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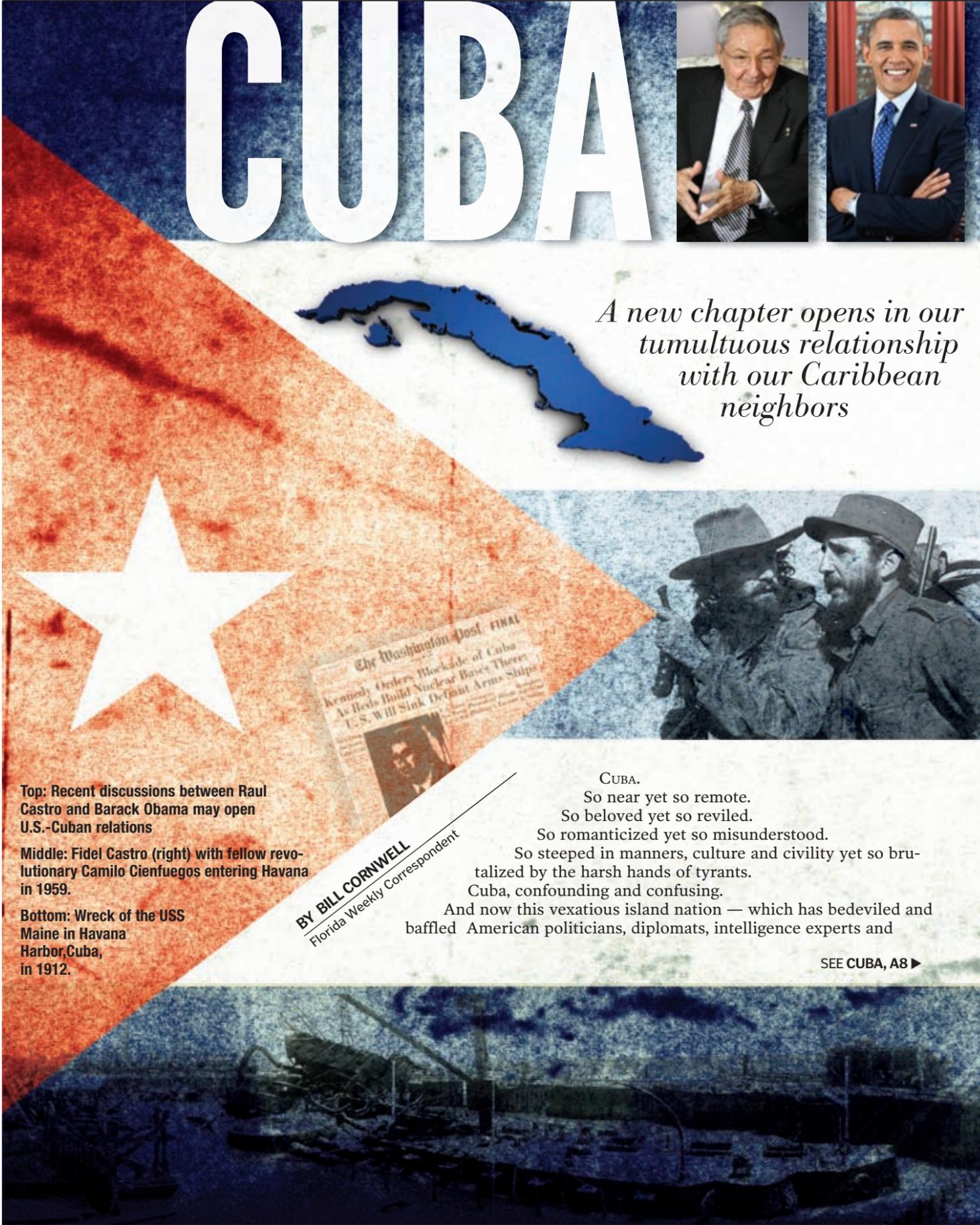
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A new chapter opens in our tumultuous relationship with our Caribbean neighbors



Top: Recent discussions between Raul Castro and Barack Obama may open U.S.-Cuban relations

Middle: Fidel Castro (right) with fellow revolutionary Camilo Cienfuegos entering Havana in 1959.

Bottom: Wreck of the USS Maine in Havana Harbor, Cuba, in 1912.

BY BILL CORNWELL
Florida Weekly Correspondent

CUBA.
So near yet so remote.
So beloved yet so reviled.
So romanticized yet so misunderstood.
So steeped in manners, culture and civility yet so brutalized by the harsh hands of tyrants.
Cuba, confounding and confusing.
And now this vexatious island nation — which has bedeviled and baffled American politicians, diplomats, intelligence experts and

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Mental health conference calls on all concerned

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Florida's mental health need is great, but the funding isn't. And though Florida spends far less than the national average on mental health, that doesn't mean Floridians don't care. Some care passionately: People such as Michael McNally, Jane

Manning and Lisa Blount, who will meet with a dozen or so other caring Floridians for what is called a Leadership Academy. The Jan. 21-23 conference will be held at Charlotte Behavioral Health Care in Punta Gorda.

Six of these academies are conducted in Florida every year, one in each region of the state's Department of Children and

Families, and the need for such workshops is great.

"People with mental illnesses are marginalized," said Mr. McNally, indicating that the marginalizing starts with language.

"Terms like 'the mentally ill,'" Mr.

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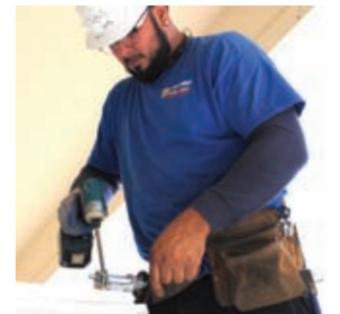
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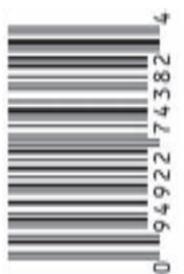
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COMMENTARY

Gallery of merit



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In the now-settling whimsy so many of us embraced as the new year got underway — the remembering, the hoping, the vowing forward with champagne corks popping and the flag of merriment waving from the main mast — let me add the last word. Or, if you will, the last fireworks.

Here are the kernel stories of a few good people, neither rich or widely famous and unlike in their own rights, but each extraordinary, who have marched with us into the new year.

Perhaps they can inspire you, as they have me.

Paul Meloy: Born in Ohio and raised in Florida, Mr. Meloy is a farmer and rancher with an inventive genius for making things work, a gentle neighborliness, and a self-effacing modesty that belies his toughness and talent.



Dr. Robert Hilliard: The son of immigrants to New York City, he cheated on his Army physical to enlist as a teenager in 1944, becoming a twice-

wounded combat veteran (he survived the Battle of the Bulge) and going on to save, with a fellow G.I. named Ed Herman, about 10,000 Jewish survivors of the German concentration camps who were ignored by American commanders after the German surrender. See the award-winning documentary “Displaced: Miracle at St. Ottilien,” or read his book, “Surviving the Americans” — one of many he’s published, both fiction and non-fiction — to learn that story.

But he’d only just gotten started doing good in the world. He earned his undergraduate and graduate academic degrees from Columbia University after the war, protested publicly against the machinations of Sen. Joseph McCarthy in the 1950s, helped create public radio as we know it today, and, as a professor emeritus from Emerson College in Boston, still writes plays. At 89, with his friend and companion JoAnn Reese (another unrepentant do-gooder), he also continues to march in public protests — nowadays against corporate callousness toward field workers who pick tomatoes in Florida.

Diane Chernow: Raised in New York City, the daughter of a Scottish immigrant mother and a Jewish American father, Ms. Chernow has been the light in the lives of kindergartners for more than 30 years. Somehow, she can reach black, brown and white, rich and poor, boys and girls, awakening each with the notion of a common humanity we all share, and teaching them to read

and count, with a skill unmatched in my experience.

Burdie Baker: The self-described “Black Redneck” and Honorary Mayor of Charleston Park, Mr. Baker was raised in poverty and an abusive home on a Georgia farm owned by a white man who threatened to shoot any of the family that sought to leave. In 1958 at the age of 19, he rescued his mother and all seven younger siblings under cover of darkness, transporting them into southern Florida. He’s been helping friends and neighbors ever since. Mr. Baker can grow his own food, harvest his own meat and fish, and deliver cheer and understanding into any day, no matter how dark. At the moment, he’s is riding that chemo bull in the cancer rodeo.



Bill Kilpatrick: Born in the Hudson River Valley just north of New York City and the author of a memoir, “Brassies, Mashies and Bootleg Scotch,” about growing up on and around golf courses with his



father, Mr. Kilpatrick is a veteran of World War II who survived seven missions as a bombardier over Germany before being badly wounded on the eighth — but he, too, had only just begun. A writer who continues to produce fiction when he isn’t hobknobbing with his wife, Phyllis, he has written for or served as an editor at Popular Mechanics, Better Homes & Gardens, Field & Stream, Fly Fishing, Esquire and True, among others. He also worked as a daily newspaper writer, editor and writing coach for almost 15 years in the Sunshine State.

Laura Germino and Greg Asbed: Graduates of Brown University where they met — she went on to serve in the Peace Corps in West Africa and he worked for an aid organization in Haiti — they married and moved to Florida more than two decades ago to co-found the most dynamic and effective American farmworkers’ organization of the 21st century in the United States: the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

In 2014 alone, the coalition earned a Freedom medal from the Roosevelt Institute (as have Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama and four American presidents); the Clinton Global Citizen Award; and red carpet treatment in November, when actress Eva Longoria’s acclaimed film about the coalition, “Food Chains,” was released nationally.

May the light of their bright spirits, all, show us the road forward this year. ■

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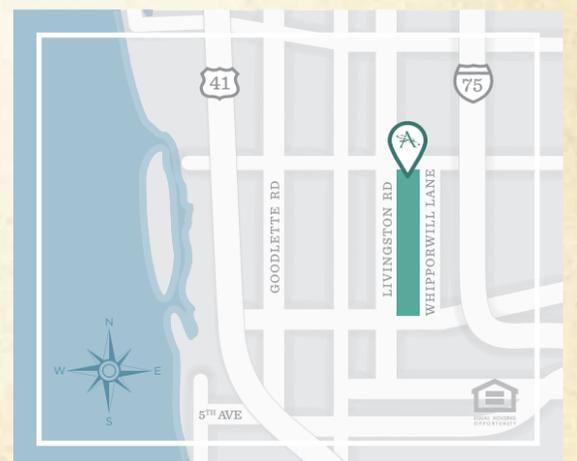
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OPINION

When Obamacare came to Harvard



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Obamacare has come to Harvard, and the faculty is in a state of shock and dismay.

In what has to be considered an early contender for the most hilarious and enjoyable news story of the year, *The New York Times* recounts the tumult over Obamacare in Cambridge.

"For years," the *Times* writes, "Harvard's experts on health economics and policy have advised presidents and Congress on how to provide health benefits to the nation at a reasonable cost. But those remedies will now be applied to the Harvard faculty, and the professors are in an uproar."

In other words, they are getting the change they believed in — good and hard. As a wag commented on Twitter, karma is a pre-existing condition. The Harvard imbroglio is a little like the famously free-market University of Chicago economics faculty launching a revolt against tax cuts or deregulation.

The enrollment guide from Harvard's

human-resources department explains that rising health-care costs, some caused by Obamacare, account for the changes hitting the pocketbooks of the custodians of learning at Harvard. It cites specifically free preventive services and the extension of coverage for younger adults up to age 26 (as well as the impending "Cadillac tax" on pricey health plans).

The obstructionists on the Faculty of Arts and Sciences voted by a lopsided margin against the health-care changes, but they were too late.

According to the *Times*, history professor Mary D. Lewis is a leader of the faculty opposition, which makes her practically the Mitch McConnell of Harvard University. Let's hope she has a plausible repeal-and-replace plan and isn't merely campaigning on the power of sheer, nihilistic rejectionism.

Richard F. Thomas, a Virgil scholar, said the health-care changes are "deplorable." (Quoth the poet, "Each of us bears his own Hell.") They are "deeply regressive." ("It never troubles the wolf how many the sheep be.") And they are "a sign of the corporatization of the university." ("O accursed hunger of gold, to what dost thou not compel human hearts!")

Don't worry, Harvard faculty, Texas

Sen. Ted Cruz is coming to the rescue. Who better than a Harvard Law graduate to swoop in to save professors at his dear old alma mater from the consequences of their own folly?

Actually, the changes Harvard is experiencing are quite mild. By any measure, the school's plan is still incredibly generous. Faculty will, for instance, now have an annual deductible of \$250, which is hardly exorbitant. Perhaps the Harvard faculty foolishly believed that other alum, President Barack Obama, when he said Obamacare would save the average family \$2,500?

In a properly constructed market, consumers — even including Harvard professors — should indeed bear more of the costs of their health care directly. But in today's system, consumers tend not to have free choice of their plans, and Obamacare layers on top of that system costly mandates that make no sense.

The Harvard faculty can whine and stew all it likes, but the president has sent an unmistakable message to such malcontents: The law is the law. Harvard won the health-care debate years ago, and there's no going back on it now. ■

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

Close Guantanamo — then give it back to Cuba



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

This week marks the 13th anniversary of the arrival of the first post-9/11 prisoners to Guantanamo Bay, the most notorious prison on the planet. This grim anniversary, and the beginning of normalization of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba, serves as a reminder that we need to permanently close the prison and return the land to its rightful owners, the Cuban people. It is time to put an end to this dark chapter of United States history.

"The detention facilities at Guantanamo for individuals covered by this order shall be closed as soon as practicable," President Barack Obama wrote nearly six years ago, in one of his first executive orders, on Jan. 22, 2009. Despite this, the prison remains open, with 127 prisoners left there after Kazakhstan accepted five who were released on Dec. 30. There have been 779 prisoners known to have been held at the base since 2002, many for more than 10 years without charge or trial. Thanks to WikiLeaks and its alleged source, Chelsea Manning, we know most of their names.

Col. Morris Davis was the chief prosecutor in Guantanamo from 2005 to 2007. He resigned, after an appointee of George W. Bush overrode his decision forbidding the use of evidence collected under torture. Davis later told me, "I was convinced we weren't committed to having full, fair and open trials, and this was going to be more political theater than it was going to be justice." Obama did create a special envoy for Guantanamo closure, although the person who

most recently held the position, Cliff Sloan, abruptly resigned at the end of December without giving a reason. In a just-published opinion piece in *The New York Times*, Sloan wrote, "As a high-ranking security official from one of our staunchest allies on counterterrorism (not from Europe) once told me, 'The greatest single action the United States can take to fight terrorism is to close Guantanamo.'"

The U.S. has imposed a crushing embargo against Cuba for more than half a century, ostensibly to punish the small country for its form of governance. What kind of alternative does the United States show Cubans on that corner of their island that the U.S. controls? A hellish, military prison beyond the reach of U.S. laws, where hundreds of men have been held, most without charge, and many beaten and tortured.

President Obama rightly chastises Egypt for imprisoning three Al-Jazeera journalists, Peter Grete, Mohamed Fahmy and Baher Mohamed. "They should be released," Obama told reporters last August. Yet, sadly, Egypt only needs to look to the U.S. to determine acceptable treatment of Al-Jazeera journalists. Sami al-Hajj was a cameraman for the network. He was covering the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 when the Pakistani military picked him up and handed him over to U.S. forces. After 17 brutal days at Bagram Air Field, he was transferred to Guantanamo Bay, where he was held without charge for more than six years. He was tortured, beaten and humiliated. Al-Hajj went on a hunger strike for 480 days, and was subjected to forced feeding through nasal tubes. He was released in May 2008.

I sat down with Sami al-Hajj in December 2012 at Al-Jazeera's headquarters in Doha, Qatar, where he was heading the network's Human Rights

and Public Liberties desk. He said the U.S. tried to coerce him into spying while he was imprisoned:

"They (offered) to give me a U.S.A. nationality and take care about my family if I work with them in CIA to continue my job being journalist with Al-Jazeera, just send them information about the link between Al-Jazeera and al-Qaida and the terrorist people and some people in the Middle East. Of course, I refused to do that. I told them, 'I'm journalist, and I will die as a journalist.'"

The United States knew he was innocent, but wanted him to spy on Al-Jazeera, so it subjected him to years of harsh imprisonment in an attempt to break him?

The United States took Guantanamo Bay by force in 1898, during the Spanish-American War, and extracted an indefinite lease on the property from Cuba in 1903. Returning Guantanamo Bay to Cuba will begin to right more than a century of wrongs that the U.S. government has perpetrated there. Most importantly, the return of the Guantanamo Bay prison and naval base will make it harder for any future war criminals, whether in the White House, the Pentagon or the CIA and their enthusiastic cheerleaders in Congress, to use Guantanamo as their distant dungeon, to inflict torture and terror on prisoners, many of them innocent, far from the eyes of the people of the United States, and far from the reach of criminal courts. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,200 stations in North America. She is the co-author of "The Silenced Majority," a *New York Times* best-seller.

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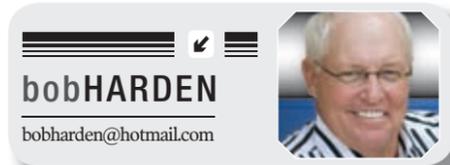
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(advertising, public relations, marketing). In 1965, he earned a master's in mass communications and public relations from American University.

He moved to Pittsburgh for a very junior position in the public relations department of a Ketchum, an advertising agency that handled several dozen Fortune 500 companies. He spent the next 35 years at the company, moving from Pittsburgh to San Francisco and then in the early 1980s to New York City, where he stayed for 20 years as president, COO, CEO and then chairman. During this period, Ketchum grew from a four-office firm in the U.S. to one of the top 10 firms globally, with offices around the world.

Dave was the founder of the industry trade association that today represents almost every public relations firm headquartered in the U.S. At the turn of the century, he was named by the industry's leading trade publication among the top 10 influences in the public relations business of the 20th century.

He and Bobbi have been married 50 years. "She keeps me grounded and is always supportive and encouraging," he says. "While I was traveling around the world, she raised two wonderful children." Daughter Melissa and son Craig both live in southern California; Craig and his wife are responsible for Dave and Bobbi's 7-year-old triplet grandchildren and their 5-year-old brother. ■

David Drobis a great example of someone who makes a true commitment to achieving a worthwhile goal. I first encountered him when he was vice president of the board for Angels Undercover, which provides clothing essentials to children who would otherwise come to school inadequately dressed.

Our paths crossed again when he became involved with Gulfshore Playhouse. He volunteered to help in any way he could, and soon after became a member of the board. In addition, he now co-chairs the professional theater company's gala committee. Dave also serves on the board for Artis—Naples and believes strongly in the venue's important role in the arts and culture of Southwest Florida.

Dave grew up in Baltimore and attended McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. "The best part of college: I met my wife, Bobbi, there," he says.

With an apparent lack of interest in psychology after studying it for four years, he went to graduate school to learn something about communications

Talking points with Dave Drobis

Something your father was always right about: He told me to be kind, open to ideas and friendly to others.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Successful and happy.

High school job: I was a waiter in a resort town restaurant. I learned more about people there than any other place I've ever worked.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? I don't know. Doing this is too much fun and so interesting.

Guilty pleasures: Dark chocolate, vodka, fried chicken.

Most recent vacation destination: Legoland and Disneyland. Where else do you go with four "grands" under 7?

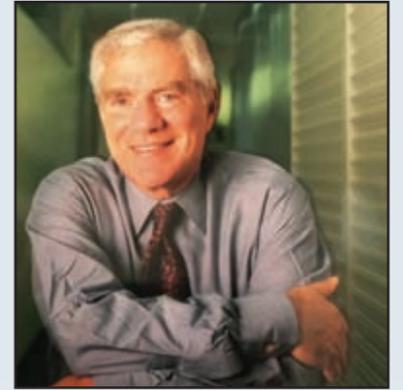
One thing on your bucket list: I don't have a bucket list. Things happen, and I like to take advantage of them.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I would love to be a Broadway actor or a world-class golfer.

Advice for your grandkids: Be kind. Pursue your dreams. And "no" is never an answer to anything.

Best thing about grandkids: Their curiosity and candor. They open my mind and thoughts to new ideas and new ways of looking at things. They give me perspective.

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



What makes you laugh: Life's absurdities and incongruities.

Last book read: "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown, about the 1936 Olympic rowing team.

Pet peeve: That people and nations can't get along.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I worked and traveled on behalf of a California orange juice company with O.J. Simpson when he played with the Buffalo Bills; I took the Dancing California Raisins to George Walker Bush's 1998 inaugural parade; and for two years I traveled to cat shows with the man who trained and owned the winningest show cat in the world. I hate cats.

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■ 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20, Gulf Coast High School.

■ 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22, Barron Collier High School.

■ 6 p.m. Jan. 26, Immokalee High School.

■ 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27, Palmetto Ridge High School.

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military commanders since the USS Maine blew sky-high in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898 — returns as a topic of raging national debate. Actually, the problem of how to deal with Cuba has never left us, but President Obama's announcement last month that he seeks to "normalize" relations with this long-time foe has simply rekindled a fire that was never extinguished.

The reaction to President Obama's initiative has been as schizophrenic as it

has been fierce. For some, any accommodation, however slight, with the Castro brothers' dictatorial regime is appeasement that borders on treason. To others, it is simply a recognition that the American policy of attempting to isolate Cuba (a policy rooted in the geopolitics of the long-gone Cold War era) has failed and that both countries have suffered as a result.

It is not a matter that will be settled simply. No surprise there, for nothing involving Cuba is settled simply. Consider this: No one can say with absolute assurance what caused the explosion aboard the Maine. Conventional wisdom at the time held that it was a mine — most likely deployed by the Spanish — that sank the battleship. In 1976, investigators for the U.S. Navy re-examined the evidence and concluded that a fire probably — but not certainly — ignited the ship's ammunition stores. In other words, it most likely was an accident, not an act of war. But to this day — almost 117 years after the fact — the tragedy is still open to debate and interpretation. Even Cuba's possible involvement in the assassination of President John Kennedy in 1963 remains a matter of intense speculation, although no conclusive link has ever been uncovered.

So, given that backdrop, do not expect quick and easy answers and solutions to this business of "normal" relations with Cuba. Our relations with Cuba have never been normal, so we really have no reference point in that regard.

Still, we can speculate on where — if anywhere — we go from here and what the future of Cuban-American relations might look like.

All of this is vitally important to the state of Florida — home to an estimated 1.2 million Cuban-Americans, many of whom came here to flee oppression in their native land. Because of its ethnicity and proximity (90 miles of water, the Florida Straits, separate Key West from Cuba's shore), Florida might be the biggest beneficiary of loosened trade and travel sanctions. But nowhere do passions about Cuba run higher than in Florida, and if changes are in the offing they will face determined opposition and unrelenting scrutiny.

"Nobody in Florida has wanted to finesse the issue (of Cuban-American relations)," says Darryl Paulson, professor emeritus of political science at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

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Classic cars that predate the Communist revolution populate the streets of Havana.

"Cuba, like a state income tax, is the third rail of Florida politics," Dr. Paulson adds. "Nobody wants to touch it. But it's going to be increasingly difficult now to avoid the issue. It's on the table."

Before we look to the future and what normalization might hold for the United States, Florida and Cuba, let's first examine where we have been.



"It has been a splendid little war."

That was how John Hay, secretary of state under presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt, described the Spanish-American War. "Splendid" is the sort of adjective one only applies to a war in which one does not personally take to the battlefield, as was the case with Secretary Hay. In truth, there was nothing splendid at all about the conflict.

The sinking of the Maine was a casus belli that William Randolph Hearst, the press lord, and a host of power-grubbing politicians used to justify American military involvement in Cuba. The war was portrayed as a noble effort by the United States to free Cuba from the yoke of Spanish tyranny (a 19th Century version of our latest Iraq War, if you will), but it was little more than a heavy-handed



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Che Guevara and Fidel Castro in 1961.

land grab that (through the Treaty of Paris in 1898) netted the U.S. Guam, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Spain did indeed renounce its claim to Cuba, but that really was superfluous, from the viewpoint of the United States.

For decades thereafter, Cuba was something of a playground for hedonistic tourists — a fine place to gambol and gamble. Ernest Hemingway had a home there, and he was renowned for drinking his companions under the tables at the Floridita (where he favored the daiquiris) and the Bodeguita del Medio (where he swilled mojitos).

Under the rule of strongman Fulgenio Batista, Cuba was an anything-goes kind of place. As the great British writer Graham Greene observed in his memoir, "Ways of Escape," Havana, in the ring-a-ding-ding days before the Cuban Revolu-

tion, was a city "where every vice was permissible and every trade possible."

Batista especially favored investments by American organized crime, and in 1946, the leaders of the Mafia convened in Havana to plot strategy. All the American mob bigwigs were there (Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky, Santo Trafficante and the like) and Frank Sinatra flew in to croon the goons. (The crime lords prospered under Batista, but when Fidel Castro came to power, their ill-gotten assets were seized. The mobsters were so incensed by the Cuban leader's effrontery that they later volunteered to help the CIA bump him off.)

Batista was brutal and oppressive to anyone who dared to challenge him. He was a son of a bitch, to be sure, but — in the view of the United States — he was OUR son of a bitch because he was not a communist. Then, in January of 1959, Fidel Castro, the scruffy leader of the Cuban Revolution, marched triumphantly into Havana, and Batista was history. Fidel Castro was a son of a bitch, too, but he not only was NOT our son of a bitch, he was a Marxist-Leninist son of a bitch who made goo-goo eyes toward Moscow, and therein lay a deep, deep problem for the United States.

Ever since Fidel and his brother Raul (who now runs the country) took over, it has been one headache after another for the United States. The disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion, the near-apocalyptic Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cuban Embargo, the Mariel Boatlift — the list goes on.

Lord knows that the United States tried everything it could think of to depose the abhorrent Fidel. The Bay of Pigs fiasco was the most noteworthy example, but there were numerous plots and plans, dreamed up by a flummoxed CIA, to either kill or discredit the des-



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A Cuban Tourist Commission poster aimed at luring American travellers before Castro's revolution.

pot. Some of these clandestine efforts — embarrassingly exposed later — were pathetically comical and involved things like providing the dictator with lethal cigars or surreptitiously smearing a salve containing the hallucinogenic drug LSD on the steering wheel of his automobile in the hope that he would “trip out” in public and appear loonier than he already was. Obviously, the United States had no clue how to handle the growing menace less than 100 miles to the south. And so, after every hare-brained initiative and covert action had been considered and discarded, it was decided that the best policy was simply to sever diplomatic and trade ties (hence the embargo) and act as if Cuba did not exist. And that, in a nutshell, is where it stood until President Obama announced his plan last month.

Things have changed in Cuba over time, but not necessarily for the better. There is “new” leadership. President Raul Castro assumed the reins of power from an obviously ill Fidel in 2006, but the brothers are merely flip sides of the same coin. Under Raul, Cuba remains a place of destitution and despair. Still, it was President Raul Castro who negotiated with the United States regarding normalization. No one believes that Raul Castro’s basic political stance has changed or softened. It was, as *The New York Times* noted, “an economic decision at its core.” As one expert on Cuba told the newspaper, the decision to discuss normalization with the United States reflected a desire on the part of the Cuban leadership to see “what works best while still maintaining social and economic controls.”

President Obama’s overture toward Cuba is constrained by the economic embargo that has been in place for 50 years. There are a number of obstacles to ending the embargo, whose removal would, naturally, greatly enhance trade between the two countries. Only Congress can lift the trade ban. With Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate, that seems unlikely. (Mr. Obama also favors reopening an American embassy in Havana, but the Republican-led Congress probably would not authorize the funds needed to accomplish even this symbolic step.)

“I don’t see the embargo being lifted anytime soon,” says William A. Messina, an agricultural economist at the University of Florida who studies Cuban affairs. “It will be very difficult to do.”

Mr. Messina points out that the Helms-Burton Act of 1996 codified and strengthened the embargo. But he notes that subtle pressures ultimately may erode opposition to increasing trade with Cuba. Many large agricultural interests in the United States would like to see more robust economic activity between the two countries.

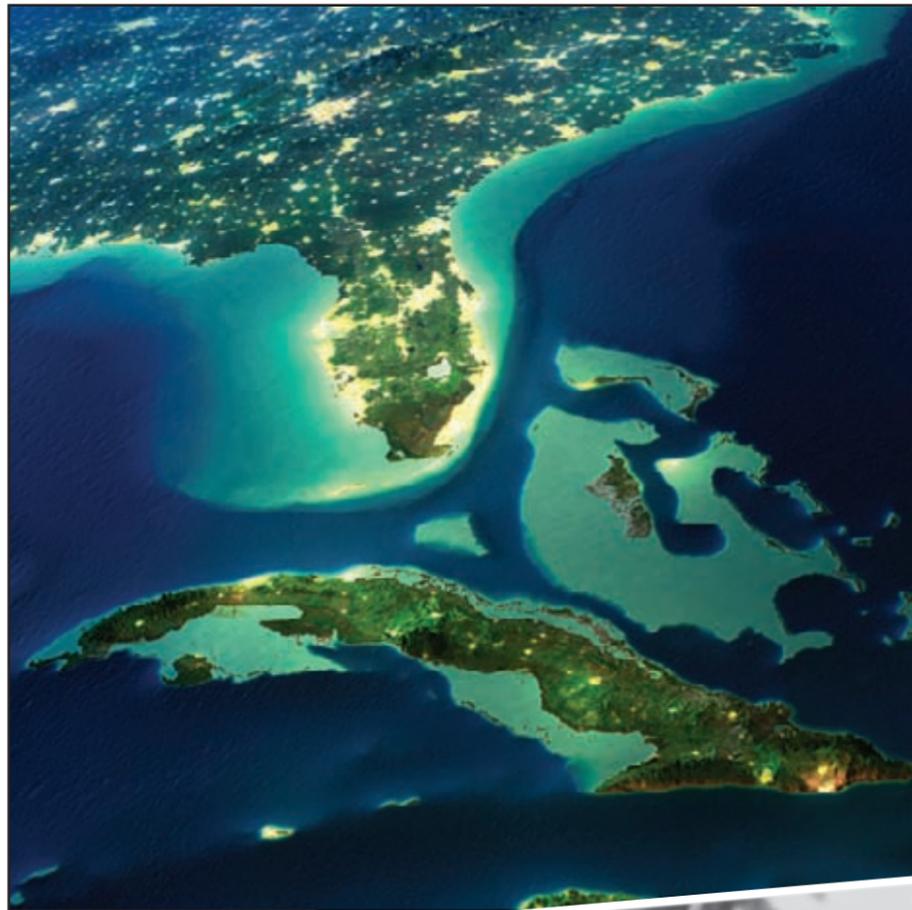
“It will be interesting to see how Republican senators and representatives from farm states react to pressure from their constituents,” he says. “There will be pressure to ship more of what we produce (to Cuba).”

