overall Magazine, Silver Award

- Best Overall Design, Bronze Award

- Writing Excellence/Best Service Feature, Silver Award for "Closing the Door to Danger"

- General Excellence/Best Table of Contents, Charlie Award

"We were especially excited to win awards in the Best Overall categories



this year," says Mary Waller, chair of the NABOR magazine task force. "Last year we redesigned the magazine and revamped its content, and it's so gratifying to be recognized for our efforts."

Distributed to more than 4,600 NABOR members, NABOR Realtor is published and produced in collaboration with Gulfshore Life/Open Sky Media. Ms. Waller adds her thanks and congratulates to task force members

Harley Conrad, Will Dukes, Wes Kunkle, Pat Pitocchi, Bill Poteet, Robert Slaughter, Kathy Zorn and Marcia Albert along with Gulfshore Life's Phil Borchmann, Lyle Fitzsimmons, Tessa Tilden-Smith, Lori Johnston and Dave Boland.

The Charlie Awards are named after Charles G. Wellborn Jr., a retired professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida and an active member of the FMA. ■

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decreased 41 percent in the \$2 million-plus category, from 403 days to 238 days, and 31 percent in the \$1 million-\$2 million category, from 271 days to 186 days.

- The median closed price for condominiums in the \$2 million-plus category increased 36 percent, from \$2.65 million to \$3.6 million.

- Condominium inventory decreased by 23 percent, from 3,299 available units in July 2012 to 2,534 units in July 2013.

"Consumer demand, especially in the coastal condo market, is driving home prices upward. In addition, falling inventories point toward continuing price gains," says Cindy Carroll of the real estate appraisal and consultancy firm Carroll & Carroll.

John Steinwand, president of Naples Realty Services, suggests two possible contributing factors for the increase in condo demand:

1. The stock market's performance has helped baby boomers recover investment losses and, in turn, this is helping them make the decision to sell their homes up north and purchase property in Florida.

2. Homeowners who lost their homes in the recession and became local renters are now qualifying for new home loans.

"We hope the July surge in sales, especially in the condo market, will encourage homeowners that were once reluctant to sell to put their homes on the market now," says Wes Kunkle, NABOR president and a commercial broker at Kunkle Realty.

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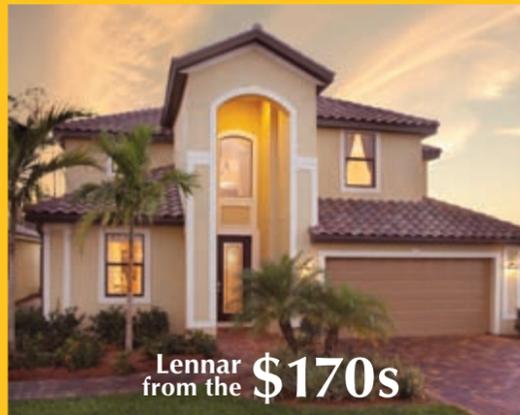
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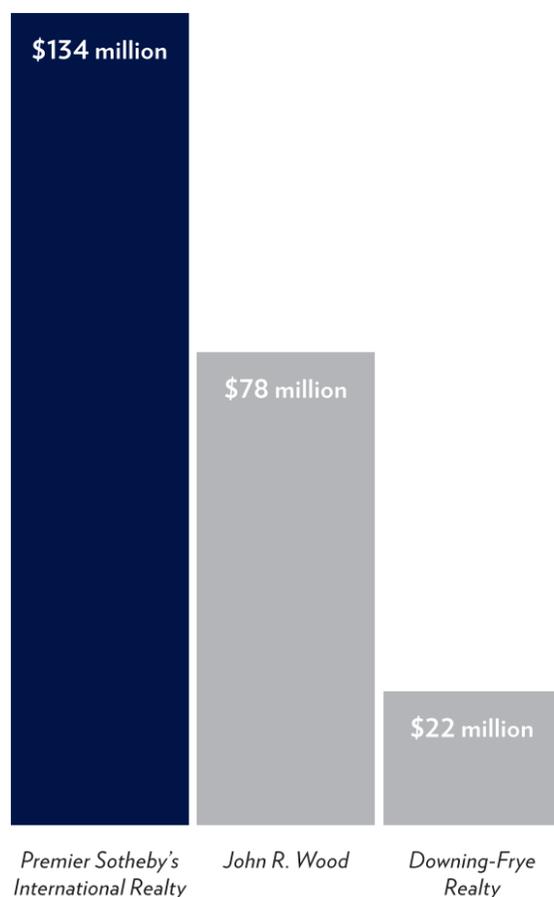


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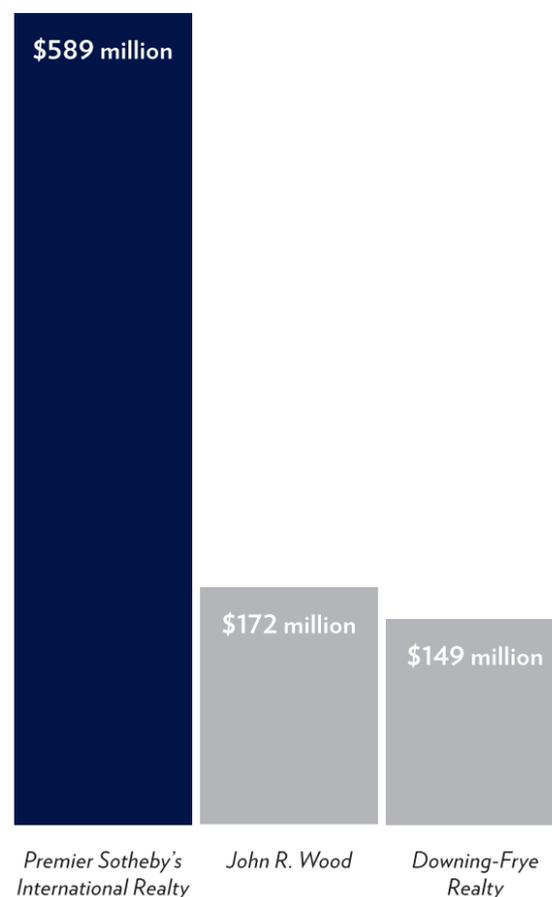
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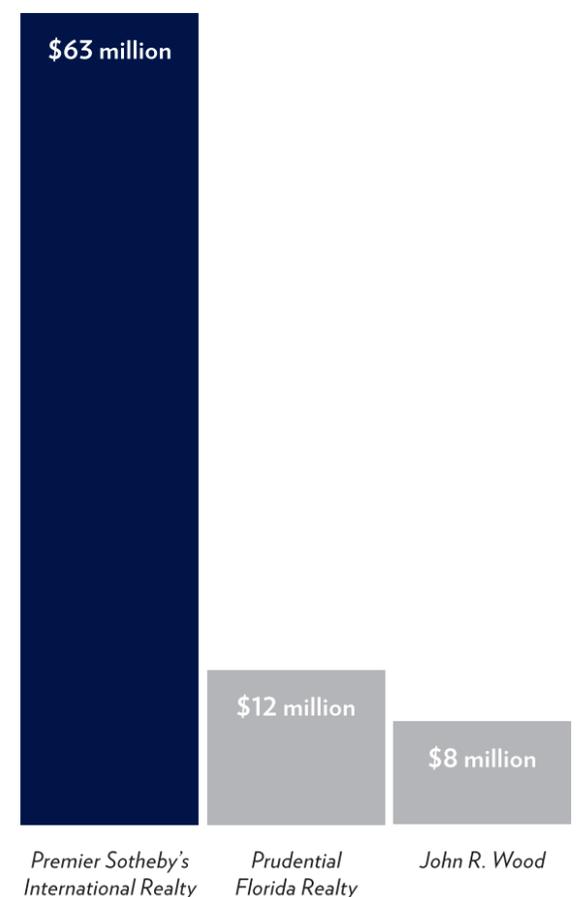
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# REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

■ **Minto Communities** has started construction on the Discovery Sales Center at The Isles of Collier Preserve. Set to open in November, the 7,330-square-foot center will showcase the 2,400-acre community that will embrace nature and an active lifestyle.

The focal point will be a 14-foot-tall replica cypress tree surrounded by a circular boardwalk that will take visitors by exhibits about The Isles of Collier Preserve's neighbors: Naples Botanical Garden, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center and Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club.

A path from the sales center will lead to a boathouse, dock and kayak launch where visitors will be able to board an electric boat for tours of the community's waterways.

The Isles of Collier Preserve bordered on the south by Rookery Bay, on the north by Naples Botanical Garden and on the west by Naples Bay. The development will have approximately 1,600 residences. Seven model homes will be open for viewing in January 2014. Resident memberships are available at Hamilton Harbor.

For more information, call (888) 693-4306 or visit [www.mintofla.com](http://www.mintofla.com).

■ **Pulte Homes** has introduced its custom Royal Series designs at The Quarry, the luxury lakefront golf community four miles east of I-75 off Immokalee Road. The series consists of five floor plans, ranging from the 3,504-square-foot Kensington priced from \$669,990 to the 4,378-square-foot Sterling priced from \$739,990.

Pulte Homes also builds new two, three and four-bedroom single-family homes at The Quarry priced from the low \$200,000s.

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For more information, visit [www.pulte.com](http://www.pulte.com).

■ **Stock Development** has begun construction on a 13,000-square-foot expansion of the Fitness Center and Spa at The Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort. Completion is set for January 2014 and will include a new aerobics area, four treatment rooms and a nail salon.

In other plans, the dining room is being enlarged with the addition of an indoor/outdoor lounge, a fireplace wall, decorative wine storage and a dance floor. A table to seat 32 will be added to the private dining room to accommodate a variety of events and occasions. The game room will double in size, and the computer room will be updated.

Work has also begun on a second resort pool.

The two-year project began last year with the construction of 13 new tennis courts, which are now open for play. A stadium court has expandable seating for tournament events. There is also a new tennis pro shop, a maintenance building and the Courtside Café.

The Lely Resort Sales Center is at 8020 Grand Lely Drive, on U.S. 41 and C.R. 951. From I-75 take exit 101 (C.R. 951) south five miles to Grand Lely Drive.

For more information, visit [www.lelyresort.com](http://www.lelyresort.com).

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■ **The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek** has been honored as a Distinguished Gold Club of the World by BoardRoom magazine. The distinction comes after a yearlong evaluation of The Club and is derived from a collection of industry best practices that the magazine's

editors have gathered from their site visits to more than 5,000 private clubs worldwide. Areas reviewed include the clubhouse, membership, food and beverage, tennis, athletics, pool, spa and the optional lifestyle membership offerings for golf and boating-beach.

With a distribution to 27 countries throughout the world, BoardRoom magazine targets the boards of directors at private and semiprivate clubs.

The entrance to Fiddler's Creek is off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. For more information, stop by the sales center, call 732-9300 or visit [www.fiddlerscreek.com](http://www.fiddlerscreek.com). ■

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## Lennar opens new sales center at Fiddler's Creek

Lennar Homes has opened a new sales center in Fiddler's Creek, showcasing the builder's villages and homes in the community via the InSite interactive system. The company is currently building in the villages of Runaway Bay, Millbrook and Sonoma. The new sales center is in the Laurel model in Runaway Bay.

The InSite interactive system allows Lennar representatives to present the various lots and floor plans in its villages, including photos from existing models. Customers can use the interactive touchscreen technology to compare floor plan, including a "suggested furniture layout" option and a "furniture planner" with actual dimensions.

In the village of Runaway Bay, where most home sites have lake and golf course views, Lennar is building 11 new homes. The neighborhood will have 98 single-family homes, ranging from 2,800 square feet to 3,659 square feet. Prices begin in the low \$600,000s.

Lennar also is building nine inventory homes in the Fiddler's Creek village of Millbrook. Located within Aviamar and nestled between meandering waterways,



The Laurel model in Runaway Bay is home of the newest Lennar Homes sales center at Fiddler's Creek.

Millbrook will have 56 single-family homes, ranging from 1,649 square feet to 2,246 square feet. The base price of Millbrook homes is \$336,990.

In the neighborhood of Sonoma, which will have 30 lakefront coach homes, Lennar offers two floor plans from 1,883 square feet to 2,141 square feet. The builder has six residences nearing completion in Sonoma, where prices start at \$280,990.

The entrance to Fiddler's Creek is off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. The master-planned community of almost 4,000 acres is zoned for 6,000 residences. Amenities include the 54,000-square-foot club and spa, a swimming complex, tennis courts a tot lot and

restaurants for casual and elegant dining.

Fiddler's Creek residents also have the opportunity to join The Golf Club, featuring The Creek Course, a championship golf course ranked in Golfweek's 100 Best Residential Golf Courses in the country for the ninth consecutive year, and The Tarpon Club for boating and the beach. A limited number of non-resident annual and seasonal memberships with term date flexibility are currently available at both The Golf Club and The Tarpon Club.

