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With bear populations growing, state officials are expected to approve a bear-hunting season for the first time in two decades. Some contend it is too soon and that a hunt won't reduce human-bear conflicts.

## A real Bear

3,000

ESTIMATED BEARS LIVING IN FLORIDA

196

BEARS KILLED BY CARS IN FLORIDA IN 2014

99

CALLS REPORTING BEARS TO THE FWC IN 1990. LAST YEAR THERE WERE 6,312 CALLS

35

SPEED IN MILES PER HOUR A BEAR CAN SPRINT

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A BLACK BEAR HIT UP A SOUTH Fort Myers resident's trash can twice last month in the hours before dawn, enjoying a used-up bottle of maple syrup, an ice cream container, and possibly some leftover seafood. The first day it had appeared on his video system was shortly after 6 a.m., said Douglas Spiegel, "which was a little concerning because I know my daughter and my wife leave around 7:15."

One night it stayed for about an hour, video footage shows, then darted away into the preserve behind the house, scared off maybe by a door opening or a car.

Bears are naturally scared of humans and mostly just attracted by food opportunities. Officially they've injured people 16 times in about 40 years on state record. Just two of those injuries were

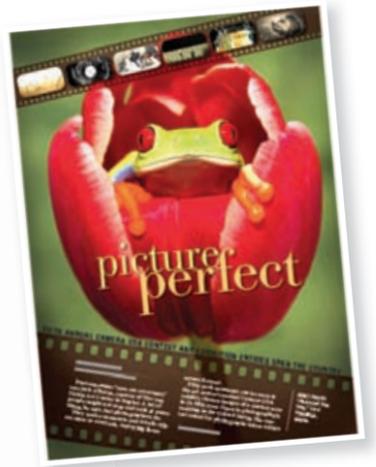


Inset: A bear is caught rummaging through trash in South Fort Myers on Doug Spiegel's video security camera.

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Groundbreaking ceremony for the adaptive field at the Greater Naples YMCA.

## YMCA breaks ground for adaptive ball field

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Say you're a person who is wheelchair-bound but has a burning desire to play baseball. What are your options?

The first is to contact a local Special Olympics chapter. Until recently, however, the Collier County chapter was unable to offer much in the way of baseball.

But thanks to The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation and community partners Florida Community Bank and the Naples Children and Education Foundation, disabled people with a sporting disposition will be able to take a swing at baseball, softball and potentially t-ball at the Greater Naples YMCA come fall. Their combined

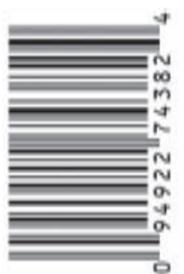
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# COMMENTARY

## Panther one, Williams zip



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It nailed my birds, which is why I now know: There's a two-ring debate unfolding under Florida's big-top these days about the little lions that live virtually unseen among us — the Florida panthers.

In the first ring, we have the ongoing numbers show: How many panthers are left in the wild, really?

Ranchers and hunters, and I suspect some developers who'd rather not worry about panther habitat, question whether they should be on the endangered list anymore — there are a lot more than 180, they insist. But that's the maximum possible number, according to state wildlife officials and environmentalists who even hire professional trackers from as far away as Texas to help count them.

In the second ring are those who question all the old wisdom about the value of Florida panthers, not to mention the numbers — and they also suggest that the more familiar with humans these lions get, the more threatening they may be not just to livestock or pets but to all of us. Although no documented panther attack on a human has ever occurred in Florida, the related but bigger mountain-lion species of the west and far west have killed people on infrequent occasions.

One proposal by wildlife biologists calls for setting up three populations of

at least 240 animals each, in three distinct parts of Florida.

But that's a bad idea, figures Immokalee-based rancher Aliesa Priddy, a member of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission appointed by Gov. Rick Scott in 2011.

Last October she and other protestors to federal and state conservation efforts suggested at a public meeting in Naples that the little lions just might not be worth all the talk, planning and effort, anyway.

"I wonder if we're trying to put a square peg in a round hole," she said in comments reported by the *Naples Daily News*. "Not every species can be recovered. I think that's something we need to hold out there and consider."

So maybe we just sort of not recover them? Let the cars and trucks do the rest?

I became particularly interested in these questions last week after a neighbor reported that a friend of hers — a person born and raised here who knew the difference between a bobcat and a panther, she assured us — had seen a panther cross the road and move into the woods adjoining my property in east Lee County, just before dusk.

That happened to be the night after something came out of those very woods, ripped out the chicken wire and then broke through the chain link that surrounded the night roost of our geese, ducks and chickens, and created a wide-enough opening to seize several birds and pull them back through the hole. The creature took three as a carry-out meal,

apparently, and left a couple of other broken birds to die.

Until the phone call, I had figured it was nothing more than a big hungry bull raccoon, or less likely, a bobcat or even a small black bear. But there were no animal tracks, and only a trail with a few fading feathers leading back into the woods, so probably not a bear or coyotes, who aren't likely to go through the fence with that much force.

Could it have been a panther? Still figuring raccoon, I put out a raccoon live-trap, baited it with watermelon, sardines and marshmallows on a couple of nights running, and managed only to catch two would-be panthers — my very indignant outdoor cats, who had refused to come in for the night.

But I began to think about the real thing. And the more I thought about panthers, the more I could feel their amber eyes following me about the property from deep in the shadows of oaks and palmettos. And the more I thought about their presence — about the fact that males can weigh up to 160 pounds, jump 15 feet or more straight up, spring as far as 35 or 40 feet, and move as silently as an ant — the more I recalled with too-comfortable familiarity the obvious solutions of all the men in my youth: a rifle. I happen to own a couple.

What if these purebred killing machines start running amok and eating our horses and the neighbors' cows, our chickens and ducks, our dogs and cats and passing bicyclists and the children waiting for the school bus?

A federal official at the Naples meeting even claimed the panthers are "showing up on porches," and a Charlotte County hunter said he'd been stalked four times. It would take a hell of a hunter to know he was being stalked by a Florida panther, even once, in my opinion, although a turkey hunter camouflaged and sitting still took cell-phone photos of one staring at him from about 15 feet away in the Big Cypress not long ago, as he tried to call in a tom. My wife reported that story in *The News-Press*.

So what do I do, lock and load? Stand my ground no matter what's out there, and legal or not?

Well, no. I got control of myself, killed the historic itch in my trigger finger, and reasoned it out this way.

For several thousand years these creatures have lived and hunted these parts — they own them. I figure it's my burden to have to build a better coop, and to leave them the few woods that remain, the best of which lie in the Fakahatchee Strand, the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and the Big Cypress National Preserve.

Fact is, I like having that panther around, watching me and mine — a thing to be left alone.

A thing real and uncompromising. A thing whose truth and beauty for us are "hidden in the glorious wildness like unmined gold," as the great American naturalist John Muir put it.

So, panther (or whatever it was) one, Williams zip, this time. And that's just fine. ■

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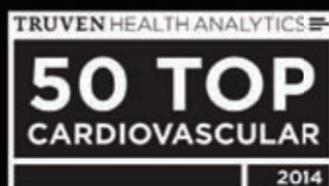





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# OPINION

## Obama declares war on climate change



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Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama is less than stalwart in the fight against ISIS and doesn't seem overly concerned about Vladimir Putin's predation in Ukraine or China's aggression in the South China Sea. It is the fight against climate change, an allegedly dire threat to the nation's security, that brings out his inner Churchill.

In remarks to the Coast Guard Academy commencement, Obama pledged his undying hostility to climate change and his determination to fight it on the beaches and in the fields. He called it "one of the most severe threats" we face and "an immediate risk to our national security."

He hailed the Coast Guard for building more fuel-efficient cutters, and the Marines for deploying with portable solar panels. It was one of the most insipid calls to arms ever made by an American commander in chief, and there is unlikely to be much competition until President Elizabeth Warren rallies the U.S. Navy against income

inequality.

From the president's urgency, you would think that climate change is beheading American hostages and taking over large swathes of Middle Eastern countries, toward the end of establishing a hostile climate-change empire. The reality is that, even accepting his premises about the state of the science, he can only point to laughably tenuous connections between climate change and national security.

The president cited drought as one of the causes of the Syrian civil war. Yet an article in the journal Middle Eastern Studies notes that Israel, Jordan and Lebanon experienced drought in 2007-2008. None of them collapsed into a genocidal hellhole. Nor is drought unusual in Syria. Quite reasonably, the article counsels focusing on the corrupt and dysfunctional Syria government as the fundamental cause of the uprising. Not to mention the fact that countries all over the Middle East and North Africa experienced revolts at the same time.

The president warned of how climate change could create "mass migrations," the kind of disruption that a White House document says will disproportionately affect Africa and Asia. Even if this is true, how will it implicate our national security? The United States was content to stand by while 800,000

people died in the Rwandan genocide and more than 5 million in Congo's civil war. If that mass slaughter didn't move us, we aren't going to mobilize the troops to manage climate-driven mass migrations.

Another climate-change hot spot is the Arctic, with President Obama predicting that summers could be ice-free there by around 2050. Man the battle stations? Well, no. A Brookings Institution article notes that "what we're seeing in the Arctic is that receding ice is triggering commercial competition and governance cooperation; not conflict."

Typically, the president implied clear and present dangers from climate change, although the "consensus" science he purports to champion projects effects on extreme weather roughly 80 years from now. By then today's cadets will have long ago passed the baton of the fearsome battle against climate change to subsequent generations.

Of course, if climate change were a true enemy of the United States, President Obama would extend a hand of peace, or declare victory and go home. ■

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## Stupid smart



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A new season of uncertainty is unfolding in Tallahassee now that the state legislature has convened to do business in a special session. The lawmakers returned to work because they failed to adopt a state budget — by law, their major job responsibility. Floridians look upon the debacle helplessly, unlikely to enforce accountability among those guilty of irresponsible behavior.

Gerrymandered districts protect incumbency and minimize the risk of voter reprisals for the fiascos these 40-watt bulbs perpetuate upon the state. All's the more to pity since this is a self-made sinkhole that swallows up enlightened governance.

Welcome to the world of a Frankenstein democracy. It has all the body parts governance requires but the manner in which the conservatives stitch them together defies any suggestion the resulting corpus will function as a rationale, legislative body. To the contrary, state government is lurching forward and stumbling backward under the collapse of mean-spirited and nutty policies, without executive leadership, nor looking, acting or legislating as distinguished chambers, empowered with noble purposes, to serve with integrity, the people's needs. Floridians are soon to find out how much worse it can get.

The special session is dealing with issues left behind by an impasse between the state's House and Senate over a proposed Senate plan to expand Medicaid to 800,000 uninsured, low-income and disabled Floridians. The speaker of the House and its members balked at the proposal, storming out three days before the Legislature was due to adjourn. Unanimity disintegrated across the chambers, elevating the tempest in Tallahassee to a

topic of discussion nationwide, the meltdown left dozens of policy issues on the table, the granddaddy of them all being the approval of an \$80 billion state budget. Now it's chapter two.

Gov. Rick Scott and House representatives adamantly oppose the state's acceptance of federal dollars to expand Medicaid. However, interim to the special session, the federal government reduced the Low Income Pool dollars from \$2.2 billion to \$1 billion that reimburse Florida hospitals for the healthcare services they provide to the uninsured. The reduction assumes federal dollars available to Florida to expand Medicaid or a similar program takes the place of and fills the \$1.2 million gap created by the LIP reduction.

If this sounds simple, radical conservatives make it unceasingly complicated. The ideologues decree some money is tainted more than other money, despite its mutual origin from the same federal wallet. Along comes the reduction in LIP funding. The reduction blew a big hole in the governor's plan to plow surplus funds into financing tax cuts. The gap creates a demand for money from the same pot, assuming the state takes its obligation seriously to shore up the safety net protecting the uninsured.

The special session thus has before it a \$1.2 million question: What does the deal look like, that the governor, the Senate and the House all agree to approve; and that plugs the funding gap left by the LIP reduction? Tough question. Genius in the Legislature is in short supply and common sense has gone missing, too.

This is where things stand — until they do not. Consumers groups, businesses, community leaders, hospitals, health-care consortiums and a majority of voters support expansion of Medicaid.

"So what?" replies the governor and House representatives. In their view, LIP money is good money and Medicaid money is bad money. The distinction has no rational defense.

The consequences of this brilliant hair-splitting is the loss of \$66.1 billion in federal payback to Florida for over

the next decade; and 1.1 million Floridians eligible for Medicaid going without health insurance. The state thus assures Floridians receive no healthcare benefits from federal taxes paid for this purpose and the uninsured needing medical services will be dying to get them. Hurrah!

Furthermore, since LIP money will continue to decline, offset the state reductions by requiring local hospitals and governments with health taxing districts to swallow the elephant. Let them raise the \$900 million in resources needed to draw down the \$1.2 billion for reimbursements for the medical care they provide the uninsured; or, minimize the state's role altogether. Let the hospitals absorb the cuts by socializing their profit margins or getting out of the indigent-care business altogether.

Meanwhile, sue the Obama administration for offering Florida financial incentives that reduce the reliance of the uninsured on pricey emergency room care and encourage them to seek medical care before they get sick. Who needs it?

Finally, Florida can reduce by half the number of uninsured who qualify for Medicaid by designing its own state-funded, private insurance version of the program.

We'll go passive-aggressive; inject mean-spirited pettiness into our state Medicaid-like plan; add a bunch of caveats and "ifs, ands, and buts" to reduce enrollment, even though draconian terms to minimize participation are a poison pill to federal approval of the state's plan. Who cares? By the blindness of our obedience to ideological purity, we'll demonstrate to the federal government and the world just how stupid smart we are! ■

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This past spring I was invited to be on a panel about networking at a meeting of the Above Board Chamber of Southwest Florida, an organization founded four years ago by Jeanne Sweeney. Its mission is to bring business people of all faiths together and to supply members with the tools that will allow them to take every aspect of their lives “above board.”

Members and guests meet every month in both Collier and Lee counties. In addition to hosting panel discussions on an array of topics, the chamber welcomes representatives of area nonprofit organizations to set up tables and distribute information at every meeting.

Jeanne grew up in Bayonne, N.J., the middle child of five. “I had a normal, middle-class Irish Catholic family and lots of wonderful friends,” she says. “I loved school but was a little shy at first. I loved to sing, so to get me out of my shyness my father had me in talent contests and up on the stage at an early age.

As a young mother, when Jeanne learned that her oldest child was very sick with asthma, she started a chapter

### Talking points with Jeanne Sweeney

**Mentor(s):** My first mentor was my mom. Then I’d have to say the nuns in the school I attended.

**Something your mother was right about:** She always said prayers are a great way to get answers.

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I wanted to be that person who helps others to believe in themselves and find their gifts. I wanted to take the invisible people in the world and make them visible.

**Guilty pleasure:** Long walks.

**One thing on your bucket list:** Travel more.

**Advice for your grandkids:** Follow your passion and you will find your journey.

**Something that makes you laugh:** My family and friends. I have to say I am blessed to have the best in both.

of the American Lung Association in her area and recruited its first board of directors. She also started a program to educate people about lung disease. She served as a board member for the American Red Cross and the local chamber of commerce, supported the local Boy Scouts of America and started a program called Silent Santas that delivered

**Something you’ll never understand:** Why adults make negative, disrespectful and hateful comments about our president, the police, immigrants, religion and race that are passed on to their children.

**Pet peeve:** Negativity. If you don’t like something, then fix it without taking anyone down in the process.

**Something people would be surprised to find out about you:** As a child I sang on stage, did Irish dancing and was in The Bayonne Bridgemen Drum & Bugle Corps. We were “world champs.”

**What are you most proud of?** My children: James is the chief economist at Credit Suisse, Kathleen works in the music industry with her husband, and Kevin is a college student.

**What the Paradise Coast really needs:** I think we just need to take care of it and respect it.



**Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast:** I love the weather and the water, and when mixed with family and friends, it just doesn’t get much better.

clothes and gifts to some of the poorest families in the area every Christmas.

Jeanne moved to Florida in 1989 and has since served as a division director for the American Heart Association, executive director of the Council on Aging and executive director of Interfaith Caregivers.

She believes that everyone comes

into this world with gifts — but she says they are not gifts until we give them away. ■

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# BEAR

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considered serious. None of those encounters were fatal to the humans involved. In seven of those instances people intentionally interacted with the bear. The likelihood of being bitten by an alligator, about one in 2.4 million, is far greater. There have been roughly 340 unprovoked gator bitings, 122 considered "major" bites, 21 fatal, in the same period.

Even so, the bear incidents all occurred in the last decade. Reports of bear sightings, not all negative, have skyrocketed in recent years; more are being killed by cars as well as euthanized as development continues to encroach on their natural habitat. With bears increasingly mixing with people and their population continuing to rebound, state officials say it is time to re-open black bear hunting season in October for the first time since 1993—cautiously this first year, for a week or less, with a limit of one bear per hunter. Females with cubs would be protected.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's seven governor-appointed commissioners are expected to unanimously approve the hunt along with other black bear management measures on the second day of their next scheduled meeting, Wednesday, June 24, in Sarasota.

## Hunting conservatively

"I've hunted black bear in other states and it's a lot of fun," said John Patrick, manager of Gator Guns &



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### An adult bear with her cub.

Archery Center in West Palm Beach. "They keep the quota down low enough it can't hurt the population too bad. I think it's a win for everybody."

While hunters across South Florida have welcomed the news, conservation groups are alarmed. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida insists a hunt will do little to address human-bear conflicts. It asked the state to hold off on a hunting season at least until a current bear population count is available in 2016. The most recent count, about 3,000 bears, is based on 2002 figures.

"The main thing shown to decrease the conflicts between bears and people has been management of trash and other attractants," said Amber Crooks, senior natural resource specialist for the Conservancy. "That in combination with securing habitat from development."

FWC officials stress that hunting is only "one tool in the toolbox" for managing the black bear population and reducing conflicts. Nearly everyone agrees trash management and reducing "attractants" from birdseed to dirty grills is the key to avoiding violent conflicts or property damage from bears.

Black bears have been spotted especially in outlying communities near their natural habitats such as Golden Gate Estates in Collier County, Estero and Lehigh Acres in Lee County, but also in downtown Punta Gorda last summer, downtown Fort Myers, Jupiter in Palm Beach County, and many areas in central and northern Florida. Even if they sometimes look like overfed bouncers, with adults in the 200 to 400 pound range, they can also sprint more than 30 miles per hour and climb 100 feet up a tree in 30 seconds.

Bears' growing presence is partly due to the state's success in conserving the population after it was nearly wiped out. More than 11,000 black bears roamed early Florida until logging began to wipe out their homes. In 1994, when there may have been only a few hundred left, hunting them was finally made illegal. Then in 2012 they were removed from the state's list of threatened species. Killing or injuring a black bear remains illegal, unless it is in self-defense of immediate harm or approved by the FWC — a misdemeanor with fines up to \$500 and 60 days in jail.

## Mixed hunting messages

FWC administrators and some of its seven-member commission have found differing reasons to justify hunting black bears.

"(Hunting) is really the only feasible tool that we have to control population growth at the scales we're talking about managing black bear populations in Florida," said Diane Eggeman, the organization's division of hunting and game management director.

Other states that allow hunts have "abundant, sustainable, in many cases expanding populations (of black



A captured bear's paw pictured with a pencil for scale.

bears)," she said.

One of the seven wildlife commissioners, Aliese P. "Liesa" Priddy, simply believes that if bears can be hunted sustainably then it should be allowed.

"I don't know that we're really looking at hunting as a real population control measure that will eliminate the bear issue we've been dealing with the last couple of years," said Ms. Priddy, who lives south of Immokalee. "Really the way I look at it more is like any other type of hunting that goes on in Florida. If there are sufficient numbers of the animal to justify hunting then FWC looks at establishing guidelines for that hunting to take place."

Thirty-two out of 41 states with bears have hunts, points out Nick Wiley, executive director of FWC.

"Hunting as a population management tool is the number one reason we're recommending it. Bear hunting is in our view a perfectly legitimate hunting opportunity, so that's part of the picture, too."

Wildlife commissioner Priddy expects bear hunting to continue in the years to come.

"We'll have the full population count in hand by the end of 2016 so we might adjust how many bears can be taken in a season," she said.

## A rush to the hunt?

The Conservancy of SWFL argues that the FWC is rushing into plans for opening hunting season based on figures more than a decade old instead of redoubling efforts to work with cities, counties and neighborhood communities to focus on trash and food management programs.

"Studies presented at the fourth International Human-Bear Conflicts Workshop in Missoula, Mont., indicate that there is no correlation between hunting and reduced human-bear conflicts," the Conservancy wrote to FWC leadership. "A hunting proposal will redirect limited staff time and resources to an effort that will do little, if anything, to address the real source of conflict and public safety concerns."

FWC officials stress that hunting is only one part of a comprehensive approach to bear management and that 3,000 bears statewide is enough that a controlled hunt will "stabilize" the population as intended. The state aims to use a hunting season to "harvest" up to 20 percent of the black bear population per year, after those bears killed by vehicles and euthanasia are taken into account.

That's "the right number to meet that complex set of public needs and wants out there," said Thomas Eason, Ph.D., a bear biologist and director of FWC's divisions of habitat and species conservation.

"Clearly we are way above the minimum number that would trigger a high risk for extinction," he said. "There's no question that hunting, through long history of use, is an appropriate and effective tool to manage bear populations."

"We do have a massive amount of effort focused on waste management. We've been doing that for decades. We're ramping that up," including stricter penalties for feeding bears.

## Euthanasia and bear subpopulations

The Conservancy of SWFL asked the FWC to hold off the hunt at least until the 2016 population count in part to see the effects of FWC's "new aggressive approach on conflict bears which is resulting in many bears being euthanized."

The number of bears the FWC euthanized for conflict with people and other reasons (such as a bear hurt by a car) increased steadily in the last five years, more than doubling from 27 in 2010 to 69 in 2014, along with a rising number of total captures. But this year so far, FWC records show 59 bears have been euthanized out of 64 captured. Only five were relocated.

"We are at the point where many of

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H.G. Starling and his dog with a 180-pound black bear he shot in the Apalachicola National Forest in Oct. 1965.

## Possible hunting season

- >> **What:** The FWC's seven commissioners meet five times per year.
- >> **When:** June 23-25 in Sarasota. Commissioners are scheduled to vote on final rules for a bear hunting season, and other bear-related policies after the Wednesday, June 24, meeting convenes at 8:30 a.m.
- >> **Where:** Hyatt Regency Sarasota, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts
- >> **Proposed hunt expected to be approved:** June 24
- >> **Licenses/permits:** \$100 residents, \$300 non-residents
- >> **Season:** Oct. 24-30 or minimum of two days if target "harvest" objective is reached, about 20 percent of the bear population or 275 bears statewide. These estimates are based on 2002 figures and would likely increase when new population estimates come out in 2016.
- >> **Where:** On approved public and private lands. The proposed hunt area would include four of the state's seven bear management areas, or BMU, including the East Panhandle, North, Central and South Florida. In South Florida BMU, bear hunting would be allowed the first season on 113,000 acres in three separate Wildlife Management Areas: Spirit-of-the-Wild, Picayune Strand and Okaloacoochee Slough.
- >> **Methods:** including archery and firearms but no dogs (except for trailing wounded or killed bears) or bait.
- >> **Limit:** one bear per person per season.

— Source: FWC

## Bear Pot Roast

- >> 1 (4 to 6 lb.) bear roast
- >> marinade:
- >> 2 cup beef broth
- >> 1/2 ts salt
- >> 1/2 ts oregano
- >> 1 lg onion, sliced thin
- >> 1/2 ts basil
- >> 1 ts paprika
- >> Place all ingredients in deep bowl to marinate. Turn roast at least twice to cover. Marinate overnight. Add all ingredients to slow cooker or Dutch oven and cook on low setting 1 hour per pound or until tender.

## Bear Stew

- >> 3 slices bacon, cut up
- >> 4 medium onions, quartered
- >> 4 medium potatoes, quartered
- >> 1 pkg fresh or frozen green beans
- >> 3 bay leaves
- >> 2 lb bear, cubed (or venison, elk, etc.)
- >> 4 carrots, sliced
- >> 1 pkg fresh or frozen peas
- >> 1 (46 oz.) can tomato juice
- >> Brown bacon in heavy kettle. Add bear and brown on all sides. Add onions and sauté. Add all remaining ingredients and simmer 1 hour or until flavors are mixed and vegetables and meat are tender. Remove bay leaves.

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### Florida black bear (*Ursus americanus floridanus*)

- >> **Appearance:** Tan or nearly black muzzle, black fur and at times blonde or white "blazes" on their chests.
- >> **Size:** Adult males generally weigh between 250 and 350 pounds, though two record bears in excess of 700 pounds were found in Seminole County this year. Females generally weigh between 130 and 180 pounds, with a 400-pound record holder.
- >> **Breeding:** Females generally have a litter, on average two to three cubs, every other year with cubs born around late January. About 25 to 50 percent don't survive.
- >> **Biggest threats to bears:** Their primary threat is from being hit by vehicles; and for cubs other bears, who see them as an easy meal.
- >> **Diet:** About 80 percent vegetarian, 15 percent insects and 5 percent meat from small game.
- >> **Speed:** They can sprint up to 35 miles per hour
- >> **Home range:** An average range for an adult bear is from 50 to 120 square miles for males.
- >> **Senses:** They have color vision and eyesight comparable to humans but more acute hearing. Their sense of smell is strong, able to pick up a scent from over a mile away.
- >> **Lifespan:** The oldest known bears in Florida lived to about 20 and in captivity have survived into their 30s.
- >> **Habitats:** Flatwoods, swamps, scrub oak ridges and bayheads.

— Source: FWC

### Calls about bears to the FWC

>> Calls partly reflect the FWC's effort to make it easier to report bears. About 1 percent reported a threat to humans, 10 percent property damage, 38 percent in the area yard or tree, and 32 percent in someone's garbage.

- >> 1990: 99
- >> 2000: 1,143
- >> 2010: 4,196
- >> 2014: 6,312



### Black bears killed by cars in Florida

- >> 1990: 33
- >> 2000: 109
- >> 2010: 135
- >> 2012: 285
- >> 2013: 230
- >> 2014: 196



### Bears FWC captured, relocated, and euthanized, 2010-2015

- >> **Total captures:** 74, 75, 153, 125, 170, 64 YTD
- >> **Relocation:** 47, 45, 103, 75, 101, 5 YTD
- >> **Euthanasia for conflict:** 14, 15, 21, 26, 43, Uncertain\* YTD
- >> **Euthanasia for non-conflict (such as road injured):** 13, 15, 29, 23, 26, Uncertain YTD\*

>> \*\*There have been 59 bears euthanized so far in 2015 but because of a computer malfunction, it was not immediately clear how many were euthanized for conflict and non-conflict.

the bears we are trapping are euthanized," said FWC spokesperson Gary Morse. "And that's due to two things. One, an assessment of their behavior and two, we have very little space to put bears in anymore (in the wild)."

In addition, some of the areas to be approved for hunting could hurt smaller black bear subpopulations that have been isolated by development, said Ms. Crooks with the Conservancy.

The FWC's Mr. Eason argued that specific locations in south, central and northern Florida have been picked exactly for their sensitivity to bear subpopulations.

But one of those locations is in Hendry County, pointed out Ms. Crooks. That could endanger subpopulations of bears in Glades and Highlands counties that roam into that area. The Glades-Highlands group may have dwindled to

less than 100, she said, while 200 bears in a subpopulation are considered the minimum to not be at risk of being wiped out.

Both sides agree on at least this much:

"We need to raise humans understanding, tolerance, what we call being 'bear wise' so people understand how to coexist with bears." Mr. Eason said.

### Fun to hunt, good to eat

Hunters are looking forward to a possible black bear hunting season, even if it's only a week.

Corey Rugg knows hunters from northern states who are "religious bear hunters" and would be excited to take part in Florida.

"I hear guys talking about it here at the club," said Mr. Rugg, manager of Gulf Coast Clays in south Collier

County. "I know a lot of guys here that would actually be looking forward to it, it's just another hunting opportunity."

"You hear people talking all the time, 'oh, they're getting in my trash can,' so using them to control the population if there's really that many, I think that's a really good idea."

He hasn't spotted any bears but said he knows they live in the wilds near the gun club and come on to the property.

"I see their stool all the time. I know that they are here in this area. I've just never seen one yet. Bears are pretty uptight with themselves."

Dan Braswell is a Port Charlotte retiree who enjoys hunting, including deer, hogs and birds. But he feels local programs, including trash management and relocating bears, would better address human-bear conflicts than

focusing on a hunting program that spans many areas in the state.

"I'm very pro-hunting," Mr. Braswell said. "But I think they're using a shotgun approach to a local problem."

For more practical purposes, black bears are hunted for their meat, hides and fur.

"The hunters do eat bear meat," said Ms. Eggenen, the FWC hunting and game management director. "I've had it myself. It's rich. It's good... People use the meat. They use the hides, they use them for rugs or decorative items. A lot of people clean the skull and use that as kind of a showpiece. But there are a lot of comments out there that this is about trophy hunting and that is absolutely not the case. Bears are eaten and we're putting rules in place to make sure hunters take them out of the woods and use them." ■

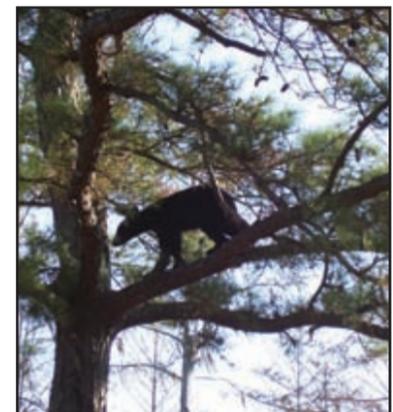


### Bear tips

- >> Never feed or try to attract bears. "A fed bear is a dead bear."
- >> Enjoy a bear sighting from a distance. If confronted at close range:
- >> Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- >> Do not turn your back, play dead, climb a tree or run, no matter what.
- >> Back up slowly and speak to the bear in a calm assertive voice, holding your arms up.
- >> Avoid direct eye contact, which may be viewed as aggressive behavior.