Mr. Messina, who has visited Cuba, is convinced that the island’s suffering economy is what has motivated this latest round of talks with the United States.

“(The Cuban leadership) recognizes that it can’t go on the way they are now,” he says. “But I wouldn’t expect that the Castro regime is going to make significant political changes. There is a lot of bureaucratic rigidity in Cuba.”

Mr. Messina says a softening of trading barriers between the two countries would “in the long-term be a good thing for Florida. We are natural trading partners.”

“(The United States has) good products, good prices and we’re right next door,” Phil Peters, head of the Cuba Research Center, said in an interview with *The New York Times*. “I’m opti-



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The proximity of the U.S. and Cuba make the two countries natural trade partners.

At right, Ernest Hemingway in Cuba.

mistic but it does require a partner. It’s one thing to say we’ll sell, but the Cubans have to want to buy.”

Travel is another area in which Florida might benefit from some sort of rapprochement with Cuba.

Roy Ramsey, director of operations at Betty Maclean Travel in Naples, says there is a “huge pent-up demand” for travel to Cuba, especially among baby boomers.

“For the past two years or so, we’ve been sending about 20 to 30 people to Cuba,” he says.

Mr. Ramsey estimates that about 85 percent of the travelers he deals with would like to see all travel restrictions to the island lifted.

In 2013, Mr. Ramsey and his wife, Mary Ann, visited Cuba as a part of a “people-to-people” program. While unrestricted travel to Cuba is forbidden, exchange programs and journalistic visits — all of which require approval from the United States government — have continued. Mr. Ramsey says he found Cuba to be “a mysterious island” of much allure.

“For 50 years we have been hearing just one side of the story,” he says. “When you travel there, you see the other side.”

Mr. Ramsey says the Cuban people are warm, friendly and “very literate.”

The island’s economic woes are evident, according to Mr. Ramsey, but he notes that the “medical care is free, although not the quality of care we get in the United States. But, still, everyone is provided with health care.”

According to the World Health Organization, life expectancy in Cuba (78 years) virtually matches that of the United States (79 years).



Any real and lasting moves to bring about normalization with Cuba are probably years down the road. But the political and cultural effects are already beginning to be seen and felt within Florida.



COURTESY PHOTO
John F. Kennedy has long been the source of ire for many Cuban-American exiles who believe the president abandoned them during the Bay of Pigs invasion.

One of the most dramatic consequences of a new Cuba policy could be a shifting of emphasis, within Florida’s Cuban-American community, from Miami to Tampa.

Miami has long been the epicenter of Cuban-American power within the state, but that is beginning to change, and President Obama’s recent overtures are accelerating the change.

In terms of size, the Miami metropolitan area is supreme, with nearly one million Cuban-Americans living there, compared to 80,000 or so in the Tampa Bay region.

But the Cuban-American community is fracturing, with younger members showing more interest in fostering relations with the island, while their older

counterparts — many of whom fled Castro’s tyranny — remain largely resistant to such change.

In a nationwide poll of 400 Cuban-Americans conducted last month for the *Miami Herald*, *El Nuevo Herald* and the *Tampa Bay Times*, the fault lines were already beginning to reveal themselves.

Cuban-Americans living in Florida opposed normalization by a 56-35 percent margin. Cuban-Americans living outside of Florida favored normalization by 61-32 percent.

The *Miami Herald* said the poll indicated that Cuban-Americans in Florida “are far more conservative than in other states, where they’re more likely to resemble more liberal-leaning non-Cuban Hispanics.”

Still, even in Florida, younger Cuban-Americans are more likely to welcome changes involving the relationship between the United States and Cuba.

“The poll shows there are two Cuban-American communities,” said Fernand Amandi, the pollster who oversaw the study. “There is the older exile community that has dominated the discussion about Cuba policy for years, and there is the emergence of the younger generation, the Cuban-American community of the present and future.”

Raul Moas is a 26-year-old Cuban-American living in the Little Havana area of Miami. Mr. Moas, whose grandparents fled Cuba after Castro’s takeover, is executive director of Roots of Hope, a private organization that focuses on “youth empowerment” in Cuba.

Mr. Moas is skeptical that Mr. Obama’s move toward normalization will yield dramatic breakthroughs with the Castro government.

“To be honest,” he says, “I think all of this is

a bit overblown.”

Even with his misgivings, Mr. Moas looks at the state of relations between Cuba and the United States with a hard-eyed pragmatism that often is lacking in his elders. He says the Cuban-American community — especially in Miami and its environs — cannot dismiss the notion of normalization out of hand.

“(The Cuban-American community) right now has two choices,” according to Mr. Moas. “We can sit on the sidelines and pout because there are no guarantees that the Cuban government will change its ways or we can jump on the train and help drive it by recommending changes that we would like to see in our Cuba policy. We must have a say in how we can capitalize on any opportunities (that arise) as we move forward.”

In Florida, the exile community is strongest (and hence most intractable when it comes to Cuba) in the Miami area. To the north, in Tampa, the Cuban-American population is smaller but also more removed from its native Cuban roots. Many of the Cuban-Americans living in the Tampa Bay region are descendants of immigrants who came there in the 19th century as part of the cigar-making industry that prospered in Ybor City, which remains to this day as a vital and colorful center of Cuban culture and heritage. To these Cuban-Americans, the Castros and their dictatorship evoke less visceral reactions and economic realism is the order of the day.

Following Mr. Obama’s announcement, there were public protests and demonstrations in Miami. Notable Republican South Florida politicians — such as U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and

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former Florida governor (and likely presidential aspirant) Jeb Bush — firmly denounced Mr. Obama’s outreach. Such denunciations were to be expected; the Cuban-American exile community, particularly in Miami, has long supported the Republican Party and its candidates.

By contrast, in the Tampa Bay region they were talking about how to parlay diplomacy into hard cash. U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor, a Democrat whose district includes parts of Tampa and St. Petersburg, was quick to seize the economic initiative.

“We will engage the entire community (to) work toward positive change that America’s policy shift will provide — whether it’s travel, trade or cultural exchange opportunities,” Rep. Castor said in a prepared statement.

Other leaders in the Tampa Bay area also welcomed the policy change.

“This community is about building opportunities, and we do that best when



BUSH



RUBIO



CASTOR

we come together proactively to pave a pathway towards that,” said Bob Rohrlack, president of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

It was also announced that early this year the chamber of commerce and Tampa International Airport will host a “community forum” that will “educate Tampa Bay families and businesses on the evolving landscape tied to (President Obama’s) historic announcement to normalize relations with Cuba.”

Dr. Paulson, the political scientist at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, and an expert on the workings of the Republican Party in Florida, says that, in the end, economic matters and the emergence of younger, less-dogmatic leaders in the Cuban-American community may determine the extent to which normalization proceeds and how it is viewed in Florida.

“The new generation (of Cuban-Americans) never lived in Cuba, never experienced what their parents and grandparents experienced,” he says. “And these young people are less supportive of the Republican Party and its stance toward Cuba.”

Dr. Paulson points out that “all sorts of businesses and industries sense potential here — the hotel industry, the cruise industry and others see a new market and growth opportunities.”

“How this will play out politically remains to be seen,” he says. “But the definition of politics, when you get down to it, is self-interest. Somebody’s going to win and somebody’s going to lose, that’s for sure. But there is no one who can say right now who the winners or losers will be. We’ll just have to wait and see, and it’s probably going to take a good while for all of this to sort itself out.” ■



While Havana remains a bustling capital city, many of its buildings and infrastructure have fallen into disrepair.

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Man's other best friends

People's love for their pets reached a new high in December when a British man paid a veterinarian the equivalent of \$500 to perform delicate surgery on a sick office goldfish (typical pet store "replacement" price: \$1 to \$5). Vet Faye Bethell of North Walsham, England, told the *Eastern Daily Press* in December that there was "nothing special" about the fish, but that the customer "just liked it a lot." In fact, the goldfish likely

did not even have a pet name — as Bethell in an interview spoke intimately of another patient by name (Cadbury, the skunk). (Bethell's procedure involved removing the patient from the bowl, flooding its gills with anesthetic-fortified water, and using a tiny scalpel to remove lumps that were causing it constipation, with the surgery guided by a miniature heart-rate monitor.)

Iraqi TV goes 'Jerry Springer'

Iraq's government-run channel, Iraqiya TV, has a reality show reminiscent of American confrontational programs, but is designed to force captured ISIS fighters to acknowledge the pain they have created. One episode of "In the Grip of the Law" (described in a December Associated Press dispatch) showed family members of car-

bombing victims on a street corner in Baghdad haranguing one of the men convicted of the crime. A young man in a wheelchair, having lost his father in the attack, faced off against the convict, screaming until the jihadist "began weeping, as the cameras rolled."

Wait, what?

■ On Nov. 6, a couple (aged 68 and 65) were hospitalized after spending almost 13 hours locked in their car inside their own garage in Alexandra, New Zealand. The night before, they had been unable to remember a salesman's tutorial on how to unlock their new Mazda 3 from the inside and had spent the night assuming they were trapped because they had forgotten to bring along the battery-operated key. The wife was unconscious when neighbors finally noticed them, and her husband was struggling to breathe. (The door unlocks manually, of course.)

■ At first, it seemed another textbook case of a wrongly convicted murderer being released after a long prison stint (15 years), based on a re-examination of evidence. Illinois officials freed Alstory Simon, who had "confessed" in 1999 to killing two teenagers (before a defendants' advocacy organization convinced a judge that the confession

had been coerced). That 1999 confession had allowed the man previously convicted, Anthony Porter, to go free, but prosecutors in October 2014 had second — or third — thoughts. They once again believe that Porter was the killer — even though a different defendants' advocacy organization had originally worked to free him. (In any event, "double jeopardy" prevents Porter's retrial.)

■ Undersheriff Noel Stephen of Okeechobee County, Fla., acknowledged to WPBF-TV in December that among the public services his office performs is supervising parents' spanking of children. After two sisters argued on Dec. 29, their father decided to administer a whipping to one and asked Deputy Stephen to drop by and make sure he stayed within the law. That's "not something we advertise to do," said the deputy, but he estimates he has monitored about a dozen spankings.

Government in action

■ The Government Accountability Office was on the job in December, issuing an emphatic ruling that the National Weather Service could not legally issue its workers disposable cups, plates and utensils on the job. Such items are "personal," GAO declared, even though most NWS facilities are in remote locations, staffed by two-person shifts that almost force employees to eat on the premises. "You can't run out" and

"grab a burger," one employee said. Nonetheless, after a lengthy deliberative process, GAO said its decision is final.

■ In a November ruling, France's minister of housing and minister of ecology jointly announced further streamlining of law books, removing bulky, out-of-date regulations. Among the rescissions, beginning Dec. 1, is the ban on installing toilets in kitchens.

Best recent foreign news

■ China's Gxnews.com.cn reported in December the arrest of a man in Yulin City, accused of stealing more than 2,000 items of underwear from women in his neighborhood, taken within the last year. He hid his stash above ceiling tiles in stairwells in his apartment building, but he drew attention when one of the ceiling spaces caved in from the weight of the garments, showering the stairs in an array of colorful lingerie. (Just within the last month, according to Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post*, two other men, in Zhejiang and Hubei provinces, have been detained for similar crimes. In the latter case, the alleged thief was also wearing lingerie.)

■ British makeup artist Jordan James Parke, 23, told London's *The Sun* in December how he had fallen in love with the look of U.S. celebrity Kim Kardashian and thus had forced himself to spend the equivalent of about \$150,000 on "more than 50" cosmetic procedures to adopt

her "pouty" look, including lip and cheek fillers, eyebrow tattoos and laser hair removal. "I love everything about Kim ... the most gorgeous woman ever," he said. "Her skin is perfect, her hair, everything about her" (except that, in *The Sun* report, only her parts above the neck were mentioned).

■ Artist Megumi Igarashi, 42, known as "no-good girl" in Japan, taunted officials with over-the-top pornography twice in 2014, first in July when she designed a kayak in the image of her genitals and then sought donations by sending contributors data on how to make a 3-D-printed model of her vagina. In her December arrest, according to a BBC News dispatch, she had complained of the contradictions in Japanese culture (also cited in previous News of the Weird stories) that allow glorified public displays of the penis as a symbol of fertility, but banish the vulva from public sight. ■




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McNally said. "There is no such thing as 'the mentally ill.' There are people who have mental illness, but by using the term 'the mentally ill,' you strip people of their person." He likened it to referring to people with cancer as "the cancers."

"There's a lot of discrimination," Ms. Blount said. She has heard people use the dismissive words, "those people."

"We're your brothers, your sisters, your husbands your wives, your friends," Mr. McNally said. "We're everywhere."

Not enough money

In Florida, though, people with mental illnesses face steeper challenges. Based on state spending, Floridians with such diagnoses are among the most marginalized in the nation.

Recent numbers show Florida's per capita spending on mental health are 49th in the nation. That's according to both the National Association of Mental Illness and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, which peg Florida's per capita spending on mental health at \$39.55. The national average is \$120.19. Only Idaho (\$36.64) spends less per capita on taking care of the mental health needs of its citizens.

Things are being done, though. Things such as the Leadership Academy, a meeting of the minds of people who work in the field and people affected by mental illness. The academy's purpose is to share information and spread knowledge.

Mr. McNally is what is called a CLEAR training coordinator. CLEAR stands for Connecting Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Recovery.

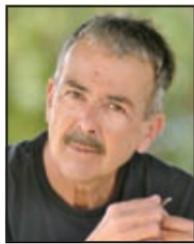
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ers who will, in Mr. McNally's words, "be facilitating this academy."

Power to the people

The workshops are designed to help people help themselves, and people with mental illness take part.

"It's collective self-determination," Mr. McNally said. "Workshops helping people learn to take initiatives ... to learn how to collaborate with others."

"For many years folks who had a mental illness — everybody else spoke for them and they were never involved," Mr. McNally said. "How does it not make sense to have a person with a mental illness come to the table for collaboration? It would be like

having a conflict about how to manage nine months of pregnancy and only having men at the table.

"So one of the things that has happened is that people with mental illness have been marginalized. People taking the attitude that 'they're not smart,' 'they can't participate effectively,' and so 'we'll decide what's best for them.'"

At the academies, people with diagnoses help make decisions. They also learn about how to get involved.

As noted in a CLEAR brochure, "It is about empowerment."

"We want to see collaboration and teamwork. We're all in this together," Mr. McNally said. "There are so many misconceptions about mental health. Part of what needs to happen (is) we need to empower people who have mental illnesses. How do you advocate? How do you make inroads?"

Those questions are addressed at the Leadership Academy workshops.

Participants at the Punta Gorda workshop will come in with a cross-section of diagnoses, including bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

Finding people with a diagnosis of mental illness is easy, Mr. McNally said, because one in four American families is affected.

The National Association of Mental Illness's website confirms that percentage is about 25 percent, which means about 61.5 million Americans have some form of mental illness. The input of folks with mental illnesses is necessary at the Leadership Academy, and they will be expected to participate.

Mr. McNally asks participants to "come to the table with concerns and bring with you solutions — collaborations to fix the problems. That's part of what the academy teaches."

Another topic the workshops cover is using the proper language.

"People say, 'We've got to end the stigma,'" Mr. McNally said. But, he added, "One of the ways we're going to end the stigma is to not use the word. There is no stigma to mental illness any more than there's a stigma to having cancer."

And as with cancer, help is needed.

"There's so much misunderstanding of mental illness," Mr. McNally said. "A lot of the attitude is, 'Just pull yourself up by the bootstraps and get on with it.'"

But not everyone can do that. Having recently conducted a workshop

in Miami, Ms. Manning knows they are challenging.

"One gentleman came to me during lunch the first day and said, 'I don't think I'm going to come back.' He was the only gentleman there. He felt outnumbered. I said, 'What can I do to make this academy a positive experience for you?' He said, 'Could you tell them they're not listening to me?' I said, 'Absolutely. I will do that.'"

"They apologized to him. He stuck it out. By the weekend, he had us laughing and in stitches ... He was one of those who lives with mental illness."

Meanwhile, Florida muddles along with little funding support. The need is great, but the funding is not.

So people are working together to make a difference through programs such as the Leadership Academy workshop.

"If we were 20th instead of 50th, the funding stream would be significantly larger," Mr. McNally said, "which would mean access to care would not be as much of a serious issue." But as it is now, he said, "You have to wait three to six months for a psychiatric appointment."

The Leadership Academy is a workshop, with the emphasis on the work.

Topics to be covered include identifying issues, developing clear goals and action plans, community advocacy organizations, how to conduct effective meetings, handling votes, the legislative process in Florida and funding sources and strategies.

The Leadership Academies give participants tools to help themselves and others.

Those interested in participating in the Leadership Academy — health-care professionals, those affected by mental illness and their family and friends — can call 260-7313. For further information, call (800) 945-1355 or visit namicollierco.org. ■

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Hester Bateman, a metal-working pioneer

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In 18th-century England, most women married when young, had children and learned to cook, take care of the house and children, make textiles or at least create bedding or clothing, and be her husband's helper when needed. Hester Bateman was an exception. She married a man who made gold chains. He died after they had six children. He left the metal-working tools to his wife in his will so he must have known what a skillful silversmith she was. Hester became a registered silversmith in 1761 using the mark "HB" in script. By 1774 she was in her own business with two of her sons. They used the latest methods and made their silverware from thin sheets of silver rather than the Sheffield plate type made by others. They stayed with traditional styles and made everything from tea caddies to inkwells. Hester retired in 1790, and died in 1794. She was the first well-known female silversmith in England, and her work has always been popular with today's collectors. I knew about the pioneering woman. While in college I looked for, bought for \$15, and still have a pair of Hester Bateman silver sugar tongs. It was one of my first antiques. Brunk Auctions in Asheville, N.C., sold a Bateman teapot in the fall of 2014, for \$2,832.

Q: In 1960 we bought a queen-size birch bed and dresser marked "Cal Shop." I can't find any information about the maker or value. Can you help?

A: The trademark "Cal Shop" was owned by California Furniture Shops, Ltd., which was based in Los Angeles. It was in business from at least the late 1940s into the 1970s or '80s. Your bedroom set would sell as used furniture if it's in excellent shape. Try selling it locally, though, so shipping costs will not be high.

Q: I have a 300-400 pound iron anvil that was given to me almost 40 years ago. I sprayed it black because it was rusting, and it's rusting a little bit again. The anvil is dated 1917. I used it as a decoration in the past, but I have no use for it anymore. Can you give me some idea of its worth?

A: Cast-iron anvils have been made in different sizes and shapes for different uses. Anvils weighing several hundred pounds were primarily used in industry, while smaller ones were used by farmers to sharpen tools. Someone who collects old tools or vintage farm equipment might be interested in an old anvil, but a large,

heavy anvil could be harder to sell than one that's easier to pick up and display. The date on your anvil adds interest. Recent prices include \$192 for a 115-pound anvil and \$380 for a 160-pound anvil.

Q: I have several figurines (resin, I think) that range from 3 to 5 inches tall. Each is marked with "KFS" on the back. They also are marked on the front of its base with a character name, including Hans, Fritz, Prince Valiant, Popeye, etc. One of them is a man in a sailor suit and is marked "Tim Tyler." Can you tell me something about him, how many different figurines were made, and if they are collectible?

A: The initials "KFS" stand for King Features Syndicate, who owned the comic strips and the rights to the characters. A series of 24 figurines was made by Syroco for King Features Syndicate in 1944. Twelve of them, including Tim Tyler, were offered as Pillsbury Enriched Farina premiums. Tim Tyler was a cartoon strip that debuted in 1928 and was featured in newspapers, comic books and movies. The last strip ran in 1996. The figurine is shown in a Navy uniform because it was issued during World War II. Most of these figurines sell online for \$15 to \$30 each.

This sterling-silver teapot has a handle and finial made of pear wood and a silver border with floral engravings. The side has an engraved heraldic design possibly identifying the customer. Auction price, \$2,832.



Q: I have a mug that reads "Ovaltine's Golden Annie-versary" in black, gold and white letters on one side. It has a big gold number "50" with a picture of Little Orphan Annie and her dog, Sandy, inside the zero. What's the anniversary and what is the mug worth?

A: This mug was issued in 1981 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Ovaltine's sponsorship of the Little Orphan Annie radio show. Ovaltine sponsored the show from 1931 to 1940. Their advertising agency wrote the scripts for the show, which promoted Ovaltine. Ovaltine was first made in Switzerland in 1904 and originally was called Ovomaltine because it included eggs and malt. The name became Ovaltine in English-speaking countries in 1909. Ovaltine's Annie-versary mugs sell for \$5 to \$15.

Tip: Stains on crystal stemware sometimes can be removed by rubbing the stain with a cut lemon or a cloth dipped in turpentine. ■

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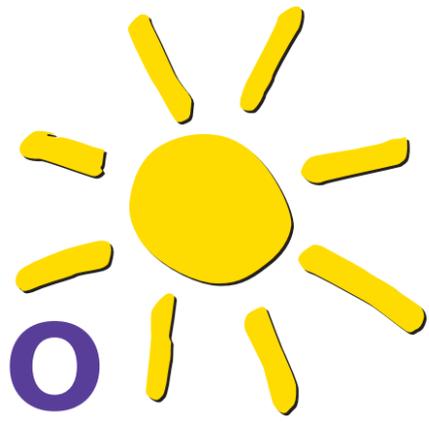
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■ The **Naples Italian American Foundation** has a full schedule of programs, dinners and other activities at its newly renovated and expanded headquarters at 7035 Airport-Pulling Road (corner of Orange Blossom Road). Activities range from bocce ball Monday-Friday mornings and mah jongg on Tuesdays and Fridays, to Monday movie night with pasta dinner and dancing on Friday nights. For more information, call 597-5210 or visit niafoundation.org.

■ 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 Jan. 15. Call 963-4670 for location.

■ The **Naples Doll Club** holds its annual show and sale Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17, at New Hope Ministries, 7675 Davis Blvd. Exhibitors will have antique, modern and miniature dolls and accessories on display and for sale. Doll appraisals will be available for \$5.

Friday hours are 1-5 p.m., and admission is \$8; Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is \$5. Admission for children

under age 12 is \$3 both days.

For more information, call (574) 780-0951 or 530-0010.

■ Volunteer members of the **Naples Orchid Society** are at Naples Botanical Garden from 1-4 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month to offer expert, free advice to orchid aficionados. Bring your ailing orchid, or a photograph of it, so they can better diagnose the problem and recommend what to do to ensure better and more blooms. Garden admission not required. The next dates are Jan. 17 and Feb. 7.

The society's regular monthly meetings take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speakers Jan. 8 will be Ken and Judy Russ of Deerfield Beach, who will discuss backyard gardening with orchids. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit naplesgarden.org or naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Jan. 17 and Feb. 7. Members share their knowl-

edge and building techniques and welcome new members. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

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

■ Members of the **Marco Island Shell Club** meet from 9-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the United Church of Marco to craft shell art that will be sold during the clubs annual sale in March. Proceeds from the sale benefit scholarships for marine science students at FGCU. The church is at 320 N. Barfield Drive. Newcomers are always welcome at crafting sessions. For more information, call 963-4694.

■ **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6

p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. The next meetings are Jan. 13 and 27. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at a location TBA. The next meeting is Jan. 28. For more information, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

■ The newly chartered **Marco Island Civitan Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Jan. 27. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

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guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is Jan. 17. For more information, email dwcprresident@gmail.com.

■ The **Naples Press Club** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Richard Broome is executive vice president-corporate affairs and communications, for The Hertz Corp. He is responsible for worldwide internal and external communications, including media affairs. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bates College and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Cost of the luncheon is \$25 for members, \$28 for spouses/significant others and \$30 for others. RSVP and menu choice (Hawaiian chicken salad, gluten-free entrée or vegetarian entrée) are required by 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19. Email RSVP@naplespressclub.org.

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is Jan. 22. Stamp trading will follow the program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ The **Southwest Florida chapter of the Kiwi Club**, a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines, meets on the fourth Saturday of every month at various locations. The next meeting is Jan. 24. The local chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger

& Homeless Coalition. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (781) 962-5311.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 303, 27678 Imperial Shores Blvd. in Bonita Springs. The next meeting is Jan. 27. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is John Dykhuis of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ **Pearls of Naples** invites women who are interested in socializing at restaurants, movies, art fairs, theaters and more to explore membership in the club. Members are required to attend at least five business luncheons, held monthly on the third Thursday at various clubhouses and venues in Naples. For more information, visit pearlsofnaples.org and click on "How to Join" or email 3rd_vice_president@pearlsofnaples.org.

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have moved to the area within the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking and conversations over coffee. A coffee for prospective new members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit naplesnewcomers.com.

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■ Naples Pathways Coalition hosts its ninth annual **Naples Bike (Walk & Run) Brunch** on Sunday, Jan. 25, to benefit the organization's efforts to promote safe pathways non-motorists in Collier County. All activities begin and end at Lowdermill Park, with registration and a continental breakfast starting the festivities at 7 a.m.

The 62-mile ride sets out at 7:30 a.m., followed by the 31-mile ride at 8:30 a.m. and the 20-mile ride at 9 a.m. A 10-mile recreational family ride begins at 9:30 a.m., and the 5K and walks begin at 9:30 a.m. The event ends at 11 a.m. with brunch provided by Moe's Southwest Grill. Registration is \$10-\$40 online and \$45 the day of the event. To sign up or for more information, call 777-7718 or visit naplespathways.org.

■ Lace up your running shoes and head to Miromar Outlets for the seventh annual **WINK News Feeds Families** on Saturday, Jan. 17. The 2-mile non-competitive and pet-friendly walk benefits the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. To register yourself or a team, visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ The National Multiple Sclerosis Society holds **Walk MS** starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Estero Community Park in Estero. The morning includes a light breakfast from First Watch. A \$50 fundraising goal is required for participants (\$25 for students ages 13-17). Those who raise \$100 will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call (855) 372-1331 or go to walkms.org.

■ The **Marco Island Half Marathon and 5K** run-walk sets out at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15, from the Shops of Marco. All ages are welcome. Registration proceeds benefit Marco Island community organizations. For more information, visit marcoislandhalfmarathon.com.

■ Angels Undercover hosts its second annual **Sip and Putt** 4-6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13 at Grey Oaks Country Club. Guests are invited to enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music while they compete for prizes at each hole. Possible prizes include a dinner for eight at Bravo! Restaurant valued at \$500, a \$500 gift certificate from the Diamond District and four tickets to a Pops performance by the Naples Philharmonic at Artis—Naples. Angels Undercover is a local organization that provides school uniforms to under-privileged students in Collier County. For more information or to purchase tickets for \$100, visit angels-underground.com or call Lynn Davidson at 595-6303.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual golf tournament Friday, May 8 at Grey Oaks Country Club on the Estuary course. Registration includes an 11:30 a.m. barbecue, shotgun scramble with three flights based on handicap. Awards, raffle and Italian buffet dinner follows the tournament. \$150 per player. Sponsorship opportunities available. 262-6376 or napleschamber.org. ■

— Email items to lnesmith@floridaweekly.com.

ALUMNI NEWS

■ **Finch College of New York City** welcomes all alumni to join reunion activities in Naples Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 4-5. Plans include luncheons, tours, museum visits and dinner. For more information, call Lois Moran Ziegler at 514-7660 or email zieglerassociate@aol.com.

■ Alumnae of the **Seven Sisters colleges** are invited to the Seven Sisters of Southwest Florida's Quintessential Quinquennial (Fifth) from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at The von Liebig Art Center. All graduates of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley, as well as spouses, partners and guests are welcome.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes wine and hors d'oeuvres by Dinners by Design. For reservations or more information, call Karen Kayser Benson (Mount Holyoke '63) at 293-0354 or email kkbcoach@comcast.net.

■ The **Harvard Club of Naples** welcomes all residents of Collier County and southern Lee County who have a connection with Harvard University.

For information about club membership and the season's full schedule of events, call 793-7887 or go to harvardclubofnaples.org. Here some of what's coming up in the next few weeks:

Friday, Jan. 23: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Club Pelican Bay, Mixer by the Decades.

Tuesday, Jan. 27: 11:30 a.m. at the Club Pelican Bay - "Transfer of Wealth" luncheon with guest speaker Eileen Connolly-Keesler, executive director of the Community Foundation of Collier

County.
Tuesday Feb. 3: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center - The Harvard-Yale-Princeton Economic Forum.

■ The **Greater Naples Delta Gamma** alumni chapter welcomes all Delta Gammas in Naples, Bonita Springs, Marco Island, Estero, Fort Myers and Sanibel-Captiva. For more information, call 992-2119 or email naplesdeltagamma@gmail.com.

■ The Naples area chapter of **Gamma Phi Beta** alumnae meets regularly for lunch and a program at a variety of venues in Collier and Lee counties. All Gamma Phi Betas who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome. For more information, call 594-8420.

■ **Alpha Delta Pi** alumnae are invited to join the ADPi alumnae chapter of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island for monthly luncheons and occasional evening events held at various area locations. For more information, call 404-3294 or email swflaadpialum@gmail.com. ■

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Jewish Family & Community Services meets grant challenge for new senior center

Jewish Family & Community Services is set to expand its senior center this month to 6,800 square feet thanks to grants from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, Patty and Jay Baker, the Brookdale Foundation and others.

Jaclynn Faffer, president and chief executive officer of Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida, announced the organization has raised the \$150,000 necessary to meet challenge grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation in less than five weeks.

The combined \$300,000 is targeted for an extensive expansion at the organization's Senior Center, the first of its kind in Collier and southern Lee counties. Construction is scheduled for mid-January and will encompass approximately 6,800 square feet upon completion.

"We are indeed grateful to Richard M. Schulze and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for issuing the challenge grant, which was completed in record time thanks to the generosity of Patty and Jay Baker of Naples and the Brookdale Foundation," Ms. Faffer said. "These philanthropic individuals and their collective vision will allow us to make an enormous difference in the lives of seniors now and in future, who need nourishment of their minds, hearts and souls."

The JFCS Senior Center opened its doors on Jan. 22, 2014, and welcomed 88 seniors to the first weekly hot lunch.