For more information, call 732-9300, stop by the information center at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway or visit [www.fiddlerscreek.com](http://www.fiddlerscreek.com). ■

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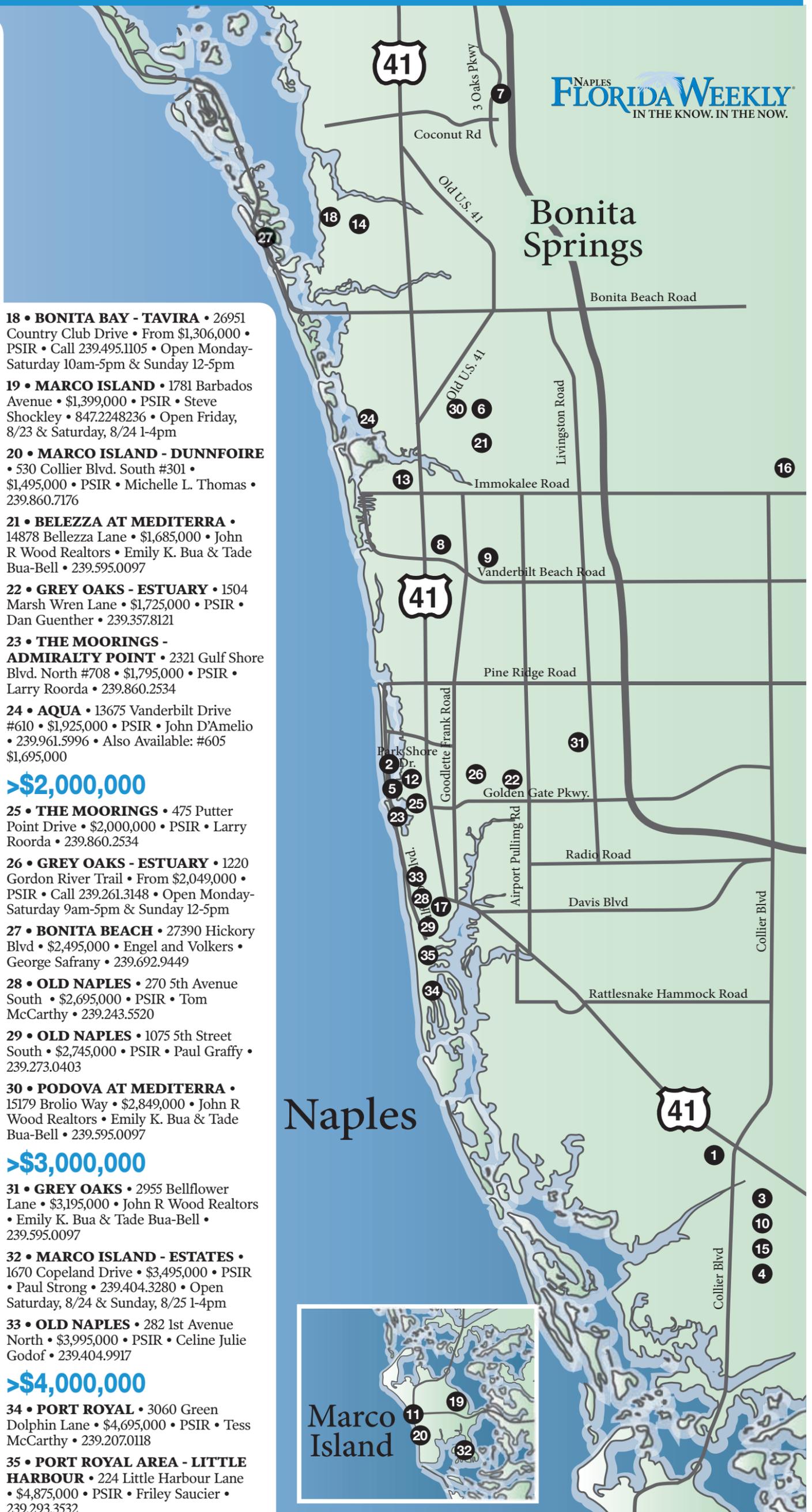
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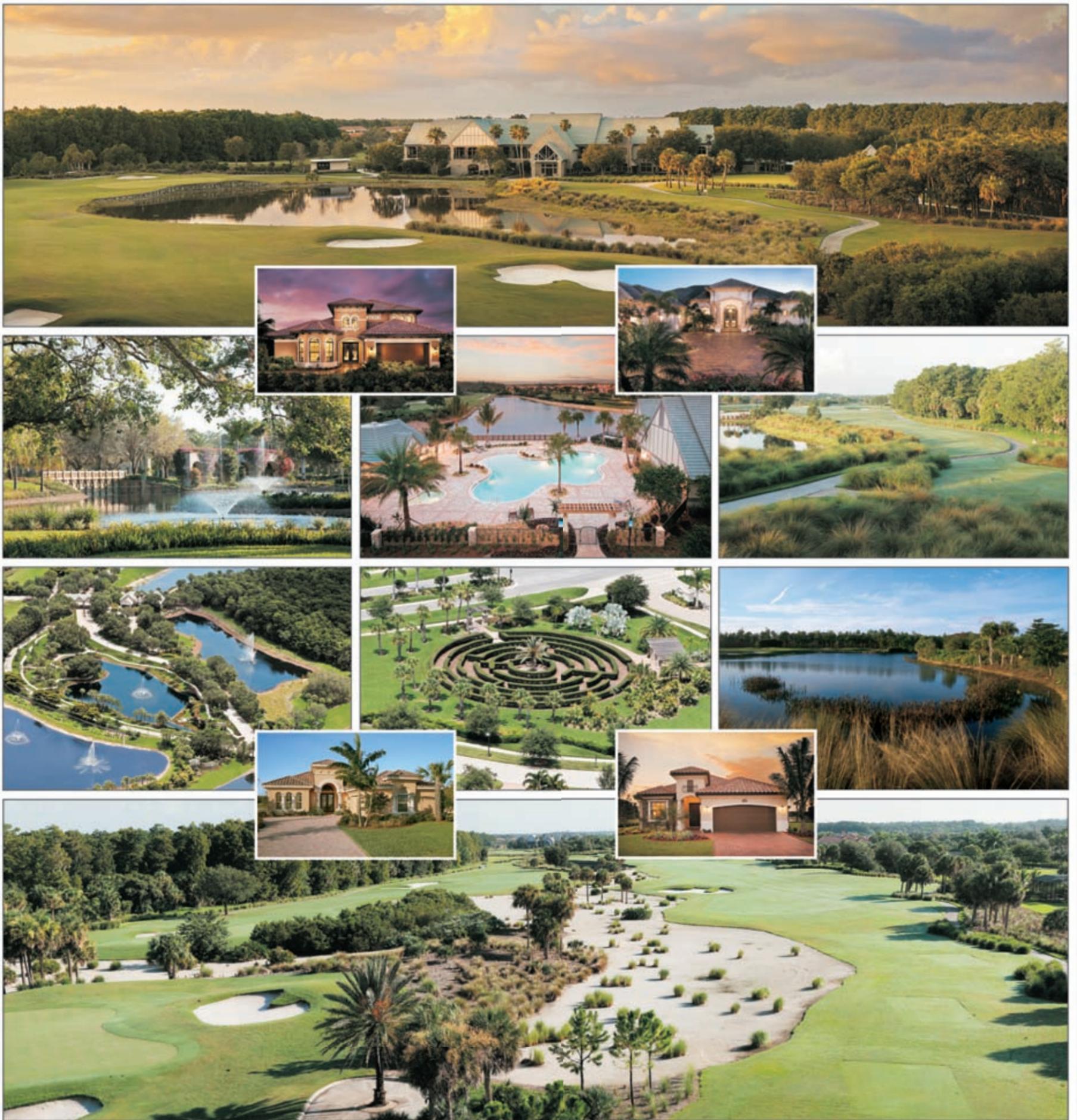
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



Within Reach by Ursula Cappelletti

## Clearly abstract



Coeur de Ville by Stephen Johnson

See how you feel about August exhibit at Bonita art center

BY NANCY STETSON

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**P** EOPLE GET WEIRD ABOUT abstract art.

It makes some feel ill at ease; because they think all art should be representational, they keep trying to see figures or landscapes in the work.

Others limit art to pictures of sunsets, puppy dogs and clowns. So when they look at abstract art, they think the artist just randomly splattered paint on the canvas.

"Anyone could do that," they say.

Or, "My kid could paint that."

"When someone says, 'Oh, my 2-year-old could've done that,' the correct answer is, 'But he didn't,'" says Bonita Springs abstract artist Stephen Johnson.

One of the biggest misperceptions about art is that it has to have a concrete meaning of some kind, he says. In actuality, he adds, "Art is about how it makes you feel."

When people ask Mr. Johnson what his work "means," he tries to explain it with an analogy about listening to music:

"If you're listening to a piece of music

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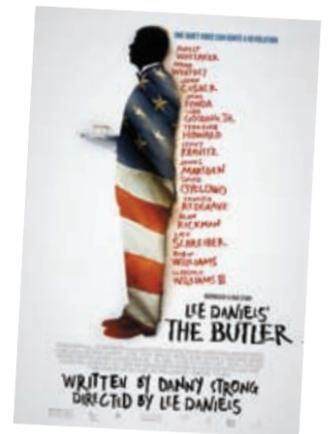
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## Artis—Naples launches 'Live & Local' concerts

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Drawing on great local talent and bands from throughout the region, Artis—Naples presents "Live & Local," a series of concerts designed to attract new and younger audiences to the center. Concerts will be presented Thursday evenings in the intimate Daniels Pavilion.

The venue will be transformed into a lounge, with light bites and full bar service offered. Concertgoers will be encouraged to take to the dance floor.

Admission for \$10 will include one free drink.

Up first on stage for "Live & Local" is



COURTESY PHOTO

The Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples

Mudbone on Sept. 5, followed by The Wholtones on Oct. 3 and Fake Problems on Oct. 24.

Mudbone plays an eclectic version

of the blues by incorporating elements of funk, jazz, Latin, zydeco and reggae. Band members Rick Howard, David Johnson, Bill Peterson and Mario Infante together have vast musical experience and have become favorites for Southwest Florida audiences.

Mr. Howard, the band's front man, is a multi-faceted guitarist and vocalist who plays and sings it all. Guitarist and vocalist Mr. Infante, known for his showmanship style of playing, toured with two-time Grammy-winner Chuck Mangione and played countless venues all

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Confessions of a romantic hoarder

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Before A&E brought us “Hoarders” and hoarding became a national buzzword, feng shui introduced us to decluttering. Feng shui had its modern heyday in the early 2000s. Everyone seemed to be buying bagua mirrors and rearranging the living room furniture. Stores did a brisk trade in pan-Asian trinkets as customers snapped up peonies for love and koi for luck.

For all its wackiness, *feng shui* did us a service by launching a nationwide obsession with getting rid of old stuff. In order for good luck to come our way, all the books said, we needed to get rid of the superfluous junk cluttering our lives. Those wild-haired troll dolls? The Beanie Babies that cost a fortune? The gold pumps that were, admittedly, a mistake? It all had to go.

I'm nothing if not tenacious, and I doggedly clung to the decluttering mantra even after *feng shui* went the way of other fads. Every few months I'll still have an exasperated moment

and start culling through closets and drawers, looking for items that are unused, unneeded or unloved. I bag them up, take the bags to Goodwill and come home to a house where I can breathe again.

But here's a confession: There is a corner of my garage that I have not touched in almost a decade, a space where I keep the boxes from a relationship that ended many years ago. The boxes contain the traces of a one-time life that I thought I might someday return to: dishes and cutlery and stemware that testified to a time I wished for years I could reinhabit. For all my decluttering, I never thought I would clean out that corner.

But I spent the summer overseas, and as often happens when we step out of our environment for a time, I came home with a new perspective. The thought suddenly occurred to me, *It's time for those boxes to go*, and I knew it was right. Sifting through them hurt less than I imagined, and there was more junk than I realized: dusty sheets and cheap metal pans that had begun to rust, a half-used box of dryer sheets I can't imagine why I kept in the first place. Everything was imprinted with the memory of that past life, but I had

finally reached a place where I could let it go.

I filled the trunk of my car with the boxes, and when the trunk was full I packed the back seat. I drove to Goodwill, radiant in my resolve. At the donation center there was an older man ahead of me. He had his trunk open and I watched as he carefully unwrapped individual items — a porcelain figurine, a red lacquered box — and showed them to the clerk.

“Look at this,” he said about each piece. “Isn't this great?”

The sun beat down and I baked in the heat, but I didn't have the heart to ask him to hurry up. If he needed us to admire his treasures in order to let them go, who was I to judge? I had a lifetime packed into my car, and it took all my strength not to drive away with it. ■



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# INSIDE THE ARTIST'S STUDIO

## Painter finds creative guidance and inspiration in nature

BY KATHLEEN TAYLOR  
Special to Florida Weekly

Lynda Fay Braun will tell you right away that, although she loves what modern technology has brought to the creative world, she is a painter at heart. The tactile feel of the brush against the painting surface moves and inspires her. She works from a garage studio off Taylor Road in Naples. Natural light pours in from roll up doors at either end.



