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From left to right: Holocaust survivors Cesare Frustaci, Steen Metz and Miriam Patipa

## NEVER FORGET

Holocaust survivors share experiences, stories



Photograph of prisoners at Auschwitz-Birkenau during liberation.

“THE THINGS I SAW BEGGAR description... The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were... overpowering... I made the visit deliberately in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to ‘propaganda.’”

— General Dwight D. Eisenhower, April 15, 1945, letter to General George C. Marshall following the liberation of Ohrdruf, a subcamp of Buchenwald Concentration Camp

They can’t forget the screaming, the shouting and roughing up by angry men in dark uniforms, the feel of being squashed

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## Businesses, city officials part ways over Central Avenue

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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Naples City Council and local business owners are battling it out over proposed changes to Central Avenue in downtown that businesses claim will exacerbate traffic problems and block access to many of their storefronts.

At the April 1 council meeting, residents and businesses were treated to a history of Central Avenue’s redevelopment, which

has been on the books since the turn of the century and has suffered several setbacks and postponements. Council recently scrapped a plan that was completed and approved in 2005 in favor of a new proposal that incorporates lane reductions, medians, bike paths and roundabouts.

This is the same area where council already has approved new residential developments that will add more than 500 units. Additionally, Neighborhood Health Clinic is expanding onto Central Avenue,

and a 189-room resort is slated for nearby Fifth Avenue South near River Point Drive.

The business community commissioned an independent traffic study for Central Avenue that came up with numbers very different from those reported in the city’s study. The city found that an average of 620 cars used the road during its peak hour in 2014, whereas the business’ study showed 805 cars traversing the avenue

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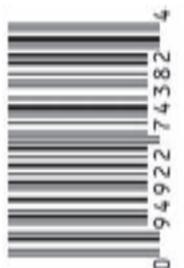
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# COMMENTARY

## Why I won't be available this summer



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It's getting warm again, which means summer is only about three weeks away.

I've heard a lot of Northerners talk about the summer heat where they come from, as if Florida's ain't nothin' to write home about. Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis or Kansas City, in the Midwest — that's where it's really hot. New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington, D.C. in the Northeast.

"This isn't bad," they say, implying they'll meet the real thing when they get back home. Down here, the heat ain't nothin' but a hound dog that makes you talk funny.

It bleeds each morning out of the sawgrass and into the palmetto scrub. Then it drifts like mustard gas into the slash pines and live oaks before stretching effortlessly through the silent cypress sloughs, finally filling the mangrove swamps of your mind, or what's left of your mind by 3 p.m. on any hot summer afternoon. No big deal.

They have a right to that talk, I figure. Theirs are all river towns where water and low altitude meet latitudes that aren't high enough to actually provide oxygen when you walk outside. Instead, you breath a sponge and walk through the world sounding like Darth Vader.

Even voices drip and grow thicker in those places, and colors melt like wax. So

do people. In Kansas City, for example, humans who begin the day outside made of 60 percent water, as nature intended, end it flat on their backs inside, after sweating out seeming gallons of their liquid body masses. Which makes them either something less than human, or something more dead than alive.

And it's not just human beings, it's also politicians.

I've heard some politicians talk about the heat like they really understand it, and I don't doubt them. "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen," Harry Truman famously said. He knew what he was talking about, too, since he came from Kansas City. And after being diagnosed with exhaustion by his doctor, he took the first of a number of warm vacations at the "Little White House" in Key West, in 1946.

He wasn't the only one. President William Howard Taft stayed there in 1911. Later, Thomas Edison moved in for six months during World War I, perfecting weapons, according to the historians (probably with a fishing rod in his hands).

After Truman, both Dwight Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy made use of the place, too, mostly because it was hot.

The more modest politicians I've known seem to do ok with the heat — whether in hot kitchens or in Florida. Even when I've turned it up on them. For the most part they remain cordial and cool. Either that, or they just bounce, pop and vanish like water droplets off a hot griddle.

That's when I get hot, too.

That's because they usually have mid-levelers who do the heat-taking and

vanishing for them, supported in air-conditioned comfort with good retirement benefits, by taxpayers.

You're sweating it out as a reporter, and your job is to ask why, what or how much of the public feed bag politicians intend to share with their pals — those are usually the people who want to build something big on a preserve, or pave miles of something solid through a wetland, or arm somebody in the name of the Second Amendment with rocket launchers and machine guns so NRA lobbyists will buy them a bottle of Macallan's 1946 single-malt whiskey made with peated malt (not coal) and presented in a LaliqueCire Perdue decanter, for \$460,000, which was the going price in 2010 — or something similar.

You call up, you're poised to put down their deeds in print for hundreds of thousands or millions of curious readers and voters, and you lay it out to the person who answers the phone.

"Hi, I'm Muckraker Magee. May I speak to the (president, governor, senator, representative, mayor, commissioner, council member) please?"

Silently, they check the list of names on their iPhones just beneath the skull-and-crossbones icon. When they locate yours at the top, they always reply the same way: "I'm sorry, you Sonofa... excuse me, I have a cough today — I'm sorry, Mr. Williams, but the (Right Hand of God) is traveling out of state, out of country and out of the solar system and won't be back until 2045."

You pause ominously, because that's your job. You lower your voice a notch, which always increases the heat. And

then you say, "That's not good enough. God invented cell phones so you could give (the Right Hand of God) my number, and he/she could call and talk to me from wherever, asap."

They pause, no doubt to turn up the air conditioning. What they're doing in the meantime on the other end of the telephone, God only knows — driving a penknife into your portrait, sticking out their tongues at the receiver or lifting their middle fingers in derisive rage are all good bets.

Then they speak.

"I don't know what else to tell you, Mr. Williams. But first you have to send a written communication to our Director of Media Relations."

You can tell from the tone of their voice that having any media relations whatsoever, in their mind, is roughly akin to having relations with a hippopotamus or a crocodile or some other rank equatorial beast in the grass on the banks of the Nile River with a platoon of grinning ISIS recruits squatting nearby, dreaming of paradise.

"But unfortunately," they add, "he is out of town until the year 2029. And no one else is available."

Which is why I may not be available this summer, either. I plan to be at Truman's Little White House starting in about three weeks, drinking Macallan's or something like it — PBR, or Old Milwaukee or a Schlitz or anything else I can get the NRA or some other lobbying outfit to buy me.

I'll be cool as a cucumber in the heat there. ■

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# OPINION

## In defense of Indiana



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

Indiana is experiencing its two minutes of hate.

Indiana's sin is that its Legislature passed and Gov. Mike Pence signed into law a Religious Freedom Restoration Act, setting out a legal standard for cases involving a clash between a person's exercise of religion and the state's laws.

To listen to the critics, you'd think the law was drafted by a joint committee of attorneys from the Ku Klux Klan and the Westboro Baptist Church.

The enlightened are stumbling over themselves in their rush to boycott Indiana. Seattle and San Francisco are banning official travel, and Connecticut is following suit. The anti-Indiana backlash is a perfect storm of hysteria and legal ignorance, supercharged by the particularly censorious self-righteousness of the left.

All the Indiana law says is that the state can't substantially burden a person's exercise of religion, unless there is a compelling governmental interest

at stake and it is pursued by the least-restrictive means. The law doesn't mandate any particular outcome; it simply provides a test for the courts in those rare instances when a person's exercise of religion clashes with a law.

Nineteen other states have similar protections, and they are all modeled on a federal version of the law that passed Congress with near unanimity in 1993 (Indiana's law is arguably a little more robust than the federal version, since it applies to private suits). If these Religious Freedom Restoration Acts were the enablers of discrimination they are portrayed as, much of the country would already have sunk into a dystopian pit of hatred.

The religious-freedom laws once were associated with minorities that progressives could embrace or tolerate — Native Americans who smoke peyote as part of religious ceremonies, Amish who drive their buggies on the roads, and the like. That was fine. It is the specter of Christian small-business people — say, a baker or a florist — using the laws to protect themselves from punishment for opting out of gay-wedding ceremonies that drives progressives mad.

Why? The country has an enormous wedding industry not known for its hos-

tility to gays. The burgeoning institution of gay marriage will surely survive the occasional florist who doesn't want to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding for religious reasons

As a practical matter, such a dissenting florist doesn't make a difference; the affected couple might be offended, but can take its business elsewhere. But for the left, it's the principle of the thing. For all its talk of diversity, it demands unanimity on this question — individual conscience be damned. So it isn't bothered when religious wedding vendors are sued or harassed under anti-discrimination laws for their nonparticipation in ceremonies they morally oppose.

It's not clear that Religious Freedom Restoration Acts will shield these kind of business people (they haven't, to this point). It might be that more specific exemptions are necessary. But the mere possibility that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act might protect a baker opposed to gay marriage is enough to create a furious, unhinged reaction.

Yes, there is intolerance afoot in the debate over Indiana, but it's not on the part of Indians. ■

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

## Hate doesn't pay



**amy GOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

The date was Aug. 7, 1930. The place: Marion, Ind. Three young African-American men were lynched. The horror of the crime was captured by a local photographer. The image of two hanging, bloodied bodies is among the most iconic in the grim archive of documented lynchings in America. Most associate lynching with the Deep South, with the vestiges of slavery and the rise of Jim Crow. But this was in the North. Marion is in northern Indiana, halfway between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, and about 150 miles from Chicago. But intolerance knows no borders.

In the photo, beneath the towering maple tree in Marion's Courthouse Square, stands the white mob who lynched the men. Some are smiling for the camera. One man points at the hanging corpse of Abram "Abe" Smith, hanging next to Thomas Shipp. The third victim actually survived. James Cameron was the youngest of the three, and was beaten and dragged to the base of the tree, beneath his dead friends, and had a noose put around his neck. He was, for some reason, not killed. He went on to found four local NAACP chapters, as well as America's Black Holocaust Museum. He would also serve as Indiana's director of civil liberties.

Indiana certainly doesn't want to be remembered for this terrible crime, or for being a bastion of hatred. So why did Indiana Gov. Mike Pence legalize a new wave of intolerance by signing into law Indiana's controversial "Religious Freedom Restoration Act"?

The law's supporters claim it protects religious freedom. Opponents call

it a thinly veiled attack on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. The law allows individuals and businesses to refuse service to LGBT people, solely based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. It has provoked a national backlash, with prominent people, large corporations and city and state governments condemning or boycotting Indiana. Charles Barkley, former NBA basketball star and sports commentator, issued a statement reading, "As long as anti-gay legislation exists in any state, I strongly believe big events such as the Final Four and Super Bowl should not be held in those states' cities." Indianapolis hosted the Final Four championship basketball games April 4-6.

The University of Connecticut's men's basketball coach, Kevin Ollie, said he would not attend the games, respecting Gov. Dannel Malloy's travel ban forbidding state employees from going to Indiana with public funds. Pat Haden, former NFL quarterback and current athletic director at the University of Southern California, announced he would boycott a college football meeting held in Indianapolis at the same time as the Final Four by tweeting: "I am the proud father of a gay son. In his honor, I will not be attending the CFP committee meeting in Indy this week. #EmbraceDiversity." If the NCAA had pulled the games to another state, it would be an economic disaster for Indiana, and a reputation-killer for Republican Gov. Pence.

Speaking of sons, Gov. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas, where the Legislature followed Indiana's by passing a similar RFRA law this week, says he will not sign the bill into law. He cited his own son signing a petition against the law.

The NCAA itself has expressed deep concern about Indiana's law. But it's not just basketball. Even the car-racing

organization NASCAR announced it was "disappointed by the recent legislation passed in Indiana. We will not embrace nor participate in exclusion or intolerance. We are committed to diversity and inclusion within our sport."

New York and Washington have joined Connecticut in banning state-funded travel to Indiana, as have New York City, Denver, Seattle and San Francisco. Corporations from Nike to Apple to Marriott have denounced the law. Angie's List, the popular home-service referral website, halted a \$40 million headquarters expansion in Indianapolis.

Under enormous pressure, after first refusing, Pence has asked the Legislature to "fix" the bill, to "clarify" that the language in the law does not allow discrimination based on sexual orientation. Many opponents say they will settle on nothing less than a total repeal. As one protester's sign read, "You can't clarify hate."

The image of that 1930 lynching in Marion inspired the Billie Holiday song "Strange Fruit." Bob Dylan opened his 1965 hit "Desolation Row" with words inspired by it: "They're selling postcards of the hanging." Lynching survivor James Cameron is quoted on the America's Black Holocaust Museum website, "Hatred is a poison, that corrupts the hater from within."

People everywhere, inside and outside Indiana, are proving that organized action is the antidote. ■

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# PROFILES IN PARADISE

## Orthopedic surgeon lends helping hands in Haiti



One of the greatest challenges with health care in Haiti is that people don't have the resources to pay for even the most basic of medical needs. Even when an individual has access, however, finding a specialist in Haiti who has the right medical tools and supplies to perform a procedure can be near impossible.

That's where Hope for Haiti comes in. For the past 25 years, the Naples-based charitable organization has been committed to improving the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children, through education, nutrition and health care. By building long-term partnerships, Hope for Haiti connects, heals and empowers communities on the path toward sustainability.

Orthopedic surgeon Philip Regala first traveled to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake as part of a Rotary Club of Naples effort to deliver aid to victims. Along with other volunteer medical professionals, Dr. Regala was taken to a small hospital in the city of Pignon to perform surgeries and administer other treatments. The hospital ran on a generator during the day, and the power was shut off at night. "That was eye opening," he recalls.

Since then, Dr. Regala has returned to Haiti several times and has helped estab-

lish a permanent rotation in which American surgeons are volunteering their time and expertise to train Haitian orthopedic residents so they can better care for their countrymen.

On his fourth trip last November, Dr. Regala was accompanied by six volunteers from Naples, an orthopedic surgeon from Seattle and two anesthesiologists from South Bend, Ind. One of their patients was a Hope for Haiti staff member who had suffered a broken arm in a car accident four months previously. Even though the man had had surgery soon after the accident, the bone was not healing properly because his doctors had not had the proper tools to set it.

Dr. Regala's team was able to rework the previous procedure and insert two metal plates to straighten out the arm. "He should heal with near normal function," he says about the patient.

In all, the team operated on 15 patients and treated another 15-20 people during their stay in November.

Dr. Regala grew up in the "one-stop-light town" of Hartford, Wis., where his physician father was often paid for his services in corn or brandy. From him, the Naples doctor learned the importance of caring for everyone, irrespective of their situation or station in life.

Philip attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin and then went on to the Medical College of Wisconsin. He moved to Florida to do his orthopedic residency at the University of Miami, planning all along to go back to his home state to practice medicine. A few winters of living in South Florida, however,

### Talking points with Dr. Philip Regala

**Something your mother was always right about:** She makes me and my siblings get together with our families once a year. That's the best thing possible – for the cousins to all get to know each other.

**Mentor:** Jim Huddleston, whose practice I took over.

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** An astronaut or a doctor.

**What would you be doing if you weren't doing this:** I'd be an artist (if I had enough money). Otherwise, I can't imagine doing anything else.

**First job:** Delivering the *Milwaukee Journal* on my bicycle. I had to earn enough to pay for half of my first Schwinn 10-speed bicycle.

**One thing on your bucket list:** Dive with the whale sharks.

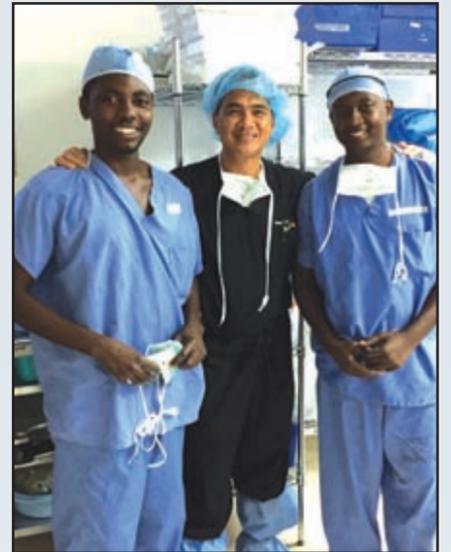
**Guilty pleasure:** Publix fried chicken.

**Most recent or next vacation destination:** I'm always trying to get back to the Rockies to go skiing.

**Skill or talent you wish you had:** I wish I could play piano by ear.

**What makes you laugh?** My kids can always make me laugh.

**Advice for your grandkids:** I don't have grandkids, but I would advise them to take chances, and not live a life of regret.



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Dr. Philip Regala, center, in Haiti with orthopedic residents Dr. Fachy-Drice David, left, and Dr. Ernst-Max Julmiste in November 2014.

**Last book you read:** "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. I saw the movie and then had to read the book. I wasn't disappointed.

**Something you'll never understand:** That's a tough one. The more you know, the more you realize that you don't know.

changed that perspective. His family has called Naples home since 1997. ■

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in freight cars without water, air or toilets, the gnawing hunger in their bellies from lack of food, the stench of rotting and burning corpses or the sunless skies filled with thick, dark gray coils of smoke from the incinerators used to burn bodies at the concentration death camps. But most of all, they can't forget the faces of loved ones who perished and went up in smoke.

They can't forget. But they live on. They have worked hard to rebuild whole lives, families and communities. Over the past 70 years, survivors of the Nazi Holocaust that snuffed out the lives of 12 million people — six million Jews — struggle to live fruitful and happy lives while tethered to a past they can never forget.

In order to keep the Holocaust victims and survivors alive in the nation's hearts and minds, the United States Congress established Days of Remembrance every spring. This week commemorates the Holocaust.

The internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

In Hebrew, Holocaust Remembrance Day is called Yom Hashoah. This year it's on Thursday, April 16. For the most part, Yom Hashoah has been observed with candle lighting, speakers, poems, prayers and singing. Often, six candles are lit to represent the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust. During this time, Holocaust survivors speak about their experiences or share in the readings. Some ceremonies have people read from the Book of Names for certain lengths of time in an effort to remember those who died and to give an understanding of the enormous number of victims. Sometimes these ceremonies are held in a cemetery or near a Holocaust memorial. In Israel, the Knesset made Yom Hashoah a national public holiday in 1959 and in 1961 a law was passed that closed all public entertainment on Yom Hashoah. At 10 a.m., a siren is sounded where people stop what they are doing, pull over in their cars, and stand in remembrance. Throughout Florida, synagogues and Jewish service organizations will hold Holocaust remembrance events available for the public to attend.

To remember is all that the world and the human race has left of the millions dead and gone. *Florida Weekly* scoured South Florida to speak with

many Holocaust survivors willing to share their stories and lives with us. The words to these stories did not come easily or without pain. For most of these survivors, sharing their stories and speaking is an act of will and courage and a testament to their belief that only through education and awareness will another Holocaust be prevented.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Steen Metz considers a photo of his father.

## Steen Metz

- **Age:** 79
- **Place of birth:** Odense, Denmark
- **Holocaust experience:** Family arrested and deported to Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia in 1943. Father Axel Metz died within six months of starvation and hard labor.
- **Family:** Married to Eileen, father of two daughters and a grandfather



Steen Metz as a boy

• **Today:** Mr. Metz is a seasonal resident on Sanibel and speaks to civic and school groups throughout the year about his experiences during the Holocaust. He encourages students to be ambassadors of his story and the message to never forget.

• **To learn more:** Read Mr. Metz's self-published book "A Danish Boy in Theresienstadt" or visit [steenmetzneverforget.com](http://steenmetzneverforget.com).

"They pounded on the door," said Steen Metz. "My father answered. I really had no idea what was happening."

The Nazis had come in the fall of 1943 to round up Mr. Metz and his parents and deport them and other Danish Jews to a concentration camp.

Inside his cozy condo on Sanibel Island one can hear the lulling rush of the bay against the shore. It's calming, serene.

Another look inside Mr. Metz's home and an entertainment center filled with family pictures grabs the eye. Images of smiling children and happy couples arm in arm line the shelves. But one picture, a black and white photo of a smiling man with wire-rimmed glasses, begs a closer look.

"That's my father," Mr. Metz said.

A stormy, and faraway gaze stirs in his eyes.

"I was only 8 years old when my parents and I were arrested," he said. "It was very early in the morning on Oct. 2, 1943."

The Metz family and about 60 other Jews were taken by open wagon to a school yard where they were assembled to be deported to Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia.

"I really had no idea what was happening," he said.

Mr. Metz said he knew that Denmark had been occupied since 1940. But he didn't understand that his being Jewish had anything to do with their arrest and deportation.

"I didn't realize I was Jewish," he said. "I was not brought up in the Jewish faith. It was a complete shock. Was it a crime to be Jewish?"

Once they were arrested, Mr.

Metz said he and his family had a half hour to get ready to leave.

They were to take money and jewelry. At the time the young Mr. Metz said he convinced his father that it would be a good idea to take their valuables. But later they would be forced to give all of their valuables and belongings to the Nazis.

The process of leaving Denmark and being transported to Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia was difficult.

"They were shouting and they were screaming," Mr. Metz said,

"I was frightened. I didn't know what was going on. Then eventually we were herded in a cattle car. We were there for three days and three nights. They didn't feed us. We didn't get any liquid. It was awful and tense. There were no windows. It was dark. We were cramped." Mr. Metz and the three other children in the cattle car got down on the floor while the adults stood crowding together. They were given a brief chance to step out of the cattle car for a stop and find some water. The prisoners shared food that they had brought from their homes.

Once they arrived at the concentration camp, Mr. Metz saw his world disappear behind metal gates and bleak grounds.

"We had to walk for a little over a mile to the camp. We had to empty pockets, suitcases and ladies' purses. We felt intimidated."

At the camp the separating of families and individuals began. Mr. Metz stayed with his mother because of his young age and his father was directed to the men's barracks.

The experience still makes him shudder.

"I was 8 years old and very frightened," he said. They were screaming and shouting at us. They never missed a chance to dehumanize us, intimidate us and physically abuse us," Mr. Metz said.

His mother was attacked emotionally and his father beaten. His father was an attorney of small physical stature.

"He was used to litigating in the courthouse not harsh manual labor," Mr. Metz said. "He was whipped because he wasn't producing what he should be. They tore off his coat. He lost about half his body weight. It was more than he could handle."

His father was transferred to the infirmary where he died after less than six months in the camp. The 40-year-old died of starvation — but camp officials wrote pneumonia on his death certificate as to not raise suspicion that prisoners were not being treated well, said Mr. Metz.

His mother Amgna was tormented by the Nazis for refusing to acknowledge that her husband died of anything other than starvation.

After Mr. Metz's father's death, fear engulfed the remaining family of two.

"The worst thing was the uncertainty, especially after my father died," Mr. Metz said. "Were we going to survive? Would we eat? I was hungry all the time."

But after several months, Mr. Metz, his mother and the other inmates began to receive parcels of food, vitamins and clothing. In Denmark, the Danes supported their Jewish population so sending packages and support was permitted.

"It was a very unique situation," Mr. Metz said.

But still the Nazis often pilfered the prisoners' packages. One time his mother opened a package only to find three bricks inside.



Inside the camp, Mr. Metz busied himself with work even though he did not have to work because of his age. He became a messenger, carrying documents to and from one Nazi office to another, he said. He used the job as a chance to pocket potatoes from the nearby kitchen during his messenger travels. He would bring the potatoes back to his starving mother.

"You're desperate and you use any means you can," he said.

Mr. Metz tried to enjoy some play with the other children in the camp.

"I learned to speak the Czech language," he said. "You can always communicate."

The children played soccer from time to time with a ball made of old rags tied together.

At mealtime Mr. Metz and the other prisoners would gather in line and wait about a half hour for some watery soup with a potato peel.

Usually it was the same routine every day. But on Nov. 11, 1943 — Armistice Day — the date in 1918 when the armistice between the Allies of World War I and Germany was signed — the Nazis were angry and decided to punish the prisoners.

"They woke us up in the middle of the night," Mr. Metz said. "We were up for hours. They counted. People fainted and died from standing."

After spending 18 months in Theresienstadt, Mr. Metz, his mother and the other prisoners there were liberated. On April 15, 1945, white buses arrived to take them away from the camp. It took a moment for the news to settle in with Mr. Metz.

"After being there for 18 months you don't believe anything."

But a warm welcome, food and chocolate treats awaited from the Red Cross.

"I couldn't believe it," Mr. Metz said. "Arrested, in camp, then being freed? It was the happiest day of my life."

After going through a week of quarantine they stayed in Sweden until Denmark's occupation ended. On May 5, 1945, Mr. Metz and his mother went back to Denmark. They found that their apartment was gone — rented out to another tenant.

But life was good. His mother found work and he resumed his studies.

Though they lost much, they hung on to what they had and what they craved most.

"We were free," Mr. Metz said.

Freedom and time are now precious to Mr. Metz.

Mr. Metz married his wife Eileen and had two daughters. He nurtured a successful career in the food business and lived a good life.

For most of his life he never spoke of his experiences in the Holocaust or Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. But about 10 years ago, he started reflecting and speaking.

"You start to reflect when you get older," he said. Mr. Metz wrote and self-

published "A Danish Boy in Theresienstadt." He speaks regularly to groups and schools around the country.

"It's very important for me that we never forget that the Holocaust took place," he said. There are a lot of deniers in the world.

"I want to make sure that in honor of my father the other people that perished that we never forget," he said.



**Cesare Frustaci**

- **Age:** 79
- **Place of birth:** Naples, Italy
- **Holocaust experience:** Forced to live on the streets of Budapest as a child after his mother was sent to the Jewish ghetto.
- **Family:** Son of Italian composer and songwriter Pasquale Frustaci and Hungarian ballerina Margit Wolf. Lives in Port Charlotte with his wife Judy Machado. He is a father of two daughters and several grandchildren.
- **Today:** Mr. Frustaci speaks to schools, religious organizations and civic groups around the country. He recently was awarded the title of Meritorious Italian by the Italian government during a ceremony in at the Italian Embassy in Washington, D.C., in January.
- **To learn more:** Mr. Frustaci speaks at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida and his book "Not a Trace of Smoke: Choice, Chance or Miracle" is available on Amazon.

Margit Wolf placed her tiny hands on her 7-year-old son Cesare's head. She blessed him and then sent him away to live on the streets of Budapest



COURTESY PHOTO

Cesare Frustaci in 1948, his high school graduation photo, and his mother Margit Wolf in 1944.

during World War II.

He and Hungarian Jewish mother were living in a Budapest ghetto. Several years earlier his mother had been forced to leave her husband and Cesare's father, noted composer Pasquale Frustaci, in Naples, Italy. The anti-Semitic laws put in place by the country's fascist party dictator, Benito Mussolini, required Jews to be deported.

But none of that mattered anymore.

Cesare's mother, an accomplished ballerina, now wore a yellow Star of David affixed to her dress and prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to save her son. The ghetto was not safe.

"It was well known that children and teenagers were rounded up by the Nazis and drowned every day," said Mr. Frustaci. "My mother was a rather smart woman to separate from her son." She thought I might be safer on the street."

Before sending the young Mr. Frustaci onto the war-torn streets she beseeched him to be safe and told him how.

"You are not a Jew but a Roman Catholic," she said. "You are never to return again (to the ghetto)."

With those words she tucked his Italian birth certificate and baptismal certificate in his pocket and handed him a little something to eat.

Now, Cesare was on his own. The metropolis of Budapest lay ahead.

"At the beginning, I didn't know what to do," he said waveringly.

his hands in front of his face.

Then he remembered his child play of hide and seek. He recalled a large statue that he used to use for hiding. He decided that the statue might make a good hiding and sleeping spot. After staying behind the statue for a couple of cold nights it occurred to him that he had the key to the cellar of his and his mother's former apartment before being ousted to the ghetto.

So for the next couple of months, he hid in the cellar. During the day he strategized ways to survive.

He collected tennis balls for tips at the nearby tennis courts. The money he made from the tips fed him. He asked the management at one of the tennis courts if he could clean the bathroom and showers. By having access to the bathrooms he was able to take care of his hygiene and sanitary needs.

Though he was surviving, Cesare never lost sight of the constant peril and threat he lived. One day he was walking alongside the bridge that stretches over the Danube River when he heard shouting from across the way.

His voice shakes as he recalls a young SS officer shouting at a young woman carrying a baby.

Mr. Frustaci heard him call her a dirty, stinking Jewish whore. And then he ran up to the woman and grabbed her baby and flung the child over the bridge's railing. He said the mother, hysterical at that point, lunged to the bridge to see where her baby had fallen. The SS guard took his pistol and shot the woman. He then grabbed the lifeless woman by her legs and heaved her into the river.

Mr. Frustaci became terrified at what he witnessed.

"That was the atmosphere in the summer of 1941," he said. "What was surprising were the pedestrians. They didn't do anything. They just walked away. It was like it was just a normal day."

One day, guards stopped Cesare. They wanted to know what a child was doing in the street. Though he produced his Italian papers and baptismal certificate but they were of no use

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Cesare Frustaci as a boy.



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because the guards were Hungarian and could not read Italian.

Cesare was captured and sent to a juvenile detention camp.

At the camp Cesare had the job of collecting fruit from the trees to be boxed for the soldiers. But the job had its perks.

"At the top of my tree I could eat as much (fruit) as I wanted," he said.

But by the time winter came around, the trees were bare and food was scarce. The children at the camp were starving. Local priests gave up their rations so the children could eat and as a result some of the priests starved to death.

"I remember waking up to dead children," Mr. Frustaci said.

But a series of coincidences made it possible for Cesare to survive. During the winter, the snowy water that he and the other children were drinking was making them sick. So he sneaked out of the detention camp to a nearby well to collect water. He would crawl back, trying to stay undetected. On these treks he discovered red berries on a bush. Though they were quite sour, he ate them. Later he learned he was eating rose berries, which are high in vitamin C. This apparently helped save Cesare from sickness.

One day a soldier came to the detention camp door. Within moments doctors and nurses were to attend to Cesare and the other children. Liberation had come.

But Cesare would have a longer way to go in his journey. At the Red Cross, children — many like Mr. Frustaci — would be placed in adoptive homes since their parents were often presumed dead.

And since the land and farms needed to be rebuilt and nurtured, children were often placed in agricultural settings where they could work and help their adoptive families. A kind pig farmer and his family adopted Cesare. He was renamed Geza Babaly and moved to a small village called Apaggy, about 20 miles north of Budapest. At the time he thought his mother had died in the war. But she was imprisoned in Spandau, a concentration camp in Germany. After liberation, Cesare's mother set out to find her son. She walked back from Germany to Budapest. Mr. Frustaci compares his mother's trek to that of walking from Florida to Canada.

"Once she was there she started looking for me," he said.

She combed through nearly 200 villages carrying a newspaper image of Mr. Frustaci as a young child. When Mr. Frustaci was in kindergarten, he was picked to give a bouquet of flowers to visiting Italian dignitary Count Galeazzo Ciano, the son-in-law of Benito Mussolini. A news photographer captured an image of

Mr. Frustaci falling into the dignitary's arms as he stumbled to give the flowers to him. After the war, Mr. Frustaci's mother went back to her damaged apartment and found the photo clipping and set out to find her son.

After a year-and-a-half of searching village to village, she finally found her son.

"She never gave up to find me," Mr. Frustaci said.

Mother and son went back to Budapest where they focused on Mr. Frustaci's education.

After the war, Mr. Frustaci's challenges were not over. When he finished high school he became an expert in electronics and wanted to go back to his place of birth in Italy to study at the university level. But the Hungarian communist regime, now in power, did not want to lose a skilled young man.

On several occasions, Mr. Frustaci was forced to go to a place known as "The Terror Building" to be interviewed.

"They tortured me," he said.

But once again, fate seemed to step in and help Mr. Frustaci — this time helping part the Iron Curtain trapping him in Hungary. In 1955, Italy was playing a championship soccer match against Hungary. During that time, Mr. Frustaci's mother happened to be walking down a street when she recognized an old friend from her ballet days. The two women met up and Mr. Frustaci's mother shared the problems she was having getting help for her son to return to Italy. Her friend promised to contact Mr. Frustaci's father when she returned to Italy.

Apparently, Mr. Frustaci's mother's friend told her husband about the problems he was having leaving Hungary. Her husband then contacted a good friend, Monsignor Angelo Roncalli, for help. And he did.

And on Aug. 12, 1956, Mr. Frustaci left Budapest and arrived in Venice. Monsignor Roncalli is better known as Pope John XXIII.

Years later Mr. Frustaci earned a doctorate in engineering, married and

raised a family.

"I have had a beautiful and wonderful life," he said.

Now the Port Charlotte retiree devotes his time to speaking out against Holocaust deniers and sharing his story in hopes of inspiring tolerance and peace.

"It is my mission, since 2004, to pass the torch to the younger generations — the history of Second World War and the Holocaust," he said.



## Isaac Klein

- **Age:** 84
- **Place of birth:** Sotomor, Czechoslovakia
- **Holocaust experience:** Forced in boxcars to Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. As a twin child, he was used in Dr. Josef Mengele's medical experiments at Birkenau.
- **Family:** Except for his twin brother, Tzvi, his childhood family of five sisters, three brothers and his parents perished in Auschwitz. Mr. Klein is married and has three sons.

Today: Mr. Klein volunteers at the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach to share his experiences.

- **To learn more:** Mr. Klein speaks every Sunday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach. Contact the Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach for more information at [holocaustmemorialmiami-beach.org](http://holocaustmemorialmiami-beach.org).

Isaac Klein spent part of his youth being poked, prodded and poisoned by a doctor who used to smile a lot.

Mr. Klein, 84, is one of the twins used in medical experiments by Nazi physician Dr. Josef Mengele at Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp in 1944.

Dubbed the "Angel of Death,"

Dr. Mengele selected Mr. Klein and his twin brother Tzvi, who were 13 at the time, for experiments that included injections, skin grafts and constant blood draws.

Mr. Klein who was born in the farm community of Sotomor, Czechoslovakia was forced along with his large family onto boxcars for two weeks with no water, food or sanitation in 1944.

Once they reached Auschwitz in Poland, Mr. Klein and his twin brother were selected to stay in the camp rather than go to the gas chambers.

Because he and his brother were selected for medical experimentation, their heads were not shaved like the rest of the prisoners, Mr. Klein said.

Every day he and his brother would be subjected to unorthodox experiments. But Dr. Mengele himself wouldn't do the actual experiments on Mr. Klein and his brother.

"The dirty job was done by other doctors," he said.

Meanwhile, inside the death camp, they wore striped uniforms, ate meager rations and were treated cruelly.

"Mach schnell," Mr. Klein said he remembers hearing screamed.

Mach schnell is German for "hurry up!"

He said daily activities at Auschwitz consisted of roll call — which could last for hours — clearing away dead bodies, and punishment.

Shortly before liberation, Mr. Klein and the other prisoners were forced to march to a different camp as the Russian Army moved closer. On the death march, prisoners were not given food, water or shelter. Many were beaten and died along the way. Mr. Klein said some prisoners ate a dead horse they found on a farm during the march and he was forced to lay dead bodies across puddles and sleep on them to keep from drowning.

They reached Austria and Mr. Klein and the other remaining prisoners were set to be executed when they heard loud booms. Liberation.

"Suddenly the German guards took off," he said.

After liberation, he and his twin brother — the only remaining members of their family of 12 — left for Palestine. But once their boat arrived, the British would not let them in. About to run out of food and water, Mr. Klein, his brother and the other refugees surrendered to the British. They were imprisoned in the Gulf of Haifa for 10 months. After their detainment, they were released to the Jewish population in Palestine. Mr. Klein joined and served in the Israel Army for four years. He participated in events that led to Israel's independence in 1948. In 1962, he and his wife moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where they raised their family. And eight years later, Mr. Klein and his family moved to Miami where worked as a handyman. He is now retired. On Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. he volunteers and speaks at the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach.

He hopes by sharing his story that the world will never forget the suffering and



Isaac Klein as a young man in the Israeli Army.



death that happened in the Holocaust. "I can hardly believe what I went through," he said. "We still don't live in a peaceful world. People are still killing each other."