- >> If a bear clacks its teeth, moans, blows or paws the ground, it is as uncomfortable as you are. Truly predatory or aggressive black bears are eerily silent.
- >> If a black bear does attack you, fight back aggressively. People have successfully fended them off using rocks, sticks and even their bare hands.
- >> More information on bears: myfwc.com/bear
- >> Report intentional feeding or threatening bears to local officials or the FWC at (888) 404-3922

— Source: FWC



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Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of June 15-19:

**Monday, June 15**

- Airport-Pulling Road and Emerald Lake Drive: Red-light running
- U.S. 41 East and Manatee Road: Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Red-light running

**Tuesday, June 16**

- Davis Boulevard and Commercial Drive: Aggressive driving
- Livingston Road and Carlton Lakes Boulevard: Speeding
- Industrial Boulevard: Aggressive driving

**Wednesday, June 17**

- Immokalee Road at I-75 southbound exit: Red-light running
- Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Grand Lely Drive: Speeding
- Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Red-light running

**Thursday, June 18**

- U.S. 41 East and St. Andrews Boulevard: Speeding
- Bayshore and Thomasson drives: Aggressive driving
- Hunter Boulevard: Aggressive driving

**Friday, June 19**

- Goodlette-Frank Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Speeding
- Immokalee Road and U.S. 41 North: Red-light running
- Pine Ridge Road and Osceola Trail: Speeding ■

**Tune up your driving skills**

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

Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend. Here's what's coming up:

**Tuesday, June 16:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 269-6050.

**Thursday, June 18:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 269-6050.

**Wednesday, June 24:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at South County Regional Library, 2110 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero; 947-1727. ■

# Summerfest heats up with fun for kids and families

The Collier County Sheriff's Office presents Summerfest 2015 with a wide range of fun and free activities for kids of all grade levels in a safe environment at various locations around Collier County. CCSO Youth Relations deputies are assigned to Summerfest activities instead of regular patrol duties.

Registration is required for some programs and can be completed by calling CCSO Youth Relations at 252-0144.

Here's what's coming up:

**Hot Summer Nights** - Family fun nights from 6-9 p.m. on Fridays, June 12-Aug. 7. Kids can jump around in the police car bounce house, climb a rock wall and play Wii games on a giant inflatable screen. Hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy are also available.

The **June 12** Hot Summer Nights takes place at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road in North Naples. The Friday-night fun continues at these locations:

- June 19:** Corkscrew Middle School, 1165 Oil Well Road, Golden Gate Estates
- June 26:** Fleischman Park, 1600 Fleischman Blvd., Naples
- July 3:** McLeod Park, 208 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City
- July 17:** Mackle Park, 1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island
- July 24:** Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St., Immokalee
- July 31:** Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Blvd. W., Golden Gate
- Aug. 7:** Golden Gate Community Park, 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd., Golden Gate

**Go Fish** - Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for fishing and water safety instruction from 8 a.m. to noon Fridays through July 3 at the Naples Pier.

**Head to the Gym** - From June 16-July 31, gymnasiums at Lely High School, Golden Gate Middle School, Immokalee Middle School, Corkscrew Middle School and Oak Ridge Middle School will be open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. This program is for ages 14 and older. There will be no open gym at

Lely High School July 1-14. Registration is required.

**Catch a Movie** - CCSO Youth Relations deputies will visit the Regal Hollywood 20 Stadium and Paragon Theaters to greet families and share kid safety tips. Look for deputies at the Hollywood 20 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at Paragon Theaters on Thursdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m., starting June 16 and through July 30.

**Build a Boat** - This program is an opportunity for high-schoolers ages 14-18 to accomplish the task of building a boat while staying active and earning their boating safety certificate. Sessions meet

Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Three sessions are on the Summerfest 2015 program:

- June 15-19:** I-Tech Center in Immokalee
  - June 22-26:** Everglades Community Center in Everglades City
  - July 13-17:** CCSO headquarters in Naples
- Space is limited, and registration is required.

**Teen Driver Challenge** - This program provides students ages 16-19 with the knowledge and hands-on experience to reduce the chances of being involved in a crash. The driving skills they will learn are the same techniques used by driving professionals, including NASCAR.

The class consists of two training days. The first day, a four-hour block of instruction at Osceola Elementary School, is followed by an eight-hour block of vehicle operations at Barron Collier High School. Two Wednesday-Thursday sessions are open for registration: **June 24-25** and **July 22-23**.

Students will be operate their own vehicle and must be licensed drivers. Registration is required.

**Middle school camps** - CCSO partners with Golden Gate, Oak Ridge, East Naples, Corkscrew and Immokalee middle schools for day camp for ages 11-14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays-Fridays. Campers play basketball and soccer and also take field trips, among other activities. Registration is required. ■



# Citizens Academy puts the public inside the CCSO

Anyone who is interested in learning about the inner workings of the Collier County Sheriff's Office should consider applying for the CCSO Citizens Academy. Participants ride along with deputies, shoot at the gun range and get a close look at various aspects of CCSO operations.

Classes meet from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday, with the next session running Dec. 10-March 10, 2016.

Most classes meet at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S., although classes also convene at the Naples Jail Center, the CCSO Special Operations facility and the Collier County Emergency Services Center.

Upon completion of the course, participants are eligible for Advanced Citizens Academy, an eight-week course that takes an in-depth look into topics that are touched upon in the regular Citizens Academy course, including: CCSO youth relations, gangs, special weapons and tactics, judicial services, investigations, Homeland Security and the history of the CCSO and the Naples Jail Center.

Applications to the CCSO Citizens Academy can be downloaded at [colliersheriff.org](http://colliersheriff.org) (click on "How Do I?"). For more information, call 252-0725 or email [erin.dever@colliersheriff.org](mailto:erin.dever@colliersheriff.org). ■

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## Meals 2.0

Silicon Valley code-writers and engineers work long hours — with apparently little time for “food” as we know it. Eating is “time wasted,” in the words of celebrity inventor Elon Musk, and normal meals a “marketing facade,” said another valley bigwig. *The New York Times* reported in May that techies are eagerly scarfing down generic (but nutrient-laden) liquids like Schmilks and

People Chow, largely for ease of preparation, to speed their return to work. The *Times* food editor described one product as “oat flour” washed down with “the worst glass of milk ever.” “Pancake batter,” according to a *Times* reporter. (That supermarket staple Ensure? According to the food editor, it’s “fine wine” compared to Schmilks.)

## Distracted Americans

Air travelers last year left \$675,000 in (obviously) spare change in airport screening bins, reported the Transportation Security Administration in April. Of the cars reported stolen in 2014, 44,828 were with keys left inside them,

according to an April National Insurance Crime Bureau release. American credit card holders fail to claim “about \$4 billion” in earned “rewards” each year, according to CardHub.com’s 2015 Credit Card Rewards Report.

## Our least hardy generation

■ Nursing student Jennifer Burbella filed a lawsuit against Misericordia University (near Scranton, Pa.) for not helping her enough to pass a required course that she failed twice. The professional caregiver-to-be complained of stress so severe that she needed a distraction-free room and extra time for the exam, but claims she deserved even more special treatment.

■ Four Columbia University students complained in May that courses in Greek mythology and Roman poetry need “trigger” warnings — advance notice to super-sensitive students that history may include narratives of “dis-

turbing” events (that have somehow been studied without such warnings for centuries).

■ In March, following the departure of Zayn Malik from the British band One Direction, an executive with the Peninsula employment law firm in Manchester told London’s *Daily Telegraph* that he had received “hundreds” of calls from employers seeking advice about workers who were requesting “compassionate” leave because Malik’s resignation had left them distraught. (Also, a spokeswoman for the charity Young Minds told the *Telegraph* she was concerned about Malik fans self-harming.)

## Bright ideas

Among recent inventions not expected to draw venture capital interest (reported by *Popular Science* in June): (1) A Canadian software engineer’s machine that unspools toilet paper exactly three squares at a time (but please keep fingers away from the cleaver!). (2) A Japanese shoulder-mounted

tomato-feeder that provides nourishment to marathoners without their needing to catch tomatoes provided by supporters. (3) Google software engineer Maurice Bos’ whiteboard-mounted clock that writes down the exact time, with a marker, at five-minute intervals (after erasing the previous time).

## Fine points of the law

Britain’s Home Office, judging requests for asylum by immigrants threatened with deportation but who fear oppressive treatment if returned to their home countries, recently turned down asylum for Nigerian lesbian activist Aderonke Apata, 47, apparently because the office doubted her orientation. Though Apata had submitted testimonials (and even photographs) “proving” her homosexuality, the Home

Office was skeptical because she had children from a previous heterosexual relationship. On the other hand, an immigration court in England ruled in April that a Libyan man, identified only as “HU,” could not be deported since he is a career criminal and a chronic drunk who would be so unlikely to reform his drinking that he would surely face a lifetime of prison in Libya.

## The continuing crisis

If only there was somewhere he could have turned for moral guidance: Suspended Catholic Monsignor Kevin Wallin, 63, was sentenced in May to more than five years in prison for running a meth distribution ring from Bridge-

port, Conn., where he also operated a sex shop to launder the drug profits. (Though he faced a 10-year sentence, he had a history of charity work and submitted more than 80 letters of support from high-ranking clergy.)

## People different from us

Walter Merrick, 66, was charged with aggravated assault in the New Orleans suburb of Harvey, La., in March after an altercation with neighbor Clarence Sturdivant, 64, over the comparative merits of Busch and Budweiser beers. Bud-man Sturdivant fired the only shot, but a sheriff’s deputy said Merrick was

the aggressor — since he had offered Sturdivant only a Busch. (In Tulsa, Okla., in April, police found two blood-splattered men in an apartment parking lot at 1 a.m., the result of a dual stabbing spree with broken beer bottles — over whether Android phones are superior to iPhones.) ■

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The Orange Jeep Tours information center is in the Ave Maria Town Center at 5076 Annunciation Circle. For more information, call 434-5337 or visit orangejeeptours.com. ■



Make-A-Wish Southern Florida will be able to grant six wishes to local children thanks to a \$30,000 gift from Miromar Lakes Beach and Golf Club and the Miromar Lakes Women's Club-Hearts of Miromar. The money represents proceeds from this year's Viva Las Vegas casino night. Shown here are Glyn Williamson, Miromar Lakes director of food and beverage; Shelly Hicks and Peggy Lotz, Hearts of Miromar; Lesley Colantonio of Make-A-Wish Southern Florida; event co-chairs Vickie and Bob Haller; and Stephen Jones, Miromar Lakes general manager. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions; the Southern Florida chapter grants a wish every 16 hours and has granted more than 10,000 wishes since its inception in 1983. For more information, call 992-9474 or visit sfla.wish.org.

## Nonprofits can save the date for 'Telling the Story' seminar

Nonprofit organizations in Collier County are encouraged to mark their calendars for "Telling the Story," the sixth annual Thinking Outside the Box

seminar presented by Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff & Associates and real estate professional Kelly Capolino.

This year's free session is set for 8:30

a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 14, in the community room at the *Naples Daily News*.

Five speakers will discuss various aspects of telling a story in ways that

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Save the date for now and watch for information and registration details coming soon. ■



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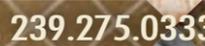
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## Firms solicited to help search for new Naples airport director

The Naples Airport Authority has issued a request for qualifications for firms to assist in the search for a new executive director. Ted Soliday, who has served in the position since 1994, has announced plans to retire in April 2016.

A committee will evaluate the proposals, interview the firms, rank them, develop a scope of work and, at the June 18 meeting of the Board of Airport Commissioners, recommend hiring one of the firms.

Naples Municipal Airport, a certificated air-carrier airport, is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and other community services.

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,120 takeoffs and landings.

All funds used for operation, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or from federal and state grants; the airport receives no property tax dollars. It operates as a general aviation airport but complies with the same Federal Aviation Administration standards and safety guidelines as airports with commercial airline service. For more information and to subscribe to email updates about the airport, visit flynaples.com. ■

## Free program for rising high-school freshmen offered

Champions For Learning invites rising ninth-graders to "Making it Real: Preparing for High School and Beyond" from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 13-17, at the Champions For Learning office. Participants will gain insights into preparing for the transition to high school, exploring career possibilities and finding volunteer opportunities. Etiquette skills and proper use of social media will also be covered. Visits to local college campuses are included, with bus transportation provided.

Collier County students who will enter ninth grade this fall are eligible

if they exhibited good attendance and behavior and maintained a GPA of at least 2.5 through middle school. Attendance at all five days of "Making it Real" is expected.

The program is made possible by a grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. There is no fee for attending. Space is limited, however, and applications must be submitted by June 15. Download an application at [championsforlearning.org](http://championsforlearning.org).

For more information, contact James Hanrahan by calling 643-4755 or emailing [JHanrahan@championsforlearning.org](mailto:JHanrahan@championsforlearning.org). ■




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# CLUB NOTES

■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** hosts its next French-speaking table and lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at Café Normandie. Anyone who speaks French at any level and wants to converse with others in the language is welcome. Attendees pay for their lunch; there is no fee for the session that is monitored by French teacher and Alliance Francaise de Naples president Denyse Jenkins. Summer lunches continue on Thursdays, June 25, July 9 and 23 and Aug. 13 and 27. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 261-0977. For more information, visit [afnaples.org](http://afnaples.org).

■ **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 June 11. 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 Rev. Rafael Cruz, the father of U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, will be the keynote speaker at a luncheon sponsored by the **Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Tiburon. The Men's Republican Club of Collier County will join the women's group for a celebration of Father's Day.

The Rev. Cruz was born in Cuba. As a teenager, he fought President Batista's regime, was imprisoned and tortured.

He came to the United States, worked while he studied at the University of Texas and then built a successful small business.

Tickets are \$25. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 598-9833 or emailing [pwag53@aol.com](mailto:pwag53@aol.com).

■ **The Naples Sigma Chi alumnae chapter** meets for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the Pelican Bay Club. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 239-5239 or emailing [warmco@aol.com](mailto:warmco@aol.com). The chapter will meet again in July but not in August.

■ **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 June 15. 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).

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island** are invited to a social mixer from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Wine Loft in Mercato. For reservations or more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email [conskind@aol.com](mailto:conskind@aol.com).

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, June 18, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging. An orchid raffle will also be held. Admission to the meeting is free

for all, and guests are always welcome.

The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information about the alliance, visit [gulfcoastorchidalliance.com](http://gulfcoastorchidalliance.com).

■ **The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is June 18. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit [pflagnaples.org](http://pflagnaples.org).

■ **The Solo Women Travel Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is June 20. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

■ **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 June 20. For more information, email [dwcpräsident@gmail.com](mailto:dwcpräsident@gmail.com).

■ **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 June 20 and July 2. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email [dcritchie@comcast.net](mailto:dcritchie@comcast.net).

■ **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 June 23 and July 5. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ **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 June 24 and July 6. 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 June 23 and July 12. 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 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 July 6. ■

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# League Club awards \$250,000-plus in grants to 30 area nonprofits

At age 29, The League Club of Naples, a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, is entering its prime. The all-volunteer group of almost 600 women is proud to have raised and donated more than \$3.2 million in grants to 134 nonprofit agencies in Collier and Lee counties since it was founded in 1986.

This year the club granted \$253,531 from its Community Trust Fund to 30 nonprofits.

"The needs are great, and the decisions our grants review committee must make are difficult," says club president Donna Loomis. "We are grateful to our members, our Circle of Friends and other community supporters and commercial sponsors whose financial generosity makes these grants possible each year."

The club's signature fundraiser is an annual luncheon presented by Iberiabank. Doris Kearns Goodwin was the guest speaker for the 2014 event, which generated the funds for this year's grants. Recipients are:

- Angels Undercover
- Avow Hospice
- Baby Basics of Collier County
- Cancer Alliance of Naples
- Champions For Learning
- Charity for Change
- The Children's Network of SWFL
- Collier Child Care Resources
- Community Cooperative Ministries
- Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- Easter Seals Florida

- First Book-Collier County
- Fun Time Early Childhood Academy
- Grace Place for Children & Families
- Guadalupe Center
- Habitat for Humanity-Collier County
- Harry Chapin Food Bank of SWFL
- Healthcare Network of SWFL
- The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida
- Immokalee Child Care Center
- Immokalee Housing and Family Services
- Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida
- Junior Achievement of SWFL
- Naples Equestrian Challenge
- Neighborhood Health Clinic
- PACE Center for Girls
- Redlands Christian Migrant Association
- The Shelter for Abused Women & Children
- United Arts Council of Collier County
- Youth Haven

Journalist Jane Pauley drew a crowd of more than 800 guests for the 2015 luncheon. Grand applications and guidelines for 2016 awards will be posted online as of July 1 at theleagueclub.org.

Membership in The League Club is open to women who have been or still are active members of a Junior League that is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International. For more information, visit the website. ■



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■ The Guadalupe Resale & Consignment Shop needs volunteers. Duties include greeting shoppers and ringing up sales, pricing donations and restocking the inventory, rearranging furniture and picking up large items that are donated. Hours are flexible and can be as few or as many as desired. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The shop is at 8100 Trail Blvd., parallel to U.S. 41 just south of Vanderbilt Beach Road. For more information, call Kat McNabb at 594-2696 or email [kmcnabb@guadalupecenter.org](mailto:kmcnabb@guadalupecenter.org).

Proceeds from the shop benefit the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee. The center is dedicated breaking the cycle of poverty in Immokalee by providing educational, social and other support programs and resources to families there.

For information about volunteer opportunities at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, call 657-7711 or visit [guadalupecenter.org](http://guadalupecenter.org).

■ There's always room on the pantry shelves at St. Matthew's House for canned meats and fish, canned spaghetti and meatballs or ravioli, canned fruit, canned tomatoes and canned pinto and black beans, peanut butter, jams and jellies. Hot and cold cereals, dried beans, pasta sauce, shelf-stable and powdered milk, rice and spaghetti are also welcome. The residential shelter needs towels, pillows, bed sheets and baby wipes.

Donations can be dropped off at 2001 Airport-Pulling Road. For more information, call 774-0500 or visit [stmatthewshouse.org](http://stmatthewshouse.org).

■ Youth Haven, a residential shelter and safe harbor for traumatized abused, neglected and homeless children, welcomes donations year-round. Activities for children and teens — arts and craft supplies, games, educational computer

software, books and toys, bicycles, skateboards, helmets and knee/elbow pads — are always appreciated, as are non-perishable pantry provisions, food storage containers, dishcloths and towels, baby gates, car seats and booster seats, strollers, pull-ups and wipes, high chairs and cribs, twin bedding, large duffel bags, bath products and personal toiletries. Gift cards to grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, department stores, Target, craft stores and gas cards are also welcome. For more information, call 774-2904 or visit [youthhavenswfl.org](http://youthhavenswfl.org).

■ Planned Parenthood of Collier County welcomes volunteers to perform a number of office-related duties. Donations of feminine products are always needed and can be dropped off at 1425 Creech Road. Potential volunteers should contact Courtney Curatolo at 262-8923.

■ The Neighborhood Health Clinic welcomes donations of the following medical supplies: alcohol pads, hydrogen peroxide, bandages, Ace wraps, cotton balls, antibiotic ointment, cold packs and rubber gloves. The office also needs printer paper, clipboards, highlighters, paper clips, tape, coffee, cleaning supplies, bathroom supplies, building maintenance services and assistance with monthly utility fees.

Donations can be dropped off at 121 Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information, call 261-6600 or visit [neighborhoodhealthclinic.org](http://neighborhoodhealthclinic.org).

■ Project HELP, Collier County's only certified rape and crisis center, seeks volunteers to help staff the 24/7 crisis hotline, serve as volunteer advocates, help with office administrative tasks and plan special events such as the 19th annual Chocolate Extravaganza coming up Thursday, Nov. 5, and the fifth annual "Vagina Monologues" presentation set for Sunday, March 6, 2016. Training is provided and required for the hotline and advocate assignments.

Project HELP assists approximately 2,000 new sexual assault, human trafficking and grief counseling clients annually and receives about 2,500 calls

to the hotline. To learn more, call 649-1404 or visit [projecthelpnaples.org](http://projecthelpnaples.org).

■ Action Automatic Door & Gate has partnered with Cell Phone for Soldiers and is asking locals to donate gently used cell phones and tablets that can be recycled for soldiers overseas. Devices can be dropped off at 275 Airport-Pulling Road. 643-3667 or [actiondoor.com](http://actiondoor.com).

■ Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is in need of fleece blankets, comforters, waterproof queen mattress pads, high-efficiency laundry detergent and fabric softener, bleach, paper towels, pink and blue index cards, gift cards, garbage bags, quart-size zip bags, baby booties and batteries (AAA and AA). Donations can be dropped off at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive. Call 514-7647 or visit [collierspayneuter.org](http://collierspayneuter.org) for more information.

■ Humane Society Naples is in need of the following items: unscented cat litter, bleach, liquid dish and laundry detergent, paper towels, glass cleaner, disinfecting wipes, extra large garbage bags, 13-gallon garbage bags, disposable cleaning gloves, bath towels, canned puppy and kitten food, canned dog and cat food and monetary support.

Donations can be dropped off at 370 Airport-Pulling Road. For more information, call 643-1880 or visit [hsnaples.org](http://hsnaples.org).

■ Collier Senior Resources needs the following items for its Golden Gate Senior Center: a copier with printer and fax capabilities, a locker with at least six compartments where community partners can secure materials, an automatic door opener for easy wheelchair access, art supplies and tabletop easels.

For more information or to find drop-off locations, call 252-4541 or email [info@collierseniorresources.org](mailto:info@collierseniorresources.org).

■ The Shelter for Abused Women & Children welcomes donations of used cell phones for clients. Phones that cannot be reprogrammed are properly recycled by a company that makes a cash contribution back to The Shelter for each phone submitted.

Collection bins are at all Collier

County Sheriff's Office sub-stations; Starbucks locations at Fifth Avenue South, Ninth Street South, Audubon Plaza, on Marco Island, Pine Ridge Crossing shopping center, The Shoppes at Vanderbilt, Berkshire Plaza, the Waterside Shoppes and at Pine Ridge and Livingston roads; Addicted to Fitness, 337 Airport-Pulling Road; Advanced Medical, 1250 Pine Ridge Road; AT&T Wireless, 2083 Tamiami Trail N.; Bank of America, Immokalee Road and I-75; Barron Collier Companies, 2600 Golden Gate Parkway;

First Presbyterian Church, 250 Sixth St. S.; Helps Outreach, 2025 J&C Blvd.; Huntington Bank, 8889 Pelican Bay Blvd.; LA Fitness in Golden Gate; Neighborhood Health Clinic, 120 Goodlette-Frank Road; Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N.; Planned Parenthood of Collier County, 1425 Creech Road; Pregnancy Resource Center, 10611 Tamiami Trail N.; Regions Bank, 5909 Pine Ridge Road; San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Island; Super Suds, 28301 S. Tamiami Trail; and Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church at Immokalee and Airport-Pulling roads.

To host a recycling bin or organize a cell phone recycling drive, call The Shelter at 775-3862, ext. 235, or email [rthompson@naplesshelter.org](mailto:rthompson@naplesshelter.org).

■ Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida offers free home pickup service for donations Monday-Saturday in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

The nonprofit accepts large and small working appliances, sofa beds and other furniture, computers (working or non-working), unopened toiletries, baby strollers, toys, lawn mowers, books, newspapers, magazines, textbooks and encyclopedias, record albums and cassette tapes as well as CDs and DVDs.

Goodwill cannot accept mattresses/box springs, televisions, bathroom fixtures, window blinds (unless in original box), wall-to-wall carpeting/padding, waterbeds, automotive parts, swing sets, air conditioners, copy machines or other large office equipment.

To schedule a pickup or for more information, visit [goodwillswfl.org/donationpickups](http://goodwillswfl.org/donationpickups). ■

## FIELD

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efforts are behind the installation of an adaptive field that incorporates special accommodations that put rounding the bases within easier reach.

"It gives us an opportunity to offer another sport or event for our athletes," says David McKenzie, county director of Special Olympics of Florida-Collier County. "We're excited about the future and what we can do." The group recently moved its offices to the newly rebuilt YMCA on Pine Ridge Road.

Paul Thein, CEO and president of the Greater Naples YMCA, says the Y plans to use the field for a variety of purposes that fulfill its mission to build families and communities. While the Y owns the field, it will be open regularly for public use, especially by other area nonprofit groups.

"Our whole point is more about strengthening the community," Mr. Thein continues. "Sports are great, but so is family programming. We're going to be using this field all the time ... you're not going to see Little League tournaments on it. It's more designed for core-valued programming and Special Olympics and play space."

Adaptive fields feature a number of

features to accommodate athletes who use mobility aids. For example, the entire field will be outfitted with AstroTurf for easy maneuverability of wheelchairs and walkers. Also, bases will be painted onto the surface, eliminating the need for the raised bags used on traditional fields. And the field is smaller than a regular field.

It will also host the Southwest Florida Warrior Health and Fitness program, a free, six-month course designed by the Red Sox Foundation and the Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base program to help post-9/11 veterans improve their lives through exercise, nutrition, education, stress management and more.

Armando Hernandez will coordinate the local Warrior Health and Fitness Program. "It's beneficial for anyone who has orthopedic issues or who uses other forms of devices to be mobile," he says about the adaptive field. "Also, it brings in a fun factor because none of us are hitting home runs on a real baseball field. It's a feel-good kind of thing."

The Naples project is part of the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's initiative to install 50 ball fields in five years throughout the country. To date, it has built 43 fields, 10 of which are adaptive fields. The foundation led fundraising efforts in the community, securing \$100,000 from NCEF to start the proj-



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**At the groundbreaking ceremony for the adaptive field at the Greater Naples YMCA: David McKenzie, director of Special Olympics of Collier County; Gen. Frederick Franks, honorary director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base program; Kent Ellert, president and CEO of Florida Community Bank; Bobby McCafferey, youth development park specialist with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation; Paul Thein, president and CEO of the Greater Naples YMCA; and Deborah Campbell, vice-chair of the Greater Naples YMCA board of directors.**

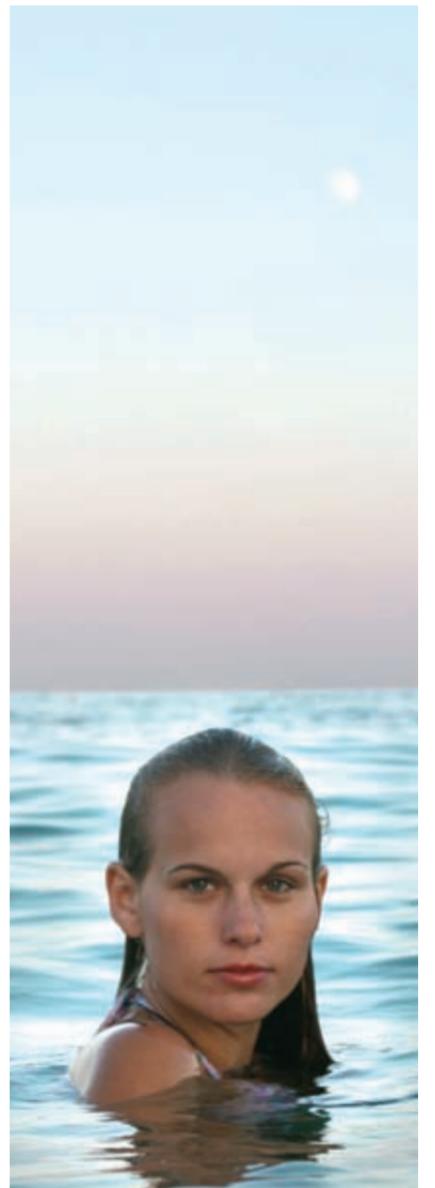
ect and another \$100,000 from Florida Community Bank to keep construction moving. After the groundbreaking ceremony earlier this month, a private donor contributed another \$100,000, leaving the project just \$65,000 shy of its fund-

raising goal.

For more information about the field, call Mr. Thein at 963-3677. To make a donation, send checks to YMCA, c/o Cal Ripken Ability Field, 5450 YMCA Road, Naples, FL 34109. ■



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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Wildfire smoke can worsen respiratory woes

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County cautions citizens that wildfire smoke is a respiratory irritant that can cause a scratchy throat or irritated eyes and nose. Smoke can also worsen conditions such as asthma and other chronic respiratory or lung conditions.

Here are some tips on how to protect your family from smoke:

- Pay attention to news coverage or health warnings related to the wildfires and the associated smoke, including local air quality reports, which can be found at [collierprepares.org](http://collierprepares.org). Scroll to the bottom of the page under local and national resources, and view Collier County air quality readings.
- Use common sense when outside conditions are smoky. Avoid prolonged outdoor activities. It is especially important to limit time spent outdoors for children and persons with existing medical conditions.
- Stay indoors and keep your air conditioner's fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. If you do not have an air conditioner, staying inside with the windows closed may be dangerous in extremely hot weather. In these cases, seek alternative shelter with family or friends.
- People who live in areas that are regularly affected by smoke from wildfires would be well advised to create a "clean room" in their home to reduce the irritants of wildfire smoke. A good choice is an interior room with as few windows and doors as possible.
- Follow your doctor's advice about taking medicines and following your asthma management plan if you have asthma or other lung disease. Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen.
- When driving in smoke or fog, decrease your speed, increase your following distance and use your low beams.