Lynda Fay Braun

Always inspired by her surroundings, Ms. Braun has lived in beautiful locations. She moved from New York to Southwest Florida in 1998 and to New Mexico in 2005. She spent eight years in Santa Fe, absorbing the stunning natural surroundings and taking thousands of photos. Living in Naples now, she keeps her camera nearby.

She's been fascinated by images of water. When she works with them in Photoshop, she simplifies the image, looking for the basic outlines and patterns on the surface. The finished result often has a topographical, outlined appearance.

"I'm reducing the image to the primary elements to find composition, balance and logic in nature. I see it as the beauty and truth in nature that the computer is distilling. Just as there is an endless pattern on the earth's surface, that pattern is, for me, a way into endless, meaningful abstract possibilities."

Raised in upstate New York, Ms. Braun spent her early years between the rugged environment of the Adirondacks and the museums of New York City. A natural attraction toward the ineffable combined with an affinity for nature and an independent spirit compelled her to seek a life in art.

She attended Boston Museum School of Art and Cooper Union School of Art, New York City, and earned an MFA in painting from Cornell University. As part of her assistantship at Cornell, she hosted a visit from Agnes Martin, a relationship which began a mentorship that lasted over 25 years



until Ms. Martin's death.

Ms. Braun's work has been exhibited in Santa Fe at the Center for Contemporary Art and at the Zane-Bennet and Linda Durham Contemporary Art Gallery and has been included in exhibitions at the Tabik Museum, Vienna, Austria; Johnson Museum of Art in Ithaca, N.Y.; the Empire State Museum in Albany, N.Y.; the Sibley Gallery at Cornell University; and Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ms. Braun has mentored art majors through the FGCU internship program and continues to teach on occasion at The von Liebig Art Center, where she is active with the Naples Art Association.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, Edison State College-Collier Campus will host an opening reception for an exhibit of Ms. Braun's work. The public is welcome. The exhibit will be on display through April 2014. ■

— Kathleen Taylor is director of marketing and public relations for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center. For more information about NAA artists, classes and exhibits, call 262-6517 or visit [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

## Free workshops cover the business of art

The Naples Art Association presents "The Business of Being an Artist," a series of free workshops about the business practices that help artists grow their careers. Tuesday-evening sessions will take place Oct. 8-Nov. 12 at The von Liebig Art Center. Admission is free.

■ **Oct. 8:** Attorney Anne Dalton will discuss the legal issues creative professionals face regarding copyright and "fair use" of their work.

■ **Oct. 15:** Public relations professional Cyndee Wooley will present "Seven Steps to Building Brand (You)," a discussion about how artists can build a strategic plan for connecting with collectors.

■ **Oct. 22:** TBA

■ **Oct. 29:** This session will focus

on the jurying process, offering artists insight into what jurors are looking for when they view and select work for shows, especially in the electronic processes that are becoming more and more prevalent in the industry.

■ **Nov. 5:** Artist Lynda Fay Braun (see above) will discuss how artists can use Facebook as a marketing tool.

■ **Nov. 12:** Attorney Anne Dalton presents "Five Easy Pieces - Photography," legal tips for "a photographer's holiday" in national and state parks, on the street, in museums or on government property.

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Sailing by Eileen W Johnson

## ABSTRACT

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that has lyrics, it's like someone's telling you a story, or at least guiding your thoughts of what the music's about," he says. An instrumental piece, on the other hand, doesn't have words to guide you, so the listener has to pay attention to the melody, the rhythm, to the way the music makes you feel.

It's the same for abstract art, he says.

"It's all emotion and color and the basic design principles. You have to somehow evoke emotion with those (elements)."

Mr. Johnson's mixed-media painting titled "Coeur de Ville" is part of the newest member exhibit at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. It won second place and is featured on the cover of the exhibition program.

The work has a red heart with red and black drips in the upper right hand corner. A white grid is superimposed on top of it. A grid of black and gray rectangles, like city blocks seen from above, stretch across the bottom half of the canvas, with mysterious writing in red and black on top of it.

Coeur de ville means "heart of the city," he says, a phrase that can refer to the town center.

"There are three things I wanted to be when I was a kid," the artist says. "First was an artist. Second was a city planner. And third was meteorologist."

He wound up being an artist whose work combines elements of city planning and meteorology.

Mr. Johnson's oddly compelling work contains mysterious numbers, letters, grids and charts, along with interesting juxtapositions of images from magazines, old textbooks, advertising, church bulletins and other ephemera.



Anatomy by Ursula Cappelletti

For him, collage offers the element of surprise, of seeing recognizable things taken out of context and put next to something you might never think of connecting it with.

"When I learn something new, such as a new technique, I layer it on top of what I already know, and I build up layers in my work like that," he says.

"When I see Steve's work, I don't see represented 'things,' but more the essence of things like emotions, sounds, shapes, colors — a simplified reality," says Susan Bridges, president of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. "His work is very specific, though, and anyone looking at his work perceives that. You can tell he's intentionally arranged things to lead us around, in, through and back out of his artwork."

Sometimes the title Mr. Johnson gives a work provides a springboard,

"When I learn something new, such as a new technique, I layer it on top of what I already know, and I build up layers in my work like that."

— Stephen Johnson,  
Bonita Springs abstract artist

Ms. Bridges adds, but not always. "But they're all an adventure and thought-provoking, like a calculated response to something that we're asked to experience and then bounce back with what we think or feel about the work, creating a great dialogue between artist, artwork and viewer."

On display at the center through Aug. 29, "The Message is Abstract" exhibit represents a mixture of styles and varying levels of skill and comfort with abstraction.

"Making abstract art seems like it's easy, but it's not," says Patrice Shields, the marketing director at the center. "I think doing representational work would be easier. With abstract art, you have to know a lot about design and color."

Referring to fellow artists who are members of the center, Mr. Johnson says most of them "think the abstract art show is the hardest one to make something for."

But for some, it feels like coming home.

Eileen Walden Johnson (no relation to Mr. Johnson) began as a representational artist. But she took a class in abstract painting at the center and discovered that she loved it, Ms. Shields says. She points out Ms. Johnson's piece "Sailing," one of two pieces the artist has in the show.

"People who don't normally like abstract art like her," Ms. Shields says.

in the know

### "The Message is Abstract"

- >> **When:** Through Aug. 29
- >> **Where:** Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs
- >> **Cost:** Free
- >> **Info:** 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org)

### Classes coming up

Want to explore the world of abstract painting? Here are two opportunities coming up at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. Both classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays; registration is \$139.50 for members, \$189.50 for others.

- >> "Abstract Only" with instructor Genie Kell Oct. 7-Nov. 9
- >> "Abstract Composition and Technique" with Shirley Blake Nov. 18-Dec. 21
- >> Call 495-8989 or visit [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org) for registration or more information.

"It's very positive, very bright, soothing to people, too."

She then points out two bold works by Ursula Cappelletti, rich in reds and oranges. The artist trained in textiles in Europe. "You look at her work, and you can pick that up," Ms. Shields says. "It looks like painted material, doesn't it?"

### Approaching abstract art

The way to approach abstract art is to "absolutely not judge," Ms. Shields says. "Look at it, see if you like it. You don't have to find something in it or make sense of it."

Adds the artist Mr. Johnson: "When I go to an art show and see an abstract art piece, sometimes it doesn't make me feel much of anything, which is the worst."

"And sometimes I'm just totally captivated by it. It so escapes definition as to why you feel the way you do." ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

Fake Problems, Oct. 24

# ARTIS

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over the country, including the Blue Note in New York City. Mr. Johnson on bass and Mr. Peterson on drums round out Mudbone.

The Wholetones plays a unique mix of bluegrass, folk, jazz and metal, all translated through acoustic instruments. Combining their technical skill with the spontaneity of jazz and the drive of bluegrass, they jumping from folk to metal as easily as they do from banjo to cello.

Formed in 2007 when Alex Dorris (cello, guitar, banjo, vocals) and Taylor Freyberg (guitar, harmonica, vocals) met at a local bluegrass jam, The Wholetones were later completed with the addition of Russ Depa on upright bass and Mayo Coates on drums.



The Wholetones, Oct. 3

Fake Problems plays a blend of beach- and soul-inspired indie rock. The Naples-born group consists of vocalist and guitarist Chris Farren, bassist Derek Perry, drummer Sean Stevenson and guitarist Casey Lee.

Tickets will be available at the box office on concert nights and can be purchased in advance by calling 597-1900 or visiting [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

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■ **Red Herring** – A comedy by Michael Hollinger presented by Theatre Conspiracy through Aug. 24 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or [info@theatreconspiracy.org](mailto:info@theatreconspiracy.org). See review on page C8.

■ **The House of Yes** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through Aug. 24. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).

## Thursday, Aug. 22

■ **Garden Tips** – Master Gardener Mike Malloy welcomes questions about plant identification and problems and offers landscaping advice from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-1351 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Movie Matinee** – Catch a free screening of “Meet John Doe” (1941), starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck, at 1 p.m. at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Birds of Prey** – Steve Mutart discusses “Shorebirds & Birds of Prey” at 2 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** – Robert Kelly takes the stage tonight through Aug. 25 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com).

## Friday, Aug. 23

■ **Piano Music** – Lynn Carol tickles the ivories from 6-9 p.m. in the lounge at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.

■ **Live Music** – Triple Shot performs from 7-10 p.m. at the Old Marco Pub & Restaurant. 1105 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 642-9700 or [www.oldmarcopub.com](http://www.oldmarcopub.com).

■ **Classic Hits** – The Live Bait Band performs from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willies. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or [www.weekendwillies.com](http://www.weekendwillies.com).

## Saturday, Aug. 24

■ **Fresh Produce** – The Third Street South Farmers Market takes place from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

■ **Family Fun** – Sports CLUB After School and Summer Camp hosts the “Let’s Dance-A-Thon” family fun festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include dancing and music for the entire family, raffles & contests, games, face painting and more. \$5/Person. 3275 Pine Ridge Rd. 566-2582.

■ **Two to Tango** – Alicia Repun leads a tango class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milongo for all levels until 11 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or [www.pablorpuntango.com](http://www.pablorpuntango.com).



The Naples Beach Hotel’s 28th season of free SummerJazz on the Gulf concerts continues with The Vodkanauts, above, from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 24 on the lawn at the beachfront hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. The series wraps up for another year when The Betty Fox Band, left, takes the stage Saturday, Sept. 21. 261-2222 or [www.naplesbeachhotel.com](http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com).

■ **Let’s Rock** – The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples hosts a “Glowing” Back-2-School dance party for teens from 7-9 p.m. \$10. 15080 Livingston Road. 514-0084 or [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org).

■ **SummerJazz** – The Naples Beach Hotel presents the Vodkanauts as part of its SummerJazz concert series from 7-10 p.m. on Watkins Lawn. Free. 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 261-2222 or [www.naplesbeachhotel.com](http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com).

■ **Outdoor Entertainment** – Stolen Fruit performs from 8-10 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. Free. 267-0783 or [www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

## Sunday, Aug. 25

■ **Dog Days** – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes canines and their owners from 8-11 a.m. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Live Tunes** – Quincy Mumford & The Reason Why perform at South Street Bar & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Rd. 435-9333 or [www.southstreetnaples.com](http://www.southstreetnaples.com).

## Monday, Aug. 26

■ **Don’t Miss It** – The Fort Myers Film Festival’s “Missed it Mondays” series continues with a screening of “The Invisible Men” beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. \$6. 2301 First St., Fort Myers. [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

■ **Live Tunes** – Mudbone takes the stage from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willies. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or [www.weekendwillies.com](http://www.weekendwillies.com).

## Wednesday, Aug. 28

■ **Cook’s Corner** – The Good Life of Naples hosts a cooking class featuring local Florida seafood with Chef Kristina San Filippo from 6-8 p.m. \$75. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or [www.goodlifenas.com](http://www.goodlifenas.com).

■ **Live Music** – Bill Colletti and Sharon Vath perform from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.

■ **Wine Dinner** – Whole Foods at Mercato hosts a five-course dinner featuring Winebow wines beginning at 6:30 p.m. \$49 per person. Reservations required. [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

## Coming up

■ **More Movies** – Catch a free screening of “Topper Returns” (1941), starring Joan Blondell, Roland Young and Carole Landis at 1 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Village Nights** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts live entertainment from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 29. [www.venetianvillage.com](http://www.venetianvillage.com).

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** – The Lost Rodeo Band performs at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Aug. 30. 431-7928.

■ **Jam Session** – The Sheffield Crew performs at 9:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Vandy’s & 5 Brothers. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

■ **White Party** – Blue Martini hosts a Soiree White Party in celebration of the bar’s fourth anniversary from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 1. Wear white and enjoy a complimentary cocktail. 591-2583 or [www.bluemartinilounge.com](http://www.bluemartinilounge.com).