**Miriam Patipa**

- **Age:** 87
- **Place of birth:** Dolha, Czechoslovakia
- **Holocaust experience:** Forced in boxcars to Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Worked in forced labor at oil refinery and hand grenades munitions factory.
- **Family:** Widow of Eugene Patipa, and mother of two sons and grandchildren.
- **Today:** Mrs. Patipa, a Palm Beach Gardens resident, is retired and speaks about her experiences in the Holocaust when requested.
- **To learn more:** Contact the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services for more information at [jfcsonline.com](http://jfcsonline.com).

The last words Miriam Patipa heard her mother say were to her older sister Eva: "Take care of the child."

Then her mother disappeared in the column of bodies being dragged off to the gas chambers and crematorium at the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in 1944.

Mrs. Patipa, a Palm Beach Gardens resident, shares her experiences of surviving the Holocaust in the hopes that no one will ever forget the lives lost.

In a recent interview she gently ran her hand across a picture of her and sister taken shortly before the Hungarian fascists came and forced them into box cars to Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

On May 15, 1944, Mrs. Patipa's birthday, they were dragged off

to the train station. "There were like 100 people in the car," she said. "We couldn't even go to the bathroom."

She recalls her mother saying, "Children, it's not going to be so bad".

Once they arrived, Mrs. Patipa tried to make herself look smaller and younger so she could stay with her mother.

But as she clung to her mother, she felt a hand hit her on the shoulder. It was Dr. Josef Mengele, the infamous physician of medical experimentation at Auschwitz-Birkenau. He asked her age and she said 13 and he said, "Strong enough."

So there it ended. Her mother and other siblings were forced to go to the right — the line that leads to the gas chamber.

"Take care of the child," she heard her mother tell Eva as she disappeared from sight.

Alone with her sister Eva, Mrs. Patipa moved through the line. Handed a needle and thread she was forced to sew her initials on everything she would use. They were told to leave all of their possessions behind. Then they were shaved from "top to bottom" she said.

She didn't get a piece of soap to shower. And that was a good thing.

Those given soap were brought into the showers where they were gassed.

"You heard the screams," Mrs. Patipa said.

After getting settled in her tiny bunk she asked a Polish girl named Bella where she could find her mother. The girl pointed to the chimneys outside and said "You see that smoke? Your mother is burning now."

Her routine at Auschwitz consisted of roll call, which could last for hours, selection and eating a soup with a dish-water consistency.

"You were getting so-called soup," she said.

Selection for extermination was always frightening.

"They would line us up and choose who was strong and weak," she said.

One time, another girl helped hide her in the barracks because she was feeling weak and couldn't stand.

Mrs. Patipa is thankful for the day she and another girl decided to switch spots in in line. Her position allowed

her to be selected to help reconstruct an oil refinery that the U.S. had bombed.

"We were there for about three months," she said.

Then one day bombing began again. Mrs. Patipa and the other girls tried to take cover but many were killed in the bombing. After that, she and some of the other girls were brought to work in a munitions

factory making hand grenades. It was there that she created a prayer book.

She learned to write the Jewish prayers from an older woman who had squirmed away hers in her bosom. Inside her prayer book — which she fastened with wire she found at the factory and wrote with the blue paint used for the grenades — she wrote a poem about the loss of her mother. To this day, the poem makes her cry and yearn for her mother.

*I am so sad and I sit here all alone  
My mother, my sisters and brother are taken so far from me  
If I could only one more time be so lucky  
And with my mother and sisters and brother be together  
But destiny does not bring me that happiness  
Because the time still does not ever come  
My only dear mother, when will you yet come  
To take me in your arms, kiss me and bestow your great love on me.  
— Poem by Miriam Patipa (translated from German) from her "Poems & Memories" prayer book, March 26, 1945.*



**Aurelia (Goldie) Schwartz**

- **Age:** 91
- **Place of birth:** Romania
- **Holocaust experience:** Dodged being taken by Nazis. Kept hidden by her boss. Had false documents and identity. Her mother and sister survived Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camp.
- **Family:** Widow of Rudolf Szenasi, and Arthur Schwartz, nephews
- **Today:** Mrs. Schwartz, a West Palm Beach resident, speaks about her experiences in the Holocaust when requested.
- **To learn more:** Contact the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services for more information at [jfcsonline.com](http://jfcsonline.com).

At 19 years of age, Aurelia Schwartz made the decision to move away from her family to be closer to Arthur Schwartz, the love of her life, who was

doing forced labor at a weapons factory in Budapest.

She moved into her uncle Amin Klein's home and looked for a job. A friend referred her to the sewing workshop of Rudolf Szenasi. He hired her right away.

She did not know at the time that her move made her chances of survival though the Nazi occupation of Hungary possible.

As Nazi activity — including rounding up Jews for the concentration and extermination camps — increased, Mrs. Schwartz' boss grew worried for her safety. When her uncle was taken away, Mrs. Schwartz' boss decided to hide her in an apartment. He brought her food daily. She stayed there until he could obtain forged documents for her and move her to his mother's home in a small village on the outskirts of a city called Hatvan. Mr. Szenasi further protected Mrs. Schwartz by posting a sign on the house that said the there was disease in the home. No one ever came by.

"My boss saved my life," she said. Later when she was able to return to Budapest she learned her mother and sister survived Auschwitz.

Afterwards, Mrs. Schwartz looked after her boss when the Russians came through. He feared arrest by the Russians, she said. She brought him food and supplies,

Their heartaches and challenges turned into a love story. They married in 1948 and settled in Vienna. Together they ran a tailor business for 27 years, Mrs. Schwartz said. He passed away in 1973.

Some time later, she married her first love, Arthur Schwartz. They moved to the United States and settled in Queens, N.Y., until moving to West Palm Beach to retire.

She never had any children. In reflecting back on her life, she said she was watched over by God through the Holocaust.

"Everything worked out," she said. "God loved me. For that reason, I am here."

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## NEVER FORGET

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Margaret Langweiler holds a photograph of her parents.

## Margaret Langweiler

- **Age:** 86
- **Place of birth:** Czechoslovakia
- **Holocaust experience:** Sent to Birkenau Concentration Camp
- **Family:** Married with three children
- **Today:** Mrs. Langweiler, a West Palm Beach resident, is retired and speaks about her experiences in the Holocaust when requested.
- **To learn more:** Contact the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services for more information at [www.jfcsnline.com](http://www.jfcsnline.com).

Margaret Langweiler was about 11 when the Hungarian Nazis took her and her family to a ghetto. Before the deportation, her father owned a bar and grill and the family lived an ordinary life.

The family spent a month in the ghetto before they were sent to the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Once there, she was tattooed with the number 82977. Her number became her new name and identity.

Sleeping quarters were harsh and cramped.

"Seven people slept in a little cubby," Mrs. Langweiler said. "When one turned over we all had to turn."

She got a chance to live when she was tasked to work in the laundry at

a concentration camp near Dachau in Germany.

"I washed SS uniforms," she said.

The rest of her family perished in the gas chambers, she said.

Next to the concentration camp where she was imprisoned was a camp with men. She became friends with a prisoner who was a dentist there.

One day she, another girl, the dentist and a few other men banded together and talked an SS officer into letting them escape, she said.

"He knew the war was going to end soon," she said. "He helped us out." At the time, Mrs. Langweiler was 14 years old.

But the world as she knew it was gone. "Nothing mattered," she said.

She and the other prisoners who escaped walked around the area until they found a convent. They slept outside and munched on produce from a nearby vegetable garden.

After the Americans liberated them, Mrs. Langweiler and the other survivors were brought to a displaced persons center.

When asked where she wanted to go Mrs. Langweiler chose America where she had an aunt living in Washington, D.C.

But eventually she moved to New York to be with friends. There Mrs. Langweiler got started in the ladies garment union and became a dressmaker. She later married and had three children.

But throughout her life she could never avoid the scars of the Holocaust.

It's painful to talk about losing her entire family. She grips a portrait of her parents looking young, beautiful and untouched by the ravages of hate and bigotry.

"It's very painful to be all alone in the world," she said as her blue eyes well with tears.



COURTESY PHOTO

Heinz and Hella Wartski

## Hella Wartski

- **Age:** 85
- **Place of birth:** Ungvar, Hungary
- **Holocaust experience:** Hungarian and German soldiers arrested Hella and her family in April 1944. They were transported to Auschwitz in overcrowded boxcars. Only she and her sisters survived.
- **Family:** Married to Heinz, also a Holocaust survivor. They have two children, Evelyn and David, and two grandchildren.
- **Today:** Mrs. Wartski speaks to students and groups at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of

Southwest Florida.

- **To learn more:** Read about Mrs. Wartski's experiences at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida or online at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

For Hella Wartski, life as she knew it ended in April 1944. The young, free-spirited girl from Ungvar, Hungary, was forced from her home. She and her family were sent along with other Hungarian Jews to a transit camp in Ungvar where they were forced to sleep in tents with no blankets and little food. No one ever told them why they had been arrested.

"I was only 14," Mrs. Wartski said. "It was scary."

In May 1944, Mrs. Wartski and her family were transported to Auschwitz in a closed boxcar used for freight. They were crowded into the car with no food, light or bathroom facilities. They endured the foul stench caused by people relieving themselves where they sat. The heavy, fetid air overwhelmed them.

"Because of the heat, the lack of water, the absence of fresh air and the stench, some people fainted," she said. "Before the trip was over, some of the people went insane and some died."

When they arrived at Auschwitz, Mrs. Wartski, her family and the other prisoners were herded into two columns. Her parents were sent to one line, she and her sisters to another. Mrs. Wartski wanted to go with her parents, but her older sister, Esther, held a tight grip on her. Somehow she knew the line they were in was safer than the one in which their parents stood.

Soldiers with machine guns and attack dogs surrounded them during the process. Josef Mengele, the doctor known as the Auschwitz "Angel of Death," looked upon the prisoners with disgust, Mrs. Wartski said.

That was the last time Mrs. Wartski and her sisters saw their parents. Inside Auschwitz, they were tattooed with a number: their new identities. She became the number etched on her arm in blue ink — 21760. Their names no longer mattered. The dehumanization process moved along.

"They shaved my head," Mrs. Wartski said. "I had really pretty blond hair. They made us take off all of our clothes."

They were told to shower and given black-and-white-striped prison garb and wooden shoes that caused blisters. Mrs. Wartski said she couldn't understand why God had forgotten them.

Inmates who had been there longer told Mrs. Wartski and her sisters that to survive they needed to avoid direct eye contact with the guards and to obey all orders right away. When they asked the whereabouts of their parents and the others, they learned about the tall chimneys with smoke churning out of them.

Many of the prisoners were exterminated right away in gas chambers and then incinerated in crematoriums.

They slept in tiny bunks and had to make roll call every day, no matter how weak they were from lack of food



COURTESY PHOTO

Hella Wartski shows the number the Nazis tattooed on her arm when she entered the Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

or the cold and unsanitary conditions. Their survival depended on their ability to work and stay healthy. The guards punished them regularly for just about anything. Once when the Allies bombed the area, Mrs. Wartski and the other prisoners were made to kneel holding rocks above their heads, facing severe punishment if they dropped them.

Mrs. Wartski grimaced as she described the stench that wafted through the camp from the crematoriums. It was a death factory that did business every day.

One day, Mrs. Wartski and several other prisoners were counted out and pushed into a covered truck. They had no idea where they were going. She wondered if it would be worse than Auschwitz. They were taken to Freudenthal, a slave labor camp in Czechoslovakia. Her job was to make fabric for the German army.

The fact that they didn't spot any crematoriums reassured them a little.

Mrs. Wartski took this relocation as a sign.

"To this day I am thinking 'how is it possible?'" she said. "I survived because I am going to be strong enough."

She figured that if she were working she would survive.

"You had to believe you were going to survive," she said. "It was my mission."

In April 1945, the Russian Army arrived and liberated the prisoners at Freudenthal.

Mrs. Wartski came to the United States after she was liberated. There she met and married Heinz Wartski in 1950. She became a teacher like her father was before the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

She tucks her head down and several soft sobs shake her tiny frame.

Though she stills talks to people about her experience in the Holocaust, its painful and there is no closure.

"I don't want to know it anymore," she said.

She twists her arm to gaze at her faded blue ink tattoo number.

"If you keep remembering it — it's hard," Mrs. Wartski said.

## Heinz Wartski

- **Age:** 86
- **Place of birth:** Danzig, Poland
- **Holocaust experience:** Family escaped from Nazi-run Danzig to Italy in 1939. Mr. Wartski became part of the partisan resistance in the Apennine Mountains.



## in the know

## To learn more about the Holocaust and survivors:

- >> In Southwest Florida, visit [holocaustmuseumsfwl.org](http://holocaustmuseumsfwl.org)
- >> In Palm Beach County, visit the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services at [jfcsonline.com](http://jfcsonline.com). The Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Services provides services tailored for Holocaust survivors.
- >> In Miami, visit the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach at [holocaustmemorialmiami-beach.org](http://holocaustmemorialmiami-beach.org)

- **Family:** Married to Hella, also a Holocaust survivor. They have two children, Evelyn and David, and two grand children.
- **Today:** Mr. Wartski speaks to students and groups at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida.
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In the 1930s, the Nazi German regime gained control of the free city of Danzig where Mr. Wartski grew up. He and his family lived in terror of beatings, abuse and arrest.

On a snowy day in the winter of 1938 in Danzig, Mr. Wartski and his sister Ruth were playing on their sled. The sled accidentally pulled into the path of a large car and forced Mr. Wartski, who was lying on top of the sled, into the snow. The men got out of the car. They were SS troops who came to see if the lad was hurt. Moments before, his dark-haired, older sister had run home. But Mr. Wartski, a fair-haired, blue-eyed boy, appeared Aryan to the Nazi SS troopers.

"By running away, Ruth saved my Aryan qualifications from being compromised," said Mr. Wartski.

The SS troopers helped the young boy up, patted him on the head, gave him some money for a treat and sent him on his way. But should he have appeared Jewish, his treatment likely would have been different.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the SS must have recognized me as a fellow Aryan, otherwise it would have been their patriotic duty to back the car up and have another try," he said.

This is one of many stories and incidents written up by Mr. Wartski in his book "Holocaust Survival of Hella and Heinz Wartski."

Mr. Wartski put the book together for use among students, educators and The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. He's a retired electrical engineer who resides in Naples with his wife Hella, also a Holocaust survivor.

One morning in 1938, Nazi troopers in search of weapons stormed his apartment building, he said.

"All of a sudden, there was a lot of screaming, yelling and panic in our building. Since I did not know whether the SS would also beat children, I decided not to chance it and ran away."

The pajama clad boy waited outside until he saw the SS depart in their trucks.

"Our apartment was turned inside out and my father was bleeding from the SS beatings."

Not long later, Mr. Wartski's father, a leather works owner, was arrested for conducting business with Aryans. With the help of a non-Jewish friend who bribed the Nazis, Mr. Wartski's mother, Berta, found out where his father was being held.

"This is how we found out that my father was in the Stutthof Concentration Camp," he said. Stutthof is located in a suburb of Danzig.

Upon his father's release from the concentration camp in 1939, the family planned to leave Danzig and Germany. At the time, Mr. Wartski was 10. He said his father was convinced the Nazis would kill "as many Jews as they can get their hands on,

"He said we had to leave."

They decided to go to Italy because, at the time, it was not anti-Semitic. In 1939, Mr. Wartski and his father left first for Italy since Jewish males were at greater risk for being arrested than women and small children. Mr. Wartski's mother, older sister and younger brother would later come. They arrived in Trieste, Italy, and the rest of his family later joined them in Milan. But soon anti-Jewish laws were put in place in Italy, which was under the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini who was aligned with Adolph Hitler and the Nazi regime.

Mr. Wartski and his family found themselves on the run again. They escaped to the Italian Apennine Mountains. Mr. Wartski became part of the partisan resistance there. At the age of 14, he became known as "Enzo" Wartski on papers and documents. He delivered verbal messages to people who were supplying food.

"I was a good gofer," he said.

Mr. Wartski spent nine months doing resistance work before being liberated in 1945.

Once liberated, Mr. Wartski relaxed for the first time.

"To my recollection, this was the first time that I did not need to hide or run for my life," he said. "It was a strange and new emotion that no one needed to arrest me, kill

me or expedite me to a concentration camp, and there was no longer a reward offered for my capture."

Today, Mr. Wartski and his wife Hella are volunteers at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. Though he does not believe much has changed in terms of how fellow humans treat each other he feels this could change.

"Do away with all religion. Then we won't have anyone to hate."



## Manfred (Fred) Naftalie

- **Age:** 91
- **Place of birth:** Berlin, Germany
- **Holocaust experience:** At 14 he escaped on the Kinder Transport from Berlin to London. At 21 he joined the Jewish Brigade a unit created in 1944 in Great Britain by Winston Churchill. He fought in Italy with the brigade's Third Battalion, C Company.
- **Family:** His mother and siblings perished in the Holocaust. He married Rose, who has passed away, and has a daughter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
- **Today:** Mr. Naftalie is a member of the Hallandale Jewish Center in Hallandale.
- **To learn more:** Mr. Naftalie speaks on occasion about his experiences in the Jewish Brigade.

Fred Naftalie watched as people he knew were dragged away from their homes and lives. He was still a young boy living in Berlin with his family. His father was a furrier — a trade that he was learning. But soon his father died of natural causes. He watched life for Jewish citizens become increasingly dangerous. His uncle hid in an apartment and was taken away to one of the concentration camps.

"I watched Nazis take people away," said Mr. Naftalie. "The only thing I thought was to get out."

Mr. Naftalie told his mother he would take whatever exit out of Germany he could take first. The Kinder Transport program had just begun operation for Jewish children up to 17 years of age. It would help transport children from Nazi-occupied Germany for England and other countries.

Mr. Naftalie said his older sisters wanted to stay.

He was 14 when he boarded the train with several other children

for the Kinder Transport. They were all unaccompanied. He had 10 marks in his pocket — or the equivalent of \$5.50. Once on the train, Mr. Naftalie had to think fast. He said he gave away five of the marks to the conductor to keep him and the other children in his compartment safe.

Then the Gestapo came aboard to check papers and documents.

"We were very scared but we kept our composure," he said. "And it worked out all right. They did not hurt us physically."

But the officers dressed in black uniforms with big black boots ransacked their luggage and stole valuables packed by their families. Mr. Naftalie said he remembers the Gestapo officers talking to each other and laughing. They looked at their passports with the large J for Jewish printed on them.

Eventually the officers left and went to the next compartment that had a group of people leaving for Shanghai.

"They were crying and shouting," Mr. Naftalie said.

He heard them being roughed up — despite their papers.

Once Mr. Naftalie made it to England an uncle, who lived in Liverpool, took him in.

He worked for a furrier in London until he joined the Jewish Brigade in 1943. The Jewish Brigade was formed by Winston Churchill and helped the British military. Mr. Naftalie fought in Italy and for two years acted as an interpreter with his German language skills and background. Later he became a scout sergeant with the British military.

"I fought these bastards," he said.

After the war, Mr. Naftalie got a visa to come to the U.S. He was to work with his uncle in New York who was also in the furrier business. On the way to America Mr. Naftalie met his wife-to-be, Rose Ginsburg.

"It was love at first sight," he said with a sigh.

His wife came to England on a domestic permit during the Nazi persecution in Germany. Her brother had escaped certain death by jumping off a train to Auschwitz.

Once in New York, Mr. Naftalie grew restless and wanted to see the country. His uncle encouraged him to take some time and look around. He took a train to Detroit — where Rose had settled. He said he stayed for a week with her and her mother. Rose wanted him to stay longer. So Mr. Naftalie found work with a furrier in Detroit. He soon married Rose and they started making a family. In time, he bought out his employer and named it Furrier Furs by Frederick. He worked the business for 40 years before retiring to Hallandale.

Today Mr. Naftalie — who speaks on occasion about his wartime experiences — still lights a candle in remembrance for his family and all who perished in the Holocaust.

"That this actually happened," he said. "I will never consider them (Nazis) as humans. These were beasts. These were animals. To this day my feeling toward them is very deplorable and hateful." ■

Fred Naftalie's family in 1938.





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## Public comments assigned a time at Collier school board meetings

Effective at the next Collier County School Board regular meeting Tuesday, April 14, and going forward, the time for public comments at board meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Public comment request cards are required and can be filled out online five hours prior to the start of each board meeting. Go to [collierschools.com](http://collierschools.com) and click on School Board Registration Card.

Public comments will be taken in this order:

1. Consent agenda speakers, followed by the board's action on the consent agenda.

2. General public comment speakers (informational items must be address during this portion of public comment).

3. Business agenda public comments. Speakers can comment on any voted item. The comment card must be submitted prior to the start of the comment period for each proposition upon which the board will take official action by vote.

The business portion of the board meeting will begin after all public comment concludes. For more information, visit the Collier County Public Schools website above. ■

## Got tickets or fines? Pay in full April 18

If you have an overdue traffic ticket, court fine or fee in Collier County, you could save up to 32 percent by paying in full between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday, April 18, at the Collier County Clerk of the Circuit Court customer service department, on the first floor of the main county courthouse at 3315 Tamiami Trail E.

The offer, part of a statewide initiative called Operation Green Light, allows anyone with a fine or fee that is assigned to a

collection agency to pay without incurring the collection agency surcharge. Citizens will also be able to restore their driving privileges, which may have been suspended, once all outstanding fines and late fees have been paid (the driver license office at 725 Airport-Pulling Road will also be open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18).

Payment must be made in full by cash, personal check, cashier's check or money order. Questions? Visit [collierclerk.com](http://collierclerk.com). ■

## Consider a night at the museum

Looking for a venue for a business meeting, class or special occasion such as a wedding or family reunion? Consider one of the Collier County museums. Rentals are now available at the Naples Depot Museum, Immokalee Pioneer Museum, Museum of the Everglades and the main Collier County Museum in the county government complex off U.S. 41 East in Naples.

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Representatives from more than 20 programs will be set up outside Rusty Bucket Restaurant & Tavern. Participants include: Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Artis—Naples, Collier County Public Library, Gulfshore Playhouse, KidsTek Learning, Naples Botanical Garden and Scuba Outfitters.

While their parents gather information and registration forms, youngsters will be able to play in the bounce house and have fun with face painting, balloon art, a photo booth and more. Drawings will take place throughout the fair for gift cards from Mercato merchants and prizes from many of the summer camp providers. ■



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Since it began in 1987, the Gus Macker tour has expanded to consist of 972 tournaments with more than 2.2 million players — male and female, from ages 7 to 50-plus years of age. Teams are computer-matched (considering age, height and experience of all four players) into male and female divisions within one of three categories: junior, adult or top. Teams receive at least three scheduled games each tournament. The Macker is a double-elimination tournament with a consolation bracket: the Toilet Bowl for teams losing their first two games.

Local organizers expect to draw participants and spectators from all corners of the state.

Spectators will be admitted free. Registration for a team of four is \$132, with a June 1 deadline for signing up. For more information, call Kory Swinderman at the Greater Naples YMCA, 963-3765 or visit macker.com.

Volunteers and sponsors are being recruited to help ensure the tournament's success. For more information, call Roy Terry of the Rotary Club of Immokalee at 450-8501.

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4. Capt. Myles Strohl and Karen Strohl with NSYC members aboard the Strohl's Continuity yacht for the fleet review
5. Commodore Ken Dabrowski with the Barron Collier High School Color Guard

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## PFLAG plans eighth annual interfaith service

The eighth annual PFLAG Interfaith Convocation will bring together groups and individuals of all religious and spiritual faiths at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. All are welcome to attend the service and a reception afterward.



Twenty-two houses of worship from the Collier County community are participating.

PFLAG is a parent-based organization that was started by heterosexual parents wanting to understand and help their gay children. PFLAG's role is to provide a non-judgmental outlet for feelings, questions and understanding as well as to make resources and educational opportunities available.

Naples PFLAG meets on the third Thursday of each month.

The annual interfaith convocation provides an opportunity for all people of faith to pray together without discrimination, disenfranchisement or stigma. Through music and prayer, the service exemplifies how good and appropriate it is to join together not just by including, but also by celebrating with gay and lesbian family members and friends.

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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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## Wait, what?

An unarmed man, suspected of no crime, who three years ago was shot 16 times by police while lying in his bed, told a *Seattle Times* reporter in March that he bears no ill will for the cops who shot him. Said Dustin Theoharis, now 32, "Sometimes (police) make mistakes." Theoharis was napping in a friend's house in Puyallup, Wash., when police arrived to arrest the friend's son, and when Theoharis reached for his ID,

one officer imagined a gun, and the two officers opened fire, hitting Theoharis in the jaw, both upper arms, both lower arms, wrist, hand, shoulder, abdomen and both legs. He spent months in a hospital and skilled nursing facility and today is largely immobile and unable to work. (He "won" legal settlements totaling \$5.5 million, but one-third went to lawyers, and much of the rest has paid medical bills.)

## Can't possibly be true

■ Update: According to the mayor of Rio de Janeiro, it appears that some of the 2016 Summer Olympics aquatic events will take place among floating household trash and raw sewage in Guanabara Bay (although Mayor Eduardo Paes noted to the Associated Press in March that the events are scheduled for the "cleanest part" of the bay). To acquire the games, organizers had promised a massive cleanup, but now, with 500 days to go, Paes conceded that the goals will not be met and that, indeed,

infrastructure improvements still have not halted the sewage flow into the bay.

■ Despite the skepticism of a few tech writers, the Internet pornography super-site Pornhub insists that it is developing a wristband that stores energy (enough to power a cell phone) that can be generated by the "up and down" motion of masturbation. Pornhub announced in February that it will soon begin recruiting human testers for its Wankband

## Compelling explanations

■ According to the 17-year-old bicyclist who was broadsided by a motorist at rush hour in Sheffield, England, on March 6, a woman at first alighted from the car to help. However, upon seeing the extent of the cyclist's injuries, she apologized and walked away, telling the sprawled-out victim that her children were in the car and would be "scared" to see all that blood — and so she would drive them on to school. (Witnesses provided a description of the vehicle, but the hit-and-run driver was still at large.)

Paris murders of the staff of Charlie Hebdo magazine, Pope Francis in January told an audience during his Philippines tour that freedom of speech is important, but that there are limits. "If my good friend Dr. (Alberto) Gasbarri (who organized the pope's visit and was standing at his side) says a curse word against my mother," Francis said, "he can expect a punch." He then "threw" a mock "punch" toward Gasbarri. (The Vatican press office was later moved to clarify that violence in God's name can never be justified.)

■ Trying to stake out a position on the

## Cultural diversity

Super-Protective Parenting: Standardized placement exams are typically far more determinative of student success in Asian countries than the United States, and in March in some testing centers in India's Bihar state, "traditional" rampant cheating became grotesque. Dozens of parents were seen climbing outside walls of one center (to pass answers and notes to the students), reminiscent of movie depictions of Santa

Anna's army scaling the walls of the Alamo. The week-long secondary school exams, testing 1.4 million students, had early-on seen 400-plus students expelled, nine bags of cheat sheets confiscated, and at least seven parents arrested. However, officials admitted that their security forces were overmatched by parents desperate to assist their children.

## Awesome!

Chicago's WGN-TV was forced to apologize in March for a misjudgment in booking its "Morning Show" after an unconventional "circus" performer, in a live-television publicity segment, took a power saw to a metal box affixed to her crotch. "Dancer" Shana Vaughan-Gabor, of the Cirque De La Femme, created a dazzling shower of sparks, provoking the male host to first

demand that the camera cut away, but then admitting, "I've been waiting my whole life to meet a woman like this." In the follow-up segment, a group of children who had witnessed the scene used descriptions like "creepy" and "stinky," but Vaughan-Gabor later urged the station to "save the children from 'boring' (entertainment)."

## The litigious society

In March, the Administrative Office of the Courts revealed a slight increase in federal litigation in 2014, but a much larger increase in prisoner lawsuits. Leading the upturn was Dale Maisano, 63, serving 15 years for aggravated assault, who last year alone filed 3,613 cases concerning his

Florence, Ariz., facility. Counting previous prison stints, Maisano has filed 6,076 complaints against various officials and prison system health-care providers. (In a 2014 *USA Today* report, Maisano volunteered that he himself "could use some mental health help.")

## Unclear on the concept

In March, the investment bank Credit Suisse Group AG agreed to pay \$16.25 million to settle a client's charges that Credit Suisse gave faulty investment advice on two acquisitions by Freeport-McMoRan (one of the world's largest producers of copper and

gold). Actually, according to a Wall Street Journal report, Freeport will receive only \$10 million in cash. The remaining amount it agreed to accept, to make up for Credit Suisse's faulty advice, is \$6.25 million worth of future investment advice. ■

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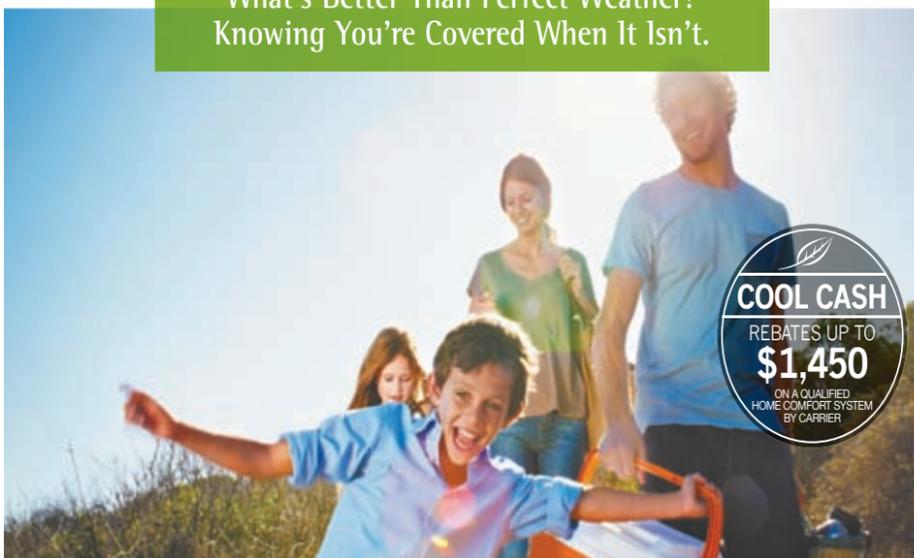
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## Jeweler wants to know why your mom rocks

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A team of local "celebrity mom" will choose the winning message, and Mark Loren Designs will craft a custom piece of jewelry based on the winner's sketch. Mr. Loren will deliver the jewelry, along with the essay and artwork, to the winning mom on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.

Mr. Loren, who shares a close bond with his own mother, Juanita, encourages sons

and daughters to be creative and reflect upon the influence one's mother or mother figure has had or continues to have in his or her life. "How is your mom the rock in your life?" he wants to know. Essays should be no longer than 200 words.

Essays and sketches can be submitted online to marklorendesigns.com or delivered or mailed to Mark Loren Designs at 9118 Strada Place, Suite 8120, Naples, FL 34108, or 13351 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Entries will be accepted through April 20. Some restrictions apply, and Mark Loren Designs reserves the right to final interpretation of the drawings and the selection of gems and materials used. ■

## Fundraisers help Bonita gardens

Bonita Wonder Gardens, the nonprofit organization poised to take ownership of the Everglades Wonder Gardens on April 13, was the recipient of funds raised by two local organizations recently. The Bonita Bay Garden Club coordinated a lecture by Rick Smith, son of "A Land Remembered" author Patrick Smith, that raised \$5,600. Chrissy's Tavern in Naples hosted a blues concert that raised \$2,100.

"We are grateful to all of these community members who are helping us preserve the wonder," says Trish Leonard, president of the Bonita Wonder Gardens board of directors. "We are excited to continue the legacy that the Piper Family established in downtown Bonita Springs 79 years ago. We will work hard to keep the lush property,

animal exhibits and historic artifacts a jewel that residents and visitors will enjoy for years to come."

The city of Bonita Springs has agreed to loan Bonita Wonder Gardens Inc. \$3.5 million to purchase the property, business and artifacts. The funds also allow for some initial capital improvements. The loan is payable within three years at 2 percent simple interest.

"We look forward to announcing our plans for new programs and visitor services, community engagement opportunities such as a volunteer program and facility rentals, details of our capital campaign and other developments," Ms. Leonard said. "Downtown Bonita Springs is undergoing a renaissance, and we are proud to be in the heart of it." ■

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at its busiest hour in 2014. Moreover, the independent review found peak hour traffic increased 12 percent between 2014 and 2015 and 33 percent post-recession. The city's study found that traffic has decreased by 12 percent over the last 20 years.

Proponents of the proposal say the city's vision has changed since 2005 and the new plan, created by Kimley-Horn and Associates, better incorporates the adopted ideals of "complete streets" and the Blue Zone Project, both of which advocate walkable and bikeable pathways to address healthy lifestyles for residents and seniors.

"The main thing the city needs to consider is that things have dramatically changed since 2005," Jane Cheffy, president of Naples Pathways Coalition, said at the April 1 council meeting. "Not only physically with 500 residential units to come, but philosophically, with a paradigm shift in thinking to favor complete streets, to favor blue zones and to make our city a beautiful, bikable city."

Beth Brainard, executive director

of Naples Pathways Coalition, maintains that motorists will change how they use Central Avenue once it is revamped.

"I think it is a faulty assumption that that everyone will try to use the street exactly the way they used it before," she said. "You figure out your route."

Those against the plan have expressed concern about incorporating two roundabouts, lane reductions and medians into a district that is mostly commercial now but that will quickly convert to a mixed-use neighborhood. Access to businesses and traffic flow are their main concerns.

Councilman Doug Finlay has suggested that rebuilding Central Avenue as a three-lane road — two traveling lanes with a center turning lane — could be a solution that incorporates the business' desire for direct access with the city's desire that the road be usable by motorists, cyclists and walkers.

"All I can tell you is that is what's being done in a lot of communities," he said. "You can do it with the same amount of street. If those have been proven statistically to create accidents, then I think that should be examined. But it's not an open highway. If we have to have bike lanes, I think there's a better way to treat the

street rather than street reductions and roundabouts."

Mr. Finlay objects to the notion that Central Avenue is going to become a Main Street once the building projects are finished.

"When people talk about Central turning into Main Street, USA, it's nothing like it," he said. The new residential buildings are going to be offering 30-day rental units, he added, and "what you're going to have is a tremendous influx of people during peak season. (Lane) reduction is asking for back-ups at Tamiami Trail and the 10th Street intersection."

Business owners also claim that Central Avenue is an important truck route that services the downtown area, and that in addition to blocking access to their stores, the new plans will create a safety hazard.

"I think it's just insane to take away our truck routes," said Pat Shapiro, owner of Flying Colors of Naples, a graphic design firm in the neighborhood. "It's right near schools and the hospital and it's just crazy ... If we have all our evacuation routes and delivery routes fill up with those roundabouts, it's dangerous."

Councilman Sam Saad called the *Florida Weekly* office to emphasize that plans to rebuild Central Avenue

and improve east-west connectivity have been in the works for decades. Also, he maintains that the majority of business owners are on board with the new plan.

"I've met with most of the business owners on the street and we've addressed their concerns the best we can," Mr. Saad said. "The objectors seem to have nothing to complain about because they'll have increased property values, and the majority of the businesses will not have any access issues."

The city is still in the design phase of the project, but staff anticipates that construction will begin in April 2016.

"It's not exactly the type of project we want to start at the height of season," said Greg Strakluse, director of the streets and storm water departments. "It's taking a little bit more time through the design process. We want to make sure we're working with the businesses and residents."