From the right: CEO Jaclynn Faffer, board chair Richard A. Goldblatt and Mary Beth Geier, regional coordinator of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation.

Today, its membership exceeds 500 and offers a variety of social and educational programs five days a week.

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation was created in 2004 by Best Buy founder Dick Schulze to support education, basic human services, health and medical research as well as transformational entrepreneurship.

JFCS is a non-sectarian human service agency supporting individuals and families of all ages by providing a wide range of social services, including mental health counseling, case management, financial assistance and crisis intervention.

More information on JFCS and the JFCS Senior Center is available by calling Ms. Faffer at 325-4444 or jfaffer@jfcswfl.org.

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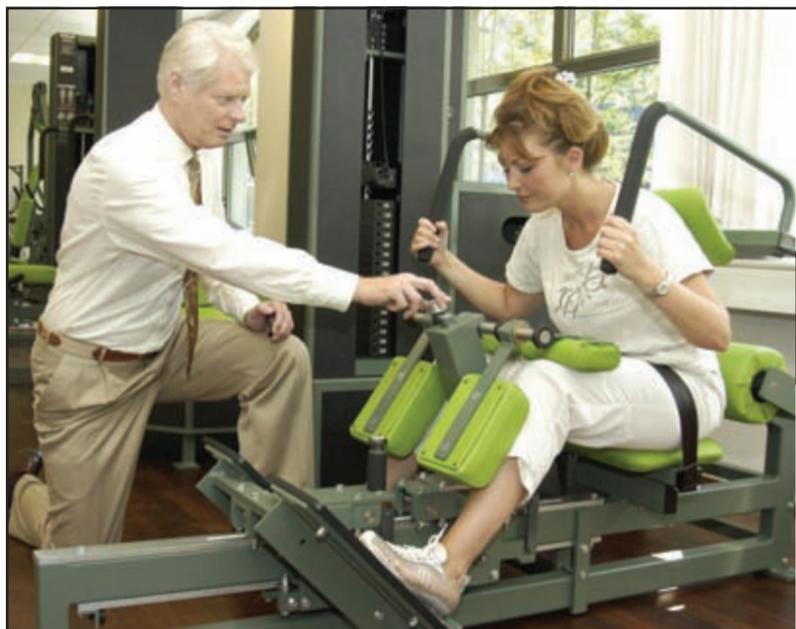
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Junior Achievement partners with Over the Edge for thrilling rappelling fundraiser

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida is partnering with Over the Edge USA to provide a signature rappelling event on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The fundraising event allows for participants to raise pledges (\$1,000 minimum) in exchange for the thrilling experience of rappelling over the edge of the Naples Grande Beach Resort at a height of 170 feet. In addition to seeking participants, or "edgers," Junior Achievement has sponsorship and VIP opportunities available for a VIP cocktail party on Friday, Feb 13. Anyone interested in participating as an edger, sponsor or attending the VIP cocktail party the night before is encouraged to visit JASWFLs website at jaswfl-overtheedge.com.

"This unique fundraising event benefits the students of Southwest Florida by helping to fulfill the need of bringing economic education programs to fifth grade, eighth grade and high-school students in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties," said Anne Frazier, president and CEO, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. "Since the event falls on Valentine's Day, couples who share a charitable heart can register to take a 'lovers leap' together, rappelling as a couple. This is a great opportunity to get married, renew your vows or propose in a memorable way. By taking the Over the Edge challenge, you will inspire others to succeed and bring hope and skills for a better life to future generations."

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, 5-8-GRADUATE program focuses



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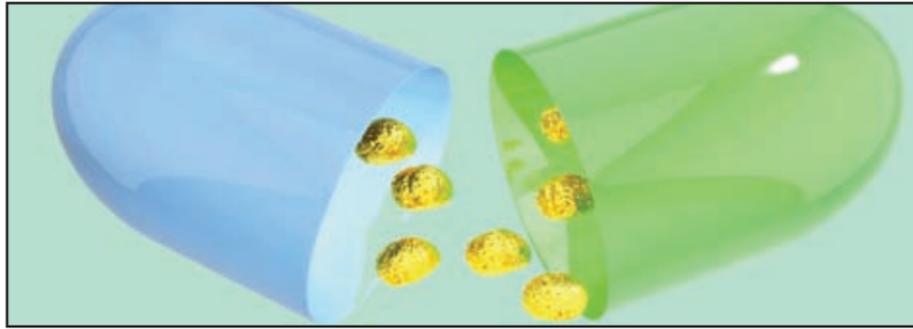
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Despite risks, benzodiazepine use highest in older people

Prescription use of benzodiazepines — a widely used class of sedative and anti-anxiety medications — increases steadily with age, despite the known risks for older people, according to a comprehensive analysis of benzodiazepine prescribing in the United States. Given existing guidelines cautioning health providers about benzodiazepine use among older adults, findings from the National Institutes of Health-funded study raise questions about why so many prescriptions — many for long-term use — are being written for this age group.

The study found that among all adults 18 to 80 years old, about 1 in 20 received a benzodiazepine prescription in 2008, the period covered by the study. But this fraction rose substantially with age, from 2.6 percent among those 18 to 35, to 8.7 percent in those 65 to 80, the oldest group studied. Long-term use — a supply of the medication for more than 120 days — also increased markedly with age. Of people 65 to 80 who used benzodiazepines, 31.4 percent received prescriptions for long-term use, vs. 14.7 percent of users 18 to 35. In all age groups, women were about twice as likely as men to receive benzodiazepines. Among women 65 to 80 years old, 1 in 10 was prescribed one of these medications, with almost a third of those receiving long-term prescriptions.

“These new data reveal worrisome patterns in the prescribing of benzodiazepines for older adults, and women in particular,”



said Thomas Insel, M.D., director of the National Institute of Mental Health, which supported the study. “This analysis suggests that prescriptions for benzodiazepines in older Americans exceed what research suggests is appropriate and safe.”

Benzodiazepines — named for their chemical structure — are among the most commonly prescribed medications in developed countries. They include alprazolam (Xanax), diazepam (Valium) and lorazepam (Ativan). The most common uses of benzodiazepines are to treat anxiety and sleep problems. While effective for both conditions, the medications have risks, especially when used over long periods. Long-term use can lead to dependence and withdrawal symptoms when discontinued. In older people, research has shown that benzodiazepines can impair cognition, mobility and driving skills, and they increase the risk of

falls.

Despite the large number of prescriptions in the United States — 85 million in 2007 — relatively little was known prior to this study about the specifics of benzodiazepine prescribing in the United States relative to other countries. Mark Olfson, M.D., M.P.H., at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University; Marissa King, Ph.D., at Yale University; and Michael Schoenbaum, Ph.D., at NIMH used data from a national prescription database (IMS LifeLink LRx Longitudinal Prescription database) and a national database on medical expenditures collected by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to examine prescription patterns from 2008.

These medications can pose real risks, and there are often safer alternatives available,” said Dr. Schoenbaum, who was senior author.

Among the findings:

- Use of benzodiazepines increased steadily with age: 5.2 percent of adults 18 to 80 years old received one or more benzodiazepine prescriptions in 2008; 2.6 percent of those 18 to 35, 5.4 percent of those 36 to 50, 7.4 percent of those 51 to 64, and 8.4 percent of those 65 to 80.

- Overall, about one quarter of prescriptions involve long-acting formulations of benzodiazepines.

- Most prescriptions for benzodiazepines are written by non-psychiatrists. For adults 18 to 80 years old, about two thirds of prescriptions for long-term use are written by non-psychiatrists; for adults 65 to 80, the figure is nine out of 10.

Benzodiazepines are effective in relieving anxiety and take effect more quickly than antidepressant medications often prescribed for anxiety. However, the prevalence of anxiety disorders declines with age. Practice guidelines recommend nonpharmacologic approaches and antidepressants over benzodiazepines as first-line treatment. Rates of insomnia increase with age, but practice guidelines recommend that health care providers consider behavioral interventions as first-line treatment over medication. Neither of these conditions explains the rates of prescribing benzodiazepines for older age groups.

The study appears online Dec. 18 in JAMA Psychiatry. ■

Some health-care predictions



For the past eight years as president and CEO of NCH, I have led off the first Straight Talk of the new year by sharing thoughts, aspirations, and predictions for the coming year. Let's keep up the tradition with the following five predictions:

- **Nationally, the number of uninsured people will continue to fall**

Since implementation of the Affordable Care Act, uninsured rates have fallen nationally by 30 percent. Florida, however, continues to lag with about 1 million uninsured, making us among the top states for both adults and children lacking health-care insurance. A Healthy Florida Works is a coalition, supported by more than 600 businesses and Chambers of Commerce, to decrease the cost of insurance by having

Florida cooperate with the federal government to obtain health insurance for citizens who earn less than 138 percent of the poverty level. This is a big issue for our state. Florida foregoes \$18 million a day by not accepting the federal government's Medicaid money. These funds go to the 27 states that are accepting the funds. NCH will be among those actively raising this issue with our representatives in Tallahassee in the upcoming legislative session.

- **Health-care costs will continue to become more competitive**

Healthcare's annual growth rate fell last year to the lowest level since the federal government began keeping track. This is due to multiple reasons including higher deductible insurance making people better shoppers, the financially-stressful recession and more efficient, evidenced-based care provided by physicians, hospitals and everyone else. Payment for health care is not going to increase — an unwelcome reality for health-care businesses, which were accustomed to rising reimbursements

for decades. The new normal will be a much more competitive environment with price shopping, consumerism and new alternatives for obtaining care, including small clinics in retail stores.

- **Hospital-acquired conditions will continue to fall as we standardize care, share best practices and benchmark with the best**

Hospital-acquired conditions have fallen by 17 percent since 2012. In this context, NCH has built a stellar reputation in certain areas such as open-heart surgery, information technology (with our Smart Rooms), and avoidance of infections. Safety and quality will remain an important focus for us. Improving our processes so our outcomes are better has been and continues to be high priority. Maintaining our “A” rating with Leapfrog for safety is paramount.

- **Relationships with payers, namely insurance companies, will mature as networks narrow and value — defined as quality divided by cost — becomes more important**

With increased transparency, everyone from individual patients to huge insurance companies will be able to objectively shop for value. Those with the highest value will do well, and the others will suffer. We are seeing that already as about 20 percent of health-care systems are doing well and 80 percent either consolidating or, sadly, closing.

- **Population health in our region will become more important, as the Blue Zones Project begins**

Healthcare mindsets will change over the coming decade, as the approximately 80 percent of well people become more active in staying healthy. As to the other 20 percent, we will improve disease screening so we can diagnose earlier and achieve better outcomes.

One prediction is certain: It will be another interesting and challenging year in health care. ■

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Annual meeting, photo contest and love are in the air for Friends of Lovers Key

The Friends of Lovers Key has a lot going on these days, from the organization's annual meeting to a photo contest to its popular Valentine's Day celebration. Here are the details:

Annual members meeting and shell presentation

Come meet and share your thoughts with the FOLKS board, and hear about what's happening with the FOLKS organization including its effort to build a Visitors Center at Lovers Key State Park. Following the meeting, there will be a presentation by Dr. Jose Leal, curator at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sanibel.

Time is 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Lovers Key Resort Conference Center, 8771 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach.

Dr. Leal will provide information and insight into local seashells and the mollusks that form them. He'll also speak about the coastal environment and what we can all do to help protect and preserve these animals and habitat for future generations. Light snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

Admission is free for all FOLKS members, and non-members can attend by becoming a member prior to or at the meeting. Membership starts at \$40 and includes 12 park entries, a "Turtle Tracks" newsletter subscription and invitations to member-only events. Go to friendsofloversonkey.org for details, or call Rosie Cordes at (314) 973-8624.

Photo contest

Have a favorite Lovers Key State Park photo you've taken? One of the winning photos will be used as the cover of the FOLKS cookbook this year. The contest has three categories: adult (20 and older), teen (12-19), and child (younger than 12). Local nature photographer John Brady will judge the photo contest.

Cost is \$10 per photo entered with no limit on the number of entries. Entry deadline is Jan. 31. Proceeds will go to the Visitors Center Capital Campaign.

To get an application, go to friendsofloversonkey.org or contact the Lovers Key State Park Ranger Station at 463-4588.

Valentine's Day Vow Renewal Ceremony

Love is always in the air at Lovers Key, but even more so on Valentine's Day. Couples are invited to join FOLKS for its sixth annual Vow Renewal Ceremony at the gazebo on the beach on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Couples will have the opportunity to choose either a 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. ceremony. Both ceremonies will include a toast, full brunch or lunch, coffee, cake and desserts, dancing, socializing, a photo, a special gift and door prizes.

Pre-registration for this event is required as it is expected to sell out. To register, contact Judy Greenwood by phone (708) 359-0466 or email at fjgreenwood@gmail.com. Cost is a \$75 per couple, non-refundable donation to FOLKS. ■

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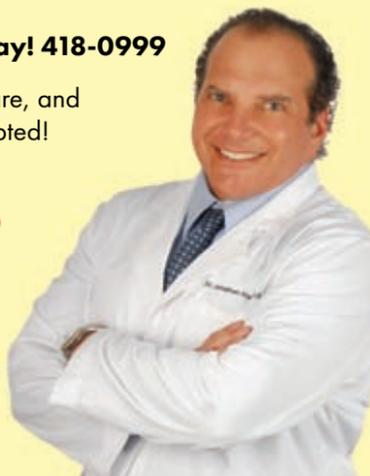
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When I was a kid, I loved Dr. Dolittle. I had a recording of the music from the 1967 movie, and I would sing along with it: "I can walk with the animals, talk with the animals, and they can squeak and squawk and talk to me."

As Dr. Dolittle discovered from his wise parrot, Polynesia, most animal languages are a mixture of sound and movement. But Dr. Dolittle notwithstanding, it has been only recently that we have started to look at and understand communication and emotion in animals.

At the World Small Animal Veterinary Association conference, which I attended last September, veterinary behaviorist Dr. Kersti Seksel spoke on understanding feline communication. For communication to exist, she says, there must be a sender, a means of sending the message and a receiver.

"The receiver doesn't have to be present when the message is sent," Dr. Seksel says, "but the receiver does have to receive and understand the message. That's where most issues start."

Our cats are sophisticated communicators, despite not being able to speak English. Their vocalizations, for instance, are highly individualized and specific. The sounds they use to communicate with each other, such as those between a mother and her kittens, are different from the vocal commands they issue to people. Owners, the ones who are paying attention, anyway, soon learn to

recognize and interpret what their cats are saying.

Cats not only have a language they use only with humans, they also use different body language with humans than with other cats, Dr. Seksel says. Body language encompasses the position of the eyes, ears, tail and head, body posture and facial expression.

Communication between cats is subtle and quick. It often goes unnoticed by people. Often, owners think cats are getting along, when in reality violence is simmering just beneath the surface.

For instance, you might think that one of your cats has merely entered a room. But often, that cat has signaled to the other cat or cats in the room with a twitch of the ear or switch of the tail that he wants something — maybe the chair another cat is in or the food bowl he's snacking from — and he's in no mood to be trifled with. When the other cat gets up and leaves, in a seemingly casual manner, he's not being nonchalant. Cats leave the presence of aggressive cats very slowly because they don't want to draw attention to themselves, Dr. Seksel says.

When feline tension turns into an all-out fight, the combatants don't just kiss and make up. Cats can stay highly aroused for two to seven days afterward, Dr. Seksel says. She recommends separating cats for at least a week after a fight.

Scent is another way in which cats communicate, both among themselves and with people. When your cat gives you an affectionate head butt or rubs up against your leg, he's using pheromones secreted from glands



Cat behavior is complex and interesting. Learning how cats communicate can help us better understand them.

in the cheeks, chin and paw pads to mark you as a member of his community. When he scratches, he's leaving pheromonal messages for other cats.

Pheromones are an important form of communication between cats. Among other things, pheromones signal reproductive status and social rank and indicate danger.

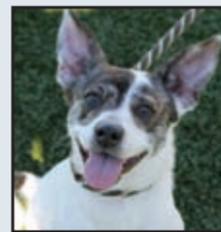
"Veterinary hospitals are full of pheromones all the time because cats aren't happy to be there," Dr. Seksel says.

When you can learn to understand lingua felinica, you are well on your way to earning your cat's respect, not to mention heading off behavior problems before they become serious. And in the immortal words of Dr. Dolittle:

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New photo gallery reveals more local history

It's hard to argue that one of the benefits of being a tourist is the chance to experience unfamiliar traditions. In the early part of the 20th century, Naples was little more than a small fishing village with one big, elegant hotel. The Naples Hotel and its hospitably lush location served the needs of many visitors escaping a cold winter. And while familiar necessities like luxury rooms and meals were expected, visitors often ventured to Naples because of the unexpected pleasures like fishermen's catch of the day, sweet citrus fruits and freshly harvested vegetables.



For leisure and entertainment, guests would picnic on the lawn while watching a game of croquet. Others borrowed a set of clubs and played the only golf course in town. Some slipped off their shoes and walked along the shore in search of souvenir shells and others read quietly in the shade.

In the evenings, even during Prohibition, nearly every occupant in Naples toasted to the day's successes. One of the more popular places for people to gather was on the Naples pier, which according to Naples Historical Society, has been rebuilt or replaced five times due to hurricane or fire damage.

"The Naples pier has always been a hub of activity," said society CEO Elaine Reed. "In the early part of the 20th century, it was where tourists saw their first glimpse of Naples. And not surprisingly, the pier is now a Naples landmark that

is on the to-do list of most tourists."

Indeed from sun up to sun down, the Naples pier has been a destination that has served many needs for many generations. In fact, before the railway reached Naples, guests could only access the town via boats that docked at the pier. A large boat called the Bon Temps delivered hundreds of tourists and tons of supplies to the Naples pier on a regular basis. The pier also served as a meeting place for local traders where fresh catch was sold off the hook.

The Naples Historical Society recently unveiled a new

collection of photographs for its second floor gallery and there are several images that feature the Naples pier. One image in particular captures the diversity of the location best. The picture reveals a sign posted on the pier that reads "Please Keep Fish Off The Dance Floor."

Thanks to a special restricted grant to professionally enlarge and frame some never-seen before images in its photograph archives, the society's second-floor photo gallery in Historic Palm Cottage now includes 27 newly framed historic images that make the exhibit a must see... again!

"The new additions express a whole new series that convey tales through photographic evidence," said Naples Historical Society archival manager Rayna Alam.

The photo gallery is a popular attraction within Historic Palm Cottage



Newly framed historic images in the second floor gallery.

COURTESY PHOTOS



"Please keep fish off the dance floor."



A new 30-inch by 40-inch aerial photo of the pier.

because it conveys the town's historic tales in photographic imagery. Access to the gallery is included in a house tour. The house museum is located at 137 12th Ave. South, one block east of the Naples pier. Hours are Tuesday through

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“The biggest problem now is there are no qualified workers.”

— James Macholz, a building contractor in Tampa and president of Jamco Unlimited



EVAN WILLIAMS / FLORIDA WEEKLY
Apprentice installer Eddie Patino, under the guidance of operation manager Jose Mirandais, of Action Automatic Door & Gate, installs a garage door at a housing development in Bonita Springs.

Remodelers are bustling

And good help is hard to find

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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At a new housing development in Bonita Springs, under a sparkling blue and white winter sky, Jose Miranda worked with apprentice installer Eddie Patino to put in garage doors. Contractors such as Action Automatic Door & Gate have hired people like Mr. Patino to meet the demands of a rebounding construction industry.

“Homegrown,” said operation manager Mr. Miranda about the advantages

of hiring an apprentice. “We show ‘em how we want it.”

Professionals and trade associations in South Florida report an uptick in sales and hiring. That is unquestionably good news, but also means that as the construction industry continues to grow and recover from the recession, many companies find that good help is even harder to find.

“The biggest problem now is there are no qualified workers,” said James Macholz, a building contractor in Tampa and president of Jamco Unlim-

ited, a kitchen and bath design firm.

Mr. Macholz said his gross revenue was \$866,000 in 2014. That’s more than in his previous best year, \$602,000 in 2007 before he felt the recession.

“And I don’t see it slowing down because I’m booked out three months right now,” he said.

Sales for Home Depot installs in South Florida were up 30 percent in 2013 and 2014, said field installation manager Francisco Rijo, and he predicts

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The divvy is important in equity investing



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Equities can also be sorted by existence of a dividend and whether there is a long standing history of increasing dividends.

A dividend (or the divvy) is a payment of cash to shareholders. It is generally a distribution of a portion of the net profits of a company as the only other way to make a cash distribution is if cash has been generated through the sale of assets (which generated cash) or through borrowing. (Most lenders would frown upon their borrowings being used as cash dividends; lenders want entities that to use their funds to

grow assets and income.) Sometimes shareholders can opt to not take a cash distribution and instead can choose to reinvest in the company's stock, a stock reinvestment program.

Many investment managers who promote investing in high dividend paying stocks use historical data to prove their point. The Dreyfus Funds website provides excellent research on dividend paying stocks, courtesy of Faye Sarofim's research, "Reasons to Consider Dividend-Paying Stocks," May 2014, (which research further cites the graphs of Strategas Research Partners).

"History has shown that dividends have often been a powerful source of total return in a diversified investment portfolio. For decades, it was an accepted axiom of equity investing that dividends were an important component of total return. Since 1926, dividends have represented over 50 percent of the total market return."

Faye Sarofim's data shows the importance of dividends as part of the total return for the S&P 500 from 1930 through 2013. Throughout that period spanning 83 years, dividends have provided approximately half of the S&P 500's total compounded return. Inclusion of 2014, brings the 85 year compounded return of the S&P 500 to 9.6 percent.

Many advisers/money managers make a case for investing in dividend paying equities based on: 1) the long-term return for equities being approximately 10 percent and 2) that more than

half of such 10 percent return came from dividends.

The problem is that history does not necessarily repeat itself in regards to both price appreciation and dividends. In fact for the past 14 years, dividends have played a scant role in the overall return in the S&P 500. Per a stock return calculator, which provides overall compounded returns as well as the dividend compounded portion (provided at the website DQYDJ.net which calculates for any period of time), the mix of appreciation and dividend payment has radically changed in the past 14 years. For the 50 years from 1930 through 1980, the compounded return came 5 percent from dividends and 5.4 percent from price appreciation. Contrast that with the past 14 years (1990 through the present); the mix has changed to 2.2 percent from dividends and the balance of 7.4 percent from price appreciation... for a total compounded return of 9.7 percent

So what does that all mean?

First, it means that when anyone quotes you performance numbers, it is best to dig deeper into those numbers. Poke around. Ask a lot of questions. Think about why the broker has chosen a certain starting date.... as 1930 was a lot lower than 1929.

Second, remember that an investment that has compounded at 10 percent might sound like smooth sailing, as if it was steadily compounding. In fact, during that compounding period, there were quite a few crashes and burns:

1973, 1987, 2000 and 2008-9. It's best you be prepared for such. No divvy-paying stock escaped the wrath of 2008-2009.

Third, it means that as easy as divvy investing sounds or appears at first blush, it will be extremely hard for any manager to prospectively deliver returns that are 50 percent dividends and 50 percent appreciation, as dividends remain relatively low even for many of the so-called heavy dividend payers.

One point that Faye Sarofim makes in his column is well taken: Many of the steady dividend payers that are committed to increasing their dividend are also strong companies, often worthy of investment beyond the dividend attraction.

Consult your investment adviser about these topics and possibly steer your portfolio in a better direction. ■

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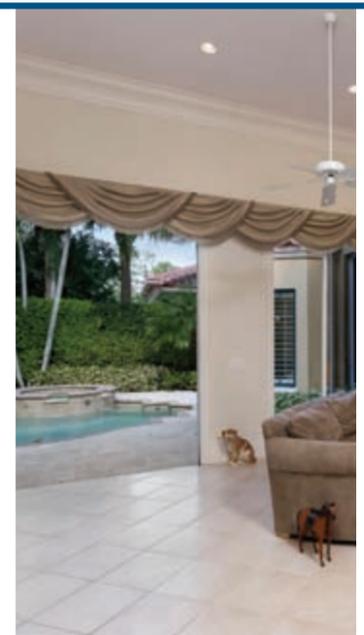
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Clubhouse underway at Artesia Naples

WCI Communities has started construction on the clubhouse at Artesia Naples, WCI's 261-acre master-planned community located between Marco Island beaches and Fifth Avenue South in Naples.

Scheduled for completion in Spring 2015, the 9,215-square-foot clubhouse is nestled along the community's 20-acre central lake and will offer a theater, club room, billiards table, craft and card rooms, and a fitness center with aerobics studio. It will have 11,845 total square feet, with shaded outdoor seating areas and expansive sun decks around the resort-inspired pool, which will offer a beach entry and dedicated lap lanes.

The clubhouse's three-acre campus also will offer a dog park, event lawn, and multi-use racquet sports court.

With 111 of its 261 acres set aside for nature preserves and lakes, Artesia Naples is planned for only 600 condominium and single-family homes, many of which will be just a quick walk to the community's clubhouse.

WCI is offering 18 multi- and single-family home designs plus the final six American Bungalows, now under construction.

WCI is offering eight Grand Villa home designs with one and two stories, two and three bedrooms, and 1,849 to 3,275 square feet.

Three home designs are available in Artesia Naples' 30-home Garden Villa neighborhood. The two-story homes feature three bedrooms, courtyards, balconies and 2,115 to more than 2,400 square feet of living space.

The first Villa neighborhood will offer 14 homesites for its two-bedroom homes. Versatile Villa designs feature flex spaces and dens within 1,572 to 1,916 square feet of interior space.

Most of the community's new Mansion condominiums will overlook the central lake. Planned for 23 buildings that resemble large estate homes, the neighborhood offers three two-story homes in mid-rise buildings. Mansions

feature two- and three-bedroom designs within 1,056 to 1,526 square feet.

Artesia Naples borders Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a popular destination for bird watching, canoeing and kayaking.

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Artesia Naples is located on Barefoot Williams Road just north of Tower Road. From U.S. 41/Tamiami Trail East, take Collier Boulevard/CR 951 south to Tower Road.

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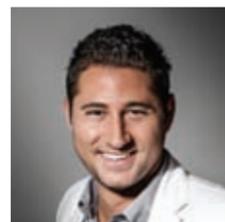
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REMODELERS

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for 2015. Mr. Rijo oversees some 1,200 jobs per year including attic insulation, gutters and storm protection, windows and roofing on the southeast and west coasts, including in Lee, Collier, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties.

"We're constantly recruiting new installers to make sure we're on top of our business," said Mr. Rijo. "We have a lot of contractors that wish to work with us. Once we start testing them by allowing them to do minor services or smaller installations we realize their standards are not up to ours so we try to coach them."

The kitchen, cabinet and bath company Cornerstone Builders of SWFL has "grown by leaps and bounds for the last four years," said Joann Blankenship, accounting manager.

It has responded to a busier market by continuing to hire new employees. But like other construction and home remodeling businesses the company has also struggled to find qualified workers as demand rebounds.

"We don't have enough people. We just keep hiring," Ms. Blankenship said. "We have a lot of really good people but just trying to find new faces is a difficult thing."

Those who have come looking for a job as an installer at Eagle Windows & Sliding Glass Doors in Naples often don't have enough experience or training.

"No one's answering our ads," said Eagle owner Carolyn Kean.

Sales climb

Total sales for Action Automatic was up 26 percent in the fourth quarter of 2014 compared to the same time the year before, said CEO George Ebel.

Sales were driven especially by residential builders in places like Bonita as well as homeowners, an improving economy and demand for homes in a sunny, clement climate, he said. "It's really just the end of the recession and the pent-up demand for housing, I would think."

For his part, Mr. Ebel has had no problem finding skilled employees to install garage doors and gates, but "I see it coming," he said. "It depends on how long this upturn lasts, too."

Many contractors across the U.S. saw sales growth during the same period. An online survey by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry of 213 of its members found that about two-thirds of remodeling contractors reported higher sales in the fourth quarter. Although sales were down slightly from September, remodelers were optimistic,



Workers with SandStar Homes and Remodeling in Punta Gorda.

with 73 percent of them predicting continued growth in the next three months driven by, in order: people needing to do projects that had been postponed, more certainty about the future, economic growth, improving home prices and low interest rates.

The last 18 months has been especially strong for SandStar Remodeling and Homes in Punta Gorda, said vice president Larry J. Sandles.

"2014 was a really, really good year for remodeling."

Why? "There's better consumer confidence," and more people updating a second home or buying property they know they'll have to remodel. "People are a lot more willing to take the chance and remodel," said Mr. Sandles.

With greater sales, designer Bob Stobenau is planning to open a new showroom for Simply Cabinets in Punta Gorda. His cabinet designs are popular with contractors and homeowners.

"We've seen an uptick in everything—new home construction, remodels," he said.

He works closely with an installer to put in the cabinets he designs, someone with a minimum of 10 to 15 years of experience and, just as important, honesty. He adds, "My installer has been looking for a qualified helper and can't find one."

General contractor Rob Whitman of Whitman Industries on Marco Island said "people are realizing that the market values are fair now. They're not so blown up. People say my house is now worth what it should be and they will put an addition on and make it worth even more money."

"People are just more comfortable spending I think that's what it comes down to. They're not holding on to their money right now. They're not necessarily buying new, they're just redoing what they have," said Ms. Blankenship of Cornerstone Builders.

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General contractor Robert Whitman of Whitman Industries on Marco Island.

Construction jobs rebound

Construction employment in Florida grew by 8 percent between November 2013 and 2014, one of the fastest rates in the U.S., showed an analysis of federal data by The Associated General Contractors of America. Florida's rate was a third-place tie with Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin — while Utah's 10 percent and North Dakota's 17 were second and first.

The unemployment rate for construction workers fell to a seven-year low in the U.S. in 2014, AGC found. With demand surging, 25 percent of U.S. contractors said they turned down some projects over the summer.

A press release read in part, "(AGC) officials noted that most contractors report they are having a hard time finding qualified workers to fill key positions as demand rebounds. They cautioned that if labor conditions get even tighter, contractors will have to pass on new projects, and possibly delay existing ones, because of a lack of workers."

The association's CEO Stephen E. Sandherr said there is a need for more career and technical education programs for future workers.

in the know

Florida's construction industry:

A list of employment by metropolitan area or division, November 2013 to November 2014

>> Statewide in Florida

2013: 396,400
2014: 429,400
Percent change: 8
Gain: 32,700

>> Cape Coral-Fort Myers

2013: 18,000
2014: 19,300
Percent change: 7
Gain: 1,300

>> Naples-Marco Island

2013: 11,300
2014: 12,200
Percent change: 8
Gain: 900

>> Punta Gorda

2013: 3000
2014: 3,100
Percent change: 3
Gain: 100

The total number of jobs also include a relatively small number of mining and logging jobs, 5,900 total jobs statewide, or 1.5 percent of the total.