■ **Book Signing** – Randy Wayne White signs copies of his newest book, “Deceived,” at 3 p.m. Sept. 3 at Sunshine Booksellers. 677 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 393-0353 or [www.sunshinebooksellers.com](http://www.sunshinebooksellers.com).

■ **Mercato Nights Music** – Mercato hosts a free concert featuring the reggae band SowFlo from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 5. [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

■ **NIFF Film Series** – The NIFF Film Society presents a screening and discussion of “Sunset Boulevard” (Not rated, 1950) at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at Silverspot Cinema. \$25/Person. [www.silverspotcinema.com](http://www.silverspotcinema.com).

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to [events@floridaweekly.com](mailto:events@floridaweekly.com). E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of fliers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

■ **All That Jazz** – Fred’s Food, Fun and Spirits hosts a jazz jam with Jebry and friends from 6-9 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [www.fredsiner.com](http://www.fredsiner.com).

■ **Movie Night** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of “The Bothersome Man” at 7 p.m. 26100 Old 41 Road. \$9. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Live Jam** – Devon Meyers performs at 11:30 p.m. at Vandy’s & 5 Brothers. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

## Tuesday, Aug. 27

■ **Movie Matinee** – Catch a free screening of “Meet John Doe” starting at 1 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island. 642-1440 or [www.themih.org](http://www.themih.org).



Quincy Mumford & The Reason Why take the stage at South Street City Oven Bar and Grill at 10 p.m. Aug. 25. A combination of raw rock with funk and soul, the band recently released its fifth album, “It’s Only Change.” 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or [www.southstreetnaples.com](http://www.southstreetnaples.com).

## 'Inspired Artworks' wanted

Juried exhibition coming to November conference

Artists are invited to submit work for display and sale in the "Inspired Artworks" exhibition set for Nov. 7-13 in Naples. The juried exhibit is part of the fourth annual Storytellers Creative Arts Conference, held to inspire creativity in art, music, performance, film, writing and media. The exhibition will be on public display in the lobby of Covenant Church of Naples-PCA, 6926 Trail Blvd., across from Pelican Bay.



The deadline for artists to submit photos of their work is Sunday, Sept. 29.

Submission must be made online at [www.storytellerscreativearts.com](http://www.storytellerscreativearts.com). The \$25 entry fee covers three pieces, which can be framed illustrations, abstracts, photos and representational and graphic works, sculptures or crafts.

Curators Mary Lee Gutwein and Susan Conner will lead the review committee to select pieces for exhibition, based on the "Inspired Artworks" theme and Psalm 19:1: "The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above proclaims His handiwork."

Ms. Gutwein is an author and illustrator, and Ms. Conner is a photographer and publisher. Exhibition jurors also include painter and watercolor artist Emily James, pastel artist and silversmith Cheri Dunnigan, photographer Hans Schmidt, portraiture artist Frances Golden Bussing and painter Marty Keddie.

"This exhibition provides both an

entry point for young artists to present their best work in a curated setting and a dynamic venue for experienced artists," event organizer Bill Barnett says. "We are soliciting works that reflect beauty, inspiration, originality and creativity."

The exhibition will benefit, in part, the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs scholarships for at-risk youth.

The Storytellers Creative Arts Conference, scheduled for Nov. 7-9, provides emerging and professional artists, as

well as people with a passion for the arts, to connect, share ideas and build mentor relationships. Literary, visual and performing arts leaders will gather to share their expertise for using creativity to positively impact culture. The conference includes performances, keynote speakers, workshops and small group sessions plus an evening of talent, food, film and networking.

Early registration for the conference is \$79 per person; group and student discounts are available.

The conference is sponsored by Storytellers Creative Arts Inc., founded in 2010 to inspire and develop creative people to use their artistic gifts to influence culture.

For more information, call 250-1822, e-mail [artexpo@storytellerscreativearts.com](mailto:artexpo@storytellerscreativearts.com) or visit [www.storytellerscreativearts.com](http://www.storytellerscreativearts.com). ■

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## New Works festival a rousing success for Gulfshore Playhouse

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Something exciting is happening in Naples, and it's quite wonderful to see.

On a recent rainy, muggy Friday night, approximately 100 people turned out for a play reading at The Norris Center downtown. "Point Last Seen" was the first play of Gulfshore Playhouse's first New Works Festival.

Producing Artistic Director Kristen Coury was stunned at the turnout; she didn't know if anyone would attend, and would've



Kristen Coury

been happy if 20 people had shown up, she confided to the audience in a pre-show talk.

And here was an audience of 100 who came out in the rain — *in the middle of summer* — and then stayed afterward to ask questions and give feedback to playwright Scott Organ, Ms. Coury and the actors.

Not only did they ask questions, they asked smart questions and had an intelligent dialogue about the play they'd just seen. Theirs were not the typical questions that are asked at a Q&A (you know, the type of inane questions or comments that make you cringe or roll your eyes).

At a play reading, the staging consists of music stands and actors reading their lines from the scripts; it's almost like

radio on stage. There are no costumes, sets or props. It's somewhat akin to hearing a singer perform with just a guitar or piano as accompaniment — no band or orchestra or fancy studio tricks to distract you from the words.

This is bare bones theater.

Mr. Organ's four-person play looks at the interactions of two couples. The men are friends at work, but there's talk of a layoff, and one of them might lose his job. Back at their respective homes, their marriages are also showing stress fractures.



The characters speak of feeling trapped by the responsibilities and obligations in their lives. The men are inattentive and don't really listen to their wives. And the women wonder where their freedom went, where their sense of self, their sense of being alive, has gone.

The couples follow a news story about a 3-year-old boy who's lost in the woods — an apt metaphor for how the characters themselves feel in their own lives.

"Point Last Seen" deals with adult themes of infidelity and job loss and mid-life crises (though the characters are only in their 30s.)

The Friday evening audience really warmed to it.

The second reading in the New Works Festival took place Saturday afternoon. Gwydion Suilebhan's "The Butcher" is based on a real-life incident of violence

that happened in a halal supermarket in Virginia. The characters include Muslims, Jews and fundamentalist Christians; the playwright said afterward that he wanted to put people on stage who are not often seen in theater.

While the play had its moments (for example, a surprisingly lovely monologue from a butcher about why, for him, slaughtering animals is a sacred act), I thought it was weighed down by its ideas. The characters didn't seem to be real people as much as vehicles for the playwright's message.

The ending, too, seemed a little weak. As a friend complained to me afterwards, the two male characters, who throughout the play are inattentive and accused by their wives of not listening, suddenly give the play's closing lines and denouement.

But "The Butcher" provided an interesting impetus to examine faith and perspective and how we approach people who think or believe differently than we do. It also contained some enticing descriptions of Iranian food, and so, for dinner, it was a no-brainer to walk up to Fifth Avenue South for dinner at Bha! Bha! Persian Restaurant.

The third and final reading, "Out of Orbit" by Jennifer Maisel, took place Saturday evening. The play focuses on a woman who's been a misfit all her life but finds her calling when she leads the Mars Rover mission. But she has a demanding teenager daughter at home,

and as a single mom, finds herself torn in two directions. She's out of sync with her daughter, and grows increasingly so as she lives on "Mars time," which itself is out of sync with Earth time.

Actress Kate Eastwood Norris brought the quirky mother to life, making her thoroughly likeable and relatable.

When I first read a description of the play, I was scared it was going to be too much like a TV sit-com or a Neil Simon knockoff. But "Out of Orbit" turned out to be well written and well crafted, more fully baked than the other two plays of the inaugural festival. The characters were wry and moving and thought provoking, with dialogue that crackled with wit.

I want to see more of Ms. Maisel's plays.

All three of these plays are works in progress. Theater is a collaborative art; having their plays read, and hearing an audience's response, helps playwrights revise and refine their work.

The actors and directors (Ms. Coury and artistic associate Cody Nickell, who also acted in two of the plays) also gave feedback earlier in the week, while working on the plays with their creators. Scenes and dialogue were rewritten and reworked.

It's an intense theatrical experience, seeing three play readings within 26 hours, but incredibly satisfying.

Ms. Coury was thrilled with the response to the New Works Festival, which now seems guaranteed to become an annual event.

The success of the festival just goes to show that conventional wisdom, which says Southwest Florida venues shouldn't do anything during the summer because no one will attend, is dead wrong.

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Singers should prepare a piece of their choosing no longer than two minutes that showcases their vocal talents. Applicants will be asked to match pitch, sight-read and take a short music theory assessment.

Founded in 1991, the volunteer chorus

is made up of singers of all ages and backgrounds. Under the direction of James Cochran, the group participates in pops and classical concerts each season alongside the Naples Philharmonic.

The chorus rehearses from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday. Performances for the 2013-14 season are as follows:

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Auditions for roles in productions of TheatreZone's ninth season will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-15. So far, more than 100 professional actors are scheduled to travel from around the country in hopes of landing one or more of 50 available roles. Appointments are still available.

Mark Danni, TheatreZone founding artistic director, says national exposure through the acting community's trade magazines and papers in key theater locations such as New York City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago and cities in Canada has helped attract actors to TheatreZone tryouts. Locals are also welcome to audition.

Actors should prepare 32 bars of a

song and a contrasting selection. An accompanist will be provided, but actors must bring their own sheet music and be prepared to dance. Sides are posted at [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

Appointments are requested and can be made by e-mailing Mr. Danni at [markdanni@theatrezone-florida.com](mailto:markdanni@theatrezone-florida.com) (preferred) or by calling 449-2323. AEA members without appointments will be seen throughout the audition days as time permits.

TheatreZone's ninth season opens in January with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Whistle Down the Wind" and continues with "High Society," "Chess" and "Forever Plaid." ■

# Calling all filmmakers

## Naples, Fort Myers festivals seek entries

The Naples International Film Festival and the Fort Myers Film Festival invite submissions for consideration.

NIFF welcomes full-length features (fiction, at least 40 minutes), documentaries (non-fiction, at least 40 minutes), shorts (narrative or documentary films shorter than 40 minutes) and Florida films (any of the aforementioned, but with principal photography in Florida) exclusively through Withoutabox, the online submission platform, at [www.withoutabox.com/login/7363](http://www.withoutabox.com/login/7363).

The fifth annual NIFF is set for Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 7-10. The opening night screening and gala take place at Artis—Naples; screenings of approximately 40 films will be held at Silverspot Cinema.

The Film Society of NIFF summer film series concludes on Tuesday, Sept. 10. The doors at Silverspot open at 6:30 p.m. for food and drink, and the screening of "Sunset Boulevard" will begin at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow the screening.

Tickets for \$25 include refreshments.

For more information about NIFF, call 775-3456 or visit [www.naplesfilmfest.com](http://www.naplesfilmfest.com).

### And in Fort Myers

The fourth annual Fort Myers Film Festival is set for Thursday-Monday, held March 19-23, 2014. Films for consideration can be submitted online at [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

FMFF categories for 2014 are: features, documentaries, shorts, short shorts, student and "Strictly Local." Through Aug. 1, entry fees will be waived for submissions from students and filmmakers living in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

FMFF hosts the final evening of its "Missed It Mondays" series, which brings back films from the 2013 festival, at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 (doors open at 6:30 for happy half-hour) at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, downtown Fort Myers. Tickets are \$6.