Mr. Strakluse anticipates the next opportunity for public comment on the project will be in May, when staff presents council with traffic data, and again in June when the 60 percent design phase will be presented to council. To contact city staff with concerns and comments, visit [naplesgov.com](http://naplesgov.com). ■



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# Where talking about death is the norm, not taboo

BY EVAN WILLIAMS  
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Death may not be proud, but it makes for great conversation, especially over tea and cake.

That's what hosts of Death Cafes around the world have found. It's not therapy or grief counseling, organizers point out, but a forum that encourages discussion of the too-often-taboo subject of death and dying. Close to 2,000 cafes based on the original 2011 London model have been held worldwide, including in Sarasota, Fort Myers, Naples and Miami.

"In the modern world, (death) has become something much more invisible than it used to be," says Deeb Kitchen, Ph.D.,

a sociology instructor at Florida Gulf Coast University. "We've almost cast it as a failure of science or a failure of medicine. This is a way to overcome that silence."

When four of Mr. Kitchen's students hosted a Death Cafe last year, more than 30 people showed up. The second community Death Cafe at the university takes place from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, April 10. True to the London tradition, it's open to all and facilitated with cake and tea.

At first, "Everyone's not really sure if it's going to be morbid (or) if it's going to be lighthearted," Toria Kwan, who attended the first café at FGCU, said, "so food kind of is that neutral connection." The conversation, she added, included funerals, burials, cremation, grieving and other rituals. "We

talked about the philosophical side of death ... and the social construction of an afterlife."

Avow Hospice of Naples hosted three cafes last year at Second Cup in Mercato. People formed groups at tables or on couches and conversations percolated.

"Some people would travel down the path of spiritualism, others would talk about their experiences of having faced the loss of someone or being with someone when they died," said Deborah Jonsson, communications manager with Avow.

In Sarasota, hospice volunteers and spiritual counselors Lori Marshall and Mark Sanders have held 13 Death Cafes in the last year and continue to host them from 1:30-3:30 p.m. every third Saturday of the month at Radiance of Sarasota. Attendees

have ranged in age from 14 to 98 years, Mr. Sanders said, though groups generally skew toward retirement age. Their first few meetings drew 20-25 people; recent gatherings have had more than 100.

Retirees who attend often discuss the process of dying and common sense, material concerns.

"The most popular theme thus far seems to be the right to die," Mr. Sanders said. "People generally aren't afraid to die. They just don't want it to be painful. So it's not the death, it's the dying process that people are mainly concerned about."

For more information, visit [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com) or follow the FGCU Death Cafe on Facebook. ■



After witnessing the unthinkable at 12 years old – her mother shot at the hands of her stepfather – Velma quit school and started picking in the fields of Immokalee to support her brothers and sisters.

Velma remained upbeat and had a family of her own, but then experienced multiple, devastating losses and trauma and was diagnosed with a debilitating health issue. She felt suicide was the only way to escape her sadness, fear and pain. For her children's sake, she finally asked for help from the David Lawrence Center.

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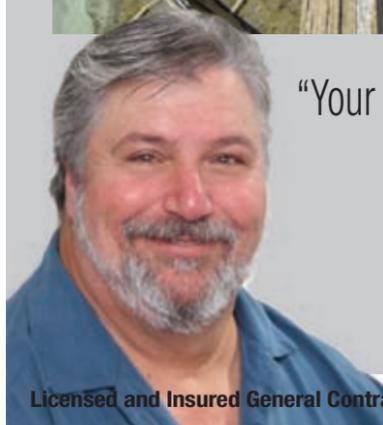
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# ALUMNI NEWS

■ The Naples chapter of **Sigma Chi** alumnae meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 10, and Friday, May 8, at The Club Pelican Bay. The Fort Myers chapter meets from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, and Tuesday, May 26, at Famous Dave's at U.S. 41 and Crystal Drive. For more information, call 293-5239.

■ The season's final meeting of **Kappa Kappa Gamma** alumnae will be a spring picnic starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at The Club Pelican Bay. Installation of officers will follow the meal. Cost is \$27. For reservations or more information, call 403-3012.

■ The Naples chapter of **Alpha Chi Omega** alumnae meets at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Naples Botanical Garden for a box lunch and tour of the Garden. For reservations or more information, call 594-9401 or email [deltapidelta.axo@gmail.com](mailto:deltapidelta.axo@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. The next get together, a salad and dessert luncheon, is set for Thursday, April 16, in the clubhouse at The Crescent in Pelican Bay. All Gamma Phi Betas who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome. For more information, call 594-8420 or email Lynne Nordhoff at [lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com).

■ The next meeting of the **Greater Naples Alumnae Panhellenic** begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Windstar Country Club. Using slides and dressing the part, Ed and Kathy Miracco will give a presentation about pioneer days on Marco Island. Cost is \$30. For reservations or more information, call Linda Ewen at 498-4739.

■ The **2015 Ivy Fest**, a picnic for all alumni of the Ivy League and Seven Sisters colleges, takes place from 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at a club in Naples. Spouses, partners, children and guests are welcome. Watch for an invitation from your alumni club, or call 394-2226 for more information.

■ The **Greater Naples Delta Gamma** alumnae 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](mailto:naplesdeltagamma@gmail.com).

■ **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 [swfladpialum@gmail.com](mailto:swfladpialum@gmail.com). ■

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■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club**, whose members collect and study antique clothing buttons, meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. The next meeting is May 5. Guests are always welcome. Buttons from several members' collections are currently on display at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. For more information, call 682-6117.



■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Guests and new members are always welcome. The next meeting is April 9. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to its next luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Quail Creek Country Club. Carol Wiersma will be the inspirational speaker with a presenta-

tion titled "Hone, We're Moving." A representative from the Greater Naples YMCA will present "Exercise is Ageless," with a focus on improving mobility and strength. Musical guests will be jazz singer Beth Mortland and pianist Dan Olsen. Call 592-0229 for reservations.

■ **Temple Shalom Sisterhood** holds its installation luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, at the temple, 4630 Pine Ridge Road. The Bach Ensemble Troubadours will perform excerpts from "Phantom of the Opera" as well as a selection of Cole Porter tunes. Cost is \$25 for members, \$28 for guests and \$50 for patrons. All are welcome. For more information, call 455-3030.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** celebrates its 31st anniversary the evening of Tuesday, April 14, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive in Naples. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Guest speaker Linda Ryan will present "Finding Mr. Cheatham: Searching for and Collecting Oral Histories." Cost is \$20. All are welcome. For reservations or more information, visit thegsc.org.

■ **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. The next meetings are April 14 and 28. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.



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■ **Naples Buckeyes in Paradise** invites like-minded friends and fans of Ohio State University to happy hour from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Real Seafood Company, 8960 Fontana Del Sol Way, off Vanderbilt Beach Road in Naples. RSVP to Sandy Ritchie by calling 287-4936 or emailing sritchie55@yahoo.com.

The group holds its spring golf tournament and dinner Monday May 4, at the Country Club of Naples. Register your foursome at [naplesbuckeyegolf.com](http://naplesbuckeyegolf.com).

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** holds its monthly meeting Thursday, April 16, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker Tom Kuligowski, official photographer for the American Orchid Society's judging center in West Palm Beach, will discuss Angraecums, an orchid variety that thrives in a sub-tropical environment but one that few area orchid aficionados know much about. Mr. Kuligowski will have orchids from his private collection for sale.

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sion is free, and guests are welcome.

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■ **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 at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is April 16. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit [pflagnaples.org](http://pflagnaples.org).

■ **The Big Cypress Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**, meets at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, at the Country Club of Naples. The program will be about the Hermione, the ship the Marquis de Lafayette sailed to America in 1780 in support of the American Revolution. Nearly 20 years in the

making, an authentic reproduction of the Hermione has been built that will sail to America this year and follow the Lafayette's original path. Guests are welcome. Members and guests alike must make reservations by calling Madonna Crame at 455-7295.

■ **The Naples Press Club** welcomes Frank Verpoorten, director and chief curator of The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples, as guest speaker at its meeting Thursday, April 23, at the Hilton Naples. Doors open for networking at 11:30 a.m.

Originally from Brussels, Belgium, Mr. Verpoorten attended the Vrije Universiteit Brussels and received a dual master's degree in art history and cultural studies. He held research and curatorial positions at the Museum for Musical Instruments and the Royal Museum for Fine Arts in Brussels before moving to New York City in 2002, where he served in curatorial roles at the Museum of Modern Art, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art and the Dahesh Museum of Art. Before joining The Baker Museum in 2012, he

served as cultural attaché for the Representation of the Government of Flanders (Belgium) to the U.S.

Cost of the luncheon is \$25 for NPC members, \$30 for others. Reservations are required. For menu choice and more information, email [rsvp@naplespressclub.org](mailto:rsvp@naplespressclub.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 April 18 and May 2. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email [dcritchie@comcast.net](mailto:dcritchie@comcast.net).

■ The social season is winding down, but the **Naples Italian American Foundation** still has bridge, bocce ball, mah jongg and card games on a regular basis through April at its recently renovated and expanded headquarters at 7035 Airport-Pulling Road (corner of Orange Blossom Road). For more information, call 597-5210 or visit [niafoundation.org](http://niafoundation.org).



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■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the second Wednesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at varying locations. The next meetings are April 22 and May 13. For more information, call 774-2623 or email [naplescivitan@aol.com](mailto:naplescivitan@aol.com).

The Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are April 14 and 28. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email [marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

■ The **Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** welcomes members and 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 April 18. For more information, email [dwcpräsident@gmail.com](mailto:dwcpräsident@gmail.com).

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is April 20. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit [ussvi.org/base/naples.asp](http://ussvi.org/base/naples.asp).

■ The **Bridge Club of Naples** has its home at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church at the northeast corner of Airport-Pulling and Orange Blossom Roads. Duplicate games begin at 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday throughout the year; from November-April, novice game begins at 12:30 p.m. every Saturday. All games are ACBL sanctioned.

For more information, call head teacher and club director Guy Germer at 910-4205 or email [guygermer@gmail.com](mailto:guygermer@gmail.com).

■ 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 April 23. Stamp trading will follow the program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ **Ikebana Naples** invites members and guests to the final meeting and workshop of the season beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Members are asked to bring a container to fill with an arrangement; those who wish can bring a container to trade. Floral material will be provided. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 793-4536 or emailing [wcartstream@centurylink.net](mailto:wcartstream@centurylink.net). A fee of \$5 will be payable at the door with the advance reservation.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is May 6. The association also serves pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is April 12.

The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit [eaal067.com](http://eaal067.com).

■ **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. A coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [naplesnewcomers.com](http://naplesnewcomers.com).

■ **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 Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email [wk@kellerpublishing.com](mailto:wk@kellerpublishing.com) or visit [chess7.net](http://chess7.net).

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

**Bonita Toastmasters:** 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Laura Arbree at 272-7587.

**Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters:** 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Barbara Miller at 594-7018 or email [barw@msn.com](mailto:barw@msn.com).

**Naples Toastmasters:** 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Dorian Ray at 260-4709 or email [dorianray11@gmail.com](mailto:dorianray11@gmail.com).

**Toast of the Coast Toastmasters:** Noon on the second and fourth Friday at the American Cancer Society, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. Call Marianne Oehser at 434-9900.

**Naples Advanced Toastmasters:** 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Email Christine Cargnoni at [ccc@financeinlife.com](mailto:ccc@financeinlife.com). This club has membership prerequisites. ■

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Adult registration is \$20 until Friday, April 10, and \$25 on race day. Call 304-3505 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org.

■ **Naples Pathways Coalition** invites cyclists to take an **Everglades ride** Sunday, April 12. Routes of 16, 27 and 62 miles depart from Everglades City's McLeod Park between 8 and 9 a.m. The rides conclude with lunch from Triad Seafood Café.

Registration is \$35. To sign up or for more information, call 777-7718 or visit naplespathways.org.

■ **Angels Undercover** hosts its second annual **Sip and Putt** from 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. Tickets are \$100. Angels Undercover provides school uniforms to students in Collier County. For tickets or more information, call Lynn Davidson at 595-6303 or visit angels-undercover.com.

■ The 26th annual **golf tournament to benefit Youth Haven** tees off Monday, April 13, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration for \$300 includes dinner and

awards. To sign up or for more information, call 687-5155 or visit youthhavenswfl.org.

■ **Relay For Life Marco Island** takes place from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Mackle Park. Admission is free; participants are encouraged to visit relay.acsevents.org to register teams and donate to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call the American Cancer Society on Marco Island at 642-0800 or email sue.olszak@cancer.org.

■ A certified, timed **5K run** and family-friendly walk to benefit **Make-A-Wish Southern Florida** set out at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Florida Gulf Coast University. Family fun from 9-11 a.m. includes food, face painting and a rock climbing wall and more. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students and \$15 for children 12 and under. Pre-registration is \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under. For more information and to sign up individuals and teams, visit walkforwishessfla.net.

■ The **Glitter 5K** to benefit the **Glitter Foundation** and **Girls on the Run** of Collier County sets out Saturday morning, April 25, at Sugden Regional Park. Registration is \$25 in advance, \$30 the day of the race (\$10 for high-school ages and younger). Call 293-2932 or visit theglitterfoundation.org for more information.

■ Florida Sports Park hosts the **TBC-Color Me Free 5K** Saturday morning, April 25, to raise awareness and funds to treat tuberous sclerosis complex. Registra-

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■ **Grace Place for Children & Families** hosts its annual **Swing of Grace** golf event Saturday afternoon, April 25, at Wyndemere Country Club. Registration for \$200 per golfer includes lunch and dinner. Call 214-6403 or visit [graceplacenaples.org](http://graceplacenaples.org) for more information or to register.

■ The fifth annual **Fit & Fuel 50/20** and **Family Ride** sets out at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 26, from Naples Cyclery. Race-day registration starts at 7 a.m. Routes include a 50-mile ride to Fort Myers Beach, a 20-mile ride to Old Naples and a family-friendly short course through Pelican Bay. Afterward, enjoy lunch from Moe's Southwest Grill, craft beer and music from 10 a.m. to noon.

Registration is \$35 in advance and \$45 the day of the event, with proceeds benefitting **Youth Haven**. For more information or to sign up, call 566-0600 or visit [naplescyclery.com](http://naplescyclery.com).

■ The inaugural **Guadalupe Center Charity Golf Classic** presented by Walmart is set for Friday, May 1, at Estuary at Grey Oaks Country Club. Celebrities including former Washington Redskins quarterback Mark Rypien and professional golfers Chip Beck, Graham Marsh and Pat Bradley are lending their names for a good cause. Registration is \$500 for individuals (\$5,000 for a Platinum foursome) and includes a Q&A with the golf pros before the 1 p.m. shotgun start as well as cocktails and dinner as part of the awards presentation.

Proceeds will benefit the Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps program that helps prepare Immokalee students for college. Hole-in-one prizes include cars from Mer-

cedes-Benz Naples and Audi Naples as well as \$25,000 cash and seven-day cruise from Luxe Travel Consultants. To register or for more information, call 657-7711 or visit [guadalupecenter.org](http://guadalupecenter.org).

■ The ninth annual **Inter-Club Challenge** to benefit **The Immokalee Foundation** is set for Monday, May 4, at The Club at Mediterra. Foursomes from local golf communities and clubs will compete with golf pros and TIF students. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lunch and awards at the club take place at 1:30 p.m. Participation is \$1,250 per golfer. Underwriting opportunities are available. To sign up or for more information, call 430-9122 or visit [theimmokaleefoundation.org](http://theimmokaleefoundation.org).

■ The **Naples-Pelican Bay Rotary Club** holds its 25th annual **golf tournament** to benefit scholarships and local charities Friday, May 8, at The Club Pelican Bay. Several sponsorship packages are available. For sponsorship details, call tournament chairman Bob Weidenmiller at 571-1681 or email [bob@prestigeprinting.com](mailto:bob@prestigeprinting.com). Registration is \$175. To sign up, call co-chair Mike Richardson at 253-9772 or email [mrichardson@calusa-construction.com](mailto:mrichardson@calusa-construction.com). For information about the club's charitable contributions, visit [pelicanbayrotary.com](http://pelicanbayrotary.com).

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual **golf tournament** Friday, May 8, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration for \$150 includes an 11:30 a.m. barbecue, shotgun scramble with three flights based on handicap and an Italian buffet dinner and awards ceremony. Sponsorship opportunities are available. To sign up or for more information, call 262-6376 or visit [napleschamber.org](http://napleschamber.org). ■

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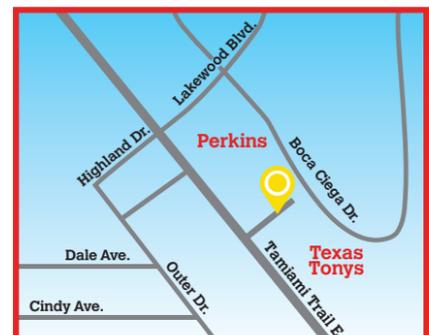
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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Plan to get yourself tested for STDs

Planned Parenthood of Collier County understands that life is stressful for young people today, with responsibilities including work, school, relationships and even parents and kids — along with financial concerns that can be associated with them all. One worry can be eliminated from the list on Get Yourself Tested Day coming up Thursday, April 23. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., testing for sexually transmitted diseases will be free day for those with student IDs and \$50 for others. No appointment is necessary to be screened for syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia and HIV.

“Knowing your sexual health status is smart, responsible and a normal part of being an adult,” says Courtney Curatolo, director of public affairs and education for Planned Parenthood of Collier County. One in two sexually active young people will get a sexually transmitted disease by age 25, and most new STDs go undiagnosed, she adds. “The only way to know for sure if you have an STD is to get yourself tested.”

Half of all new STDs in this country occur among young people 15 to 24, even though this age group represents only 25 percent of the sexually active population. For the past seven years, Planned Parenthood nationwide has worked with MTV, the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promote STD testing and provide young people with the information, education and services they need to take control of their sexual and reproductive health.

An affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Planned Parenthood of Collier County also provides well-women exams and breast and cervical cancer screenings, as well as HIV and STD testing and treatment. More than 12,000 women, men and teens visit its health centers in Naples and Immokalee each year for services and information to help them make responsible and informed decisions about sexual and reproductive health.

Screenings on Get Yourself Tested Day will be conducted at the Planned Parenthood of Collier County office at 1425 Creech Road in Naples. For more information, call 262-0301 or visit [plannedparenthood.org/collier-county](http://plannedparenthood.org/collier-county). ■

## Study defines effects of teen binge drinking on adolescent brains and behavior

### NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Adolescent binge drinking can disrupt gene regulation and brain development in ways that promote anxiety and excessive drinking behaviors that can persist into adulthood, according to a new study supported by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The study was conducted on animals by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. A report appears online in the journal *Neurobiology of Disease*.

“These findings are an important contribution to our understanding of the alcohol-induced brain changes that make alcohol problems in adulthood more likely among young people who abuse alcohol,” NIAAA Director George Koob, Ph.D., says.

Previous studies have shown that people who start drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to meet the criteria for alcohol dependence at some point in their lives, and young people consume more than 90 percent of their alcohol by binge drinking.

Researchers led by Subhash Pandey, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and director of neuroscience alcoholism research at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Research Career Scientist at Jesse Brown Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Chicago, investigated the effects of intermittent binge alcohol exposure during the adolescent stage of development in rats. To model adolescent binge drinking in humans, the researchers gave 28-day-old rats alcohol for two days in a row, followed by two days off, and repeated this pattern for 13 days. Some rats were followed into adulthood and observed for abnormal behaviors. They were offered both alcohol and water, and their alcohol-drinking behavior was monitored.

Rats exposed to alcohol during adolescence exhibited changes in behavior that lasted into adulthood, long after their adolescent binge exposure to alcohol had ended. For example, they showed increased anxiety-like behaviors and drank more alcohol in adulthood.

Prior research has implicated a brain structure known as the amygdala in anxiety and alcohol-drinking behaviors. When Mr. Pandey and his colleagues analyzed the amygdala of alcohol-



exposed rats in their study, they found that the complex of DNA and histone proteins within the amygdala cell nuclei appeared to be tightly wrapped. They also found increased levels of a protein called HDAC2, which modifies histones in a way that causes DNA to be wound tighter around them. Collectively, these kinds of changes to DNA or its associated proteins that change its function but do not affect the DNA sequence are referred to as epigenetic changes.

“Genes that lie within DNA that is tightly wrapped around the histones are less active than they are if the DNA is loosely wrapped,” Mr. Pandey explains. “The looser the DNA is coiled, the more accessible are the genes to the cellular machinery that makes relevant proteins.”

Mr. Pandey and his team found that the epigenetic changes they observed in alcohol-exposed rats were linked to lowered expression of two genes that nerve cells need to form new connections with each other. The diminished expression of the genes persisted in adulthood, even if alcohol exposure was

stopped weeks before, and the researchers observed diminished nerve connectivity in the amygdala of these affected adult rats. But they then showed that a drug that blocks the activity of HDAC2 could loosen the coiling of DNA in amygdala cell nuclei of alcohol-exposed rats, and increased the expression of the gene needed for nerve cell connectivity in those animals. The animals then also exhibited less anxiety and reduced alcohol intake.

The researchers plan additional studies of this target and other epigenetic drugs to investigate their possible use in reversing the persistent harmful effects of adolescent alcohol exposure.

Part of the National Institutes of Health, the NIAAA is the primary U.S. agency for conducting and supporting research on the causes, consequences, prevention and treatment of alcohol abuse, alcoholism and alcohol problems. NIAAA also disseminates research findings to general, professional and academic audiences. Additional alcohol research information and publications are available at [niaaa.nih.gov](http://niaaa.nih.gov). ■

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## Kids' play area opens at Coconut Point

Lee Memorial Health System and Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida celebrate the grand opening of a children's play area at Coconut Point from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11. Children and their parents will be able to meet the staff and other "heroes" of Golisano Children's Hospital and learn more about the hospital and its services. The first 40 children will receive a free bike helmet and fitting.

Superman, Spider-Man, Batman and Robin will be on hand for photos.

Between Destination Maternity and Gymboree at Coconut Point, the new play area features a castle complete with a drawbridge and dragons that are large enough for sitting on. A center "tree" has woodland creatures peeking out of a painted cubby and a padded base to prevent bumps and bruises. The play area is covered to pro-



tect children from the sun, and bench seating is provided for adults.

### Autism screening

In partnership with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida conducts a free monthly autism spectrum disorder screening for toddlers 18 months to 5 years of age. The

The next screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 17, at McDonald's in Gulf Coast Town Center. Screenings are administered by

an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with extensive training and experience in typical child development and developmental disorders. A physician referral is not required. To schedule a screening, call 343-6838. ■

## Help available for ACA applicants

Planned Parenthood of Collier County has employees and volunteers who are certified and ready to assist consumers with applications for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. The current enrollment period ends April 30.

Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, April 16 and 30, at the Planned Parenthood office

in Naples, 1425 Creech Road. Applicants should plan to spend an hour and should bring proof of income, such as a pay stub or tax statement.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, call Courtney Curatolo, director of public affairs and education for Planned Parenthood of Collier County, at 262-8923, ext. 301. ■

## Avow offers reiki class

Avow staff members and reiki masters Cathy Coppoletta and Marianne Appleby will lead a daylong Level 1 class in the reiki technique on Saturday, April 25, at the Avow campus on Whip-poorwill Lane. The \$100 registration fee includes lunch.

Reiki (pronounced "RAY-key") means

"universal life force." Attendees will learn how to connect to this source of healing energy and awaken their own abilities to bring themselves into physical, emotional and spiritual balance.

Sign up by April 3 by calling 280-5996 or emailing kmramor@avowcares.org. ■

## Go Red for Women at AHA luncheon

The sixth annual Go Red for Women luncheon hosted by the American Heart Association takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs.

The event is organized for and by Southwest Florida women to empower sisters, mothers, daughters and friends to take control of their heart health and support others living with heart disease. Guests will learn how to prevent heart

disease by creating a culture of health for themselves and their loved ones.

In addition to information booths, giveaways and a heart-healthy meal, guests will hear keynote speaker Dr. Javier Cuevas discuss "A Battle for your Heart ... and Your Brain."

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## PET TALES

### Big dog on campus?

College students with pets can be less stressed and less lonely, but making the situation work calls for commitment and cooperation

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
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When Kate Eldredge of Vernon, N.Y., returned to Cornell University in 2010 for her sophomore year, it wasn't to dorm life with a new roommate. She brought along her own furry roommate: Queueze, a 4-year-old Belgian tervuren.

Kids leaving home after graduating from high school don't always leave by themselves. Sometimes, the family dog or cat goes along as well. Studies show that having a pet at college has benefits, but only when it's done right.

Factors to consider in making life work with a college pet include the student's maturity level, the pet's personality, campus housing rules, whether the pet will receive enough attention from a busy student, and who will care for the animal if the student must be away from campus. Here, experts share their experiences and advice for making a smooth transition.

Deb Eldredge, DVM, notes that her daughter Kate was already an experienced dog trainer and handler at the time she left for college. And she knew that Kate's course schedule as an English major gave her enough time to make sure Queueze got the activity she needed.

When it comes to housing, colleges and universities that permit pets typically limit animals to certain floors or buildings. Rules address concerns such as noise, grooming and waste disposal. Pet-friendly dorms may



**Even if you can't bring your own pet to college, many universities, including Harvard, Yale and Drexel, now have resident therapy dogs.**

also limit animals by size, breed or species. When Eliza Rubenstein went to Oberlin College in Ohio in 1991, freshmen and sophomores were required to live in dorms, where pets weren't permitted. But her golden retriever, Alfie, was a huge part of her life — they made pet-assisted therapy visits and participated in obedience trials — and she successfully made a case for exemption from the dormitory requirement.

"I know that I missed out on some of the bonding and socialization that I'd have experienced had I lived in a dorm, but I met lots of friends with Alfie as my icebreaker, too, and I got involved with the local student-run animal shelter, which in turn introduced me to my future co-author and lifelong best friend," says Ms. Rubenstein, who wrote "The Adoption Option: Choosing and Raising the Shelter Dog for You" with Shari Kalina.

Cornell required freshmen to live in a

dorm, but after that first year, Ms. Eldredge lived off campus so she could have Queueze with her.

"Although I loved my dorm, life without dogs just was not an option," she says. And her dog-friendly apartment proved to be a boon when Dr. Eldredge's own dog, Hokey, was undergoing radiation therapy at Cornell for nasal cancer.

Who pays for the pet's food and veterinary care or looks after him when his new caregiver can't be at home? College students or new college graduates may foot the bill themselves through part-time or full-time jobs, or share the expenses and responsibilities with parents.

For Ms. Eldredge, it helped to have a mother who was a veterinarian and only two hours away by car. And she arranged her schedule around Queueze's walk times as much as possible and recruited friends to help when she couldn't.

Whether young people are in school or just starting out in life, having the family pet along on the adventure can bring continuity and contentment, but it's a serious commitment.

"As positive as my own experience was, I don't know that I'd recommend taking a pet to college for most students," Ms. Rubenstein says. "College, even with no pets involved, is a time of lots of work and not much money for most of us. If you're thinking of adding an animal to the mix, be sure you plan for the challenges as well as the fun." ■

#### Pets of the Week

>> **Judge Judy** is a happy-go-lucky Staffordshire terrier who has finished caring for her puppies, has been spayed and now is ready to find her forever family.



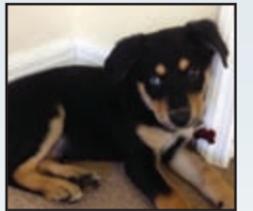
>> **Loveable Lenny** is a neutered, 1-year-old hound mix who's looking for love.



>> **Mops** is a spayed, 11-month-old German shepherd/Labrador mix who gets along with other animals of all kinds and people of all ages.



>> **Mozart** is a handsome, neutered, 3-month-old husky/Labrador mix who has one blue eye and one dark eye.



This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, email [Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org](mailto:Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org) or visit [brookeslegacyanimalrescue.com](http://brookeslegacyanimalrescue.com).

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## Bound for The Masters, packing a par for fashion



Having attended social events on the regular for the better part of the past 15 years, I've gotten pretty adept at knowing what to wear to various functions, and I usually do a fairly decent job at interpreting what to wear for others. For instance, before a friend and I were to taking in a Sunday matinee at Florida Repertory Theatre, she texted and asked what she should wear. I texted back: "Something comfortable, but not too casual — what you might wear to a luncheon (not a 'lunch') — and she nailed it. I even know the subtle distinctions between "Black Tie," "Black Tie Optional" and "Creative Black Tie."

But what I *don't* know is what to wear to The Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National when my husband and I head there this week for the first day of play. If you're reading this and you're into golf, then you're likely pea green with envy right now. If you're reading this and you couldn't give a hoot about the sport, then you have no idea why this is such a big deal. So, in that case:

If you like football, The Masters is the Super Bowl of golf.

If you like movies, The Masters is the Oscars of golf.



If you're a young child, The Masters is the Christmas morning of golf.

And (and this is the really exciting part) not everyone can go to The Masters. It's super-exclusive, and you actually have to enter a lottery in which Augusta National only draws a small number of winners. So the odds of getting tickets aren't great, and getting two tickets to the first day of play is like spotting a unicorn with Jimmy

Hoffa riding on it. The fact that we won had my husband walking around in daze for weeks after we were notified. He still has this sort of glow around him.

However, while he pretty much wept with gratitude, my first thought was: What to wear? Augusta National in Augusta, Ga., is a very Southern, very traditional club known for its magnolias and two-for-a-dollar moon

pies. On the other hand, I've read that the course is so hilly that it's practically mountainous, and naturally my husband wants to walk the entire thing and see every famous hole. When I Google-Imaged something like, "female spectators at The Masters," one photo that popped up was of Tiger Woods' famous skier girlfriend Lindsay Vonn in a chic maxi dress with a fabulous hat and cute sandals. I'd be ever-so-happy in something like that — but, unlike moi, Lindsay was sitting in some comfy VIP area (probably sipping a mint julep) and *not* trudging the enormous course. Other ladies looked disappointingly dowdy in capri pants, fanny packs and sun visors. I keep picturing myself in a cute and preppy pink and green Lilly Pulitzer-esque number like a shift dress or maybe even culottes, but frankly, nothing looks fetching with comfortable white walking sneakers.

Fortunately, I finally found a pretty white gauze outfit and a hat much like Lindsay Vonn's. And although I'll probably regret it, I'm wearing sandals because my pastel green pedicure should not be hiding in lace-up shoes. If I can still walk when we get home, I'll have a full report for you, dear readers. And if you spot me on TV, hopefully I won't have moon pie all over my white outfit. ■

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

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Many people have heard about LASIK or know someone who has had it done, but do not know what LASIK actually does. LASIK surgery is the use of a laser to correct the need for glasses or contact lenses.

**What if I need reading glasses?**

People around age 40 who need reading glasses are still good LASIK candidates as they can have something called monovision performed, which involves using the laser to correct one eye for distance vision and the other eye for close vision.

**What if I am older than age 50?**

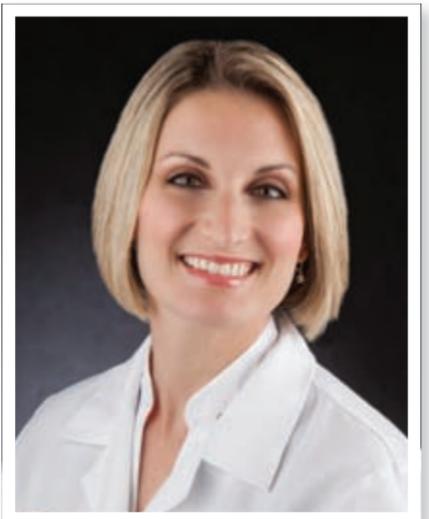
Generally people over the age of 50 are not LASIK candidates.

**Does LASIK hurt?**

The answer is usually not. There is a slight discomfort and pressure during the surgery, but no need for pain medication after the surgery is done.

**What do I need to do to prepare for surgery?**

If contact lenses are worn they have to be removed a week before surgery. Prior to the treatment further instructions will be provided.



**Will I see during the surgery?**

During the surgery the eyes will be numb with anesthetic drops. The eyelids will be held open to prevent blinking. Any eye movement is tracked with the laser's tracking system. During certain parts it is normal for everything to go dark and to see the flashing lights of the laser.

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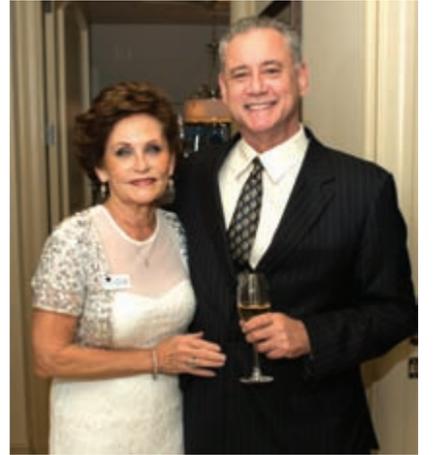
**BY ROGER WILLIAMS**  
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It's REALLY NO PROBLEM FINDING WORK AS a roofer these days. Not if you can do it, with an emphasis on "if."

"The market has tightened as far as installers go, so it's not harder to find good ones, but it's not easier, either — and we hire most of them who come to us," says Clark Richards, 62, who spent the first couple of decades of his career as a carpenter before becoming the president, founder, CEO and chief prognosticator of a roofing company, Coconut

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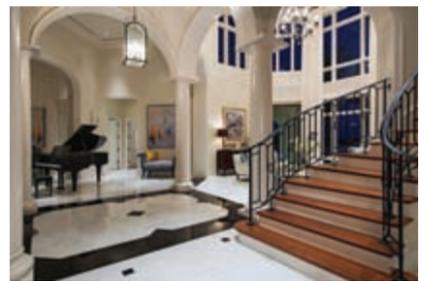
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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Simple takeaways for a happy financial life



An ongoing, repetitive theme of this column has been to right order your financial priorities. Most people worry about investment portfolio and disregard several much more important financial decisions.

Troubled personal relationships often translate into far less money available for investing: relationships with a spouse; with children; and with yourself. Multiple columns each year have been written on this topic.

A healthy marriage keeps an estate intact while alive and after you die. Divorces result in duplicate living expenses and cause other financial inefficiencies. But a healthy marriage is not a free ride, as it requires a financial investment of its own, e.g.: expenditures that grow and keep the relationship healthy.

A close and positive relationship with your children does not assure that your children will make positive lifestyle choices and avoid alcohol, drugs, gambling and other addictions. However, it might allow problems to be discovered early and nipped in the bud; if not, money will be expended toward reversing addictions.

Most important is your relationship with yourself: your personal physi-

cal and emotional health. If you are not healthy and happy, it is very hard for you to function well in your familial relationships and at work. It is in later years that the toll of an ill-advised lifestyle is made manifest. Healthy choices in eating, exercising, relaxing, etc. provide better odds that you will be able to live life to its income and investing fullest in your sunset years and escape health issues that were preventable and their attendant costs.

Take advantage of tax advantaged retirement programs and health savings accounts.

Go to an expert before you make your Medicare and Social Security decisions. Some of these decisions are not reversible. They are complicated decisions. They are extremely important decisions.

Plan your estate with the help of an estate planning expert or online sources. Be clear about finances before marriage. Whether you're young and have two pennies entering your first marriage or older and have many pennies entering remarriage, it's important to sort out your issues ahead of time. The most important issue is not your age, the amount of pennies you have, or whether it's your first or second time to altar: it is your values, especially regarding money. Often, those values

are engrained since childhood. If you and your mate's life's priorities do not align, your relationship is doomed to failure.

Take your tax return to several accountants periodically to make sure that your current accountant has taken advantage of all tax savings. The tax code is mindboggling and a fresh look is often free.

As to investing... as this is where most readers always want to go: they want to know the direction of equities and bonds ... as if they are "timing" their portfolio and have strategies to enter and exit equity and bond markets... But here is the reality.