For more information, contact the Department of Health in Collier County at 252-8049 or visit [collierprepares.org](http://collierprepares.org). ■

## Fitness authors weigh in on happy hour for those trying to shed pounds

BY CATHRYNE KELLER

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Eliminating or limiting alcoholic beverages is one of the few weight-loss strategies nearly all experts agree on.

At seven calories per gram, the caloric content of alcohol is higher than that of proteins and carbohydrates (four calories per gram), and nearly as high as fats (nine calories per gram). But it's not just about the liquid calories. Though people tend to consume additional calories on drinking days, alcohol can also mess with your metabolism. Your liver normally metabolizes calories from fatty food so you can burn them for energy. (But) when you drink alcohol, your liver is busy metabolizing the booze, which your body perceives as a toxin. The result is you're more likely to store fat calories if you've had a few drinks.

Buzzkill? Indeed.

But there is hope if you're trying to slim down or stay healthy and don't want to give up happy hour or your weekend wine dates. A 2010 study in the Archives of Internal Medicine suggests that women who regularly consume moderate amounts of alcohol are less likely to gain weight than nondrinkers and are at lower risk for obesity, too.

"From birthdays to anniversaries to girl-time dates, there's so much to celebrate in life," says Karena Dawn, co-author of "Tone It Up: 28 Days to Fit, Fierce, and Fabulous."

"And the good news is that a glass of wine or champagne won't derail your fitness efforts," she says. "Treating yourself is all about moderation, so you can say cheers with no regrets."

Here, Ms. Dawn and her best friend and business partner, Katrina Scott, share their top tips for healthy drinking, adapted from "Tone It Up":



**1.** To minimize alcohol's effect on your health and weight, stick to no more than two cocktails a night — no more than two or three nights a week.

**2.** Drink white wine, champagne or clear liquors. Clear alcoholic beverages are lower in congeners, a substance made during the fermentation process that contains several chemicals your body doesn't like. Thus, your liver has to go on overdrive to metabolize them (and doesn't) focus on burning food or fat.

**3.** Choose mixers with quality ingredients that don't contain added sugar. Say yes to fresh lemon, lime, mint, honey, sea salt and other natural ingredients. Say no to pre-made mixes.

**4.** Be sure to enjoy a healthy dinner beforehand. Alcohol on an empty stom-

ach will make its way into your bloodstream much quicker. That'll set you up for a rotten night's sleep ... not to mention a wicked headache in the morning. Plus, if your stomach's full, you'll be less tempted by high-calorie snacks.

**5.** Drink water between each cocktail. Alcohol is dehydrating, so you need to up your H<sub>2</sub>O intake. Plus, drinking water between cocktails wards off the dreaded hangover, so you're less likely to skip the gym the next morning.

**6.** Give it a spritz. White wine spritzers are refreshing and delicious. They're made with half soda water and half wine, cutting the calories in half. For extra flavor, consider adding a squeeze of lemon or lime.

Ms. Dawn and Ms. Scott offer healthy cocktail recipes at [toneitup.com](http://toneitup.com). ■

## Enjoy a world of wellness at hotel spa

The Spa at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club celebrates Global Wellness Day with free activities on Saturday, June 13. All are welcome to participate in the following:

**9:30-10:30 a.m.** - Yoga with instructor Ginger Lavundi

**10:30-11:30 a.m.** - Guided relaxation

and pranayama meditation with spa director Lexay Reina

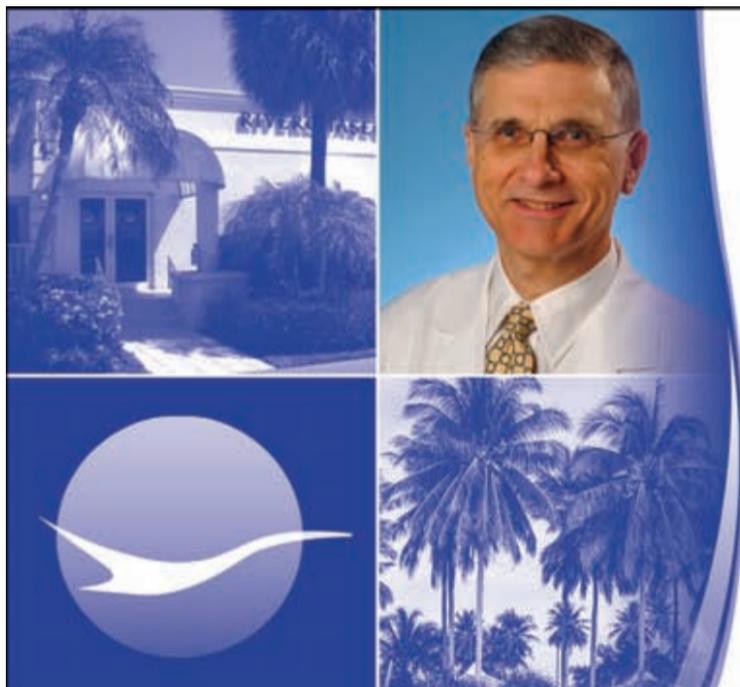
**Noon to 1 p.m.** - Complimentary 10-minute massages

**2-3 p.m.** - "The Mind/Body Connection" presentation by Ms. Reina

**3-4 p.m.** - Workshop on making your own sugar and salt scrub with essential

oils (\$5 donation requested for supplies)  
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For more information or to sign up for any of the above, call the spa at 659-4304. Advance registration is recommended but not required. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. ■



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## GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ The **Gulf Coast Runners annual Firecracker 5K** sponsored by Moe's Southwest Grill sets out at 7 a.m. Saturday, July 4, at Fleishmann Park and makes two loops through the neighborhood of Naples Lake Park. Registration is \$15 in advance, \$20 on the day of the race (\$10 for ages 21 and younger). To sign up or for more information, call 434-9786 or visit [gcrunner.org](http://gcrunner.org).

■ The Rotary Club of Bonita Springs hosts the **fourth annual Star-Spanned 5K** to kick off the city's Independence Day celebration at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4, at Riverside Park. Register in advance for \$15-\$25, or sign up starting at 6:30 a.m. on race day for \$30. To register or for more information, call 357-3607 or visit [active.com](http://active.com).

■ The **third annual Castles for Kids sand-sculpting contest** to benefit Golisano Children's Museum of Florida takes place Wednesday, Aug. 12, at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort. Teams of five (one adult, four children) can sign up now for the day that also includes live entertainment, activities with Coach B Aquatics, lunch and sand buckets and shovels for the children.

Registration is \$125 for C'mon members, \$150 for others. For contest details and information about sponsorship opportunities, call C'mon at 514-0084 or visit [cmon.org](http://cmon.org).

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association summer golf tournament** steps off at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and an awards lunch follows the tournament. \$150 for one, \$600 for a foursome, with proceeds to benefit the CBIA scholarship fund. Sign up online by July 31 at [cbia.net](http://cbia.net). For more information, visit the website or call 436-6100.

■ The Pilot Club of Naples and Gulf

Coast Runners host the Labor Day weekend **John Clay 5K stepping out** Saturday morning, Sept. 5, at Lowdermilk Park. A 2-mile walking course will also be available. Registration is \$18 before Aug. 24, \$23 Aug. 25-Sept. 4, and \$25 on race day (\$10 for ages 18 and younger). To sign up or for more information, call 404-7007 or visit [gcrunner.org](http://gcrunner.org).

■ The United Way "**Walk for the Way**" 2.5-mile fun walk and 5K race takes place the morning of Saturday, Sept. 26, along the trails at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is \$20 by July 11, \$25 July 12-Sept. 26, and \$30 on race day (\$12 for ages 18 and younger). For more information, visit [unitedwayofcolliercounty.org](http://unitedwayofcolliercounty.org).

■ The Foundation of the Collier County Medical Society hosts its **second annual Docs and Duffers charity golf tournament** Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Bonita Bay Club. Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. An awards lunch follows the game. Registration is \$175 per golfer, \$600 per foursome. Sponsorships available. For more information or to register, call 435-7727 or visit [ccmsonline.org](http://ccmsonline.org).

■ The **2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's** steps out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Fleischmann Park. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated. Sign up online at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org) or starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information, visit the website or call (800) 272-3900.

■ The American Heart Association hosts the **2015 Collier Heart Walk** Saturday morning, Nov. 7, at Cambier Park. The 3.1-mile walk is free; participants are expected to gather pledges for the AHA leading up to the event. For more information, call 495-4905 or visit [collierheartwalk.kintera.org](http://collierheartwalk.kintera.org). ■

— Email items to [lnesmith@floridaweekly.com](mailto:lnesmith@floridaweekly.com).

## Take time out to give blood

The Community Blood Center, an affiliate of the NCH Healthcare System, encourages everyone age 16 and over to take time out to donate every eight weeks. The center in Naples is at 311 Ninth St. N. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Valet parking is free for donors.

The blood center in Bonita Springs has closed, but the CBC bloodmobile parks at Sunshine Plaza from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. The next date is July 11. Here are some other places the CBC bloodmobile will be in the coming weeks. A complete schedule is at [givebloodcbc.org](http://givebloodcbc.org).

**Friday, June 12:** 1:30-5:30 p.m. at Foxboro Sports Tavern, 4420 Thomasson Drive, Naples. Free movie ticket with donation.

**Sunday, June 14:** 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Living Word Family Church, 2025 Rivers Road, Naples.

**Tuesday, June 16:** 2-6 p.m. at the food court entrance to Coastland Center. Free movie ticket with donation.

**Thursday, June 18:** Noon to 4:30 p.m. at Waste Management, 4500 Exchange Ave., Naples. Free movie ticket with donation.

**Friday-Sunday, June 19-21:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. near Panera Bread in Sembler Plaza at Naples Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road. Free movie ticket with donation.

**Wednesday, June 24:** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Waterside Shops, 5415 Tamiami

Trail N., Naples. Free movie ticket with donation.

**Thursday, June 25:** 8:30 a.m. to noon at Naples City Hall, 355 Riverside Circle. Free movie ticket with donation.

**Friday, June 26:** 7-9 a.m. at Thomas Riley Artrisans' Guild, 1510 Rail Head Blvd., Naples. Free movie ticket with donation.

Any 17 years of age and older who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health is eligible to give blood (16-year-old accompanied by a parent can also donate). There is no upper age limit for giving blood. Good health means you should have no cold, flu or sore throat symptoms.

You cannot donate if you are taking antibiotics; you can donate 24 hours after the last dose was taken.

It takes less than an hour to donate blood, from the time you arrive to the time you leave. Bring photo identification and be prepared to answer questions about your medical history and have your blood pressure, pulse, temperature and red blood cell level taken.

Before going to the blood center or bloodmobile, follow your usual diet and meal schedule.

Once you have registered and your eligibility has been determined, the actual blood collection takes five to seven minutes. You can resume your usual daily activities after you leave, and you can return in eight weeks to donate again.

For more information, call the Community Blood Center at 624-4120 or visit [nchmd.org](http://nchmd.org). ■

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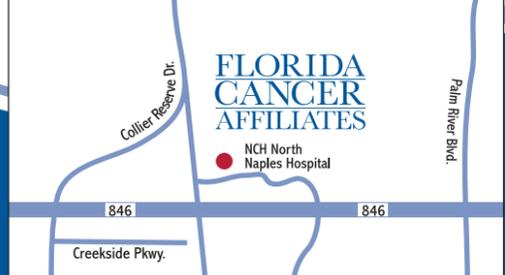
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# PET TALES

## Flee, fleas

How to put these pesky parasites out of your pet's misery

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
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If it's not already flea season where you live, it soon will be. Unless you live at an altitude above 5,000 feet or in an area with low humidity and hot, dry temperatures, you'll have to deal with fleas on your dog or cat. Your veterinarian likely has already recommended a good flea-control program, but if you haven't started it yet, now is the time, before the tiny yet vicious vampires send your dog or cat into a frenzy of scratching and biting.

Fleas are wingless insects that feed on blood. When a flea's saliva is injected into a pet's skin, the substances it contains cause severe itching. A pet with flea allergy dermatitis is not just itchy; his skin can be red or crusty, he may have bare patches where he has bitten or scratched himself raw and his skin may smell bad.

Even worse, fleas spread disease. They transmit tapeworms to animals, who can then pass them on to humans, usually children. They are also carriers of bubonic plague. Think that's a medieval disease? It's extremely rare, but it does exist today, and it's carried by fleas.

Just because you don't see fleas doesn't mean they're not there. In fact, fleas spend most of their time in the environment, not on your animal. But even if you don't see fleas on your pet, one dead giveaway is flea dirt — small black specks you may notice as you groom your dog or cat.



Your veterinarian can recommend a flea-control program that will kill eggs, larvae and adult fleas.

The good news is that flea control is way easier now than it was in the past. It wasn't that long ago that pet owners spent hours flea-combing, spraying, dipping and powdering pets and treating their homes and yards in a frantic attempt to keep the bloodsuckers at bay.

Flea-control products can be topical (applied to the skin) or oral (taken by mouth). Some protect against other parasites, such as ticks or heartworms. They may contain insect growth regulators, which prevent flea larvae from developing to maturity.

Topical products kill adult fleas within hours. They are usually water-resistant, but if you bathe your pet often or he goes swimming every day, they may not be the best choice. Be sure to wear gloves when applying topical products

and to use only the amount directed — more is not better.

Oral products require a prescription from your veterinarian. They are usually chewable, making them easy to give. Mark the calendar so you don't forget when you gave the pill and when you need to give it again.

The product that will work best for your pet depends on your location and your pet's lifestyle. If your cat goes outdoors, your dog goes swimming frequently or your pet has a high risk of tick exposure, your veterinarian will recommend products appropriate for those scenarios.

Most important, never give your cat a flea-control product made for dogs. The formulations made for dogs can kill cats, so read labels carefully before using them on pets.

You can also take steps to control fleas in the environment, not just on your pets. Steam-clean carpets and furniture to kill larvae and eggs, and vacuum frequently. Wash pet bedding weekly, using the hot-water cycle. Keep your yard trimmed, and get rid of leaves or other plant debris in shady areas to reduce hiding places for fleas.

The latest flea-control products are fast-acting and effective, but if you have a flea infestation — or even if you have only a few — it's still going to take some time before your pets will be fully flea-free. It could take as long as three to four months from the time you begin treatment until you see results. ■

### Pets of the Week

>> **Aleah** is a spayed, 10-week-old tuxedo. She and her five siblings all are looking for their forever homes.



>> **Enchilada** is a spayed, 2-year-old American bulldog mix who has raised a litter and is ready to live a life of her own.



>> **King Trouble** is a neutered, 1-year-old snowshoe mix who is as sweet a curious as he is handsome.



>> **Rubble** is a 9-year-old Labrador/basset hound mix who longs for a loving home to call his own.



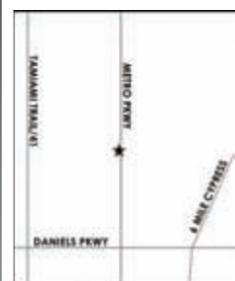
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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## With maturity comes a new preference in magazines



I'll admit it: I'm a magazine junkie. I always have been. Even though the Internet provides more immediate satisfaction when it comes to fashion trends and fluffy stories about celebrities, I still can't resist the glossy touch and the weight of a brand new magazine just off the rack. I've tried to "read" my iPhone while at the beach or the pool, but it gets sweaty in my hand, and I certainly can't look at fashion slide-shows when the glare of the sun is beating down on the screen. No, I prefer to dig into a magazine. But these days, I'm wondering if I need to rethink that preference.

I'm not lying when I tell you that I've been reading Cosmopolitan since I was old enough to sound out the phrase "what to wear on a first date." While Cosmo probably doesn't

sound like ideal reading material for a 6-year-old, you have to remember that back then, our parents smoked in the car while we were in it. It was a different time, and I'm pretty sure my Mom was delighted that I was reading; it didn't really matter what it was.

Truth be told, I skipped the sexy articles of the '70s Cosmo. I just wanted to look at the pretty hairdos and read about what color lipsticks were in for summer. I still do.

But I've come to the realization that Cosmo, Glamour and Allure no longer have a place in my summer beach bag.

In other words, I'm afraid I've aged out of them.

The evidence is in the pages and even in the ads. For instance, the ad for a new mascara by Maybelline called "Chaotic" promises that it will make your lashes "a perfectly sexy mess." The pouty model looks like she's poured tar on her eyelashes; they're thickly clumped and sticky — exactly the look we so painstakingly try to avoid when applying mascara. To me, the model looks like she has slept in her makeup — for several days.

Another one of my favorite glossies is reporting that baggy denim overalls are in for summer — the exact same stone-washed overalls I wore to death in 1990. Back then, they actually looked edgy/chic with just a black lacy bra underneath and some Doc Martens on my feet. If I wore overalls now, I'd look like a sad refugee from "Hee Haw."

Finally, when it comes to summer hair trends, several magazines are pushing pig-tails. Seriously. Pig-tails for grown women. I've actually had arguments with some friends who are over the age of 40 and who insist on wearing pig-tails. When they try to tell me pig-tails are "cute," I remind them that pig-tails are cute when you're under 12. And ONLY when you're under 12.

Which leads me to the conclusion that the magazines I'm reading aren't written for women over 40. They're written for

20-somethings who wear clumpy mas-cara, overalls and (ugh) pig-tails.

It's time to bid the Cosmo girl in me farewell and pick up magazines such as Oprah's O, More and Garden & Gun. This month, Oprah has

an article about slimming swimsuits (definitely news you can use), More wants to tell me what my "weird health symptoms" mean (I'm glad I'm not the only one with weird health symptoms) and Garden & Gun has some summer cocktail recipes that are much more fitting for me than pig-tails.

Something tells me that my summer beach reading is getting better with age. ■

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



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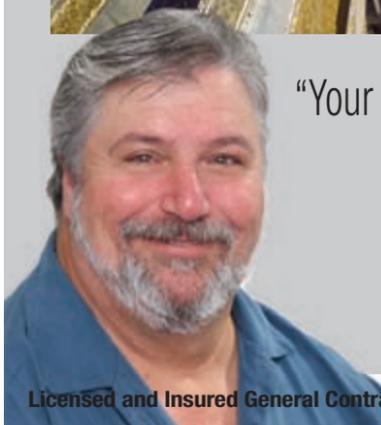
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**Traditional fast-food restaurants moving over for 'Quick Casual' establishments**

**BY ROGER WILLIAMS**  
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AT THE CONCLUSION OF BARRY LEVINSON'S poignant 1987 film "Tin Men," the story of two feisty salesmen trying to outdo and even ruin each other, the men finally realize that what they're selling (tin siding for houses in a Baltimore), and what they're doing (going door to door and head to head), is no longer viable.

As they shake hands and turn into the new decade of the 1950s, one sees an odd-looking little vehicle purr past — it's a Volkswagen Beetle. The other

looks up the street and notices, on top of a hill, two golden arches, the symbol of a McDonald's fast-food restaurant.

They've discovered their futures along with the future of the big brawny American culture of sales and consumption.

But in the last quarter of last year, more than 60 years after the setting of that story, McDonald's net sales dropped by 21 percent worldwide, while revenue declined 7 percent.

"Our results declined as unforeseen events and weak operating performance pressured results in each of geographic

segments," CEO Don Thompson told Forbes Magazine.

There were several factors, but in the United States one of them included a relatively new category called "Fast Casual" dining.

Defining Fast Casual is an imprecise art, apparently: Restaurant industry experts say its representative restaurants in such chains as Chipotle (now expanded to Canada and the United Kingdom), Panera Bread, Zaxby's and a number of others offer a slightly higher

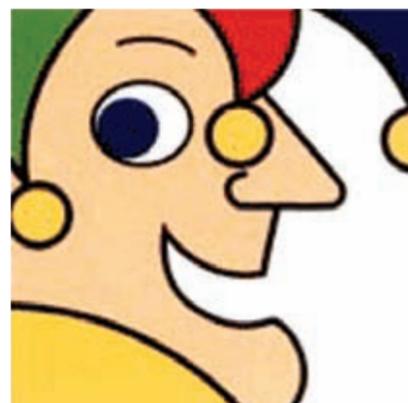
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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Invest with your mind, not your heart



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My twins graduated kindergarten last week, and to mark the end of the year, the entire class entertained their families with an ocean-themed song-and-dance routine as part of the graduation ceremony. As I watched the other parents' reaction to their children, I realized that every single one of them thought that their child was the best performer up there and was destined for greatness. The one boy who couldn't clap on the beat — her mom was thinking how cute that was and how her son was going to be a great CEO, not following the crowd. And the girl picking her nose while screaming off-key, I'm sure his mom was beaming with pride too for being so expressive. But, as we all know, most of these predictions will end in disappointment. Twenty years down the road, that boy will probably end up selling week-old flowers on a busy street corner. And the girl — probably a fast-food career or maybe even a member of the U.S. Congress.

As parents look at their children more subjectively than objectively, so too do investors looking at their investments. I would argue that probably the hardest thing to learn about investing is not the complex jargon, the mathematical bond

models, or even processing the massive amount of information available to investors. Instead, it is separating your emotion from your investing decisions. Everyone wants to think that their investments will outperform the market and they will never make a poor decision. But like not all kindergarteners will grow up to be the next Mark Zuckerberg, not all stocks you buy will be the next Facebook. So what can an average investor do to look at his investments in an objective manner?

My first recommendation is to set a price band around every investment that you purchase. These bands should be set around 20 percent in either direction of the security. If the price crosses the ceiling or floor, that should trigger an evaluation of the investment. Have the fundamentals or leadership of the business changed? Are there new competitors in the market? Has the macro environment changed? The price move should not trigger an automatic buy or sell, but it definitely should trigger an in-depth evaluation.

My second recommendation is to never, ever buy a sinking security so you can "Dollar Cost Average" down to a lower price point. Stocks are not like big screen TVs on Black Friday. When the price falls, it is not a "sale" where you are buying the investment at a discount. A frequent sarcastic saying on trading floors is, "You liked xyz stock at \$40. You gotta love it at \$20." No, you don't. When you buy a security and it falls in price, that is the market telling you that



your thesis regarding that security is wrong, at least in the short run. So are you smarter than the entire market? If you are Warren Buffet, maybe you are. But I have a secret for you: You are not Warren Buffet.

Similarly, don't sell a security too early when it is rising. You bought a stock at \$20 and it rose to \$40, doubling your money. You are a rock star. So you should sell the stock while the security is hot, right? No. The market is confirming that you are an investing genius. Why pull money off of the table now? In fact, I would rather see an investor add to a winning position than sell. I made this mistake several years ago when I found this travel website I really liked and bought the stock at \$25 and sold it at \$200. That website was Priceline and it is now trading at almost \$1,200 a share. But this doesn't mean that an investor should hold on to a winning investment forever. If the price begins to break down, it is critical to re-evaluate how the investment has changed and whether it is the time to sell.

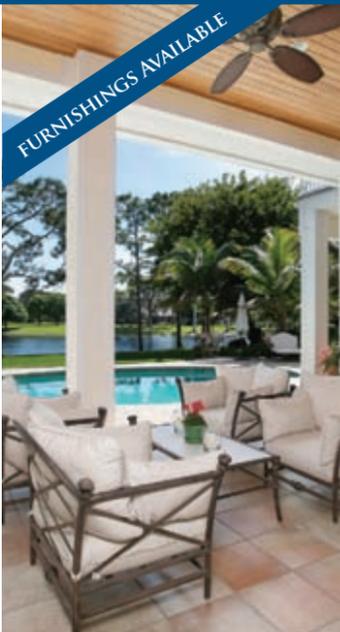
A final recommendation to help stop making emotional investing choices is to not make decisions based solely on a "hot tip." I will tell you right now — your best friend Harry who has a brother Larry doesn't really know that xyz biotech is going to be releasing a cure for cancer next month. Or if he does, I hope you like wearing orange, because that is insider trading. In the same way, online stock bulletin boards are filled with day traders who are looking to manipulate a stock in the short run for financial gain. If you truly are an investor, as opposed to a trader, there is no good investment today that won't be a good investment a month from now. So take your time when putting your money to work and don't rush into anything because of some seemingly proprietary knowledge.

To sum up, investing should be done with your mind, not your heart. This isn't easy to do, but increasing your knowledge of the markets is the best way to start down this path. But enough from me. I have to take my boys to soccer practice. Didn't I tell you? They are going to be the next David Beckham. ■

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and has earned the master detailer designation from the National Association for Professional Detailing and Reconditioning. He has detailed cars that have been shown and awarded trophies at shows including Corvettes of Carlisle, Amelia Island Concourse d' Elegance, Corvettes of Naples, Bloomington Gold Corvette Show and Ferraris on Fifth. He has also detailed cars that have sold at Barrett-Jackson auctions in Scottsdale, Las Vegas and Palm Beach.

Avenue Advisors Merger & Acquisition subsidiary Compass Advisory Group, vice chair; **Laura Holquist**, president of LAH Group, treasurer; **Steve Magiera**, vice president for administrative services and finance at FGCU, assistant treasurer; and **Kimberly Johnson**, firm chair at Quarles & Brady, secretary.

New board members elected to four-year terms are: **Guert Peet**, CEO of Millennium Physician Group; **Ann Hamilton**, philanthropist; **Travus Pope**, director of corporate finance and a registered principal of Syndicated Capital; **Mayela Rosales**, executive vice president of Media Vista Group; and **Syd Kitson**, chairman and CEO of Kitson & Partners.

**Dr. Anais Aurora Badia** has joined the board of directors of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. A board certified dermatologist, Dr. Badia opened Florida Skin Center in July 2001, just after completing her dermatology training in Albany, N.Y.

## New Location

**Norris Furniture & Interiors** plans to open a new showroom later this summer in Sarasota at 8001 U.S. 41 S., the former location of Heritage House.

**Clive Daniel Home** breaks ground later this month for a new location at 1351 Boca Raton Blvd. in Boca Raton. The Naples-based interior design company's second showroom, it signals plans for additional expansion on Florida's east coast.

**Joint Implant Surgeons** of Florida is expanding its practice with a new location at 1012 CrossPoint Drive in Naples. The office is scheduled for completion in late June, with doors opening for patients the first week of July. Dr. Dennis Sagini has hired occupational therapist Sarah Yagelski and physician assistant Maria Rienzi to assist in both the Fort Myers and Naples locations.

## Board Appointments

The following officers have been elected to serve the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce: **Dudley Goodlette**, chairman of the board; **Dan Lavender**, president and CEO of Moorings Park, chairman-elect; **Michael Wynn**, president and CEO of Sunshine Ace Hardware, past chairman; vice chairs **Tom Buckley** of Naples Day Surgery, **Clark Hill** of the Hilton Naples, **Bud Hornbeck** of Lutgert Insurance, **John Passidomo** of Cheffy Passidomo, **Julie Schmelzle** of Bank of America, **Bill Spinelli** of Titan Homes, **Katie Sproul** of Barron Collier Enterprises, **Kathleen van Bergen** of Artis—Naples and **James Warnken** of The United Way.

Directors elected for three-year terms are: **Libby Anderson** of TalentForce Solutions, **Tom Graney** of Fidelity, **Errol Howard** of Wells Fargo, **Bob Murray**, Collier County Manager Leo Ochs, Collier County Superintendent of Schools **Kamela Patton**, **John Schmieding** of Arthrex and **Leroy Sullivan** of TECO Peoples Gas.

Of counsel members are: **Russell Budd** of PBS Contractors, **Jeff Fridken** of Grant Fridkin Pearson, P.A., **CJ Hueston** of Corporate Dimensions, **Ed Morton** of Wasmer, Schroeder & Company and **David Weston** of Naples Lumber & Supply Company.

**Murray Hendel** and **Lou Vlasho** are ex officio members.

New officers elected to serve the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation are: **David Call**, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank (South Florida), chairman; **Timothy Cartwright**, manager of Fifth

## Health Care

**Dr. Anthony Scola III** has joined the staff of Physicians Regional Healthcare System and Physicians Regional Medical Group at the office at 24231 Walden Center Drive in Bonita Springs. Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Scola earned his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica and Iselin, N.J. He completed his internship and residency at West Suburban Medical Center in Chicago and joins Physicians Regional Medical Group from Mercy Health System in Milton, Wis.



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## Nonprofit Organizations

**Stacy Graison** has been named director of education at The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens. Ms. Graison earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife ecology and conservation from the University of Florida and a master's degree in ecological testing and learning from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She began her career as a docent at The Jacksonville Zoo and has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Parrot Jungle and Gardens, Lion Country Safari and Zoo Atlanta, where she was manager of school and family programs. ■



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# FAST

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price point than fast food restaurants, perhaps in the \$6 to \$8 range for a main food feature; a sometimes more daring menu that frequently touts fresh and locally sourced food; healthier food; and perhaps no drive-through.

Consumers, on the other hand, appear not to care whether a drive-through exists, as suggested by Tropical Smoothie Café. Originally a Destin-based chain that began in the 1990s, Tropical Smoothie expanded across many states, was sold to a private investment firm in 2012. It has adjusted both food and décor to keep up with the growing health awareness of consumers.

The 300th store, which opened in Fort Myers in 2011, bustles near an upscale Paradise Bicycles shop in a busy part of town, looking almost identical to the thriving store just south of the Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens — both stores allowing consumers to order from the counter, sit down and be served inside or sit outside, all while watching an efficiently trained staff of mostly young people put together a wide range of food and beverages in about three minutes.

The emphasis in sandwiches and wraps, salads and the signature fruit smoothies is vibrant taste and healthy, clean eating, restaurant employees say — and that includes a menu option both gluten free and “beyond meat,” a term the company introduced in 2013 for those seeking a vegan, non-GMO meat substitute said to be comprised mostly of soy and pea flour.