For more information about FMFF, visit the website above. ■

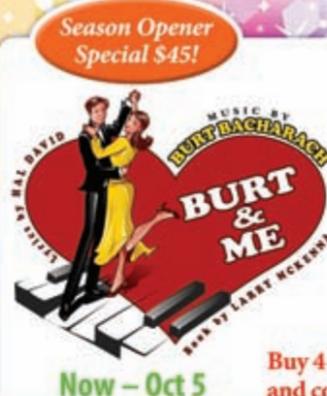
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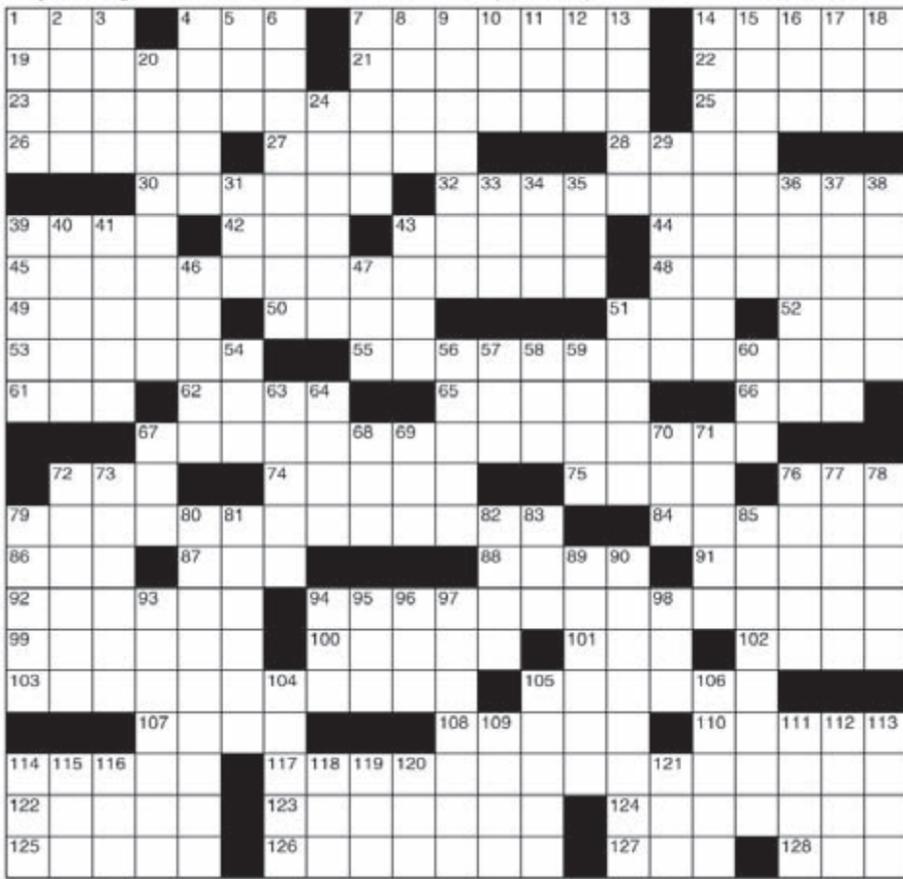
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## HOROSCOPES

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about his or her intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could prove to be costly.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: Scorpios do well with change.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A soft approach could be more

effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A little "wool-gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful; too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer to others. And sometimes you even take it yourself. ■

By Linda Thistle

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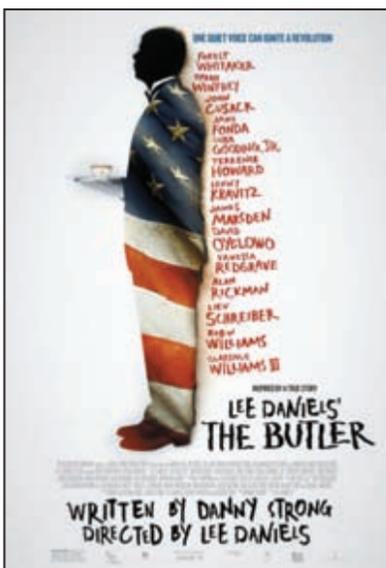
There's a reason dramas often focus on doers who make things happen. These people are interesting, fascinating and inspiring. Less notable are those who do nothing, who stand in the background while the world and life passes them by. They have no drama and therefore no conflict — all of which leads my point that it's a mistake for "Lee Daniels' The Butler" to focus on a man whose primary responsibility was to serve others without being noticed.

Granted, the job of a White House butler puts him in a plum locale to witness history in the making. But even these glimpses into history are over far too quickly, leaving Cecil Gaines' (Forrest Whitaker) reactions to them, though heartfelt, to feel scant and unfulfilling. He's a fly on the wall for the most important events of the latter half of the 20th century and he has nothing to show for it but his memories, which are valuable to him but meaningless to us.

More compelling is Cecil's son Louis (David Oyelowo), who grows up to be a freedom rider and Black Panther. While his father urges him to be content with the status quo and avoid confrontation, Louis fights for equal rights. A battle of wills ensues between the two, with their wife/mother (Oprah Winfrey) caught in the middle. Director Lee Daniels ("Precious") is also caught as he struggles to find balance between the two storylines.

The film was inspired by Wil Haygood's 2008 Washington Post article "A Butler Well Served By This Election," and a quick read of that and other related articles suggests most of what we see in the movie is fiction.

In real life, the butler's name was Eugene Allen. As in the film, First Lady Nancy Reagan did indeed invite Mr. Allen and his wife to a state dinner at the White House. Other than that, almost all of what we see is



Hollywood invention, which cheapens the authenticity of a story allegedly rooted in American history.

That said, it's enjoyable to see how Hollywood reinvents history.

Alex Pettyfer, Vanessa Redgrave and Mariah Carey (in a blink-and-you'll-miss-her cameo) open the film with a young Cecil (Michael Rainey Jr.) on a cotton plantation in 1926 Georgia. Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Lenny Kravitz play Cecil's friends/co-workers. Robin Williams is President Eisenhower, James Marsden is President Kennedy, Minka Kelly is Jackie Kennedy, Liev Schreiber is President Johnson, John Cusack is President Nixon, Alan Rickman is President Reagan and Jane Fonda is Mrs. Reagan. If nothing else, the movie doesn't lack for star power.

But smart and discerning moviegoers should not be fooled into thinking this is quality storytelling just because of big names and maudlin melodrama. There's plenty that happens to Cecil both professionally and in his personal life, but little is his own doing: He initiates only when absolutely necessary, and even then reluctantly. He's a wallflower, and even though he has a cool job, he is not remotely interesting.

Given the scope of "Lee Daniels' The Butler," the 132-minute running time and the power of The Weinstein Company ("The Artist") behind it, there's no doubt the film is positioned to strike now, go away for a while and then peak in popularity when it's (probably) released on home video around Christmas. This puts it in prime position for the Oscar race.

But here's the flaw with that plan: The movie isn't very good. ■

**in the know**

>>>The reason the title is "Lee Daniels' The Butler" rather than "The Butler" (as was the original intention) is because the petty, ridiculous execs at Warner Bros. claimed they control the rights to the title because they own a 1916 silent comedy short called, yes, "The Butler." The Motion Picture Association of America originally ruled that the word "butler" couldn't be used at all in the title but later reversed that decision.

## CAPSULES

### Kick-Ass 2 ★★

(Chloe Grace Moretz, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Christopher Mintz-Plasse) Kick-Ass (Mr. Taylor-Johnson) finds new friends as Hit-Girl (Ms. Moretz) tries to leave the rough life behind in this flawed sequel to the 2010 hit. It's not terrible in its own right, but it lacks creativity and it'll leave fans of the original disappointed. Lower your expectations. Rated R.

### Elysium ★★

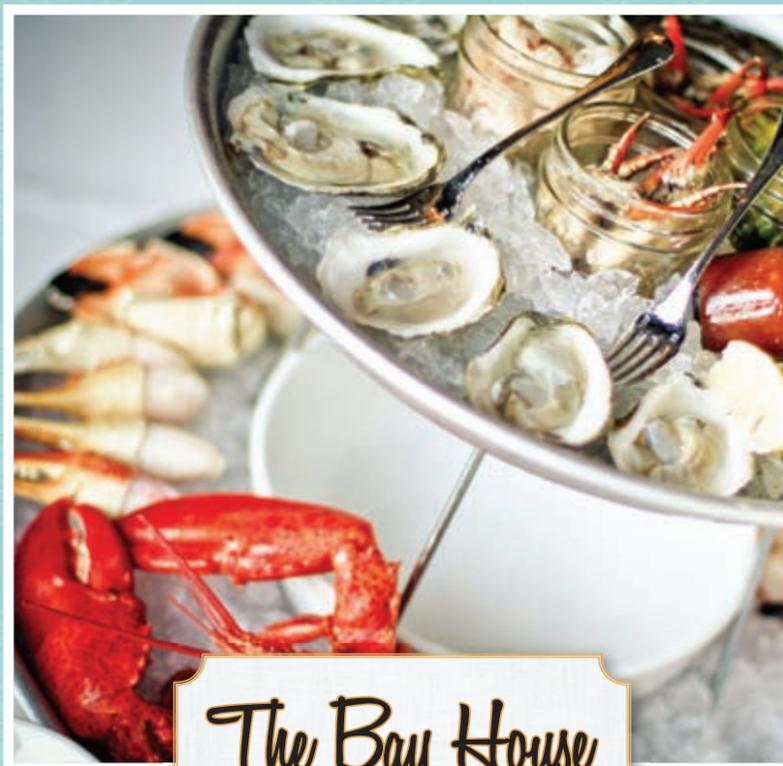
(Matt Damon, Jodie Foster, Diego Luna) In 2154, poor people live in the decrepit wasteland of Earth while the wealthy live on an idyllic spaceship

oasis just outside Earth's atmosphere called "Elysium." Earth worker Max (Mr. Damon) needs to get to Elysium — where Earthlings are not allowed — or he'll die of radiation poisoning. The production design and visual effects look great and the story is intense throughout. Rated R.

### Planes ★★

(Voices of Dane Cook, Teri Hatcher, Stacy Keach) A crop-dusting plane named Dusty (Mr. Cook) gets to compete in a race around the world in this second-rate "Cars" spinoff. There are scattered amusing moments, but the movie consistently flutters when it needs to soar. Rated PG. ■

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## Ice stands stood to add flair to dinner tables



**Q:** For years my family has owned an antique spool bed (the kind with spool-turned head and foot boards). Everyone always called it a “Jenny Lind bed.” Please tell me why.

**A:** Jenny Lind (1820-1887) was a world-famous opera singer known as the “Swedish Nightingale.” She became a huge celebrity in the United States

to promote everything from hats and gloves to pianos and beds. Ms. Lind is said to have slept in a spool-turned bed while on the tour — so furniture makers started calling the popular style a “Jenny Lind bed.” The style still is often advertised that way.

**Q:** My father-in-law died in 1962 and left a bottle of Chivas Regal 12 Year Old blend. It has never been opened and has all the stamps required at the time. Does it have any value other than the normal price today?

**A:** James and John Chivas began making blended whiskey in Aberdeen, Scotland, in the mid-19th century. The Chivas Regal 12 Year Old Blend was introduced in 1938. The Chivas Regal brand was bought by Pernod Ricard, a French group, in 2001. Full bottles of liquor should be kept in a cool, dark place, but even with proper storage, the liquor may deteriorate after a few years. Full bottles can't be sold privately in some states. You could open the bottle and drink the whiskey, although if it was stored in a hot or sunny place, the taste may have changed. Modern liquor bottles have very little resale value.

**Q:** I have a hanging scale marked “Patented Aug. 19, 1884, makers of balances and scales of every description, John Chatillon & Sons, New

A Minton majolica centerpiece was auctioned in May 2013 as an “ice stand.” Minton & Polson was established in 1793 in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England. The company started making majolica in about 1850. Some of these early pieces, marked “Minton,” inspired majolica made after 1873, when the company often used the mark “Mintons.” Ice stands were pictured in the company’s 1851 catalog. They were tall pieces meant to be used as spectacular centerpieces on a dining table. Each was a tall pedestal with a vase or dish-shaped piece at the top, a large “stem” and a group of small bowls or plates surrounding the pedestal, sometimes at two levels. The stands held ice or ice shavings and sauces for dessert. But as one expert has said, they were “more ornamental than functional.” An 1865 Minton ice stand decorated with stag heads, wolves and pine cones sold for \$8,610 at a May 2013 Neal auction in New Orleans.



Why an ice stand would be decorated with stag heads and wolves is a mystery, but this 14-inch-high piece of majolica, used to serve dessert, sold for \$8,610 at Neal Auction Co. in New Orleans.

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York." It also reads "Butcher's scale," and has numbers from zero to nine on the dial. Can you give me any information about this?

**A:** John Chatillon & Sons was founded in New York City in 1835. The company made spring balances for butchers. By 1883 it was making balances, scales, cutlery and other goods. The Chatillon brand is now owned by Ametek, Inc., based in Berwyn, Pa. It still makes springs and scales, as well as other force-measuring instruments for industry. Value of your scale is about \$50 to \$75.

**Q:** In late 1982, my husband bought a small Timex personal computer for \$105 (including taxes). We still have the computer, without its box, and the original receipt. He used it exactly

once. Should I keep it or toss it?

**A:** You have a "Timex Sinclair 1000" computer. It was the first computer produced by Timex Sinclair, a joint venture of Timex Corp., a U.S. company, and Sinclair Research of England. The computer was sold as "the first computer under \$100." Timex lost out to competitors like Commodore, Atari and Apple, and dropped out of the computer market in early 1984. Timex Sinclair 1000s frequently are offered for sale online. Prices range from about \$40 to well over \$200. So, rather than tossing the computer, you might want to recoup some of your money by selling it. You can learn more about Timex Sinclair computers at OldComputers.net, a site dedicated to obsolete technology.

**Q:** I have inherited a picture of what looks like an oil painting. There are two buildings in it, one with a "Morton Salt" sign. The picture is signed "H. Hargrove" and has a round seal on the back with a number and the phrase, "Collectors Corner, Inc., Certificate of Authenticity." Is it worth much?

**A:** "H. Hargrove" is a name used by painter Nicolo Sturiano. He was born in Italy in 1941 and came to the United States in 1964. He worked as a winemaker at a New York State vineyard while he began painting as a hobby. When his nostalgic American landscapes became popular, he left the vineyard and moved to Greenwich Village in New York City. Collectors Corner of Indianapolis sold Hargrove prints in the 1980s through a home party plan. Hargrove is still working and has a

studio in Toms River, N.J. Your limited-edition print sells for \$25 or less.