— Source: AGC

"I think it's also a stigma thing, a lot of people think if you don't have a college degree you're not going to make it anywhere," said Mr. Stobenau of Simply Cabinets in Punta Gorda, pointing out that he went to a trade school in Philadelphia. "I tried to go back to college three times. I stink at it."

While construction employment grew in most parts of the country, the recovery has been uneven. The Tampa-St.Petersburg-Clearwater division, for example, lost 2,500 jobs between November 2013 and 2014, one of four metro areas in Florida that lost jobs; 18 showed growth. Florida's Southwest and Southeast coasts had strong job growth.

AGC spokesman Brian Turmail pointed out that the data from the federal government could still be revised either up or down.

"It is true that Florida in particular has really begun to experience a nice rebound in construction employment during much of the past two years," he said. "But demand can vary based on the timing of local construction projects and other economic factors. This is something that isn't unique to Florida. Indeed one of the characteristics of the construction recovery has been how inconsistent it has been." ■

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Florida Southern College contains the largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings at a single location, and it is the only school rated the most beautiful campus in the United States for two consecutive years by the Princeton review. Many of the buildings have been refurbished and are now in excellent condition. A behind-the-scenes architectural tour will include the Usonian Faculty House and access to all major buildings including the planetarium. Lunch will be provided at Wright's Hollis Room.

At the second stop, participants will take a guided tour of Florida Polytechnic University's new Science and Innovation Building by Santiago Calatrava, with behind-the-scenes insights of the project's development including architects selection, master plan and sustainable design.

For reservations, visit eventbrite.com/e/2015-aia-ceu-architectural-tour-to-lakeland-tickets-14167849419.

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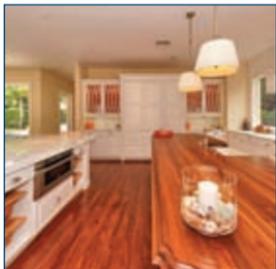
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Good Debt, Bad Debt

We often assume that debt is bad, period. But that's not quite right. After all, debt can permit us to buy a home or go to college — but if mismanaged, it can also nearly ruin us.

Mortgages represent good debt. Even if you can afford to pay cash, it's almost always smart to finance your home, especially at today's low interest rates. In a simplified example, let's say that you have \$200,000 available either to invest with or to use to buy a home. If you get a mortgage at 4.5 percent interest, over the course of 30 years, you'll end up paying about \$365,000 in principal and interest.

However, if you invest that \$200,000 and (reasonably) expect to earn a long-term average annual return of 7 percent, you'll have more than \$1.4 million after 30 years of compounded growth. On top of that, there's a good chance your home will end up worth more than you paid for it.

Credit cards represent one of the worst kinds of debt, as they charge very high interest rates, ranging from 12 percent to

30 percent or even more. That can lead to debt escalating out of control if you're not careful, so avoid carrying significant balances on credit cards.

Used responsibly, though, credit cards can be useful, not only providing convenience for purchases, but also helping build a strong credit rating if you pay your bills on time and don't owe too much. According to myFICO.com, the average "high achiever" — a consumer with a FICO score above 800 — carries a balance equivalent to 7 percent of his or her total credit limit, or about \$700 for a \$10,000 line of credit.

If you have excessive high-interest debt, pay it off as soon as possible. Investing and saving make little sense if you're paying 20 percent interest or more on your debts. Credit card debt of \$10,000 can cost you \$2,000 or more per year in interest alone, and you'd need some pretty amazing (and unlikely) returns on your investments to make up for that. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Low Testosterone

Back in 1993, I decided to invest some of my retirement money in a company that made testosterone patches. Instead of going up, though, it went down, and I lost half my money. I then followed my broker's advice and invested what was left in Qualcomm and Cisco Systems, and within a few years I had made a lot of money.

Warren Buffett is right: Invest in financially solid companies for the long run and watch your money grow and grow and grow.

— H.S., St. Joseph, Missouri

The Fool Responds: Buffett is indeed right. That said, though, if you'd hung on to your original company, you'd have done well, too. It was eventually bought by Johnson & Johnson for about \$12 billion.

Many great companies go through slow periods or downturns. If you still believe in their prospects, it's best to hang on. But if you're significantly more confident about another company's prospects, you might do well to sell. A great thing about investing in stocks is that there are many terrific long-term winners, and you need to find and stick with only a few to do well. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to *The Motley Fool* c/o *My Dumbest Investment*. Got one that worked? Submit to *My Smartest Investment*. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to Kirk Kerkorian's 1967 purchase of Las Vegas' Flamingo hotel and casino, followed by his 1969 opening of the International, then the world's largest hotel, with 1,500 rooms. Today I'm a leading global hospitality and gaming company, owning and operating a portfolio of 15 properties, which include Bellagio, MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay and The Mirage. I also have a 51 percent stake in a holding company with casinos in the hot gambling region of Macau, China, and a 50 percent stake in CityCenter, Las Vegas. Most of my casinos are open 24/7. Who am I? (Answer: MGM Resorts International) ■



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Ask the Fool

In Street Name

Should I ask my brokerage to send me my stock certificates so I can store them in my safe, or is it OK for the brokerage to keep them?

— C.D., Warsaw, Indiana

It's very common for brokerages to hold stock certificates for investors — registering the shares in "street name." This offers several advantages. For one thing, you don't have to safeguard the documents, and you can't lose them. Also, whenever you want to sell, you don't have to mail them back to the brokerage, which can take several days. You can sell your shares within minutes by contacting your brokerage, whether by phone or online. Learn more about brokerages at broker.fool.com.

Is it advisable or inadvisable to use consumer credit counseling organizations to help me get out of debt?

— K.W., Clyde, Texas

As can be helpful, but be careful, as some such outfits can rip you off. With a good one, you might have a debt management plan (DMP) created for you, designed to get you out of debt relatively quickly. But these work only if you cooperate, and many debtors drop the ball.

Look elsewhere for help, too. Discuss your situation with a trusted banker or mortgage officer, and perhaps consult a bankruptcy lawyer, as well, to learn about your options. Many people are able to pay off their debts without outside help. Learn more about credit card debt and how to get out of it at fool.com/how-to-invest/personal-finance/index.aspx.

If you want to investigate counseling organizations, seek a non-profit one, perhaps via the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC). Call it at 800-388-2227 or visit nfcc.org. But first gather important tips and warnings from the Federal Trade Commission at consumer.ftc.gov. ■

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Name That Company

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The Motley Fool Take

Investing in Drugs

You might want to invest in biotechnology, but be careful. It's not an easy industry to master, and while some companies eventually skyrocket, many others flame out.

One simple way to invest in biotech is the iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF (Nasdaq: IBB), which is a fund of roughly 150 stocks that has grown by an annual average of almost 15 percent over the past decade.

If you're willing to take on more risk for a chance at a bigger reward, consider Celgene (Nasdaq: CELG), which sells the pancreatic cancer drug Abraxane. Many balk at its steep price, but pancreatic cancer is notoriously tough to treat, and it's unlikely that doctors or patients will stop using it in the absence of other options.

Celgene's product lineup addresses

tough-to-treat cancers that currently have limited treatment options. Revlimid, on pace to record sales of \$5 billion this year, is the most widely used multiple myeloma drug for relapsing patients. Pomalyst is a third-line multiple myeloma drug that saw its third-quarter sales more than double, year over year. Otezla, recently approved as a treatment for psoriasis, could eclipse the billion-dollar sales mark by 2017.

Meanwhile, Celgene is also aggressive in R&D spending, conducting dozens of studies that could move its revenue needle in the future, and it has inked partnership deals on some of emerging biotechnology's most intriguing up-and-coming therapies. (The Motley Fool has recommended Celgene.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ A speed networking breakfast for **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 7:45-9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the YMCA of Bonita Springs.

Members host a meet-and-greet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Alico Family Golf Center in South Fort Myers. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com to RSVP or for more information.

■ The next **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Hacienda Lakes of Naples. The evening's host is Esplanade at Hacienda Lakes. \$10 for chamber members (\$15 at the door), \$25 for others. Sign up by Jan. 12 at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five networking event from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Marco

Island Fish Co. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds a mini-trade show at its next Business Before Business meeting from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport next to Gulf Coast Town Center. Thirty-five chamber members will showcase their products and services to fellow members and guests. Call Chelsea Birczak at 992-2943 or email Chelsea@bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ Save the date for the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** annual meeting set for Wednesday morning, April 15, at the Hilton Naples. Visit napleschamber.org/events for more information. ■

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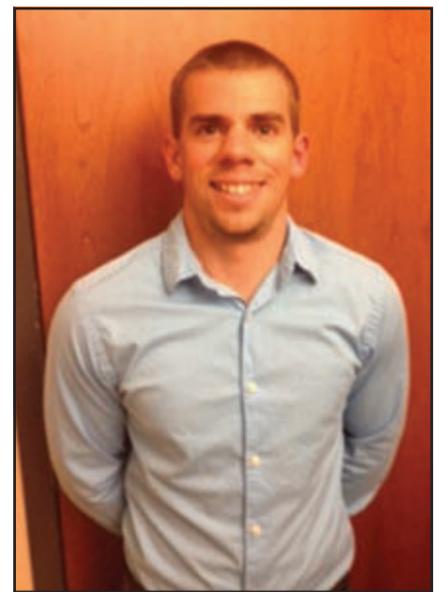
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Sorrento is situated around a large central lake and is surrounded by other luxury communities. It is also convenient for commuting and offers easy access to Mercato and the Vanderbilt Beach area, Gulf Coast Town Center, Miromar Outlets and Coconut Point. The white, sandy beaches of Bonita Springs are also nearby.

Located off Bonita Beach Road at 28063 Sosta Lane, the community of Sorrento is two miles east of I-75. For more information, contact Nicole DeBusman at 770-4214. ■



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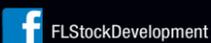
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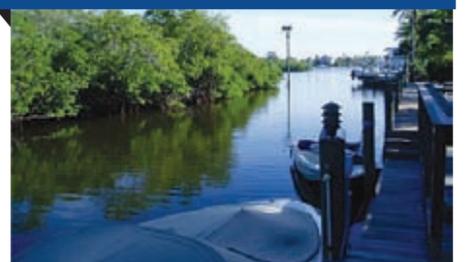
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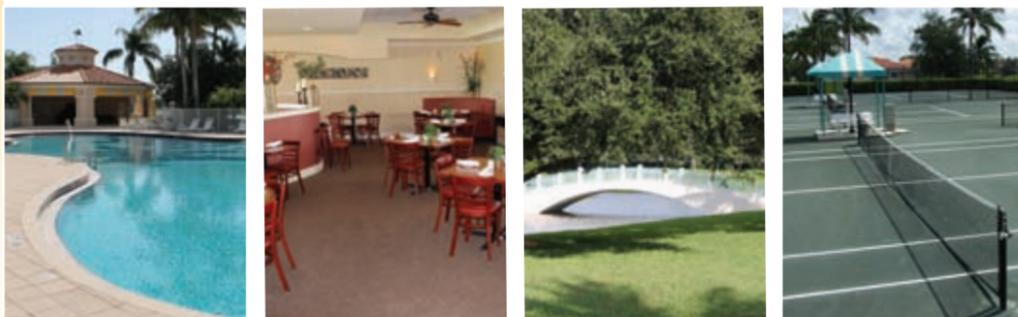


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Talis Park Begins Construction Of Sports Complex and South Entry

Developer Kitson & Partners announced it has begun construction of an approximately three-acre Sports Complex and a south entry gate at Talis Park in North Naples. The Sports Complex will complete the array of amenities Kitson has designed and constructed to support Talis Park's New Fashioned, health-oriented lifestyle that has redefined the Naples country club experience. The south entry gate will provide access to the community via Veterans' Memorial Parkway. Both the Sports Complex and the south entry gate are expected to be completed by late fall of this year.

The Sports Complex will feature six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with directionally focused lighting and pavilions for resting between matches, a tennis pro shop and clubhouse with restrooms and a beverage center, four bocce ball courts, a fifty-foot two-lane lap pool, and landscaped areas. An enchanting green space will provide a social gathering and event place reminiscent of the community's signature Great Lawn located at Talis Park's Grand Piazza.

The new entry gate at the south end of Talis Park Drive will include a guard house and a private entry lane for residents. As part of the entry gate project, Kitson will create a memorable approach to the community's south entrance with significant landscaping enhancements along approximately 1,000-feet of Veteran's Memorial Parkway between the south entry gate and Livingston Road.

The Sports Complex and south entry gate are the latest enrichments that Kitson has delivered at Talis Park. Construction of Phase II of the Vyne House clubhouse is well underway and on schedule for completion in late November of this year. The 26,470 square feet under air, multi-level Phase II project is being built by Deangelis Diamond Construction, Inc. Talis Park's residents continue to enjoy Fiona's Market Café, the world-class Core Fitness Center, and the Esprit Spa that opened at Vyne House over a year ago. When Phase II is completed, Vyne House will include a total of 32,052 square feet under air and 25,065 square feet of outdoor space.

The Phase II site work and infrastructure, including grading and excavation work for the foundation and the installation of water, sewer, and drainage lines, have been completed. Vertical construction is progressing as planned. The building shell is on target for completion by the end of first quarter, 2015 and provide a "risen" structure offering a sense of the building's design and scale. The building will be completely dried in before the summer rainy season allowing interior finishing work to be completed without weather related delays.

Located adjacent to the Great Lawn at Talis Park's Grand Piazza, Vyne House epitomizes the New Fashioned aesthetic Kitson has introduced at the North Naples community. Rather than offering an expansive clubhouse that is more narrowly focused in design and function, Vyne House consists of a series of lifestyle oriented spaces designed to be used every day, inviting users to come as they are in a relaxed, comfortable format. The buildings are interconnected by covered outdoor walkways and wrapped around multiple courtyards that offer the possibility of outdoor dining and entertaining.

Phase II will introduce Vyne Court, an open-air courtyard that is the centerpiece of Vyne House. In addition to serving as a point of entry, Vyne Court will be used as a social space perfectly suited to hosting a variety of events. The upper level will also include formal indoor dining, casual indoor and



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outdoor dining, a multi-purpose room adjacent to Vyne Court, aerobics and cardio workout rooms, and a uniquely designed Wine Room/Board Room. The lower level of Vyne House Phase II will host the golf pro shop as well as the men's and ladies' locker rooms. Phase II will also include the completion of a resort style pool with a large pool deck as well as a stately rotunda that will feature an oversized, two-sided fireplace and overlook the 18th green.

In addition to the Sports Complex and Vyne House, Talis Park's amenities include its renowned golf course that is one of just two Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed golf courses in the world. Known for the splendor of its Sea Dwarf® Paspalum fairways and greens, the course is consistently ranked among the top twenty golf courses in Florida and was ranked #91 in Golfweek's 2014 Best Residential Courses. The Casa Cortese Grille offers an outdoor dining and lounge experience overlooking a pristine driving range.

Kitson recently announced it is offering fourteen choice luxury condominium residences immediately adjacent to Vyne House and the Great Lawn. The new Residences at Vyne House will offer the consummate In the Village lifestyle and put a select group of homeowners literally within steps of every amenity at Vyne House. The Residences at Vyne House will offer a level of fit and finish rarely seen in gated golf course community condominium neighborhoods while fully integrating Talis Park's array of world-class amenities in a maintenance-free lifestyle that includes personalized twenty-four hour concierge services.

Talis Park's residential choices range from penthouse style condominiums priced from the \$700's to luxurious estate residences starting at \$2.5 million. Luxury homebuyers have an opportunity to begin enjoying Talis Park's New Fashioned lifestyle in advance of next Season. Completed and soon-to-be-completed furnished models and unfurnished Resident Ready homes are available in Talis Park's nine distinct neighborhoods. Additional furnished models are poised to begin construction.

Talis Park is located in North Naples on Livingston Road just north of Immo-kalee Road. Visit Talis Park's Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road in North Naples, or visit Talis Park online at talispark.com. ■



The Casa Cortese Grille at Talis Park offers an outdoor dining and lounge experience overlooking a pristine driving range.



The Sports Complex now under construction will complete the array of amenities developer Kitson & Partners has designed and constructed to support Talis Park's New Fashioned, health-oriented lifestyle.



The luxury residences at Talis Park overlook the community's stunning golf course, water and preserve views.



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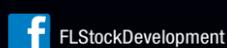
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Top ten waterfront mansions for sale

When looking at a world population map it's interesting to note that the majority of the population is located along bodies of water, whether it be the ocean or inland lakes and rivers. In ancient history, this was likely the result of gathering around a food source but Southwest Floridians know that living by the water's edge is connected more with relaxation and pleasure.

Here we present some of the most interesting waterfront properties, from oceanfront jungles like Mel Gibson's Costa Rica compound to a floating condo that travels the length of the Mississippi River to Key Biscayne. Perhaps these waterfront abodes will provide you with some inspiration for your own home here in the subtropics.

A Costa Rica jungle hideaway

Mel Gibson's compound includes three homes with each of the smaller single-story homes having two bedrooms, vaulted ceilings, kitchens, verandas and their own swimming pools. All are built for the tropics with wide expanses open to the outdoors to collect the ocean breezes. Originally listed for \$35 million in 2010, the property is now priced at \$29.75 million.

Beach house with retracting roof

Every floor of this home in the Pacific Beach suburb of San Diego opens with floor-to-ceiling retractable glass walls for views across the beach to the Pacific's horizon. Other features in the glamorous 2,550-square-foot four bedroom, five bath home include a gourmet kitchen with opalescent glass bar top and high-end appliances, smart home technology to operate every electric feature and three media rooms with 50-inch screens. Previously priced at \$6.49 million, the home has now been reduced to \$5.9 million.

See the U.S.A. in a floating condo

The first River Cities condo floating residences will be the Marquette, built on barges that can be hooked together side-by-side for wide waterways such as the Mississippi River, or can be unhooked and attached end-to-end to navigate and explore the nation's narrow scenic waterways. The boat will always be rolling on rivers and waterways, except while in port for restocking and land excursions.

While the condos are on the move, amenities include swimming pools, hot tubs, gym, walking course, restaurants, lounge, chip golf green and a library. If you don't want to live there full-time, there are many different packages with increments of ownership.

Packages range from a low of \$54,600 for two months annually in a 528 square-foot studio to \$1.9 million for full time floating in their largest built-out custom condo.

Key Biscayne's Mashta Point

The Mashta House sits on its private and gated 1.63-acre peninsula, with an enviable protected cove and 360-degree water views. The 11,588-square-foot house consists of six bedrooms, eight baths, five floors, an elevator, attached garage and swimming pool. Possibly Key Biscayne's most prized address and steeped in Old Florida history, it's priced at \$60 million.

Oregon postcard home

Nestucca Sea Ranch is located on a cliff where the Little Nestucca River meets the Pacific where one can enjoy fishing for fresh salmon, crabbing, hiking the many wooded trails, observing the many pair of bald eagles that call it



The Nestucca Sea Ranch is perched above its 26 acres and two secluded beaches

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The original Mashta House was built on Key Biscayne by John Matheson in 1917.



Howard Hughes' log cabin at the edge of Lake Tahoe is the essence of the rustic cabin experience.



Mel Gibson's compound includes three homes with smaller single-story homes.



Villa Rockledge, originally known as Mariona, was built in 1918 by Frank Miller, the famed developer of the Mission Inn in Riverside, Calif.



A screened-in guest pavilion sits adjacent to the wooded terraces in Donna Karan's home.



Ted Turner's private island can only be accessed by boat.



Award-winning architect Jeffrey Long captured the spirit of aloha with Hawaiian-style open air living and by using many of Hawaii's natural island materials in the construction.

home, or maybe waking up to a seal pup napping on the beach below. Included in the ranch compound with traditional shingle-style exteriors is the main house with its own viewing lighthouse, a three-car garage with apartment above, guest house with one bedroom, one bath, wide decking and two-car garage and the quaint fisherman's hideaway with an additional garage, totaling 7,442 square feet of modern living space.

This estate originally listed at \$7.998 million and was sold at auction in July 2014 at an undisclosed price.

Historic Laguna Castle by the Sea

One of Southern California's most historic properties, Villa Rockledge has breathtaking panoramic views from practically every room, even some closets and bathrooms. With an overall total

of 12 bedrooms and 11 baths, the estate is comprised of the main house and six villas encompassing 8,065 square feet of living space spread over a half acre. The trophy beach estate is now back on the market with additional restoration and technology, priced at \$30 million.

Howard Hughes' Lake Tahoe cabin

Reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes' enchanting log cabin at the edge of Lake Tahoe is the essence of the rustic cabin experience. Built in 1934 by skilled log crafters, it is located on over 5.5 gated acres with more than 500 feet of Crystal Bay waterfront. The main house consists of 2,518 square feet with five bedrooms and five bathrooms. The large vaulted, beamed great room contains a massive stone fireplace and lovely water views. The property was listed at \$19.5 million.

Ted Turner's private island

One of the properties in TV and restaurant mogul Ted Turner's real estate collection has recently been put up for sale — an entire 4,680-acre private island off the coast of South Carolina. The island has only two structures: the main house and the caretaker's house. The 3,800-square-foot main house has five bedrooms and five baths with a large screened porch. The asking price is \$23.8 million.

Hawaii beach home

The two-story, 6,631-square-foot home is on .64 acres with prime beachfront, six bedrooms and seven bathrooms. The drama factor first comes when entering the two-story living area with Sapele walls of glass that slide back into their own pockets, instantly opening the whole house to sea breezes and dramatic ocean and Molokai Island views. One of only four beachfront homes in the exclusive

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Donna Karan's island sanctuary

Savvy business woman and long time Parrot Cay villa owner Donna Karan has recently put a portion of her large beachfront villa estate on the market. The seven-acre portion she is selling is a compound of two luxury four-bedroom villas, each featuring a second-floor master bedroom with stunning ocean views, three bedroom suites, and an infinity-edge pool. Neighbors include Bruce Willis' family, Keith Richards and Christie Brinkley. The home is priced at \$36 million. ■

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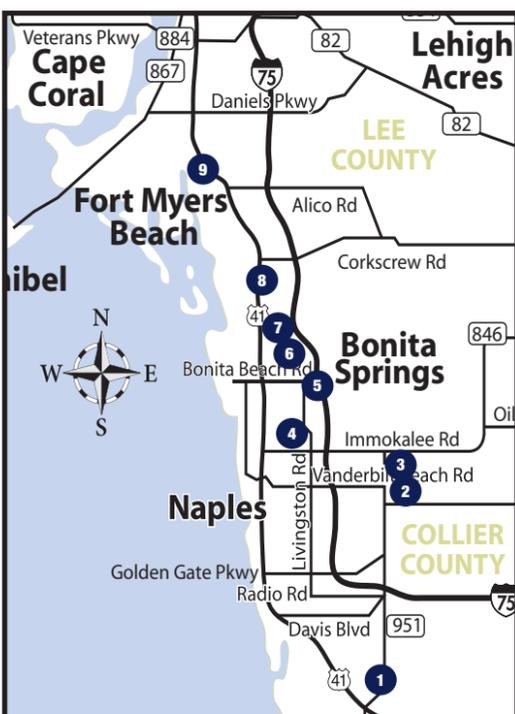
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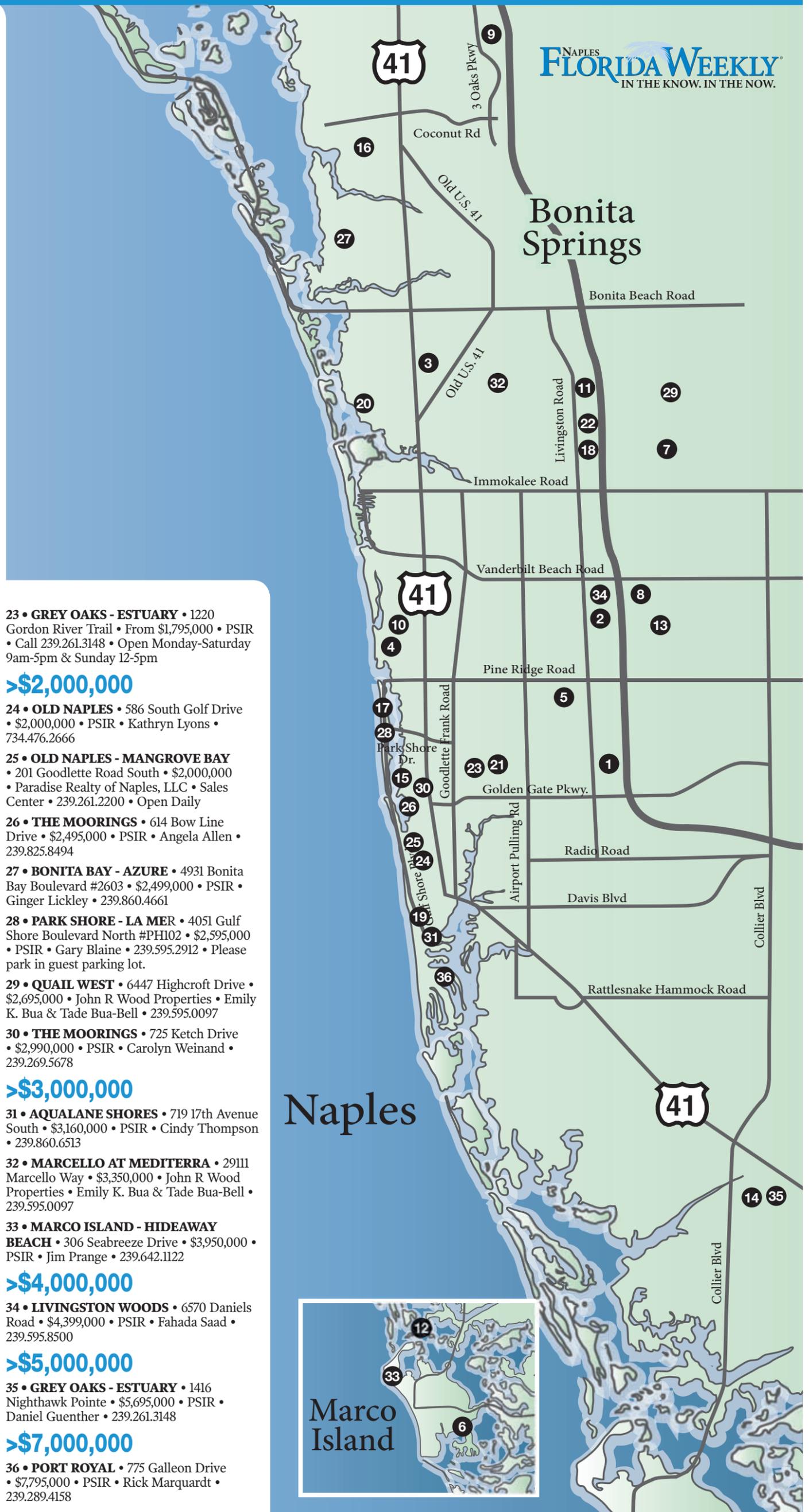
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Kate Davis comes to the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Jan. 17.



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All about that Kate

Bassist comes to Davis Art Center

BY NANCY STETSON
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FOR MUSICIAN/SINGER/SONG-writer Kate Davis, it literally is all about that bass... and then some.

She remembers hearing Meghan Trainor's infectiously poppy hit on the radio this past summer, while visiting her family in Portland, Ore.

"I thought it was so cute," she says. "It was refreshing, because it was very different."

SEE KATE, C4 ▶



Megan Hilty

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TheatreZone celebrates 10th anniversary with Broadway superstar performances

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Broadway and television star Megan Hilty will be making a stop in Naples Jan. 23-24 at TheatreZone's G&L Theater at the Community School of Naples.

Best known for her turn on Broadway's "Wicked" as Glinda after her predecessor Kristin Chenoweth's departure, Ms.Hilty also starred on NBC's "Smash" as Ivy Lynn, an aspiring stage star who was desperate to portray Marilyn Monroe in

the show's fictional musical "Bombshell." "We thought that she personifies what we're about," said TheatreZone's artistic director Mark Danni. "She's identified with Broadway and TheatreZone is identified with musicals. We are the musical theater."

Mr. Danni said he rarely brings visiting acts to TheatreZone, but circumstances aligned in a way that inspired him to book Hilty for Naples audiences.

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Single woman seeking handyman



One month ago, on the closing date for my first house, I sat in the conference room of a downtown Fort Myers law office alone on my side of the table. On the other side, the seller, a woman going through a divorce whose ex-husband had already left town, smiled kindly at me.

“Look at us,” she said. “Two women doing this alone.”

I smiled back. I was terrified. And proud. I remember when a friend bought a house a few years ago and posted a photo of her new place with the caption “Homeownership: I got this.” All through the closing, I kept thinking the same thing: I got this.

But less than a week after moving into my new home, I had the sinking feeling that I don’t got this as much as I thought. It started with the lawn. Turns out, it needs to be mowed. No problem, I thought. I’ll just put an ad on craigslist. “Seeking someone to mow my lawn. Once a week. Must have own lawnmower.”

The more I thought about it, though, the more I realized I needed other services —someone to paint the railing around my patio, to fix the squeaking fan in my bedroom, to pick up an

antique table — and so my craigslist ad started to expand. “Seeking someone to mow my lawn and haul furniture. Must be handy with a paintbrush and good at electrical. Bring your own truck.”

As I mentally tallied all the activities on my home improvement list, I saw that this was going to cost me a fortune. How was I ever going to afford all the things I needed done? Driving with my mother last week, I asked if she knew the name of a reputable handyman, someone who could tackle my list without charging a ransom.

“Well,” she said matter-of-factly, “those are the sorts of things husbands do.”

“Husbands?” I asked, offended. Isn’t the whole point that I’m doing this on my own?

But when I realized later what she meant, I had to laugh. Of course, I thought. Most women were paying their personal handymen — the exchange just wasn’t in cash. For all those items on the honey-do list, they were trading home-cooked meals, back massages and Lord only knows what else. Which meant I just needed to tweak my craigslist ad.

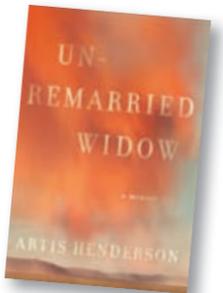
“Single woman seeking man with pickup truck to mow lawn, move furniture, and perform other small jobs around the house. In exchange: meatloaf and mashed potatoes, the promise to take your side in every argument



and Saturday night foot rubs.”