Investors waste a huge amount of time trying to understand the complexities of macroeconomics in a world that is hugely more complex than the investment world I entered in 1975. Since the 1980s, equity and debt markets have been in the sweet spot of declining interest rates and expansion of international bond markets. Corporations have benefited from hugely lower costs of debt capital; low rates and access to capital have allowed developing countries to expand at rapid rates and leveraged or credit unworthy governments to spend/borrow in the trillions.

Low rates and easy access to debt capital always manifests in capital misallocations. The debt capital flows into

non-debt investments that can become bubbles and allows spending that is not prudent. So easy access and low rates are a double-edged sword.

The future is not knowable and it should be presumed that the next 30 years will be a repeat of the previous 30 years. Simple but effective portfolio construction is the most important investment decision to be made. Do not think that diversifying across industries or companies within industries is meaningful equity diversification, since in a crash this nominal equity diversification has failed.

Instead, add to equity/bond portfolios assets that have capacity to do well in a crisis — assets that have historically thrived on volatility; assets that have the potential to do well in an equity crash.

Get rid of your investment biases; cut them out of your hearing and reading. Not sure if that is you? If you are ranting and raving or glued to read/hear the ranting of others (socially or in media), then you likely are investment biased.

Seek the counsel of investment advisers within their realm of specialization.

Don't forget to give generously, and not just charitably. Many a person is not looking for a charitable handout, but instead is looking for a door to start a new career, a full-time job, chance to prove their worth, etc. ■

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# ROOF

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Grove Construction Corp.

Based in Lee County where roughly 160 companies are licensed to repair, replace or build new roofs, Coconut Grove works up and down the Southwest coast.

So does Galloway Roofing in Port Charlotte, where owner David Galloway, 44, who arrived on the southwest coast in 2006 after years working in the farm country of south-central New Jersey, was down to only three employees four years ago, but is now back up to 14 hardy and capable souls.

"I'd say our work load has at least doubled," he notes. But keeping workers can be a problem — after all, it's a job where temperatures on a dark roof at 3 p.m. during the summer can climb above 140 degrees, and workers have to attend Mr. Galloway's monthly safety meetings about avoiding heat stroke and not falling off.

For Daryle Webber, raised on an Indiana farm and now founder and owner of Sand Dollar Roofing, finding the right workers is often difficult and sometimes nigh on impossible, he says — even though the work is plentiful these days.

That's why Mr. Webber, at 56, works six days a week up on the roof himself, in the sun, with his crews.

All their workers have to do to get plenty of work, they say, is bring the heat endurance of a camel, the flexibility and strength of a gymnast, daily discipline and carpentry skills, and the ability to work cheerfully and think quickly as part of a small team — all day long, every day. As practitioners of one of the most dangerous jobs, roofers who can pay attention even when they're hot and tired — and avoid falling off — are highly valued.

That's what the roofing market requires nowadays (which is pretty much what it's always required), and not everybody can offer those abilities.

But the growth numbers show that the work is there, according to Florida Gulf Coast University's Regional Economic Research Institute at the Lutgert College of Business — and for the business planners of future opportunity, those numbers also suggest that the work will be there again starting in 15 to 20 years, depending on the roof.

Every new building permit, after all, means a new roof now, and likely repairs or a new roof in a couple of decades.

"Single-family building permits in the three coastal counties rose to a total of 537 in February 2015, 81 more than Janu-



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Daryle Webber of Sand Dollar Roofing runs the business and also works on roofs himself.

ary 2015, and 138 more than February 2014," according to the report.

"Lee County issued 272 permits in February 2015, up 31 percent over February 2014. In February 2015, Collier County recorded 205 permits, 27 percent more than in February 2014. Charlotte County issued 60 permits in February 2015, an increase of 107 percent over February 2014."

In part, those numbers with some others can also reflect a growth and recovery rate that hovers not only near the top in Florida, but in the United States, suggests the report, which is authored by Dr. Gerry Jackson, director of the Regional Economic Research Institute, and his colleagues.

Taxable sales in December of 2014 had jumped 10 percent over the previous year; tourist tax revenues were up 27 percent in January for the three coastal counties, over the previous January; and sales for single-family homes were up 16 percent over the previous year.

Not only that, but the unemployment rate for the five-county region (Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades) dropped from 6.1 percent a year earlier to 5.6 percent in February.

For those who prefer hard evidence to numbers, however, a quick litmus test of growth in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties can come with a glance at the roofing business.

"We're somewhat seasonal both with rain and with our friends from the North," says Mr. Richards. "We get a pop of business in the fall, in January, and just before season. And work has progressively improved for the last

seven years — we're in the seventh year of an expansion, with work this year about the same as last, I would say.

"So we probably only have three, maybe five days a year when we aren't working, and those are the days when it's raining in the morning, and in the evening."

The Pennsylvania-born son of a nuclear physicist and a musician, Mr. Richards, started out his working life building cabins in New England before arriving in Florida several decades ago.

"I was one of the lucky ones because I became an owner, I still have all 10 of my fingers, and I don't have to get up there, still."

On the other hand, he had to survive the recession, when most construction workers took their skills and departed for greener pastures in the north, whether they existed or not.

He did it, he says, by having no debt. "So now we've had about seven years of growth, and maybe it's time to start (reining that in)," he adds.

Many of those who get up to fix or install new roofs in Southwest Florida these days are Hispanic workers eager for the opportunity no matter what the conditions.

"The American-born white workers, if you want to think of it that way — those guys don't exist anymore in any large numbers," says Mr. Webber.

"The Spanish people do 90 percent of the work down here, and thing about them is that they want to learn if you take the time to teach them. We hardly ever do piece work — it's 40 hours a

week and time-and-a-half for over 40, that's the way I was brought up, and piece work only represents speed. Speed and quality do not go together — maybe in NASCAR, but not in roofing."

But bureaucracy and construction always seem to go together, and not always for the better, he adds.

"I guess the bureaucracy now is probably worse than it used to be from our perspective," says Mr. Webber.

"When the circle was broken (by the recession), so to speak, things changed. When you used to go pull permits, you spoke to the same person.

"But now we permit in probably seven different entities — in the counties, and then in the cities in the counties. It's asinine that there's not a set protocol, but no one protocol replicates the other. So it's a lot tougher. It's mind blowing what you have to do."

But the bureaucracies are trying. In Charlotte County, for example, roofers can now secure online roofing permits in some cases, with permits issued the same day (except for tile, which requires a plan review), according to the county's buildings department. And photographs no longer have to accompany a re-nail inspection affidavit.

Still, with nine inspectors working at the county level, permit waits are 10 to 12 days for a new dwelling, eight to 10 days for roofs on additions and remodels, and seven to nine days for accessories.

Meanwhile, the work goes on — and there will be more of it.

"Our business is predominantly repair and replacement, and that's influenced by the availability of funds and the age of stock housing," explains Mr. Richards.

"So weather events in 2004 (Hurricane Charley) affect what will happen before long — a shingle roof should last 15 to 22 years and we'll start getting into that chunk of business at some point."

And the men doing the work — few women ever try their hand as installers, they say — will be young for the most part, and increasingly valuable as time goes on.

Mr. Richards is philosophic.

"Before I die, I think we'll be paying as much for people who do roofing and carpentry as for any other professional service. Fewer people are willing to do that work, now. In our culture, it's more popular or common to sit in front of a computer. So I think the value of that person is going to go up.

"I have a master carpenter who is 63, and another guy recently retired who is 62. But for those men on the roof, the mandatory retirement age should probably be in the 50s. They work for 20 or 30 years, and it's hard on them. It's a young man's game." ■

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- It's been underperforming its benchmark for a while. Ignore a bad year or two, but prolonged poor performance is worth examining closely. Remember that market trends, for which no manager is to blame, can affect many funds. If the tech sector slumps, your tech fund probably will, too.
- Its strategy has changed. If your fund's investment style seems to be drifting over time into a territory you don't need or want, consider selling. Some small-cap funds may stray into bigger companies, for example, or a conservative, value-oriented fund might start chas-

ing some high-fliers.

- Its manager has left. A managed mutual fund's performance is very dependent on its managers. If you don't have confidence in the new manager, you should also consider departing.
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- It's not very shareholder-friendly. If shareholder letters don't tell you much and gloss over issues of interest, or the fund stops referring to its managers by name, that's not confidence-inspiring. Be on guard when small fund companies are absorbed by bigger ones, too.

You can learn more about funds at fool.com and can research them at morningstar.com. Also, read "Common Sense on Mutual Funds" by John C. Bogle (Wiley, \$35). ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Saved by Selling Half

My dumbest investment was Nortel Networks, which has filed for bankruptcy. It kept going up and up — then it crashed. Now I realize that it was a pure momentum play; everyone bought it because everyone else was buying it. There were signs of trouble, and it had strong competition. Nortel bought many small tech companies but failed to integrate them very well.

The only bright spot: Every time it doubled, I sold half of my holding. I think that is a good approach to take when a stock price goes up faster than the fundamentals seem to justify.

— E.M., Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

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— J.B., Daleville, Alabama

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Q What's a hostile takeover?

— P.L., Marlborough, New Hampshire

A In the business world, when one company buys another, it's typically done with mutual agreement. Managers from each company will meet with one another and freely share information about their businesses.

Hostile takeovers are different, though, as the company to be bought is not happy about the acquisition and not very cooperative. A hostile takeover happens when one company sees some strategic value in another. It may make friendly overtures and be rebuffed. If so, it may then start dealing directly with the target's shareholders, offering to buy their shares from them for either a certain amount in cash or an exchange of stock.

If enough shareholders respond, the acquirer can gain control. In order to entice shareholders, the offer will generally be for a price significantly higher than the target's current stock price. (Companies whose share prices have slumped are extra-vulnerable to takeovers.)

Some famous hostile takeovers include InBev buying Anheuser-Busch, Sanofi-Aventis buying Genzyme and IBM buying Lotus. It's worth noting that many hostile takeover attempts fail, as did Hilton's 1997 bid for ITT. ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Betting on Biotech

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The company sports two very successful (and expensive) hepatitis C drugs, Sovaldi and Harvoni. Additionally, its HIV drugs produce about \$10 billion in sales annually, and its cardiovascular drugs Letairis and Ranexa have combined sales north of \$1 billion a year, too.

Further out, Gilead Sciences continues

to advance its next-generation hepatitis C therapies through clinical trials, and is expanding its footprint into cancer treatment with the launch of Zydelig.

Gilead Sciences is growing briskly, too. Between 2013 and 2014, the company more than doubled its revenue. As the company cuts some prices to shore up market share, management expects 14 percent growth in 2015.

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# BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **The Above Board Chamber** presents "Master Your Networking Skills" at its lunch meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the Hilton Naples. Marketing/management consultant Sue Huff will moderate the panel discussion with Erica Castner, Queen of Results-

Business & Breakthrough Coach; Eileen Connolly-Keesler, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County; Bob Harden, host and producer of "The Bob Harden Show"; and Barry Nicholls, self-described "adventurer/entrepreneur." Call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or visit [aboveboardchamber.com](http://aboveboardchamber.com) for more information.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Hilton Naples. Sign up at [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events).

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next members-only Builders Round Table with Collier County building and growth management officials from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday,

April 15, at CBIA headquarters, 3200 Bailey Lane. To submit a topic for discussion, email [nancy@cbia.net](mailto:nancy@cbia.net) by April 10.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at BMO Harris Bank in the Esplanade. Call 394-7549 or visit [marcoislandchamber.org](http://marcoislandchamber.org).

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Kane's Furniture, 15100 Tamiami Trail N. Reservations preferred by April 13. Sign up at [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events).

■ **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual schol-

arship fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Quail West County Club in Naples. \$150. Call 992-2943 or email [Chelsea@bonitaspringschamber.com](mailto:Chelsea@bonitaspringschamber.com).

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its monthly mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at Bill Smith Naples, 782 Neapolitan Way. \$15 for members, \$30 for others. Reservations required by April 19. Call 436-6100 or go to [cbia.net](http://cbia.net).

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation** celebrates the graduation of its 2015 Leadership Collier and Growing Associates In Naples classes from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Artis—Naples. \$30. Reservations required by April 16. Visit [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events). ■

# ULI program for women on April 23

The Women's Leadership Initiative of the Urban Land Institute-Southwest Florida hosts a program at Naples Botanical Garden from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a tour of the Garden, followed by presentations by:

■ **Brian Holley**, executive director of the Garden – Mr. Holley led the transformation of the once-degraded 170-acre site into a nature sanctuary with meaningful conservation, cultural and educational programming.

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■ **Carol Goodwin**, president of

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“This is our thank-you to the real estate industry,” says Fern Schmidt, sales and marketing account manager/Realtor relations for the design firm. The CDH Realtor program pairs real estate professionals with interior designers during the house-hunting process and after the sale to help ensure that homeowners end up with the house of their dreams.

The party “will be the ideal opportunity for Realtors, builders and developers to mix and mingle and meet Clive Daniel Homes’ award-winning interior designers,” Ms. Schmidt says, adding guests will be treated to wine, beer, hors d’oeuvres, giveaways and great music by The Trips. The evening’s sponsors include Galt Insurance, Your Home Watch Professionals, William C. Huff Companies and American Eagle Mortgage.

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Timothy Savage of Gulf Coast International Properties has the listing for \$15,900,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 821-7576, email [tim@gcipnaples.com](mailto:tim@gcipnaples.com) or visit [gcipnaples.com](http://gcipnaples.com). ■

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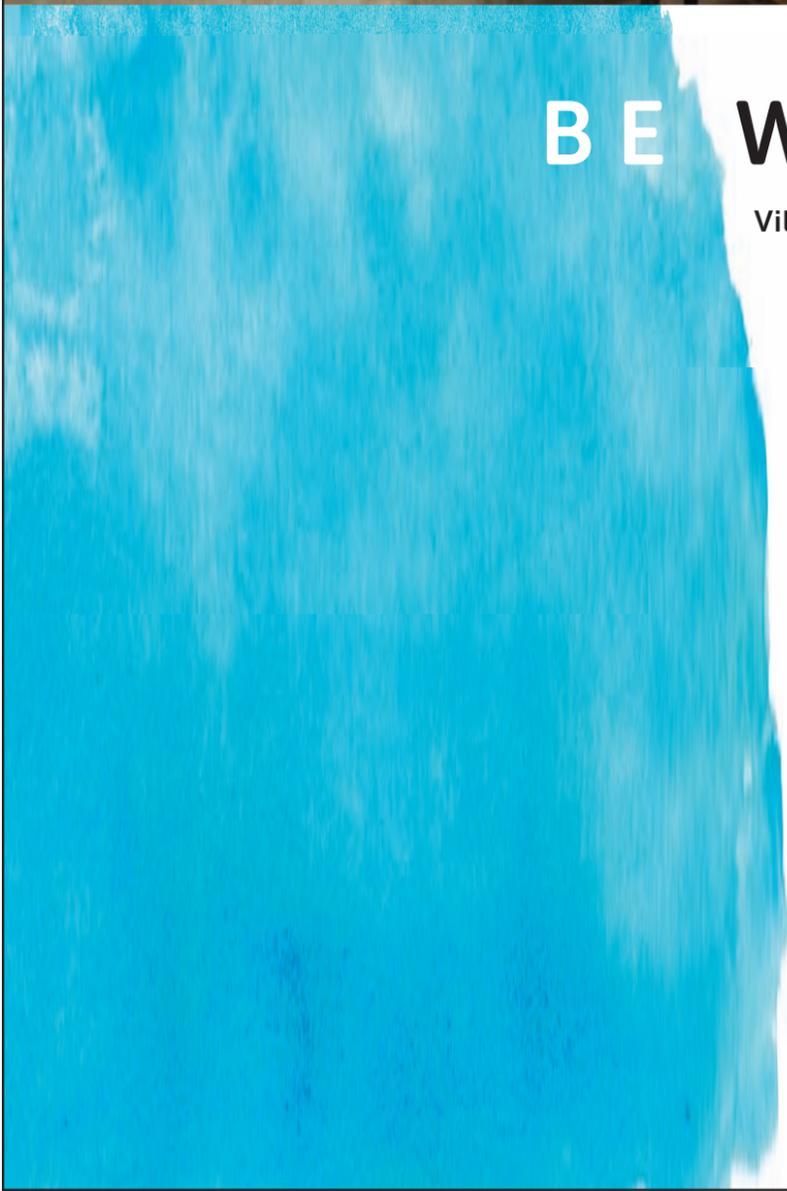
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# Talis Park First Quarter Sales Up 261% Over 2014

Talis Park in North Naples reported processing nineteen closed builder and end-user lot transactions, furnished model sales, and new construction contracts worth \$20.7 million in March. The March transactions included a 1.4-acre estate lot sale for \$2.15 million, one of the largest non-beachfront lot sales ever recorded in Naples. The 2015 Golf Dream House under construction in Talis Park's Prato estate neighborhood sold for \$4.25 million, a record for a new-build model residence within the community.

The March activity capped a first quarter in which 51 closed lot transactions, model sales, and new construction contracts worth \$48.4 million were processed at Talis Park, an increase of 261.19% over first quarter of 2014. Homebuyer traffic during first quarter 2015 totaled 1,110 unique visitors, a 60.4% increase over traffic in first quarter 2014.

The first quarter activity included transactions in each of Talis Park's ten neighborhoods. Talis Park offers the possibility of living in a park-like setting surrounded by nature preserves and glittering lakes, or in a maintenance-free environment within walking distance of the community's amenity core. This "In the Park" or "In the Village" approach provides a rare assortment of home and lifestyle choices.

After the first quarter sales, one of Talis Park's In the Park neighborhoods is sold out and two are nearly sold out. The eighteen home sites in Pistoia, an enclave of one and two-story detached villas by Divco Construction Corp., have sold. In Fairgrove, a neighborhood of twenty-four south facing homes by Harbourside Custom Homes and Iron Star Luxury Homes, one builder-owned site remains available. Four developer and four builder-owned sites remain in Seneca. Seneca's 43 north and south facing lakefront sites feature water and fairway views and offer a perfect setting for residences by McGarvey Custom Homes, Harbourside Custom Homes, Fox Custom Builders and Gulfshore Homes. Home and lot packages are priced from \$1.75 million.

The record-setting 1.4-acre estate lot sale for \$2.15 million was in Talis Park's Firenze neighborhood. Firenze is a gated neighborhood with thirteen estate home sites measuring more than one acre that offer views of multiple fairways and lakes. The ten remaining sites are priced from \$1.65 million and situated within a short walk of the Great Lawn and Vyne House clubhouse. With its views and proximity to Vyne House, Firenze is the only neighborhood that offers both the In the Park and In the Village experience.

McGarvey Custom Homes, Gulfshore Homes, Sunwest Homes, and Stellar Living Homes are introducing new estate model and Resident Ready homes in the Prato neighborhood. Prato's estate residences that offer park-like views are priced from \$2.75 million and range from 4,500 to over 8,000 square feet. Prato is home to the 2015 Golf Dream House



The 2015 Golf Dream House in Talis Park's Prato estate neighborhood is a collaboration between Interiors by Design West, BCBE Construction, Sunwest Homes, and architecture and planning by Weber Design Group and sold for a record \$4.25 million in March.



Talis Park's Firenze and Prato estate home neighborhoods offer exquisite long-range views.



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that is under construction and sold for a record \$4.25 million in March. All developer home sites in Prato are sold.

Kitson released twelve of the twenty-four single-family home sites in Corsica, Talis Park's newest In the Park neighborhood. North-facing sites offer water and fairway views and are adjacent to the Talis Park Sports Complex. Twenty-three of the Corsica sites measure 65 or 77-feet and accommodate residences from 3,000 to 4,500 square feet. One 90-foot site is available. Residences in Corsica will be built by Sunwest Homes, Fox Custom Builders, and Harbourside Custom Homes. Home and lot packages start at \$1.6 million.

Three furnished and one unfurnished completed Resident Ready homes are available in Talis Park's Brightling neighborhood. Four developer owned home sites also remain. Brightling's south-facing homes overlook Talis Park's golf course. Residences are base-priced from \$1.35 million and built by Harbourside Custom Homes, Sunwest Homes, Stellar Living Homes, and Fox Custom Builders.

Kitson has expanded its In the Village choices. The Residences at Vyne House showcases fourteen luxury condominium residences adjacent to Vyne House and the Great Lawn. Eleven floor plans are priced from \$1.350 million to \$3.575 million. The offering puts a select group of homeowners within steps of Vyne Court, the formal and casual dining options, fitness and spa facilities, wine room, resort style pool, and golf pro shop included at Vyne House. A 24-hour, seven days a week concierge will be available to owners. Thirteen of the Residences at Vyne House remain available.

Il Corso, the Watercourse at Talis Park, includes 30 detached luxury villas by Distinctive Communities. Situated within a walk or bike ride of Vyne House and the Great Lawn, Il Corso features seven one and two-story great room plans priced from \$1.1 million that open to private indoor/outdoor spaces with water views. The three and four bedroom plans include a study, island kitchens, outdoor living areas with swimming pools, and multiple

storage areas. Two new furnished models are scheduled for completion this month. Eighteen buildable home sites remain available.

An enclave of spacious residences by WCI Communities, Carrara at Talis Park will feature 90 homes in 15 midrise buildings at build-out. The luxury penthouse-style residences offer more than 2,900 square feet of air conditioned space and feature wraparound loggias. Each building includes three floors over parking with two residences per floor. The first four buildings are now under construction with over 80% of the residences sold. Two additional buildings have recently been released for sales. Completion of the first Carrara building is anticipated in May. Residences are priced from the \$700's.

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



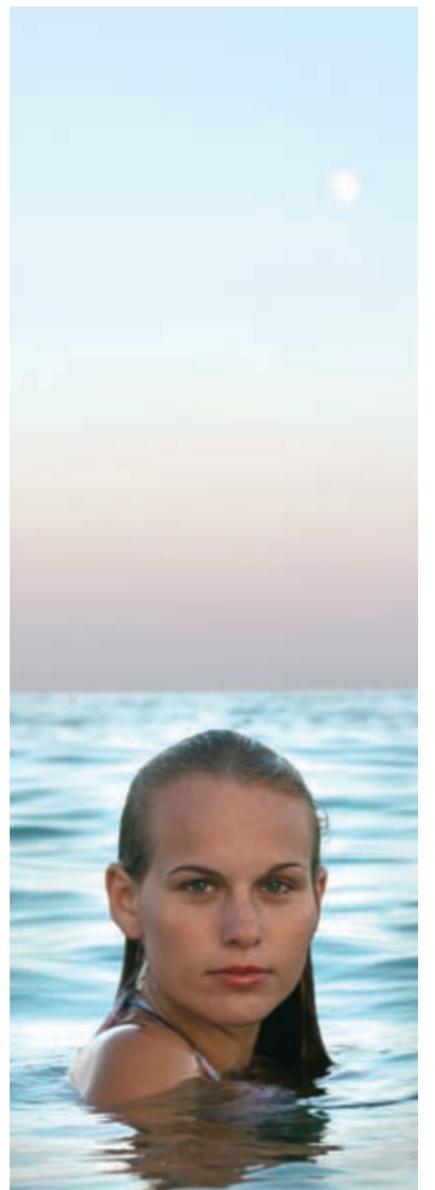
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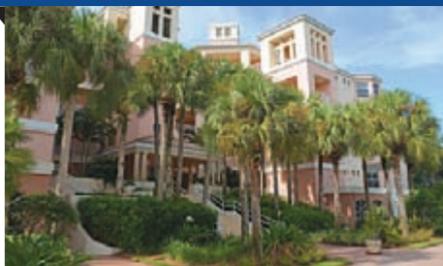
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## Ave Maria reports strong start to 2015

Ave Maria Development reports strong sales in the first quarter of 2015, with 90 home sales from its three builders — CC Homes, Del Webb and Pulte Homes. The total represents a 20 percent increase over first quarter 2014.

The town of Ave Maria offers several styles of homes including, single-family residences with two to six bedrooms and views of a preserve, lakes and golf courses. There are more than 30 floor plans to choose from, and 17 furnished models are open daily.

Community amenities include a water park, Panther Run Golf Club, Town Center shopping and dining, Publix, sports fields, playgrounds, private schools and Ave Maria University.

New homebuyers can select from several builders in different neighborhoods:

- CC Homes builds single-family

homes priced from the \$190,000s in Maple Ridge at Ave Maria.

- Del Webb Naples offers single-family homes in its exclusive active adult neighborhood for residents 55 and older, where prices start in the high \$100,000s.

- Pulte Homes builds single-family residences in the Emerson Park and Hampton Village neighborhoods, with prices from the high \$100,000s.

The town of Ave Maria has been named a Top 50 Master Planned Community in the United States; its active adult community, Del Webb Naples, has been named a Top 20 Place to Retire. At build out, the town will have more than 8,000 residences in its 4,000 acres. The main entrance to Ave Maria is on Oil Well Road just west of Camp Keais Road in eastern Collier County. For more information, call 352-3903 or visit [avemaria.com](http://avemaria.com). ■

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# Mediterra courses set for \$14 million in improvements

Mediterra members have approved more than \$14 million in improvements to the community's two Tom Fazio-designed golf courses. The work will include a complete renovation of The Club at Mediterra's North Course. The South Course is mid-way through a two-year renovation, and the North Course project will commence this spring with the installation of a new irrigation system.

Originally slated for 2016, the work on the North Course was accelerated to reduce costs and proactively accommodate a growing membership. Future plans also include an expansion to facilities at The Sports Club and Wellness Center.

Golf course improvements to Mediterra's 36 holes will include replacing irrigation systems, rebuilding bunkers, adding two pump houses, improving airflow and sunlight and re-grassing.

The remainder of the South Course project is targeted for completion by winter 2016. The North Course project also includes improvements to the driving range and will be completed in fall 2016.

Planned improvements to The Sports Club will provide additional meeting space for Mediterra's growing number of lifestyle clubs, as well as more room to accommodate an increase in individual use of the facility during peak hours and the ability to conduct simultaneous fitness classes. The Sports Club currently offers an equipment room, class areas, a pool, spa services and tennis and bocce courts.

During the past five years, The Club at Mediterra has undergone significant improvements with the addition

of lighted bocce courts; the introduction of the popular Tavern on 18; an expansion of the clubhouse kitchen, alfresco dining and gathering spaces; and a remodel of the main Grille Room dining area and the adjoining clubhouse lounge.

Additional projects also have added a rounded court, lighting and grass-tiered stadium seating to The Sports Club's seven-court tennis complex, as well as a remodeling of the private Beach Club along the Gulf of Mexico.

"The emphasis on evolving and improving Mediterra's amenities has not only enhanced the quality of life for residents, but it has also resulted in increased home sales and, in turn, an increase in memberships," according to Mark Wilson, president and CEO of London Bay Homes, which has managed all new home sales and marketing for the luxury community since 2009.

Mediterra is 95 percent sold, with single-family estate and luxury villa homes available in six neighborhoods. The community in North Naples off Livingston Road was recently named among the Best Retirement Destinations; it was the only Florida location,



The Club at Mediterra

One of Mediterra's two Tom Fazio-designed golf courses, both of which are undergoing renovations.



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Mediterra's onsite amenities also include neighborhood parks and eight miles of walking and jogging trails. The Golf Learning Center offers indoor and outdoor hitting stations, video equipment with launch monitor, a 2.5-acre short game practice complex with three greens and a staff of certified PGA professionals. Membership opportunities at Mediterra are limited to just 225 members per 18 holes.

Homes and home sites at Mediterra are priced from \$1 million to more than \$7 million. For more information, call 949-8989 or visit mediterranaples.com. ■

# Club Pelican Bay set for new clubhouse



The new clubhouse at Club Pelican Bay

The Club Pelican Bay plans to replace its 35-year-old clubhouse with a new two-story building with more space and new amenities.

The new clubhouse will look out over the fairway, lake and the club's signature ninth hole. Covered and open decks will run the length of the clubhouse and include new fire pits and increased capacity for outdoor dining. A fitness center and spa will be added upstairs over the cart building, which will include a golf-training area.

The \$27 million project will be staged to provide club members continued use of the club throughout construction. The new cart building will be completed before the clubhouse is razed, and its second floor will be used as a temporary clubhouse with a kitchen and outdoor dining. The building that houses the men's and women's locker rooms will be renovated during construction. The club's full-time employees will continue work throughout the project.

The Club Pelican Bay has 27 holes of golf, designed by Arthur Hills, with six tee locations on each hole to offer challenges for players of all levels. The private, member-owned club welcomes residents and nonresidents of Pelican Bay with member approval.

For more information, call Membership Director Donna Marie Amy at 514-2494 or visit theclubpelicanbay.com. ■

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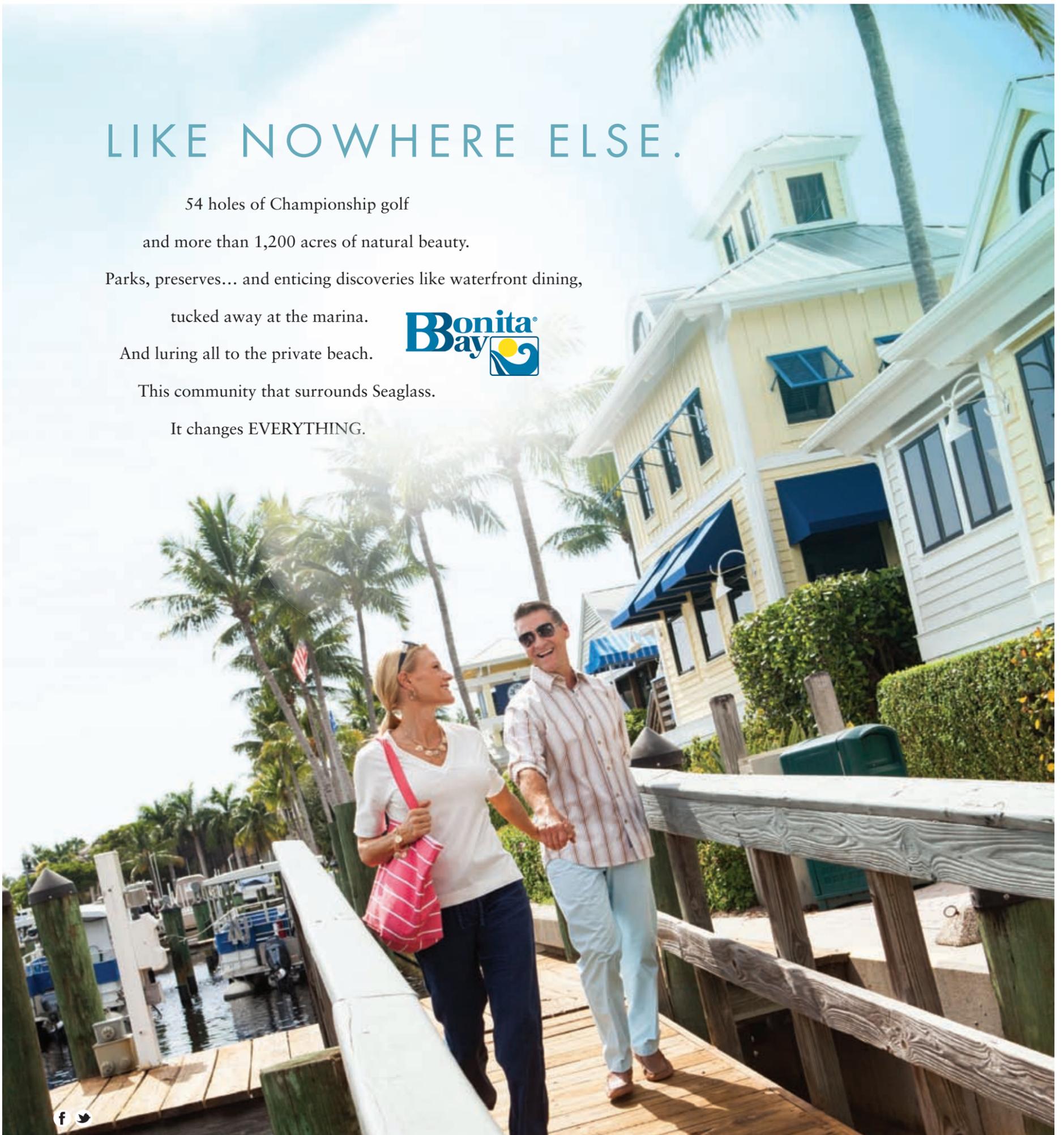
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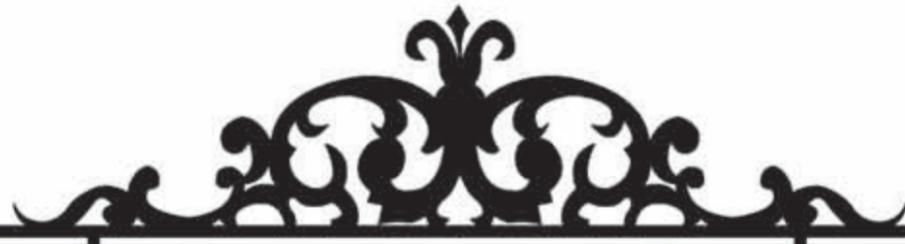
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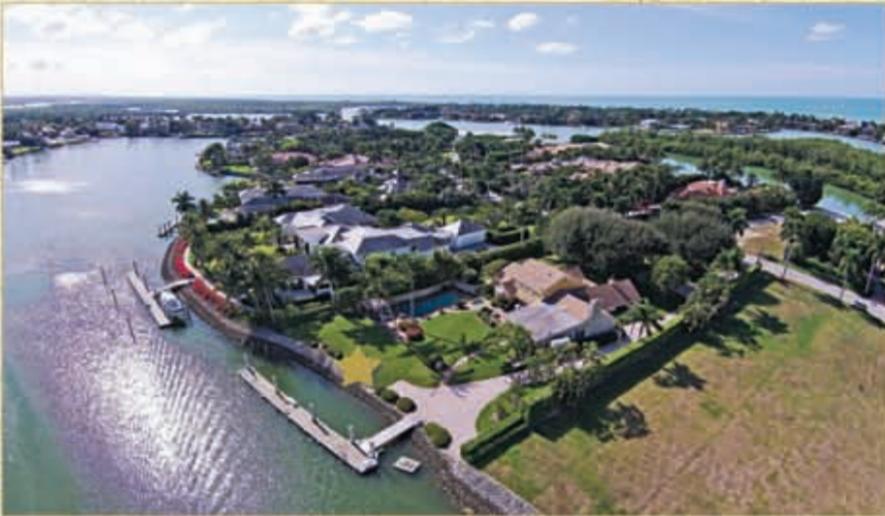




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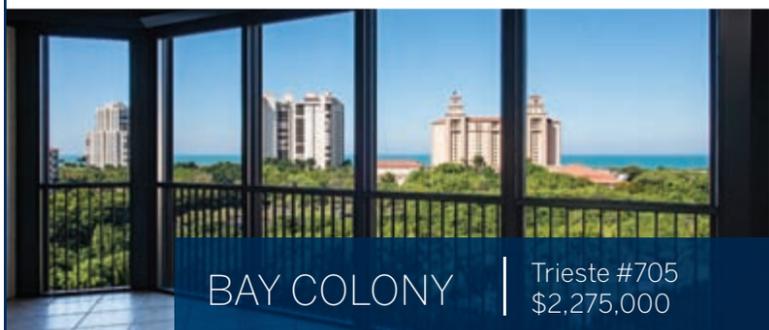
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## >\$500,000

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- 7 • OLDE CYPRESS • 2893** Lone Pine Lane • \$619,000 • PSIR • Lynn Applebaum • 239.776.5055
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- 9 • THE STRAND • 5887** Barclay Lane • \$750,000 • PSIR • Craig Cervantes • 239.596.7710
- 10 • MARCO ISLAND - ESPLANADE • 740** North Collier Boulevard #302 • \$795,000 • PSIR • Cynthia Corogin • 239.963.5561