**Tip:** Never wrap your painting in bubble wrap so that the wrap touches the painted surface. In time, the plastic will leave marks. ■

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## Broadway Palm opens season with 'Burt and Me'

Broadway Palm Theatre opens its 21st season with "Burt & Me," playing Aug. 22-

The romantic musical comedy celebrates the music of the legendary Burt Bacharach and Hal David. "Burt and Me" features 20 of the most popular Bacharach/David songs.

The dinner theater offers a season-opener special in which all tickets are \$45 for dinner and the show. Through Sept. 8, patrons who purchase four or more tickets will also receive a house appetizer and a cocktail in a souvenir glass.

"Burt and Me" tells the story of high school sweethearts Joe and Lacey, who

met over their love of basketball and the music of Burt Bacharach. After separating in college, their paths cross several years later and Joe tries to rekindle their romance with the help of Burt Bacharach.

The show includes such classics as "Do You Know the Way to San Jose," "This Guy's in Love with You," "The Look of Love," "Always Something There to Remind Me," "A House is Not a Home," "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head," "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" and "Close to You."

The cast includes familiar faces from



Ramsey, who played one of the Three Little Pigs in "Shrek," has the role of Joe Madson. Also appearing in "Burt and Me" are Chuck Caruso, Rendell DeBose, Sheira Feurstein, Sami Doherty and making his Broadway Palm debut, Taylor Murphy Hale.

Performances are Wednesday through Sunday evenings with selected matinees.

Tickets can be reserved by calling 278-4422, by visiting [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com) or by stopping by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. ■

Broadway Palm's recent hit "Shrek the Musical." Kate Marshall, who played Princess Fiona, plays the role of Lacey Turner, and audience favorite John



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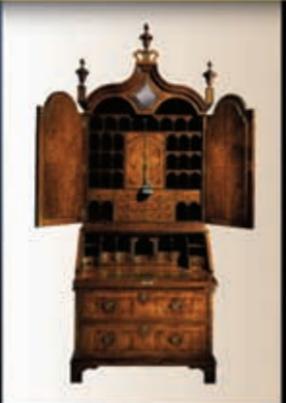














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# WRITING CHALLENGE

## A tale of time passages rises to the top

Creative entries continue to arrive for *Florida Weekly's* annual Writing Challenge. The general level of excellence of all the entries has been high, with our readers proving themselves masters of wordsmithery. This week's selection, "Yesterdays" by Sherrylyn Black of Bonita Springs, is yet another strong contender to win the big prize in November. Send in your own story and perhaps you'll be in the running as well. We'll be sharing the best stories with our readers in the weeks to come.

Using the photo seen on page C17 as a starting point for your creative process, we'd like you to come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. There is no minimum length. No poems, please.

*Florida Weekly* will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Aug. 24. E-mail them to [writing@floridaweekly.com](mailto:writing@floridaweekly.com) and we will print the best submissions on these very pages. No "snail mail" copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission. Feel free to include a headshot of yourself. The earlier we receive your submission, the better your shot at being printed.

We'll continue with various heats of the competition in the coming months. Two winners selected by our editorial staff will win a ticket each to the eighth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference in November. Thanks for writing and good luck. ■

BY SHERRYLYN D. BLACK

I never minded doing the dishes. The view out to the river from the kitchen sink always made for a great distraction from the pots and pans, especially in the summer when there were lots of boats motoring or sailing past our pier. However, it annoyed my sister to no end when I'd volunteer for cleanup duty after dinner so mommy could go out to sit on the pier to smoke her cigarettes and have her "after dinner cocktail." That was mommy's greatest pleasure these days but it was the two things my sister disliked the most — helping around the house and watching mommy smoke and drink. So I felt it was up to me to make mommy happy. I was 10, what did I know anyhow.

Barbara Ann was five years my senior and being the baby sister gave me an advantage I never knew I had until many years later when we were adults and our parents were long gone. But for now I was content to be the good girl and at 10 years old that meant I never was deprived of love and praise from my parents and the occasional gift from my dad when he got home from a trip. Barbara Ann was 15 and boys were the big

### Yesterdays

attraction in her life. She could care less about the beauty of the river or making our parents happy, much less doing the dishes.

Dad was a pilot working for a small company that operated private, executive jet planes for hire out of the Easton airport located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He flew rich and important people who had second homes on the Shore, but lived or worked in D.C. or Baltimore, on the other shore, back and forth between the two shores. I still had not comprehended the difference between the two — The Eastern Shore and The Western Shore. All I knew was that people who lived on one side always wanted to be on the other. And the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, The Bridge, as it was called, connected the two land masses and controlled everyone's life. If there was an accident or weather related issue, The Bridge shut down and people on one side or the other couldn't go anywhere. The bridge had a whole identity to itself. So by flying between the two shores, people could avoid the entire problem of living or dying at the hand of The Bridge.

Mom was born and raised on The Eastern Shore and that was a badge of honor she wore proudly. Every-

one knew Mary Margaret Carmichael and when she married a Naval Academy graduate from Annapolis they thought she'd move away from Easton and never return. But the handsome young man who wanted to be a Navy pilot never dreamed of asking his new bride to leave the home she adored and the river that held so many yesterdays for both of them. Anthony Clark fell hook, line and sinker for the stunning waitress at Pusser's Bar and Grill where all the Academy midshipmen hung out and after four years of dating, romancing on the Shore, they were married in the chapel and began their life together.

Mom and dad traveled around the country for seven years while he was in the Navy. My sister and I were born on different naval bases, in different states and five years apart. We moved to Easton when I was 5 and Barb was 10. Gram and Pop Carmichael were aging and our mother, their only child, took on the responsibility of caring for them which meant moving into the house on the river in Easton where our mother was raised and where my parents fell in love and become devoted to each other. Dad was able to get a job with the airport's private jet company flew



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there. Mommy and daddy never had those quiet moments of dancing in the kitchen anymore and they were always arguing over Barb's clothes or her grades or her friends. I thought if I wore whatever they wanted me to wear, got good grades and played with their friend's kids, I'd make them happy and we all could be a happy family again. Well that turned out to be a bad idea. Now at the ripe ole' age of 10, Barb hated me and blamed me for everything bad that ever happened in her life. She would eventually leave home at 16 to live with Dad's parents in California and became estranged from our family forever.

The pier became my go-to place also. I would sit at the end and dangle my feet in the wavy, murky water, watching carefully for the jellyfish that came with the summer heat. Getting stung was never a good thing. I'd fish for white perch and use them for bait in the crab traps I tended off the pier and sell my catch to the neighbors who loved the blue crabs that are so plentiful in the summer. I'd wait patiently around 1:30 on summer afternoons for the Patriot, the paddle tour boat from St. Michael's that would go up and down the river with tourists from The Western Shore, so I could wave and make the captain toot his horn. I would watch the great blue herons glide with such beauty and ease up and down and all around me. Every year I'd watch for the ospreys to return to their platform on the piling that Pop put up for them. Pop said they mated for life and would always return to our piling. Somehow the same pair always returned to the same platform to build their nest. It

was a sign that spring and summer were coming when I saw the first osprey. They would screech frantically when I'd walk down the pier trying to get me to stay away. The screeching would increase after the babies hatched. But I still walked out there, watching the nest making progress and eventually watching as the babies learned to fly. Then in the fall, the babies all left the nest and the pair would fly away. That's when I knew winter was on the way. The pier held all my beautiful yesterdays.

So here I am, 55 years later, doing the dishes, looking out the same kitchen window to the pier and reflecting on those yesterdays. Before the doctors said mom's lung cancer and liver disease were both inoperable. Before The Bridge was closed and dad flew that VIP back to D.C. and came back with an American flag pin for my sweater that came from the president. Before Barbara Ann moved to California and said she'd never forgive me for always being so perfect. Before they found Dad in the hangar with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head. No notes were ever found. And silly as it may seem, before I realized that Eastern Shore natives weren't the only ones who ended their sentences with a preposition. Then yesterday, when I walked out to the end of the pier and thought about never walking back.

Today, I'm not going to waste a moment on yesterdays. I'm going to walk out to the end of the pier and say a prayer to St. Jude and think about tomorrow. ■

constantly between East, BWI and Regan National airports. Mom stayed at home being a caregiver to her parents and her daughters. Yesterdays became her world. Her cigarettes and her cocktails became her everyday.

The pier that led from our backyard into the river became her go

to place. Gram and Pop died soon after we move there and their house became our home. Even at 5 years old, I knew something changed when we settled into life there. Daddy was constantly gone, Barb was testing mom's parenting skills and it seemed like I was the only one who loved living

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## Marco authors bring headlines, deadlines and death close to home



■ **“Deadly News,” by Don Farmer with Chris Curle. Publisher Page/Headline Books. 320 pages. Hardcover, \$24.95; trade paperback, \$19.95.**

Suppose the second Atlanta Olympics is about to begin and the news frenzy is ratcheting up while lavish parties feed the buzz. Atlanta’s business and political leaders are all eager to make a killing. Instead, a killing makes the news and threatens to upset their plans, as law enforcement agencies and news crews make the death of a movie star their primary focus.

Waning film star Cav Campbell didn’t just die, he plummeted from the 46th floor of a condo and was impaled on the tower mast of TV news truck on hand to cover the celebratory pre-Olympic partying. Mr. Campbell, the boy-toy of Global News Service’s chief owner Brenda (“Bren”) Forrest, was a coke-head with a healthy tab and tan. Readers know early on that he was tossed to his death by Eurasian beauty Lia Lee as part of a plot to weaken Bren’s hold on GNS so that British television and illegal drug entrepreneur Ian Phelps can take over her company.

Suspense rises from the question of whether or not the diabolical Mr. Phelps will succeed.

However, the investigation process is far from the major center of interest, especially since it doesn’t take hold until the final 50 pages of the novel. Lia Lee is murdered before she can be found out (let alone arrested) — or is that Tia Lee, Lia’s twin? Hmmm ...

Much more engaging and much more authoritatively presented is the world of television news. Whether detailing the workings of the CNN-



like Global News Service or the local Atlanta Channel 3 and its NewsBlitz3 so-called Satellite News Center, authors Don Farmer and Chris Curle have it nailed. The bits and pieces of reporting, jockeying for position on camera or at the site of the action, and the control room banter are handled with an authenticity colored by sharp, satiric overtones.

Mr. Farmer and Ms. Curle provide us with pomposity, other forms of vanity, eagerness, aggressiveness, industry, silliness and even some downright professionalism. The race for getting the news out first, maybe even getting it right, regularly comes alive in the novel’s most entertaining passages. The parody of news-speak gets repetitious after a while, but it never gets dull.

And the writers get a lot of mileage out of a slim number of appealing characters.

We are certainly drawn to Afro-American newswoman Cassandra Page and her secret lover and occasional source, homicide detective James Hagan. Bren Forrest is appealing in standing her ground, working through her fear and despondency over the loss of Cav Campbell and rallying her troops to keep GNS on target and under control. Pleasant enough, but marginal, are Bren’s friends, the big-wig Olympic planners Jerry and

his mole, GNS producer Ned Bastige; and the coldblooded femme fatale, Ms. Lee. The mayor and the chief of police are among the unfortunately large body of dislikeable characters.

Several quirky newsroom characters are entertaining in their brief roles.

A real strength of “Deadly News” is its strong sense of place. The news business microcosm and the larger portrait of Atlanta are managed with verisimilitude.

For the Marco Island crowd, the authors have hit the ball out of the park. In choosing Marco as the community that Mr. Phelps often visits and where frantic late action takes place, the authors afford special fun for Marco aficionados. Their art of product placement brings us to several familiar watering holes and restaurants and, one hopes, assures the authors of the best seats in those houses. I can’t figure out why Sunshine Booksellers doesn’t get a mention.

Thriller fans will enjoy this intriguing novel that blends insider news industry savvy with ruthless crime on an Olympic scale and stage.

### About the authors

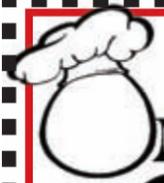
Mr. Farmer and Ms. Curle have been seen and heard by millions during their decades of major media broadcast journalism. They have appeared on ABC News, CNN, NBC News and network TV stations in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Philadelphia and Houston. For many years now, they have made their home on Marco Island. ■

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



Jan Vaughn.

Mostly, however, the villains have their day; notable here are Ian Phelps;



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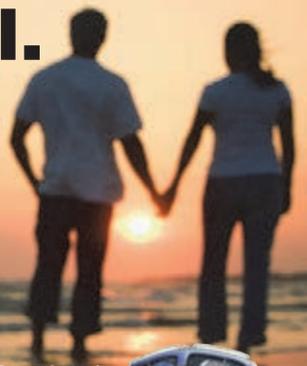
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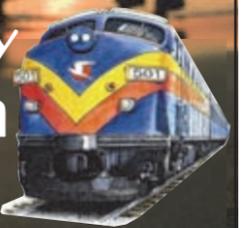
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Naples National Art Festival: Feb. 22-23 at Eighth Street South and Cambier Park. Deadline: Nov. 6.