I sat in my office chair and re-read this latest version, tapping my teeth thoughtfully with a pen. The ad captured the spirit of the thing, that was true, but it felt somehow disingenuous. Searching for the solution, I pulled up the craigslist site and scrolled through the jobs categories. And then it hit me: This wasn’t an employment ad at all. It was much more, shall we say, personal. Instead of sticking it with the other for-hire announcements, I knew where it belonged: in the women-seeking-men section. After all, who was I trying to kid? ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.



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KATE

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It wasn't another one of those Top 40 club-type songs."

Being a professional bassist, she felt an instant affinity to the song.

"I didn't really understand at first that 'bass' was another way to talk about booty," she confesses. "I didn't think it through. I was taking it literally. How could I not?"

She and her friend, pianist and arranger Scott Bradlee, got together and made a video of the hit, calling it "All About That (Upright) Bass." They released it online as part of his Postmodern Jukebox series in which current hit songs are re-interpreted as jazz, ragtime and swing.

On their version, Ms. Davis sings while accompanying herself on the upright bass. They slow down the song and give it a 1940s jazz feel, at times big and brassy and at other points downright sultry.

That YouTube video went viral, garnering well over 9 million views in four months' time, creating instant fans and comments such as: "Gorgeous groove, jazzy, snazzy... beautiful music, and what an intoxicating voice," and, "Every once in a while, in this sometimes jaded world, you happen upon something that makes you honestly happy. This video is one of those..."

Mr. Bradlee even writes, "Get to know her, because she's going to be a star."

"I feel lucky it worked out that way," Ms. Davis says, noting that there are very few avenues available to get a song out to millions of people. "People get their songs put in movies or TV shows, but there are not a lot of other outlets (to reach that many people.)"

Her concerts are a mixture of Great American Songbook standards ("Just One of Those Things," "September in the Rain," "Tea For Two"), her own interpretation of modern songs (Beyoncé's "Crazy in Love," Soundgarden's "Black Hole Sun," Rufus Wainwright's "Leaving for Paris") and her own compositions.

She's performed at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, The Blue Note, The Knitting Factory and various venues around the country. Later this year, she'll perform at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina.

In 2010 she created a buzz at the Ringling International Arts Festival in Sarasota, quickly selling out all her concerts there. She was still a teenager at the time, attending the Manhattan School of Music.

More recently, in 2013, she performed at the Kentucky Derby party at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Arts philanthropist Berne Davis (no relation) was so impressed she requested the bassist return to perform for her 100th birthday last March.

Kate Davis is now scheduled to give a concert at the Art Center with her trio at 8 p.m. Jan. 17. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

Jim Griffith, CEO of the Art Center, first met Ms. Davis when he gave a lecture at her school. He invited her to come down to Fort Myers to perform.

"Ms. Davis is taking New York City and the entire country by storm with her unique voice and musical style," he says. "I saw she just performed with Wynton Marsalis at Dizzy's Coca Cola Club in New York City this New Year's Eve.

"I think her career is doing just fine and I can't wait to bring (her) back to Fort Myers again and again."

Her affinity for the old standards is genuine, as is her love of the stand-up bass. Though 23, she loves performers such as Doris Day and Louis Prima.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kate Davis performs at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in 2013. She returns to the venue this week.

Ms. Davis grew up playing classical music, studying violin from the age of 5, with piano lessons beginning the year after.

For a while, she thought she'd be a classical musician.

But her life changed when she attended a concert at the high school she was about to enter. She saw a girl playing violin in the orchestra who then played bass in a jazz band.

"She did both very well," Ms. Davis recalls. "It was inspiring to see her totally change shapes. I figured she was a girl, she must get a lot of attention from the boys. After that, I decided it'd be cool to learn upright bass."

She started taking lessons and playing sessions in some jazz groups around Portland, Ore.

Though she'd grown up playing the violin, learning the stand-up bass presented a new set of challenges.

"It was a struggle," she says. "The physical aspect of that instrument was tough, the strength it takes to pull a string and play loud. It's a completely different instrument. I went through a lot of different rings of fire to get to a point where I could even play well."

Not only is it difficult to play, but it's also difficult to handle. At just under six feet tall, the instrument isn't as easy to transport as, say, a flute or even a violin.

It looms over Ms. Davis, who is 5-foot-4.

"It's heavy, but it's hollow, so it's not as heavy as you might think," she says. "What's really hard is the strange shape, trying to work your way around the curves. It's tall and bulky."

While it's like any other instrument in the string family, there's "something really special about the rawness of this sound that you can make yourself, and how the strings will vibrate and create just a very pure, powerful sound that comes out this box and the f-holes. It's kind of like magic. It's making something from nothing. And there's nothing electronic about it."

And because she has to embrace the upright bass to play it, it's a visceral experience.

"You feel the deep notes in your body,"



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Kate Davis

she says. While she's played keyboards and electric instruments, the bass is "a completely different instrument and sound. I found there's not a lot that can hold a candle to natural acoustic sound. It sounds best in a small, acoustically ideal hall, and it can resonate and be beautiful. You can't get any better than the acoustic sound."

She was introduced to jazz music through the upright bass, and immediately felt drawn to many of the Great American Songbook performers she says, listing Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Frank Sinatra.

"I was drawn by the integrity of the songs of that era, the quality of the emotional content of the music, and how one can find the right word for the right individual note," she says. "All these things come together and they really stay with you. I heard it for what it was, and fell in love with it."

Those songs have inspired her to write her own.

Though she took theory and arrangement classes in school, "I never took any songwriting course, and was never formally taught in composition," she says.

She also didn't have any professional vocal training.

Her pure, unique style of singing has been compared to everyone from Edie Brickell to Norah Jones to Diana Krall.

As a young artist, she continues to evolve, and is focusing on writing her own songs.

Featured on an August NPR episode of "Song Travels" hosted by Michael

Feinstein, she performed "Tea for Two," but mostly her own compositions, including the haunting "Only Growing Old," the rollicking "Every Good Girl is a Unicorn" and "Movie," which won the ASCAP Robert Allen Award in 2012.

She put out an EP of four of her songs in late 2014, called "Sessions I,"

because she wanted her new fans, generated by the YouTube video, to have something to listen to. She did release a few albums in her teens but no longer sells them, as she feels they're not representative of the work she's doing now. (They sell for \$100 or more online.)

She plans to release more songs soon.

Surprisingly, with all the buzz about her, she's not signed to a label yet. But it's definitely a goal.

"I'm looking into those kind of things now," she says.

She's focusing too, on being known as a singer/songwriter. She admires performers such as the late Jeff Buckley, James Blake, Sufjan Stevens and Blake Mills.

"What I hope to do is a mixture, to be able to do covers of old songs and new songs, and definitely incorporate American Songbook songs," she says. "It's a challenge to keep everything feeling like it's all part of the same project, and there are certain (fans) who will gravitate toward certain sounds."

"At the end of the day I would ultimately like to be playing mostly my own music. I'd like to write more songs, better songs, establish myself as a writer instead of 'All About That Bass.' It won't be just about the bass and about the old music entirely, that I can just be Kate." ■

in the know

Kate Davis in concert

>> **When:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17; 7 p.m. cocktails

>> **Where:** The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, downtown Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

>> **Information:** 333-1933 or sbdac.com

THEATREZONE

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"I think this audience will have a mix of audiences because of "Smash," he said. "I've heard several people saying they're bringing their grandkids and I've heard college people saying they can't believe she's coming here. There are also people who've said they have no idea who she is, but they had to buy tickets because they had to pick their teenager up off the floor."

Ms. Hilty's other roles and endeavors include the part of Lorelei Lee in the Encores! Production of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes;" Liz on NBC's "Sean Saves

the World;" voice work as Rosetta in Disney's "Tinker Bell: Secret of the Wings," and Snow White in Dreamworks' "Shrek the Third."

Guests can expect a variety of musical styles, including songs from her past productions like "Wicked," and "9 to 5: The Musical" and selections from her new album, "It Happens All the Time."

"Television's an incredible medium and it makes you a household name," Mr. Danni continued. "I think it's the viewership of that television show who are interested in seeing her perform."

TheatreZone celebrates its 10th anniversary this year as Collier County's only equity professional theater with a concerts Friday through Sunday, Feb. 20-22, featuring Broadway singer Andrea McArdle, who is best known for her 1977 turn as the lead in "Annie."



MCARDLE

when she played Eponine in a 1996 Philadelphia production of "Les Miserable" and he was an assistant conductor. The two have continued to work together at TheatreZone, including McArdle's stint as Eva Peron in TheatreZone's 2008 production of "Evita."

The cast includes Ms. McArdle, TheatreZone co-founder Karen Molnar and popular company performers Larry

Alexander, Karen Cipriani, Wayne Morton, Gerrit Vandermeer, Carolann Sanita, Charles Formara and others. Mr. Danni will conduct a 10-piece orchestra onstage. Tickets are \$100 for general admission and \$125 for VIP admission, which includes a wine and cheese reception following the performances.

Mr. Danni and his wife, actress and choreographer Karen Molnar, founded TheatreZone in 2005 to create professional productions of Broadway classics for local musical theater enthusiasts. It operates under the guidelines of the Actor's Equity Association and performs at the 250-seat G&L Theatre at The Community School of Naples, located at 13275 Livingston Road.

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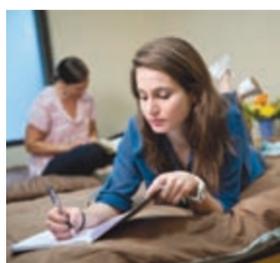


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The Book of Mormon – By Second National Tour Company through Jan. 18 at Artis—Naples' Hayes Hall. Ticket lottery begins 2.5 hours before each performance. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Becky's New Car – By The Marco Island Players through Jan. 25 at the Marco Island Theater. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Mack & Mabel – By TheatreZone through Jan. 18 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

God of Carnage – By The Naples Players Jan. 14-Feb. 7 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike – By Gulfshore Playhouse Jan. 17-Feb. 8 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged) – By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates through Jan. 24 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org. See review on page C10.

One Slight Hitch – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Jan. 28 at the Historic Arcade Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Players Jan. 22-24. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

THURSDAY 1.15

Art Reception – Thomas Riley Studio hosts an opening reception for painter and colorist Peter Zimmerman's newest exhibition of resin paintings. 26 10th Street S. 594-1098 or thomasrileystudio.com.

Experiential Films – Wild professor character "Dr. Rockman" shares his favorite no-budget films and leads a lively discussion at 7 p.m. at Paragon Pavilion. Must be 18 years of age. Ticket entitles purchaser to discounts at KC American Bistro. \$30. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Purchase tickets at badbad-prof.com.

FRIDAY 1.16

Celebrate Nature – Rookery Bay hosts the 11th annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival starting at 11 a.m. and continuing through the weekend. Guests will enjoy lectures, tours, boat rides and more, including buy-one-get-one admission to the education center. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Sneak Peek – The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center hosts a preview reception for artist John Costin's new exhibition "John Costin: Florida Birds, Wild Florida and Mother Nature" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Doll Show – Naples Doll Club hosts a show and sale from 1-5 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at New Hope Ministries Church. 7675 Davis Blvd. \$3-8. Email mydolls_2@yahoo.com for more information.

Studio Tour – Get a glimpse of artist Leigh Herndon's paintings and hand-dyed silk 1-3 p.m. Registration required. 655 Park Shore Drive. 262-7932 or leighherndon.com.



Create a one-of-a-kind wildlife masterpiece at the Conservancy of Naples at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Free with the price of admission. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or conservancy.org. Saturday 1/17

Fire and Rain – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a tribute to James Taylor at 6 p.m. Bring your own seating. \$17 non-members, \$7 non-member child. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Asleep at the Wheel – Grammy Award-winning Asleep at the Wheel performs at 8 p.m. at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$25. (800) 218-0007.

SATURDAY 1.17

Art Lecture – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts art historian Edith Coleman for a talk on what to look for in a work of art at 9:30 a.m. \$10. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

ArtSmart – The Conservancy of Naples invites the public to create works of art inspired by animals. Free with the price of admission, \$12.95 for adults and \$8.95 for children. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

Wild Art – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts its 17th annual Wildlands and Wildlife Art Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$2-6 for park entry. 597-5196 or delnor-wiggins.org.

ART ALIVE – Art galleries and working studios open their doors and invite the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18 in the Naples Art District behind Airport and Pine Ridge Roads. 821-1061 or artSWFL.com.

Expert in Town – Ornithologist George Archibald, who is widely credited with rescuing the whooping crane from extinction, will share his story at 2 p.m. at the Capri Community Center. 338 Capri Blvd., Isle of Capri. 272-2540 or evergladeshistorical.org.

A Psychic Good Time – Medium Gary Spivey, often referred to as "the modern-day Nostradamus," brings his talents to Seminole Casino Immokalee at 7 p.m. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Stargazing Party – Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park invite the public to watch the stars at 7 p.m. \$5 per vehicle. Intersection of CR 92 and Tamiami Trail. 394-3347 or floridastateparks.org.

SUNDAY 1.18

Pets on Parade – Third Street South holds its sixth annual Pets on Third Parade and Petfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's costume theme is "Working Your Tail Off: Pets Dressed for Work." Registration for the costume contest begins at 10 a.m. behind Tommy Bahama, and the parade begins at noon. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Jewish Film – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island screens "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker" (USA, 2014) at 2 p.m. The documentary focuses on the tumultuous early days of the woman who ruled the 1920s flapper era and became the last of the "Red Hot Mamas" in her 60-year show biz career. 991 Winterberry Road, Marco Island. 642-0800 or marcojcmi.com.

Norwegian Film – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of "Headhunters" (Norway, 2011, action/thriller) starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, at the FGCU Naples Center. Pre-registration strongly recommended. \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Free. 425-3272 or fgcu.edu/racademy.

Music to Touch the Heart – Voices of Naples performs at 3 p.m. at St. Leo Catholic Church. Free, but donations appreciated. 28290 Beaumont Road. 455-2582 or voicesofnaples.org.

Stomp Meets "Glee" – Vocal Trash brings its innovative blend of vocals, dance and recycled instruments to the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs at 8 p.m. \$30 for non-members, \$35 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Band Concert – Naples Concert Band plays the Camber Park band shell at 2 p.m. Free. 263-9521 or naplesconcertband.org.

MONDAY 1.19

MLK Parade – A parade honoring slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. steps out at 8 a.m. from Broad Avenue in downtown Naples. The route proceeds north on Third Street South, turns right on Fifth Avenue and finishes at Cambier Park. 455-2886 or fifthavenuesouth.com.

Paddle in the Mangroves – Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park lead guided canoe trips every day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$30. 845-649-5502 or floridastateparks.org.

Psychic Mondays – Medium Candace Strafford offers readings at Daniela's Restaurant. Reservations required. 13500 Tamiami Trail N. 514-4414 or danielas-restaurant.com.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a pasta dinner and screening of "Magnifica Presenza," (Italy, 2012). Pietra, who has grand hopes of becoming an actor, rents an apartment and discovers he's not living alone. Dinner at 5:30 p.m., film at 7 p.m. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$5 for film only. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Band Concert – Music Makers Show Band plays the band shell at Cambier Park at 7 p.m. 348-3675 or musicmakersshowband.org.

Jazz Music – Pianist Michael Baron and clarinetist Julian Milkis perform a combination of baroque and jazz at 3 p.m. at FGCU's Bower School of Music. \$10. 590-7292 or fgcu.edu.

French Film – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening of "Chicken with Plums" (France, 2011) at 7 p.m. Since his beloved violin was broken, Nasser Ali Khan, one of the most renowned musicians of his day, has lost all taste for life. Finding no instrument worthy of replacing it, he decides to confine himself to bed to await death. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 1.20

Historic Palm Cottage – Docents lead tours through Palm Cottage from 1-4 p.m. today through Saturday. \$10, free for members of the Naples Historical Society. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Dogs in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden admits furry friends (on leashes and with their owners) from 8-11 a.m. One dog per guest. Free for Garden members and their dogs; regular admission plus \$9.95 for non-members and their dogs. 643-7525 or naplesgarden.org.

History Lecture – Michael Lasser talks about songs during the Great Depression in "Building a Dream: Working and Loving in Songs of the Great Depression" at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. \$5. 180 South Heathwood Drive. 389-6447 or themihs.org.

WEDNESDAY 1.21

Downtown Stroll – Enjoy a guided walking tour of Old Naples led by a docent from the Naples Historical Society. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Historic Palm Cottage. 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations required. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Mah Jongg – Naples Elks Lodge hosts mah jongg starting at 11 a.m. All are welcome. \$2. 11250 Tamiami Trail E. (845) 649-5502

News You Can Use – Toastmasters host local reporters to speak about the best stories they've covered at 4 p.m. at the Naples Art Association. 434-9900 or naplesart.org.

COMING UP

Family Fun – St. Agnes Catholic Church hosts its annual Fun Fest starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, and running through Sunday, Jan. 25. Free admission. 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 592-1949 or stagnesnaples.org.

Bluegrass Concert – St. Finbarr Catholic Church hosts its annual Concert for Charity at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Marco Island Strummers, and other musicians will be performing. \$15 at the door. 13520 Tamiami Trail E. 775-2876 or stfinbarr.org.

Mind Candy – Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts mentalist and illusionist Wayne Hoffman at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. \$20. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Chickee Chat – The Naples Historical Society hosts former *Naples Daily News* Editor Jeff Lytle at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23. Reservations required. \$5 for non-members. 261-8164 or napleshistorical-society.org.

Where Mullet is Fried – Stan's Idle Hour hosts its annual and infamous Mullet Festival starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, and running through Sunday, Jan. 25. Fun includes the Queen Buzzard Lope contest, Princess Buzzard Lope contest, lots of mullet and lots of beer. 221 Goodland Drive W., Goodland. 394-3041 or stansidlehour.net.

Author Lunch – Chez Boet hosts Dorothy Mills, author of the Katya Becker series of historical novels, at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. \$26. 755 12th Ave. S. 643-6177 or chezboetnaples.com.

Smashing Singer – TheatreZone brings Megan Hilty, who has performed on NBC's "Smash" and on Broadway in "Wicked" and "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," to the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples for performances at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. \$50. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

Street Art – Pelican Bay Rotary Club presents its annual chalk art show on the sidewalks of Fifth Avenue South from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. 213-1000 or fiftheavenuesouth.com.

Fireworks – Watch Florida's largest land-based fireworks show at Seminole Casino Immokalee at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

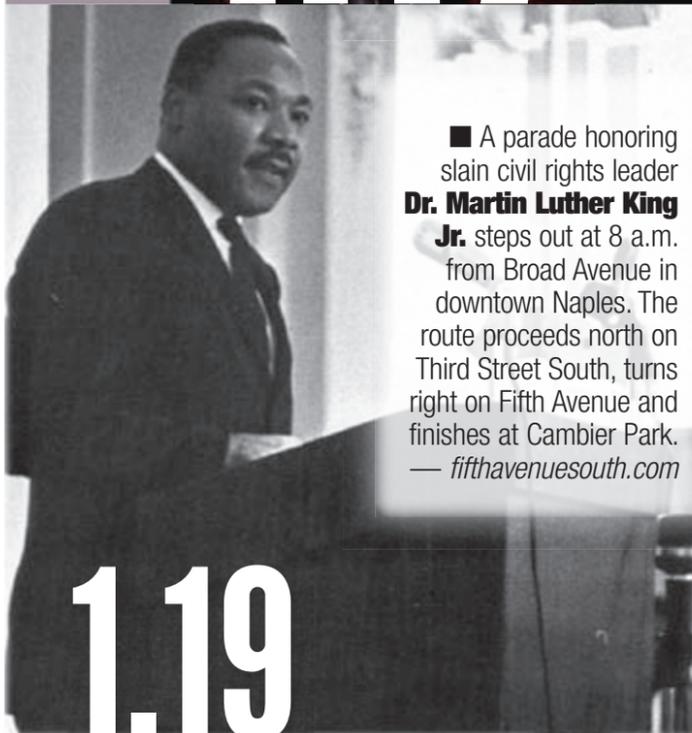
Art Fest – Art Fest Naples comes to Fleischmann Park Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25. 634-2337 or artfestnaples.com.

Down 'n' Dirty – The Swamp Buggy Winter Classic starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Florida Sports Park and ends the next evening with a mud bath for the 2015 Swamp Buggy Queen. 8250 Collier Blvd. 774-2701 or theflorida-sportspark.com.

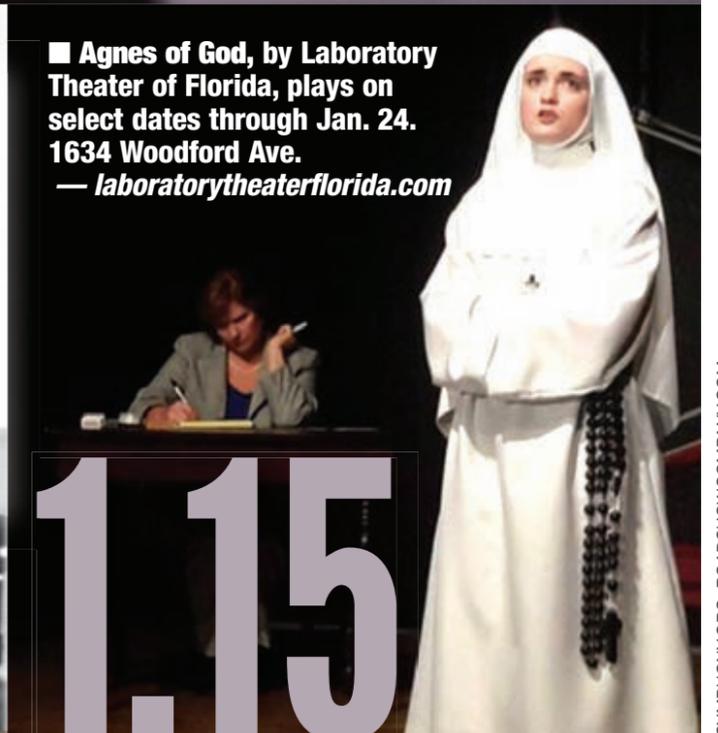
Meet the Artist – Peter Max presents a collection of never-before-seen works from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Mercato. (866) 900-6699 or roadshowcompany.com.



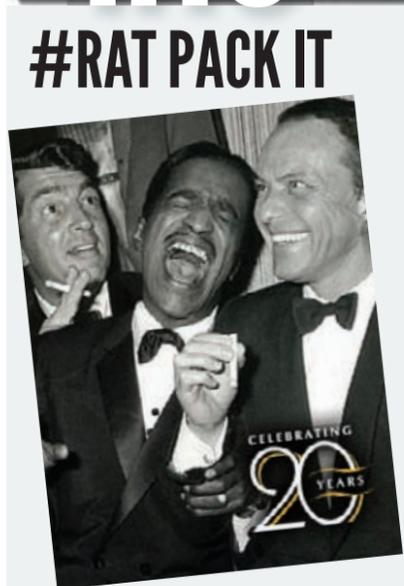
■ Instrumentalist and vocalist **Kate Davis** performs at 8 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Enjoy cocktails at 7 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. 2301 First St. — sbdac.com



■ A parade honoring slain civil rights leader **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** steps out at 8 a.m. from Broad Avenue in downtown Naples. The route proceeds north on Third Street South, turns right on Fifth Avenue and finishes at Cambier Park. — fifthavenuesouth.com



■ **Agnes of God**, by Laboratory Theater of Florida, plays on select dates through Jan. 24. 1634 Woodford Ave. — laboratorytheaterflorida.com



#RAT PACK IT

■ The **Gulf Coast Symphony** presents a tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. with Sal Viviano and Nat Chandler. 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at BB Mann Hall. — gulfcoastsymphony.org



#WALK IT

■ The seventh annual **WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk** starts at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at Miromar Outlets. The 2-mile event benefits the Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL. — harrychapinfoodbank.org



#REV IT

■ The **SWFL Hot Rod Nationals** takes place Jan. 17-18 at JetBlue Park, 11500 Fenway South Dr. The show opens at 9 a.m. both days and closes at 4 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. \$5 adult admission; \$10 parking donation. — roadhousepromotions.com



#MAX IT

■ Artist **Peter Max** presents a new collection at Mercato in Naples, 9115 Strata Place. Jan. 24 and 25. — roadshowcompany.com

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Empty Bowls – Fight hunger and fill your belly at Cambier Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. In exchange for a \$15 donation that benefits Harry Chapin Food Bank, you get a hand-crafted bowl to fill with the soup of your choice from dozens of area restaurants. 334-7007 or emptybowlsnaples.org.

Book Signing – Karen Harper discusses and signs copies of the latest installment in her Cold Creek Trilogy suspense series at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Beer Tasting – Head to Fort Myers' CenturyLink Sports Complex for the 11th annual Ballpark Festival of Beers from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 768-4210 or miraclebaseball.com.

Opera Concert – The Italian Cultural Society presents a concert of opera favorites at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at First Congregational Church of Naples. \$42. 6630 Immokalee Road. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

Films for Film Lovers – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Lovers of the Arctic Circle" (Spain, 1998) at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. Otto and Ana are kids when they meet each other by chance. A story of circular lives, circular names and a circular place where things never end, including love. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Dinner with the Artist – Naples Art Association hosts glass artist Conrad Williams and guests at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Veranda E at Hotel Escalante. \$75. 290 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

New Queen of Bluegrass – Rhonda Vincent & The Rage play Artis—Naples' Daniels Pavilion at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Fashion Show – San Marco Council of Catholic Women presents a show featuring items from Kay's on the Beach and Patchington's at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28. Lunch catered by The Speakeasy. \$50. 851 San Marco Road. 642-3836 or sanmarcochurch.com.

Art After Hours – The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples stays open from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, for docent-led tours, entertainment and more. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Writer Out Loud – Essayist Amy Bennett Williams reads her works on stage at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Moe Auditorium at FGCU. \$30-\$50. (888) 809-9809 or wgcu.org/events.

Bring on the Boats – Marine Industries Association of Collier County hosts its annual boat show Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 29-Feb. 1, at Florida Sports Park. \$10, \$20 for VIP. 8250 Collier Blvd. 682-0900 or naplesboatshow.com.

Second City – The legendary comedy troupe that boasts Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Jim Belushi and many other notable alumni performs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 29-30 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.com.

Duo Romantico – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts classically trained singers Atilio and Christy Marinelli for a performance that blends pop, opera and Broadway at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. \$30 for non-members, \$35 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

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WHERE TO GO

Round 'em Up – Immokalee volunteer firefighters bring a professional rodeo from Las Vegas to the Immokalee Seminole Youth Ranch Arena on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31. Check website for details and tickets. 1195 State Road 29. 252-2384 or masonsprorodeo.com.

Ghost Walk – Rangers at Koreshan State Park lead a nighttime tour that includes actors performing scenes from the daily life of early park settlers (spooks included) from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. \$20. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Bluegrass – Blue Highway plays The First Congregational Church of Naples at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 6630 Immokalee Road. 514-3500 or naplesflchurch.com.

Day of Forgiveness – St. Monica's Episcopal Church hosts a day of reconciliation, reflection and forgiveness featuring speaker Catherine T. Nerney at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$40 for adults, \$20 for children. 7070 Immokalee Road. 728-3614 or hoperetreatcenter.org.

Global Good Time – Home Depot hosts a celebration of cultures from around the world with food, exhibitions and demonstrations 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Naples Nites Lions Club is also providing free hearing and vision screenings. Free. 793-2203 or homedepot.com.

Country Concert – Collier County Fairgrounds hosts the Country Jam Music & Rib Fest at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 featuring musicians Lee Brice, Jerrod Nieman, Frankie Ballard and more. \$35-55. 455-1444 or colliercountyfairgrounds.com.

Art Festival – Centers of the Arts Bonita Springs hosts its National Art Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, at Riverside Park. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Germanfest – Enjoy authentic German food and beer? Look good in lederhosen? Our Savior Lutheran Church hosts the eighth annual Germanfest from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. 1955 Curling Ave. 597-4091 or oursavior-naples.org.

Small Town Party – Take a jaunt to Everglades City for the Smallwood Music Fest starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Performers include Raiford Starke, The Wholetones, The Wholezmen, Stone Crab Steve Arvey and more. \$10 general admission, \$40 VIP. 200 Riverside Drive, Everglades City. 695-2905 or evergladeshistorical.org.

Book Signing – Michael Coleman, author of "Marco Island: Florida's Gulf Playground," speaks about island history and signs his book at the Rose History Auditorium at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31. Free. 180 South Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 389-6447 or themihs.com.

Foreign Film – The Italian Cultural Society screens Venice Film Festival winner "Terraferma" (Italy, 2011) at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at The Norris Center. A tide of desperate immigrants from Africa washes over an island in Sicily. Should the poor fishermen honor the Law of the Sea and aid them, or the Law of the Land and turn them in? \$5. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

Italian Film – The Italian Cultural Society screens "L'Uomo Delle Stelle," (Italy, 1995) at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Norris Center. "Dottore" Joe Moretti travels around Sicily promising fame and fortune to unsuspecting peasants via screen tests, which he says are for big Roman film studios. Beata, an illiterate convent girl, desperately wants to change her life and falls for Moretti's con. \$5. 434-4423 or italianculturalsociety.com.

An Evening of Chapin – The Steve Chapin Band performs a benefit concert for the Harry Chapin Food Bank at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. Free, but donations appreciated. Call food bank for ticket locations. 334-7007 or harrychapinfoodbank.com.

Casino Night – Jamaica Outreach Program provides gaming tables, open bar, food station, silent auction and raffle prizes at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. \$50. 625 111th Ave. N. (954) 926-4219 or jamaicaoutreach.org.

Aging and Spirituality – Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church hosts speaker Jack Siberski, who will discuss the spiritual dilemma of Alzheimers disease on patients and caregivers at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6. Free. 1225 Piper Blvd. 597-5410 or vpcnaples.org.

Seafood, Eat Food – The Everglades Seafood Festival takes place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 6-8, in Everglades City. Enjoy fresh seafood, carnival rides and live entertainment. Friday night is Family Night. 695-2277 or evergladeseafoodfestival.org. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.



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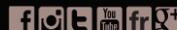
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ARTS COMMENTARY

'One Slight Hitch' not quite a love match at Fla Rep



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Courtney's getting hitched.