## >\$800,000

- 11 • OLD NAPLES - SOUTH BEACH CLUB**  
• 1051 3rd Street South #308 • \$805,000 • PSIR • Ruth Trettis • 239.571.6760
- 12 • PELICAN BAY - VILLAS • 571** Gulf Park Drive • \$895,000 • PSIR • Susie Culp • 239.290.9000
- 13 • VANDERBILT BEACH - SAUSALITO • 9400** Gulf Shore Drive #4 • \$899,000 • PSIR • Clint Parsons • 239.273.1474

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- 14 • VINEYARDS - TERRACINA • 425** Terracina Court • \$950,000 • PSIR • Joe Buch • 239.404.5668
- 15 • ROYAL HARBOR - OSTYER BAY - BAYVIEW ESTATES • 1313** Chesapeake Avenue #4 • \$950,000 • PSIR • Celine Julie Godof • 239.404.9917
- 16 • PELICAN ISLE - RESIDENCES • 445** Dockside Drive #301 • \$950,000 • PSIR • Paul Graffy • 239.273.0403

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- 17 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - MULBERRY ROW • 7810** Mulberry Lane • \$1,099,000 • PSIR • ML Meade • 239.293.4851
- 18 • WYNDEMERE - ROSEMEADE • 405** Rosemeade Lane • \$1,100,000 • PSIR • Robert Hollister • 239.250.6113
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- 21 • AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB • 316** Chancery Circle • \$1,395,000 • PSIR • Jean McGillicuddy • 239.300.1190

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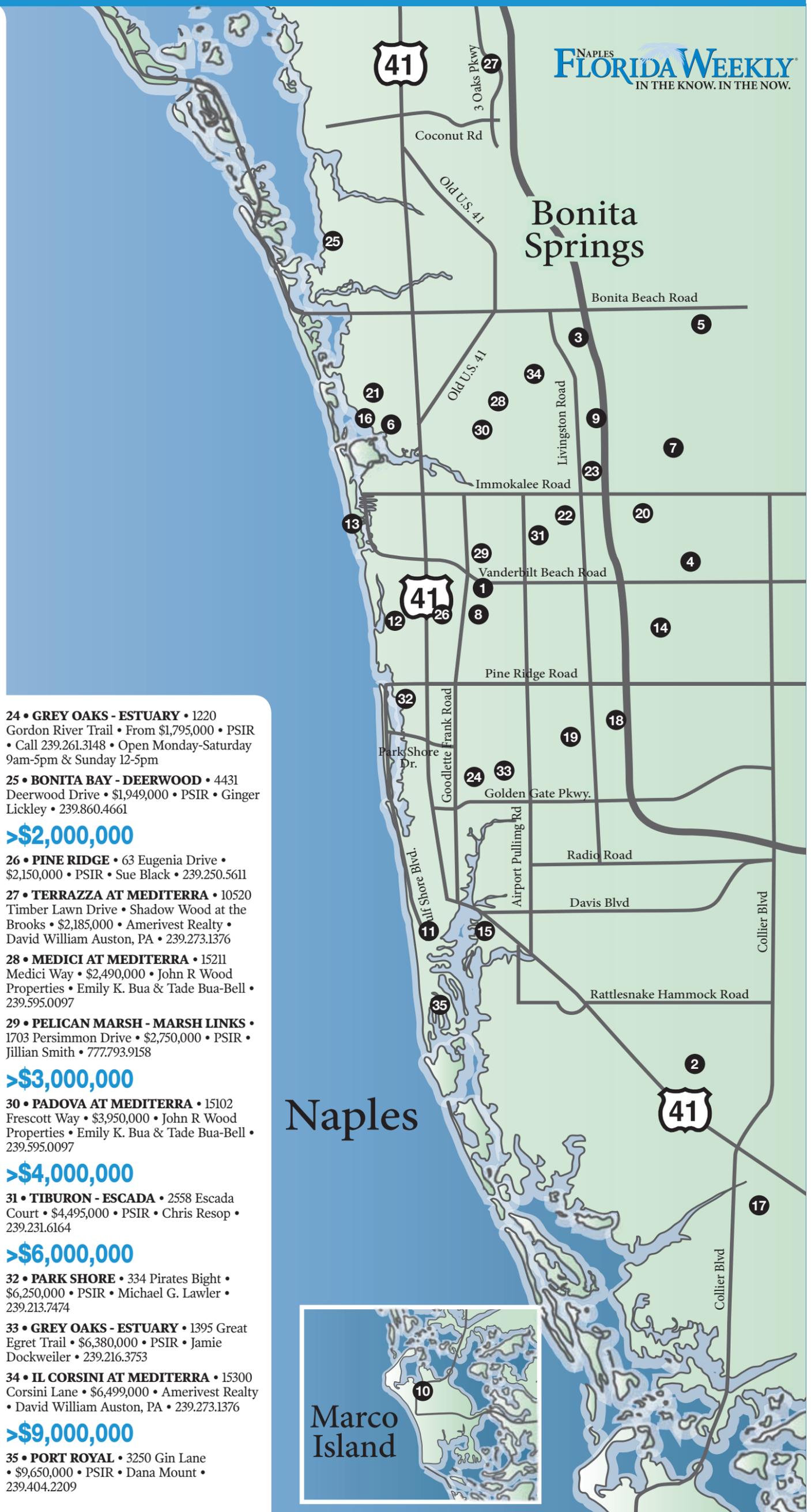
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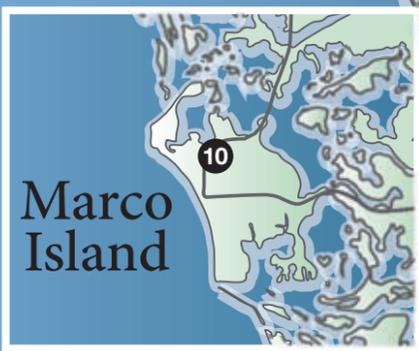
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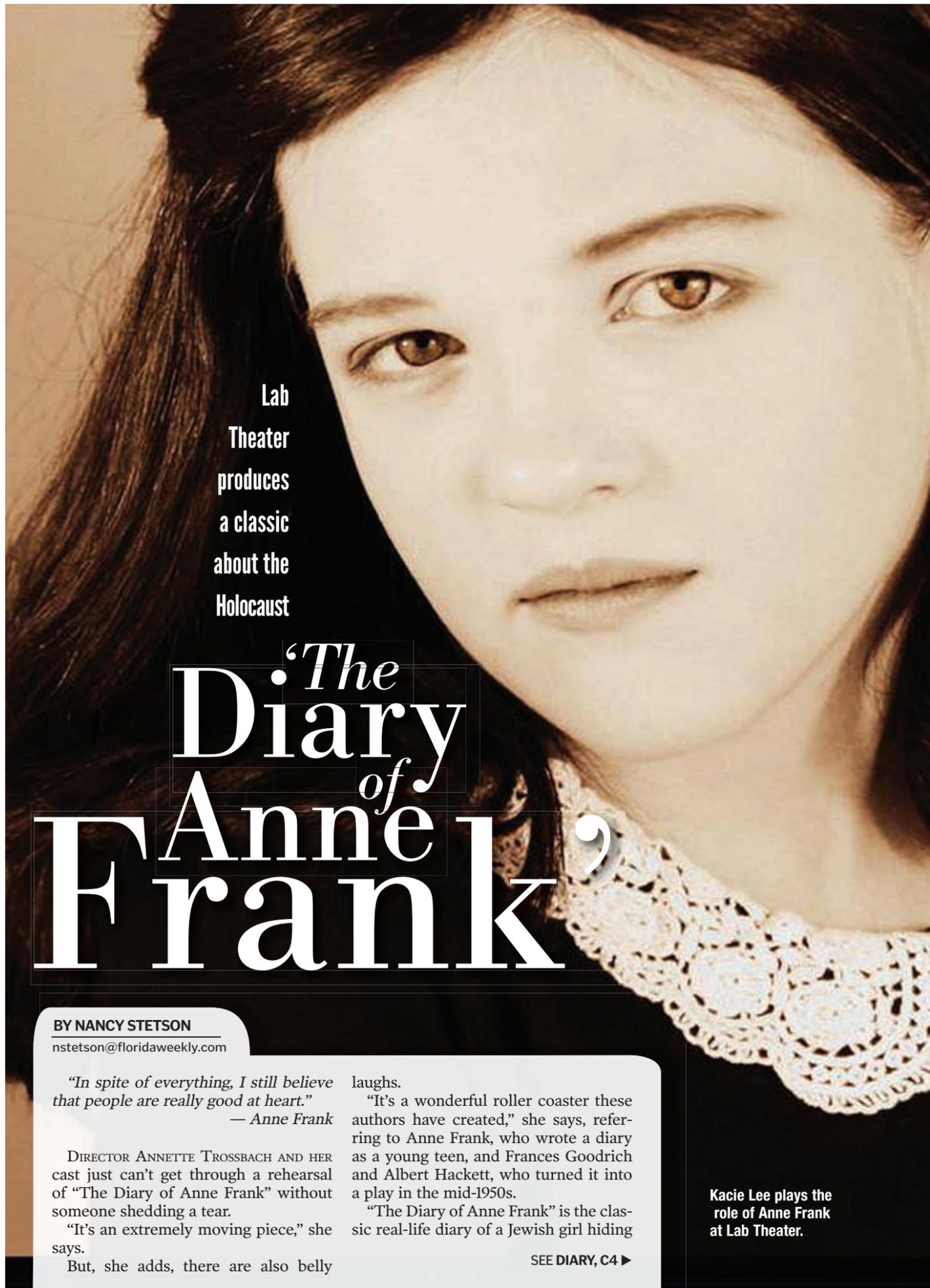
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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produces  
a classic  
about the  
Holocaust

## 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

BY NANCY STETSON

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*"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."*

— Anne Frank

DIRECTOR ANNETTE TROSSBACH AND HER cast just can't get through a rehearsal of "The Diary of Anne Frank" without someone shedding a tear.

"It's an extremely moving piece," she says.

But, she adds, there are also belly

laughs.

"It's a wonderful roller coaster these authors have created," she says, referring to Anne Frank, who wrote a diary as a young teen, and Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, who turned it into a play in the mid-1950s.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" is the classic real-life diary of a Jewish girl hiding

Kacie Lee plays the role of Anne Frank at Lab Theater.

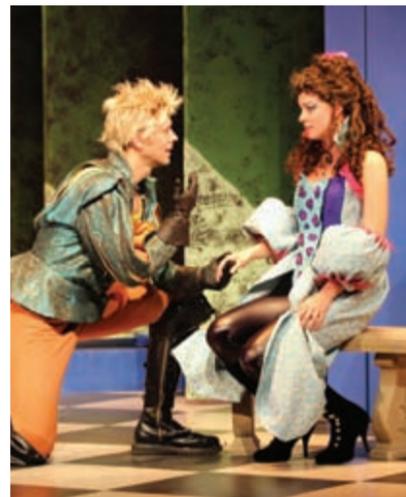
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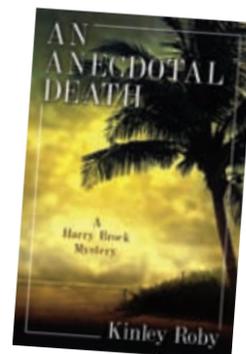


#### Just the truth

Theater critic Nancy Stetson cannot tell a lie: She loved "The Liar." C10 ►

#### The mystery continues

Southwest Florida setting adds to book reviewer Phil Jason's enjoyment. C16 ►



#### Chef Profile

Meet personal chef Tricia Otto of Ambrosia Organic Kitchen. C35 ►

## It's steampunk time at Koreshan

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Do you have a monocle?

Because you should really have a monocle for this.

And jodhpurs, of the British colonial variety. No one will take you seriously if you arrive without your monocle and jodhpurs.

Much to the delight of many local fantasy enthusiasts — and to the confusion of the uninitiated — Southwest

Florida hosts its very first steampunk event Friday, April 10, at Koreshan State Park in Estero.

What is steampunk? Put simply, it's a genre of literature, music and art that borrows heavily from Victorian aesthetic principles and the notion that technology may not have diverged from steam power. Enthusiasts revel in opportunities to masquerade as members of this alternate reality, letting their minds play with ideas of what 2015 would be like had the human race had

chosen Tesla over Edison.

The idea came to Koreshan's volunteer music coordinator, Mary Aleba, when she started expanding the park's musical programs and heard about Steampunk Stompers, a themed band comprised of local professional musicians. She and bandleader Mark Pettey, who plays trumpet, agreed that Koreshan's period setting would be an ideal location to set off the band's gimmick, and that a Steampunk Stompers

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## A relationship playbook, for better or worse



The worst part about dating a writer is that, well, we write everything down. All the heartbreak and bitter truths about our lives — we put them on the page for everyone to see.

I currently have the bad luck or the poor choice of dating a man who's written a memoir about his life experience. Yes, the book is brave and raw and vulnerable, but it's also revealing. Especially when it comes to his past relationships.

As I read this new beau's book, I was moved by his story of deciding to join the Army and the rigors of his two deployments in Afghanistan. With his candor and inner conflicts, I found myself falling for him on every page.

And then I got to the part about his girlfriend. *Who's this tramp?* I thought. He wrote about her in painstaking detail: her good looks and sophistication, the way she knew how to bake the best cookies. When things for the two of them tanked, I felt relieved. Finally, I could get back to admiring him.

Then another woman showed up. Damn it. Luckily, they didn't work out either. That relationship hung on longer and was messier in the breaking, and it carried us almost to the end of the book.

*Thank God, I whispered to myself.*

But then at the very last, another woman popped up, this one spectacular. My new beau put it all on the page: her beauty, her smarts, how he planned to spend his life with her, the children they would have. I held my breath for the final pages of the book, hoping things would fall apart. When they

didn't — not on those pages, anyway — I flipped to the acknowledgements section. There, at the very bottom, on the last and most important line, he extended his gratitude to the person he called "the love of my life.":

"What the — , I said out loud.

A few days later, I worked up the nerve to ask him about her and he just

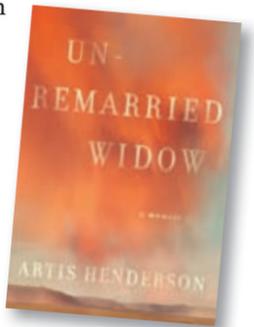
waved a dismissive hand. Things had ended, he said. When he described how the relationship fell apart, I recognized the same pattern from the previous two women in his memoir. This is when it struck me: Here, as plainly as anyone could want, was my new boyfriend's relationship playbook.

I saw his tendencies with startling clarity, and I recognized in our budding romance his signature dating style. I could even guess how things would end for us. Maybe, I thought, this is it. Maybe I shouldn't waste my time.

But the maddening and beautiful thing about love is that it's wholly unpredictable. Just because our relationships have gone a certain way in the past does not mean they will go the same way in the future. I have a friend on her fifth husband who swears she's finally gotten it right. This one, she says, is a keeper.

So why should I be so quick to give up on this new beau? Sure, the road ahead looks rocky, but I like to think I have an unfair advantage: all his relationship quirks, written out on the page. ■

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



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# DIARY

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from the Nazis with her family and neighbors in Amsterdam during World War II.

The diary, discovered by after the war and after Anne's death in a concentration camp, became known around the world and is required reading for many middle-school children. It consists of the reflections, observations and musings of a girl who, in typical teenage fashion, is trying to make sense of herself, her feelings and the world around her — during a time when the world was not making much sense to even adults.

Ms. Trossbach decided her Laboratory Theater of Florida would produce the show this year for numerous reasons.

"It's a Pulitzer Prize-winning play," she says. "I think it's won every award known to man." (In addition to the Pulitzer Prize, "The Diary of Anne Frank" won the 1956 Tony Award for Best Play and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play.)

"And it's just constructed so beautifully," she adds. "There's the body of the play (with Anne and her family and others hiding in an attic in Amsterdam) and then bookends, the beginning and the end. They take place in 1947, after the war, when (Anne's father) Otto Frank comes back to Amsterdam and looks in on that (hidden) apartment where they were living. In the first scene, he finds the diary and begins reading it. In the last scene, he finishes it."

The body of the play, she adds, is the perception of "a rather astute but still pubescent 13-year-old girl ... of what life was like at that time, and people's personalities ... There's a lot of humor, and there's always that sense of fear, as well, that they will all be caught. But you get a real sense of her strength as a human being and her delight in the world."

Having the events expressed through the eyes of a child makes the material more poignant, Ms. Trossbach says. "We all know it's not going to end well. But for two hours we are laughing along with Anne, and fearing along with her, and falling in love for the first time, and developing a deeper relationship with her parents."

She also chose the play because this year is the 70th anniversary of many things: Anne Frank's death at age 15, the liberation of Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen and the end of World War II.

"We also wanted to do it in April, which is an important month for the Jewish people," she says, referring to Passover.

"It seemed to be perfect timing."

The play runs April 10-May 2.

A sponsorship from the Meisenberg family is making it possible for area middle-school students to see it for free. Half of the opening night audience, Ms. Trossbach says, will be 14-year-olds. (The state of Florida mandates lessons about the Holocaust in middle school; for many, that means reading "The Diary of Anne Frank" in eighth grade.)

The opening-night performance will be followed by a panel discussion among the director, cast and *Florida Weekly* writer Ella Naylor, the author of a book about tolerance; Sanibel artist Myra Roberts, who has created a series of paintings of Anne Frank; a Holocaust survivor; a liberator of the concentration camps; and a leader from the religious community.

## Young actress takes role seriously

The role of Anne Frank is typically played by someone 19 or 20 years old, but Ms. Trossbach has cast 13-year-old



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Cape Coral resident Kacie Lee, 13, plays Anne Frank. She is pictured with Marcos Martins.

Cape Coral resident Kaycie Lee in the part. "She is a very strong actor who is going places," she says. "I am very lucky to have her."

An eighth-grade student, Kaycie is being home schooled so she can have a more flexible schedule in order to be free to audition for TV and film roles.

"She's very driven and inspired to do serious roles and tell messages like this," says her mother, Karen Maynard. "She doesn't try out for a lot, but when she heard Laboratory Theater was doing this, she wanted to audition."

Since getting the role, her daughter's been reading Anne Frank's diary every



Faith Deterding and Matthew DeNoncour



Jack Weld and Dave Yudowitz

day — all three versions, including the complete diary, which her mother describes as "thick, like a Bible." She's also watched three movies about Anne Frank and attended a talk by Holocaust survivors.

"She's very into getting into the world of a character and finding similarities," Ms. Maynard says.

Kaycie is the same age Anne Frank was when she went into hiding from the Nazis. And while Anne had a red-and-white-checked diary that was really an autograph album, Kaycie keeps a pink book with butterflies on it as her journal.

"You can see yourself in everybody," the young actress says. "There's a time when everybody breaks (down) and a time when everyone is super happy."

As for the iconic teen she's portraying, "I thought it was amazing how much she never complained about being in the attic and she was always so hopeful. And I admire her for that."

"I feel like she's very happy and optimistic and she just wants to have fun and act like she's normal. She's trying to be a kid ... She feels there are so many beautiful things outside and you should be happy."

But yet, she says, when the people laugh, they feel bad because they know they're lucky for being safe and hidden. They feel guilty when they become upset with their confinement, because they know it could be so much worse.

Her favorite part of the play is when



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The Laboratory Theater of Florida

## in the know

### 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

>> **When:** April 10-May 2

>> **Where:** The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** \$22 adults, \$10 for students

>> **Info:** 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com

they all learn the invasion of Normandy has occurred and they know freedom is coming to Nazi-occupied Netherlands.

"They don't believe it at first," she says, "but then the adults are dancing together, even though sometimes they don't like each other. It's a nice, beautiful scene. Everybody's happy."

Kaycie remembers when she first learned about the atrocity that was the Holocaust.

"At first I was disgusted," she says. "I couldn't imagine that people could do that ... It's scary. You think maybe it could happen again, and people are in such denial about it."

Ms. Trossbach, a native of Germany, moved to the United States in 1997. "Some people perceive the Holocaust and (feel) Germany and the German people to be culpable. To them, that's black and white," she says. "But I find it to be as with everything in life: There's a lot of gray area. My family survived the war, and not well, and not in a pretty way or in an easy way. The story of my family is fascinating. But anyone who survives feels guilt for surviving, and their children and grandchildren feel guilt for surviving."

"Some of our ancestors ducked their heads, and the ones who spoke up had fingers pointed at them and were shot down. They're the ones in the spotlight, and for many people, that's an uncomfortable place to be."

But, she says, those who spoke up made it possible for us to continue fighting for freedom.

"We're here," she says, "rabble rousing and making a fuss about things, about equal rights and women's rights and gay rights and tolerance, because (they spoke up)." ■



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Anne Frank died at age 15.



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## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## THEATER

**The Liar** – By Gulfshore Playhouse through April 26 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

**Love, Loss & What I Wore** – By The Naples Players through April 25 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

**Arsenic & Old Lace** – By the Island Theater Company through April 18 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 394-0800 or theateronmarco.com.

**The Merry Wives of Windsor** – By Shakespeare in Paradise and The Marco Players on select dates April 16-May 3 at Marco Town Center Mall. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

**The Last Romance** – By The Naples Players April 22-May 16 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

**The Odd Couple** – Through May 2 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

**Camelot** – Through April 12 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or bbmannpah.com

**Jane the Plain** – By Theatre Conspiracy and Florida SouthWestern State College through April 11 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

**The Diary of Anne Frank** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida on select dates April 10-May 2. 1634 Woodford Ave. 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com. See story on page C1.

**They're Playing Our Song** – By TheatreZone April 30-May 10 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com. See story on page C23.

## THURSDAY 4.9

**Plant Walk** – Rangers at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park lead a walk focusing on native plants at 9:30 a.m. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

**Middle East Talk** – Learn about the cradle of civilization and the lifestyle of the Bedouins at a free lecture starting at 10 a.m. at South Regional Library. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

**Free Film** – Naples Regional Library screens "The Guns of Navarone" (U.K. 1961) at 2 p.m. A British team is sent through occupied Greece to destroy a German gun emplacement that commands a key sea channel. Registration required. 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or collierlibrary.org.

**Peace, Love & Music** – More than a dozen bands will perform during the third annual Peace, Love & Music festival for the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled starting at 5 p.m. and continuing through Sunday at the SummerLand farm on Kent Road in Bonita Springs. \$25 per day, \$50 for the weekend. 641-7704 or Peace, Love and Music Festival on Facebook.

**Evening on Fifth** – Enjoy live music and more while strolling Fifth Avenue South from 6-9 p.m. 692-8436 or fiftheavenuesouth.com.

**Meet the Author** – Gabrielle Zevin discusses and signs copies of "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" from 7-9 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200 or bn.com.



The Seacrest Country Day School Upper School Chorus, above, and the Florida SouthWestern State College Jazz Ensemble perform the next CAPA Rising Stars concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, at FSW-Collier Campus. \$25 for adults, \$20 for students. 775-2800 or CAPAcenter.org.

## FRIDAY 4.10

**Meditation & More** – Chill out during a 30-minute guided meditation starting at 10 a.m. at Goddess I Am. \$5. The shop also hosts a psychic fair beginning at 5 p.m. (bring cash to pay for readings). 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. \$5. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

**Meow Mixer** – Planet Tails invites guests to mingle with adoptable cats from 5-7 p.m. Raffle included to benefit Naples Cat Alliance. Free. Call ahead to have a goody bag waiting with your name on it. 2533 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 653-9767 or planettails.com.

**Two Left Feet** – Brush up on your dance steps during a lesson at the Naples Italian American Foundation at 5:30 p.m. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**BYOB Paint** – Vino's Picasso invites guests to bring their wine or beer to the studio and paint a floral scene with guided instruction at 7 p.m. \$36. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

**Steampunk** – Koreshan State Park hosts musical group Steampunk Stompers at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear their best modern interpretation of Victorian garb. \$15. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org. See story on page C1.

**Concert** – The jazz ensemble from Florida SouthWestern State College and the Seacrest Country Day School Chorus perform at 7 p.m. at FSW. 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

## SATURDAY 4.11

**Luftballons** – Seminole Immokalee Casino hosts the fourth annual Balloons Over Paradise festival starting at 7 a.m. today and Sunday, April 12. 1129 SR 29, Immokalee. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

**Wing It** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a workshop for beginning birders at 8 a.m. \$30. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

**Gardening Seminar** – Craig Huegel discusses wildflowers in the landscape at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$5 for Garden members, \$10 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Arts & Crafts** – The Naples Artcrafters show and sell their work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cambier Park. naplesartcrafters.com.

**Cajun Feast** – The fifth annual crawfish boil sponsored by Dr. Manuel Pena for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County takes place from 3-7 p.m. at club headquarters. \$25 (free for ages 12 and younger). 325-1700 or bgccc.com.

**Vet Lesson** – Top Dog Kitchen hosts veterinarian Dr. Lien D'Espel at a discussion on animal first aid and how to handle pet emergencies at 3 p.m. Free, but reservations required by Friday, April 10. 7795 Davis Blvd. 331-8143 or topdogkitchen.com.

**Art After Dark** – The Galleries of Crayton Cove stay open late with refreshments, music and more from 6-9 p.m. Participating galleries are Phil Fisher Gallery, Arsenault Gallery, Random Acts of Art, Vintage Charm, Nora Butler Designs, ArtGallery, OldNaples2, Earth & Fire & Guess-Fisher Gallery. Free. 403-8393 or galleriesofcraytoncove.com.

**Tango** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a group class at 7 p.m. followed by a social dance until 10 p.m. \$15. 1763 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablorepuntango.com.

## SUNDAY 4.12

**Fill Up** – The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670 hosts a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. \$5. 649-6627 or eaal067.com.

**Free Yoga** – Bend, stretch and breathe during a free yoga class at 10 a.m. at Whole Foods Market in Mercato. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

**Island Taste** – The annual Taste of Marco takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Esplanade. 489-3600 or theesplanade.com. See details on C31.

**Summer Camp Fair** – Mercato hosts camp vendors for parents to peruse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of Rusty Bucket. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

**Nature Film** – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida screens "The Blue Planet" at 1:30 p.m. Free for Conservancy members, \$10 for others. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

**Rockin' the Blues** – The Cultural and Performing Arts Center presents the '50s sounds of Rick Howard and The Speedbumps from 2-4 p.m. on the lawn at Mercato. Free. 775-2800 or CAPAcenter.org.

**Final Free Concert** – Naples Concert Band wraps up another season with a program of "light concert fare" from 2-4 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park. 263-9521 or naplesconcertband.org.

**C'mon Celebration** – It's Founders Day at the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, with even more family-fun activities than usual, including make-your-own trail mix, bracelet making, water-bottle rockets and art and music projects. Free with regular admission. 514-0084 or cmon.org.

**Afternoon Film** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream" (U.S., 2012) at 2 p.m. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu. 15600 Tamiami Trail N

**Choral Concert** – The New Choral of Southwest Florida performs at 3 p.m. at Christus Victor Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N. 221-7530 or

**Chamber Music** – Koreshan State Park hosts a chamber music concert featuring the works of Borodin and Shostakovich at 4 p.m. \$40. 596-8404 or rcc@rccnaples.org.

## MONDAY 4.13

**Meet the Author** – Friends of the Library of Collier County hosts Walter Kirn, author of "Blood Will Out," at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Naples. \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. 262-8135 or collier-friends.org.

**Pasta e Pellicola** – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a screening of "La Legge e La Legge" (Italy, 1958) Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and the film at 7 p.m. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Foreign Film** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "XXY" (Argentina, 2007) at 7 p.m. The film tells the story of a medically intersexed 15-year-old and how she and her family cope. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 489-9595 or artcenterbonita.org.

## TUESDAY 4.14

**Historical Play** – Marco Island Library presents an original one-woman play about Cleopatra at 2 p.m. Registration required. 210 S. Heathwood Drive. 394-3272 or collierlibrary.org.

**Second Tuesday** – The Marco Island Center for the Arts welcomes visitors during its Second Tuesday open house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.com.

**Psychic Dinner** – Chez Boet French café hosts dinner with medium Francesca Kimpton at 6:30 p.m. \$110 includes a three-course meal and a glass of wine. Reservations required. 755 12th Ave. S. 643-6117 or chezboetnaples.com.

**Rocket Man** – Broadway star Michael Cavanaugh performs hits from Elton John's catalogue starting at 8 p.m. tonight and running through Saturday, April 14, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

## WEDNESDAY 4.15

**Sunset Yoga** – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts a gentle yoga class with instructor Candice Oligney at 6:45 p.m. Reservations required. 598-1938 or bvyoga.com.

**Survival Story** – Aron Ralston, the Utah hiker who inspired the film "127 Hours" starring James Franco, shares his story at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or bbmannpah.com.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## COMING UP

**All About Sea Cows** – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park rangers teach visitors about manatees at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org/delnorwiggins.

**Author Lunch** – Suzi Weinert, author of “Garage Sale Stalker” and “Garage Sale Diamonds,” speaks and signs books over lunch at noon Thursday, April 16, at Chez Boet French café. \$26. Reservations required. 643-6177 or chezboet-naples.com.

**Gallery Night** – Master naturalist and birding expert Pamela Jones-Morton shares insights about the local birds from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Dennis Goodman Photography. \$10, with proceeds to benefit Friends of Lovers Key. Reservations required. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 784-4521 or friendsloverskey.org.

**Orchid Talk** – The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance hosts a presentation by orchid photographer Tom Kuligowski at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. 1255 Piper Blvd. Free. 498-4791 or gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

**Sunset Yoga** – Fit Nation Magazine hosts a class courtesy of Bala Vinyasa Yoga at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Vanderbilt Beach. Free. fitnationmag.com.

**Cat Fancy** – Brigid’s Crossing and Shabby Cat host family activities, educational demonstrations, raffles and adoption opportunities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 17-18. 963 Fourth Ave. N. 263-6019 or brigid.com.

**Musical Benefit** – The Dan Signor Project headlines the “Alive in the World” concert to benefit the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled at 6 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. \$150. 919-0408 or gigforgood.com/reservations.

**Pitch In** – Youth Haven invites everyone to take part in its campus clean-up and beautification effort from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, April 18. Live music and refreshments will help make the work even more rewarding. 687-5155 or shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

**Yard Sale** – Hodges University holds a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, with proceeds to benefit the Thelma Hodges Friends of the University Scholarship Fund. 2655 Northbrook Drive. 513-1122 or hodges.edu.

**Home Depot Garden Show** – The Home Depot hosts a flower and garden show with presentations, clinics and workshops from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18. Free. 1651 Airport-Pulling Road. 793-2203 or homedepot.com.

**Earth Day** – Conservancy of Southwest Florida celebrates Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18, with guest speakers, music, demonstrations, live animals and more. Free with regular admission. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

**Coin Toss** – Gulfcoast Coin & Jewelry hosts an estate auction of thousands of rare coins starting at noon Saturday, April 18. 25355 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. 939-5636 or gulfcoastcoin.com.

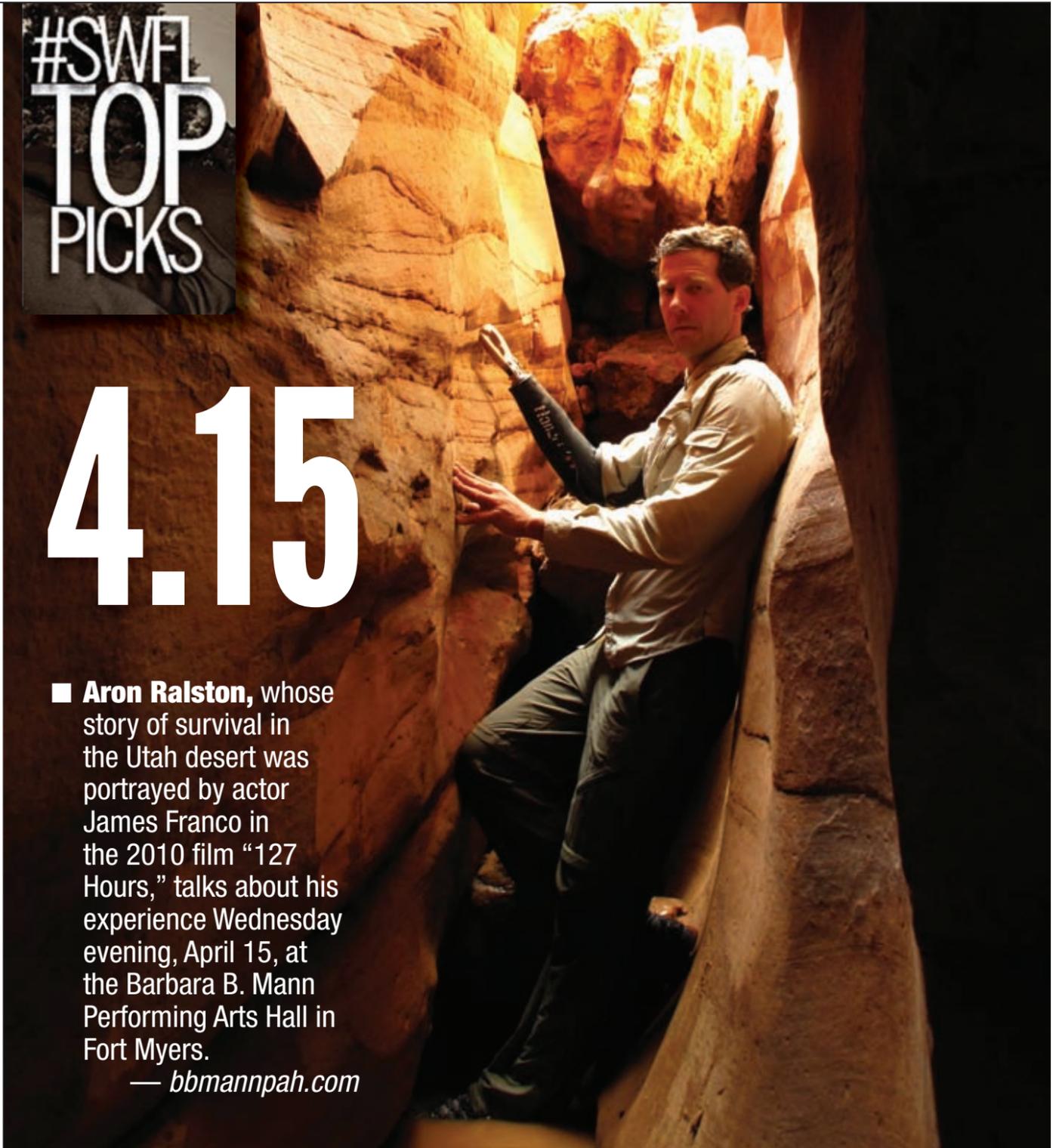
**Orchid Swamp** – Friends of the Fakahatchee host a dinner program at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Naples Botanical Garden. Cuban and American orchid experts will discuss efforts to re-establish the swamp’s lost orchids. \$50. 695-1023 or orchidswamp.org.



# 4.15

■ **Aron Ralston**, whose story of survival in the Utah desert was portrayed by actor James Franco in the 2010 film “127 Hours,” talks about his experience Wednesday evening, April 15, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

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# 4.11-12



■ The fourth annual **Balloons Over Paradise** hot-air balloon festival soars over Immokalee with activities starting at 7 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12. Take a tethered balloon ride (winds permitting) and keep your feet on the ground for a classic car show, polo and equestrian exhibitions and more fun. Free admission.

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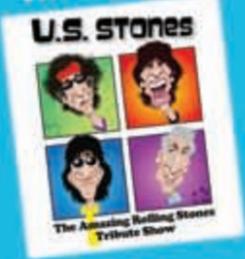
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Shakespeare in Paradise and The Marco Players present "The Merry Wives of Windsor" on select dates April 16-May 3 at Marco Town Center Mall. 642-7270 or [themarcoplayers.com](http://themarcoplayers.com).