The concept has worked so well for Tropical Smoothie that it opened its 400th store nationwide at the end of last year, it plans to open its 500th store this year in an expansion that includes Miami, it showed 11.4 percent positive comp sales last year, according to a report in PR Newswire, and it will aim for 800 stores by 2018.

“Tropical Smoothie Café has expe-

rienced growth that has outpaced the fast casual industry,” announced CEO Mike Rotondo. “While others within our segment have grown, no one has seen growth like we have.” Last year, stores in the chain showed an average unit volume of \$526,000, the highest in its history.

## The competition

One of the defining features of fast casual is vibrant competition across a range of market niches — breakfast and brunch, for example, as such restaurants as the Louisiana-based Another Broken Egg suggests (there is now a Jupiter location for Palm Beach County diners). The pitch line includes this notion, suggesting the market to which it aims its appeal: “new favorites worthy of foodie blogs and Instagram pics.”

Or Mexican, such as Lime Fresh Mexican Grill, opening a new store in Palm Beach Gardens.

Its website reads: “Fresh,’ ‘Healthy,’ ‘Organic,’ ‘Sustainable.’ We’re sick of green-washed buzzwords you hear a lot but don’t mean much at all. So here’s our no-quote truth: Our food is freakin’ good. It’s how we went from one bumpin’ burrito shop in hell-raising, health-conscious South Beach to over 19 (and counting) along the East Coast.”

At Zaxby’s, with 600 locations in 15 states, co-founded by Georgia-born and raised Zach McLeroy, the CEO, chicken or variations on traditional Southern fried chicken is important, with the de rigueur label “hand-breaded,” and nine sauces, along with inventive-sounding milkshakes.

That puts the chain, which a prominent industry market research firm, Technomic, called “the most craveable fast casual restaurant” in both 2012 and 2013, in head-to-head competition with the newest upstart in the fast casual Florida field: PDQ (People Dedicated to Quality).

Nick Reader, a co-founder and the CEO of PDQ, is a 40-year-old Florida native who recently earned a coveted

spot on the Gator 100 list of most accomplished University of Florida



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PDQ, which opened in 2011, boasts 40 restaurants with plans to expand to 55 soon.

alumni for his business success with the Tampa-based restaurant.

PDQ has just opened its 40th fast casual store in a year that could see as many as 55 stores, now reaching across seven states (all in the South except for one — located off the strip in Las Vegas, Mr. Reader says).



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The store specializes in “fresh, hand-battered chicken tenders, made to order sandwiches, daily cut fries, hand-spun milkshakes and fresh salads, with dine-in, drive thru or catering options,” as the promotional literature describes it.

But the emphasis on fresh, local and fast — service happens in just a couple of minutes in part because the restaurant doesn’t try to do too many things, Mr. Reader explains — requires that stores have no freezers or no microwaves. The food is fresh, it’s often locally sourced, and it’s used immediately or it’s not used at all.

That means the company aims to educate consumers a bit, he adds.

What would you have to know about fries, for example? A lot, as it turns out. “Fresh cut French fries is one of the most challenging things out there (for us to do),” he says.

“Most fries are frozen, and most frozen potatoes are harvested when the sugar content is perfect. But as weather changes, sugar content changes and coloring changes — so the potatoes can be darker or lighter. Sometimes the assumption is, ‘Hey your fries are burned.’

“How do you communicate that they aren’t burned, in a respectful manner?”

That’s one challenge for PDQ, and location placement is another.

“We treated Florida like three different states: the Gulf Coast, South Florida and North Florida with maybe, Orlando,” he explains.

“We cluster the stores once we commit to an area. We have market directors, and the idea is we’ll cluster in a state or the city, when we have a talented person who knows the market.”

PDQ in particular focuses on the people — about 2,500 are now employed, with 60 to 80 per store.

The company looks for young people to start, and it believes in rapid promotion based on merit, right up from hand-spun milkshakes, super-fresh sauces and fresh, hand-cut fries into management, Mr. Reader says.

Asked if he thinks minimum wage should be higher, and if he starts employees at a higher than minimum wage, he offers this reasoning:

“Whatever you raise minimum wage to, everybody will just adjust (and charge higher prices). So the question they’re not asking, the bigger question, is where is the opportunity in a company for people to move up, to make life-changing careers: what you should ask is, how many people can get promoted, and can move from (minimum wage)?

“So almost everybody will start at minimum wage but nobody should stay there, working for us.

“We have 10 or 12 people who have been with us since the beginning, and our management are all six-figure salary employees,” he notes.

What that all means for the future, and against stiff competition, remains to be seen.

But if hands-on hustle and smarts mean anything, PDQ is a good bet.

“One of the happiest days of my life was when I was driving a busy road in Tampa (where the first stores opened) and I saw a piece of litter — just one of our cups on the side of the road,” Mr. Reader recalls.

The ball had started to roll, right toward the future.

“You get into a new market and you want it to work — and I don’t think our food is regional, I think it transfers well to all markets. It’s as healthy as you want to be.” ■



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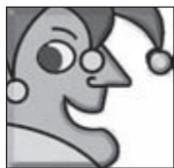
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## My Dumbest Investment

### 'What Do You Have to Lose?'

I bought shares of a gold mining company when it was \$0.27 per share, getting lots of shares because it was so cheap. I lost \$500. Then, because it had some kind of SEC filing, I thought, well maybe, so I bought in again at \$1.15 per share. I lost money again. I would have been better off buying one share of something that would have had better upside possibilities.

Many people who do not invest told me that I should try a penny stock: "What have you got to lose?" Well, \$500. I don't think those people will give me \$500 of their money to buy anything with. I began studying investing from people who can teach me something, people who are doing it and succeeding. And I learned I should know the company that I am buying an ownership in, not just buying it because it is cheap. How many times can I afford to lose \$500?

— D.H., online

**The Fool Responds:** Those are great lessons. Too few people realize that they can do much better buying, say, two shares of a \$250 stock than 2,000 shares of a \$0.25 stock, and that stocks trading for less than around \$5 per share are often ultra-risky penny stocks.

**More good lessons:** A low price doesn't necessarily indicate a bargain. A share of stock represents a small ownership stake in a real company, not just a bet. ■

## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a Minneapolis flour mill in 1866. I'm a global food giant, with brands such as Gold Medal, Betty Crocker, Chex Mix, Bisquick, Old El Paso and Hamburger Helper. Each day I serve up 60 million servings of whole-grain cereal (with brands such as Wheaties and Cheerios), 27 million servings of Yoplait dairy products, 12 million Nature Valley bars, 5 million Pillsbury cookies, 2 million pounds of Green Giant vegetables, and 1 million servings of Häagen-Dazs ice cream. My predecessor firm and I have paid dividends for 116 consecutive years. Who am I? (Answer: General Mills) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### Beneficial Owners

Q What's a "beneficial owner"?

— R.C., Kankakee, Illinois

A It's the true owner of a security, such as a stock. If some assets are held for you in a trust through a brokerage, for example, you're the beneficial owner. It's a common practice for brokerages to hold stocks in "street name" (i.e., their own name) instead of putting the shares in your name. This is routine, and the shares still belong to you: You're the beneficial owner.

Leaving shares in "street name" is generally a good thing, as you don't have to safeguard the paper certificates, and when you want to sell shares, you can do so quickly, not having to find and mail in the certificates.

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Q How risky are mutual funds? Can I lose all of my money in one?

— J.W., Lexington, Kentucky

A The average fund is less risky than the average stock, because while some stocks can and do fall to zero, mutual funds rarely do. That's because they're diversified, with many different holdings. (Few stocks of well-known companies fall to zero, though. If you keep up with your holdings' financial reports and news coverage, you'll likely spot red flags long before a company goes out of business.)

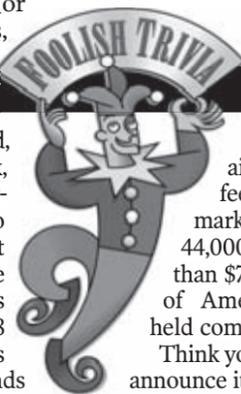
Still, many funds can significantly underperform the overall market. If you don't have faith in your fund's management and don't expect it to perform well in the future, you should sell, taking the loss. Why leave money there, either stagnant or falling in value, when it could be growing elsewhere? Remember that simple index funds often outperform most other funds.

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## Name That Company

Founded in 1916, I'm still family-owned, boasting 85 supermarkets in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland and Massachusetts, with more to come. I've been named America's best supermarket chain many times and have been named one of Fortune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" for 18 consecutive years. I offer more products than the average supermarket (thousands



of them organic), and aim to give my stores the feel of a European open-air market. I employ more than 44,000 people and rake in more than \$7 billion annually. I'm one of America's largest privately held companies. Who am I?

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

## The Motley Fool Take

### Searching for a Promising Stock?

Shares of Google (Nasdaq: GOOG; Nasdaq: GOOGL) slumped recently, after the company posted disappointing quarterly results. Dismissing Google as a long-term investment would be a mistake, though.

Google has been dealing with declining cost-per-click (CPC) rates for the advertising it sells, spending on far-flung innovations such as its wearable Google Glass and facing competition from upstarts such as Facebook.

Despite that, Google offers many reasons to be optimistic about its stock. At \$20 a month and \$10 per gigabyte used, Google's new wireless service is a breath of fresh air in the Wi-Fi space.

Google's wireless plan is yet another means of providing the world's mobile

consumers with what is quickly becoming an end-to-end suite of online solutions. Already, over half the world's mobile Web access is via a device using Google's Android operating system. Toss in its Fiber initiative, and Google is primed to become a total Internet solution.

Google also owns the leading video site in the world. With more than a billion users, YouTube is a potential gold mine.

Meanwhile, Google's "other revenues" category, including Google Play and cloud-computing sales, is generating billions. For long-term investors, Google has too many growth drivers to ignore. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Google and Facebook and has recommended them.) ■

# 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.

■ **Business After Hours** for members and guests of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Estero. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door for members, \$40 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or visit [bonitaspringschamber.com/events](http://bonitaspringschamber.com/events).

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Classics at Lely Resort. 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, June 18, at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. The evening's sponsor is Mercato Madison Marquette. The July Business After Five takes place Thursday, July 16, at the chamber Visitor Information Center, 900 Fifth Ave. S. Sign up at [napleschamber.org/events](http://napleschamber.org/events).

■ The third program in the summer **Power Networking Lunch Series** presented by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Artichoke &

Company in Bonita Springs. The public is welcome. Guest speaker Tony Solgard, president of Bookkeepers Plus, will discuss how to use your business financial statements as a tool to help you work smarter, not harder. Mr. Solgard's accounting firm specializes in QuickBooks training, bookkeeping services and financial management counsel for businesses and nonprofits. Tickets are \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for others. Reservations are required by June 22. Call 992-2943 or visit [bonitaspringschamber.com](http://bonitaspringschamber.com).

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds a mini-trade show from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the *Naples Daily News*, 1100 Immokalee Road. \$55 for an exhibit table (\$80 with electrical access); \$10 admission in advance, \$15 at the door for members; \$40 admission for non-members. Exhibitors

must register by June 19. Call 992-2943 or visit [bonitaspringschamber.com/events](http://bonitaspringschamber.com/events).

■ **The Florida Gulf Coast Real Estate Investors Alliance** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Road. The next meeting is July 5. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit [fgreia.com](http://fgreia.com) for more information.

■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** meet for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at The Center Bar in the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Admission is free, and food and drinks will be available for purchase. Sign up at [bonitaspringschamber.com](http://bonitaspringschamber.com). For more information, call 992-2943 or visit [facebook.com/bsayoungprofessionals](http://facebook.com/bsayoungprofessionals). ■

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**Jamie Ross** has joined McQuaid & Company as a broker associate in the agency's Coconut Point office. Ms. Ross has nearly 17 years of residential real estate experience in Lee and Collier counties. Prior to her real estate work, the Ohio native and graduate from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, was one of the first women to become a federal Special Agent for the then U.S. Postal Inspection Service, ultimately working for three U.S. agencies during 26 years and retiring from the U.S. Customs Service in San Francisco and Silicon Valley, Calif. Posts in between included Seattle, and Chicago. Her work involved investigating crimes that involved illegal exports, such as munitions going to hostile countries and intellectual property lost to international competitors.



ROSS

**Paul Vacco** has joined Weichert, Realtors On the Gulf to assist buyers and sellers in North Naples and Golden Gate Estates. A 27-year resident of the Naples area, Mr. Vacco previously owned a business in the marine industry. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.



VACCO

**Joanna Carignan** has joined Weichert, Realtors On the Gulf as an agent to assist buyers and sellers in Estero, Bonita Springs and Naples. Ms. Carignan is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors. She previously worked in the gaming industry.



CARIGNAN

**CC Devco, Del Web Naples and Pulte Homes** will host special events at their sales centers and in 17 model homes in Ave Maria from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 13. The merchants of Ave Maria Town Center will hold a sidewalk sale throughout the day.

CC Devco builds in Maple Ridge, and Pulte Homes builds in Hampton Village and Emerson Park. Del Webb Naples is Ave Maria's active adult community.

The main entrance to Ave Maria is Oil Well Road just west of Camp Keais Road in eastern Collier County. From I-75, take Exit 11 east and follow the signs. For more information, call 352-3903 or visit [avemaria.com](http://avemaria.com).

CRE Consultants and the team of **Randall Mercer, Brandon Stoneburner and Nicole Gray** have been retained as the exclusive leasing agents for Walden Center I & II in Bonita Springs. The Class A buildings have space for corporate headquarters, professional offices and other businesses.

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## House Hunting:

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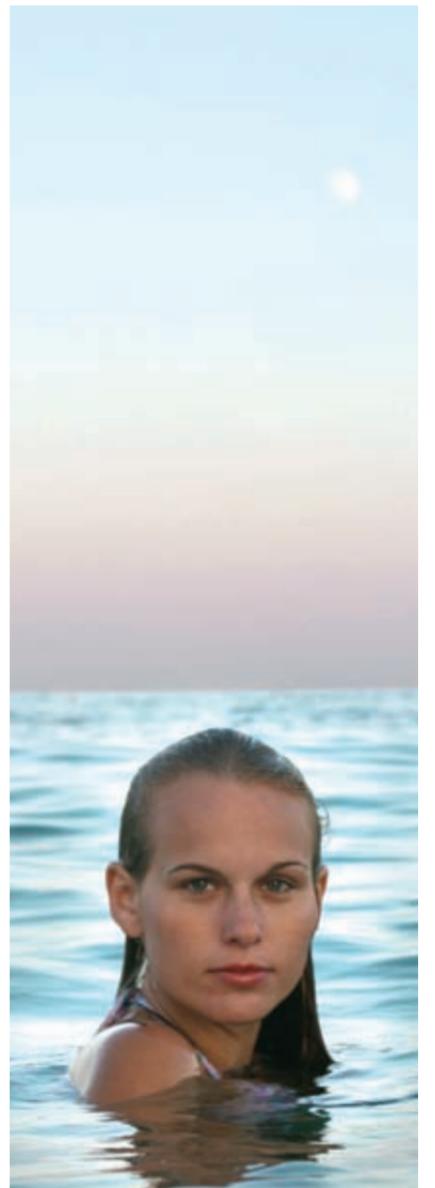
This four-bedroom-plus-den, 3½-bath home on a quiet side street in Quail Creek Estates has almost 4,000 square feet and upgrades galore to make family and friends feel right at home. Built in 1986, it has a cheerful kitchen and a lovely lanai surrounding the pool and spa.

Tiffany McQuaid of McQuaid and Company has the listing for \$1,475,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 287-6308 or email [tiffany@mcquaidco.com](mailto:tiffany@mcquaidco.com). ■





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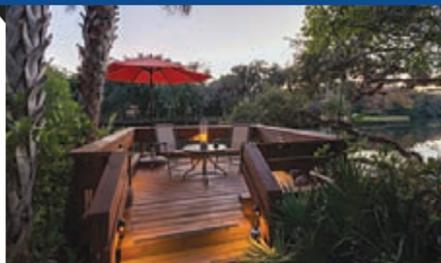
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# UF quarterly market survey reflects continued optimism in the

Optimism in the Florida real estate market remains strong among those in the business, according to the Survey of Emerging Market Conditions, conducted quarterly by the Kelley A. Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies at the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business Administration.

In the most recent survey, UF's Commercial Real Estate Sentiment Index, an outlook of respondents' own businesses, improved to 7.45 out of 10, its highest level since the third quarter of 2006.

Timothy Becker, director of the Bergstrom Center, attributes the upbeat outlook to continued improvement in the job market and growth in the tourism industry. "Both factors have been positive for consumer confidence," he says.

The survey also found that practitioners expected occupancy and rents across property types to remain stable in the next quarter. Multifamily property occupancy continues to be positive, increasing at a rapid pace over the past few years. However, inventory

increases from new construction, along with current capacity units, means this trend may level off soon.

While current capitalization rates have remained stable across most property types, uncertainty over interest rates remains on certain property types. For the time being, low interest rates continue to drive capital to real estate.

Overall, respondents felt that despite uncertainties, Florida's economy and therefore the real estate markets continue to improve, so this trend should hold true for the near future.

The survey included 97 participants representing 13 urban regions of the state and up to 15 property types. It is one of the most extensive surveys of Florida professional real estate analysts and investors conducted on an ongoing basis.

The complete survey results can be found at [realestate.ufl.edu](http://realestate.ufl.edu).

The UF Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies supports the real estate courses and degree programs housed within the Warrington College of Business Administration. ■

## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

John R. Wood Properties welcomes the following new agents to its local offices.

**Central office: Amy Luizzi and Michael Soulard**, both members of the Naples Area Board of Realtors - Ms. Luizzi is a native of Upstate New York. She has lived in Naples since 1996 and has worked in real estate since 2005. Mr. Soulard is originally from Honolulu. A real estate professional for 15 years, he previously worked in hospitality industry and in sales for senior living communities.

**North Naples office: Melissa Delaney, Britny Gutierrez, Tom Hill, April Hoover, Jack Loewel, Gabriella O'Reilly, Amy Romero and Roberta Rossi** - Ms. Delaney has joined the Patrick Dearborn Real Estate Team. A resident of Naples since 1983, she has been in the real estate industry since 2005. Ms. Gutierrez is from Providence, R.I., and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration, management and market-

ing from the University of Miami. She previously worked in retail management. A native of Opelika, Ala., Mr. Hill lived in Orlando before relocating to Naples and has worked in real estate since 1984. Ms. Hoover earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Rhode Island College and attended Ball State University in Indiana. She moved to Bonita Springs in 2004 and joined the real estate industry in 2013. Mr. Loewel holds a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State University and worked as a teacher before starting his real estate career in 1984. Ms. O'Reilly has joined the O'Reilly Real Estate Team. Originally from Bacau, Romania, she joined the real estate industry in 2014 and previously worked as a geologist/seismologist and a biofeedback specialist/wellness coach as a founder and owner of a wellness center in Toronto. A native of Havana, Cuba, Ms. Romero attended Johnson and Wales University

in Miami and previously worked in hospitality management. Ms. Rossi previously lived in Washington, D.C., and abroad and worked for the U.S. Government as a public affairs specialist and senior communications advisor.

**Old Naples office: Paula See** - Ms. See has worked in the real estate industry since 1977. She is originally from Danville, Ill.

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& Co. Under the new ownership, capital improvements to the building interiors and exteriors are underway. The Offices at Pelican Bay are managed and leased by CRE Consultants.

Kerri Herry, the founder of **After Real Estate School**, is holding boot camp for real estate professionals from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. July 27-30 and Aug. 3-7 at the Bonita Springs Area Association of Realtors, 25300 Bernwood Drive in Bonita Springs. The six-day curriculum includes one-on-one coaching, role-playing, lead generating, live calls, listing presentation and buyer consultation development and practice, objection handling and lead source procurement.

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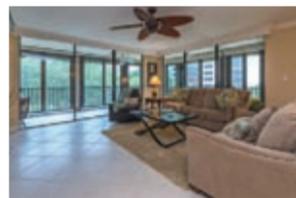
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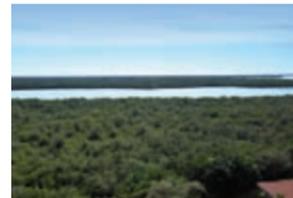
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# Lennar inventory dwindling at two communities in Fiddler's Creek

Lennar Homes is in the final phase of sales in the villages of Sonoma and Runaway Bay within the master-planned community of Fiddler's Creek.

In the village of Sonoma, Lennar has fewer than 15 coach homes remaining. The community consists of 11 two-story buildings, each with four residences. Two floor plans are available: the Florence, with 1,741 air-conditioned square feet, and the Verona, with 2,110 air-conditioned square feet.

The ground-floor Florence design has three bedrooms and two baths in a split floor plan that also has a screen-covered patio and a two-car garage. Upgrades include 20-inch diagonal tile throughout the wet areas and entryways; granite countertops in the kitchen and baths; colonial-style wood casing and baseboards; and crown molding in the living areas and master suite. Base price for the Florence is \$292,990.

The second-floor Verona also has three bedrooms and two baths, with the master bedroom toward the rear of the home. There is a three-car tandem garage. Base price for the Verona is \$312,990.

In the village of Runaway Bay, Lennar has fewer than 20 estate homes remain-



A rendering of Lennar Homes' Florence and Verona coach home designs in Sonoma at Fiddler's Creek.

ing for sale. With the namesake Creek to one side and The Creek Golf Course to the other, Runaway Bay features spacious three- and four-bedroom floor plans.

Each Mediterranean-style residence in Runaway Bay offers a three-car garage, gourmet kitchen and study along with a screen-covered lanai with optional pool/spa package and winter kitchen. Homes situated along The Creek also have a dock option at the time of purchase. The Creek allows for electric boats, kayaks and canoes. Other homes have golf course views.

The Laurel is the largest residence currently offered within Runaway Bay. With

3,659 air-conditioned square feet over two stories, the design has three bedrooms, four baths, a private study and dining room around a centrally located living room. There also is a balcony, a screen-covered lanai with optional pool/spa package and winter kitchen, plus a second level bonus room with wet bar and bath. The base price of the Laurel is \$755,999.

The two-story Lantana encompasses 3,542 air-conditioned square feet and has four bedrooms, three full baths and two half-baths. The home also provides a formal dining room, private study, balcony and spacious lanai, plus a second floor bonus room. A pool/spa package is optional. The base price of the Lantana is currently \$725,999.

A one-story residence with 3,043 air-conditioned square feet, the Camellia has four bedrooms and three full baths in a split floor plan. The home also provides a formal dining room, private study, large family room for entertaining and large covered lanai with optional outdoor kitchen. The Camellia is priced from \$685,999.

The Bougainvillea, a one-story design with 2,800 air-conditioned square feet, has three bedrooms, three baths, a study, for-

mal dining room and expansive great room and kitchen. The optional heated pool/spa and winter kitchen are both available with this floor plan. The Bougainvillea floor plan is priced from \$655,999.

The entrance to Fiddler's Creek is off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. Amenities include the 54,000-square-foot clubhouse and spa, fitness center, lagoon-style swimming complex, tennis courts and restaurants for casual and elegant dining. Fiddler's Creek residents can join The Golf Club and The Tarpon Club for beach and boating.

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## ULI hosts breakfast with legislative review

The Urban Land Institute-Southwest Florida holds its fourth annual Florida Legislative Wrap-Up from 7:45-11 a.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Club at Olde Cypress in Naples. Led by several legislators from the regional delegation, the wrap-up breakfast will include a summary of bills passed during the special session affecting the region's

comprehensive planning process, real estate-based insurance, funding for infrastructure and other issues related to Southwest Florida's business climate.

Speakers include State Reps. Matt Caldwell, Dane Eagle, Heather Fitzhagen and Kathleen Passidomo. Panelists are Bruce Anderson, Esq. of Cheffy Passidomo, P.A. and Steven Hartsell, Esq. of

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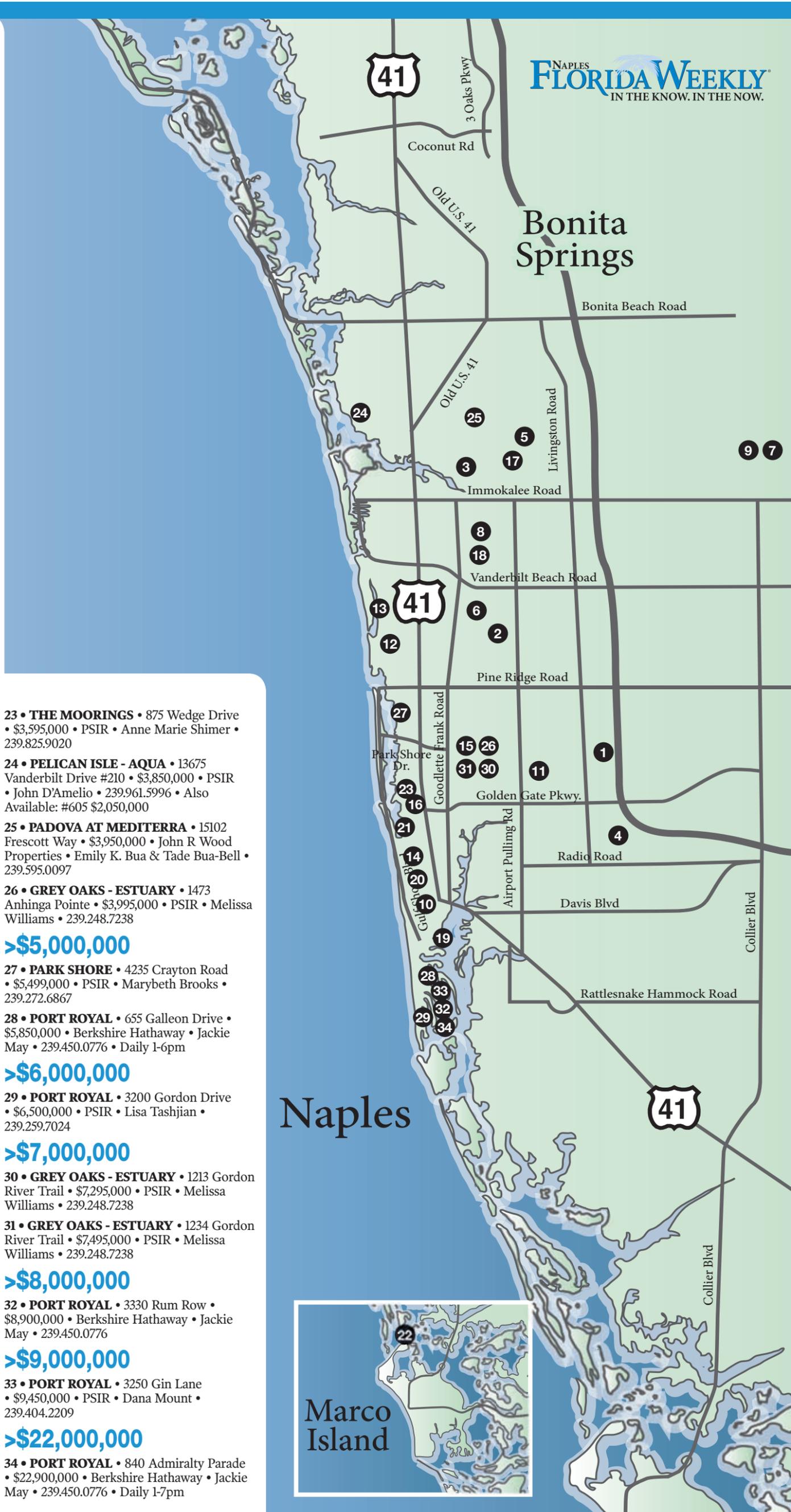
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FIFTH ANNUAL CAMERA USA CONTEST AND EXHIBITION ENTRIES SPAN THE COUNTRY

BY NANCY STETSON  
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PHOTOGRAPHERS "FIND ART ANYWHERE," says Jack O'Brien, curator of The von Liebig Art Center in Naples. A lot of people might not stop and look at something, he says, but photographers do. They notice moments and details others miss or overlook, capturing those scenes forever.

Fifty such moments can be seen at the art center's annual Camera USA exhibit, chosen images of a contest now in its fifth year. Open to photographers residing in the United States, the contest asked for photographs taken within

Inset photo: "Red-eyed Tree Frog," Lorri Freedman, Naples

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## Turtles continue to be happy together after all these years

BY ALAN SCULLEY  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

The Turtles are headlining a tour filled with classic acts, but when the band recorded its signature hit, "Happy Together," in 1967, it looked like it might be the group's last hurrah.

At the time, the Turtles had achieved a measure of popularity with a cover of Bob Dylan's "It Ain't Me Babe." The single, released in 1965, around the time the Byrds were also having success with their chiming pop versions of Dylan songs, became a top 10 hit for the Turtles and pulled the group members out of high

school and into the world of being a touring act.

But the singles that followed had failed to build on the success of "It Ain't Me Babe."

"The Turtles were really struggling," singer Mark Volman recalled in an early June phone interview. "We had no luck cracking the top 50... We were going through such a down time in our career that, if 'Happy Together' had not done well, we probably would have been out of a record deal."

Obviously, "Happy Together" did pretty well. It became the Turtles' signature hit. The song also serves as the title for

a package tour Mr. Volman, 67, and his musical partner since the days of the Turtles, Howard Kaylan, are headlining this summer for the sixth straight year.

For this year's tour, which comes to the Seminole Casino Immokalee on Thursday, June 18, the Turtles are joined by the Association, Mark Lindsay (of Paul Revere & the Raiders fame), the Grass Roots, the Buckingham and the Cowbills. It represents a return to the 1960s pop roots of the Happy Together tour after Mr. Vollman and Mr. Kaylan had injected a bit of an early '70s rock dimension into

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Spain is for lovers. Who knew?