She never considered herself the marrying type, but on this summer day in 1981, she's marrying Harper, an uptight, obsessively polite, clean-cut Republican.

Courtney's on the rebound from Ryan... who just happens to show up, not knowing it's her wedding day.

Her dad, who likes the guy, and her two sisters, try to keep Ryan's presence a secret from Courtney and her mom.

And that's the premise of "One Slight Hitch," enjoying its Florida premiere at Florida Repertory Theatre (though Jan. 28).

The play's written by stand-up comedian Lewis Black, known for his rants and working himself into a frenzy. In contrast, his play is surprisingly conventional, sprinkled with occasional one-line gems.

The tension is slow to build, and I never felt a sense of urgency about their dilemma. The play itself is somewhat of a puzzle: it's not really a farce, even though one person's trying to hide from others and there are a few slamming doors. But the pace isn't manic enough for a farce. It's more of a romantic comedy Lite. Act I lags, and the big payoff you'd expect in Act II never really comes.

"One Slight Hitch" is also oddly structured. We're first introduced to P.B. Coleman (Courtney Feiman) who talks to the audience about her sister's wedding day three decades ago. She's an almost-obnoxiously bubbly teen who listens to her Walkman incessantly. Every time she does so, the audience gets to hear what she's listening to: hits of that era, such as "Bette Davis Eyes" and "Jessie's Girl."

But P.B. is not the focus of the play. And even the role of the bride herself (Rachel Moulton) is insipidly written. I didn't really care if she finds out her ex-boyfriend's there or if her wedding day is ruined.

Middle sister Melanie (a wise-cracking Georgia Mallory Guy) livens up the action when she comes home. (She's a nurse, but her costume makes her seem as if she's dressed as a slutty one for Halloween.)

Her comments and antics give Act I a much-needed shot in the arm.

But this play about a bride's wedding day really belongs to Doc (Martin LaPlatney), the father of the bride.

Both he and his wife Delia (Carrie Lund, playing yet another mother-of-the-bride role) get big laughs on first appearance.

But it's Mr. LaPlatney as the hapless, befuddled father, who runs away with the show.

"It's easier to deal with men when you realize that most of us are born to fail," he says early in the play. It's easy to see him as the stand-in for Mr. Black in this comedy.

Mr. LaPlatney is at his comedic best when he pastes on a false grin to deal with visiting in-laws. (Though I did note that when interacting with women, he has a tendency to lean forward, hands on thighs, as if speaking to a little girl. It was a tick I found increasingly annoying, as it seems condescending.)

Ms. Lund has her moments too. She is the queen of droll and at times had the audience eating out of her hand with merely a line, a word or even just a look.

She was especially funny melting down the staircase on rubber legs after taking a pill to relax. It would've been great comedic fodder if she continued to be so sloppily "relaxed," but somehow, she sobers up enough to deliver a long dramatic monologue about marriage, and what it means to the Greatest Generation.

(In fact, many characters in this play down enormous amounts of liquor, but it seems to have no lasting effects.)

Director Chris Clavelli and his cast do their best with the material. And the opening night audience really seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. Black said in a June 2012 New Yorker interview that he was inspired to write the play after a longtime girlfriend broke up with him. She'd always said she'd never get married, but soon after leaving Mr. Black, married someone else. Mr. Black's friends, who attended the wedding, told him that her family kept talking about him, saying it should've been him at the altar instead.

He used this experience as the inspiration for "One Slight Hitch," working on the play off-and-on over a 30-year period.

"I thought this one would finally establish me as a writer," he told the magazine. Mr. Black's known for his politically based, cutting-edge humor. But none of that edginess is reflected in his play.

There is some political humor, but the opening night audience didn't laugh at it, seeming to take it all at face value.

The play opens with an audio clip of Ronald Reagan's presidential acceptance speech.

And P.B., who declares herself a



Martin LaPlatney and Rachel Moulton in "One Slight Hitch."



Georgia Mallory Guy, Carrie Lund, Courtney Feiman, Rachel Moulton and Martin LaPlatney.

Republican, says: "Oh, how I miss the simple life of the 1980s. I yearn for the '80s, the sheer joy of knowing so little. The comfort it gave. Back then there was a normalcy in the air. I'm a Republican, so normal is real important to me. I like rules... I need orderliness in my life. I am much happier when things are black and white. Grey doesn't suit me."

Mr. Clavelli has the actress deliver the lines as a 16-year-old, not as a mature woman looking back over the decades. Perhaps it would've been more effective if she spoke as an adult, then gradually transformed into the teen she was in 1981.

Neither Harper, the fiancé (Sid Solomon), nor Ryan, the ex-boyfriend (Nate Washburn), seem much of a prize. They're polar opposites, representing

two extremes, but underneath the skin, they're very alike: self-obsessed and full of their own self-importance.

I had high expectations for "One Slight Hitch," but found it uneven. It does possess some great lines and physical humor that'll make you laugh out loud... If only those laughs were more consistent, the material a little sharper. ■

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'One Slight Hitch'

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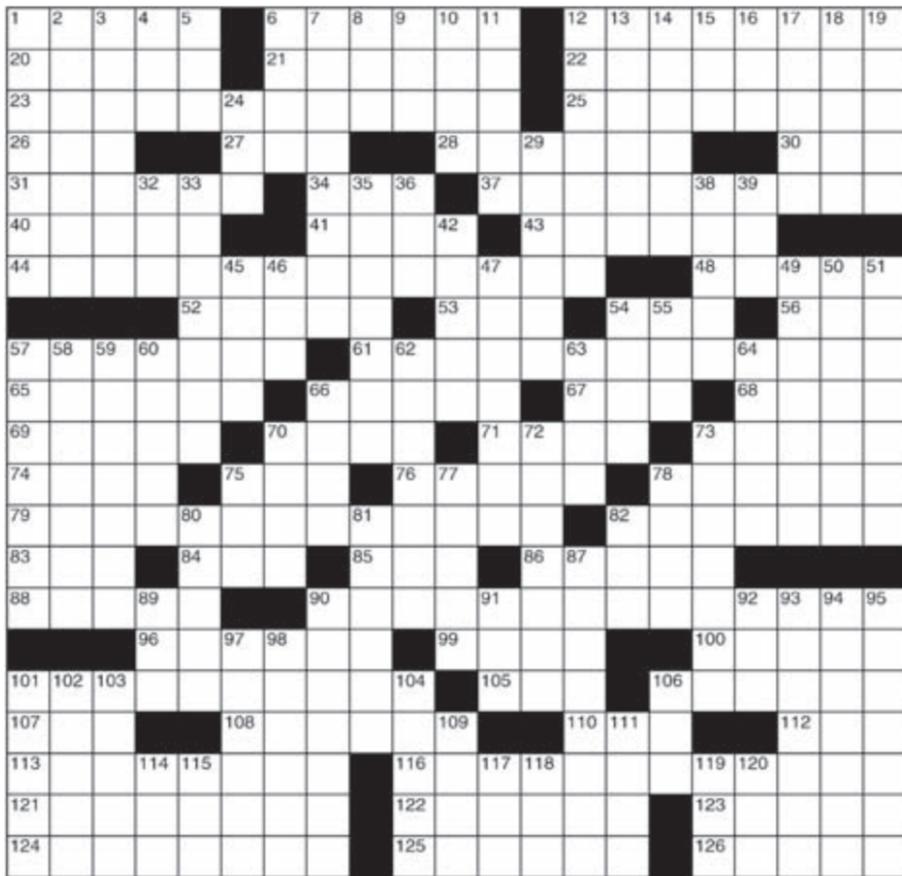
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 - 6 Bathers' scrubbers
 - 12 Like alcoves and nooks
 - 20 Mr. T's TV group, with "The"
 - 21 Approach and speak to boldly
 - 22 Loathed one
 - 23 Vinton, Eunice and Ellen's mom
 - 25 Planted again
 - 26 — Lingus (Irish carrier)
 - 27 "It's cold in here!"
 - 28 Hold together firmly
 - 30 Also
 - 31 Outpatient facility
 - 34 "Allow me, — may ..."
 - 37 Bud and Kelly's mom
 - 40 — acid (fat product)
 - 41 Garcia of fashion
 - 43 Applies, as a coat of wax
 - 44 Wednesday and Pugsley's mom
 - 48 Proficient
 - 52 Salad green
 - 53 Suffix with bureaucrat
 - 54 May honorees
 - 56 Curly's buddy
 - 57 Casino client
 - 61 Rudy, Vanessa, Theo, Denise and Sondra's mom
 - 65 Scented
 - 66 Long green
 - 67 Work with
 - 68 Milk, in Paris
 - 69 Comic Leary
 - 70 Coin of Chile
 - 71 Sped
 - 73 TV actress
 - 74 Pizzazz
 - 75 In favor of
 - 76 Pious person
 - 78 — jumping (extreme sport)
 - 79 Portrayer of 23-Across
 - 82 Big vultures
 - 83 Once — blue moon
 - 84 Outlaw Rob
 - 85 Reindeer kin
 - 86 Like single-purpose committees
 - 88 Slow, to Solti
 - 90 Portrayer of 61-Across
 - 96 How blackbirds may be baked?
 - 99 Otoscope views
 - 100 Pollen piece
 - 101 Portrayer of 37-Across
 - 105 Assembled
 - 106 Wildlife
 - 107 From — Z (thoroughly)
 - 108 Brunei ruler
 - 110 Post-op area
 - 112 Muhammad
 - 113 Whale's kin
 - 116 Portrayer of 44-Across
 - 121 Precise
 - 122 Little hills
 - 123 Physicist
 - 124 They include Saturdays
 - 125 Least crazy
 - 126 Alloy of zinc and copper
- DOWN**
- 1 Digital transmission, for short
 - 2 Literature's "Moor of Venice"
 - 3 More wary
 - 4 Bud
 - 5 "Let's see now ..."
 - 6 Oz Lion player Bert
 - 7 Wind instruments with finger holes
 - 8 Bar code scanner: Abbr.
 - 9 Dandy dude
 - 10 "Hang on —"
 - 11 Razor sharpener
 - 12 Krypton, e.g.
 - 13 Force
 - 14 Stengel and Kasem
 - 15 Summer, to Jules
 - 16 The lady
 - 17 Many a taxi
 - 18 Edit
 - 19 Pa
 - 24 Easy as —
 - 29 "A Doll's House" family name
 - 32 Louse-to-be
 - 33 Winter spikes
 - 35 Giant flops
 - 36 Ky. neighbor
 - 38 Talk big
 - 39 German for 30-Across
 - 42 "I thought we had —!"
 - 45 Street — (urban acceptability)
 - 46 Suffix with court or hotel
 - 47 Like part of Russia
 - 49 Official ban
 - 50 Less rude
 - 51 Cuts canines
 - 54 Be reflective
 - 55 Wood splitter
 - 57 Kid's sled
 - 58 "Sweet —" (barbershop song)
 - 59 Monte Carlo resident
 - 60 Very edge
 - 62 How pajamas fit
 - 63 Harm
 - 64 — flowing with milk and honey
 - 66 Feline call
 - 70 Address God
 - 72 Four roods
 - 73 Firearm storage item
 - 75 Mahmoud Abbas' gp.
 - 77 Often-sprained joint
 - 78 Churlish type
 - 80 Literary twist
 - 81 Nuke, maybe
 - 82 "— ching!"
 - 87 Purifies, as whiskey
 - 89 Even score
 - 90 Baby inkers
 - 91 "— shocked!"
 - 92 Health facility
 - 93 Biblical shout of praise
 - 94 Innocent
 - 95 Halts
 - 97 Allocate
 - 98 Took a break
 - 101 "Bam!"
 - 102 Right wrongs
 - 103 Eggy cake
 - 104 Doesn't have
 - 106 Hot dog base
 - 109 Mom's mom
 - 111 Abnormal body sac (Wrigley's gum unit)
 - 114 Plen-T- — (Pepsi's gum unit)
 - 115 Metal deposit
 - 117 Pitchman
 - 118 Pelota cheer
 - 119 Brother of George Bush
 - 120 Bobby of hockey

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it's not too early to get started on those travel plans.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it's time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Mixed signals could create problems. Make sure your views are presented clearly, and insist others do the same. Don't let an unanswered question go by without a full explanation.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or to do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child's

growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You love being in the spotlight. But be careful it doesn't blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Isn't it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A recent family incident can help bring everyone closer, and there's no one who's better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Long-held habits are often difficult to break. But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating. So, be flexible and give it a try.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Someone you met in your professional world last year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your creative talents help bring beauty to the world and the people in it. On their behalf, thank you. ■

By Linda Thistle

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BEACH READING

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By Debra Tate, with a foreword by Roman Polanski (Running Press, \$30)

REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

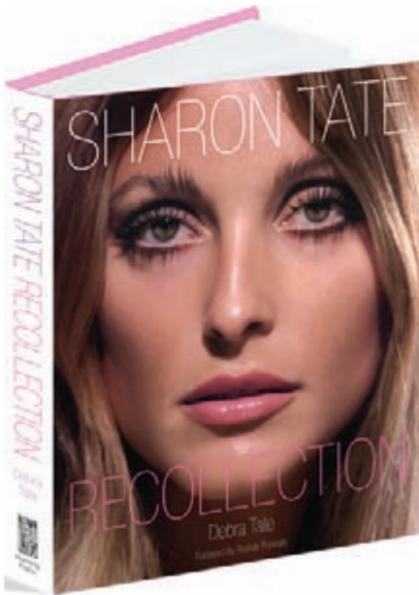
British actress Deborah Kerr said that Sharon Tate had "real talent" and predicted she would become a "big star." Oscar-winner Yul Brynner recalled that "Sharon had a fragile, incandescent quality that brought oxygen into the room." Patty Duke, Tate's co-star in "Valley of the Dolls," remembered that being in Sharon's presence was like "being enveloped in grace. Her inner beauty superseded her outer beauty, if you can imagine. Once in a while she would catch me staring at her in awe."

Life is full of questions about what might have been. No one knows what the 26-year-old actress, model and sex symbol eventually could have achieved if she had not been brutally murdered by members of the Charles Manson family one hot summer night in August 1969.

Debra Tate was just 16 when her famous sister and the unborn child she was carrying were slaughtered in the Beverly Hills home Sharon shared with director Roman Polanski. Also killed were three friends: Jay Sebring, Abigail Folger and Wojciech Frykowski.

Debra, who is based in Southern California and has spent most of her life advocating for victims' rights and counseling victims of violent crimes, has compiled a remarkable book documenting Sharon's life and career. Hundreds of images, some never before published, from the Tate private collection, are featured in the coffee-table book, along with quotes and essays from those who worked with her and knew her best.

As Mr. Polanski points out in his foreword, "The book is a tribute to Sharon, to her beauty, to her spirit, to her talent, to the pleasure her presence gave to everyone who knew her." He adds that it is, of course, "impossible" to imagine what might have been if Sharon had lived." Indeed. ■




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FILM CAPSULES

Inherent Vice ★1/2

(Joaquin Phoenix, Josh Brolin, Owen Wilson) In 1970s L.A., a detective (Phoenix) investigates the disappearance of an ex-girlfriend whom he believes was in the middle of a nefarious extortion scheme. Tangents build on tangents, to the point that it moves in every direction but forward. It's neither funny nor dramatic, just a total misfire. Rated R.

Selma ★★★

(David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo, Tom Wilkinson) In 1965 Alabama, Dr. Martin Luther King (Oyelowo) fights with local leaders, police, and President Lyndon Johnson (Wilkinson) to secure voting rights for minorities. The story is tedious at times, but Oyelowo's performance as King is stellar. Rated PG-13.

Unbroken ★★★★★

(Jack O'Connell, Domhnall Gleeson, Miyavi) After crashing in the Pacific during WWII, Louis Zamperini (O'Connell) survives for 47 days on a lifeboat before being taken to a Japanese POW camp. It's an inspiring story about the power of sheer will and determination, flawlessly directed by Angelina Jolie. Rated PG-13.

The Gambler ★★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Jessica Lange, John Goodman) A literature professor (Wahlberg) gets into serious gambling debt and doesn't seem to care if he can find a way out. Mr. Wahlberg gives an unex-

pectedly layered performance in this taut drama that has a few surprises up its sleeve. Rated R.

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies ★★★

(Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage) With dragon Smaug (voice of Benedict Cumberbatch) out of the way, Bilbo (Freeman), Thorin (Armitage) and the men of Lake Town protect the Lonely Mountain from Orcs and Goblins. The opening is an absolute thrill and there's enough spectacle throughout to keep it entertaining. Rated PG-13.

Top Five ★★1/2

(Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union) A comedian (Rock) spends time with a reporter (Dawson) to promote his latest film as his marriage to a reality TV star (Union) looms. The story lacks flow, even feeling like a stand up comedy routine at times. But it's also funny and has heart (literally — Kevin Hart has a cameo). Rated R.

Life Partners ★★★

(Leighton Meester, Gillian Jacobs, Adam Brody) Best friends Sasha (Meester) and Paige (Jacobs) fail to connect after Paige starts dating Tim (Brody). The dramedy has unexpected depth along with its humor, and as a result this is an enjoyable watch. Rated R. ■

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Navy SEAL Chris Kyle was the most lethal sniper in American military history. He served four tours of duty in the Middle East, had more than 160 confirmed kills, was called "Legend" by his fellow soldiers, and was an emotionally distant husband and father while actively enlisted. Kyle's story is inherently fascinating. Clint Eastwood's telling of it in "American Sniper" is not.

Even with the above and more to work with, Mr. Eastwood's final product registers as a mundane bore that has the life sucked out of it from the get-go. The first deflating moment comes when we see Chris (Bradley Cooper) on a lookout post in Fallujah targeting a woman and child who're potentially carrying explosive devices. Before the moment pays off there's a flashback to scenes of him learning how to shoot, bull riding, his girlfriend cheating on him, bonding with his brother, Navy SEAL training that offers nothing new, and meeting his future wife Taya (Sienna Miller). On their wedding day, his unit learns it's going to the Middle East. Only then, roughly a half hour into the film, do we return to Chris on the lookout targeting the woman and child.

Writer Jason Hall, working from Kyle's book "American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History," seems to be marking off a checklist of war movie clichés. For the opening half hour to be effective all those details need to collectively feed into Kyle at the lookout, but the segment is so crammed with unnecessary details that it's too scattered for its own good. As a result when we get back to the lookout we've forgotten about it, and all the suspense is lost.

Remember: Just because it's factual doesn't mean it should be in the movie. It is Eastwood and Hall's duty to provide an entertaining story, not worry about getting

things right. If Taya Kyle wanted a more fact-based biographical film that would be accurate, she should've sold the story rights to a documentarian.

More alarmingly, Chris' most interesting trait his shooting ability is given precious little insight. One would think a film about the deadliest sniper in U.S. history would take us inside his head to see how he views his targets. Not from the scope on his rifle, but from the thought process he goes through when spotting a target, focusing on the subject and deciding to fire. But Chris is kept at a distance, and Mr. Eastwood misses the chance to use the medium of film effectively to tell Chris' story.

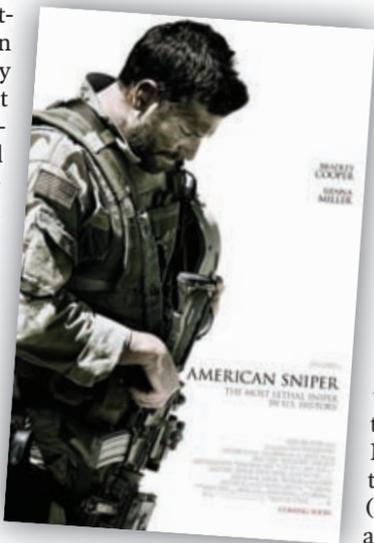
Part of this could be because Chris kept himself at a distance. Between tours he returned home to Taya and their children but wasn't mentally and emotionally there, which provides a brief glimpse of his home life but is over too quickly to really register. His need to focus and not quit and be in the action is well documented, so none of the content of him at home in Texas feels

necessary. If you're going to make a movie that glorifies a great soldier, do it. Don't waste time with him as a terrible father and husband.

And when you are glorifying him as a soldier, do so with focus and style. Mr. Eastwood saps the inherent curiosity from Kyle's exploits by using muted colors and allowing scenes to run far longer than they should. Although there's a rival sniper named Mustafa (Sammy Sheik) that Chris is trying to catch (the rivalry between Chris and Mustafa would've been an interesting subplot to

develop more), the story is episodic and lacks a clear narrative arc. "The Exploits of an American Sniper" might have made for a nice television series in which Chris goes on one mission after the next, but it doesn't play well in a 134-minute movie.

Clint Eastwood was handed two prime properties in 2014 (remember "Jersey Girl"? Didn't think so.), and the results have been underwhelming. The truth is there aren't many directors we'd rather have working on "American Sniper." They can't all be Oscar winners, right? ■



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>> **Potential spoiler:** Chris Kyle was shot and killed in Texas in February 2013 by an American veteran he was trying to help.



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■ **“After the Fall” by Patricia Gussin. Oceanview Publishing. 378 pages. Hardcover \$26.95.**

This fourth Laura Nelson thriller is a page-turner par excellence. An accidental fall leaves Laura in great pain. Her smashed hand cannot be reconstructed sufficiently for her to continue performing surgery. The title phrase, however, has other echoes – like a fall from grace or esteem. Such a fall is something that Laura fears when confronted with the need to reveal – or have revealed by others – painful secrets from her past.



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Having done research on a new drug and spoken on its behalf before an FDA Advisory Committee, Laura is sharing the expectation that Immunone will soon be approved and be in production by Keystone Pharma. Keystone had gained control of the drug, a

major anti-rejection advance for organ transplant patients, by investing in Replica, a much smaller company that had developed Immunone under the leadership of its prime researcher, a beautiful Iraqi scientist named Adawia (“Addie”) Abdul.

The sooner Immunone is approved, the sooner Addie can receive a contracted payment of \$7.5 million and rush off to Iraq where she will comfort her ailing father and perhaps take over his work as chief scientist for Iraq’s chemical weapons program.

Addie, quite Americanized after a dozen or so years in the U. S. as a graduate student and research scientist, is reluctant to go, but sees no alternative. Someone else very much wants her to stay. Jake Harter, the FDA project manager for the Immunone case, is smitten with Addie, sick of his failed marriage, and frustrated by being undervalued by the medical professionals and administrators. To keep Addie around, he makes a false claim about incomplete documentation that will delay the drug’s final approval – and the payoff to Addie.

This ex-Marine is a sociopath who murders his wife (divorce might be difficult and drawn out); runs down Dr. Minn, a skilled advocate for the drug’s approved; and courts Addie assiduously.

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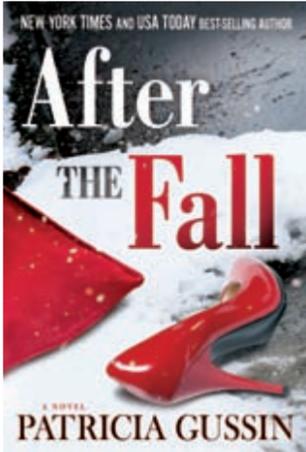
for research — effective upon his imminent retirement. With Minn killed in the horrible hit and run, the company needs Laura immediately to accomplish the drug's final approval.

On the same night as Minn's death, Laura takes that terrible fall in icy Philadelphia, her hand shattered beyond functional reconstruction. With her career as a Tampa surgeon cut short, she accepts the Keystone Pharma position.

One more piece: Laura has been a widow for many years. Her old friend and constant admirer, Dr. Tim Robinson, has now come forcefully into her life and proposed marriage. Laura hesitates. As she thinks about how to prepare herself and her five children for such a change, she realizes that she needs

to come clean about certain past deeds. She moves in with Tim in his City Center Philadelphia home.

The narrative unfolds at a rapid pace, with scenes alternating from one character to another, deepening our understanding of each and complicating the possible outcomes while accelerating suspense. Our main focal points are Laura, Addie, and Jake. As Laura provide evidence that all of the "missing" documentation had been provided and was still available for FDA approval of Immunone, Jake's power play — somewhat irrational in the first place — begins to fall apart,



causing him to define Laura as an enemy who has to be eliminated. His hostility towards Laura grows when he sees that she and Addie are becoming friends. The stakes grow higher and higher for each character, though only two of them have the reader's sympathy.

The geography of "After the Fall" embraces the Philadelphia area where Tim works and Keystone Alpha is located, and Washington, D.C., and its northwest suburbs; the FDA offices and Jake's home are in Rockville, Maryland. Ms. Gussin handles her specific settings and the characters' movements among them with crisp, clean descriptive strokes.

Laura's conflicts are more inner than outer. She needs to bring long-buried misdeeds into the open to have an honest relationship with Tim and with her children — especially her youngest. She is juggling the timetable of revelation, fearing a possible confrontation with someone who seems to know about her deepest, darkest secret.

In the end, readers will have nothing but admiration for Dr. Laura Nelson. That means, of course, that Dr. Patricia Gussin has done it again: provided a thoroughly satisfying formula of character, action, science, emotion, and danger. ■

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



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The whole Naples community and beyond is invited to bid on an array of exclusive online auction items, from exceptional wines and fine art to once-in-a-lifetime trips. For those holding tickets to the festival, the online auction is a great way to start the bidding early, as well as to vie for lots that will not be offered during the live auction.

Here are a few of the online items:

- Private wine tastings and dinner in Sonoma County with owners of Donelan Family Wines.
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taurant to be awarded the coveted three Michelin stars.

- A stay at The Viceroy in Santa Monica and two VIP tickets to a taping of "Jimmy Kimmel LIVE."

- A luxury safari adventure in Tanzania.

- A chef's dinner and wine experience for 20 guests at Avenue 5 on Fifth Avenue South.

- The ultimate shopping experience at the Village on Venetian Bay.

- A French-inspired dinner and wine experience for up to 10 people at Sea Salt on Third Street South.

For a complete list of online auction items, and to bid once the online auction opens, visit napleswinefestival.com.

All proceeds from the online and live auctions support the festival's founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which gives out annual grants that have provided nearly 200,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. To date, the festival has brought in more than \$123 million. ■

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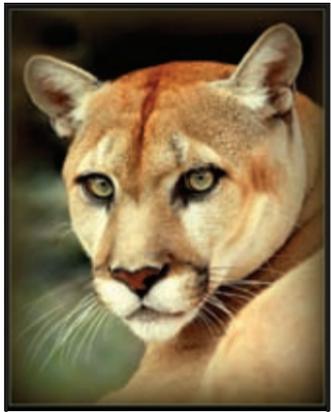
Presented by the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, the art show will feature the work of approximately 20 local and regional artists including oil painters, watercolorists, photographers and artists using natural materials. Attendees will be able to meet the artists as they walk through the maritime hammock picnic area along the beach. This event showcases the natural and cultural resources of Florida through artistic expression.

The park's 2015 resident artist, Damaris Gonzalez, will be exhibiting at the show. Ms. Gonzalez was born and raised in Costa Rica and moved to Naples in 1980 where she developed a love for American culture. For the past five years, she has been an active member and social director of the Digital Photography Club of Naples. Through this group she has had the opportunity to be a photographer for the American Heart Association and a member of the Florida Camera Club Council. Both organizations have presented her with numerous awards.

Ms. Gonzalez has demonstrated her appreciation of nature by volunteering her time with various local nonprofit organizations. She has helped Shy Wolf Sanctuary and Kowiachobee Animal Preserve with numerous photography, advertising and fundraising projects. One of her photographs, taken for the Shy Wolf Sanctuary fundraising calendar, will be featured in an article about the sanctuary in National Geographic Kids magazine.

The event is free with park entry fee of \$4 per one-person vehicle, \$6 for two-plus persons and \$2 each for walkers and bicyclists. A percentage of the proceeds from sales of the artwork are donated to the park. Delnor-Wiggins Pass State is located at 11135 Gulf Shore Drive at the end of 111th Street.

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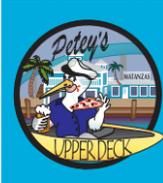


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The award is for an individual who has shown visionary leadership and a commitment to advancing and enriching the arts in our community. Mrs. Hirshhorn, a well-known art collector and philanthropist, has devoted her life to the appreciation and preservation of art. Along with her vast and ongoing support of The Naples Art Association, she serves on the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art's board of directors and works from her personal collection are part of their permanent collection. Along with her late husband, Joseph H. Hirshhorn, she was instrumental in the founding of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C. She has also donated her extraordinary private collection of decorative and fine art to the Corcoran Gallery of Art where she has served as a volunteer and board member since the 1970s.

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Gov. Bush and his wife, Columba, will host the annual event, which features guest appearances from *New York Times* best-selling authors who read from their works during the event and sign books after the celebration dinner. Authors confirmed to-date include:

- **Robin Cook, M.D.**, widely credited with introducing the medical thriller genre to popular literature. His breakthrough novel, "Coma," has been followed by a succession of 28 *New York Times* bestsellers, including "Outbreak," "Cure" and "Cell."

- **Christopher Buckley**, political satirist and author of numerous bestsellers including "They Eat Puppies, Don't They?," "Thank You for Smoking," and "Losing Mum and Pup: A Memoir." The son of William F. Buckley Jr. and Patricia Buckley, Christopher served as a speechwriter for then-Vice President George H.W. Bush.

- **Markus Zusak**, the Sydney, Australia-based author of five books including the international bestseller, "The



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Book Thief," which spent 375 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list and remains there eight years after publication. The blockbuster movie debuted in late 2013.

Funds raised from the annual Celebration of Reading help support family literacy programs of the Barbara Bush Foundation, including Teen Trendsetters, an anchor program of the organization that pairs seventh through 12th graders with first through third graders who are struggling with reading.

Individual tickets to the Celebration of Reading are \$250 per person, with sponsorships available that include exclusive events such as a private luncheon with the Bush family and guest authors, a VIP reception, and preferred seating at the reading event.

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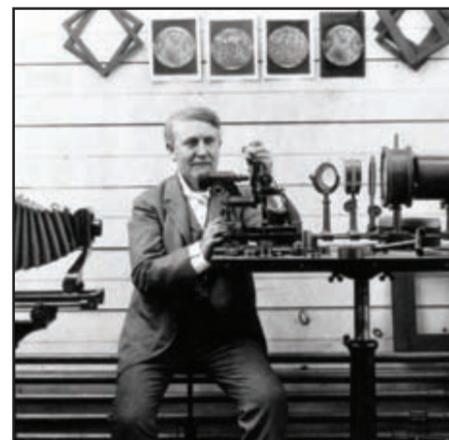
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When to cover an honor

BY STEVE BECKER

There is no simple rule governing the question of when a defender should cover an honor with an honor. In general, a defender covers when his side may gain a trick by doing so, and does not cover when it might cost him a trick to do so.