Mercato Fine Arts Festival: March 1-2 at Mercato. Deadline: Nov. 13.

Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts: March 22-23 along Fifth Avenue South. Deadline: Nov. 20.

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Jan. 18-19: Naples Masters Art Festival, The Shoppes at Vanderbilt

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Feb. 15-16 Olé Art & Jazz Festival at Lely Resort, Naples

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

## Famous Hand

BY STEVE BECKER

This deal occurred in the 1990 World Open Pairs, held in Geneva. The hero of the deal was Ralph Katz, who, partnered by Peter Nagy, finished second in the event. Mr. Katz held the West hand and sat quietly as his opponents reached six diamonds on the auction shown. South’s two-spade opening was weak and promised no more than a good five-card suit. North then employed a series of relay bids by which he learned that South had a minimum with precisely 5-1-4-3 distribution.

Mr. Katz led his singleton club, and declarer rose with the ace and played the A-K-Q of hearts, discarding his two remaining clubs. South then started on the right track to making the slam by leading a low diamond to the seven. After the seven lost to the jack, declarer could ruff a heart in his hand, pick up West’s king of diamonds via two finesses and then collect five spade tricks by cashing the ace and taking a finesse against East’s queen. South would lose only one trump trick on this line of play and would make the slam for a score of 920 points.

But a funny thing happened on the way to 12 tricks. When declarer led a diamond to the seven at trick five, Mr. Katz won the trick with the king! He then returned a spade, allowing declarer to pick up East’s queen and establish the spade suit.

Understandably, South now thought

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Dble
Pass	Pass	6 ♦	

Opening lead — three of clubs.

he was home free. With the jack of diamonds “marked” on his right, he led a diamond to the ace, planning to finesse against East’s jack next (if necessary) and so score the rest of the tricks. But when East showed out on the second diamond, declarer realized he had been had, and he immediately offered his congratulations to Mr. Katz for his brilliant deceptive play. ■

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**FRIDAY, AUG. 23, 9 P.M.**

**American Masters  
James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket**

This in-depth portrait of the great American author uses archival material that reflects Mr. Baldwin's world-

wide influence and appeal. Interviews with notable colleagues, including Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison, are included.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 24, 9 P.M.**

**As Time Goes By**

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 25, 9 P.M.**

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The March, Aug. 27

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# CELEBRITY EXTRA

## Where will 'Downton Abbey' go from here?

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I thought Jay Leno was going to retire and hand "The Tonight Show" reins over to Jimmy Fallon. Is that ever going to happen?

— *Brendan W., Spokane, Wash.*

**A:** NBC officially announced that Jay Leno's last day will be Feb. 6, 2014, with his staff of 170 getting paid through September as part of the agreement. Jimmy Fallon will take over hosting duties on Feb. 24, after the closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics. "The Tonight Show" will relocate to New York City from Los Angeles for Jimmy's tenure as host. Seth Meyers — writer, comedian and "Weekend Update" anchor on "Saturday Night Live" — will take over Jimmy's position at "The Late Show."

**Q:** I think I've finally dealt with the death of Matthew Crawley on "Downton Abbey" and am now eager for more upstairs/downstairs drama. Can you tell me when new episodes will begin airing?

— *Frannie P., via e-mail*



Michelle Dockery

**A:** Series four of "Downton Abbey," which picks up in the winter of 1922, is scheduled to premiere Jan. 4, 2014, on PBS. Michelle Dockery, who plays the newly widowed Mary, assured fans at the Television Critics Association panel this year that as far as she knows, no other major characters are set to exit this season (referring to last season's deaths of Matthew and Lady Sybil).

Michelle told the TCA panel: "As much as I think it was sad to see Dan (Stevens, who played Matthew) go, it opens up an opportunity for Julian (Fellowes, "Downton Abbey's creator and head writer) to take the character in all new directions. The fourth (season) is about recovery. She's starting a new life. There are various suitors who are being thrown in her direction. But she's very reluctant to go through with any of it because she can't stop thinking about Matthew."

**Q:** Is it true that Lea Michele and Kate Hudson of "Glee" do not get along off-screen?

— *Bridget L., via e-mail*

**A:** Chalk that rumor up to good acting — just because their characters didn't get along doesn't mean the actresses behind the characters don't. In fact, Kate offered up her Los Angeles home to Lea so she could hide out for a few weeks after the death of her beau, Cory Monteith. ■

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Tickets are \$100 per person; well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to accompany their owners. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 649-3683.

■ The NCH Pediatric Emergency Department will benefit from funds raised at the 55th annual **NCH Hospital Ball** set for Saturday, Oct. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Funds will go toward expansion of the department, which is part of a complete renovation planned for the North Naples Emergency Room.

Tickets are \$500 per person, and a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Miriam Ross at the NCH Healthcare System Foundation at 624-2015 or e-mail [foundation@nchmd.org](mailto:foundation@nchmd.org).

■ **Champions For Learning**-The Education Foundation of Collier County, hosts the **"Heart of the Apple"** luncheon honoring Alan Korest on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Hilton Naples. Mr. Korest is being honored for the significant impact he has made over the years on the learning environment for children in Collier County Public Schools.

For tickets or more information, call 643-4755 or visit [www.educationforcollier.org](http://www.educationforcollier.org).

■ The **Women's Initiative Network** of the **Community Foundation of Collier County** hosts the inaugural **"Power of the Purse"** luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Guest speaker Connie Rose, a voice for trafficked minors, endured 16 years of childhood sexual abuse, much of it at the hands of her serial sex offender father. She founded Victims-2Survivors, a platform to bring awareness and to provide support for victims and survivors of sexual violence, sex trafficking and domestic violence.

The foundation's The 2014 Women of Initiative honorees will also be formally announced at the luncheon. Nominations are being accepted at [www.cfcollier.org](http://www.cfcollier.org). The award ceremony will be held on March 31 at the Naples Beach & Golf Resort.

Tickets to "Power of the Purse" are \$125 per person, \$250 for patrons and \$2,500 for a patron table. For more information, visit the website above.

■ Humane Society Naples holds its **Strut Your Mutt** costume parade and contest for best-dressed pets (and owners) on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Germain BMW. Admission is free; registration for the costume contest (Most Original, Scariest, Celebrity Lookalike, Cutest and Best Group/two or more pets) is \$10.

The society's 15th annual **Tea & Fashion Show** is set for Thursday, Dec. 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's theme is "Passport to Paris." Co-chairs are Philip Douglas and Doug Olsen.

Visit [www.humanesocietynaples.com](http://www.humanesocietynaples.com) for information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities as the dates draw closer.

■ The fifth annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 7-10. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 7 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 8-10. Check [www.naplesfilmfest.com](http://www.naplesfilmfest.com) for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456.

■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** stages the annual **Dancing with the Stars for Literacy** beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Notable Neapolitans partner with professional dancers from the Naples Academy of Performing Arts to dance two-minute routines before a panel of judges. Performers also compete for a prize awarded to the dancer who raises the most money for LVCC.

Tickets are \$175 per person. Advertising sponsorships, table sponsors and a silent auction produce additional funds for LVCC. For more information, call 262-4448 or visit [www.collierliteracy.org](http://www.collierliteracy.org).

■ The first annual **American Girl Fashion Show** to benefit the **Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida** comes to the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Each show will include brunch/lunch and a marketplace as well as local child models wearing historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl. NBC-2 anchor Kellie Burns will tell the history of American Girl.

Sponsorship opportunities are available now. Call Wendy Tooley at 822-5154.

■ **Naples Botanical Garden** celebrates the 10th annual **Hats in the Garden**, "Elegance in Bloom," on Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Garden. Co-chairs are Karen Scott and Vicky Smith; Connie Vandenberg is the 2013 Hats in the Garden ambassador. Styled by Marissa Collections, the red-carpet runway show will showcase fashions by Oscar de la Renta, Valentino, Zac Posen, Alberta Ferretti, Lanvin, Marchesa, Monique Lhuillier, Naeem Khan and Giambattista Valli. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor.

The patron party will take place Monday, Nov. 11, at the home of Jenny and Kermit Sutton.

Individual tickets are \$500 per person (limited availability). Several levels of sponsorship are available.

The Garden holds its 2014 **Garden Party** and opening night celebration of "Nature Connects: LEGO Sculpture Exhibit" on Thursday evening, Feb. 13. Garden Party c-chairs are Mary Ann Bindley and Geren Fauth. The exhibit, which will be in place for three months, consists of 27 larger-than-life sculptures built with LEGO bricks by New York artist Sean Kenney.

For information about tickets and sponsorships for either of the above events, contact Meghan Gorman at 325-1929 or [mgorman@naplesgarden.org](mailto:mgorman@naplesgarden.org).

■ The **Naples Zoo** holds its 2013 **Children's Gala: "Carnivale of the Animals"** for kids and their grown-ups from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Zoo. The evening will include "wild" games and prizes, a family-friendly silent

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■ **The David Lawrence Center and Foundation** holds its signature destination-themed gala Friday, Jan. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Co-chairs Caryn Hacker-Buechel and Amanda Jaron and their committees already are hard at work, and new volunteers are always welcome. For information about joining a gala committee, call 304-3505.

Guests at **“Under the Eiffel Tower: A Journey to 1920s Paris”** will be transported to the world’s metropolitan center for cultural and artistic glamour during the post-World War I era, when peace fell softly on the City of Lights. It was a time when soulful jazz played through the evening streets and gas-lit promenades were filled with people dancing, dining and indulging in the economic prosperity and social and artistic dynamism of the Roaring ’20s.

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To help set the mood, New York jazz singer Lainie Cooke and her trio — master drummer Ralph Peterson, Peter Zak on piano and Don Mopsick on bass — will provide dinner entertainment, after which the dance band PowerHouse will take the stage so guests can dance the night away under the Eiffel tower.

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Tickets to “Under the Eiffel Tower” are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$10,000 per premier sponsor table of 10. A variety of additional sponsorship opportunities also are available.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact Monica Biondo at 304-3505 or visit [www.davidlawrencecenter.org](http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org).

■ **“Rebuilding Children’s Lives,” Youth Haven’s** fourth annual benefit luncheon, is set for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Guest speaker Antwone Fisher, award-winning film and literary writer, was the subject of the eponymous movie co-starring and directed by Denzel Washington. Like Youth Haven’s children, Mr. Fisher’s young life was scarred by abandonment and abuse. The loving support of a special therapist, friends and, ultimately, a reunion with his family, changed everything for the better.

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■ **“Celebrate the Journey,” the 2014 Naples Winter Wine Festival,** is set for Friday-Sunday, Jan. 24-26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Co-chairs are Linda Malone, Anne Welsh McNulty and Adria Starkey.

NWWF tickets are \$8,500 per couple and \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For more information, call (888) 837-4919 or visit [www.NaplesWineFestival.com](http://www.NaplesWineFestival.com).



The 55th annual NCH Hospital Ball takes place Saturday, Oct. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, and will benefit the NCH Pediatric Emergency Department. Shown at the 2012 ball are Sue Letizia, Stacey Herring, Yvonne Bourk and Heather Fitzenhagen, top; Ellen and Aaron Weinstein, on above left; and Sen. Garret and Diana Richter, above right. The Richters are chairs of the 2013 gala.

■ *New York Times* bestselling author and former Washington Post Magazine general editor Leslie Morgan Steiner will present the keynote address at **The Shelter for Abused Women and Children’s 2014 “Mending Broken Hearts with Hope”** luncheon set for Monday, Feb. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Ms. Steiner’s memoir, “Crazy Love,” details how she survived four years of domestic violence in her first marriage before escaping and rebuilding her life. A Harvard graduate with an MBA in marketing from Wharton School of Business, she has been a regular on the “Today Show,” NPR, ABC, CBS and MSNBC as an advocate for the awareness and prevention of domestic violence.

Tickets to “Mending Broken Hearts with Hope,” which include admission to a designer boutique at the hotel, are \$350 per person, \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail [sutz@naplesshelter.org](mailto:sutz@naplesshelter.org).

■ The 2014 **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Northern Trust is the title sponsor for the sixth consecutive year.

The festival begins with chef/vintner dinners in private homes throughout Southwest Florida on Friday and concludes with a grand tasting and auction at Miromar Lakes on Saturday. The primary beneficiary is The Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. For more information, call 278-3900 or visit [www.SWFLWineFest.org](http://www.SWFLWineFest.org).

■ **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** celebrates its 50th anniversary at the 10th annual **Magic Under the Mangroves** on Thursday, March 6, on the grounds at the Conservancy Nature Center. The traditional patron party will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, on Keewayin Island. Lynne Shotwell chairs the event, and Northern Trust returns as presenting sponsor. Details about tickets and reservations are TBA and will be posted at [www.conservancy.org/magic](http://www.conservancy.org/magic).

■ The **Ohio State Alumni Club** of Naples welcomes Buckeye Heisman Trophy recipient Eddie George, who recently joined OSU as an assistant vice president, as honorary chair for the annual **Buckeyes in Paradise** gala Thursday, March 8, at the Hilton Naples. Proceeds help the club provide scholarships for local students to attend OSU.