I just spent the last four weeks on a slow trip across the Mediterranean — first Greece, then France and finally Spain. The days spun out in the kind of languorous rhythm you'll only find in that part of the world, sun-filled and decadent. But the place that surprised me with its sensuous undertones? Spain.

I'd been once before, nearly a decade ago, on a 10-day tour through the southern part of the country that left me emotionally exhausted. This is what I remember from that voyage: grilled meat served on metal skewers hung from a hook, dusty courtyards with fountains that had run dry, and mountain villages where locals stared with an unwelcoming gaze.

What comes to mind most strongly when I think of that trip is stress. Stress so suffocating that it squeezed all the fun out of the experience. The Spaniards I met were impatient and quick-tempered — and that's before they got on the highway. Though the cultural sites were beautiful, for years afterward when I thought of Spain I would be overcome with a choking anxiety.

So why in the world would I ever return? A cheap flight out of Barcelona. What can I say? Even choking anxiety can't stand up to a good bargain.

What shocked me this time around was the overwhelming niceness of northern Spain. I found on this trip people who were on the whole warm, friendly and welcoming. Moreover, I discovered something I never anticipated: that the Spanish way of living is just right for amorous affairs. I say this not from experience, regrettably, but from an awareness of how my days in Barcelona played out.

Breakfast technically started at 7 a.m., but I never found anyone there before 9. And even though it ran until 11, the woman at my hotel asked, "Is that too early? We can make it later if you need."

After sleeping in and a late breakfast, there were just enough hours to visit a monument or a museum — or if you're not on vacation, do a bit of work — before the heat of the day set in. Then it

was the lunch hour, time to settle in for a long and hearty meal with a good bottle of local wine. Once that wrapped up, the sun was blazing and the only thing left to do was have a siesta. If one had a romantic partner on this particular Spanish holiday, I might suggest that a few activities other than sleeping could be in order first. And then napping, of course.

When you wake up, the heat of the day will have passed but the sun will still be out until 10 p.m. or so. These light-infused Catalan evenings are perfect for strolling arm in arm down one of the city's boulevards.

It's all very civilized and quite romantic.

I had assumed that in this particular Mediterranean circuit, France would earn the romantic honors, but now I'm not so sure. Barcelona surprised me with its sensuous pace. Next time I visit the city, I'm bringing someone to share it with. ■

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

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## Marco teens take the lead in farcical comedy

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The teen troupe of the Island Theater Company on Marco presents Ken Ludwig's "Leading Ladies" June 12-20 at the Marco Island Historical Museum.

The comedic work showcases the antics of two Shakespearean actors who are so down on their luck they pose as the beloved relatives of a dying — and very wealthy — woman in hopes of inheriting her millions. Set in the Amish country of York, Pa., in 1958, the story follows actors Leo Clark and Jack Gable as they attempt to impersonate Max and Steve, (nephews, the actors assume) of the elderly, ailing Florence. When they learn that Max and Steve are in reality Maxine and Stephanie, they continue their ruse, undaunted — and in drag. Hilarity, of course, ensues.

The Island Theater Company cast includes several actors who are familiar to local audiences. Dylan Rogers (Macbeth, "Macbeth") and Cooper Ussery (Bock, "Wicked") star as Leo and Jack, and Abby Martin (Ga-linda, "Wicked") plays Meg. Gina Sisbarro-Penzo directs.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 12-13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14; and 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 18-20. The production is sponsored by Jump Hair & Nails and Island Diet Center.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and can be purchased in advance during business hours at Marco Office Supply and at Centennial Bank on Marco. In addition, the box office opens 30 minutes before showtime. Opening



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Alexandria Anderson as Audrey and Jacob Wagner as Butch in "Leading Ladies."

night audience members are invited to a meet-the-cast party afterward. ■

in the know

### 'Leading Ladies'

>>Who: The Island Theater Company teen troupe  
>>When: June 12-20  
>>Where: Marco Lutheran Church  
>>Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students  
>>Info: 394-0080 or theateronmarco.com

## Marco Players present 'Sylvia,' set auditions for next season

The Marco Players are preparing for the 2015-16 season and have scheduled audition dates for several shows, including one being staged later this summer. Here are the shows that have roles available:

■ **"Shooting Star"** - This play by Steven Dietz has roles for one woman and one man. It's the story of two college lovers who, years later, find themselves snowed in at the same airport. Greg Madera directs. Auditions will take place by appointment June 29-30. Performances are Aug. 6-23.

■ **"The Art of Murder"** - Joe DiPietro's play, which won the 2000 Edgar Award for Best Mystery, has roles for two men and two women. Jim Corsica directs. Auditions are set for July 25. Performances are Nov. 4-22.

■ **"Same Time, Next Year"** - Bernard Slade's beloved romantic comedy has roles for one man and one woman, whose love affair spans 25 years. Richard Joyce directs. Auditions take place Aug. 29. Performances are Jan. 6-24.

■ **"Rose's Dilemma"** - Neil Simon's unpredictable romantic comedy calls for two men and two women. Beverly Dahlstrom directs. Auditions take place

Sept. 26. Performances are Feb. 10-28.

■ **"2 Across"** - Jerry Mayer's romantic comedy about how crossword puzzles are a metaphor for life calls for one man and one woman. Mr. Madera directs. Auditions are set for Oct. 24. Performances are March 16-April 3.

To schedule an audition or for more information, call Ms. Dahlstrom at 404-5198 or email info@themarcoplayers.com.

Up next from the Players is **"Sylvia,"** A.R. Gurney's romantic comedy in which a stray dog comes between a husband and wife of 22 years. Their children raised, Greg (Greg Madera) and Kate (Casey Cobb) have left the suburbs behind and moved to Manhattan. Greg brings home a stray dog named Sylvia (Tracy Lane) and proceeds to find comfort in the demonstrative canine as an escape from his job and middle age. Kate, however, sees Sylvia as a rival.

"Sylvia" is on stage June 11-28 at The Marco Players Theater in Marco Town Center Mall. Show time is 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for \$25 are available at the box office, by calling 642-7270 or at themarcoplayers.com. ■

## One-act scripts solicited for contest

The Naples Players' ETC ... Readers' Theatre is accepting original one-act scripts for the 12th annual An Evening of New Plays.

June 30 is the deadline for Southwest Florida playwrights to submit works of any genre except musical. The winning plays will be presented as staged readings Friday and Satur-

day, Dec. 18-19, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

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the 50 states after January 2011.

Out of 198 entries, three jurors chose 50 images for exhibition. Several are by photographers who have entered the contest every year; many are from first-timers. One will receive a first-place award of \$5,000, to be announced at the preview reception the evening of Friday, June 12.

In his juror's statement, photographer Harry Benson says this year's winner was a unanimous decision, but that the entries are of such good quality he would have loved to name a dozen first-place winners.

Mr. Benson, born in Scotland, was a regular contributor to LIFE magazine from 1970-2000 and is currently under contract to Vanity Fair magazine.

The two other jurors this year are photographers Patty Carroll and Ariel Shanberg. Ms. Carroll is an adjunct full professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and has also taught at Columbia College in Chicago, IIT and the Royal College of Art in London. Ms. Shanberg is executive director of the Center for Photography at Woodstock.

"There's always a pretty big mix of subject matter and styles, black and white and color," Mr. O'Brien says of the contest entries from year to year. He also notes that photographers are using materials such as metal, canvas and acrylic for their images. "It's always like a slice of life around the country, where there are people interacting, animals, city streets, suburban scenes," he adds.

Photographer Robert Silance's entry, "Suburban Fences," was taken in Georgia. A long, rectangular image, it shows the intersection of newly raised wooden fences dividing dirt lots, with the tops of newly built homes peering over the top.

"It's about the south and the farmland being built up," Mr. O'Brien says. "That's a new development that's spread out in the farmland." It's a familiar sight around the country, not just in Georgia, he adds.

This year's entries also include close-ups focusing on one particular detail.

Cape Coral photographer Paul Rodino's "Bel Air" shows the ornate hood ornament of an aqua Bel Air car.

Other close-ups reveal a frog in a flower, a grasshopper on a fence, a butterfly just emerged from its cocoon.

That last one is "Miss Julia" by Caroline Brown of Bonita Springs.

"She gets up early (to capture these images)," Mr. O'Brien says. "They start to come out (of their cocoons) around sunrise. She's out there every morning to see what's going on and getting the shot." About the contest entry he adds, "It's drying its wings; it has to hang there for a couple of hours to dry its wings out flat."

There are studio shots, such as Spencer Pullen's image "Fruit Loops," showing a slice of orange, lime and lemon dropping into water, their tropical colors made even brighter by the blackness



"Miss Julia," Caroline Brown, Bonita Springs



"Shadow Play," Leslie Zukor, Mercer Island, Wash.

around it.

Then there are the portraits caught in the moment.

Leslie Zukor's "Shadow Play" shows a baseball player about to make a fly catch, his shadow a visual echo on the wall behind him. The yellow line on top of the green fence behind him is also visually arresting, as is the white "401" painted on it.

In "Woman in Yellow," Robert Kenedi of Naples captured a woman in Miami's Little Havana, dressed in bright yellow and walking past graffiti on the shuttered storefronts behind her. One drawing is a Santa Claus head, the other a colorful cartoon character leaping in the air, arms raised. Mr. Kenedi's artist statement calls the shot "a dash of luck. It was a fleeting,



"Fruit Loops," Spencer Pullen, Port Charlotte



"Fence and Elm Tree in Dust Storm," Kathleen Brennan, Ranchos de Taos, N.M.

eye-catching moment, well worth the run it took me to catch."

Then there's Nelson Head's image, "Dawn in a New York Hotel Lobby": A man sits in a lobby, his hand covering his face. The photographer thought his subject's eyes were closed, but was surprised to discover otherwise after looking at the shot.

"There was some kind of problem with his room, it looks to me like he slept in the lobby," Mr. O'Brien surmises about the photograph. "He's had a very difficult, unrestful night, and now it's time to face the day after all that. We all feel that way at times, after a trip."

Antje Woolum's "Shadow Play" shows four wooden tables and metal chairs,

## Statements from the jurors:

"Seeing the world with a camera is a difficult experience than discovering without one. It leads one to places, perceptions and experiences that are unpredictable and new."

— **Patty Carroll**, adjunct professor, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

"The camera is a passport, often granting us permission into worlds and events otherwise inaccessible as well as for our mind's eye and the creativity within."

— **Ariel Shanberg**, executive director, Center for Photography at Woodstock

"... I don't believe there is anything like an overnight success. The point is, do not give up, follow your own instincts and keep working."

— **Harry Benson**, LIFE magazine and Vanity Fair photographer



"Dawn in a New York City Hotel Lobby," Nelson Head, Occoquan, Va.

their shadows creating an interesting pattern on the pavement.

"That's symmetry and composition," says Mr. O'Brien. "It's also a very familiar sight, not out of the ordinary. But someone got the right vantage point and made art of it. Repetition is a big factor (in this photo's appeal). It's telling (viewers): Look around, look at your world through an artist's eyes and see what's really



"Tilapia Remains," Todd Bradley, San Diego, Calif.

in the know

### Camera USA

>> **When:** June 15-July 17

>> **Where:** The von Liebig Art Center, Naples

>> **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

>> **Cost:** Free, but donations welcome

>> **Info:** 262-6517 or naplesart.org

>> **More:** Opening night preview is 5:30-7:30

p.m. Friday, June 12. Free for Naples Art

Association members, \$10 for others.

>> **Also on exhibit:** Pictures in Process 2015, 35 photographs by members of the NAA.



Above: "No Exit," Andre Haluska, Pompano Beach



Right: "Nature's Fireworks," Armando Colls, Miami

interesting visually. Somebody probably had a bite to eat and a bit of wine there and didn't notice (the beautiful pattern and compelling image), and somebody else did. There's art all around us."

Photographer Andre Haluska was struck by the odd juxtaposition of a collection of taxidermied animal heads

grouped on the floor near a door, their glass eyes staring at the ceiling. He shot the image and titled it "No Exit."

When Mr. O'Brien looks at the exhibit, it's the diversity that strikes him: "There's a wonderful diversity of what people are seeing, how and what they're responding to." ■



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## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## THEATER

**Sylvia** – By The Marco Players through June 28. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

**Leading Ladies** – By the Island Theater Company June 12-20. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 394-0080 or theateronmarco.com.

**Nunsense** – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Players through June 14. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**The Underpants** – By The Laboratory Theater of Florida June 12-27. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

**Church Basement Ladies** – Through July 4 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

**Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood** – By The Naples Players' KidzAct June 26-28 at Sugden Community Theatre. 434-7240 or naplesplayers.org.

**The Gondoliers** – By Opera Naples Summer Youth Program June 27-28 at the David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

**Legally Blonde** – By The Naples Players July 8-Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

## THURSDAY 6.11

**Black Widows & More** – Learn about Florida's 900 species of spiders from a park ranger at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park at 9:30 a.m. Reservations recommended. Free with park admission. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

**Summer Film** – Naples Regional Library screens "The Theory of Everything" (2014) at 2 p.m. The Academy Award-winning film is the story of physicist Stephen Hawking and Jane Wild, the woman who would become his wife. Free. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or collierlibrary.org.

**Cruisin'** – David Lawrence Center's Young Executives host a sunset cruise aboard the Naples Princess setting out at 7 p.m. \$40. 304-3505 or paiges@dlcmhc.com.

**Trivial Matters** – Naples English Pub hosts Trivia Night with Daniel Jackson at 7:30 p.m. Free. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

## FRIDAY 6.12

**Tile Tournament** – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a mah jongg tournament to benefit Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support. Games begin at 8 a.m. \$45 includes continental breakfast, lunch buffet and raffle drawing. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Yoga and Art** – Naples Art Association combines art and yoga every Friday from 9-11 a.m. Each session begins with an hour of kundalini yoga followed by an hour-long intuitive art class. \$100. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

**Beachcombing** – Set out at 9:30 a.m. with a volunteer at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to see what kind of treasures you can find in the sand. Free with park entry fee. 593-2568 or floridastateparks.org.

**The Power Within** – Join the meditation session and chill out at 10 a.m. at Goddess I Am. \$10. 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.



"Church Basement Ladies," a musical comedy that pays tribute to the women who toil in the kitchens of American churches, plays through July 4 at the Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers. \$37-\$60. 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422 or BroadwayPalm.com.

**Garden Tour** – Naples Botanical Garden staffer Liz Chehayl leads a lecture and tour of the Irma Garden and the Kathryn Garden starting at 10 a.m. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Jazz Al Fresco** – Naples Grande Beach Resort presents The RJ Howson Band starting at 5 p.m. on the Sunset Veranda. Free. 597-3232 or naplesgrande.com.

**Happy Hour Flow** – Shangri-La Springs hosts Yin Yang Happy Hour Yoga at 5 p.m. \$15. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

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

**Opening Reception** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the "Macro-Micro" exhibit from 6-8 p.m. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Summer Fun** – Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts its first Hot Summer Nights event for families from 6-9 p.m. at Sun-n-Fun Lagoon. Free. 15000 Livingston Road. 774-4434 or colliersheriff.org. See story on page A11.

**Dance Party** – Joe Marino and Brotha Motown get their groove on starting at 7 p.m. at Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

## SATURDAY 6.13

**Farmers Market** – Dozens of vendors bring their food and wares to the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

**Food Trucks and Farmers Market** – The summer farmers market at Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and the food trucks stay until 2 p.m. 273-2350.

**Peace and Paddleboarding** – Achieve perfect balance in a class that combines yoga and paddleboarding from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on the beach at Second Avenue North. \$35 includes board rental; \$15 if you bring your own board. Text 595-3199 to obtain confirmation beforehand.

**Talent Match** – Miromar Outlets holds preliminaries for its annual talent contest at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the restaurant piazza. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

**Jazz Concert** – Naples Jazz Masters perform at 1 p.m. at The Norris Center. Free, but donations welcome at the door. jazzydrjim@gmail.com or naplesjazzsociety.com.

**Nature Flick** – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida screens Disney-nature's "Oceans" at 1:30 p.m. The ecological documentary is part thriller, part meditation on the mysteries of the vanishing sub-aquatic world. Free with regular admission of \$12.95 for adults, \$8.95 for children. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

**Estate Art** – Sebastian Clarke of "Antiques Roadshow" discusses investing in art as part of a portfolio at 5 p.m. at Clarke Art Private Reserve Gallery in Mercato. Registration required. 592-4400 or clarkartstudio.com.

**Marine Celebration** – Naples Harbour celebrates National Marina Day from noon to 6 p.m. with live music, poolside barbecue, face painting and more. Proceeds benefit the Marine Industries Association of Collier County. 213-1441 or floridamarinaclubs.com.

**Lip Sync Singers** – Naples English Pub hosts karaoke with Tony Dodge at 7 p.m. Free. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

**Comedy Show** – Comedians Lenny Travis and Chris Zee perform at Nana's Diner at 8:30 p.m. \$18. 5555 Golden Gate Pkwy. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

## SUNDAY 6.14

**Diaper Swap** – Bring a sealed pack of disposable diapers to Whole Foods Market between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to receive a pack of Seventh Generation Free and Clear diapers in exchange. All collected diapers will be donated to Baby Basics of Collier County. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

**OM Sunday** – Whole Foods Market hosts a free yoga session with an instructor from the Naples Yoga Center at 10 a.m. Sign up at customer service. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

**Afternoon at the Movies** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents a screening and discussion of "Gilda" (USA, 1946) starring Glenn Ford and Rita Hayworth from 2-5 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu. Reservations strongly recommended.

## MONDAY 6.15

**Yoga for Youngsters** – Green Monkey Yoga offers classes for kids ages 4-8 starting today. Sessions are from 4-5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and 8:45-9:45 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. \$10 per class, \$90 for 10 classes. 6200 Trail Blvd. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

**Love the Louvre** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents "The History and Collection of the Louvre, Paris, France" from 10-11:30 a.m. at The Terraces in Bonita Springs. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

**Meditation** – Chelsea's Resale Shoppe hosts an evening meditation at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. Donations appreciated. 949 Second Ave. S. 261-0005.

**Pasta e Pellicola** – Naples Italian American Foundation serves dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by a screening of "Gli Zitelloni" (Italy, 1958). A man who is falling in love seeks advice from a professor whose philosophy is that men are not meant to be married. \$15 for dinner and film, \$5 for just the movie. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

**Foreign Film** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening of "Soul Kitchen" (Germany, 2009) at 7 p.m. In Hamburg, German-Greek chef Zinos unknowingly breaks the peace in his locals-only restaurant by hiring a more talented chef. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Bingo** – Naples English Pub hosts bingo at 7 p.m. and donates the proceeds to St. Jude's Hospital. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

## TUESDAY 6.16

**Bridging the Gap** – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts bridge for beginners at 11 a.m. and for intermediate players at 12:30 p.m. Free for members, \$3 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or naifoundation.org.

**Book Discussion** – Naples Regional Library hosts a discussion about "Ahab's Wife" by Sena Jeter Naslund at 2 p.m. Free. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or collierlibrary.org.

**Non-Invasive Gardening** – IFAS Extension presents a seminar on identifying and replacing invasive plants in home gardens at 2 p.m. 14700 Immokalee Road. 2562-4800 or iway@ufl.edu.

**Start to Tango** – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablorepuntango.com.

## WEDNESDAY 6.17

**Beach Yoga** – Instructor Candice Oligney of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Bring yoga mat, water, a towel and bug spray. \$5 plus regular park entrance fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-1938 or visiting greenmonkey.com.

**Garden Workshop** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a lecture on epiphytic gardening at 10 a.m. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Electric Magnates** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents “Tesla, Edison, Westinghouse: The Men Who Invented Electricity” from 10-11:30 a.m. at Moorings Park. Instructor Steve Mutart discusses the early 20th century saga of brilliance, jealousy, showmanship, deceit, money and greed. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

**Lunch & Learn** – Environmental educator Kirsten Hines discusses how to attract birds to your garden for the lunch program starting at noon at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$10. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

**Book Talk** – South Regional Library hosts a discussion about “I Shall Be Near You” by Erin Lindsay McCabe at 2 p.m. Free. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

**Beginning Zentangle** – Learn the basics of Zentangle, a relaxing way of creating original art from repetitive patterns, in an FGCU Renaissance Academy class from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. \$24 for RA members, \$29 for others; purchase of a \$10 drawing kit also required. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

**Dinner Social** – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner, cards and mah jongg at 6 p.m. \$25 members, \$30 non-members. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

## COMING UP

**Garden Troubleshoot** – Naples Botanical Garden invites gardeners to pick the brains of master gardeners at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18. Free with regular Garden admission. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Lunch & Learn** – Learn how to clear your nervous system and unlock your human potential over lunch with chiropractor Benjamin Goudreau at noon Thursday, June 18, at Shangri-La Springs. Lecture free with the purchase of lunch. 27750 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

**Third Thursday** – Dave Mankes performs at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, in the Fleischmann Courtyard on Third Street South. 434-6533 or thirdstreet-south.com.

**Free Movie** – Bring the family, some blankets and lawn chairs and settle in under the stars for a free screening of “Dolphin Tale 2” at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

**LIVE!** – Artis—Naples hosts “Chuggington Live! The Great Rescue Adventure” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

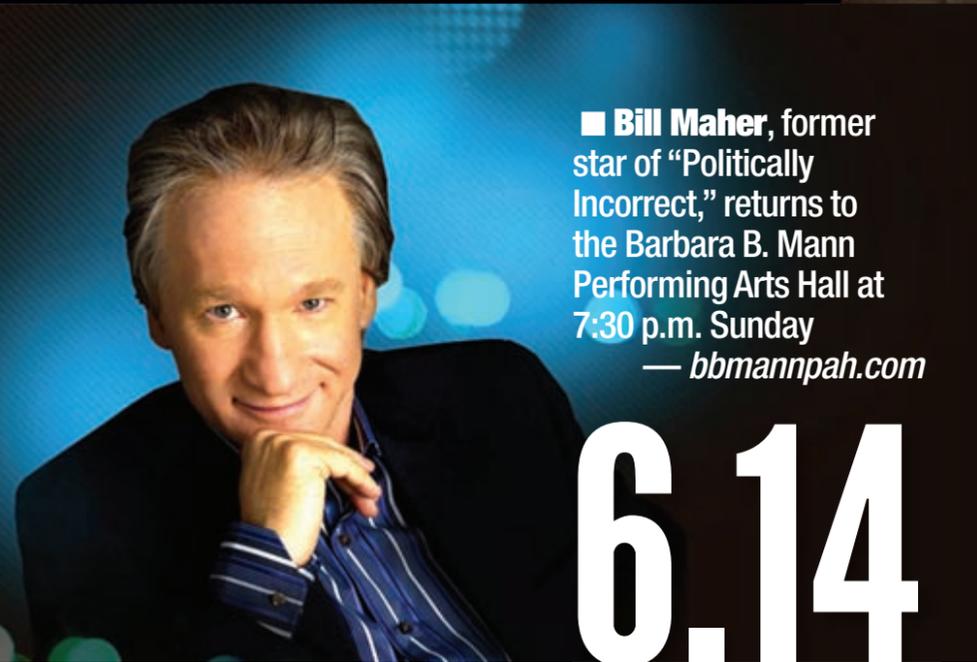
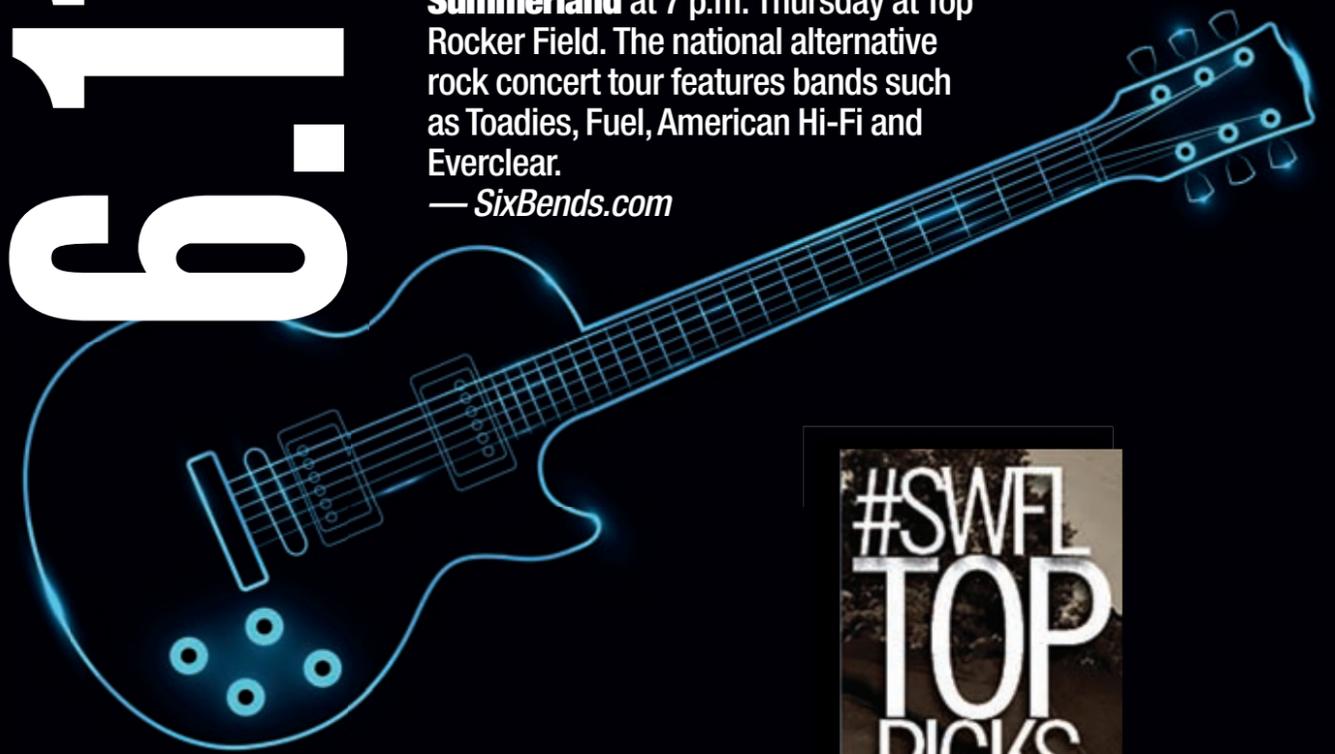
**Sweat the Small Stuff** – It’s trivia night from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Jack’s River Bar at Naples Harbour. Non-members are welcome. The \$10 per person entry fee includes one draft beer, well drink or other beverage. Teams of up to four people can enter, with the first-place finisher taking home \$100 in gift certificates to Jack’s. 213-1441 or floridamarinaclubs.com. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at 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.

# 16

■ **Six Bends Harley-Davidson** hosts **Summerland** at 7 p.m. Thursday at Top Rucker Field. The national alternative rock concert tour features bands such as Toadies, Fuel, American Hi-Fi and Everclear.

— [SixBends.com](http://SixBends.com)



■ **Bill Maher**, former star of “Politically Incorrect,” returns to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Sunday — [bbmannpah.com](http://bbmannpah.com)

# 6.14

## # CATCH IT

■ Spencer Pullen’s “Froot Loops” is one of 50 photographs juried into the Naples Art Association’s 2015 **Camera USA National Photography Exhibition** that opens with a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at The von Liebig Art Center. See story on page C1.

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



## # SEE IT



■ **“Macro-Micro,”** an exhibit that explores how we interpret and depict our world through the visual impact of scale, opens with a reception from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. The show, which remains on display through July 2, includes works by Naples artist Joan Brechin Sonnenberg, whose “Tree Hand” is pictured here. 26100 Old 41 Road.

— [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org)

## # WATCH IT

■ Join the David Lawrence Center’s Young Executives for a **sunset cruise** aboard the Naples Princess setting out at 7 p.m. Thursday. \$40.

— [paiges@dlcmhc.com](mailto:paiges@dlcmhc.com)



## FLORIDA WRITERS

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■ **“Detour on an Elephant: A Year Dancing with the Greatest Show on Earth” by Barbara File Marangon. Ogham Books International. 200 pages. Trade paperback, \$15.95.**

Port Charlotte author Barbara Marangon has written a delightful, lively memoir that traces her experience as a showgirl/dancer/elephant rider with the Blue Unit of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.



MARANGON

A ballet dancer in her mid-20s who had performed with groups in New York and several European cities, in 1977 Ms. Marangon was in need of a change and decided the circus could provide that change.

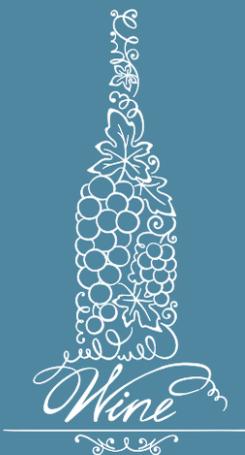
In April that year, having recently returned from dancing in Austria, she

made her way to Madison Square Gardens to audition for the circus. After being accepted, she spent six weeks at the end of the year training at the circus’ winter headquarters in Venice near Sarasota. During that period, she began to understand and become part of the circus culture — one quite different from anything she had known before.

Assigned and trained to ride an elephant, she would be provided with a very special view of the circus environment. She would also form a deep, if temporary, friendship with her partner, a huge-headed elephant named Peggy.

Once the tour began in early 1978, the circus train was Ms. Marangon’s home. It was a world unto itself. The Blue Unit traveled from east to west, stopping in both large and smaller cities. The train ran on freight tracks and often stopped in rather seedy neighborhoods. Throughout her travelogue, the author takes time out to describe the history and capacity of the various arenas as well as the major performers who had played at each one. Each stop is memorable for one reason or another.