Consider this deal where East wins the opening spade lead with the king and returns the five to dummy's ace. Declarer leads the ten of clubs from dummy, and the question is whether East should cover with the king.

In the given situation, he should. Observe what happens when he doesn't. The ten wins, and a club continuation gives South four club tricks and the contract. But if East plays the king on the ten, South makes only three club tricks and goes down one, since West's nine becomes a stopper in the suit.

East has nothing to lose by covering, but stands to gain, depending on declarer's club holding. If, for example, South has A-Q-9-3, A-J-8-3, Q-J-8-3 or his actual holding, the failure to cover costs a trick, while covering gains a trick.

Declarer can sometimes foil the defense by not leading an honor in the first place. Thus, in the present case, once South appreciates the futility of leading the ten because East will play the king if he has it, he should lead the

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q
♥ A 7 2
♦ 10 8 7 6 3
♣ 10 4 2

WEST

♠ J 10 6 3
♥ J 8 4
♦ 9 2
♣ 9 8 6 5

EAST

♠ K 5 2
♥ Q 10 6 3
♦ Q J 5 4
♣ K 7

SOUTH

♠ 9 8 7 4
♥ K 9 5
♦ A K
♣ A Q J 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — three of spades.

deuce instead.

When the queen wins, South returns to dummy with a heart and again leads a low club (not the ten). As it happens, East is obliged to play the king, and South's worries are over, since he brings home four club tricks and the contract. ■

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Event chairs Scott Hansen and Susan and Nathaniel Ritter are leading the planning committee that includes Edward Anchel, Phyllis Barolsky, Henry Cohen, Nancy Colodny, Edwin Ezrine, Myra Friedman, Richard Goldblatt, Michael Greenberg, Prentiss Higgins,

Alan Jaffe, Bobbie Katz, Deborah Kohler, Marvin Lader, Barbara Levine, Jeff Lytle, John Passidomo, Stuart Price, Millie Sernovitz, David Rutstein, Jennifer Siegal-Miller, Debby Waranch, Ellen Wollman, Leda Zbar and Judith Zickler.

The evening’s sponsor is BMO Private Bank. Entertainment will be by the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra.

Tickets for \$250 are available by contacting Dorothy McQuillan at 325-4444 or dmcquillan@jfcswfl.org. For more information about JFCS, visit jfcswfl.org.

■ The **Naples Cat Alliance**, a free-roaming, no-kill shelter, holds its fourth annual “All They Need is Love” fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 21, at Windstar Country Club. The evening of dinner and dancing includes entertainment by Danny G., a silent auction, games and tickets or chance. For tickets or more information, visit naplescatalliance.org.

■ The annual **Avow Butterfly Ball** takes flight Saturday, March 21, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. New this year is a patron party Thursday, March 19, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club.

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tickets or more information, call 649-3683 or visit avowcares.org/events.

■ A luncheon to benefit **Youth Haven** is set for Wednesday, Jan. 28, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Judge Glenda Hatchett of TV’s “Judge Hatchett,” the national spokesperson for Court-Appointed Special Advocates, will be the guest speaker. CASA trains volunteers to represent abused and neglected children. Honorary luncheon chairs are Jim and Liz Jessee; event chairs are Brenda O’Connor and Stacey Herring. Tickets are \$300. Major sponsors include Arthrex, Sharon and Dolph von Arx, Cruising with the Chefs/Lisa and Rodney George and Jenny and Kermit Sutton. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Shelly Long at 687-5155 or email shelly.long@youthhaven.net.

■ **Champions For Learning** hosts its inaugural Night of Champions in celebration of its 25th year and to honor community leaders who are connecting Collier County students to their future from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For information about tickets and sponsorship tables, call Marylee Tirrell at 643-4755 or email mtirrell@championsforlearning.org.

■ Political analyst, journalist, actor, producer, writer and MSNBC news program commentator Lawrence O’Donnell will lend his voice in support of women’s rights on behalf of **Planned Parenthood of Collier County** at the organization’s 11th annual Choice Affair the evening of Friday, Jan. 30, at the

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■ **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** holds its annual gala Friday, Feb. 6, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. "Set Sail for Fun Time" is the evening's theme, and honorary "captains" are Chris and Bill Barnett. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 261-8284.

■ The inaugural For the Love of Art gala to benefit the **Naples Art Association** is set for Saturday, Feb. 7, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The evening will include presentation of three new awards: the Gulfshore Life Emerging Art Leader Award for a new and/or young artist or arts leader in the community; the Hirshhorn Award for an individual who has shown visionary leadership and a commitment to advancing and enriching the arts in the community, and the Impact Award for a business or business professional who has demonstrated significant leadership in the arts and culture of the community through involvement in, or support of, innovative programs and creative partnerships.

For information about sponsorships, email Maureen.christensen@naplesart.org. For tickets, email Chelsea.Ziton@NaplesArt.org or visit naplesart.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** to benefit charities serving

children takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28, in private homes and at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Tickets are \$500 for the grand tasting and auction, \$1,500 for a vintner dinner and the grand tasting and auction. Visit swflwinefest.org.

■ The annual Sneaker Ball to benefit the **Greater Naples YMCA** takes place from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Y. For tickets and sponsorship information, call 597-3148.

■ **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** holds its annual Magic Under the Mangroves signature gala Thursday evening, March 5, on the grounds of the Nature Center at the Conservancy. Presented by Northern Trust and with Lynne Shotwell as chair, the evening starts with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction and moves into a grand tent for a gourmet dinner, entertainment and a live auction. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 403-4218 or email nikkied@conservancy.org.

■ **Drug Free Collier** holds its seventh annual fundraising luncheon Thursday, March 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$100. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call 377-0535 or email info@drug-freecollier.org.

■ **Hope for Haiti** holds its 25th anniversary gala, "Passport to the Heart," Saturday, March 7. Call the development office at 434-7183, ext. 4, for more information. ■

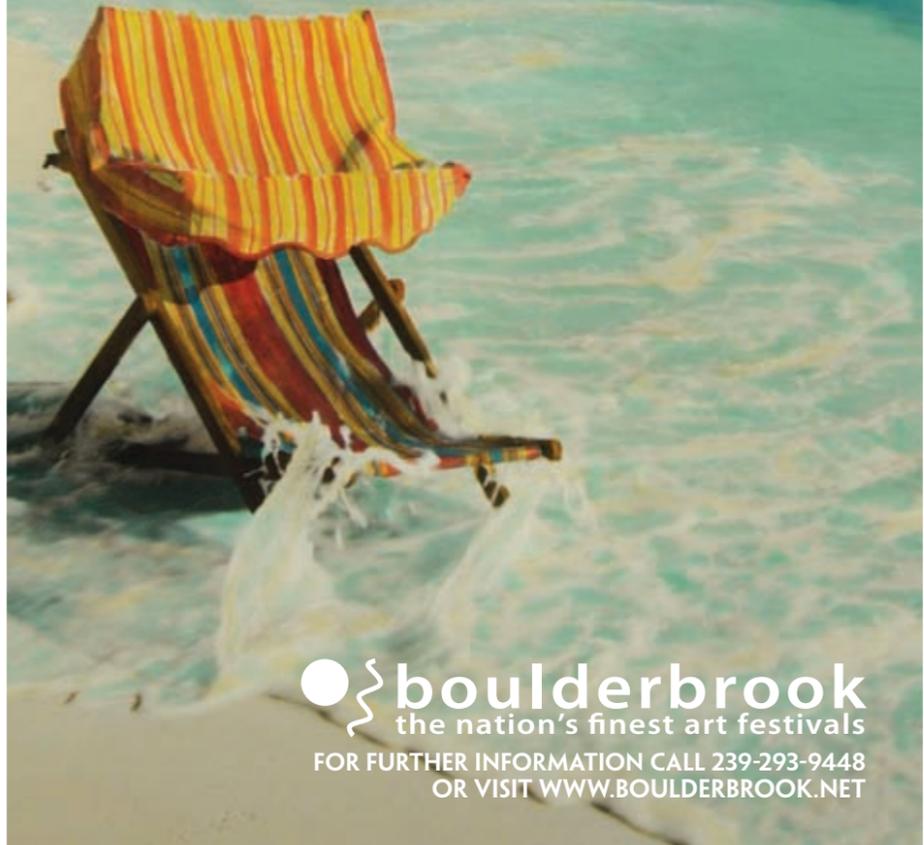
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Murder mystery thriller returning to ABC

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I've been dying to know what's going to happen next on "How to Get Away With Murder"! When will it be back?

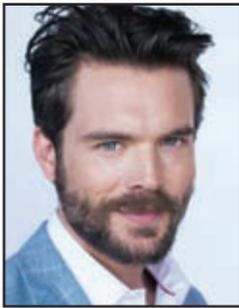
— Kristin H., via email

A: You don't have much longer to wait. Beginning

at 10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, the hit ABC murder-mystery will be back for the final six episodes of the season. Now that we know who killed Sam, will we also discover who killed Lila? I spoke with Charlie Weber, who plays Frank Delfino, and he gave me a few tiny hints as to what we can expect. The Keating Five are "having to deal with the moral complications of covering up the death of Sam, and having done it in the first place. They're all in on it now."

As we move forward, Weber told me: "The whole thing busts wide open. Information will be coming out about both murders (Sam and Lila), and there's going to be a lot of scrambling to deal with it by everyone. And not that the show isn't crazy and exciting enough already, but it gets more so. There are plenty of twists and turns coming, I can assure you of that."

Q: Can you tell me when "Game of



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Thrones" will be back for a new season?

— Bobby T., via email

A: The phenomenal drama/historical-fantasy series will be back for its fifth season sometime in April (an exact date has not yet been announced) on HBO. However, you can relive some of season four on the big screen in IMAX format before that. In limited release (about 150 IMAX theaters) beginning Jan. 23, the last two episodes of season four's "Game of Thrones" will be shown the way lots of fans think it should be aired all the time — in movie theaters. Those who do attend these limited showings also will be treated to an exclusive trailer for season five. Check your local listings to see if it will be on the big screen in your town.

Q: My husband recently introduced me to the "Evil Dead" movies. He heard they are making it into a TV series. Is that true?

— Nancy P. in Indiana

A: Yes. Starz is bringing the series to the small screen via an original series called "Ash vs. Evil Dead," which takes place after the action of the movie series. The series' star and the director of "Evil Dead" — Bruce Campbell and Sam Raimi, respectively — are set to return to the production, which will consist of 10 half-hour episodes. ■

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honestly seemed like a half-gallon of steaming broth that was brimming with rice noodles, slivers of onion, cilantro, green onion and thinly sliced beef. On the side came a plate piled high with basil stems, bean sprouts and a lime wedge, all of which I slid gracefully into the bowl. The menu suggested I finish off with a dollop of hoisin sauce and sriracha, so I followed its advice and gave each a squirt into the broth. What followed was a rich and filling soup that would be difficult to replicate at home and a Vietnamese specialty that is difficult to come by in Naples.

One More Thing: The large serving is soup is a huge helping and would be a selection to share or take home. I naively ordered it thinking a small portion would most likely only be a cup of soup, so I ended up taking a lot of it home to share with family. ■



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03.23.15 BELLE & SEBASTIAN

In the French Alps during WWII, lonely Sebastian befriends Belle, “the beast” the local farmers think is killing their sheep – an enormous yet gentle sheepdog. With Nazis rooting out resistance fighters, Belle and Sebastian’s loyalties are put to the test.

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Naples Empty Bowls event set for Cambier Park

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One of the most prominent and necessary charities in our area is the Harry Chapin Food Bank, which has the magical ability to multiply the value of dollars donated to the organization to feed the hungry in Lee and Collier counties. Soup lovers can watch this process in action from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the annual Naples Empty Bowls event at Cambier Park. For a \$15 donation, guests can select a beautiful, handmade bowl and fill it with soup from one of dozens of local restaurants. Participating restaurants include Bleu Provence serving potato leek soup, Daniela's serving Hungarian goulash and Worthington Country Club serving Camembert mushroom soup. There are too many restaurants providing too many delicious selections to name here, but hopefully we've given you the flavor of the event. Guests can also participate in a silent auction, watch pottery demonstrations and paint some bowls.

All proceeds will go directly to the Harry Chapin Food Bank to feed children, families, seniors and other community members. Last year, the Naples event raised \$60,000 for the organization, which enabled it to provide \$360,000 in food and grocery items to the hungry.

For more information, call 334-7007 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Next up: German Fest

Food festivals abound during tourist season. German Fest is set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Our Savior Lutheran Church. The congregation is providing the public with a wide variety of German dishes, including imported bratwurst and knockwurst, beef roulade, potato salad, beer, strudels and more. Other activities include live German music and dancing, face painting and games. In addition, one hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to Avow Hospice, Stan and Haney's D.R.A.F.T. fund and Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Learn anti-cancer cooking

Food and nutrition blogger Joanne Irwin is leading a third round of courses in her Food for Life Series at the Cancer Alliance of Naples at 990 1st Ave. S. Her first two series, scheduled for January and February, sold out quickly and anybody who is interested in learning to select and



Food and nutrition blogger Joanne Irwin has announced a third round of her Food for Life series with the Cancer Alliance of Naples in March. The course is free thanks to a grant from the Martin Foundation, but tends to sell out quickly. Call 784-0854 to reserve a spot.

prepare food that fights and prevents cancer would do well to sign up now.

Ms. Irwin is an instructor with the Physicians Committee of Responsible Medicine in Washington, D.C., and has been certified by Cornell University as a plant-based culinary educator. She is a seasonal resident and leads classes in Cape Cod, Mass., and Naples. Students will learn how to eliminate meat and dairy products from their daily diet to prevent cancer and other chronic diseases. The course is free thanks to a grant from the Martin Foundation to the Cancer Alliance of Naples.

To reserve a spot, email Irwin at joanneirwin72@gmail.com or call 784-0854. To read her blog, visit plantbasednana.com.



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Thanks to several pottery workshops held throughout the year to supply Empty Bowls: Naples, over 2,000 beautiful soup vessels will be available for guests at the Jan. 24 event. All proceeds will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.



Alongside dozens of other local restaurants, Whole Foods will be donating its Local Key's Fisheries seafood soup at the Jan. 24 Empty Bowls: Naples event at Cambier Park.

CUISINE

Cook-off coming to Ave Maria

The Rhodora J. Donahue Academy in Ave Maria is hosting its fifth annual Sunshine State Cook-Off from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ave Maria Town Center. In addition to serving more than 2,000 grilled steaks, the event also features the 5K Ribeye Run, inflatable obstacle course and more. Tickets are \$20 and include a 16 oz. ribeye steak, corn, salad and drink. Purchase tickets at donahueacademy.org or call 352-3903.

Take Note:

■ Whole Foods is hosting a health and fitness expo from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, and will feature samples, demonstrations and giveaways, like one month of classes at Pure Barre Naples. Partners Orange Theory, Hand & Stone Massage, Yoga Lost, Title Boxing and Beyond Fitness will also offer a variety of goods and services.

■ The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island hosts its second annual Deli Fest from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Guests can purchase deli sandwiches, soups and treats at 991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 642-0800 or marcojcmi.com.

■ Avenue5 is featuring Dom Perignon 2003 for \$35 per glass, \$300 per bottle and Caymus 40th anniversary cabernet at \$25 per glass, \$150 per bottle through the month of January.

■ Food Network star Alton Brown brings his stage show "The Inevitable Edible" to Barbara B. Mann in Fort Myers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5.

Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifenas.com - Bring on the Bacon: Thursday, Jan. 15 (\$60); French Country Cooking: Wednesday, Jan. 21 (\$60); French Country Cooking: Friday, Jan. 23 (\$60); Knife Skills: Saturday, Jan. 24 (\$50); Duck Decoded: Thursday, Jan. 29 (\$65).

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VINO

The pleasures and perils of pinot noir



Winemakers who decide to try their hands at making pinot noir are crazy in a very special way, because pinot is known far and wide as the “heartbreak grape.” Unlike chardonnay, which will grow just about anywhere you stick it in the ground, pinot thrives only in a narrow range of soil and climate conditions. The grapes themselves are very small, so it takes more of them to make a bottle of wine. If wine grapes can get any disease or malady at all, pinot grapes will catch it first. And as if these reasons are not discouraging enough, the varietal is known to actually mutate on the vine, so what you plant may not be what you harvest.

But there’s an upside. Of all grapes, pinot noir is capable of being turned into wines that are surpassingly elegant, silky and seductive. Which is why a pinot such as France’s Domaine de la Romanée Conti sells for upwards of \$3,500 a bottle, if you can find it. (A double magnum of the 1996 vintage can be yours for a mere \$69,995). So pinot is an attractive challenge for the winemaker, who, if successful, can create a truly spectacular wine that can be sold for large dollars.

So if pinot noir grows well in only very limited areas, where are they? The first, of course, is the Burgundy region in France. Over there, they grow only two grapes:

chardonnay and pinot noir, and they are mostly spectacular. They are also supremely difficult to understand, because the Burgundy region is divided up into minuscule subregions, each of which has its own name, character and winemaking traditions. On the other hand, reasonably-priced wines are available, if you choose from some of the lesser-known areas, such as the Macon region and Vire Clesse.

Here in the U.S., pinot lovers turn to Oregon and California. The most familiar area in Oregon is the Willamette Valley though don’t be afraid to sample from the Umpqua and Rogue Valleys as well.

Just as Robert Mondavi put California wines on the world stage, David Lett did the same for the wines of Oregon. In 1979,

at an international wine tasting competition, his Eyrie Vineyard pinot noir came in third among 600 wines, beating out a whole lineup of legendary and obscenely expensive Burgundies. It was like the American Olympic hockey team defeating the Russians in 1980. Or the 1968 New York Mets.

The French went, bananas, or bananes, the way they say it. They exclaimed, “Sacre bleu! C’est impossible!” or words to that effect. They absolutely could not accept that an American wine could compare so favorably to the best of Burgundy. So they demanded a rematch. A second blind tasting competition was held the next year, staged by Robert Drouhin, one of the most legendary figures in Burgundian winemaking. Eyrie Vineyard pinot noir did not come

in third. It came in second.

Robert Drouhin immediately went to Oregon and bought as many vineyards as he could get his hands on.

Pinots tend to be extremely variable in quality and style, so select your wines by producer. Sample widely (of course), find a few producers you like, and stick with them. My favorites include:

Domaine Serene – Ken and Grace Evenstad, who spend a lot of time here in Southwest Florida, make incredible pinots and chardonnays from several vineyards. Their wines run in the \$55-\$60 range, and are uniformly excellent.

Beaux Freres – This vineyard is owned by wine critic Robert Parker and his brother. Mr. Parker is arguably the most influential wine critic on the planet, so his wines have to support his reputation. The wines are usually in the \$50 range, so it’s a bit of a splurge.

Pali Wine Company – These wines are available locally, and they’re a bargain. The reasonably-priced Pali Pinot Noir Riviera fits the bill nicely, with aromas and flavors of cherry, blackberry and cranberry, and a very smooth mouthfeel. Find it in local stores or visit paliwineco.com.

Mark West – Possibly the best bargain-priced Oregon pinot on the market. Incredibly, it’s under \$10 a bottle, and very drinkable. ■

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CHEF PROFILE

Chef takes sushi and Thai cuisine beyond the usual offerings



It didn't take long for lovers of Thai cuisine and well-crafted sushi to find Jon and On Augsondthung's first restaurant, Fuji, 5 years ago when it opened in a little shopping center across from the Hollywood 20 theaters. The newcomer made its mark with an interesting menu, a charming setting and the Augsondthungs' gracious hospitality.

Last year, the couple opened a second, larger space, creating the stylish new Araya, which has quickly developed its own following for the same reasons.

For our monthly chef's profile, we talked with Chef Jon about his restaurants, life as a chef and his winning approach to two popular but exacting cuisines.

Q: When did you realize you wanted to be a chef?

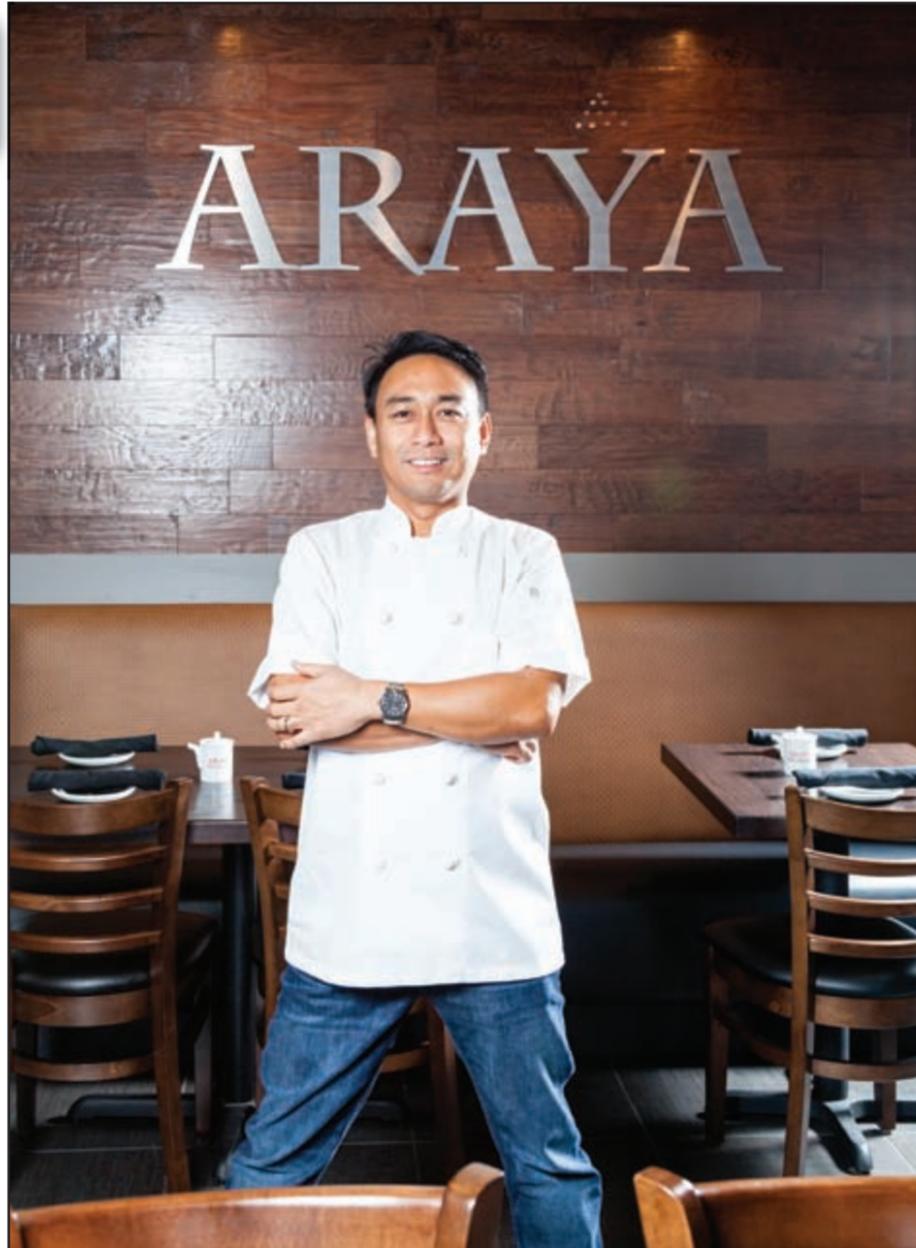
A: Cooking has always been my passion. My mom, Araya Augsondthung, inspired me. Her cooking is my favorite by far. I love everything she cooks. I learned how to cook from being her helper starting at the age of 8 or 9. To honor her, we named our restaurant after her.

Q: Describe your restaurant and menu.

Fuji is casual, nice, and young while its sister, Araya, is more modern, with a beautiful atmosphere. Both offer a warm welcome from our smiling staffs. At both, you will experience top-notch quality food, friendly service and reasonable prices. We serve famous authentic Thai dishes such as Thai red or green curry, pad Thai, tom yum or tom kha soup, and a variety of dishes from the sushi bar. Our menu offers good variety and our chefs create a special menu every few weeks.

Q: Your menu has some unusual items. Where do you get the ideas for these dishes?

A: I had a dream of having restaurants that offer customers different and trendy menus. It seems like almost all the Thai and sushi restaurants I know have the same menus, rarely adding anything new. I want everyone to think about us when they want good Thai or Asian or the best sushi. Our restaurants are not just typical places. So I do research and from that create new dishes that make the menu more interesting.



Because of the limited of space at Fuji, we cannot offer as many unique items as we can at Araya, but we still have tuna chips and our signature roll, S.T.T. (spicy tuna tempura). The S.T.T. is a new version of your regular spicy tuna roll but with more ingredients and flash fried. You can still enjoy the fresh raw tuna inside!

Q: What's different about Araya?

A: At Araya, we have a bigger kitchen and sushi bar. So that means we can do lot more. We have created spicy tuna nachos, duck buns and sautéed chicken liver with asparagus. When you go to sport bars you see people sharing Mexican nachos with beers. I thought it would be a good idea if we had something for customers to enjoy with sake before their

meals. Our nachos are served on wonton chips instead.

Duck buns and chicken liver have become two of our signature dishes. I had very good barbecued pork buns in Chinatown in New York City. That inspired me to create our duck buns. I thought it would be more interesting if we made it with roasted duck. If you go to my hometown, Bangkok, you can find the chicken liver dish in every street market. I want to present authentic Thai dishes to Naples. We also have Chiang Mai curry noodles. It is one of the most popular dishes in northern Thailand.

We added a grill line on our menu that includes yakitori, the Japanese style grilled skewers, such as enoki mushroom and bacon or asparagus and bacon. We

also have grilled octopus, one of the most popular dishes here, and five-spice marinated grill entrees called Asian-Grilled Entrees.

Q: And the crème brulee and other desserts?

A: My wife, On, loves to bake. She makes very delicious green tea cheese-cake. And one of our friends told us about green tea crème brulee so we thought that would be a good idea for dessert, too. If you want to try it you have to come to Araya.

Q: What are your favorite dishes on the menu?

A: My favorite dishes grilled octopus and mango duck salad from the appetizers. I love country basil chicken. It is authentic and delicious, especially when I make it Thai hot and have it with fried egg! Blue crab fried rice is another of my favorite dishes. Fresh premium grade jumbo lump crab meat – ummm, you can't go wrong with it. From the sushi menu, I always enjoy tuna loco and hamachi sashimi. Fresh fish is the heart of sushi bar. I am really happy and confident with our fish quality.

Q: Considering the long hours and challenging pace, what keeps you motivated?

A: We are foodie people. We love to go out and enjoy good food no matter whether the restaurants are fancy or not. We love to see customers have a great experience with us, leave our restaurants happy and return with family and more friends. That strongly motivates me!

Q: Are you planning any changes?

A: Our regular menu is set. But we have a chalkboard special menu that changes every few weeks or while supplies last. ■

in the know

Jon Augsondthung

- >> **Age:** 39
- >> **Hometown:** Bangkok, Thailand
- >> **Restaurant:** Araya Sushi Asian Grill, 2650 Immokalee Road, 593-3344; and Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro, 6355 Naples Blvd., 593-5550.
- >> **Culinary education:** His first teacher was his mother, Araya Augsondthong, whom he began helping in the kitchen when he was a child. He began training and working as a sushi chef in 2000 at Sushi Siam, an acclaimed sushi and Thai chain on Florida's east coast. Jon and his wife, On, moved to Naples in 2006 seeking a safe, beautiful place to raise their two young daughters and open a restaurant.



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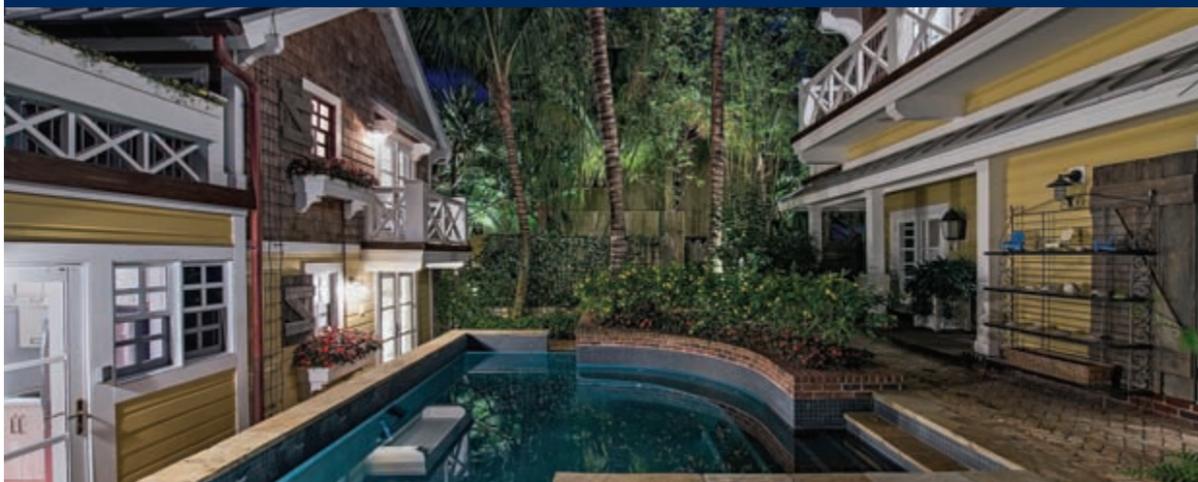
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DIRK ANDERSON

... embraces the gray areas of décor

DIRK ANDERSON HAS BEEN A RESIDENTIAL designer for the past 31 years. This creative individual works in different styles, and above all, takes who his client is into consideration when selecting décor that meets that client's tastes.

Each month, Miromar Design Center recognizes a top designer based upon nominations from the 45 design center store managers and Mr. Anderson was named the December 2014 Designer of Distinction. Mr. Anderson says the design center is a vital part of his business because of the array of unique showrooms under one roof.

We caught up with Mr. Anderson at the Henredon Interior Design showroom at Miromar Design Center to ask him our burning design questions.

Q: What's your favorite home design trend right now?

A: I always have liked gray and I'm glad it's back.

Q: What trends are you glad have gone by the wayside?

Glad to see the end of heavy Tuscan. I like it in the right place, but it's not for everywhere.

Q: If you could have a celebrity (or local) designer decorate your house, who would it be?

In all honesty, I am too controlling to let that happen.