**Popera** – Vocal trio Klassica combines pop music and opera at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Centers of the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 489-9595 or [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org).

**Free Concert** – Gulfcoast Big Band plays the band shell at Cambier Park at 2 p.m. Free. 877-6090 or [gulfcoastbigband.com](http://gulfcoastbigband.com).

**Celtic Concert** – Celtic Woman's 10th anniversary tour stops at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19. \$42-\$102. 481-4849 or [bbman-npah.com](http://bbman-npah.com).

**Pasta e Pellicola** – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a movie, "Il Ferroviere," (Italy, 1956) at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 20. Andrea's life is turned upside when his daughter's marriage fails and his son leaves. Movie starts at 7 p.m. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or [niafoundation.org](http://niafoundation.org).

**Petting Zoo** – Naples Livestock 4-H Club brings animals to East Naples Branch Library for children ages 2 and up to enjoy at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 20. Reservations required. 8787 Tamiami Trail. 775-5592 or [collierlibrary.org](http://collierlibrary.org).

**Foreign Film** – Center for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Closet" (France, 2001) at 7 p.m. Monday, April 20. A man spreads a rumor about being homosexual to avoid being fired. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org).

**Soul Asylum** – Shangri-La Springs begins a three-course series on aligning the personality with the soul starting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 20. 27550 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or [shangrilasprings.com](http://shangrilasprings.com).

**Free Film** – Bring the kids and some chairs or a blanket and settle in for a free screening of "Wall-E" starting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or [mercatoshops.com](http://mercatoshops.com).

**Freebie** – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center celebrates Earth Day by offering buy-one get-one admission Wednesday, April 22. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or [rookerybay.org](http://rookerybay.org).

**Cast Netting** – Park rangers at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park teach the basics of cast netting and how to catch bait starting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or [floridastateparks.org/delnorwiggins](http://floridastateparks.org/delnorwiggins).

**Yappy Hour** – Top Dog Kitchen hosts pups and their people for refreshments and dog treats at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23. 7795 Davis Blvd. 331-8143 or [topdogkitchen.com](http://topdogkitchen.com).

**Classroom Boogie** – Miromar Outlets hosts live music and dancing to benefit the Foundation for Lee County Schools Dancing Classrooms program at 6 p.m. Friday, April 24. 948-3766 or [miromaroutlets.com](http://miromaroutlets.com).

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**Cache Out** – The geocaching community is invited to Lovers Key State Park for a Cache In/Trash Out event to trim trails and pick up litter starting at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, April 26. 463-4588 or geocaching.com

**Pasta e Pellicola** – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and the movie “Incantato” (Italy, 2003) at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. A clumsy academic meets a blind socialite who changes his life. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. \$15 for dinner and movie, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Documentary** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Tim’s Vermeer” (2013) at 7 p.m. Monday, April 27. Inventor Tim Jenison seeks to understand the painting techniques of Dutch master Johannes Vermeer. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 489-9595 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Art Reception** – Naples Art Association hosts a preview reception for its newest exhibitions from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at The von Liebig Center. Free for members, \$10 for non-members. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

**Gopher Tortoise Talk** – Park experts at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park teach guests about gopher tortoises and their roles as one of Florida’s keystone species at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 30. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org/delnorwiggins.



Suzi Weinert’s long-standing obsession with garage sales transformed into a literary career with her *Garage Sale Mystery* series. The Naples resident will talk about her work and sign books over lunch at Chez Boet French café on Thursday, April 16. \$26. Reservations required. 643-6177 or chezboetnaples.com.

**Author Talk** – Friends of the Library of Collier County hosts Sue Monk Kidd, author of “The Invention of Wings” and “The Secret Life of Bees,” at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 12. \$100. 2900 Gordon Drive. 262-8135 or collier-friends.org. ■

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



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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## It's true: 'The Liar' is big-time fun

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God's honest truth, "The Liar" is one of the best productions you'll see all season.

A lighthearted frolic, it's fun, entertaining and silly, yet devilishly clever, too.

Playwright David Ives, known for his wit, adapted and updated this 1644 French farce by Pierre Corneille. This means, although written in rhyming couplets of iambic pentameter, "The Liar" sports a very modern sensibility, including references to cell phones and texting. It's a marvelous marriage of old and new, linguistically and visually.

Narcissistic Dorante (John Keabler) has just arrived in Paris. Though his father mistakenly claims, "he's youthful/but he's truthful," it seems impossible for Dorante to tell the truth. He weaves fantastic stories of wars fought; wooing a woman with a flotilla of boats, a feast and fireworks; having lunch with the queen. His philosophy seems to be: Why tell the truth when it's so much more fun to spin a tall tale?

When Dorante runs into Cliton (Scott Aiello), he hires him on the spot as his servant and valet. The somewhat gullible Cliton immediately confesses that he possesses a "tragic flaw: I cannot tell a lie."

(Ironically, Cliton's honesty gets him into trouble, while Dorante's lies save him time and time again.)

So the hero (or villain — take your pick), who cannot tell the truth, and his servant, who cannot tell a lie, make their way through the city.

They meet Clarice (Alexis Hyatt) and Lucrece (Kate Villanova), best friends. Dorante falls in love with Clarice, thinking her name is Lucrece. Clarice is secretly engaged to Alcippe (Maboud Ebrahimzadeh). Meanwhile, Dorante's father, Geronte (Dan Kremer), wants to marry him off to a Clarice, but Dorante thinks Lucrece is Clarice and vice versa. So he makes up a story about already having married someone else in another city.

Confused yet?

To make matters worse, the two friends with the similar-sounding names each have a maid — identical twin sisters Isabelle and Sabine (both skillfully and delightfully played by Kate Siepert). They, of course, also are

mistaken for each other. But their personalities couldn't be more opposite: Saucy Isabelle flirts with Cliton, while severely dour Sabine upbraids him and slaps his face.

Add a friend of Alcippe's — Philiste (Seth Andrew Bridges), a foppish dandy with a secret longing for Sabine and her dominatrix manner — and you have the makings of a 17th century soap opera.

Dorante schools his honest servant in the ways of lying, telling him that "memory is the keystone of a liar," yet he himself has a poor memory and has trouble keeping all his lies straight.

To reflect the blend of old and new dialogue, director Cody Nickell has dressed his cast in a late '70s glam rock style. Costume designer Tony Johnson's creations are an orgy of fabrics: lace, velvet, black leather and brocade with buckles, sequins, bows and straps.

Dorante has a Rod Stewart-esque haircut and a yellow lace muscle shirt. Alcippe looks like Freddy Mercury with heavy-metal black curls that reach his shoulders. He strides about in thigh-high patent-leather platform boots with 6-inch heels and so many buckles it seems as if putting them on would take all day.

(In fact, there are so many pairs of sexy black leather boots in this play that it must be a sly nod to the playwright's S/M-themed Tony-nominated play "Venus in Fur," which played at Gulfshore Playhouse early last season.)

The set by David Arsenaault, with lighting by David Upton and Eric Furbish, is a red-curtained stage, book-ended by two doors and candle sconces lining the walls. Once the curtains open, the minimal scenery of trees and houses is obviously fake, and the props — benches, a garden gate — are pushed on- and off-stage by the actors, who often make eye contact with the audience while doing so. Mr. Nickell has even managed to make this part of theater housekeeping amusing and entertaining. This is a play; we know it's a play and you know it's a play, they seem to be saying.

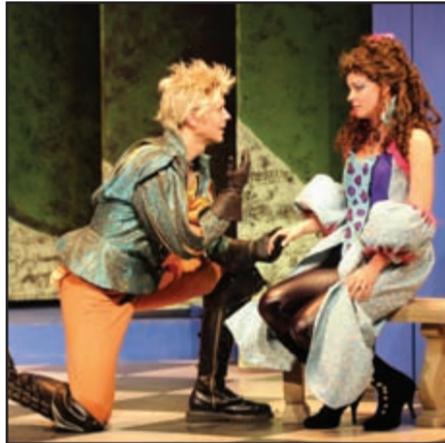
If you look closely, even the houses in the background echo the costumes, with lines of buckle-like marks, zig-zags reminiscent of the lace ties of a corset and the cross-hatched lines of fishnet stockings.

This is one of those magical plays where everyone involved, onstage and offstage, is superlative and everything they do comes together perfectly. Kudos to Mr. Nickell, who gets the right tone of craziness and off-kilter humor from



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Kate Siepert, Alexis Hyatt and Kate Villanova in dress rehearsal for "The Liar."



John Keabler and Kate Villanova.



Seth Andrew Bridges and Maboud Ebrahimzadeh.



John Keabler and Scott Aiello.

his very talented cast.

Ms. Hyatt brings a burst of flirtatious girlish energy to her role, while Mr. Aiello is the perfect foil for the swashbuckling Mr. Keabler. (I especially loved his physical humor when he's learning how to lie.) Ms. Siepert, as the twin maids, creates two very different and distinct personalities, providing some of the evening's biggest laughs.

Though we're warned in the beginning of the play not to take it seriously, that it's just a frivolity, a light delight, I can't help but see parallels in it to the art of theater: the ability to spin a fantastic tale and have people believe you, the skill of improvisation, the gift of making up imaginary people, places, events.

There is no more involuntary honest response than genuine laughter, and it came in never-ending waves on opening night.

It might be a sin to tell a lie, but what great fun to hear multitudes of them all night long from this team of masters. ■

in the know

'The Liar'

&gt;&gt; When: Through April 26

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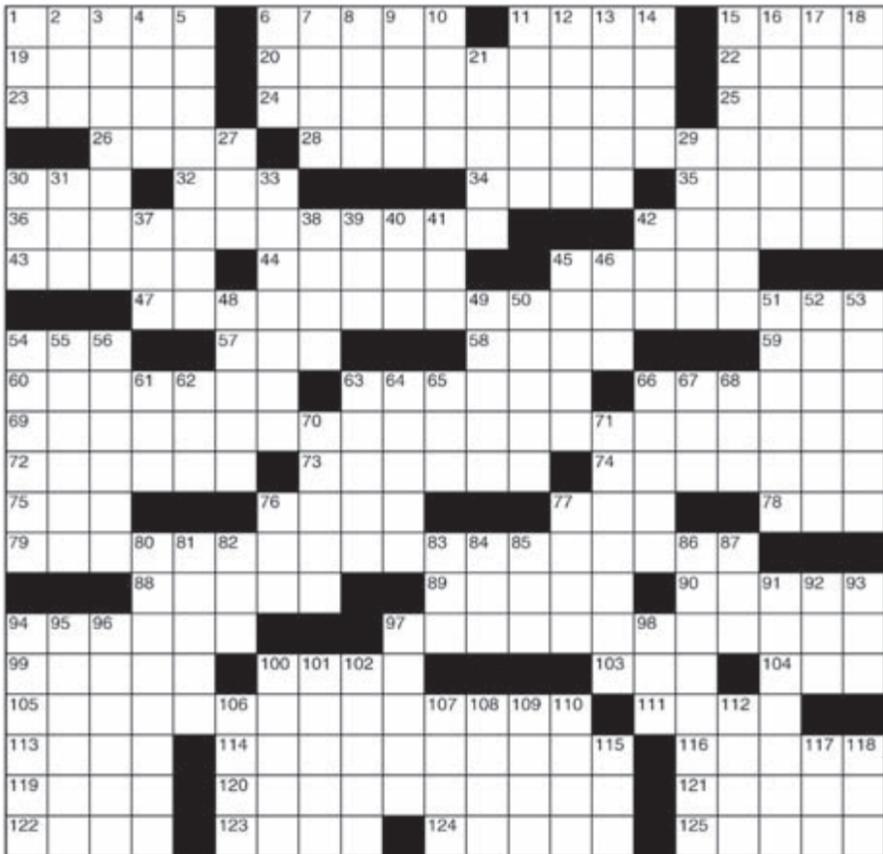
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  - 15 Hospital VIPs
  - 19 Spanish man
  - 20 It's made of milk, flour and butter
  - 22 Sharing the secret of
  - 23 "The Matrix" star Reeves
  - 24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce
  - 25 Knock off
  - 26 Stage muggers
  - 28 Beating the former best
  - 30 4x4, briefly
  - 32 Lousy
  - 34 Ian Fleming's alma mater
  - 35 Jaded
  - 36 Online comparison shopping site
  - 42 More nasty
  - 43 Dance in Rio
  - 44 Has a bawl
  - 45 Prenatal chambers
  - 47 Locker, e.g.
  - 54 U.S. enlistees
  - 57 Arrest, as a perp
  - 58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee
  - 59 How- (DIYers' books)
  - 60 Jurist Scalia
  - 63 Novelist Graham
  - 66 Camphor or fructose
  - 69 Need-for-speed adage adapted from the Bible
  - 72 Road salt
  - 73 "It's about time!"
  - 74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle
  - 75 Edifice extension
  - 76 Debate side
  - 77 — Khan (Islamic imam)
  - 78 Wide shoe spec
  - 79 Building up to the loudest point
  - 88 Parliament's House of —
  - 89 "With a Little — Luck"
  - 90 Piece-of-cake class
  - 94 Fold, spindle or mutilate
  - 97 Bottle near a salad bowl
  - 99 Smell
  - 100 Cannonballs and such
  - 103 Pro-learning union: Abbr.
  - 104 Healthful getaway
  - 105 Backlash
  - 111 Banks of modeling
  - 113 Catch with one's ears
  - 114 "Viva Las Vegas" co-star
  - 116 Ancient Greek colony
  - 119 — Stanley Gardner
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  - 123 Favorable votes
  - 124 Actor Mike
  - 125 Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle
- DOWN**
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  - 10 Drop
  - 11 Latex, e.g.
  - 12 Money spent
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  - 21 More crafty
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  - 29 Late film critic Roger
  - 30 Happy times
  - 31 — la-la
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  - 38 Steed breed
  - 39 Sizable
  - 40 Comb insect
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  - 49 Playwright Clifford
  - 50 City in North Dakota
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  - 55 Gobble down
  - 56 — Artois
  - 61 "... — will!" (threat ender)
  - 62 — Geo Wild
  - 63 Must, slangily
  - 64 Holy artifact
  - 65 José's "that"
  - 66 "— & Kel" (teen show)
  - 67 Psychic skill
  - 68 Prefix with light
  - 70 Turf groups
  - 71 Real aficionado
  - 76 So-so link
  - 77 Slip — (mess up)
  - 80 Made a racket
  - 81 Hulk of a wrestler?
  - 82 Furiousness
  - 83 Slugging stat
  - 84 Essen "a"
  - 85 Enhaloed Fr. lady
  - 86 Deteriorating
  - 87 Paddled tool
  - 91 Girl told not to cry in song
  - 92 "Uh-huh"
  - 93 "I'm — loss for words"
  - 94 Ran quickly
  - 95 Carotid, e.g.
  - 96 A pep talk may boost it
  - 97 Outspoken
  - 98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.
  - 100 Golf's Palmer, to pals
  - 101 High-IQ crew
  - 102 The — & the Papas
  - 106 Like venison
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## HOROSCOPES

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Don't be put off by a seemingly too-tangled situation. Sometimes a simple procedure will unsnarl all the knots and get you in the clear fast and easy, just the way the Lamb likes it.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time to go through your work space -- wherever it is -- and see what needs to be replaced and what can be tossed (or at least given away) without a second thought.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Someone who disagrees with your position might try to intimidate you. But continue to present a fair argument, regardless of how petty someone else might be while trying to make a point.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You might find yourself exceptionally sensitive to family matters this week. An issue could come to light that you had overlooked. Ask other kinfolk to discuss it with you.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You might have more questions about a project (or perhaps someone you're dealing with on some level) than you feel comfortable with. If so, see which can be answered, which cannot, and why.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** It's a good time to clean up and clear out what you don't need before your tidy self is overwhelmed by "stuff." Then go celebrate the Virgo victory over clutter with someone special.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You might feel a bit confused about

why something you were sure couldn't go wrong didn't go all right either. Be patient. Things soon move into balance, exactly as you like it.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** At this decision point, you could be moving from side to side, just to say you're in motion. Or you could be considering making a move straight up. What you choose is up to you.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Although your finances should be in an improved situation at this time, thrift is still the savvy Sagittarian's smart move. Advice from a spouse or partner could be worth heeding.

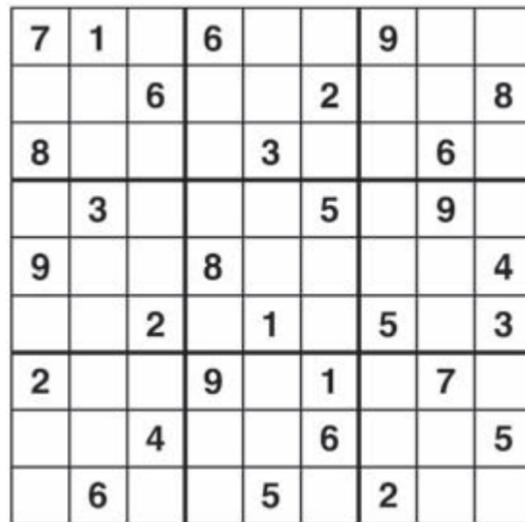
■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Taking on a new challenge brings out the Goat's skills in maneuvering over and around difficult spots. Best of all, the Goat does it one careful step after another. (Got the idea, Kid?)

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your well-known patience might be wearing thin because of a disturbing (and seemingly unending) problem with someone close to you. This could be a time to ask for help. Good luck.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Be careful about a new venture that lures you into a "just-look-and-see" mode. Be sure that what you're being given to see isn't hiding what you should be seeing instead.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Aries and Taurus give you the gift of leadership and the blessings of care and concern for all creatures. ■

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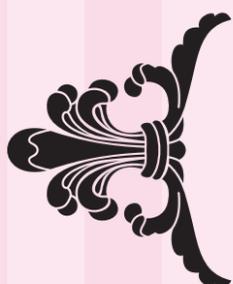
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**Furious 7** ★★☆☆

(Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jason Statham) Deckard Shaw (Mr. Statham) seeks revenge on Dom (Mr. Diesel) and his crew after they crippled Shaw's brother Owen (Luke Evans) in "Fast & Furious 6." The story's a bit convoluted, but who cares? The action is fast and fun, making this a pure adrenaline rush. Rated PG-13.

**The Gunman** ★★☆☆

(Sean Penn, Javier Bardem, Idris Elba) A sniper (Mr. Penn) tries to figure out who ordered a hit on him in the Congo. Although Mr. Penn is fine and the action is decent, the whole thing plays like a tedious slog. Rated R.

**Woman in Gold** ★★☆☆

(Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds, Daniel Bruhl) A Holocaust survivor (Ms. Mirren) asks an unproven lawyer (Mr. Reynolds) to help retrieve a painting she believes belongs to her; years ago it was seized by the Nazis, and it is now in the possession of the Austrian government. The main storyline of the quest for the painting is a fascinating watch, but flashbacks to Holocaust Austria are a bore. Rated PG-13.

**Run All Night** ★★☆☆

(Liam Neeson, Joel Kinnaman, Ed Harris) Mob boss Sean (Mr. Harris) and his hit man Jimmy (Mr. Neeson) are old friends, but all that changes when Jimmy is forced to kill Sean's son (Boyd Holbrook). It's a tense drama with solid action and performances. Rated R.

**Get Hard** ★★☆☆

(Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart, Alison Brie) Millionaire financial manager James King (Mr. Ferrell) has 30 days to learn how to survive in prison from Darnell (Mr. Hart). Mr. Ferrell and Mr. Hart lack chemistry, and the story is as predictable as they come. Rated R.

**Cinderella** ★★1/2

(Lily James, Cate Blanchett, Richard Madden) Maiden Cinderella (Ms. James) falls for Prince Charming (Mr. Madden) despite her stepmother's (Ms. Blanchett) efforts to make her miserable. This live action, non-musical reimagining of the classic fairy tale is pure and sweet as can be, which is good for the little girls of the target demo but a bore for adults wanting a little bit of edge. Rated PG.

**Home** ★★☆☆

(Voices of Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Jennifer Lopez) Alien Oh (Mr. Parson) comes to Earth and clumsily helps a girl (Rihanna) find her displaced mother (Ms. Lopez). There's nothing special about the animation, it's not all that funny and there's not much here for adults. Rated PG.

**The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** ★★1/2

(Dev Patel, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench) With his marriage looming, Sonny (Mr. Patel) tries to open a second hotel while his current guests get into trouble of their own. It's a noble sequel with its heart in the right place, but it's nothing special. Rated PG. ■

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# LATEST FILMS

## 'While We're Young'

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"While We're Young" centers on middle-aged married couple Josh (Ben Stiller) and Cornelia (Naomi Watts), both unfulfilled in their own way but ostensibly happy together. She tried to have a baby and couldn't. He's a failed documentary filmmaker living in his father-in-law's (Charles Grodin) shadow. They're both at that age (mid-40s) when "the things that don't happen until you're old" start to happen. They have their freedom, but don't take advantage of it. They probably secretly resent one another for their unhappiness.

This is a marriage in a funk.

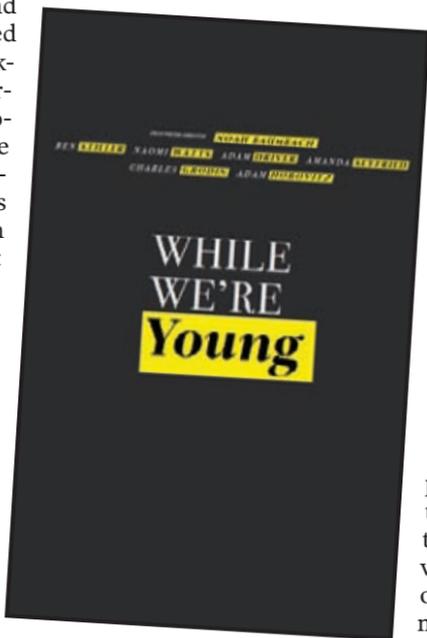
Enter aspiring filmmaker Jamie (Adam Driver) and his wife Darby (Amanda Seyfried),

who makes ice cream. They're both 25 and ironically retro, preferring VHS tapes, typewriters and other old-school accouterments to their modern counterparts. They think it makes them more "free" and "in the moment." In reality, however, it's artsy-pretentious hippie nonsense done in a desperate attempt to tell the world they're bohemian. In one scene Jamie says he's "pathologically happy," which is damn convenient when you're delusional about the real world around you. Jamie also wears a fedora, which automatically qualifies him as a douchebag.

The problem with Jamie being this obnoxious, sure of himself and unlikable is that we need to believe Josh would be enamored enough with Jamie for them to become best friends, because that's what happens. Sure, Jamie provides Josh a different way of looking at the world, but the man crush Josh develops feels forced rather than organic. For this to work, more of Josh's discontentedness

needs to be presented earlier so we can understand why he would see Jamie as a conduit to happiness.

Of course the relationship evolves, things change and some people aren't what they seem. This is all fine and welcome, as it leads to a better final third than what the first two-thirds lead us to expect. But it's too little too late — and worse, whatever it is writer/director Noah Baumbach ("Greenberg") is trying to say about traditional versus modern values, he doesn't say it with conviction. He tackles issues of credibility, friendship, insecurity, selfishness and more in a way that's deliberately philosophical



rather than practical, meaning he essentially throws it out there — "Here it is!" — without bothering to comment on it as positive or negative.

And you know what? That's weak. If he's going to use a safe route in the old-versus-new debate, then he should be critical of both sides. That way, all the flaws are exposed and people can judge for themselves. Because the truth is this: Where viewers are in their own lives will determine which the couple in the film they relate

to the most, which by extension might reflect the value system they agree with. So if Mr. Baumbach were evenly critical of both sides, he wouldn't offend potential viewers of any age.

The film is designed to get the viewer to look inward in an attempt to define oneself in this crazy world of ours, but this is key: Many won't bother, because they haven't been sufficiently prompted to do so. This is like telling someone to have deep thoughts without providing them anything to inspire those thoughts.

"While We're Young" could and should have done more with its subject matter by being sharper and more unkind to our social woes. Playing it safe didn't do the characters or the film any favors. ■

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>> **Jesse Eisenberg, James Franco and Cate Blanchett** were all attached to the project at one point, but they all dropped out.



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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Set in Southwest Florida, Harry Brock Mystery rises above the crowd



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■ **“An Anecdotal Death” by Kinley Roby. Five Star Publishing. 310 pages. Hardcover, \$25.95.**

The 10th Harry Brock Mystery finds the game warden-turned-detective continuing to ply his trade in and near the Southwest Florida town of Avola. The place names Tequesta County and Avola allow author Kinley Roby some imaginative space; many readers will quickly identify the setting's originals as Collier County and Naples. More important than this identification is Mr. Roby's worshipful perspective on the natural beauty and vulnerability of a patch of Florida wilderness that seems to be receding as the burgeoning town advances. Harry Brock works in both worlds, but he makes his home in a remote, simple dwelling on the edge of the Everglades.

The beautiful and wealthy Meredith Winters has summoned Harry to discover whether her missing husband, Amos Lansbury, is alive or dead. While the



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Coast Guard had rendered the verdict that Lansbury died in a diving accident during a fishing expedition with several friends, no corpse has been discovered. Meredith has a feeling that Amos was murdered.

Touching base with his friends in the sheriff's department, Harry worries about their reluctance to open an investigation. It soon becomes clear that political concerns are at work. When two more of Lansbury's diving buddies turn up dead, it's hard to call the pattern a mere coincidence, especially since the common dominator seems to be that all worked in a very rough political campaign for a seat in the state senate. When a fourth campaign worker, not part of the diving activity, is found dead, the question becomes: Who suffered so mightily from the outcome of the senate race that he (or she) has a serial score to settle?

Soon enough, Harry is nearly a victim, suggesting that the killer finds him too close to figuring things out.

As the investigation moves along, Harry's personal life becomes just as much a center of interest as his professional one. In the course of the investigation, he's meeting many divorced and widowed women connected with the victims in one way or another. The author goes a bit overboard in describing each one, as well as Meredith and her secretary, as a surprisingly beautiful specimen of femininity. Or is that perception only Harry's, a consequence of his own situation, appetites and tendency to idealize?

Harry's two failed marriages, and his impasse with his present love, have left

him lonely and longing. Meredith throws herself at him, and there is plenty of flirtation in his sequence of investigatory interviews. Hey, whatever Harry's got, I want some.

His emotional state is also colored by the growing fragility of his best friend and mentor, Tucker Labeau, whose residence on Bartram's Hammock, a state nature preserve, is near Harry's. The winding waterway named Puc Puggy Creek is for Harry something like Thoreau's Walden Pond and its surrounding woods: a place to get back to basics. The profound friendship between the two men is based in part on their deep mutual respect for the natural world and a desire for self-reliance.

Mr. Roby's description of the sequence of days Harry and Tucker spend building a home for the bantam roosters Tucker plans to raise, the detailed preparation and execution, is an unexpected attraction, a narrative meditation on true friendship. Their conversations are marvelously constructed.

In fact, convincing, revealing dialogue is a major strength throughout the Harry Brock Mystery series. Whether his protagonist is engaging with clients, law enforcement personnel or women of

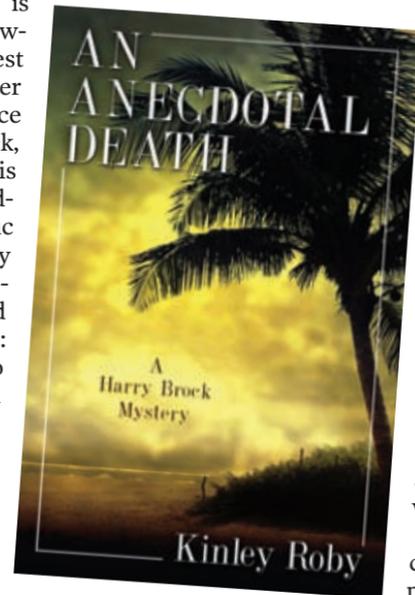
romantic interest, the author finds all the right notes of authenticity and characterization while moving the story forward.

Of course, the many interviews Harry conducts in the course of the investigation are also finely crafted. Readers will admire his effective technique as he elicits significant information.

In ways that I have suggested, Mr. Roby's work is at once strong genre fiction with many expected ingredients and highly original "literary fiction," with unexpected mastery of craft, penetrating insights and a richly nuanced worldview.

In its handling of character, time and place, "An Anecdotal Death" rises above the crowd, reaching the heights of far more well-known authors such as James W. Hall. If you haven't already discovered Kinley Roby, you should. And then thank me. ■

— 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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Trumpet player Mark Pettey founded Steampunk Stompers after he performed as a soloist at a steampunk event in Indiana last year. Having been taken with the movement's fantastical approach to art, he wrangled other professional musicians in Southwest Florida to form a band of symphonic instruments that specializes in modern interpretations of period sounds.

**STEAMPUNK**

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concert would be the ideal thing to draw a younger crowd to the park.

"It's a perfect fit that the building is Victorian," Ms. Aleba says. "It will be bring in youth, and with costumes and music, it will be a gas."

The park's art hall, built in 1905 specifically for artistic performances, houses a fully restored 1885 Steinway piano, which the Steampunk Stompers will utilize. In addition to the music, concertgoers will be able to listen to a reading by local steampunk author M.B. Weston and watch a dance performance by Inara.

Steampunk Stompers was borne as a creative outlet for a group of local musicians. Being able to performing professionally is a blessing, Mr. Pettey says, but he and his fellow band members typically play other peoples' music. For example, he played with The Temptations and The Four Tops when they performed at Artis—Naples earlier this month. After performing as a soloist at a steampunk event in Indiana last year, he decided steampunk offered him and other professional musicians an opportunity to create their own brand of music.

"It's really fun to play Broadway shows, but we're playing other peoples' music," he says. "Florida being what it is with arts, there's not a lot of room for creativity. It's a lot of tribute acts for bands from the boomer era. We wanted to do something that was totally off the wall."

Unlike other steampunk bands he's come across, he says, Steampunk Stompers veers closer to historical accuracy because none of their instruments require electricity. The band's instrumentation consists of a trumpet, sousaphone, percussion, banjo and a variety of add-ins including a ukulele, a trombone and a "steamordian," while most other bands of the genre have a more

rock bent and rely on electric guitars and a more modern taste, he adds.

"We're much more organic. We don't require electricity to pull off our shows," he says, although the Steampunk Stompers can hook up to amplifiers. "We can even amplify the tuba. We definitely put our own spin on it and even go as modern at the theme from 'Dr. Who.'"

Ms. Weston will read from her short story, "The Survivor," that was published in the steampunk anthology, "Dreams of Steam: Gadgets."

"I wasn't really sure if steampunk was something I could write about or really get into until someone told me to think of Sherlock Holmes, but with science fiction," the author says, adding, "The Victorian era contains some of the more modern fairy tales and myths that many of us grew up on, from 'Oliver Twist' to 'A Christmas Carol.' The era still has a bit of magic in it, even though it is the beginning of the industrial age."

The ability to improvise alongside a theme is part of the appeal of the evening for dancer Inara, who specializes in belly dancing. "Although steampunk is not one of my usual dance styles, I enjoy being creative and working on fusions," she says. "I love the freedom that comes with a fantasy theme. Although steampunk has a strong historical influence, at its core it's a fantasy concept. Everyone is relatively free to interpret the theme with their own style and creativity."

Inara won't create a new routine for the evening at Koreshan, but will instead improvise her performance in front of the audience to a gypsy-themed number played by Steampunk Stompers. ■

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# Playwrights invited to enter annual new works contest

The Naples Players' ETC ... Readers' Theatre is accepting original one-act scripts for its 12th annual "An Evening of New Plays" contest for Southwest Florida playwrights.

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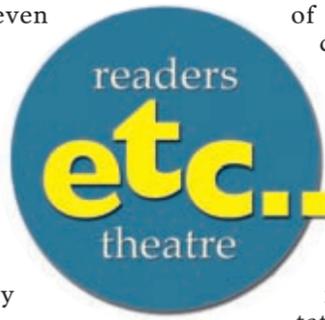
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### Mind the difference between 'clockwork' and 'windup' toys

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Tin toys, especially those that picture everyday life, are popular with today's collectors. Political, social, women's work, and other themes inspired toy makers. Many early toys were made of very thin tin that was painted in bright colors. Some of the toys moved when wound and had either a clockwork or a key wind mechanism. Toy collectors are careful to use the proper word — "clockwork" or "windup." Clockwork toys have gears and parts like those used on a clock. In 1862, a cheaper type of power for moving toys was developed that used a spring, which was wound with a key or crank. Some still were being made as late as 1920. By the end of World War II, plastic parts were used for toys and the earlier metal wind-up was out of production. Battery-operated toys were made in Japan after 1946 and today there are electronic toys. All of these toys are popular with collectors and price is determined by condition, rarity and the appeal of the design. Toys that move or make noise always attract buyers.



This toy, probably made in France, shows a 6-inch-high 19th-century fruit vendor. A clockwork mechanism makes the woman's legs walk. The rarity of the toy and its almost perfect paint encouraged a bidder to buy it for \$339 in September 2014 at a Bertoia auction in Vineland, N.J.

**Q:** I have a gold ring that belonged to my grandfather and perhaps his father. It's engraved with initials on a flat section on the front. The sides of the ring band are decorated with a geometric pattern. Inside is a small mark, the capital letters "OB" in a rectangle with clipped corners. Can you tell me who made it?

**A:** OB stands for Ostby & Barton Co. a jewelry firm that worked from 1880 to

the 1950s. Englehart C. Ostby was born in Norway, moved to the United States, and by 1879, had joined with Nathan B. Barton to form a jewelry company. The firm was so successful they became the country's largest jewelry manufacturer and the largest ring makers in the world. In 1912, Ostbys, Barton and his 22-year-old daughter Helen went on



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a trip to Europe to vacation and to buy precious stones for the company. They changed their vacation plans, deciding to return on the RMS Titanic with friends. When the Titanic hit the iceberg, the Ostbys both went from their staterooms to the lifeboats and waited to leave. Barton went back for a coat and missed a lifeboat; he drowned and his body was later found, identified, and buried near his home. Barton's daughter, who had to leave the Titanic without him, was rescued, and she continued working with her brother at Ostby & Barton. Collectors search for pieces of O & B jewelry partly because of Nathan's newsworthy death and partly because of the quality of the jewelry. Price depends on the value of the stones, the gold and the design. Most jewelry offered online is priced from \$125 to \$350, with some prices as high as \$3,500.

**Q:** I have the chance to buy an old Sligh dresser from a family member. It's made of walnut, 54 inches wide, has columns on the sides, a burlled oval on the front, and 2 large and 2 small drawers. Can you tell me if it is an antique? What would be a fair price to offer?

**A:** Charles R. Sligh founded the Sligh Furniture in 1880 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, after working for Berkey & Gay as a furniture finisher and travelling salesman. By the 1920s, Sligh advertised itself as "the largest manufacturer of furniture exclusively for the bedroom in the world." From 1910 through the 1920s, the company offered more than 80 bedroom suites and 11 dining room suites in a wide range of styles, including Sheraton, Louis XVI, Jacobean, Italian Renaissance, and more. Some had a painted finish or painted decoration. Sligh closed in 1932. Your dresser probably is a retro piece made in an older style. A fair price to offer would be \$150 to \$200.