Living with clowns, bareback riders, trapeze artists, animal trainers and daredevils is likely to provide one with a new view of the human species: a new view of what’s normal. Ms. Marangon’s insights into the circus way of life, its mixture of community and specialty loyalties, are



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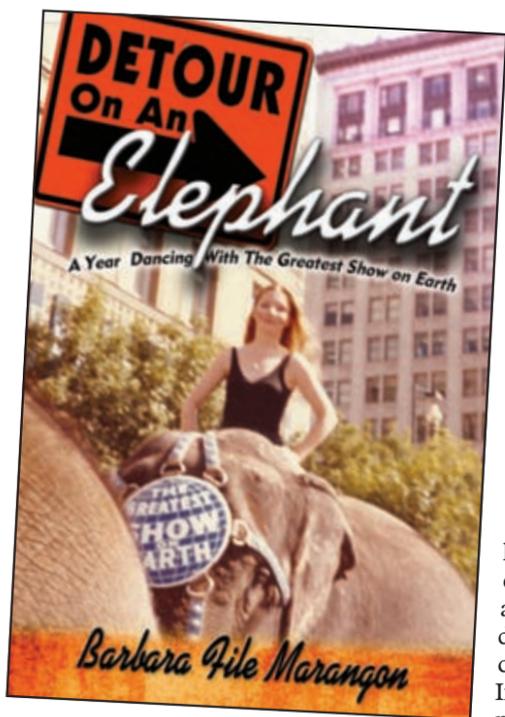
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In these ways, “Detour on an Elephant” opens up from the world Ms. Marangon saw within the moving village that was the circus train and from the window of her tiny private roomette in the clown car. Through that window she saw the mountainous magnificence of the American West and the less attractive sites that freight trains pass through. Whenever possible, she toured the highlights of the cities that housed those large arenas. Her work was often physically demanding, and, like many dancers, she suffered injuries, along with the accompanying frustration and fear for her dancing future.

The young woman’s choice of a career, and especially this circus interlude, was not one that pleased her parents. From an early age, she showed an independent streak as well as the discipline to take responsibility for her choices. Sometimes she doubted herself. Inevitably, she rebounded from loneliness or depression.

The circus adventure was in many ways a full slice of life. She met fellow performers from various countries, interacted with them both socially and professionally, learned more than most will ever know about a majestic animal, wore glamorous though uncomfortable makeup and costumes, enjoyed a romance with a bareback rider, survived and learned from a demanding set of conditions and saw the length and breadth of her country.

Colorful, humorous and informative, “Detour” is available online from Amazon and Barnes & Noble. It is also sold at the Sandman Book Company on Burnt Store Road in Punta Gorda and the Ringling Museum gift shop in Sarasota. ■

penetrating and gripping.

She interlaces her circus memories with two other strands of storytelling. One is circus history. From conversation and from research, she pieces together many of the highlights of this venerable business, entertainment and lifestyle. The other is her earlier professional life, first as a ballet student and later as a performer. Flashbacks, spurred by incidents in her circus life, take readers to Munich for auditions and then performance in a film of “Othello”; to the Stadttheatre in Klagenfurt, Austria, where she was part of the dance company for a season; and to various dance experiences in New York City.

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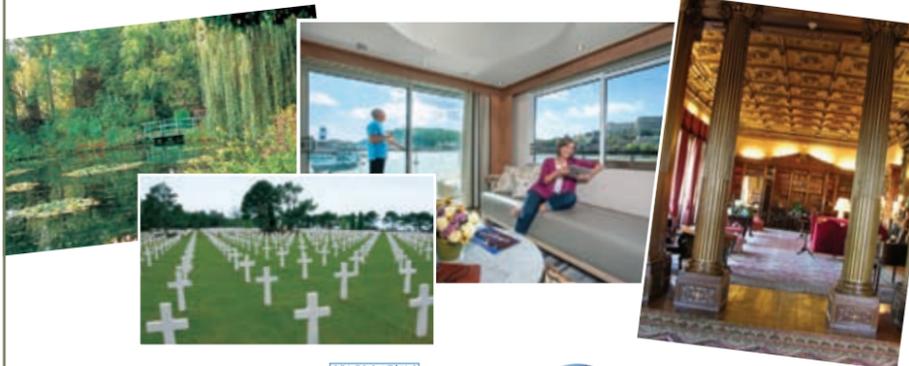


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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## Reflections on the 2015 Tony Awards



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Tap-dancing red caps at a train station, high-kicking can-can girls, Patricia Clarkson and Victoria Clarkson in the same audience.

The legendary Chita Rivera onstage, singing and dancing!

It was this year's Tony Awards, broadcast live Sunday night from Radio City Music Hall.

Or, as people in the theater feel about it, it was Christmas, your birthday and the Fourth of July all rolled into one — a golden opportunity to see Broadway casts perform numbers from Tony-nominated musicals, a kind of televised buffet of the best of Broadway.

We don't have "The Ed Sullivan Show" anymore, which used to allow Americans to have more than just a passing familiarity with Broadway musicals. (Nor, even the more-recent "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," which championed Broadway shows.)

This year's three-hour awards show was a whirlwind of dancing and singing and eloquent acceptance speeches.

Here are some highlights/thoughts/reactions:

The show was hosted by Kristin Chenoweth and Alan Cumming, a kind of sweet-and-sour dual hosting, with her peppiness and his sardonic, edgy way of looking at things.

Kelli O'Hara received a Tony at the end of the night for Featured Actress in a Musical. "I love what I do," she declared, giving a heartfelt, spontaneous and delightful acceptance speech, literally dancing off the stage at its conclusion.

You couldn't blame her for being exuberant, as this was her sixth nomination, but her first win.

Earlier, near the beginning of the show, she and Ken Watanabe performed some numbers from "The King and I," along with the rest of the cast. And I thought then: She should receive a Tony for just moving and dancing in that huge hoop skirt.

I remember when "The King and I" played at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall a number of years ago, and I interviewed Sandy Duncan, who was playing the same role of the governess. She spoke about how difficult it was to maneuver in that costume, and how she could knock over small stools and sweep up rugs with that skirt. She also told me

about how she'd slipped one night, and was helpless, like a turtle on its back, she said. She had to be helped up. She started the number again, from the beginning. That's show biz.

One of the evening's funniest moments came after the selections from "The King and I," when we were treated to the back of a gowned and bonneted figure ... who turned around to reveal a hairy Mr. Cumming dressed in the miles and miles of pink. Then, the cherry on the sundae: Ms. Chenoweth, dressed as the King of Siam, complete with an obvious skullcap to make her look bald, crawled out from underneath his enormous hoop skirt.

"The King and I" won the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical. I remember when the Lincoln Center Theatre's production of "South Pacific" came to the Mann Hall. It was one of the best productions of a musical I've ever seen, especially for a traveling show, because they had a full ensemble, complete sets and an enormous orchestra. In other words, they put on a musical just the way it would've been staged back in the 1940s and '50s.



Here's hoping they do the same with "The King and I," and that it plays locally.

Josh Groban performed "You'll Never Walk Alone." Before he even appeared, they kept hyping him throughout the show. However, with Mr. Cumming's thick Scottish accent and my television's not-so-great speakers, I originally thought he'd said "George Gobel." I was very confused. Why would Mr. Cumming be acting all hot and bothered about an older man with a crew cut? And wasn't George Gobel dead? (Yes. The comedian died in 1991.) I laughed when I found out it was actually Mr. Groban.

Somebody else besides Mr. Cumming must have a crush on the curly-haired singer, who sang while they allegedly honored those who had died since last year's Tony Awards, because the camera focus was all on Mr. Groban during the entire first verse. Then, the curtains begrudgingly parted to show a screen, upon which flashed photos of the deceased, their profession (actor, choreographer, director) and their awards. The people who were being honored in memoriam just seemed an afterthought. Their images were on screen for maybe a second, if that long, sometimes sharing the screen space with someone else. And the cameras kept showing Mr. Groban singing and giving us long shots at strange angles, so we could barely see who had died and was being remembered.

Bad decision. Bad television. Bad way to honor the departed.

We should have seen a lot less of Mr. Groban. The focus should have been on the screen, and they shouldn't have raced through the names. This was like attending a memorial service and having it be all about the people speaking or singing, rather than about the person who died.

It was as if their lives (and their deaths) were insignificant.

While Hollywood seems to be all about people who are young and skinny, Broadway seems a little more broad-minded. We had people who've had long careers and are still performing (Ms. Rivera, Tyne Daly) as well as some very young artists, including 11-year-old Sydney Lucas, who sang "Ring of Keys" from "Fun Home," and Alex Sharp, who won a Tony for his



role in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time." He received his lead role fresh out of Juilliard, he told the crowd. In his acceptance speech, he said it was for those who feel different, who feel misunderstood. "Does it mean I can do anything? Yes, it does," he said.

The lovely Helen Mirren won a Tony for once again portraying Queen Elizabeth in "The Audience."

"Your majesty, you've done it again," she

declared.

Shows that did well, winning multiple Tonys: "The Audience," "The King and I," "Fun Home" and "The Curious Incident of the Dog at Night-Time."

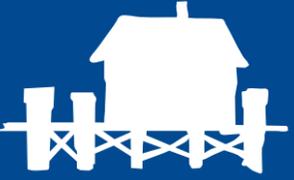
Composer Jenine Tesoi and lyricist Lisa Kron made history, winning a Tony for Best Original Score for "Fun Home" — the first all-female musical team to ever win in this category. And, amazingly, they not only beat Sting, who was also nominated for the award, but the magical team of Kander and Ebb (who've given us the scores to "Chicago" and "Cabaret," among others).

"Fun Home," based on cartoonist Alison Bechdel's 2006 best-selling graphic novel memoir about growing up in a funeral home and discovering that her dad, like her, was gay, won Best Musical. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," based on Mark Haddon's 2003 best-selling mystery novel of the same name, won Best Play.

Multiple Tony Award-winning actress Bernadette Peters was a presenter, and I was struck by how she read the nominees' names, giving them emphasis and meaning, as if she were calling out their names, not just rattling them off. I guess it's true what they say about some actors, that they could read the phone book and you'd still be fascinated.

Believe it or not, it was even great to see some of the commercials, particularly, the Mann Hall spots for shows coming up in the venue's 2015-16 Broadway season: "Kinky Boots" (the 2013 Tony Award winner for "Best Musical"), "Matilda" and "42nd Street." And, you want to think longterm, some of the musicals highlighted on the awards show could very well come to the area in future years. Time will tell. ■

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  - 13 Houdini feat
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  - 21 New York senator
  - 22 Chuck
  - 22 Sudden floods
  - 23 Device used in saltwater aquariums
  - 25 Spanish conquistador
  - 26 Filter slowly
  - 27 Cagney or Lacey: Abbr.
  - 28 Seed case
  - 29 Tennis'
  - 30 Took a 46-Across, e.g.
  - 32 "For Me and My Gal" director
  - 35 Marine ink squirter
  - 38 Welsh dog
  - 39 Tic-tac-toe row
  - 40 Some Web site banners
  - 41 Person paid for getting strikes
  - 46 Airport idler
  - 47 Apian abode
  - 48 Try to get
  - 49 Online party summonses
  - 53 Madonna musical
  - 55 The Once— ("The Lorax" character)
  - 56 Gradually slowing, in music: Abbr.
  - 58 Legislate
  - 59 Cozy room
  - 60 Florida school near Daytona Beach
  - 66 Dimple locale
  - 67 Like Capp's
  - 68 Parable, e.g.
  - 69 1977 pact signed by
  - 76 Son of George Bush
  - 79 Painstaking, for short
  - 80 Academic e-mail suffix
  - 81 Tirana's nation: Abbr.
  - 82 Brain holder
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  - 86 Just — on the map
  - 89 Diminutive suffix for "part"
  - 91 Mrs. Victor Laszlo, in film
  - 92 Collectible Happy Meal miniatures
  - 96 Nine-digit ID issuer
  - 99 Vienna's land: Abbr.
  - 100 Made a boat move
  - 101 Most twisted, as humor
  - 102 Annual May race
  - 106 Stimulate
  - 107 Artist Renoir
  - 108 Gold, in Italy
  - 109 With 50-
  - 110 Hits with high voltage
  - 114 Small cavern
  - 115 Exceeds limits (or what each of this puzzle's theme items does?)
  - 119 Word before snake or belt
  - 120 Like the jack of hearts
  - 121 In a creepy way
  - 122 Wood dyes
  - 123 Sheets and pillowcases sold as units
  - 124 Rob of "90210"
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  - 2 Further
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  - 4 Bottom line
  - 5 Bristol brew
  - 6 Furtive "Looky here"
  - 7 Suffix with bull or hill
  - 8 Frat letter
  - 9 Fills up the tank, maybe
  - 10 Not budging
  - 11 In poverty
  - 12 Fido's threat
  - 13 Endive type
  - 14 Hybrid utensil
  - 15 À la —
  - 16 Hun name
  - 17 Flattened by hammering
  - 18 Thoreau writings
  - 20 Like "kvetch" or "schmeat"
  - 24 Once called
  - 29 Fluffy's cry
  - 31 Not closed, in verse
  - 32 Many miffed fans, vocally
  - 33 Catering hall vessel
  - 34 "Oh, God! —" (1980 film sequel)
  - 35 Made a pick
  - 36 Want badly
  - 37 Venom, e.g.
  - 38 Spotted, musky cat
  - 42 Hush
  - 43 Swiss capital
  - 44 Brothers Phil and Don of pop/rock
  - 45 Wash cycle
  - 50 See 109-Across
  - 51 Outer: Prefix
  - 52 Hogs' place
  - 54 Actor Shawn of "X-Men" films
  - 57 Stand for an idiot box
  - 61 Hollywood's Carrere
  - 62 Ending for pay or Motor
  - 63 Not any
  - 64 Last: Abbr.
  - 65 Have brunch
  - 66 Gem weight
  - 69 Jim Bakker's old ministry, familiarly
  - 70 Finder's cry
  - 71 — de plume
  - 72 Fresh as —
  - 73 Naked
  - 74 Early blues singer Ma —
  - 75 Spanish national hero
  - 76 Singer Andrews
  - 77 "That's someone — problem!"
  - 78 Explosion
  - 83 Unwelcome advice givers
  - 85 Atomic piles
  - 87 Certain wind insert
  - 88 Flowers named for their scent
  - 90 "Charlotte's Web" author
  - 93 H-bomb, e.g.
  - 94 Wall St. manipulator
  - 95 Add up to
  - 96 Singer Ricky
  - 97 Painter
  - 98 Georges goat
  - 103 — -frutti
  - 104 St. Paul-to-Fargo hwy.
  - 105 Lorna — cookies
  - 106 Huge battle
  - 109 What docs prescribe
  - 111 Quarrelling
  - 112 Magnet end
  - 113 1974 CIA spoof movie
  - 115 Hunk
  - 116 "— of little faith!"
  - 117 Critter doc
  - 118 "— -haw!"

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

## HOROSCOPES

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You might be tempted to accept the well-meaning offer of a friend to act as an intermediary in a dispute. But you know best what it's about, and you can handle the challenge. Good luck.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Entertainment can play an important role this week. Enjoy some well-earned diversion with people you care about. Something especially wonderful might come from this well-spent time.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Catnaps and playtime are in order for Leos and Leonas who need to take some time off from their hectic schedules to restore their energies and rebuild their mental muscles. Have fun.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Virgos will need to keep an open mind this week about choices that seem improbable. A closer study might well reveal possibilities that might have been overlooked. Stay with it.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A disappointing outcome of a well-intentioned effort should be seen as a lesson in how to do it right the next time. Note all your changes and have your new plan set up by week's end.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Travel plans might need readjusting because of changes in the costs previously agreed to. Deal with the problem as quickly as possible to minimize any delays that might result.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your honest approach

to an unsettling experience draws admiration from others. Use their positive feedback to build support for your program to introduce needed changes.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Travel is strong in your aspect this week, and so is nostalgia! You might want to consider planning a trip to a place that holds some very special meaning for you. Bon voyage.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A job-related situation could provide an opportunity you hadn't considered before. Look it over carefully and see where and how you can tailor it to fit your needs.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Showing strength as well as sympathy helps you deal with a difficult personal matter. It also helps you set an example for others when it's their turn to get involved in the situation.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A plan you've kept on hold for a long time finally could be greenlighted. But in typical Aries form, you'll need to be sure that everything is in place before you hit the "start" button.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Others might urge you to act more quickly on your ideas. But you'd be wise to follow your Bovine instincts and get more facts to bolster your position when you finally present it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of making people feel comfortable without losing one whit of your own dignity in the process. ■

By Linda Thistle

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BY STEVE BECKER

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South now proceeded to make the rest of the tricks and his contract. He cashed the ace of trumps and led a low trump to dummy's six. After cashing the ace of hearts and discarding a club, declarer continued with the queen of hearts, planning to discard if East followed low. But East covered with the king, ruffed by declarer, and South then crossed to the ten of trumps to discard his remaining club on the jack of hearts.

At the second table, where Dominique Pilon, then an up-and-coming young star, held the West hand, four spades went down one. Again three rounds of diamonds were led, and again declarer ruffed with the nine. But here young Pilon did not overruff! Instead he discarded a heart.

Declarer naturally assumed that East had the missing king of trumps. So, in an effort to avoid losing a trump trick if East had the K-7, South played the

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♦	4♠

Opening lead — seven of diamonds.

ace and another club. He was planning to ruff his third club in dummy as soon as possible and then take the "marked" trump finesse.

Alas, South's plan did not succeed. East won the club with the nine and led a fourth round of diamonds. South confidently ruffed with the queen, young Pilon overruffed with the king, and declarer unexpectedly went down one. ■

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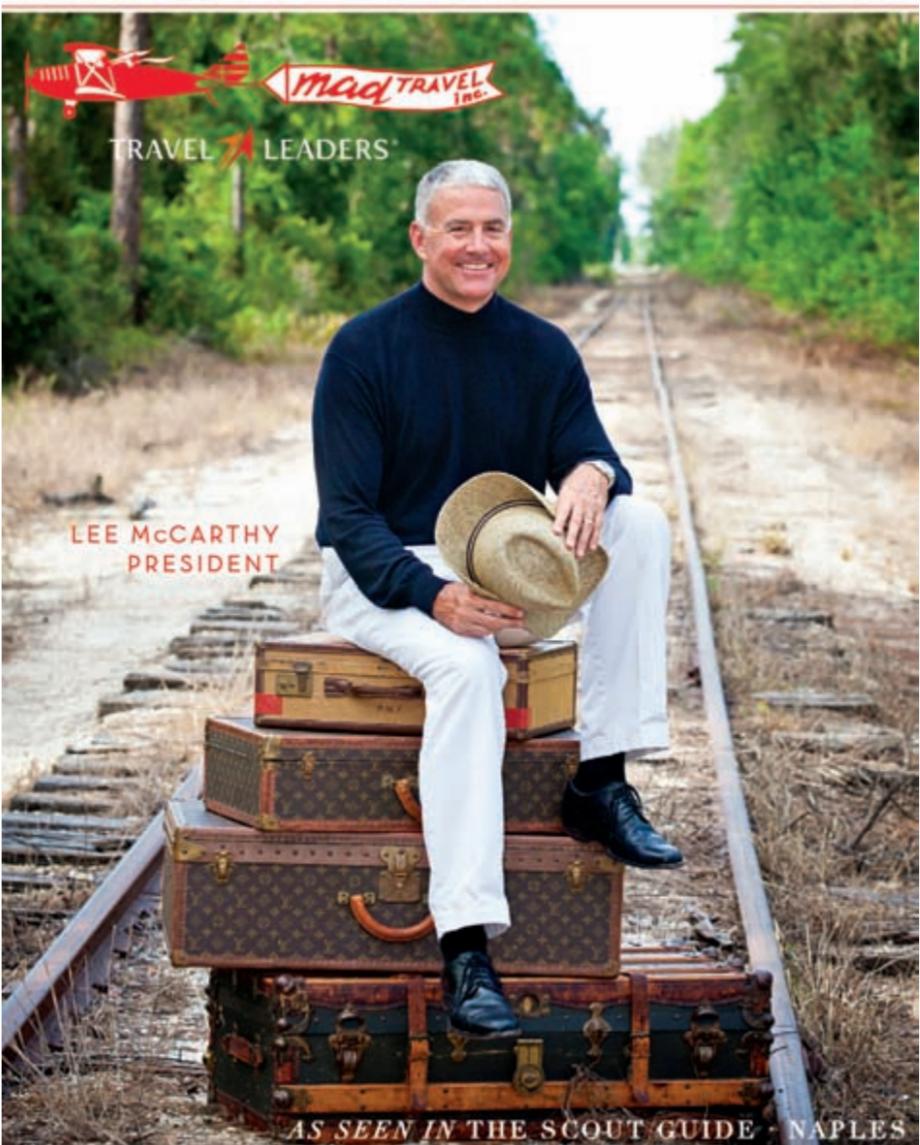
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# FILM CAPSULES

## Insidious: Chapter 3 ★★

(Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott, Lin Shaye) Psychic Elise (Ms. Shaye) helps a father (Mr. Mulroney) exorcise a demon from his daughter (Ms. Scott). The story is poorly structured and the scares lack imagination. And why does this franchise need a prequel? Rated PG-13.

(Mr. Clooney) travel to an alternate dimension to try to save the world. The story is a convoluted mess, and the visual effects are far from impressive. What a disappointment. Rated PG.

## Good Kill ★★1/2

(Ethan Hawke, January Jones, Bruce Greenwood) An Air Force pilot (Mr. Hawke) now remotely flies drones into enemy territory, but struggles balancing family life with the morality of his work. Mr. Hawke gives a strong performance and it's a new part of war being explored, but it's not always compelling. Rated R.

## Pitch Perfect 2 ★★★★★

(Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow) The Barden Bellas must win the world championships of a cappella or they'll have to disband. It isn't better than its 2012 predecessor, and it doesn't have to be. All it has to do is satisfy the throngs of fans who loved the original and are eagerly coming back for more of the same. Thankfully, it delivers. Rated PG-13.

## Mad Max ★★★★★

(Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult) In the post-apocalyptic future, former cop Max (Mr. Hardy) teams with a female renegade (Ms. Theron) as they try to escape a villain named Immortan Joe (Hugh Keays-Byrne). Loud and exciting non-stop action, it's rather artfully done by director George Miller. Rated R. ■

## Aloha ★★

(Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone, Rachel McAdams) A military contractor (Mr. Cooper) deals with government bureaucracy and two love interests (Ms. Stone and Ms. McAdams) in this woefully lost drama from writer/director Cameron Crowe ("Jerry Maguire"). The writing is weak, it's not funny, and it's a total bore. When will Mr. Crowe be good again? Rated PG-13.

## I'll See You In My Dreams ★★★★★

(Blythe Danner, Sam Elliott, Malin Akerman) Widower Carol (Ms. Danner) is content on her own, but finds happiness when she spends quality time with fellow retiree Bill (Mr. Elliott). There's something to be said for the simplicity of a good, touching story — which is what this is. It's intended for an older crowd but is certainly a movie we can all learn from. Rated PG-13.

## Tomorrowland ★1/2

(George Clooney, Britt Robertson, Hugh Laurie) Young genius Casey (Ms. Robertson) and a disgraced inventor

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★ ★ 1/2  
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The opening scene of the film continuation of the HBO show "Entourage" had me immediately hooked: On a boat in beatific Ibiza, Spain, scantily clad and occasionally topless women drink and flirt with the scarce amount of guys on board. And by "flirt" I mean "throw themselves at" in a shameless "Girls Gone Wild" exercise of debauchery and exuberance.

The main character, Vinny (Adrian Grenier), tells a stunning bikini model that his marriage ended nine days ago so he "needs a couple hours" before hooking up. Ah, yes, this is the life.

Behind this hedonistic façade, however, are problems. Vinny is a star actor who insisted on making his directorial debut with a modern adaptation of "Hyde" (as in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. ..."), but the film is behind schedule and over budget, which stresses out his former agent and current studio head/boss Ari (Jeremy Piven). Because they need money to finish the movie, Ari travels to Texas to ask a billionaire investor (Billy Bob Thornton) for the funds, with the end result being the investor's son Travis (Haley Joel Osment, "The Sixth Sense") going to L.A. for a first-hand look at the project.

The rest of Vinny's entourage has issues as well: Manager Eric (Kevin Connolly) still has feelings for pregnant ex-girlfriend Sloan (Emmanuelle Chriqui), but he can't stop sleeping with other women. Driver Turtle (Jerry Ferrara) has a crush on MMA fighter Ronda Rousey (who plays herself) but can't win her over, and Vinny's brother Johnny (Kevin Dillon) is a struggling actor who gets involved with the wrong woman.

You know that feeling when you're around old friends reuniting, but you're not one of the old friends so you don't understand the inside jokes? That's what "Entourage" feels like for those who didn't watch the TV show (like me). And so it's from an uninitiated perspective



that I can say "Entourage" the movie is an amusing showbiz lark with some good laughs, ample sex and nudity, mediocre drama and numerous cameos (Liam Neeson, Piers Morgan, Tom Brady, Pharrell, Jessica Alba, etc.).

To its credit, episodes of the show were about a half hour, and at no point does creator/writer/director Doug Ellin's 103-minute film feel like an extended TV episode. Appropriately, each of the main characters has his own story arc, and the sanctity of their friendship always shines through when needed. In this sense, we find the film's bigger appeal: These are four guys who've known one another a long time and are loyal to a fault. This care — or bromance, man love, whatever you want to call it — manifests mostly in insults and practical jokes, but is omnipresent when it matters. It's quite sweet, really.

It's well documented that the characters are loosely based on the life and cohorts of Mark

Wahlberg, who cameos and serves as a producer here. How much is true to Mr. Wahlberg's life is irrelevant; what's more interesting is the irony that Vinny is the least interesting character. Mr. Grenier is attractive, but his performance is flat and rarely exudes movie-star charisma (which is especially weak given that he's playing a movie star).

Vinny's entourage, on the other hand, quips one-liners and expresses a wider array of emotions, and therefore is more compelling to watch.

Having seen the movie, I will not watch the TV show (which aired on HBO for eight seasons, ending in 2011). Granted, there might be more to it, but here's the key: There's nothing in the movie that inspires me to say, "I'm curious to see how that came to be."

Regardless, the movie on its own terms is a fun trip into Hollywood absurdity, and I presume fans of the show will enjoy it more than I did. ■

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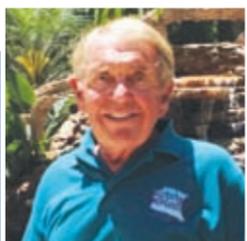
>> **At one point, Ari (Jeremy Piven)** calls Travis (Haley Joe Osment) something to the effect of "Forrest Gump's kid." Mr. Osment actually did play Forrest's son in a few scenes toward the end of "Forrest Gump."

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BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

It was a surprise when a 1940 handkerchief picturing Superman sold for \$5,705 at an online Hake's Americana and Collectibles sale in 2014. Superman was "born" in 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio. He was created by high-school students Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Detective Comics Inc. (later DC Comics) bought the idea in 1938. Superman first appeared in a comic book, Action Comics No. 1, in June of that year. He was seen in comic books, radio, movie cartoons, newspaper comic strips, television, movies, video games and even a Broadway show. His likeness appeared on lunch boxes, toys, clothes, sheets, figurines, banks, handkerchiefs, Superman club items, jigsaw puzzles, Halloween costumes, posters, paper dolls, bubble gum and trading cards. He became an icon, and not only his picture but even his yellow shield with the red "S" is recognized internationally. Collectors want anything related to Superman or his alter ego, Clark Kent. The rayon handkerchief pictures Superman from the waist up, breaking chains across his chest. It was made in 1940 and has "Superman" and "(c) SUP'N" (copy-

right for Superman, Inc.) written below the picture. There is one other known handkerchief design with a full-figure picture of Superman, but it is not as rare as this version.

**Q:** I have a smoking cabinet or side table that is 25 inches high, 15 inches wide, and 12½ inches deep. It has two doors and one drawer. The inside of the cabinet is lined with some kind of metal



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**A:** The metal-lined cabinet is a humidor, used for storing cigars, cigarettes or tobacco. The lining controls the humidity for the tobacco. The drawer was used to store smoking accessories. Smoking stands, cabinets and tables were popular in the 1930s when smoking cigars and cigarettes was more common. Now that there are fewer smokers, they're often used as side tables. They sell for about \$150 to \$200.

**Q:** I have a very old cuckoo clock. It belonged to my great-great-grandparents. It must have been made in the early 1800s. On the hour, a boy and girl pop out of the house-shaped clock and a cuckoo sings. On the half hour, a cuckoo appears and chirps once. I know it is old because it is powered by pinecone-shaped weights on a chain. I have to reset the chain once a week. I have seen many new ones that look like my hand-carved wooden clock but they run on a battery or an electric plug. Can you tell me why the cuckoo clock idea evolved, and what my antique clock is worth?

**A:** The first cuckoo clocks were made about 1630 in Germany, but it was not until 1738 that the clock like today's was designed. The maker, inspired by a church organ, created a way to make the bird's song. He used bellows and whistles to imitate the cuckoo. His first clock was made of paint-decorated wood, and the cuckoo came out of a small door to announce the time. Local craftsmen made many of the cuckoo clocks. The house-shaped clocks were sold by peddlers who carried them from Germany to France and many other parts of

Europe. The design has changed slightly during the past 200 years, reflecting the popular styles of the day. But the house, the shaped weights and the cuckoo remained. By Victorian times, the building had more decorations. Often, carved birds, leaves, even deer heads and other animals were added. Your style clock probably was made anytime from about 1850 to 1950. Batteries and electric motors were added to many clocks later. But you still can buy a very traditional clock with weights.

Because it is difficult to trace the history of a hand-made piece, collectors tend to buy the clock to use or, if isn't working, to admire. The case size and quality and added decorations determine value. The greater the number of cuckoo and other moving figures there are, the higher the price. New clocks are sold for \$50 to about \$350. Old ones are not selling for much more, unless they're very large or unusual. Amazing large examples have sold for over \$3,000.