For more information, visit [www.naplesbuckeyes.com](http://www.naplesbuckeyes.com).

■ **New Horizons** of Southwest Florida holds its sixth annual benefit luncheon on Saturday, March 1, at the Hilton Naples. With a theme of “Oh, the Places You’ll Go,” the afternoon will focus on the doors opened through education.

Tickets for \$75 are available by calling Carolyn Herbold at 498-7789 or e-mailing [carolyn.herold@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.herold@gmail.com). ■

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3. Marilyn and Jack join Earl and Thelma Hodges
4. Sandra and Peter O'Connor

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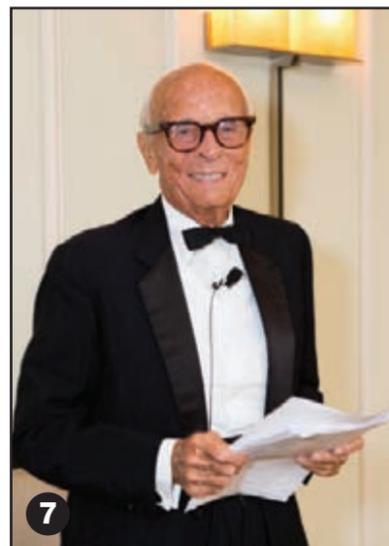
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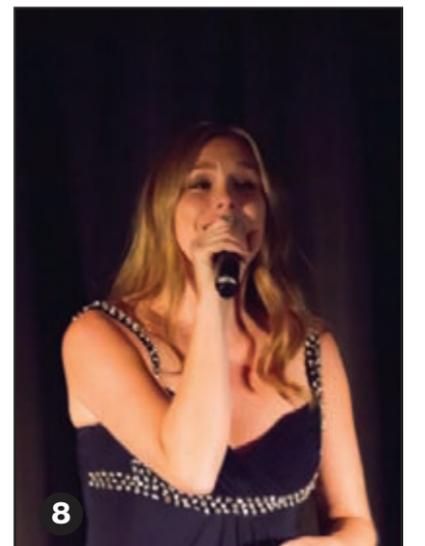
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## VINO

## Have your summer salad — and a crisp wine to go along with it

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Cool, soothing salads are a staple of the summer dinner repertoire. They save effort and avoid heating up the kitchen, not to mention the cook. But just because lettuce plays a leading role in the meal, don't forego a nice glass of wine.

An entree salad generally includes proteins such as nuts, cheese, meat and/or fish, making them easily compatible with well-chilled rosés and whites. Lighter pinot noir and Beaujolais served cool also work well. And a sparkling wine is always light, refreshing and infinitely satisfying on a steamy summer eve.

The term salad is broad enough to include many styles. Whether you decide on chicken salad, seafood salad, pasta salad or a simple tossed salad, pairing wine can be tricky because dressings and vinaigrettes are usually acidic. Too much acid in the vinaigrette will make wine taste flat. Three ways in which you can alleviate that problem are to replace traditional vinegar with wine, fruit juice or lighter vinegars such as balsamic or rice vinegar.

For wine to drink with a salad, my first choice would be a dry rosé, which goes well with many different foods.

Try mixing romaine and arugula and topping it off with grilled marinated chicken breast, grilled salmon or shrimp. A good rosé will have the body to pair well with the protein and still be light and refreshing.

Here are some suggestions of other wines to pair with various salads, followed by some wine picks. Remember to keep the food and the wine light and cool for a refreshing summer dinner.

■ **Cobb salad:** With smoky bacon, tangy blue cheese, creamy avocado and juicy tomatoes, Cobb salad pairs well with a variety of wines. Choose a pinot noir to match with the bacon, or a zippy gewurztraminer to contrast the salty creamy flavors.

■ **Greek salad:** Try a pinot grigio or pinot gris to balance and complement the complex flavors of kalamata olives, feta cheese and oregano.

■ **Middle Eastern salads:** To go with the complex and spicy flavors of tabouleh, hummus or baba ghanoush, turn to an Alsatian gewurztraminer. The complex rich fruit flavors will complement the herbs and tone down the spiciness as well.

■ **Niçoise salad:** Rosé is a natural match for the tangy, salty flavors of tuna, olives, capers and green beans. Choose a still or sparkling rosé from the south of France, where this dish originated.

■ **Thai salad with spicy meat:** Pair with a low-alcohol wine, such as slight-sweet riesling or fruity red Beaujo-

lais, to complement the complex flavors without fanning the heat.

■ **Tossed salad:** Make a simple mixture of romaine and arugula, add some crisp cucumber and carrots, and pair with a new world sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio.

■ **Tossed salad with curried chicken:** Enhance a sweet-tart curried chicken salad with an aromatic white wine such as viognier, a full-bodied white, or torrontés, a dry floral white from Argentina, or a white Cotes du Rhone from France.

■ **Tossed salad with grilled salmon:** The full flavor of salmon pairs well with a pinot noir. Try this with a glaze of agave nectar and smoked paprika.

## Wine picks of the week:

■ **A To Z Wineworks Pinot Noir Oregon 2011 (\$20):** Complex aromas of cherry and mixed berries with raspberry and spice on the palate, good tannic structure and a long finish.

■ **Brancott Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2012 (\$15):** Racy citrus and pear aromas mesh with grapefruit on the palate, ending with a touch of lime on the finish.

■ **Chateau Desclans Cotes de Provence Rosé Whispering Angel 2012 (\$22):** A perennial favorite from the southern coast of France, the nose starts with strawberry and cherries and moves to flavors of dried cherries and light spice, with a pleasing medium finish.

■ **Chateau Ste. Michelle Chardonnay Columbia Valley Indian Wells (\$18):** Light and crisp notes of apple, pear and spice in the aroma and the palate, followed by a light crisp finish.

■ **Georges Duboeuf Fleurie Flower Label 2011 (\$20):** Fresh aromas and flavors of blackberry and cherry with a light mineral and tannic finish.

■ **Hugel Pinot Gris Alsace 2009 (\$25):** Fresh melon and apricot aromas and flavors with a hint of apple and a mineral finish.

■ **Hogue Gewurztraminer Columbia Valley (\$12):** This great value from Washington State has fresh flavors of apple and lime with a racy balanced finish.

■ **J.J. Prum Riesling Kabinett Mosel 2011 (\$25):** This well-known German producer of estate rieslings has a great entry-level Mosel blended from his vineyards. Rich aromas and flavors of peach, melon and lime with characteristic slate overtones and a lingering finish.

■ **Schramsberg Mirabelle North Coast NV (\$25):** A sparkling blend of chardonnay and pinot noir has rich aromas of apple and toast merging with citrus and vanilla flavors and a medium finish.

■ **Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas Blanc Paso Robles 2011 (\$30):** An aromatic viognier blend with fresh floral and hazelnut aromas, followed by melon, peach and citrus on the palate and a rich juicy finish. ■

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# CUISINE

## Thai Udon Café melds cultures in North Naples

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A harmonious pairing of Thai and Japanese fare is happening at Thai Udon Café, which opened recently in Magnolia Square. It's the creation of Khwan Sawai, a native of Thailand, and her husband, Adam Satinsky, principal cellist for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

The 50-seat restaurant at the corner of Goodlette-Frank and Pine Ridge roads features a wealth of traditional Thai and Japanese cooked fare, available to eat there, carry out or have delivered within a limited area.

While customers will find the usual dishes on the menu (satay and spring rolls, gyoza and sukiyaki), there are some unusual offerings as well, such as grilled yellowtail cheek and mango curry. Pad Thai is available with a variety of proteins, including lobster tails, and coming soon on the chef's creations menu is a dish called spicy salmon, served with creamy green curry.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. It's at 5926 Premier Way. For details, call 596-7331 or visit [www.thaiudoncafe.com](http://www.thaiudoncafe.com).

### Pop-up restaurant planned

Inventive chef Ryan Flood, who you might have read about in my recent review of Maria D'Anna Café, is using the café's summer hiatus to develop a



Ryan Flood



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Jason Chang, a 1999 graduate of FGCU, has opened the second branch of his organic pizza chain. This one is on the FGCU campus.

new concept he calls 13 Dozen. It's a pop-up restaurant, which means sometimes it's there and sometimes it's not.

It will be open about three nights week in The Café at 821 Fifth Ave. S., serving 13 people a night. (Thirteen people a dozen times a month, hence the name.) This works out well because The Café only serves breakfast and lunch.

Guests will start with a stand-up appetizer course of artisanal cheese and crackers along with pate and smoked fish, then move into the dining room for a multi-course meal, which may include items such as starfruit gazpacho, Florida lobster puree, a fresh local fish, lamb sausage and whatever other fresh, local seasonal fare Chef Flood finds that strikes his fancy.

The first run of the concept is set for Aug. 30 and 31. If you're lucky, you'll receive an invitation to one of the two evenings. If not, you can like the 13 Dozen Facebook page or e-mail [thirteendozenbyflood@gmail.com](mailto:thirteendozenbyflood@gmail.com) to check for availability.

### Fill the Grill fun at Whole Foods

Watch members of the local news media do battle in Whole Foods Market's "Fill the Grill Ultimate Chef Showdown." Starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, *Florida Weekly's* own Cindy Pierce matches culinary wits with NBC-2's Krista Fogelson. They each will have \$20 and 20 minutes to speed shop for ingredients with which they will then have 20 minutes to cook using nothing but a Weber electric grill. The winner will return Thursday, Aug. 29, for the final round against FOX4's Sara Belsole, who bested Jay Schlichter of the *Naples Daily News* in the first round last week.

Also at Whole Foods this month there's a vegan luau cooking class with Dawn Fornear set for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26 (\$10) and Winebow five-course wine dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28 (\$49). Whole Foods is at Mercato.

### Organic pizz comes to FGCU

Truly Organic Pizza by Jason opened at Florida Gulf Coast University's Cohen Center on Thursday, Aug. 15, the first alumni-owned business on campus. But owner Jason Chang doesn't intend to simply serve the FGCU community: He's offering free delivery within a 5-mile radius of the school.

The idea for a completely organic pizzeria arose from his desire to feed his two young sons healthy food. He opened his first pizzeria at 1016 Immo-kalee Road in Naples in March 2012.

"We found it difficult to find good food the kids would eat," says the former investment banker and 1999 FGCU graduate.

Truly Organic Pizza uses no fillers and nothing that isn't USDA-certified organic. Although that means Mr. Chang pays more for his ingredients (organic unbleached flour, mozzarella from organic milk, meat from free-roaming and grass-fed cattle, heirloom pork and vegetarian-fed chickens), he's kept his prices at a reasonable \$6.95-

\$8.95 for a 10-inch pie and \$16.95-\$26.95 (that's for the Carnivore, which includes pepperoni and Jason's homemade sausage and meatballs) for the 18-inch size. There are also wild mushroom, eggplant parmigiana, chicken Alfredo vegetarian and other options as well as design-your-own versions. Salads and calzones are also available.

For more details, call 745-4227 or visit [www.trulyorganicpizza.com](http://www.trulyorganicpizza.com).

### Quick bites

■ **Mereday's Fine Dining:** Chef Charles Mereday invites wine lovers to get acquainted with his new restaurant and sample some interesting boutique wines during his Wine Flights happy hours. From 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday at the restaurant's bar, patrons pay \$10 and receive a flight of four boutique wines paired with complimentary tapas-style hors d'oeuvres created by Chef Mereday and Executive Chef Joe Pittman.

The restaurant is at 1500 Fifth Ave. S. in the Shoppes at Naples Bay Resort. Call 732-0784.

■ **Gustitos Bakery:** In honor of its first anniversary, Gustitos Bakery will celebrate Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24-25, with Ceviche on the Go from Miami and eight varieties of empanadas. The Peruvian bakery and restaurant is at 5417 Airport-Pulling Road in North Naples. Call 254-8115 or visit [www.gustitosbakery.com](http://www.gustitosbakery.com).

■ **The Good Life:** Cooking classes continue at The Good Life. All classes are from 6-8 p.m.

Florida seafood takes center stage Wednesday, Aug. 28, when participants will learn how to prepare Key West pink shrimp with passion fruit, spiced snapper baked with apples and fresh herbs and seasonal fish with sundried tomato and water chestnut sauce. Cost: \$75.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, Chef Kristina San Filippo demonstrates how to create six versatile sauces, vinaigrettes and dressings. Cost: \$55. And on Tuesday, Sept. 10, Ms. San Filippo prepares bison three ways. Cost: \$75.

Dishes that you can prepare without heating up the kitchen are the subject of the Thursday, Sept. 26, class. Cost: \$60.

For reservations or more information, call 514-4663. ■

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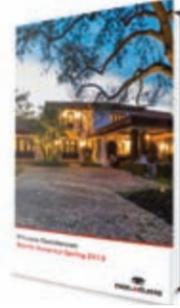
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