**Q:** I have a figural bottle opener that my grandparents had for many years. I'm 80

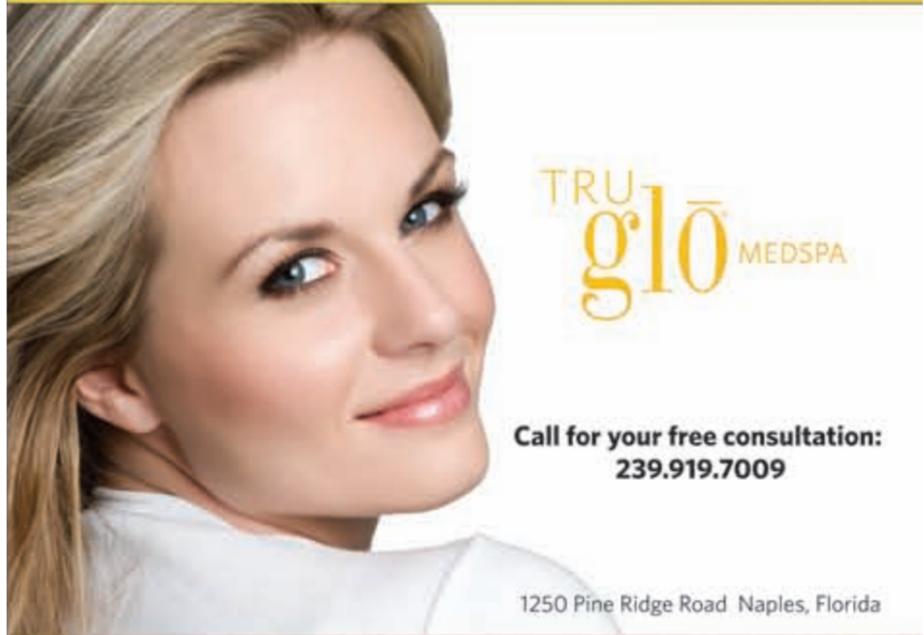
years old, so it must be quite old. It's shaped like a woman's face. She has red hair, four blue eyes and big lips open in a smile. Her upper teeth can be used to pull the cap off a bottle. There are holes in her ears so you can nail or screw the opener to the wall. I think there are three more with different faces. Should I keep looking for them in antiques shops or just give up?

**A:** The best place to find four-eyed bottle openers is at a flea market or online. They are not as old as you think. Four-eyed bottle openers like this were made by Wilton Products, a company in business in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, from about 1935 to 1989. The company decorated cast iron bottle openers, banks, trivets and other novelty items made by Susquehanna Castings, a company operated by the Wilton family, beginning in 1892. Several different versions of the four-eyed bottle opener were made in at least four shapes, including the woman, a bald man with handlebar mustache, a bald man with a bushy mustache, and a man with hair and mustache. They were hand painted and can be found in different colors. One source says "Seeing double he is a warning against overindulgence in alcohol." Reproductions have been made.

**Tip:** Don't hang an oil painting above a fireplace that is used frequently. Smoke will damage the paint. ■

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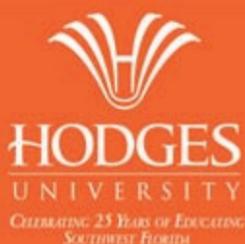
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## Mann Hall announces upcoming Broadway Series

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers has announced the six-show 2016 Fifth Third Bank Broadway Series, along with a special add-on attraction. The season details:

■ **Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music" opens Jan. 12 for eight performances:** A brand new production directed by three-time Tony Award-winning Director Jack O'Brien is coming to Fort Myers. The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its award-winning songs, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song.

■ **"42nd Street" opens Jan. 26 for eight performances:** The quintessential backstage musical comedy classic, "42nd Street" is the song and dance fable of Broadway with an American Dream story and includes some of the greatest songs ever written, such as "We're In The Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo," "Dames," "I Only Have Eyes For You" and of course, "42nd Street." Based on a novel by Bradford Ropes and Busby Berkeley's 1933 movie, it's the story of a starry-eyed young dancer named Peggy Sawyer who comes to New York.

■ **"Matilda the Musical" opens Feb. 16 for eight performances:** This is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and

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Neil Simon's comedic gem "They're Playing Our Song" wraps up the 10th anniversary season for TheatreZone, with performances April 30-May 10 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples.



NEEDLE

Steven Geyer and TheatreZone favorite Laura Needle have been cast in leading roles as the wisecracking composer Vernon Gersch and the kooky lyricist Sonia Walsk. When Vernon takes on Sonia as his collaborator, their initial match is a professional success but a personal disaster. The two undergo a series of trials and overcome a number of hurdles before finding true love by the final curtain.



GEYER

With music by Marvin Hamlisch, "They're Playing Our Song" is based on his real-life relationship with singer-songwriter

er Carol Bayer Sager.

Vernon and Sonia are the sole characters on stage, but each of them has a three-person Greek chorus acting as their inner voices. Vernon's voices are Brent Kuenning, Yuri Rodriguez and Armondo Acevedo; Sonia's are Elizabeth McMonagle, Kara Konken and Sharon True.

TheatreZone Artistic Director Mark Danni directs. Choreography is by Karen Molnar, and music direction is by Charles Fornara. Mr. Fornara also plays the piano as part of the band that includes Todd Betz on drums, Christian Logaglio on guitar, Don Rhynard on reeds, Mike Santiago on trumpet, Adren Hance on trombone and Joe Choomack on bass. ■

### in the know

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Wolf Hall, Part 2, April 12

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 8 P.M.**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 10 P.M.**

**Masterpiece Classic:  
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## 'Cristela' first season coming to a close

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I love the ABC series "Cristela." Do you know if it will be back for a second season?

— *Geena F. in West Virginia*

**A:** ABC will announce May 14 which series will be coming back, as well as the new series that will debut this fall. I spoke with "Cristela" co-star Maria Canals-Barerra recently, and she is keeping a positive outlook regarding the future of her show.

"There's a lot of thoughtful storytelling on 'Cristela,' and I feel really good about it based on how I feel about the episodes, the writing and the fact that the ratings have been decent. I'm very optimistic. Just because I'm in it doesn't mean I've been blinded to it. I really do think I have some perspective because I've been in the business so long."

As season one comes to an end, let's hope we get a second season, because Maria promises we won't be disappointed: "There are going to be a lot of different dynamics to set up season two. I told the writers: "You guys are so good. The way you set up season two, everyone is going to be like, 'I can't wait to watch it.'"

**Q:** Awhile back you wrote that "The Mortal Instruments" was going to become a TV series, but I've seen nothing about that since. Is it still happening?

— *Ellie R., via email*

**A:** Back when I reported that, everything was still in the beginning stages of development, so there weren't a whole lot of details. Finally, I can say with certainty that "The Mortal Instruments" book series will indeed be reimaged on the small screen as "Shadowhunters." For those unfamiliar with the book series, "Shadowhunters" centers on Clary Fray, who finds out on her 18th birthday that she comes from a long line of human/angel hybrids who hunt down and kill demons.

ABC Family will air the 13-episode first season, with shooting expected to commence in May. There is no casting or premiere date news yet, but just knowing that showrunner and executive producer Ed Decter ("Helix," "Unforgettable," "The Client List") is heading up the project makes me feel confident that the TV series will fare better than the not-so-great 2013 feature film.

**Readers:** The folks at Fox have been teasing for months, even years, about the possible re-exploration of "The X-Files."



CANALS-BARERRA

I am thrilled to report that it is official: "The X-Files" will return to Fox as a six-episode event series. Series creator, executive producer and head writer Chris Carter is on board, as are series stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. Mitch Pileggi will return as Skinner, as well as Annabeth Gish and Robert Patrick as Reyes and Doggett, respectively. Production begins this summer, with the series likely airing in 2016. ■

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■ **Naples Equestrian Challenge** invites everyone to get into the Kentucky Derby spirit with two fundraisers celebrating the 141st Run for the Roses. Both events take place at Naples Harbour Yacht Club.

Purchase your derby hat and accessories at the **"Bourbon and Bonnets" fashion show and trunk show** Thursday evening, April 16. NEC volunteers will model hats, jewelry, handbags and other fashion items from Fia's Island Woman, Judy Crouse Jewelry and C. Blau, all of which will be available for purchase or order at the event. Tickets for \$35 include a complimentary cocktail and hors d'oeuvres (cash bar available). The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Come derby day Saturday, May 2, you'll be able to wear your beautiful new chapeau (outrageous pants for men) to the fifth annual **NEC Kentucky Derby Party**. Tickets for \$50 include a complimentary mint julep and heavy hors d'oeuvres (cash bar available). Sponsor opportunities remain available and come with "owner's box" privileges. Prizes will be awarded for Best Hat and Craziest Pants. The fun starts at 4 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets to either event, call 596-2988 or visit [naplesequestrianchallenge.org](http://naplesequestrianchallenge.org).

■ **Dress for Success** SW Florida rolls out the red carpet for **"A Fashion Night in Black & White"** from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at the Hilton Naples. Guests are invited to wear their finest cocktail attire in black and/or white for the evening of fashion, hors d'oeuvres, champagne, dinner, a silent auction and surprises to support Dress for Success SW Florida's efforts to promote the professional development of women in Collier and Lee counties.

Guest speaker Donna Noce is the president of White House Black Market and the founding president of Dress for Success SW Florida. Amy Sedlacek of ABC-7 will emcee the evening as guests enjoy an up-close look at summer fashions from White House Black Market. A few guests will be named to the evening's Best Dressed list.

Tickets are \$125. Sponsorship opportunities and table sales are still available. For more information, call 689-4992 or email [swflorida@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:swflorida@dressforsuccess.org).

■ **PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee** is gearing up for a season of **Love That Dress!** collection parties leading up to the big event Wednesday evening, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The first dress collection party takes place during a sunset cruise aboard the Naples Princess on Wednesday, April 22. Boarding begins at 5:30 p.m. and the cruise is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets for \$50 include heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Shula's; 20 percent of proceeds from the cash bar will be donated to PACE.

The Lilly Pulitzer boutique in Waterside Shops will serve as a drop-off point for dress donations from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18. And PACE volunteers will have a table set up to receive dress donations during Taste of Mercato from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Mercato.

■ The 26th annual **Wanderlust Travel Extravaganza**, an evening of fine food, wine and crafted cocktails plus a world of travel packages to benefit the **FGCU School of Resort and Hospitality Management**, takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, in Sugden Hall at the university.

There will be silent and live auctions of travel-related packages, including golf foursomes at top Southwest Florida golf courses, fine wines and hotel stays

in establishments near and far. One of the most popular items each year is the four-year FGCU tuition provided by President Wilson G. Bradshaw's office. Food will be from SS Hookers, the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point as well as resort and hospitality management students led by Chef James Fraser.

Tickets are \$150, with proceeds going toward scholarships, operation of the school's spa lab and resources for a variety of classes that train students to become the future leaders of the hospitality industry. [fgcu.edu/wanderlust](http://fgcu.edu/wanderlust), [slee@fgcu.edu](mailto:slee@fgcu.edu) or [agsmartin@fgcu.edu](mailto:agsmartin@fgcu.edu).

■ **The Naples Cat Alliance** holds the second annual **"Hats for Cats"** from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at a private club in Port Royal. Tickets for \$45 include brunch and a mimosa. The afternoon will include a ladies' hat contest. Reservations are required and can be made at [naplescatalliance.org](http://naplescatalliance.org).

■ The third annual **"Breaking Par for Junior Achievement"** charity golf tournament and auction gala takes place Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, at The Club at Grandezza in Estero. Weekend tickets are \$125; gala-only tickets are \$50. Sponsorships are available from \$100 to \$15,000. Proceeds will benefit Junior Achievement's CEO Academy, a weeklong business school summer camp held for rising high school juniors and seniors in partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University. 225-2590, [afrazier@jaswfl.org](mailto:afrazier@jaswfl.org) or [jaswfl.org/grandezza-golf-tournament](http://jaswfl.org/grandezza-golf-tournament).

■ **The Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** and the **Marco Historical Society** have joined forces to celebrate the **50th anniversary of Marco Island** on Friday, May 1, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort & Spa. Tickets are \$150. For reservations, call the chamber at 394-7549.

■ Friends of the Foundation hosts a **Grape Celebration** to benefit the **Naples Children & Education Foundation** from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 29, in the Vanderbilt Ballroom at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort. Guests will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and samples of more than 50 wines from wineries including Chappellet, Frank Family, Veuve Clicquot, Dave Phinney, Darioush, Duckhorn and Gaja. A cork pull and a silent auction will also be part of the evening. Tickets are \$75 if purchased by April 30, \$95 afterward. Call 325-2978 or visit [friendsofthefoundation.com](http://friendsofthefoundation.com).

■ **The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida** holds the **SMART Party 2.0** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the Richlin International showroom at Miromar Design Center. The fund's programs promote women's economic security and help fight the sale of children for sex in Southwest Florida.

The SMART Party utilizes a software platform to facilitate real-time participation from guests live and online. All guests, ticket holders and virtual registrants receive a personal fundraising page that can be shared with their networks on any device. Guests can watch the fundraising and social media activity grow and realize the power of their collective effort. Prizes will be given to the most active guests throughout the event. For more information and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit [womensfundflorida.org](http://womensfundflorida.org) and click on "Events." ■

— Email Save the Date details to editor Cindy Pierce at [cpierce@floridaweekly.com](mailto:cpierce@floridaweekly.com).

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## Shelter from the Storm luncheon at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club



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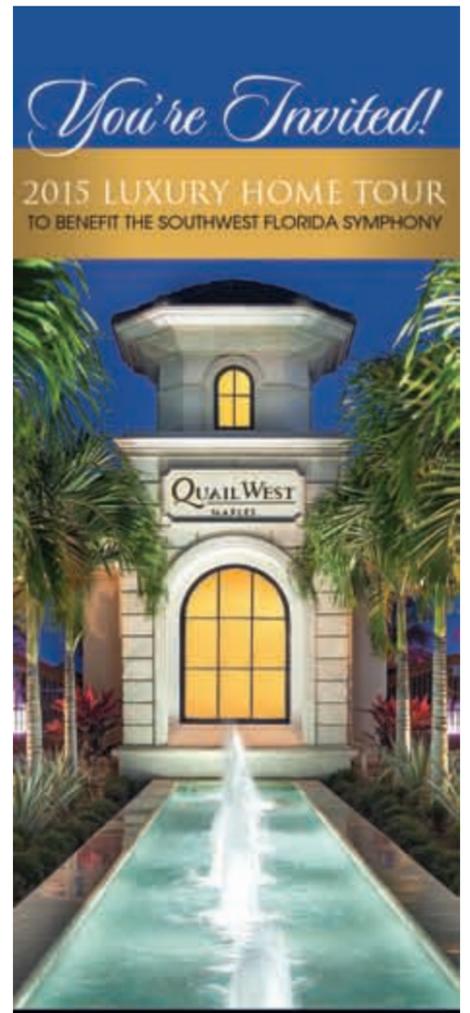
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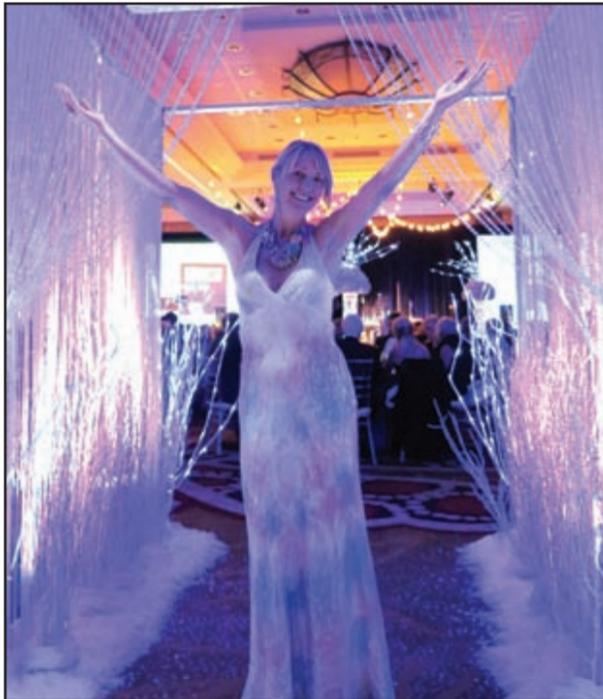
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# CUISINE NEWS

## Celebrating sweet rewards, anticipating Taste events

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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Now that things are starting to wind down in Naples, we have some space to recognize accomplishments of two local sweets experts. While everyone else in town was doggedly dining and serving, these professionals gained national recognition for their culinary accomplishments.

First, locally made treats Kristi's Key Lime Cookies, produced by Be Happy Cakes, were chosen to be included in swag bags at The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences 42nd Daytime Emmy Awards on April 24. It's the second time the treats have been part of the reward for award nominees. They were also included in gift bags at the 33rd annual News & Documentary Emmy Awards in 2012.

"Our cookies are a flavorful reflection of the Southwest Florida lifestyle," says Be Happy Cakes owner Kim Casciero. "We are thrilled to once again be a part of the Emmy Awards celebrations."

The cookies, consisting of a vanilla cake-like base topped with key lime icing, can be found at local shops and markets.

Second, local pastry chef John Cook captured second place in the 26th annual U.S. Pastry Competition in New York City. One of 13 finalists, Chef Cook clinched his spot with a vertical piece that incorporated milk chocolate almond mousse, raspberry gelee, chocolate sponge cake and almond cr me and crunch on top of almond streusel. His other entries were an ornate chocolate high heel shoe, a functioning chocolate jewelry box and a sculpted sugar flower.

"It was an incredibly talented group of



**Kristi's Key Lime Cookies, created by Be Happy Cakes, will be included in gift bags for nominees in The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences 42nd Daytime Emmy Awards on April 24.**

competition," he says. "I was honored to be among them. To win second place is really gratifying. It was worth all the long hours and experimentation."

Chef Cook has been employed at Norman Love Confections since 2006 and currently specializes in pastries.

For more information about Kristi's Key Lime Cookies, including local retail outlets, visit kristiskeylimecookies.com. In Naples, Chef Cook's chocolate pastries are



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at Norman Love Confections at Parkshore Centre, 3747 Tamiami Trail N. To find other NLC locations, visit normanloveconfections.com.

### It's time for annual Taste events

It's time to work up your appetite and tune up your taste buds for the traditional end-of-season food extravaganzas known as Taste events on Marco Island and in Naples.

Taste of Marco takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, at the Esplanade. Admission is \$5 (free for children) and includes kids' activities and live entertainment; food tickets will be \$1 each, with most samples costing one to three tickets.

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**VOM FASS in Mercato hosts a whiskey tasting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23.**

e Pepe at Marco Beach Resort, CJ's on the Bay, Kretch's, 400 Pazzi's at the Marco Marriott, Paradise Caf  at the Hilton, Mango's Dockside Bistro, Verdi's 8, Gino's Olde Marco Trattoria, Chop 239, Marker 8.5, Philly Grille, Nico's Kitchen, Sami Pizza Grande Summer Day Market, Stone-walls and Susie's Diner.

All proceeds benefit the Greater Marco Family YMCA, which last month broke ground on a new 5,750-square-foot Youth Development Center. For more information, call 394-3144.

People in the know have revealed a few tidbits about this year's Taste of Collier, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Bayfront. Besides samples from Naples' best restaurants, this year's highlights include a Top Chef-type competition with two popular local chefs, Food Truck Row and a wine garden where guests can sample Copa di Vino wines. Buy your tickets now at tasteofcollier.com.

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### Take Note

■ California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20 percent of diners' bills on Monday, April 13, to benefit Project HELP, Collier County's only rape crisis center. Guests must redeem the voucher available on the organization's Facebook page. For more information, call 649-1409 or visit [projecthelpnaples.com](http://projecthelpnaples.com).

■ Whole Foods Market in Mercato hosts a beer and cheese pairing at 6 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the café. 552-5100 or [wholefoodsmarket.com](http://wholefoodsmarket.com).

■ The Local hosts a tasting of sustainable wines paired with appetizers and hors d'oeuvres at 4 p.m. Friday, April 17. 5325 Airport Road. 596-3276 or [thelocalnaples.com](http://thelocalnaples.com).

■ Enjoy a three-course, garden-inspired brunch at Whole Foods Market at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18. The pre-fixe meal starts with a cucumber salad and also includes an entrée of zucchini pasta primavera and a fruit salad dessert. Two drinks per person are included, with a choice of a virgin apple cider vinegar Bellini or a sparkling wine mimosa. \$20. 552-5100 or [wholefoodsmarket.com](http://wholefoodsmarket.com).

■ VOM FASS in Mercato hosts a whiskey tasting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Guests will sample five spirits from Scotland, Ireland and the United States while learning about the history and production process of each. Appetizers will be served. Admission for \$40 includes a Teeling Whiskey Company Tumbler to take home and a 10 percent discount on liquor purchases that evening. Reservations are required. For more information and to register, visit [vom-](http://vom-)

■ 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 [goodlifenasples.com](http://goodlifenasples.com) - Classic French: Thursday, April 9; Flavors of Cambodia and Vietnam: Friday, April 10 (\$60); Spanish Paella: Thursday, April 16 (\$60); Incredible Eggs: Saturday, April 18 (\$50); Southern Italy: Wednesday, April 22 (\$65); Bison - The Healthful Red Meat: Friday, April 24 (\$65); Gluten Free & Full of Flavor: Thursday, April 30 (\$55)

**Sur La Table**, 9501 Strada Place; 598-1463 or [surlatable.com](http://surlatable.com) - Artisan Breads at Home: Thursday, April 9 (\$69); Restaurant Secrets Perfect Fish: Thursday, April 9 (\$79); Sweet Idea Desserts in Jars: Friday, April 10 (\$69); Date Night Paris in Spring: Friday, April 10 (\$79); Spring Fresh Pasta Workshop: Saturday, April 11 (\$69); Date Night Italy: Saturday, April 11 (\$69); Spring Macaron Workshop: Sunday, April 12 (\$69); Delicious Dim Sum: Sunday, April 12 (\$69); Girls Night Out Celebrating Spring: Sunday, April 12 (\$69); 1 Chicken, 3 Meals: Monday, April 13 (\$79); Tapas Party: Monday, April 13 (\$69); Gnocchi Workshop: Tuesday, April 14 (\$69); Deliciously Simple: Tuesday, April 14 (\$69); Grilling Seafood: Wednesday, April 15 (\$79); Thai Favorites at Home: Wednesday, April 15 (\$69)

**The Local**, 5323 Airport Pulling Road; 596-3276 or [thelocalnaples.com](http://thelocalnaples.com) - Celebrating Spring in Florida: Saturday, April 11 (\$50); Saving the Season: Saturday, April 25 (\$50) ■

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**The Price:** \$6

**The Hours:** 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

**The Full Menu:** fitnfuelcafe.com

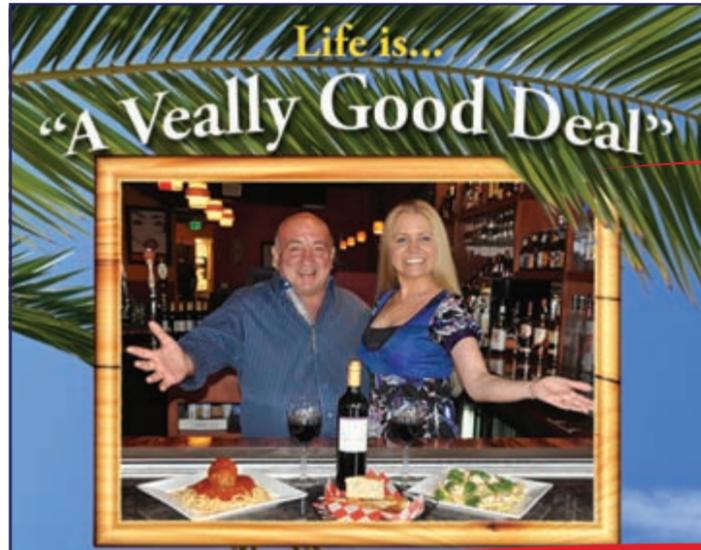
**The Details:** It was early and we were hungry, which is how we found ourselves at Fit & Fuel Café after discovering one of our favorite eateries a few doors down wasn't yet open for lunch (boo). But better to Forrest Gump your way into a healthy lunch than not have one at all, right?

After having indulged in a slightly debauched Easter Sunday meal of mimosas,

refined carbohydrates and sugar, I decided that what I really needed was some protein. Luckily, Fit & Fuel has a daily quiche that offers the extraordinarily simple benefits of eggs without the counteracting effects of hollandaise. That day's quiche selection was sundried tomato topped with either cheddar or provolone (I chose cheddar), accompanied by a fruit bowl of pineapple, melon and grapes. It was exactly what I needed and I felt pleasantly satiated and restored when I finished.

**One more thing:** The café is affiliated with Naples Cyclery next door, and while you can have a simple and tasty meal at the front, the back of the restaurant houses a fitting studio for cyclists. ■

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## Are there bargains in Bordeaux?

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For the past 10 years or so, the prices for the higher-level wines from Bordeaux have shot into the stratosphere. A wine like the famous Lafite Rothschild used to cost around \$220 on release. Today it's upwards of a grand.

A lot of the price ridiculousness is the result of increasing prosperity in other areas of the world, especially China. There are tons of new millionaires who want only "the best" and don't care how much it costs. That puts you and me pretty well out of the market. But, as your faithful wine counselor, I'm always on the lookout for wines that still offer the classic Bordeaux experience but won't cost as much as a mortgage payment. Of course, I've had to sample dozens and dozens of wines to accomplish this, but you know what they say about dirty jobs.

First, let's review some basics. The red wines of Bordeaux are actually blends of up to five different grapes: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, petit verdot, cabernet franc and malbec. The tradition of blending these grapes together goes back hundreds of years. Depending on where in the region the winemaker is located, either Cabernet

sauvignon or merlot will dominate the blend. That makes a difference, and we'll see why in a minute.

Second, the chateaux (wine estates) in this area are classified in a bunch of different ways. The most famous is the classification done by the French government in 1855 that divided 61 estates into five categories, known as "cru," or "growths." First growth, second growth, and so on. This classification has been revised only once since it was devised.

Most of the wines from these "classified growth" producers will tend to be a bit on the pricey side. So the trick is to look for classifications that may be a bit less well known, but still have the earthy, sumptuous, elegant character we expect from this region's wines.



One classification that's been getting my attention is called cru bourgeois. All the producers are located in



the Medoc, in eight appellations on the left bank of the Gironde River, which divides the Bordeaux region about in half. The classification cru bourgeois has been revised several times, and today lists 243 wines, so there are a lot of choices and variety. The producers themselves have formed a kind of trade association or alliance with a new logo and everything, to promote the specific classification, and their wines, in the world market. They formed an independent committee to conduct the assessment of the wines, and to make sure production standards are met. Then, winemakers submitted their bottles to a blind tasting panel for final evaluation.

The other interesting aspect about this designation is that winemakers must submit their wines to the panel each year to be judged for quality, and they either make the cut or they don't. So, unlike the 1855 classification, no

winery is permanently on the list.

Today we have a fairly sizable selection of wines that offer the sought-after Bordeaux character, that go well with lamb, grilled meats and traditional French dishes, and don't cost an upper and lower extremity. I've been sampling these widely with my wine geek friends, and we've found some examples that are worth a try. Or two. The prices shown are approximate.

#### Tour St. Joseph Haut Medoc 2010

— Aged in new oak barrels, this is a blend of 50 percent merlot, 45 percent cabernet sauvignon and 5 percent cabernet franc. Generally, a higher level of merlot makes the wine more approachable sooner, and that's the case with the example and the others as well. Semi-translucent in the glass, there are lush aromas of dark fruit, earth, vanilla and smoke. \$25

#### Chateau Magnol Haut Medoc

2012 — Medium translucent red color, vanilla on the nose mixing with light fruit flavors on the palate. Good balance and medium finish. Blend is 48 percent merlot, 40 percent cabernet sauvignon, and 12 percent cabernet franc. \$25

#### Chateau Donissan Haut Medoc

2010 — Characteristic Bordeaux flavor profile of black fruit and earth, a firm structure and long finish. I'd give this one a little time at the bottom of the closet. \$25 ■

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# CHEF PROFILE

## Vegan chef proudly shares her passion for 'real food'



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A slice of Neapolitan cake, made of chocolate, vanilla and strawberry cake with chocolate fudge filling and vanilla buttercream frosting

**Q:** How long have you been a vegan, and what prompted you to adopt this way of eating?

**A:** I have been a vegan for nearly 10 years and was a vegetarian for 10 years prior to that. Initially, the switch to veganism came when my husband and I were getting life insurance policies and his cholesterol reading came back in the high 200s. It was pretty obvious that it was the dairy in our diet that needed to be kept in check, so we made the switch together. Over the years, though, you find out all these other things going on in the world that make you proud to be a vegan, like the terrible impact of factory farming on the Earth and animals.

**Q:** Can you explain your philosophy about food and cooking?

**A:** I see food as a way to get nutrients into your body so that you can thrive and take on the world. A lot of things we eat really offer nothing to aid our bodies, so when I cook I focus on real foods that maximize the amount of nutrients in a dish. Every time we eat, our choices make an impact on our bodies, our communities and our planet. I use organic ingredients and make everything from scratch in order to know exactly what goes into the food. In season I source primarily local ingredients from our local organic farmers, and out of season I use ingredients with the smallest footprints.

As a vegan chef, I try to make food approachable to everyone, so I use foods that people don't have to stretch too far to recognize but that still offer the most benefits while also being delicious. Basically, I have really high standards for what goes into my body and those of the people I feed.

**Q:** Are there particular dishes that clients seem to like most?

**A:** I make a wide variety of foods that I customize to each individual client. My baked goods and cakes are ordered most frequently, with my salad dressings and casserole-type dishes a close second. Some of the most popular dishes are my garden lasagna, chickpea crabby cakes with

**Tricia Otto**

remoulade, spinach pockets with tzatziki dip, chocolate cake balls, tropical granola, sprouted fig bars and Neapolitan cake.

**Q:** Where are your foods available?

**A:** Just from me at the moment. You can find them online at made-byambrosia.com and on Facebook at Ambrosia Organic Kitchen.

**Q:** If someone is considering becoming a vegan, can you offer some advice on making the transition?

**A:** I think the most important thing that people need to remember when starting a vegan diet is that it is not about the things you can no longer have but a celebration of all the things you can have. Don't put so much pressure on yourself. It can be a drastic switch to become vegan, and it is OK just to start with one day a week eating like a vegan, to make the switch gradually. It is hard not to notice the benefits to the way you feel and look as you incorporate more plant-based foods into your diet.

**Q:** What motivated you to write a cookbook, and where can people order it?

**A:** I wanted to share some of my most loved recipes with anyone interested in trying their hand in the vegan kitchen. My recipes are tested and simple to pull together, so even novice chefs can have success. It is a great tool for people interested in incorporating a few vegan items into their routines or to cook for family and friends who eat a plant-based diet. "The Ambrosia Kitchen Cookbook" is



Soba noodle salad



Tofu fingers over cauliflower mash with arugula and maple mustard sauce



Chickpea crabby cakes with remoulade

available through Amazon or locally at Food and Thought, 2132 Tamiami Trail, or at Neighborhood Organics, 2359 Vanderbilt Beach Road. ■

in the know

**Tricia Otto**

- >> **From:** Many places, including San Francisco, Atlanta, Rome, Tampa and Anna Maria Island, but lived longest in Chicago.
- >> **Moved to Naples:** Eight years ago when husband, Eric, was hired as a professor at Florida Gulf Coast University.
- >> **Business:** Ambrosia Organic Kitchen.
- >> **Culinary training:** On-the-job experience and through a passionate love of learning. Growing up mostly in downtown Chicago, I had access to an incredible variety of great food. But when I made the switch to vegetarianism, I was disappointed with the food options available. At that point it became my focus to figure out how to make vegetarian food as delicious as the non-vegetarian food I had known and loved before.
- >> **Previous jobs:** Worked in catering in Reading, Pa., then with Bold American Foods Co. in Atlanta while in college (for architecture at Georgia Tech) and soon after opened Palma's in midtown Atlanta. After selling it, moved to Anna Maria Island and helped develop the Sarasota restaurant, Patria. Moved to Naples and opened Sweet Cheeks Bakery Stand at the Third Street Farmers Market, which led work with Food and Thought preparing a line of vegan and specialty diet sweets to accommodate food sensitivities and allergies. Opened Ambrosia Organic Kitchen in 2012 to add savory foods to the Food and Thought menu and to serve personal chef customers in the area. Has also published a cookbook of recipes for customer favorites.
- >> **Currently:** Chef/owner of Ambrosia Organic Kitchen, serving personal chef customers, handling small-scale catering and menu development services.



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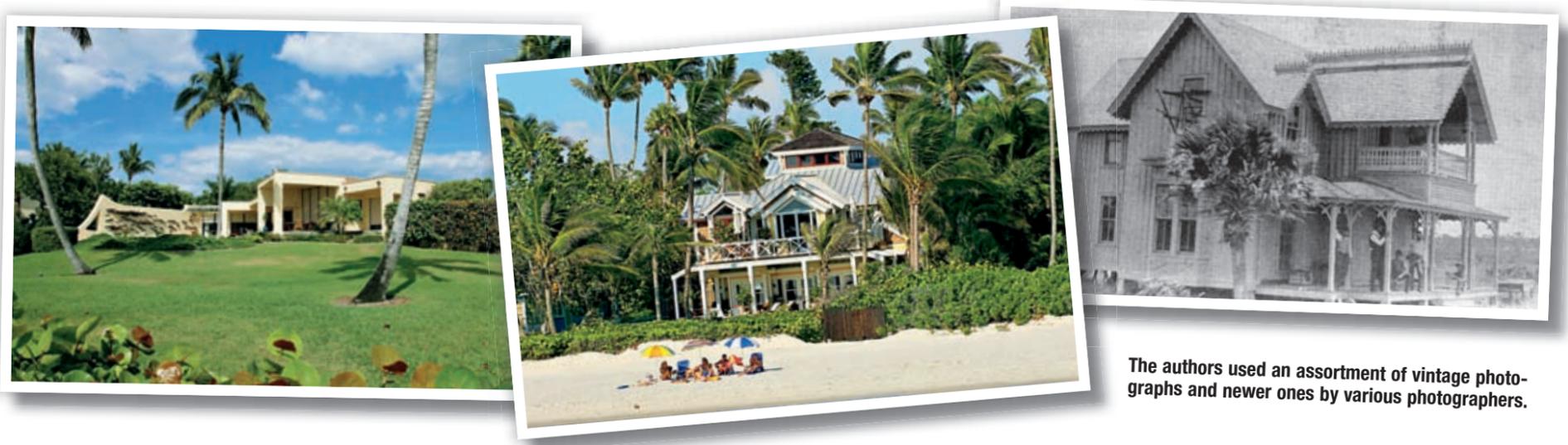


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The authors used an assortment of vintage photographs and newer ones by various photographers.

## Nosy Naples authors collect neighborly beach-mansion stories

By **KELLY MERRITT**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

For Robert and Carole Leher, curiosity led to creative expression.

The Naples couple spent years wondering who lives along the city's most luxurious shores, and what it's like to live that way.

"The diverse houses along Gulf Shore Boulevard and Gordon Drive range from the modest single-story cottages built decades ago to the modern multi-story mansions that tower high above the sand," Mr. Leher says. "These single-family residences all have one thing in common, and that's that each looks out over the beach to the sparkling Gulf of Mexico, and each property has a story to tell."

The Lehers are telling those stories in "Naples Beach Homes: Cottage, Castles

and the Families that Built Them," a book they authored and recently published. To coincide with the release of the book, the couple presented a recent talk about the neighborhoods of downtown Naples at the Historic Palm Cottage.

"We had just received copies of the book from the printer two days before they were scheduled to give the talks," Mr. Leher says. "The reception has just been absolutely remarkable, and we are almost sold out of our printing, so we have to go back now and do a second printing after only having the book out for nine days."

Besides individuals buying "Naples Beach Homes," four major local real estate firms will be using it as part of their closings.

On their journey to write the book,

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Robert and Carole Leher on the beach near the Naples Pier.