**Tip:** Rinse silverware immediately after dinner, especially if there has been salt or an acid like lemon juice or tomatoes on the menu. They damage the surface. ■

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Mark Volman and Howard Kaylan of The Turtles

## TURTLES

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“This is not a tour where you’re going to come and hear new material or tracks from albums or b-sides. This is going to be a half hour of number one/top 10 records from every artist.”

The Turtles got more ambitious musically as time went on. Its fourth album, “The Turtles Present the Battle of the Bands,” was a concept record in which the Turtles assumed the identities of 12 different bands, each with a different style of music and wrote and recorded one song for each of the groups in that particular style.

Before long, though, issues with managers and the group’s record label, White Whale Records, (among other things) pulled the group apart in 1970.

If the Volman/Kaylan story had ended with the Turtles, they would still be a big part of the overall story of 1960’s pop.

Instead, the duo has gone on to enjoy a multi-faceted music career that took them into different areas of the music business.

Soon after the Turtles ended, Mr. Volman and Mr. Kaylan were recruited by Frank Zappa to join his Mothers of Invention. The duo gained a special place within the Zappa shows, taking on the characters of the comedy/musical duo Flo (Volman) and Eddie (Kaylan). Mr. Zappa was interested in Mr. Volman and Mr. Kaylan because of the “Battle of the Bands” album.

“Frank had heard that and really liked the tongue-in-cheek (character of the album),” Mr. Volman said. “He just really thought the image of the album and the dressing up as all of the bands and everything we were doing, that was what captivated what he thought of our band.”

Flo & Eddie remained an integral part

of Mr. Zappa’s music through 1972, singing on such key Zappa albums as “Live at the Fillmore” and “Chunga’s Revenge,” and appearing in his movie, “200 Motels.”

After the members of the early 1970s Mothers went their separate ways, Mr. Volman and Mr. Kaylan launched Flo & Eddie as a duo act. They released seven albums that achieved modest success, while doing multiple tours. During this period, the duo also began building what has been a long career singing background vocals for the likes of Alice Cooper, T. Rex (they’re on the group’s great 1970s albums) and Bruce Springsteen (they sing on “Hungry Heart”).

In recent years, Mr. Volman and Mr. Kaylan have ventured into writing kids’ music while maintaining a steady schedule of headlining concerts to go along with the Happy Together tour, which now looks to be established as an annual outing.

“That was the hope,” Mr. Volman said. “That was the hope that we would have it so that people would come out no matter who was doing the tour, so they would know that it was going to be a great show no matter who was plugged into the slots.” ■

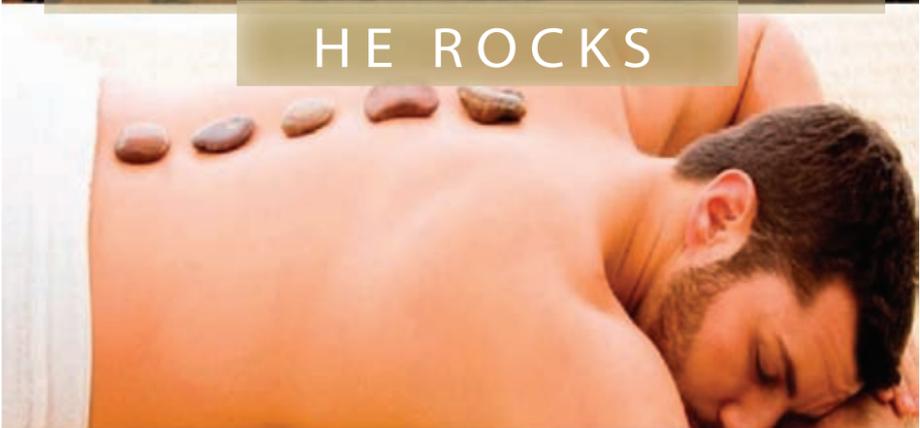
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### SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 10 P.M.

**Finding Your Roots British Invasion**  
Sally Field learns that she descends from William Bradford, who helped



Finding Your Roots, June 14

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The Bee Gees One Night Only, June 13

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# CELEBRITY EXTRA

## Spencer scores breakout roles

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I just watched “This Is Where I Leave You” on HBO, and I absolutely loved it. The story and the cast were superb. Can you tell me about the actress who played Quinn, Jason Bateman’s wife? I think I’ve seen her before.

— *DeeDee T, via email*

**A:** Abigail Spencer, who plays Jason Bateman’s philandering wife in the adult coming-of-age movie (from the book of the same name), has acted in tons of stuff. Most recently she co-starred in the Sundance drama “Rectify,” and starting June 21, she’s featured in the hit HBO series “True Detective.” I spoke with Abigail recently about both gigs, and she’s so excited for fans to see her in these roles.

Regarding “True Detective”: “It was a really great experience. The acting is just wonderful. Colin Farrell is so amazing. I think people are going to be blown away, particularly by his performance on the show. I think everybody is great, but I work mostly with Colin.”

And she’s super-psyched for “Rectify,” which begins its third season July 9. “We left off with Amantha’s brother, Daniel, having this very strange confession, or re-confession. And (my character) Amantha wanted to clear his name. When Daniel says, ‘I just want it to be done,’ that is heartbreaking for her.

“I’m amazed with the actors and writers and the complexity of human beings lives and celebrating it. The show is about celebrating life. About living again and about living your life and understanding who you are.”



Abigail Spencer



**Q:** I read your column every week, and I need to ask you about my favorite matinee idol, Shirley Temple. My local newspaper ran something about an exhibit and an auction that I was hoping you could tell me more about.

— *Janice F, Louisville, Ky.*

**A:** The traveling museum exhibition, entitled “Love, Shirley Temple,” has visited select cities from New York to California and will culminate with an auction of hundreds of her personal items at the historic Little Theatre in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 14. You can still catch the exhibition June 20-27 in Fort Worth, Texas, and July 3-8 at the Frazier Museum in your hometown of Louisville. You can order the commemorative hard-bound auction book at [theriaults.com](http://theriaults.com).

**Readers:** Here is the list of NBC shows that have been renewed and canceled, starting with the renewed shows:

“The Blacklist,” “The Biggest Loser,” “The Celebrity Apprentice,” “Chicago Fire,” “Chicago P.D.,” “Grimm,” “Hannibal,” “Hollywood Game Night,” “Law and Order: SVU,” “The Mysteries of Laura,” “The Night Shift,” “Undateable” and “The Voice.”

TV shows that have either ended their run or have been canceled include: “A to Z,” “About a Boy,” “Allegiance,” “Bad Judge,” “Constantine,” “Marry Me,” “One Big Happy,” “Parenthood,” “Parks and Recreation” and “State of Affairs.”

As of this writing, the fates of “A.D.: The Bible Continues” and “American Odyssey” had not been decided, although both were leaning toward canceled. ■

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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."

■ The fifth annual **Peace, Love & Haiti pub crawl** to benefit **Hope for Haiti** starts at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at Bar Tulia and includes subsequent stops at Hob Nob Kitchen & Bar and 7th Avenue Social, with Krista Fogelson of ABC7 leading the way. Tickets for \$50 include three drink tickets and other goodies (T-shirts for the first 100 to sign up). Bring three personal hygiene items for donation and earn a chance to spin the Wheel of Fun. To sign up or for more information, call 434-7183, ext. 209, or visit [hopeforhaiti.com](http://hopeforhaiti.com).

■ The third annual **Castles for Kids sand-sculpting contest** to benefit **Golisano Children's Museum of Naples** takes place Wednesday, Aug. 12, at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort. Teams of five (one adult, four children) can sign up now for the day that also includes live entertainment, activities with Coach B Aquatics, lunch and sand buckets and shovels for the children.

Registration is \$125 for C'mon members, \$150 for others. For contest details and information about sponsorship opportunities, call C'mon at 514-0084 or visit [cmon.org](http://cmon.org).

■ The fifth annual **Love That Dress!** event to benefit **PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee** takes place the evening of Friday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 at [lovethatdress.org](http://lovethatdress.org). For more information, visit the website or call Michelle Shaw Hashman at 248-9704 or Shannon Starr at 207-1878.



■ The fourth annual **Trendy Tours & Trendy Travel luncheon and travel expo** to benefit **Champions For Learning** takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for \$49 include a raffle ticket. Call 449-5065 for reservations or more information.

■ The 25th annual **Sand Dollar**

**Awards gala** hosted by the **Collier Building Industry Association** takes place Saturday, Sept. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The silver anniversary theme is "Vintage Grace & Glamour." The evening begins at 6 p.m. and includes cocktails and dinner. Tickets are \$150. For reservations or more information, including details about various sponsorship opportunities, call 436-6100 or visit [cbia.net](http://cbia.net).

■ **Physician Led Access Network** of Collier County hosts a **Swanky Speakeasy** evening of fun Saturday, Oct. 17, at an as yet undisclosed location (you'll need a password, too). The night includes professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit [www.plancc.org](http://www.plancc.org).

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 17th annual **Tea & Fashion Show** from 1:30-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's theme is "Matinee at the Movies." For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email [events@hsnaples.org](mailto:events@hsnaples.org).



■ The seventh annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 5-8. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 5 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at SilverSpot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 6-8. Check [www.naplesfilmfest.com](http://www.naplesfilmfest.com) for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456 for information about becoming a NIFF member or sponsor.

■ The 12th annual **Hats in the Garden: "The Confection Collection - Delectable Designs from Garden to Runway"** to benefit **Naples Botanical Garden** takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Garden. Leslie Fogg and Kathleen Rooney are this year's chairs; Kathy Wood is Hats in the Garden ambassador. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor; additional sponsors include Naples Illustrated; Saks Fifth Avenue; Arthrex; Premier Sotheby's International Realty; Arabesque of Naples; Kellie Jacoby, J3 Multi-dimensional Marketing; Rufino Hernandez, The Garden District; Sukie Honeycutt and Tony's Off Third; Naples Soap Company and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Vandenberg. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275.

■ **Uncorked**, an evening of fine wine, fine food and entertainment to benefit **Youth Haven**, takes place from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Mediterra Beach Club. Tickets are \$125. For reservations or more information, visit [youthhavenswfl.org](http://youthhavenswfl.org).

■ **The Immokalee Foundation** holds its **Charity Classic Celebration & Fund A**

**Dream Auction** on Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The TIF Charity Classic Pro-Am Golf Tournament precedes the celebration on Monday, Nov. 16. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 430-9122 or email [info@immokaleefoundation.org](mailto:info@immokaleefoundation.org). To register online, visit [immokaleefoundation.org](http://immokaleefoundation.org).

■ The **Aqua Gala** to benefit the **Guadalupe Center** takes place Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, contact Megan Becker by calling 657-7124 or emailing [mbecker@guadalupecenter.org](mailto:mbecker@guadalupecenter.org).

■ **PAWS Assistance Dogs** will be the sole beneficiary of the 2016 **Celebrity Martini Glass Auction** set for Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at Artis—Naples.

The signature auction will feature more than 20 martini glasses, each autographed by an A-list celebrity or a modern-day hero. Once the autographed glasses arrive in Naples, they are assigned to local artist and artists from around the globe to decorate and design with the celebrity's career accomplishments and personality in mind. One glass can bring \$5,000 to \$25,000 from a collector.

What began as a cocktail party for friends in 2008 has now turned into an annual fundraising event for local charities. CMGA founder Brenda Melton's concept was and still is to bring together fundraising, art, music and entertainment to benefit the community and its chosen charities.

"We are simply ecstatic about the partnership," says Jeannie Bates, founder and executive director of PAWS Assistance Dogs. The organization's mission is to promote independence and enhance the quality of life for combat wounded veterans and children with special needs through partnerships with skilled assistance dogs, and to educate and serve local communities through therapy dogs and ambassador dogs.

For more information about PAWS Assistance Dogs, visit [pawsassistance-dogs.org](http://pawsassistance-dogs.org). For information about CMGA sponsorship opportunities or tickets to the martini-glass auction, call 775-1660.

■ The sixth annual **Home, Hope & Healing** luncheon to benefit **Youth Haven** takes place Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest speaker will be Jeanette Walls, whose memoir "The Glass Castle" has been a New York Times best-seller for more than six years. Lionsgate has purchased the rights to Ms. Walls' story and has cast Jennifer Lawrence to star in the movie.

Luncheon chairs are Jill and Steve Miller. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Shelly Long at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or emailing [shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org](mailto:shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org).



■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** hosts "Between the Covers with Elaine Newton: How to be Your Own Book Critic," a luncheon and program Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, at Stonebridge Country Club. Tickets are \$75. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

■ The 2016 **Naples Winter Wine Festival: "Great Expectations"** takes place Jan. 29-31. Ticket packages are limited to 580 guests and start at \$10,000 per couple. A \$25,000 package includes reserved seating for a party of four at a vintner dinner and under the grand auction tent. To inquire about tickets, contact Barrett Farmer by calling 514-2239 or email [barrett@napleswinefestival.com](mailto:barrett@napleswinefestival.com).

■ The eighth annual **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, 2016, in private homes from Naples to Captiva Island and at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Pitbladdo Holdings LLC is the title sponsor for the festival that benefits Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida as well as the pediatric nursing program at Florida SouthWestern State College and the music therapy program at Florida Gulf Coast University. The 2015 event raised more than \$3.3 million.

For ticket information, call 513-7990 or visit [swflwinefest.org](http://swflwinefest.org).

■ **Magic Under the Mangroves**, the signature annual gala to benefit the **Conservancy of Southwest Florida**, takes place Thursday, March 3, 2016, at the Conservancy. Details about tickets and reservations are TBA and will be posted at [www.conservancy.org/magic](http://www.conservancy.org/magic).

■ The 2016 **Southwest Florida Heart Ball**, a benefit for the American Heart Association serving Lee and Collier counties, takes place Saturday, March 5, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. For tickets or more information, call Kaleigh Rodden at 495-4912 or email [kaleigh.rodden@heart.org](mailto:kaleigh.rodden@heart.org).

■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** holds a **fashion show** featuring the latest fashions from Petunia's on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at Olde Cypress Country Club. For more information, call 262-4448, ext. 301.

■ The **annual Pet Lovers Gala** to benefit **Humane Society Naples** takes place Friday, March 11, 2016, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email [events@hsnaples.org](mailto:events@hsnaples.org).

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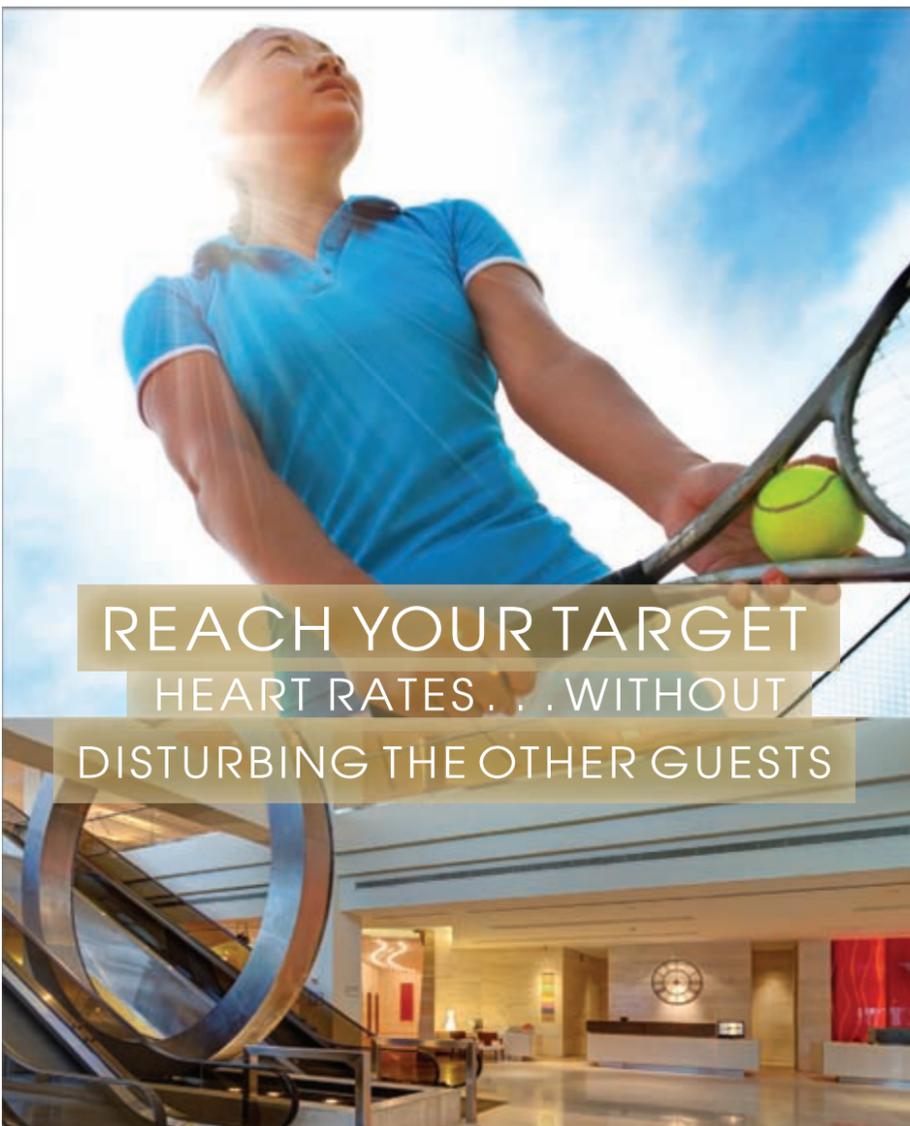
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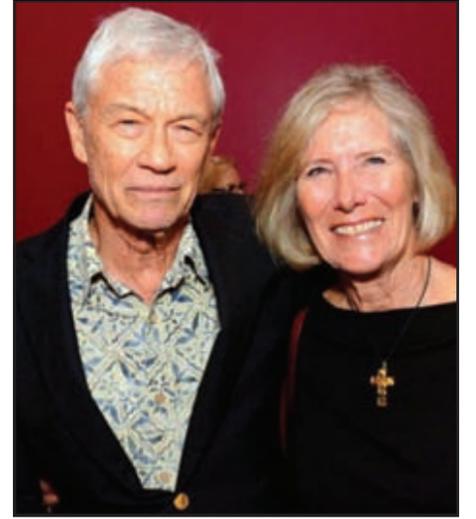
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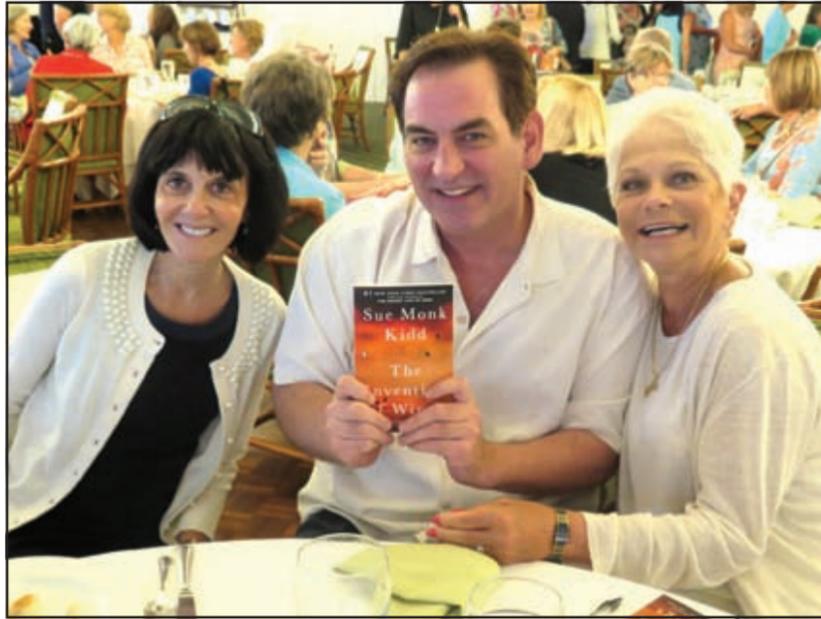
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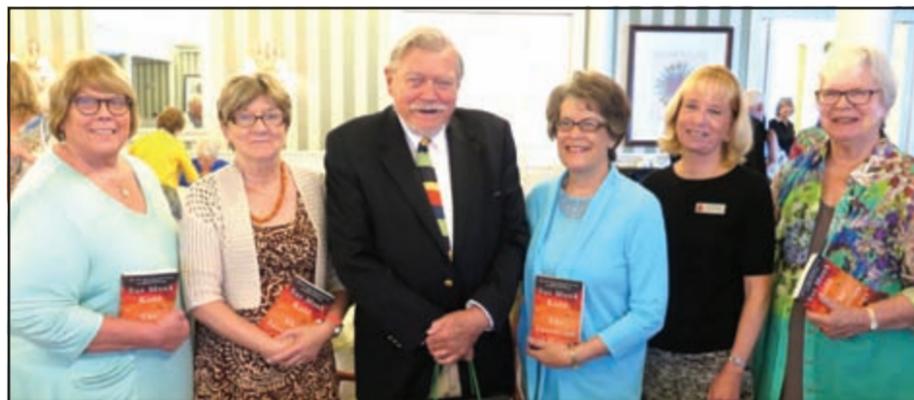
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# CUISINE NEWS

## Avenue5 uncorks a club for local oenophiles

BY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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With summer comes an abundance of wining and dining deals for local foodies to exploit and enjoy. One of the best deals we've found is the Avenue5 Wine Club. There's no enrollment fee, and monthly tastings are just \$25, which is a steal considering that most tastings during season start at \$50.

"From novices to connoisseurs, our club is for anyone who wants to learn a little more about wine and have fun in the process," says Cathy Christopher, director of sales and marketing for the restaurant at Inn on Fifth. "It's all about a shared love of exceptional wines."

What do you get with the free membership? Tasty educational opportunities, discounts on the wines featured at tastings and bottles when dining in the restaurant, and the opportunity to flex your muscle by rating and suggesting pairings with items from the Avenue5 menu. In addition, Wine Club members can purchase bottles of each evening's featured wines at wholesale prices.

At last month's inaugural tasting, members sampled six vintages from Orin Swift Cellars paired with small bites selected and prepared by culinary team at Avenue5. A 2013 red blend from Abstract, for example, was paired with roasted Berkshire pork dressed with blackberry jam and sherry gastrique, and a 2011 grenache from D66 was paired with sweet sausage dumplings in mushroom broth. Jane Uttley of Unfiltered Wines gave a presentation to the full house, and vintner/owner David Phinney of Orin Swift participated via Skype.



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The next Avenue5 Wine Club event takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, and will showcase champagnes from Piper Heidsieck. Speakers will be bubbly specialist Jonathan Boulangeat of Piper Heidsieck and Nikki Sidebottom of Republic National Distributing Company. Guests will taste five selections from the winery, ending with its premier champagne, Piper Heidsieck Rare.

Ms. Christopher says Wine Club members can anticipate gatherings that showcase various wine regions as well as some wineries whose owners have homes in Naples, such as Swanson Wines. The curriculum is still developing, she says, adding, "It's a mixed bag, but over the course of time everything will be covered."

Reservations are required for all Wine Club events. To add your name to the mailing list, send an email to Ms. Christopher at [cathyc@innonfifth.com](mailto:cathyc@innonfifth.com). Include your name and phone number. ■

Members of the Avenue5 Wine Club at the inaugural meeting in May:  
1. Joe Tornincaso and Dylan Sanders  
2. Carmen Taylor, Terry King and Heather Call  
3. Leanne Colvin and Jane Uttley  
4. Cathy Christopher  
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Manager's Special

## CUISINE NEWS

Cook to your heart's content  
with recipes from the AHABY LINDSEY NESMITH  
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Looking to expand your heart-healthy kitchen repertoire? The American Heart Association has a new cookbook that can help. "Grill It, Braise It, Broil It ... and 9 Other Easy Techniques for Making Healthy Meals" outlines a dozen cooking methods that can help keep your ticker strong.

The book is available at all major retailers and can be purchased online at heart.org. For a taste of what's inside, give this recipe a try:

**Mediterranean Tuna Kebobs**

¼ cup hot water  
Pinch saffron  
2/3 cup chopped Roma tomatoes  
2 tsp olive oil (extra virgin preferred)  
1 tsp red wine vinegar  
1 small clove of garlic  
1 lb tuna steaks, rinsed, dried and cut into 12 1-inch cubes  
1 medium onion, cut into 12 wedges  
1 medium red or yellow bell pepper, cut into strips  
1 medium zucchini, cut crosswise into 12 slices  
Cooking spray  
Soak four 12-inch skewers for at least 10 minutes in cold water to keep them from charring, or use metal skewers.

In a glass bowl, whisk together the hot water and saffron. In a food processor or blender, process the saffron mixture, tomatoes, oil, vinegar and garlic until smooth. Transfer 1/3 cup of the mixture to the bowl. Cover and refrigerate until 10-15 minutes before serving time.

Thread each skewer with three tuna cubes, three onion wedges, three bell pepper strips and three zucchini slices. Place kebobs on a rimmed baking sheet. Brush all sides of the kebobs generously with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes to an hour.

Lightly spray the grill rack with cooking spray. Preheat the grill on medium high.

Meanwhile, remove the reserved saffron mixture from the refrigerator and let stand at room temperature for 10-15 minutes.

Lightly spray the kebobs with cooking spray. Grill the kebabs, covered, for about 4 minutes or until the fish is the desired doneness and the vegetables are tender-crisp, turning frequently. Serve with the reserved saffron mixture.

**Take note:**

■ Open Table's latest list of Top 100 Al Fresco Dining Restaurants in America includes several establishments that will be familiar to Neapolitans. Making the cut are **Alexander's**, **Baleen**, **Miramare Ristorante** and **Tommy Bahama's Restaurant & Bar**. See the full list at opentable.com.

■ The outdoor farmers market at **Shoppes of Vanderbilt** is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon every Saturday, with food trucks and several specialty vendors staying open until 2 p.m. Additionally, the market will host a variety of vendor demonstrations and tastings through the summer months. For more information, visit the market's Shoppes of Vanderbilt Farmers Market Facebook page.

■ **Sea Salt** hosts a cooking class on Peruvian cuisine at noon Saturday, June 20. \$50 includes demonstration, lunch and a Pisco cocktail. 1136 Third St. S. 434-7258 or seasaltnaples.com.

■ **Applebee's** has a special meal for dads Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21. For \$19.99, dads can fill up on a 4-ounce sirloin, chicken, half rack of ribs, mashed potatoes,



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**Med Tuna Kebobs** – use this photo along with the cover of the cookbook: **Mediterranean Tuna Kebobs** are among the dishes in the American Heart Association's "Grill It, Braise It, Broil It ... and 9 Other Easy Techniques for Making Healthy Meals" cookbook.

vegetables and coleslaw. 434-7744 or applebees.com.

■ **Barbatella** welcomes opera singer Livio Ferrari to serenade diners as they enjoy a special menu of Italian favorites starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. \$50. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or barbatellanaples.com.

■ The June dinner special at **D'Amico & Sons** is linguine and clams dressed with garlic, fennel, dill, white wine and tomato concasse for \$21.99. 4961 Ninth St. N. 430-0955 or damicoandsons.com.

■ Order an entrée at **Yabba Island Grill** and enjoy 50 percent off any bottle of wine regularly priced from \$50 to \$100. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. (closed Monday). 711 Fifth Ave. S. 262-5787 or gr8food.net.

■ **Whole Foods Market** in Mercato has a whole lot going on for foodies this summer, including:

**Toddler Thursday** – 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11; free. Moms and kids can learn to make raw and vegan bites.

**Pint Night** – 5-7 p.m. Friday, June 12; free. Try a sip of the featured beer, Saint Arnold Santo, at the High Tide Bar.

**Teens & Tweens in the Kitchen** – 12:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17; free. A hands-on class for teens and tweens about how to make the perfect portable salad.

For more information, including a complete schedule of store tastings, classes and other events, visit wholefoodsmarket.com.

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 – Sushi: Friday, June 12 (\$55); Vegetarian Cuisine: Thursday, June 18 (\$55); Fourth of July Favorites: Wednesday, July 1 (\$55); Beef Grazed to Perfection: Friday, July 3 (\$65); Flavors of Thailand: Thursday, July 9 (\$60); Florida Seafood: Wednesday, July 15 (\$65).

**Sur La Table**, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com – Macaroons at Home: Friday, June 12; Date Night Sumptuous Italian Supper: Friday, June 12; Macaroons 101: Saturday, June 13; Fresh From the Farmers Market: Saturday, June 13; Date Night A Taste of Morocco: Saturday, June 13; Fresh, Fast and Fabulous: Sunday, June 14; Savoring the South of France: Sunday, June 14; The 5 Essential Flavors: Sunday, June 14; Summer Jams and Preserves: Monday, June 15; Fresh, Fast & Fabulous: Tuesday, June 16; Incredible Indian Flavors: Wednesday, June 17. Classes are \$69. ■

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**The Dish:** The Signature Salad

**The Price:** \$9.95

**The Place:** Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar  
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592-0050

**The Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Monday-Saturday, 4-9 p.m. Sunday

**The Full Menu:** noodlescafe.com

**The Details:** It had been quite a while since I'd had lunch at Noodles, which became a bit of a trek from the office after we moved from right around the corner. When a friend suggested it as an option recently, I cast my vote and immediately started thinking about my two favorite dishes and which one I might have this time: the Signature Salad or the Chicken and Artichoke Pasta.