Q: What decor would you most like to have in your home?

A: Minimal.

Q: What was the most difficult project or home you've ever done, and why?

A: The most challenging situations involve couples who don't have even slightly the same taste.

Q: What are some challenges you have overcome?

A: I hang in for the long haul, and it eventually works itself out. Typically,



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One of Dirk Anderson's many beautiful rooms.

once I develop a working relationship with someone, we stick together a long time.

Q: What's the most over-the-top luxury space you ever saw or developed?

A: A longtime client in Ohio built a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired home with heavy Asian influence. They are still working on the ever-expanding Japanese gardens that encompass about 85 acres so far. That's 85 manicured acres.

Q: Please share any advice you have for a homeowner embarking on new home construction.

A: Find someone with knowledge and contacts and trust them to work

with you and guide you through the selection process, but make sure they listen to you as well. I always listen because people will tell you who they are.

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Thomas Riley Studio's sleek design allows the art to shine.

Thomas Riley Studio:

A touch of Versailles in Naples, art that makes its mark and the man who keeps it all together

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

HOMEOWNERS WHO CRAVE ART AND FURNISHINGS with histories and creative backstories know one of Naples' best-kept art and fine furnishings secrets: Thomas Riley Studio. And the studio's fame isn't limited to just Naples. For years, the people behind this operation have facilitated some of America's most celebrated collections of art and fine furnishings. Pull back the veil and visitors to the sleek space at 26 Tenth St. South find a studio that dips into a lot more than paintings on a wall.

Shopping at Thomas Riley Studios is a one-of-a-kind experience because everything in the space is striking. But the company offers curation, art advisory services and sales, furniture design and fabrication, artist and designer commissions, spatial planning and design, product development and art handling and installation. It evolved from the American manufacturing brand the Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild, known for fine interior woodwork,

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Thomas Riley Studio's dynamic design booth at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York City.

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finishes and furniture — including projects that have ranged from a luxurious pine library to contemporary living space.

After 24 years in business, it's not hard to see why Thomas Riley Studio execs hired someone with an eagle eye for details and luxury, keeping true to the mission of the gallery and how the gallery is curated for the Naples market — a tall order. The man in charge of that portion of the Thomas Riley empire is Chad Jensen, who passionately steers the studio in the direction that befits the legendary company.

Mr. Jensen, who works closely with Mr. Riley and his sons, Matt and Ben, was recruited out of design school and is a mastery level woodworker and fine furniture maker. After a decade with Thomas Riley companies, Jensen has reached a major career milestone with the Versailles Collection by Chad Jensen for Thomas Riley Studio.

"I was inspired after Mr. Riley and his son got an idea about a collection based on Versailles and becoming involved with the Versailles Foundation," says Mr. Jensen, who traveled to Versailles for research. "There I rode a bike around, getting inspired, taking pictures, taking everything in, and I realized so much has been done to replicate Versailles, but this collection more reinterprets it and is in homage to it."

The collection examines the positive and negative spaces of the sculptures on the grounds of Versailles and reinterprets that display without manipulating it. For example, the limited-edition Profil de Marie tables were created from a tracing of the silhouette of Marie Antoinette in walnut with a gold mirror-polished stainless steel and low-iron glass.

"We launched the collection during design week in New York City at the International Contemporary Furniture Fair at the Javits Center, which is geared toward architects and designers and professors from Pratt Rhode Island School of Design, Fashion Institute of Technology," says Mr. Jensen, who says the core principle of his work is to cross-pollinate fine art with design. "Shipping all of the furniture to New York City, designing the booth and setting it up was a lot of work, but very fulfilling to do all of that on a global platform."

Creative collaboration

Thomas Riley Studio is known for collaboration. Other pieces in the fine furniture collection demonstrate that philosophy in flip-top tables. La Petite Blanche and La Petite Noire are part of an artist collaboration series between Ysabel Lemay and Mr. Jensen. The tables feature low-iron glass with ceramic frit ink, gold mirror-polished stainless steel and painted wood. The amount of detail that went into creating these unique tables is astound-

ing, and they look like they would be perfectly at home at Versailles. The gathering of birds and flowers is almost haunting, as if the avian portion of the tabletop might take flight from its branches at any moment, or a sudden breeze might cause the flowers to sway.

"Ysabel Lemay is a decorative artist we represent who does these amazing photo fusion pictures, so we commissioned her to do a tabletop design to go with my fine custom furniture design," says Mr. Jensen, who has previously exhibited in Shanghai.

Included among the silhouettes are the Silhouette de la Nympe and Silhouette de la Garonne, both made with gold mirror-polished stainless steel interior and mirror-polished aluminum. They are inspired by Étienne Le Hongre's water nymph and Antoine Coysevox's sculptures, respectively. Perhaps one of the most unique pieces in the collection is the stunning Chateau & Parc, a hand-knotted Persian rug crafted from undyed natural wool, in collaboration with Orley Shabahang. Each piece in the Versailles collection is offered in limited edition and engraved with the edition number, date and signature of the designer.

The Thomas Riley Studio is near downtown Naples built in a space designed by Mr. Jensen, and it has been open exactly a year after a successful virtual business online. The space lends itself to another extension of Mr. Riley's inspirations: education and the art community.

"We are excited to continue with art education and helping establish a creative community, and that includes local pop-up exhibitions so artists can collaborate with us on work that is new to Naples, including creative direction," Mr. Jensen says. "This extends to how we present the work and partnerships."

The 2015 season's highlights include:

- German painter/colorist Peter Zimmermann, with the cooperation of Wasserman Projects, from Jan. 15-March 6. The studio will showcase his Resin paintings.

- March 12-April 17, Neapolitans will be able to see New York visual artist/photographer Kim Keever's constructed tank environments and volumetric color series.

- April 23-May 29, the studio will feature new works by photo-fusion artist Ysabel LeMay, installation artist/ceramist Pascale Girardin and glass blower Joshua Wojick.

Other artists affiliated with Thomas Riley Studio include Bud Latven, Carmelo Blandino, Chris Zettel and Scott Daniel, and the studio is a dealer for companies such as Lobmeyr Lighting and a marvel of modern furnishings, the Fletcher Capstan Table.

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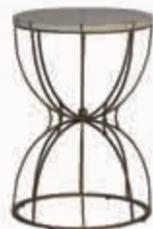
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The dramatic entryway of this romantic home begins with the exterior.

The mother of makeovers

*Romance meets luxury
in North Naples*

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Each month, LUXE Living features a makeover story giving readers pause to wonder, “How did they do that?” This month, our cover story home could be called the mother of all makeovers — resulting in one of Naples’ finest examples of what can happen when a design trifecta happens between homeowner, builder and designer.

Native New Englanders Anthony and Joanne Migliaro could be two of the nicest people ever to migrate to Naples. Their warm, inviting presence is unmistakable. Nothing could please these homeowners more than seeing a guest walk through their front door. Once inside the house, visitors instantly feel welcome, despite a dramatic entrance that defines the word “wow.” Perhaps that’s why the Migliaros’ home has been the site of many a holiday party, their soaring Christmas tree echoing the joy this couple share so freely. It’s challenging to make a home this size feel cozy, but somehow, with their gracious-



The family room looks like it goes on forever.

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Charm to spare: Joanne and Anthony Migliaro love to welcomes friends in their warm kitchen.

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ness and a lot of help from the folks at BCB Homes and Collins DuPont Design, this 5,800-square-foot house is just that.

“When people come in here, they really feel special, especially when we

entertain, and we love that guests still find it striking even though we have been friends for years and they’ve seen it many times,” Mr. Migliaro says. “They will say they want to spend more time looking at the details, and every time they visit us, they are seeing something new they never saw before.”

The Migliaros have lived in their Mediterra house for seven years. It was constructed in 2002 as a model, but the

owners made a lot of changes, including remodeling it twice through the years. The final product is part fantasy space, part homespun touches. But it didn’t always look like this.

Titanic teamwork

BCB Homes renovated the kitchen and casual living area. Vice President Greg Brisson says the remodel of those areas needed to meet the Migliaros’

desire to update the kitchen finishes and décor, as well as to rearrange and reprogram the kitchen’s uses.

“They wanted it to function better for their everyday use,” Mr. Brisson says. “Trying to find an updated look and layout while still fitting with the existing Mediterranean interiors was the biggest challenge.”

At the end of the makeover project, Mr. Brisson says his favorite aspect of

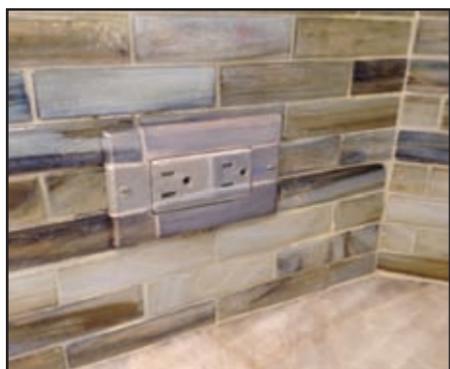
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The homeowners relish the romantic theme of their pool and bedroom.

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Designer Lana Knapp had the outlets painted to match the kitchen tile.

the makeover that makes it all worthwhile is the cabinetry finishes.

“The backsplash and tile work were beautiful, and the way it all integrated together — even with the countertops — was absolutely stunning,” Mr. Brisson says, adding that a single-family homeowner has to be mindful of careful planning and design of a remodel so that it is artfully integrated with the rest of the home. “Put the time up front to design the project well so that it is well integrated into the existing architecture and design.”

BCB Homes worked with the expert design team of Collins & DuPont Design Group to come up with the vision for the remodel. Collins & DuPont designers have more than proven their talents in an array of award-winning homes that inspire awe and appreciation in even the most discriminating homeowner.



This bathroom is like having a spa in the house.

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What Collins & Dupont Designer Lana Knapp loves most about the Migliaros is their enthusiasm and passion for life. Ms. Knapp says they see eye to eye when it comes to color and overall design.

“The spaces must be aesthetically beautiful and extremely functional and comfortable without losing anything in style,” she says. “Anthony always asks me, ‘Lana, does it have the ‘wow’ factor?’ With the Migliaros, this is a must.”

Ms. Knapp says she was impressed by the detailing and materials used in the Migliaros’ home, including the stunning limestone columns and fireplace, which are timeless details in this traditional design.

“The only thing that it needed was a little updating, like the original woodwork in the entry, dining room and kitchen, which were very dark and heavy. My challenge was to use as many of the original architectural details as possible while creating a fresh, updated look,” says Ms. Knapp, who achieved this by lightening up the color palate that played off the natural, soft tones of the stone detailing throughout. “One of the challenges I had to overcome was to add lots of needed storage without it looking heavy and cramped.”

Details make a difference

And then there were details after details to consider throughout the project. For example, Ms. Knapp says she always paints the outlet covers to blend in with the backsplash material to create a fluid, uninterrupted design and camouflage the outlets.



The new kitchen is more spacious and modern.

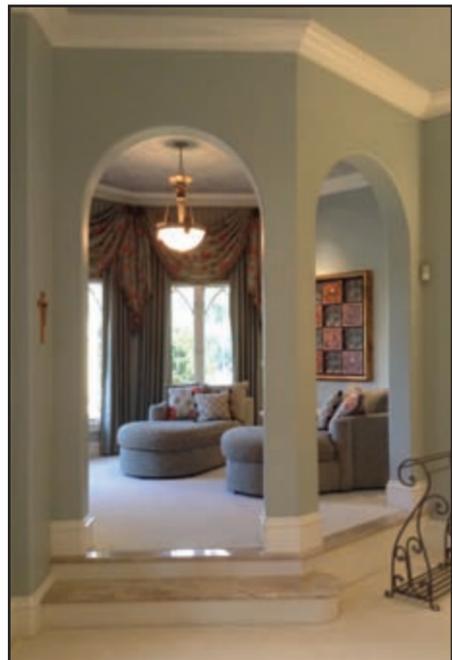
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The marble bar encourages gathering.



A little table and banquette serve as a breakfast nook.



A special room for reading off the master bedroom.

“One of the most useful details that I incorporated into the design for the Migliaros was using a wood-look porcelain tile in the kitchen and family room,” Ms. Knapp says. “The Migliaros love the way it looks and how it holds up with all of the constant entertaining.”

Working with BCB Homes on such a unique project also helped — something Ms. Knapp says is always a wonderful experience.

“They are very professional and they put the best quality possible into everything they do,” she says. “I have worked with them for years, and each experience has been a very positive one for the client as well as myself. I would recommend them to anyone.”

Between the Jerusalem stone columns spaced throughout the property and a pool that’s modeled after San Simeon cobalt tiles, a home this size could feel over the top. Instead, it feels just right.

“Remodeling is a domino effect, so we have repainted and added lighting, and there is that wow factor when you walk in — this is a party house,” Mrs. Migliaro says. “The lights are set up for gathering. For example, we had 13 people for Thanksgiving, and it’s so nice to sit in the dining room and sit down with good food and good friends.”

The Migliaros’ home is an open concept, but with the pillars, it still feels private. Mrs. Migliaro loves that she can work in the kitchen and make a mess, yet guests seated at the dining room table won’t see it — although that doesn’t stop them from congregating around the vast kitchen. They love to sit in the banquette, which is positioned at the beginning of the island. Little touches, such as each of the outlets painted to match the tile, take the kitchen to the next level of design detail.



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Left, a masculine color scheme creates a cozy work space; top, kitchen details include quality appliances and a large pantry.

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The Migliaros go back and forth between which are their favorite rooms. They love the rooms that were remodeled, but also cherish their bedroom.

“Before we remodeled previously, there were a lot of dark golds and brick and browns,” Mr. Migliaro says. “Now the house is a romantic, welcoming place.”

That’s an understatement. The house is heavy on romance, from the columns surrounding the dining area to the couple’s massive, four-post bed.

Yet the Migliaros, who are natives of Massachusetts, are making some major life changes that don’t include the upkeep that comes with a 5,800-square-foot house. They are selling their beloved makeover. Their one wish? That the new owners love it as much as they have. The couple sums it up thoughtfully:

“You can’t help but feel blessed to have such a magnificent place to live that when you walk through the front door, it lifts your spirits.”

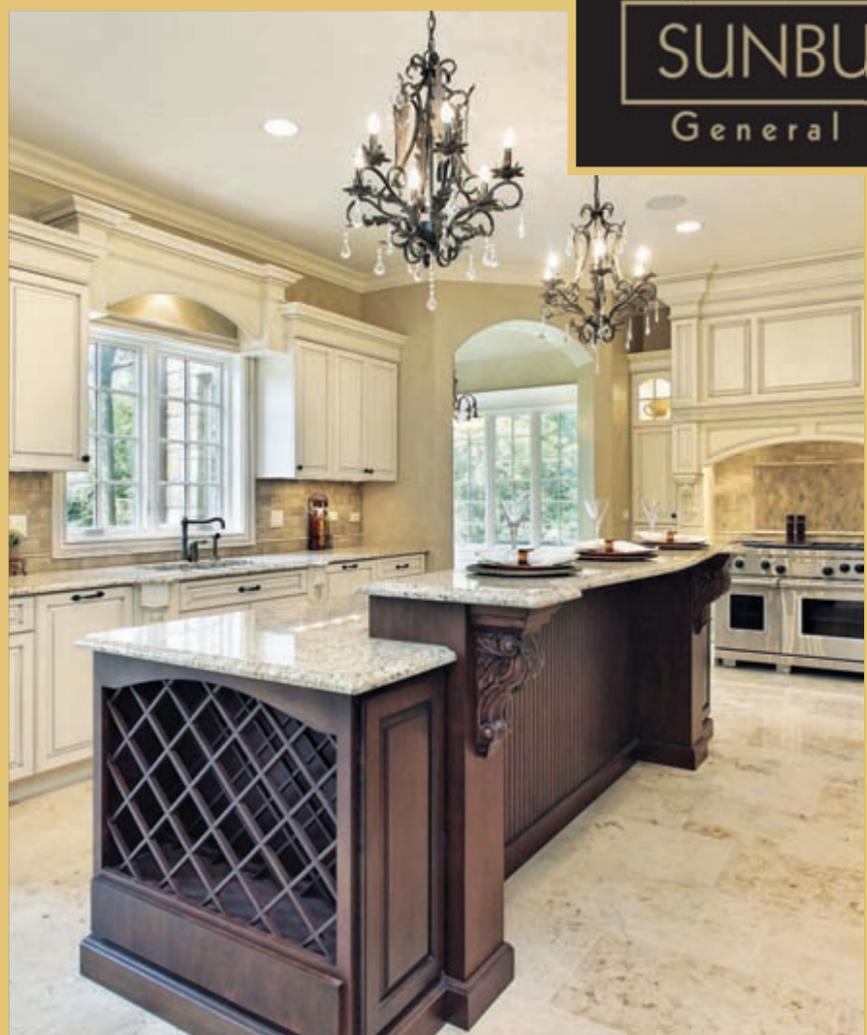


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Interior designers Charlie Hansen and Susan Petril guided the design for the 4,608-square-foot residence. There are four bedrooms, five full and two half baths, a study and outdoor living space that includes a kitchen and fireplace, plus a large pool and spa.

"This is an elegant luxury residence with chic furnishings, sophisticated color and most importantly, real glamour," says Mr. Hansen. "It is a classic style with a twist on traditional, created for elegant living."

A distinctive feature of the home comes from the drama in light and dark interiors and sophisticated lighting. The Hepburn has subtle details in textures and luxury fabrics, conveying a richness in drama and color.

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Another model in the works

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With approximately 6,282 square feet of living space under air, the home has four bedrooms (including a VIP suite) and five full and two half baths.

"The interiors feature sophisticated yet casual furnishings," Mr. Hayes says, adding the designers have chosen a color palette of primarily beige linen with accents of jasper, blue green and dark wood stain. "We are combining transition and modern furnishings with more traditional pieces." ■



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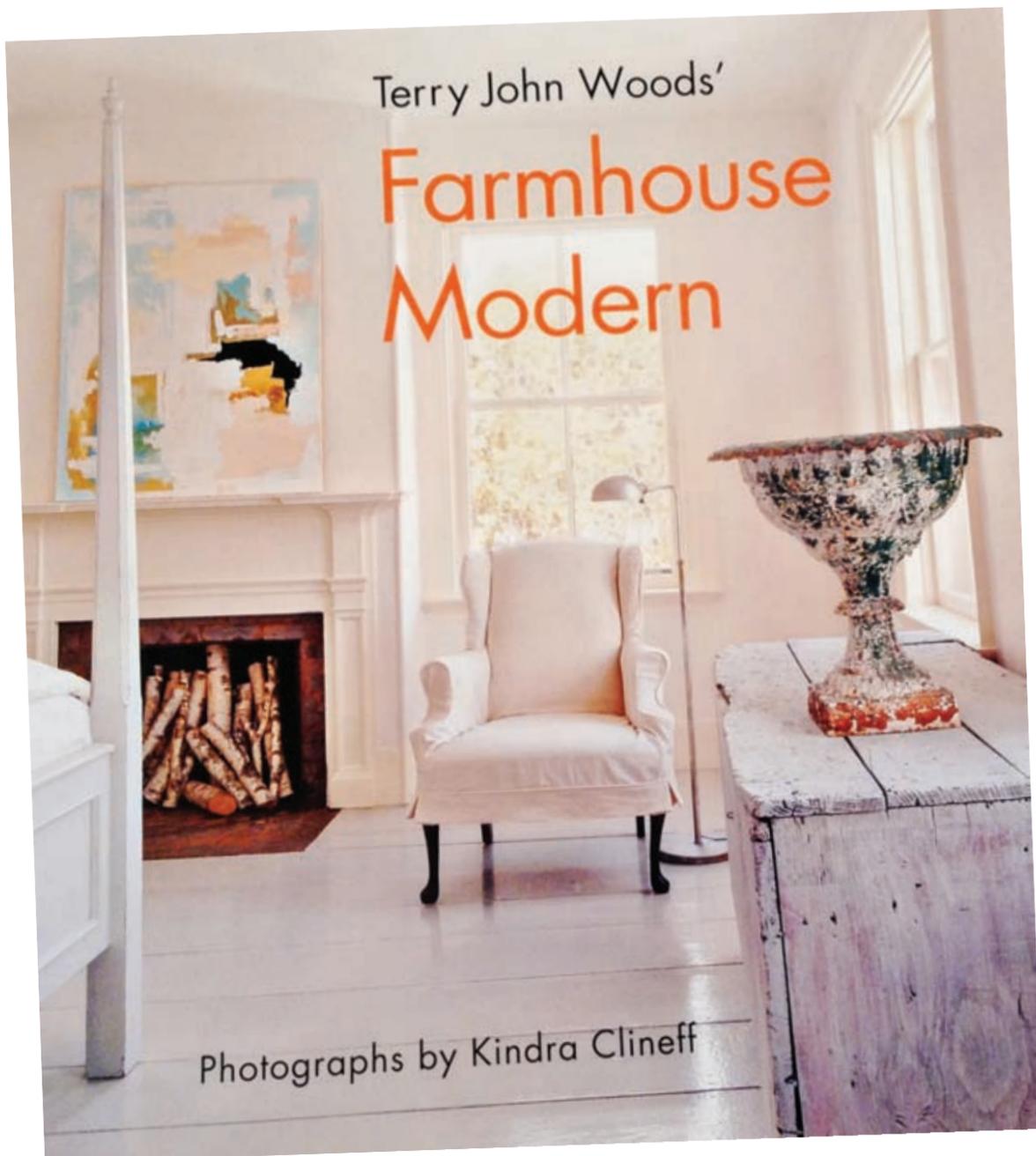
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'Farmhouse Modern'

IF EVER THERE WAS A DESIGN BOOK THAT MAKES YOU WANT TO flee Naples, buy a farm and set down roots in the country, it's "Farmhouse Modern" by incomparable designer Terry John Woods. With photos by Kindra Clineff, it serves as an inspirational guide to turning any décor scheme into a warmer, more inviting place where guests feel welcome and homeowners never want to leave.

"Farmhouse Modern" is the third installment of the farmhouse-style series in which Mr. Woods and Ms. Clineff show us all how to take a simple space and make it special. Someone who owns dozens of books will love how he uses books in similar colors to create a one-of-a-kind, truly custom bookshelf that steals the show in the whole room. Milk bottles become creative accent pieces, and he illustrates how even a stack of tiny plates, little sliver of silver and a sprig of color can make an otherwise dull table a savory sight.

Mr. Woods' ideas also are practical, which is essential in any real farmhouse, where time is limited and the work is never really done. Why put white serving bowls and plates away when they can serve as the perfect accent atop an old cabinet? Place them artfully and the entire area looks purposeful and lovely. Position the cabinet in such a way to allow for the hanging of your favorite pots and pans, and of course the biggest sieve you can find. Whether you grow your own greens, shop at Publix or only wish you had access to a farm-to-table Amagansett gourmet market, nothing says farmhouse chic like a strainer hanging overhead.



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It's also the marriage of traditional and modern styles in the same space that makes "Farmhouse Modern" so addictive. Who would have thought of a stylish, white wing-backed chair paired with a rustic dresser and weathered urn in a bedroom, with a contemporary painting over the fireplace to boot? Even the way Mr. Woods styles his fireplaces when not in use is creative and fun, such as leaning narrow birchwood logs against the fireplace opening.

"Farmhouse Modern" shows readers how to blend traditional and modern elements, but this isn't the typical "move that there, showcase this here" design how-to manuscript. Anyone could incorporate these suggestions — even in monotone-prone Florida — using Mr. Woods' fun, doable examples. ■



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9115 Strada Place Suite 5130
220-7503; artorg.net
• 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday;
noon to 6 p.m. Sunday
• **Through Jan. 23 -
“A Tree in the Clouds”**

Hyperrealist and surrealist paintings by Russian artist Stanislav Plutenko and Belorussian painter Vladimir Golub.

• **Jan. 30-Feb. 20 -
“You Make Me Feel so Young”**

Cubist paintings by Alexander Soltzew dedicated to love, music and simple pleasures of life.

■ **Gardner Colby Gallery**

386 & 365 Broad Ave. S.
403-7787
gardnercolbygallery.com
• **Jan. 21-Feb. 2 - “What’s New”**
A group show of new works by perennial gallery favorites Kim English, Anne Blair Brown and Timothy Horn, as well as works from new artists Derek Penix and James Crandall.

• **Feb. 4-16 -
“Abstraction in Nature”**
Nature-inspired paintings and sculpture by Ran Adler, John Schuyler, Leland Brinkmann and Cindy Walton.

■ **Harmon-Meek Gallery**

599 Ninth St. N.
261-2637; harmonmeek.com
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday,
and by appointment
• **Through Jan. 23 - “Dorothy
Gillespie Memorial Exhibition”**
The first memorial exhibition for the noted sculptor.

• **Jan. 26-Feb. 13 -
“Hunt Slonem Solo Exhibition”**
Showcasing new works and selections from the artist’s studio.

■ **Rosen Gallery & Studios**

North Line Plaza
2172 J&C Blvd.
821-1061
facebook.com/richardwrosenart
• **1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday,
Jan. 17-18 - Weekend ART ALIVE**
“Shelley Skelton: Exaggeration & Fantasy” showcases recent works with a whimsical twist in acrylic paint and mixed media.

• **5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4 -
First Wednesday ART ALIVE**
“Julie Kimball: An Exuberance of Flowers” features recent works with a floral theme in acrylic paint. The evening includes music by Jennifer Ruzicka and Alchymie.

■ **Sheldon Fine Art**

460 Fifth Ave. S.
649-6255; sheldondfineart.com
• **Jan. 15-31 - “Seascapes of
Navarro”**
Ocean sunset paintings by Spanish artist Alfredo Navarro Montllor.

• **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24**
Pastel artist Darlene Morgensen will paint in the gallery.

• **Feb. 1-28 - “Henrietta Milan’s
Floral Landscapes”**

An exhibit of the latest palette knife paintings by modern impressionist Henrietta Milan. A champagne reception with the artists takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12.



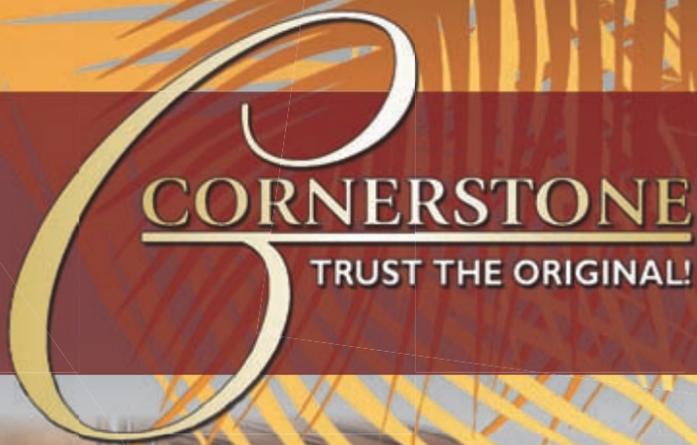
■ **Sweet Art Gallery**
2054 Trade Center Way
597-2110; thesweetartgallery.com
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday,
Saturday by appointment
• **Friday, Jan. 23 -
“One Man/One Woman”**
Works by Stephen Mancini and Joyce Norwood.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 4 -
“You Drive Me to Abstraction”**
Works by Shirley Wilson Blake, Nancy Seibert, Sam Roth, Gisela Miler and Lynda Braun.

■ **Trudy Labell Fine Art**
2425 Tamiami Trail N.
434-7778; trudylabelfineart.com
• **Throughout February -
“A Celebration of 5,478 Days”**
Fifteen years ago (5,478 days), the gallery opened its doors in Naples. Throughout the month of February, the gallery showcases works from some of its top artists through the years. Visit the website for details. ■



Clockwise from top: “My Captain,” Alexander Soltzew, Gallery on Fifth; “Tree Cloud,” Stanislav Plutenko, Gallery on Fifth; “Playing in the Surf,” Joyce Norwood, Sweet Art Gallery; “Avant la Nuit,” Anne Blair Brown, Gardner Colby Gallery



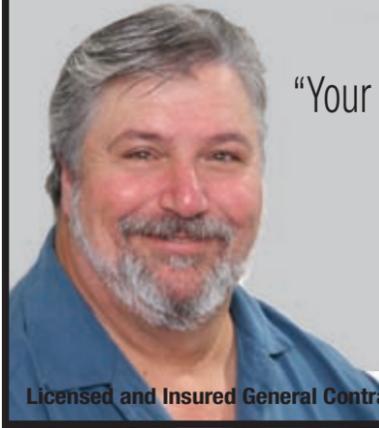
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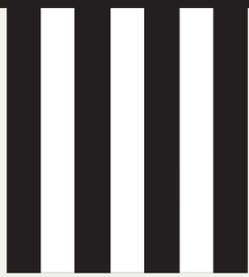
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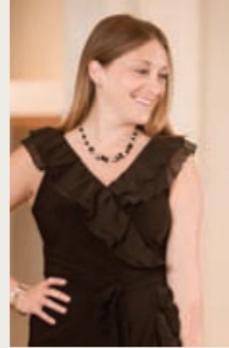
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■ **Discover the NEW in Olde Naples Wednesday 1/21 at 5pm**

Joe Belz, Joe Maston and Clive Daniel Home invite you to a Grand Opening celebration for our newest development in Olde Naples. Tour our award-winning Model Home, now available for sale at beautiful Mustique of Olde Naples. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Valet Parking provided.

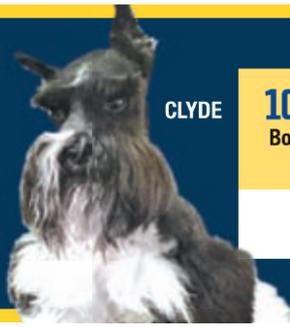
Model Tour in Olde Naples:
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All attendees will have a chance to win a **\$1000 gift card to Clive Daniel Home**.

Beacon Real Estate Partners, developers of Mustique, will preview their newest community, Wakaya of Olde Naples.

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Upscale Area
Beautiful pool home in this upscale Cape Coral neighborhood.
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Immaculate Updated Duplex
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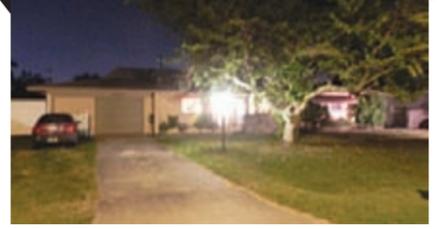
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Great Southwest Cape Location
Great Southwest Cape location - 3 bedroom, 2 bath with screened lanai.
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