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the Lehers met several people, and one homeowner's desire to participate led to another, and before long, homeowners were calling them to tell their own stories.

"There are just a limited number of these homes, and families have come from all over the world," he says. "All are hoping to own one of these special houses on a beach that spans some four and a half miles from the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club on the north to Gordon Pass on the south."

Some of the stories go back to how a homeowner's grandfather came to Naples; others are love stories, "we design" or architectural stories. Photos in the book range from vintage to current photography by the Lehers, professional photographers and homeowners, combined with original artwork by Naples artist Paul Arsenault. It took the Lehers three years to produce the book.

"The book is about people on the beach now and in the past, and a typical chapter covers a home that began in 1939 with a cistern on the roof to collect rainwater. That house was torn down, and in the 1980s, the lot had a contemporary house on the site, and then the property went from a cottage to a castle," Mr. Leher says. "Interlaced within the pages are tales about the fam-

ilies and the history of the houses and what brought the people to Naples."

"Naples Beach Homes: Cottages, Castles and the Families that Built Them" is available online at [napleshistorical-society.org](http://napleshistorical-society.org) and is also at Historic Palm Cottage, Aldecor Custom Framing, the Arsenaull Gallery, the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, BRuno, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Mel's Diner, the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Naples Art Association, Naples Botanical Garden, Ooh La La!, Paper Merchant, Regatta, Tory's Hair Salon and Traditions.

The book is \$65 plus tax, with net profits going to the Naples Historical Society at Historic Palm Cottage. ■



This photo from 1952 shows the home of Glen Sample, who founded Port Royal. The house has since been razed.



A colorful cover by Naples artist Paul Arsenault.



A parade of beautiful beachfront estates along Gulf Shore Boulevard.

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# Back-in-time condo becomes timely respite

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When LUXE selected Pamela Durkin for the Designer Q&A hot seat in 2014, she revealed a secret: She's a designer who loves a makeover. Combine her design philosophy of surrounding yourself with what you love and never backing away from a challenge, and voila! — makeover magic.

Mrs. Durkin took on the makeover of a beachfront condominium that felt trapped in another era. Purchased by a professional couple, the condo contained a beleaguered kitchen that conjured claustrophobia, marred by dated finishes and inferior-quality wood floors along with several other kinds of flooring.

"They wanted to create a more modern, clean-lined oasis where they could come home, relax and entertain," Mrs. Durkin says. "Opening a space up to create an open-plan concept is always a winner when it comes to renovating."

Mrs. Durkin removed the wood floors and replaced them with 24-inch stone tiles. Using a single material helped make the space appear much bigger than it is. In the kitchen, she installed Italian cabinetry and updated appliances, which included an induction cooktop, convection microwave and oven, warming drawer and the quietest dishwasher available. Two different wine coolers — one for red and one for white — were in line with the homeowners' decision to use every available spare inch to create storage and maintain that open feel.



After

"We created special 'memory points,' including an art installation of bronze divers in a very small entry in a nod to the beach. Plus the beautiful marble used in the kitchen reminded me of the waves while the mosaic used on the backsplash of the bar looks like a piece of art," says Mrs. Durkin, who used cut abalone shell tile at the tub, and granite with a waterfall edge in the master to create a spa feel. "Faux leather wall covering and a leathered stone top in the powder room made this a jewel of a space

for guests."

A makeover to achieve clean lines is challenging, according to Mrs. Durkin, because such design lacks easy hiding places, such as moldings. She says she had to be on site and in constant contact with the cabinet installers to ensure the installation was just right. Her favorite element is the television wall.

"Of course, the man of the house wanted the biggest one possible, 80 inches, and since I did not want it to be a focal point of the room, I surrounded it with a dark, chevron wood wall covering, and each side is flanked with a textural white wall covering and sconces," she says. "A cool 8-inch-thick stone top and low profile cabinets anchor the whole piece, so it's a showstopper."

Possibly the biggest challenge she faced were floors that weren't properly leveled. This is why Mrs. Durkin's

top tip for a successful makeover is to have quality installers every time. ■

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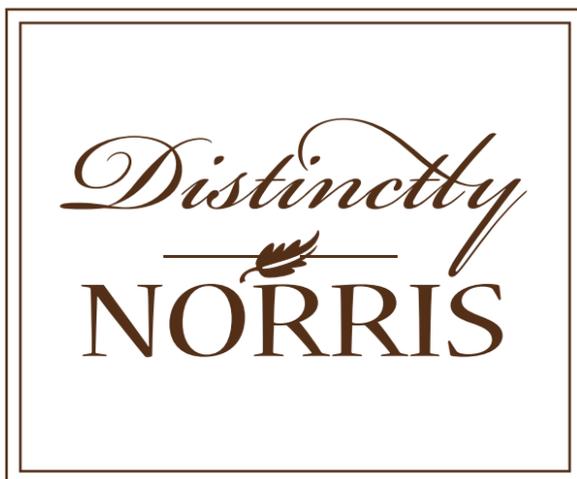


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— Agostino “Gus” Sciacqua, Agostino’s Fine Furnishings



A broad view of the new showroom shows an eclectic blend of fine furnishings and accessories at Agostino's.

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# Furniture family on the move

Agostino's Fine Furnishings' folks now befriending customers in North Naples

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When people call Agostino's Fine Furnishings, they are often surprised to hear Agostino “Gus” Sciacqua himself answer the telephone. But once they get to know him, they understand why. This natural retailer has never really met a stranger. He loves nothing more than to greet his guests, help customers and provide the kind of service he grew up with.

Agostino and his son David Sciacqua own and operate Agostino's here in Naples, where the senior Mr. Sciacqua has been for decades. The leader of this Italian family retired and left Chicago after being an executive, but like so many of Naples' leading men, he couldn't stomach sitting around.

“I had to start another business, and I thought getting into the import business would be fantastic because I love the beauty of furniture and art, so that really interested me,” he says. “I came down here to Naples and the business just grew. Then we moved and added two other locations and have now consolidated.”

The benefits of the new operation, which recently relocated to North Naples just north of Immokalee Road, are that customers get to see almost everything Agostino's has. In the old location, mountains of furnishings remained hidden in storage until space could be cleared for new displays.

“We are going to Europe next month, and we are importing a lot of great products as the dollar is strong over there,”

Mr. Sciacqua says. “We will be able to find unique things that are years ahead of the trends in the states right now. Going to the shows over there, all of the young people are ahead of the trend, and you just know in four or five years what they are showing now will be in the U.S.”

Agostino's has four interior designers working however clients specify, whether that's transitional, contemporary or traditional. Art is a big part of Mr. Agostino's passion for fine furnishings. The artwork is reasonably priced by Naples standards, with a selection of contemporary and classic in addition to the work of different local artists. It's not unusual to see transitional pieces next to contemporary pieces.

“I've always loved art, and we are very selective in terms of what we select from Europe, plus we don't go into acrylic — we stick strictly to oil paintings,” he points out. “Our designers will often take paintings to homes to see if they will work in the spaces, but what's even more exciting is that we also have a program where we take clients with us to Europe, especially if they are building a home.”

After careful measurement of floor plans to best know where pieces will fit, some of Agostino's clients enjoy going



Father and son Agostino, seated, and David Sciacqua in their design library.

to Europe to help select the pieces they want.

“The clients love that because it's not only getting to select the furniture, but it's also a fantastic vacation for them

because I take them to communities and villages where the craftsmen are,” he says. “They would never find these places on their own, and they get to talk to the craftsmen, so it's very special.”

Normally, the destinations are in Italy because that is the country with which Mr. Sciacqua is most familiar. He speaks fluent Italian.

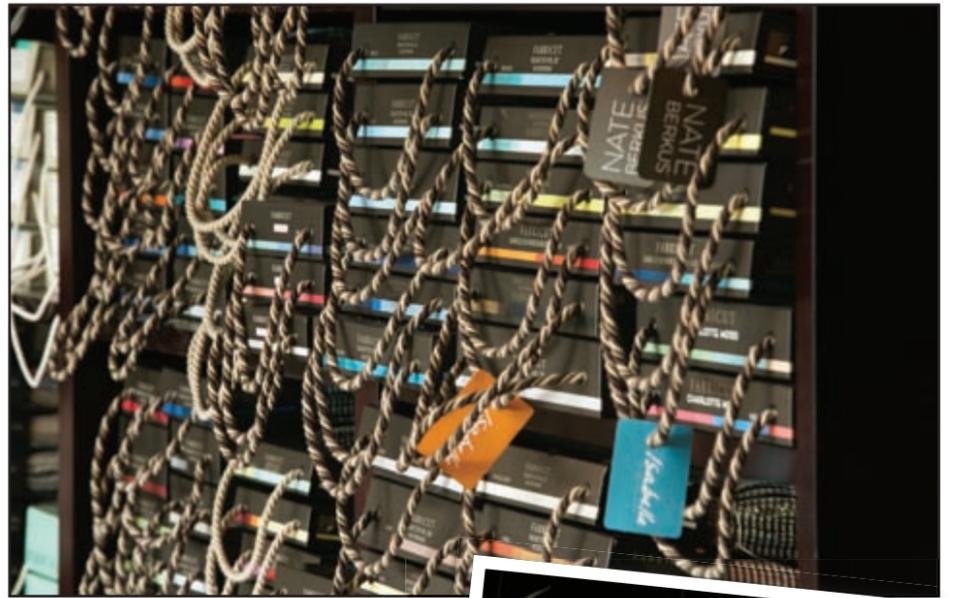
“I also go to France and Spain, but Italy, I know like the back of my hand,” says the man whose parents came from Luca, near Florence.

## Surprises in store

In the store, customers find large pieces such as a massive, 72-inch round table with a Lazy Susan in the middle. Kidney desks, which are perfect for small spaces, are placed between unique chairs and shelves, alongside executive desks and contemporary lamps.

No two pieces of furniture seem alike here, and each little area is its own vignette. For example, adjacent to a charming country French table and chairs, a contemporary setting with Art Deco buffet table, lamps and artwork shows how to achieve a retro look in a small space. Across the room, a massive bed is fit for a kingly space in

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▲ **All about choice**

Above: Fabric samples by the thousands are among the myriad resources that fill the design library at Agostino's.

◀ **In the details**

Left: Accent pieces such as this little monkey lamp combine whimsy and elegance.

▶ **Right at home**

A traditional/transitional vignette includes a statement piece of art and matching lamps.



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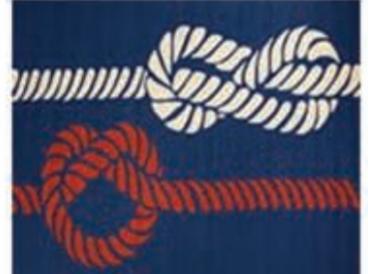
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# Luxury in tow

*Airstream is the nobility of mobility*

By **KELLY MERRITT**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

YOU COULD CALL JAN SODERQUIST AND GARETH Rockcliffe local celebrities. But this photography team's reach goes far beyond the small scope of Naples. Case in point: their photography has included assignments for people such as Richard Branson and other international projects. What this power couple loves most is photographing landscapes, hopping from coastline to coastline, living on the road in their 1983 Airstream trailer.

They've kept the décor the same since they bought their Airstream 10 years ago, and suspect due to the fun design that the previous owners had help from a designer to decorate the interior.

“We bought it from a couple who had another Airstream and this one was very special to them,” Ms. Soderquist says. “They had traveled all over including to Alaska in it, so they interviewed us to make sure we were the couple they wanted to have it. When we saw the leopard print curtains and animal print, I thought it was so cool and it was so well done.”



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Top: Jan Soderquist and Lily take in the view during a stop on the Great American Coastline Tour. Above: Gareth Rockcliffe joins the fun. The couple and their canine have traveled the country in their 1983 Airstream.

# AIRSTREAM

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The Airstream also has maps for wallpaper, which fits with the travel theme. The couple loved the fact that it looked like no other Airstream. Both Ms. Soderquist and Mr. Rockliffe are quite cultured people — he from the United Kingdom and she from New England — yet here they were, going to Punta Gorda to buy a vintage Airstream decorated in animal print.

“It was hilarious how the previous owners mixed and matched the décor, even the Kleenex box holders, pot holders and something to wrap your beer in — even these incidentals were done in animal prints,” says Ms. Soderquist, who shares with Mr. Rockliffe a transitional modern studio and home in North Naples.

Their Airstream is 27 feet long and has an interesting layout. The bathroom is in the back with a miniature tub and small shower. It has two single beds side by side and a couch in front of the trailer that pulls out to a queen bed. Because of the trailer’s age, they had to replace the air conditioner, water tank and boiler, but the design remained the same.

“Airstreams by definition, there isn’t a lot of storage, but they are creative with the storage it has,” says Mr. Rockliffe, who enjoys going off into the woods with no hook-ups. “That’s called boondocking and you have your propane to run the fridge and the stove, and a little battery that runs everything else for a few days, while the newer rigs provide more time.”

He says growing up in England, there were three things that epitomized America: the Corvette, Harley-Davidson and Airstream.



Airstream and Range Rover teamed up for a trek from the UK to Morocco.

RANGE ROVER / COURTESY PHOTO

“We both knew we love that lifestyle of being on the road, and when we saw this Airstream, it was love at first sight,” he says. “The people we purchased it from were definitely sad to see it go.”

Airstream recently announced a rare update resulting in the 2015 Airstream Classic, which incorporates cherry-wood cabinetry, hardware from Amerock, high-polish Corian countertops and Kohler faucets, with a stainless steel oven from



SODERQUIST PHOTOGRAPHY / COURTESY PHOTO

A woody retreat made a perfect overnight stop on the Soderquist-Rockliffe adventure.



The Airstream lifestyle is a community, with owners often meeting up and traveling together.

AIRSTREAM / COURTESY PHOTO



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The Soderquist-Rockliffe Airstream has twin beds, above, and a sofa at the front of the cabin, below, that converts to a queen bed. There's also a full bath.

Snev and range hood from Baraldi. Engineers and wood craftsmen redesigned the master bedroom and bath to include a new power-adjustable queen bed and air-duct system hidden within the trailer's unique curves and edges. They added Villa furniture, including a sofa with individually power reclining seats, more of the iconic Airstream windows and low-energy, high-visibility LED lighting. Additional upgrades include marine-grade Polk stereo systems, powered stabilizer jacks and awnings with matching, foldable Zip Dee chairs.

Last year, Ms. Soderquist and Mr. Rockliffe founded The Great American Coastline Project, hopped in their Airstream with their dog Lily and hit the West Coast to chronicle America's coastal regions in photos and video. It's an ambitious project that will continue later this year with the Eastern Seaboard. They crowdfunded it on Kickstarter and captured the entire journey on the free iPhone app PikMobile.

They logged 12,000 miles on this trip alone, but they've traveled more than 80,000 miles with the Airstream, sleeping and living in it throughout their journeys. They feel as at home on the Airstream as they do in their own house.

"It's such a cool way to travel, and we love the people we meet on the road," Mr. Rockliffe says. "You can stay in some of the most beautiful places in the world and plan to stop in select places, or just drive as long as you want to and pull over and spend the night when you feel like it."

They traveled through California, Oregon and Washington after the kids had all gone back to school, so they say they had loads of choices and tried to make smart ones deciding where to stop.

"Because we were hugging the coastline, we were on some remote beaches along the coast and we tended to go to places where we didn't see many people," Ms. Soderquist says. "The most beautiful beach we encountered was Rialto Beach, and along the way we took advantage of a Thousand Trails promo-



tion, and there are all kinds of clubs you can join."

The biggest surprise to the couple in the length of such an ambitious trip was how much time they had to invest just for day-to-day living.

"Laundry, shopping, all of that was a big experiment, and while we have traveled in our Airstream all over the place, and while we had a route in mind, not knowing the West Coast we didn't know what areas we would like or how long we were going to stay," says Ms. Soderquist, who says despite lots of research before they left Naples, they realized quickly that it was time to move on from some places sooner than others.

With the East Coast tour coming up, they are looking forward to taking the Airstream through the Carolinas to places such as the Outer Banks. They hope to incorporate a healthy eating lifestyle on the road and find out where the farmers' markets are along the way.

"I really love those places where storms create those moody skies," Ms. Soderquist says of the sometimes-haunting Carolina coast that has seduced filmmakers, coastal residents and pirates for centuries. "We will probably do another Kickstarter campaign and secure more sponsors, but some things we will do exactly as we did them on the West Coast trip."

### Shining star of trailering

What is it about Airstream trailers that have even the wealthiest people dragging them from coast to mountains? Even Range Rover, long the SUV of choice for the glitterati, undertook the challenge of living on the road, with a company-sponsored expedition tugging an Airstream from the English Lake District to the top of the Atlas Mountains in Morocco and back.

A Range Rover Autobiography with a 339PS SDV8 engine towed the silver bullet from Tebay, just a few miles from the Scottish border, to Oukaïmeden, the

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# AIRSTREAM

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highest ski resort in Africa. The group stopped in Solihull, Frank Gehry's amazing aluminum Marques de Riscal building in the Spanish wine region of Rioja, the beach near Casablanca, the desert outside Chichaoua and the race track at Marrakesh. The trip encompassed about 12 hours a day on the road in what organizer Ben Samuelson called every type of road imaginable, from the empty motorways of Spain to the precipitous hairpins of the High Atlas.

"You can compare the Airstream to a boutique hotel — albeit a mobile one — and taking this combination of rig on your travels injects style and comfort," Mr. Samuelson says. His firm, Samuelson Wylie Associates, planned and executed the trip. "The moment that really summed up the magic of a journey like this was waking up in the Airstream on a sunny morning next to the beach just outside Casablanca — only a few days after towing it down a crowded British motorway through typically dismal autumnal British weather."

Mr. Samuelson loved being able to do regular things in spectacular places: taking a hot shower followed by breakfast and reading the morning newspaper on his iPad courtesy of the Airstream's satellite broadband. "I think we proved that luxury and adventure are not mutually exclusive," he says.

Airstream actually began in America's original adventure-ville, California. Airstreams are now manufactured in Ohio, where enthusiasts come by busload to tour the plant. Fans are like the "Twilight" equivalent of silver bullet road travel. Airstream staffers share that slice of Americana appreciation. Generations of people work there. Two employees who worked there 55 years just retired.

"What's magical about how the passion for Airstream survives so long is thanks to our founder, Wally Byam, who had a vision in the 1920s for people to see the world," says Molly Hansen of Airstream. "This is his legacy of wanting to get people out, and we know that our customers have wanderlust and are a very curious people by nature. They don't sit and think about it. They do it."

True Airstream enthusiasts are active participants in life and can't wait for their next adventure. Two of them, Ms. Soderquist and Mr. Rockliffe, have chosen Naples as the springboard for those adventures. ■



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## DESIGNER Q & A



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Russell Sanders in one of his custom closets.

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LUXE homeowners know that nothing wrecks the appearance of a home like clutter. And nothing can make you crazy like a messy closet. Russell Sanders knows all about the luxury of a great closet. In his off time, he'd rather be spending time with his family or on the golf course, but at PLC Closets, he makes even the most discriminating closet dreams come true. He does it with a lot of heart and spirit, something that extends to the vibe of the whole company.

"I really love working with people, so I don't feel like I am going to work when I am helping people design their closets," says the man whose dream is to have a putting green in his closet. "PLC is a tight company that focuses on the customer from start to finish and beyond, which means we want everyone to feel part of the family."

We asked Mr. Sanders to dish about his juiciest closet design tricks, and he let fly about gadgets, wire closet shelves and why angles are great everywhere — except in a closet.

**Q: What's your favorite home design trend right now? Is there anything new and cool in closets homeowners might be excited to know?**

My favorite thing right now is the different materials available. We can make the same design seem elegant or beach-themed by just changing the color of the material. And the accessories, I am a gadget guy! Why not have my shoes on a remote-controlled, spinning holder!

**Q: What closet trends have gone by the wayside?**

Luckily, I think it is just putting a couple of wire shelves and rails and calling it a closet. People are turning their closets into a personal retreat that they can show off and where they can organize their belongings with their own personal flair.

**Q: If you could have the closet of your dreams, what would that include?**

Lots of space for a never-ending supply of clean golf shirts and shoes. And a putting green — that's my dream. Why not?

**Q: Are there different styles of closets that match a certain genre, such as modern or transitional, or classic wood styles?**

There are, and you can go modern with clean lines and a minimalistic look, or go traditional with elegant, fluted fillers and crown moldings.

**Q: What was the most difficult closet you've ever done? What were the challenges?**

The most difficult closet is a small closet with lots of angles, because angles create a loss of space. That's why at PLC, we give our customers a 3D rendering both on paper and one that they can view on their tablet as if they are standing in the middle of their closet. It shows everything exactly as it will be once completed.

**Q: Please share any advice you have for a homeowner embarking on new-home construction or any resources for creating a dream closet.**

Remember your closets. Some builders will just use the leftover space for closets. Remember that you will use it every day. Insist on ample room and think about your clothing. Remember you will grow into the space, so allow room for that. Remember, we don't have basements — builders want to make homes big and open, and storage space is sometimes forgotten.

**Q: What's the most over-the-top, luxury closet you ever saw?**

A: We did one that was pretty over the top where a client turned a bedroom into a closet and we decked it out with all the goodies, including lots of drawer space, hampers and crown molding. We turned the original closet into a shoe closet with an entire wall of slanted shoe shelves and handbag cubbies. It was a real dream closet for a woman with lots of accessories. ■

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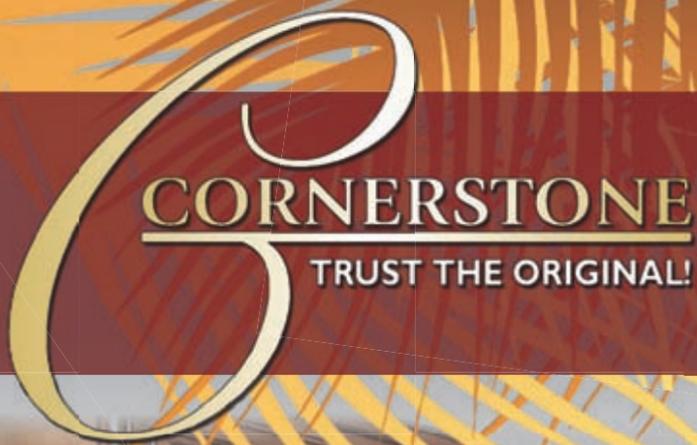
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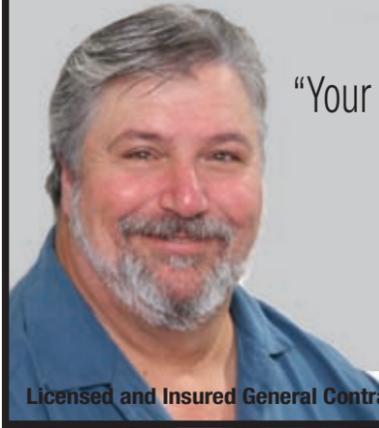
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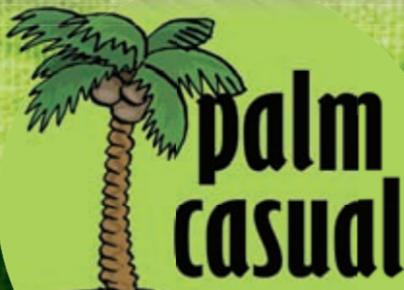


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"Spring Flowers" by Gabriela Gonzalez Dellosso, Harmon-Meek Gallery



"Le Mariage" by Ysabel LeMay, Thomas Riley Studio

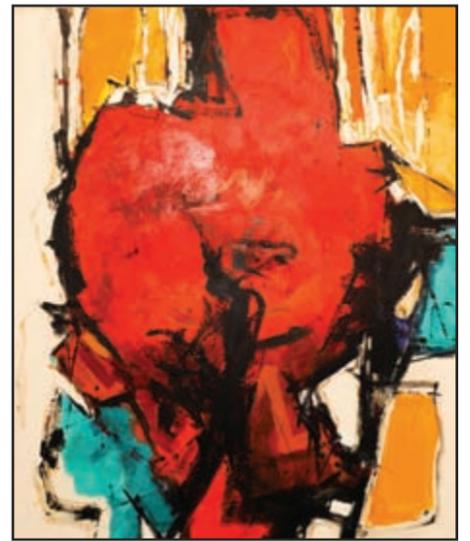
abstraction of single flowers.

■ **April 26-May 29:** "The Spirit of Spring" - A mixed-media group exhibition of new works by "photo-fusion" artist Ysabel LeMay, ceramicist Pascale Girardin, glass artist Joshua Wojick, painter Carmelo Blandino and paper artist/engineer Matthew Shlian.

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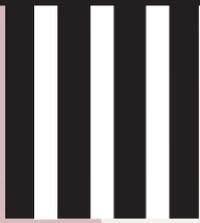
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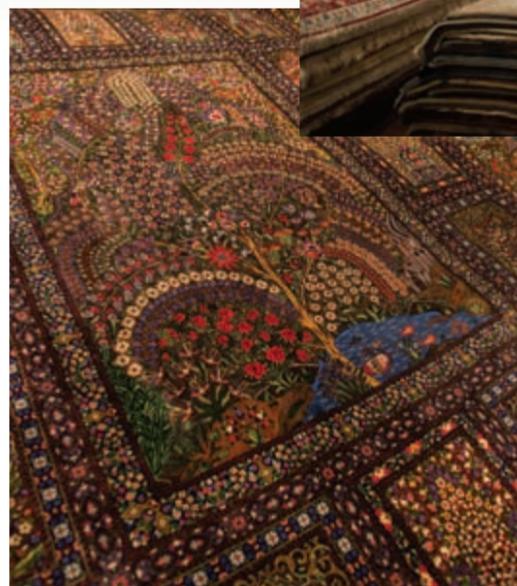
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Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA custom residence, 100' of open access canal frontage with dock, pebble pool, 9.5' ceilings. **\$479,000**  
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**Direct Sailboat Access**  
Large Lake with pool! Located in Joe Stonis Park area. 24,000 lb lift also has large entertaining area with Tiki Hut. **\$474,000**  
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**3/2/2 Pool Home with an Intersecting Canal View**  
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**Sandoval-3+Den with Lake View**  
Over 2000 sq. ft in Ashbury Estate Section with furnishings and vehicle included! Rare huge oversize lake view. **\$339,900**  
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**ESTERO**



**Bella Terra**  
Immaculate 4/2/2 Single Family Home in Bella Terra. This 2300 sq ft is a great buy! 2 separate living areas. **\$319,900**  
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NAPLES



**Lake View Home in Maplewood Neighborhood**  
What a dream home!! Beautiful lake view from the tiled lanai of this true 3 bedroom ,2 bath home. **\$299,900**  
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**3 Bedroom 3 Bath Pool Home**  
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**Peace & Quiet**  
Perfectly updated home situated on just over an acre. Stunning fruit producing trees. **\$279,000**  
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CAPE CORAL



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**Gulf Access Beauty**  
Immaculate move in ready Gulf access 3 bedroom 2 bath remodeled home. 7000# boat lift. Quartz & granite counter tops. **\$274,900**  
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CAPE CORAL



**Beautiful Sandoval Home in a Quiet Neighborhood**  
This home has lots of extras; the kitchen has upgraded 42" cabinets with granite counters and more. **\$274,900**  
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CAPE CORAL



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**Sailboat Access, Tarpon Point Area**  
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**The Tori Model**  
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**Affordable Super Charming Tanglewood 3/2/2 Home**  
All the updates have been done for you in this 3 bdrm/ 2 bath/ 2 car garage pool home. **\$249,900**  
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**Buckingham 4.62 Acre Ranch**  
Two story 4/3 Colonial in sought after Buckingham. A lot of privacy here. This home is open and bright. **\$249,900**  
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FORT MYERS



**Prestigious Whiskey Creek**  
Yet soooo affordable! 3 bedroom/ 2 bath/ 2 car garage. Vaulted caged pool. **\$249,900**  
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CAPE CORAL



**SW Cape Coral 4 Bedroom + Den, Pool Home**  
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3/2/2 custom built home with lanai and pool on oversized lot with beautiful landscape. **\$229,900**  
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**St. James City 1.6 Acres**  
Two bedroom 1 bath on 1.6 acres just south of Pine Island Center. Lots of tropical fruit trees, well maintained home. **\$225,000**  
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CAPE CORAL



**Spectacular 3/2 Pool Home!**  
Paradise awaits! Spectacular 3/2 pool home surrounded by lush, tropical landscaping located in well-est. neighborhood. **\$224,500**  
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CAPE CORAL



**Exclusive Somerville Subdivision of Sandoval**  
This home has only been used as a second home for 8 weeks of the year. This home boasts 2 bedrooms 2 baths. **\$220,000**  
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PORT CHARLOTTE



**3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage w/Split Floor Plan**  
Beautiful, pool home is located in the coveted Section 15 neighborhood of Port Charlotte. Built in 1993. **\$214,900**  
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**St. James City Waterfront!**  
Immaculate 3 bed 2 bath home on a deep canal with gulf access, covered lift. Minutes to open water and great fishing. **\$212,000**  
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**Lakefront 3/2/2 Pool Home w/Spa**  
Over 2000 sq. ft. of living area, a fishing pier to relax or watch the beautiful view of the lake. **\$209,900**  
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CAPE CORAL



**4 Bedroom Pool Home in SW Cape**  
Well maintained 4BD, 3B solar heated pool home in a highly desirable area of SW Cape Coral. Close to the Shops/farmers market. **\$199,000**  
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CAPE CORAL



**Beautiful 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath Pool Home**  
This is a Short Sale subject to existing lender's approval which could result in delays. Tile throughout. A must see! **\$199,000**  
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**Sought After Cape Coral Neighborhood**  
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## CAPE CORAL



**Attractive 3 Bedroom 1 block from Joe Stonis Park**  
Well kept, ready to move in home 1 block from Joe Stonis Park and adjoins Matlacha community. Southern exposure on lanai.  
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## CAPE CORAL



**2 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Direct Access Condo**  
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## NORTH PORT



**Beautiful 3 Bed, 2 Bath 2006 Home**  
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**Beautiful 3/2/2 in Popular Burnt Store Area**  
3/2/2 with formal dining & living rooms w/open family room & kitchen. Enjoy breathtaking sunsets from your lanai.  
**\$172,500**  
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## ESTERO



**Rare 2nd Floor 2+Den, 2 Full Bath**  
Rare 2nd floor 2+den, 2 full bath, 1,196 SqFt, end unit condo in Bella Terra, Estero unit features upgraded tiles.  
**\$169,900**  
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## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Beautiful Heated Pool on City Water/Sewer**  
3/2/2 oversized garage, vinyl white fence w self-cleaning pool. Formal dining and living rooms.  
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## IMMOKALEE



**Community Living in a Country Setting**  
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**\$147,500**  
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## CAPE CORAL



**Desirable SW Location!**  
3/2/2 Home minutes from Cape Harbour + Tarpon Point. City water and sewer. Motivated seller !  
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## CAPE CORAL



**Furnished Spacious 1st Floor Unit**  
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**First Floor End Unit**  
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**Breckenridge Golf & Country Club**  
Breckenridge Golf & Country Club 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom second floor unit turnkey.  
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## CAPE CORAL



**Cape Coral Pool Home**  
Three bedroom two bath pool home. Great Southeast Cape Coral location. Great value, check it out before it's to late.  
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## LEHIGH ACRES



**2/2/1 w/Pool-Willowbrook Comm. in SE Lehigh**  
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## CAPE CORAL



**Cute Pool Home 3/2**  
Adorable pool home with a new kitchen, new windows and fresh paint in and out.  
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## LEHIGH ACRES



**Gorgeous Greenbrier**  
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## LEHIGH ACRES



**Lowest Priced Pool Home**  
Small rock fountain and high screened lanai pool, this home features all tile floor, fireplace, 3b close to library, schools.  
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**Property Has Been Totally Remodeled**  
New roof 2015. Electrical in 2015. Plumbing and well with new pump in 2015.  
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## LEHIGH ACRES



**SE Lehigh 3/2/2 w/Den**  
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**\$101,000**  
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### PORT CHARLOTTE



**2 Bed 2.5 Bath, 1 Car Gar Pool Home**  
Enjoy the Florida lifestyle. Upgrades include high efficiency aluminum roof, newer a/c & a new heat pump for pool.  
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**Located In The Hottest Rental Market Of San Carlos**  
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### FORT MYERS



**Cedarbend Townhome - 2 Bedroom/2 Bath**  
Townhouse with fenced courtyard. All appliances convey as well as the furnishings. Property has been updated.  
**\$91,000**  
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### ST. JAMES CITY



**Walk to Everything Manufactured Home**  
Two bed two bath, large two car garage, close to all shopping, walking distance to everything.  
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**Absolutely Gorgeous Townhouse in Provincetown**  
Don't miss out on an opportunity to show this beautiful townhouse in the gated community of Provincetown.  
**\$82,000**  
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### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Seller Financing Available A Must See!**  
Updated 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1 car garage with lanai. Walking distance to US41 but located in a quiet neighborhood.  
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**Key West Style Riverfront Estate**  
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This beautiful island home on exclusive North Captiva Island features some of the worlds best beaches, boating & fishing.  
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### FORT MYERS



**Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated! WOW!**  
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more!  
**\$970,000**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Gulf Access 4 car Garage, Pool Home, What a View**  
This home has everything that a high end buyer is looking for. Gas appliances, Whole house generator. Gourmet Kitchen.  
**\$949,900**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous 5600 sqft Living area, 4/5 Home**  
Versatile floor plan, 1/1 guest house w/living room, pool, 40' dock, breathtaking views. This property is a must see!  
**\$875,000**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Drop Dead Gorgeous**  
5 bdrm/4 ba/3 car garage. Riverfront. Infinity pool, spa, boat dock home-3760 sq.ft.  
**\$745,000**  
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### FORT MYERS



**Gorgeous Direct Access Home**  
This beautiful executive home is nestled in "The Shallows" area of Iona. Home sits on a huge lot and has direct access.  
**\$735,000**  
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### CAPE CORAL



**Sailboat Access Pool Home on 240 Ft Canal**  
Stunning custom home near Cape Harbour! Soaring ceiling, huge island kitchen with upgraded granite and stainless.  
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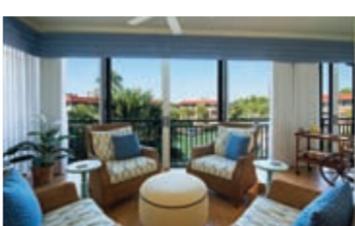
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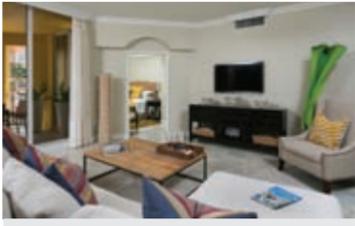
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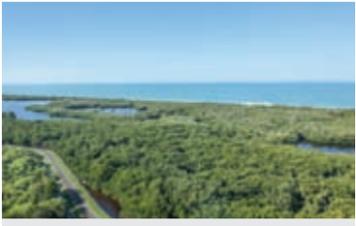
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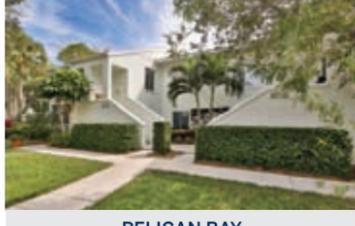
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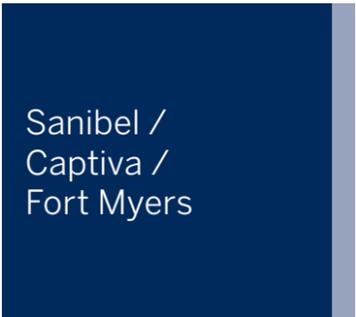
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