When the appointed day arrived, I had a lighter than usual breakfast and skipped my mid-morning cheese stick in anticipation of the basket of warm foccacia I knew would come with lunch. I had made up my mind that I would have the pasta dish, but when my friend ordered a Greek salad and mentioned she was down 6 pounds, I thought about the dress I need to fit into for a wedding later this month and decided to go the salad route, too. I'm glad I did.

Just as I remembered it, the Signature Salad was a colorful mix of field greens and roasted red peppers, cherry tomatoes, crumbled goat cheese and a



handful of lightly fried artichoke hearts, all tossed with a tangy raspberry vinaigrette. The generous portion satisfied my appetite without risking my ability to zip up the aforementioned cocktail dress.

Sometime in July, I'll return to Noodles for the pasta dish I'm still craving (sautéed chicken with sun-dried tomatoes and kalamata olives in fresh basil cream sauce, served over house-made spinach fettuccine). ■

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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

■ **Kitchen 41, 3500 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 263-8009**

Sous-vide is a well-known cooking technique in France and one that's gaining popularity in the U.S., but chef/owner Domenico Bosco takes it to the max with a menu that is almost entirely produced by this ultra-healthy method. Food is sealed in BPA-free plastic bags, submerged in a water bath and then cooked at a low temperature for an extended period, sealing in flavor and vitamins. Mr. Bosco also shuns processed foods, MSG, GMOs and frying. The results are healthy and flavorful — although they sometimes take a while to arrive at the table, so stop here only when you have time to linger. The wild-caught sea scallops atop creamy pureed lima beans, studded with golden raisins and yellow and red roasted peppers, were excellent. Smoked salmon with avocado, hearts of palm and cucumber was first-rate as well. Lamb chops with a touch of demi-glace were just right, and the wild-caught halibut was moist and flaky, although it might have benefitted from sauce to enhance its mild flavor. A slice of gluten-free ricotta pie with mixed-berry compote provided a satisfying sweet end note. Beer and wine served.

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

■ **L'Auberge, Imperial Square, 975 Imperial Golf Course Blvd., Naples; 596-4303**

Chef/co-owner Patrick Figini, formerly of Bleu Provence, has created a modest but

pleasant establishment in North Naples with his wife, Margaret. Mussels are available any of 10 ways. The Provencale variety — with wine, tomatoes, garlic, olives and herbs — was delicious. The 1-pound serving was plenty for an appetizer (2 pounds are available as an entree). House-cured smoked salmon with toast points and lightly dressed greens was excellent. Red snapper in wine citrus sauce was simple and elegant and the osso buco featured a fall-off-the-bone tender lamb shank in soulful sauce paired with mashed potatoes that tasted as if they had a touch of lavender. A classic apple tart with vanilla ice cream was a perfect end to the meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed August 2014

■ **The Local, 5323 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples; 596-3276**

This restaurant's name aptly describes its mission: serving as much farm- and sea-to-table food as can be procured locally. It's run by chef/owner Jeff Mitchell, a Culinary Institute of America alum. The menu is creative, the setting unfussy and the staff friendly and accommodating. The menu changes frequently, depending on what products are available. I recommend starting with the Pine Island clams in red curry. The sauce is sweet and spicy, redolent of basil and studded with scallions. It's good enough to drink on its own. Pan-seared triggerfish was expertly cooked, enhanced by a mango and avocado salsa. Mustard-roasted Joyce Farms free-range chicken breast with mustard breadcrumbs, soft-boiled egg and pecori-

no sauce was an imaginative way to dress up poultry. From the side dish choices, we liked the blackened potatoes, the sweet potato cake and the roasted beets with shallots and sherry vinegar. Don't skip dessert — it's all homemade. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed April 2015

■ **The Other Side Bistro, 24630 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 992-7433**

The breadth of wisdom chef Brian McCarley has accumulated over several years and several restaurants comes together artfully in a tantalizing mélange of American dishes reinterpreted through classical French principles. Humble diner fare such as meatloaf, for instance, is transformed by a cabernet sauvignon demi-glace made from scratch. It's not all amped-up comfort food, though. Surprises pop up throughout the menu, such as artichoke hearts stuffed with goat cheese and quinoa and a rarely seen side dish of rich pommes Anna. Mr. McCarley knows how to transform a meat-and-potatoes dish into something special, like feathery gnocchi tucked into slow-cooked short rib meat and rich mushroom sauce. Seared snapper managed to be straightforward and sophisticated at the same time; the huge, moist fillet had a gorgeous bronze crust and was complemented by tomato-fennel compote and saffron-white-wine sauce. Save room for homemade desserts. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½  
Service: ★★★★★

Atmosphere: ★★½  
Reviewed April 2014

■ **Veranda E, Escalante Hotel, 290 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 325-3474**

A secret garden just off Fifth Avenue South, Veranda E is an outstanding establishment serving creative food in a lush setting. When the weather is good, reserve a table in the courtyard where tables are dressed in white linens and overlook the hotel's pool. Do not miss the Veranda E calamari, a dish that might have ruined me for all other calamari preparations. Done kung pao style, it is tenderized and breaded, fried to a golden brown and topped with peanuts, peppers, chives and a spicy-sweet sauce. Also good were the gulf shrimp with white stone ground corn grits and Creole bacon sauce; salad with Asian pear, Humboldt Fog cheese, organic baby greens and walnut vinaigrette; Hawaiian salmon with strawberry-basil relish and verjus rouge; boneless beef short ribs; and house-made lemon ginger ice cream with fresh berries. Chef Bryan Sutton knows his way around the kitchen and also has a thriving organic garden from which he plucks herbs and veggies. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★½  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½  
Reviewed October 2014 ■

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Cravings for certain ethnic cuisines can be hard to satisfy. When I visit a Thai restaurant, for instance, I feel obliged to order Pad Thai because I'll regret it if I don't — even if I've been jonesing for a rich coconut-milk curry. And how can I choose summer rolls when green papaya salad beckons? What about crispy duck? That's something I would never cook at home.

This might help you understand why I spent the better part of a week eating mostly Mexican food. It started with an impromptu lunch of tamales and chile rellenos at El Azteca, the best Mexican joint in Cape Coral. I passed up the restaurant's delicious moles at that meal, so I decided to make the chocolatey Oaxacan delicacy at home over the weekend — despite the lengthy list of ingredients and long simmering time. After the leftovers ran out later in the week, I took some coworkers to the best little taqueria in Bonita Springs in the hope of putting the finishing touch on my Mexican obsession with a bounty of south-of-the-border classics.

Tortilleria La Rancherita is a small grocery store and restaurant opened in 1999 by Paul Judice, a formally trained chef, with his wife, Yesenia. Tucked in a nondescript plaza next to Sherwin Williams Paints, this little gem is easy to overlook, but savvy foodies have long hailed its tacos as the best in Southwest Florida. That's due in large part to the tortillas, tender disks of masa de maíz that are made fresh on the premises. Once you've had them, you might never be satisfied with supermarket brands again.

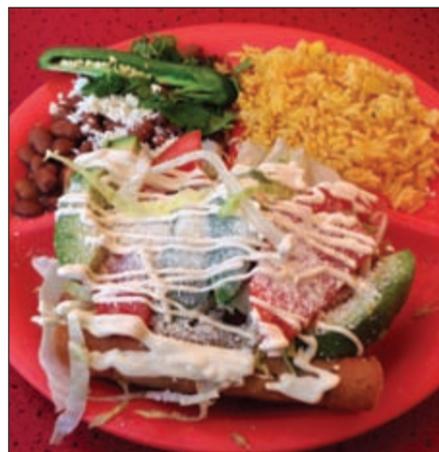
You can purchase those tortillas along with other Mexican essentials in the small grocery that takes up half of the interior. The other side is the dining room, a cheery space with bright golden-yellow walls and red-topped tables. Corona and Modelo beer signs and mirrors line the walls. The clientele during our lunch was mostly Latino, which is further evidence (if needed) of the food's authenticity.

We started with cups of iced horchata (\$1.50), the milky, refreshing agua fresca made with pulverized rice and almonds. We nibbled on freshly fried tortilla chips served with cilan-



A sampling of tacos filled with chicken, shrimp and al pastor pork.

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Beef-filled flautas are paired with Mexican beans and corn-studded rice.

tro-laced pico de gallo and tart salsa verde. Neither was overly spicy.

Any meal at Tortilleria La Rancherita should include a taco sampling. There are some fillings among the 18 choices here that you don't see at every Mexican restaurant, such as liver, ham and cactus. We selected al pastor (pork marinated in a combination of dried chilies, spices and pineapple), chicken and shrimp (\$2.50 each, 50 cents extra for shrimp). All of these are recommendable. The pork was succulent and highly seasoned; the shredded chicken was laced in delicious red sauce; and the shrimp were medium sized and perfectly grilled.



A Mexican sandwich is filled with sausage, avocado, refried beans and cheese.

Each tortilla had a good amount of filling and was strewn with diced onion and chopped cilantro. Slivered radishes, lime wedges and lightly grilled jalapenos garnished the plate; other toppings such as avocado, cheese and tomatoes are 25 cents more.

You won't find gobs of sour cream and blankets of orange cheese on dishes at Tortilleria La Rancherita. Such Americanized trappings only obscure the freshness of the ingredients.

The most elaborate of our dishes was the flautas (\$11.99), filled tortillas rolled like flutes and fried. Our serving contained four flautas with a generous helping of moist shredded beef within. They were topped with lettuce, avocado and tomato and dusted with cotija cheese and drizzled with crema. Platters also include pinto beans topped with crumbled queso fresca and yellow rice studded with corn.

Surprisingly, tamales were not being

offered on the day we visited, which was disappointing. Instead, we selected a quesadilla (\$3.75), a grilled flour tortilla filled with crispy-edged carnitas pork and cheese.

Another tasty alternative is the Mexican torta (\$7.99), a grilled sandwich available with 10 filling choices. We opted for longaniza, a Mexican pork sausage that was salty and spicy. It made for a good contrast with the smear of refried beans, lettuce, tomato, avocado and cheese the toasted bread contained.

We didn't notice any desserts on the menu, and our server didn't offer anything. Service is pretty straightforward here. If you want a drink refill or something else, you might have to get it yourself. Our server was pleasant enough but appeared to be busy running the grocery counter, too.

I reviewed Tortilleria La Rancherita years ago for another publication, and I've been eager to return ever since. I'm glad to know it's still upholding the high standard of quality and authenticity it has since become known for. The next time a hankering for Mexican food hits, I'll make a beeline for La Rancherita. ■

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# Small spaces, big results

Living-room remodel done the professional way

**BY KELLY MERRITT**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When Naples design newcomer Laverne Gehman received an assignment to revamp his client's uninspiring, non-functional living room, he was tasked with finding a different arrangement to repurpose the space.

He says while the project didn't come with a blank check, the love was evident in details such as wrought iron and colored-glass lamps, drapery hardware to reflect the furniture and carpet, and carved detail on chairs and lighting.

"Even if your style is less traditional or more monochromatic, there are always ways to find detailed accents to create a look that is as unique as you are," Mr. Gehman says. "This was the last room to be given attention in a long series of rooms, and having brought early apartment furniture along when they moved in, the intention was to redecorate this space someday."

Mr. Gehman says that "someday" was continually put off due to children going off to college until finally the client was ready to decorate the space. The room functioned as a morning coffee and reading room for the husband and wife.

"We carried black accents throughout the project and complemented the finished project with small splashes of accent colors and glam lighting, keeping the window treatments light with the use of colorful fabric panels to add to the softness of the room," he says.

The challenges included a baby grand piano he had to leave in the space, which limited the options, plus the owners wanted to keep the color scheme that was already part of the house, and have the space still function as a reading room.

"When it comes to planning these types of spaces, these challenges are what make the project fun, and several things made this room unique, including a different layout, unique flooring option and bright accent colors," Mr. Gehman says. "We did not try to force a sofa into the room just because that is what they originally had there, because such a large piece of furniture was unnecessary and would have crowded the space."

Instead, Mr. Gehman used two comfy chairs with delicate, carved arms and added a round ottoman to be shared by both chairs. Typical plain carpet was replaced by a patterned, woven carpet with a black background with a tea-stained look and color to complement furniture and drapery panels.

"The overall effect of this flooring tied the adjoining room colors into this room, as well as giving the room a much larger dimensional perspective," he says.



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Lots of greens and dark wood colors upgrade a dated parlor.

period of many years can take a look and almost immediately see the home or the room to be renovated in a completely different way, so in the long run, someone with these skills will save you time and costly mistakes," he says. "Also, I have seen people do things in their own home just because it was the trendy thing to do — like something a friend had done — so don't give into peer pressure when designing a home."

Mr. Gehman also encourages homeowners not to be afraid to follow their own intuitions.

He says with the help of an experienced designer, a renovation project can take a homeowner outside the comfort zone. But as informed as consumers think they are, there are professionals in every field for a reason.

"It is unfortunate that so many people think they are saving buckets of money doing a renovation themselves, because it usually shows," Mr. Gehman says. "Consider what you do

as a profession, and then think about whether everyone can do it. You will have more satisfaction seeing a finished project done correctly." ■

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Robert Couturier is as fashionable as he is talented, pictured here in a rare moment of repose.

# ROBERT COUTURIER

... is right at home as a luxury addict in Naples

By **KELLY MERRITT**

Florida Weekly Correspondent

To say that acclaimed international architect and interior designer Robert Couturier has a passion for luxury and beauty is an understatement. The man who has said he's "completely addicted to luxury. I have no ability for anything else" is right at home in Naples, where houses can cost tens of millions of dollars.

He has completed projects in Naples, but Mr. Couturier made design history in 1987 when billionaire financier Sir James Goldsmith entrusted the then 32-year-old with the design and continuous embellishment of the financier's 20,000-acre estate in Mexico. Ever since, Mr. Couturier has served as the barometer of how a home should stimulate the senses.

Recently, Mr. Couturier's first monograph, "Robert Couturier: Designing Paradises," featuring his penchant for the Old World and contemporary eras that he effortlessly brings together, was picked as one of Vogue magazine's top 10 design books. Written by Mr. Couturier and Tim McKeough with photos by Tim Street-Porter, the book includes a preface by Carolyn Roehm and afterword by Caroline Weber, professor of French culture at Columbia University.

"Designing Paradises" opens a window into what could be possible, were one able to pluck a dream house directly from heaven. The book contains such unlikely bedfellows as a Louis XVI com-



**Never afraid of contrast, Mr. Couturier furnished the room with a diverse collection of pieces, including an early American highboy chest and a contemporary goatskin-covered stool by Hervé Van der Stræten.**

mode paired with a 1960s lamp — reminiscent of Mr. Couturier's abilities to thoughtfully combine different eras in the same space. Best of all, readers get to see what Mr. Couturier himself loves about his own home. "Designing Paradises" gives a glimpse of Mr. Couturier's country estate in Kent, Connecticut, including his neoclassical-style pavilion.

We talked with Mr. Couturier about his design philosophy, what he finds most charming about Naples and what's next in his legendary career.

**Q: Naples is one of the most exclusive areas in the U.S. What did you find fun about working in our area?**

**A:** We did a couple of houses in Naples. Naples is very beautiful and impeccably kept. A branch falls on the



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**Paneling painted a bright Hermès orange and brown enlivens the family room, along with a serpentine sofa by Vladimir Kagan and coffee table by Mattia Bonetti.**

ground and it miraculously disappears almost immediately!

**Q: Your book is truly beautiful. What was it like to see this outstanding body of work in print for the first time?**

**A:** Thank you very much. Well, it looks as if it is someone else's work. It is quite humbling, and at the same time, one feels proud.

**Q: It's clear from the book's pages that your home is a respite from the outside world. Will it always be a work in progress or do you consider it finished?**

**A:** There is not one solution for one space, but truly a multitude of possibilities. I live the way I want, and I make my dreams possible. I consider myself inordinately happy and fantastically lucky.

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# COUTURIER

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**Q: What's your favorite home-design trend right now?**

A: Honestly, there is no trend right now other than green architecture that I find all that appealing in home design.

**Q: What trends are you glad to see go by the wayside?**

A: There are not enough trends that I find going by the wayside! I wish they would stop building humongous houses or great rooms, which as one friend of mine puts it, "great rooms which at the end are not-so-great rooms."

**Q: If you could have another designer create a home for you personally to live or vacation in, who would that be and why?**

A: This is a difficult question because there is nobody that comes to mind except for Allan Greenberg, whose work is beyond impeccable and beautiful. But I am a classicist myself; that is not to say that I don't like contemporary architecture, because I do love it, but not to live in at the moment.

**Q: Could you share something about a project that was especially challenging? What were some obstacles you had to overcome?**

A: The only challenges that arise come from the difficulty clients have putting into words what they want, and clients have to understand drawings, and mostly for me to understand the clients. Consequently, I only work with people with whom — if I don't know them already — I would feel comfort-



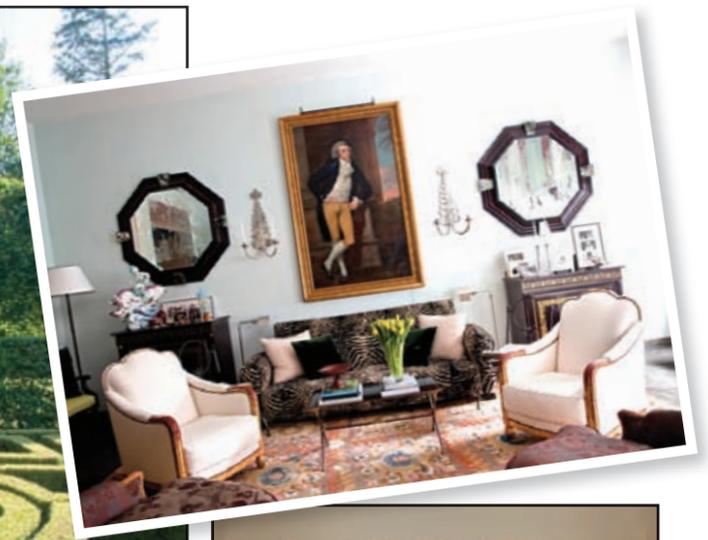
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able and have pleasure getting to know and keeping as friends forever. That is absolutely non-negotiable.

**Q: Can you share some advice for achieving a lovely coastal look without falling into that paint-by-number pastel trap?**

A: These types of houses smell, look and ultimately are fake because instead of terra cotta, the roof tiles are made of concrete,

and much of the architectural detailing is phony, like fake columns, fake balustrades, rather than true materials like real roof tiles, real plaster, real wood. Dishonesty or ignorance in design give birth to these hideous, overblown, wedding-cake-looking, cardboard palaces. I guess if architects were slightly less dishonest, it would all look better, and it is not the client's fault, but exclusively the fault of the developer and the architect. ■



TOP: In the office, a pair of ebony and tortoiseshell mirrors sets off an 18th-century portrait by Richard Cosway. A Jacques Adnet sofa upholstered in faux zebra and a pair of 1930s French armchairs offer deep comfort. The rug is 18th-century French.

ABOVE: The cover photo on Mr. Couturier's design book makes a statement.

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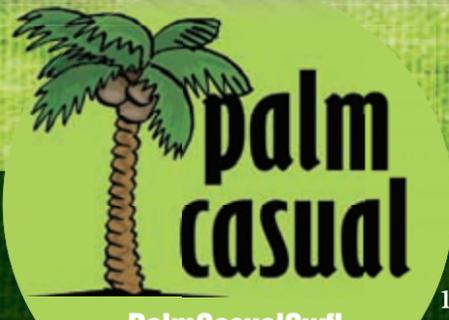
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The walls along the staircases in the home all showcase carefully placed art.

# The artful home

M A S T E R E D



*Harmonious use of special pieces creates a perfect happy place*

By **KELLY MERRITT**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Some homes showcase art and belongings, but others do much more. Some homes tell a story. The residence of one Naples couple does the latter in a perfect marriage of careful placement and playful consideration, creating a welcoming space full of joy and luxury.

“I cannot say there is any specific design theme other than simply surrounding myself with furniture and pieces that simply feel comfortable and happy,” says the owner, who prefers not to be identified. “Happy seems like a silly theme, but for me, it works. Walking into any home, one should feel a sense of peace, calm and joy and that can be achieved in many ways.”

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# ARTFUL

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She continues by sharing some of those “ways,” which can include specific antiques that are reminders of family traditions, a dominant color that pleases the eye or seating that is cozy and welcoming. She responds particularly well to bright light and color in her main living spaces and more muted colors in private areas. It is a look that works beautifully in this art-filled home, which begs both owners and visitors to stay ... then stay longer.

“There is never a moment when I am out and about that my eyes aren’t drawn to objects that are appealing, and sometimes I bring random goodies home and integrate them into my surroundings,” the owner says. “If you love something, you can find a place for it.”

The kitchen is incredibly streamlined, yet it isn’t antiseptic. The décor and layout allow the accent pieces to shine. The homeowner says it’s not hard to achieve this look.

“I am a big proponent of keeping kitchen counters rather spare and allowing them to serve as a design space in addition to their utilitarian purpose. For example, small objects can be beautiful as well as useful,” she says. “There is a gorgeous vintage box on my counter and it acts as our key keeper — plus boxes and baskets are one of the best designer secrets; (they) come in many shapes and sizes to be worked into any decor, from contemporary to traditional.”

The artwork throughout the home is nothing less than stunning, and the variations of the art suggest that an expert collector lives here. But this homeowner solved the logistical issues of placing so much art especially along the stairs by going old school.

“My husband and I did precise measurements, and I transferred them to a

in the know

## Art for beginners

Just where does a homeowner begin in the art-collection process? Debbie Reed of Sheldon Fine Art believes that art is a matter of the heart. It all begins with love.

Here are Ms. Reed’s tips for starting off right.

- >> Buy something you love. If you love a painting from the beginning, you will probably love it for many years to come.
- >> Eat dessert first. If you are purchasing art for the home, buy signature pieces of art before buying one stick of furniture.
- >> Get personal. Discover your own personal style; know what type of art really appeals to you.
- >> Enlist the help of a reputable art gallery.
- >> Don’t be afraid to combine artwork. When you display pieces together, you make a big statement.

scale-model draft drawing of the wall, then made small-scale models of each painting and simply laid them out on my drawing to get a feel for the dimensions and negative space, keeping in mind that the bottom of paintings need to be above a certain height,” the homeowner says. “It is almost as if you isolate the area on the wall where the artwork should live — kind of like assessing where a house should be on a parcel of land.”

Once it was practical to do so, the homeowner says they taped dark paper the actual size of the works directly on the wall with painter’s tape to resolve any placement issues.

“Using measurements from a fixed reference point makes it that much easier, and using the ceiling/floor and left/right walls as your fixed references,” she says. “Having scale models makes this much simpler once someone is up on that ladder, and if I have enough floor space, I will also set out the pieces in an arrangement directly on the floor and look at it from above.”

It helps that these crafty and friendly homeowners enlisted the help of gentle-



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The bedrooms, including those that belong to the couple’s children, have received the royal treatment.



The “office” on the second floor features unique furnishings that set a perfect scene in which to display more art.

men with no fear of height to assist in hanging the art.

The windows of the home let in so much light that artificial lighting almost seems an afterthought. But can lighting can be another avenue for creative expression? This homeowner thinks so.

"I adore glass and I adore vintage," she says. "My passions led me on a quest for pairs of sconces on various sites, anywhere from eBay to Istdibs, and antique shows and flea markets can also be great sources. I find that lighting flanking artwork can act as an additional frame of sorts, and once the sun goes down, you really do need adequate lighting to appreciate the pieces."

For example, one of the homeowners' major works has both silver and gold leaf within the body of the painting.

"In this particular instance, it is imperative to have adequate lighting to truly appreciate the internal glow of the work," she says.

But how can someone who doesn't have this homeowner's knowledge of art begin such a journey? She recommends establishing a good relationship with a gallery that can match works to the home and people who live in it.

"Art personalizes a space, adds character that simply cannot be replicated by anyone other than you and is a fingerprint of sorts," she says. "The same group of furnishings, when surrounded by different accessories and art, have a completely different feel. For example, a beautiful, tufted, velvet sofa with a Monet above it feels much different than the same sofa paired with a de Kooning drip painting."

### The splendor of Sheldon

The homeowners have fostered relationships with several galleries along their path of collecting the art they love, but at the top of that list is the local gallery Sheldon Fine Art. For more than 30 years, Sheldon Fine Art has represented local, American and European artists in seascape, landscape, figurative and abstract art.

"It can be like dating — a particular painting might be beautiful, but if it doesn't speak to you, it will never be a good match," the homeowner says. "And frankly, it can be difficult to make the rounds to various galleries, so a trusted adviser can assist you with acquiring works, whether they are across town or across the country."

Debbie Reed of Sheldon Fine Art says working with this homeowner is a dream come true for the gallery.

"She brings so much to the table, including a passion for both interior design and contemporary art as evidenced by the interplay of interior furnishings and her art collection," Ms. Reed says. "Most of all, she knows what she likes, and she knows exactly how to combine it all to create an amazing and inviting home filled with unique objects d'art."

Because Sheldon Fine Art is a very approachable gallery, welcoming people who know art and people who don't, new customers to the gallery can expect a friendly, relaxed gallery atmosphere.

"Guests in our gallery are encouraged to take their time to enjoy the work of the many artists on display and to discuss the art as well as the services we offer," Ms. Reed says. "The gallery has something for everyone in a range of prices from paintings to unique jewelry to art glass."

The outdoor spaces adjacent to this magnificent home are works of art of another kind. The homeowner says her quest for beautiful outdoor living space is fueled by a number of issues.

"Being that we are from the Northeast, we appreciate the warm climate here in Naples — and we try to be outside as much as possible, especially during winter season," she says. "One of my personal hobbies is the type of



Understated elegance extends to the outdoor spaces.

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gardening that results in chipped nails and a happy heart, but I don't want to be outside tending a garden all day."

For this reason, she chose a simple landscape plan with some areas for tending and exploration. "With the addition of high-speed Internet and cable, my husband utilizes the outdoor area as an office as well. Your outside furnishings should not be an afterthought, and should be just as cozy and lovely as what fills the inside of your home."

When asked for any tips this astute collector might share about creating an art-filled home that also allows for an active lifestyle, her answer is much like the home itself.

"Art doesn't have to be serious and stuffy. It can be playful and make you smile," she says. "It simply needs to make your home feel special to you. There will be people who don't appreciate your taste or might actually find it objectionable or unpleasant. Ultimately, your home is about you — your needs, your loves, your taste." ■

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# Zazou puts zest in Naples shopping

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

For the Neapolitan who loves to shop, few places tickle the fancy like Zazou. The white exterior of the flagship location in the Hibiscus Center, with its unique architecture, just exudes elegance, much like the contents of this special store. Walking into Zazou, you find so many things you want that budgetary concerns and excuses not to buy seem to go out the window.

"We are a Naples destination store that's different than the same corporate stores you see everywhere," says Blake Helgren, who works in the family business along with his mother and father, Beverley and Dave Helgren.

In Southwest Florida, Zazou is the exclusive retailer for MacKenzie-Childs and one of the largest independent retailers of the brand in the country. The line includes ceramics, enamelware, rugs, lighting and furniture, all of which is available or for order at all four Zazou locations.

The stores take much of the guesswork out of the shopping process, which is no accident. The owners have carefully chosen all realms of furnishings and accents so that the pieces marry well in any design scheme.

"Also included in the eclectic mix of charming merchandise is a coastal furniture line that we sell off of our showroom floors in Naples in the Hibiscus Center and in Bonita Springs," Mr. Helgren says. "These furnishings complement MacKenzie-Childs beautifully."



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**Beverley and Blake Helgren work in the family business with Dave Helgren (not pic-**

The practical furniture available in the store ranges from dining tables to consoles, side tables and barstools to benches in either distressed-white or river-ash finishes. There is even a children's section with what have to be the softest stuffed animals anywhere.

The store is unusual because at Zazou, people can shop for housewares and women's clothing. It's actually two stores in one, which works well for the family. People can usually find something in either side of the store. Both are upscale resources for Naples shoppers due to the high quality of the merchandise the Helgren family selects.

Many women do all of their shopping at Zazou because they can get everything they need for the home and wardrobe here — including flowing dresses for VIP parties as well as relaxed outfits for everyday wear.

"Zazou is a lifestyle boutique featuring women's fashion that is more than just country club casual," Beverley Helgren says. "Our fashion lines include Michael Stars, David Cline, Comfy USA, Arche Shoes, Fabrizio Gianni, Pure Amici and Flax."

The family has another Italian line they love to carry in the store: Inizio. What makes this line special is that it's linen, which works well in hot climates; and done in a European cut, so it has a different look than anything in a department store.

"A lot of our clothes have that European feel customers like down here, and that goes along with our goal of trying to carry things that are not available in department stores," says Mrs. Helgren, who with her husband started working in the business 23 years ago. They now have three stores in Naples and one in Bonita Springs. Blake Helgren came into the business in the last 10 years, and he is very instrumental with furniture buying and the design work in the store.

"All of our lines work well together," Mrs. Helgren says.

Other benefits to shopping at Zazou include cute suggestions for creative storage and placement. For instance, a cookie jar does double duty as a K-cup storage jar while a precious rug serves as



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a focal point for a room. Darling lanterns offer an alternative to bright light bulbs while a Mackenzie-Childs peacock chest breathes life into an otherwise drab space. A cute bellhop table livens up a hallway while a Courtly Check under-pinnings dining chair makes a plain dining room spiffy.

“We are a little bit funky and a little bit classic, but most of all, we have come up with a formula over the past several years from listening to our customers, who are very well traveled and come from all areas of life,” Mrs. Helgren says. “We respond to what our customers want, and each season we bring in new lines we didn’t have before, so it’s about carrying lines that our customers wait for and want.”

Each of the lines are part of careful personal choices the family makes for the store. That’s how Zazou has achieved that unmistakable “Zazou look” through the years. ■



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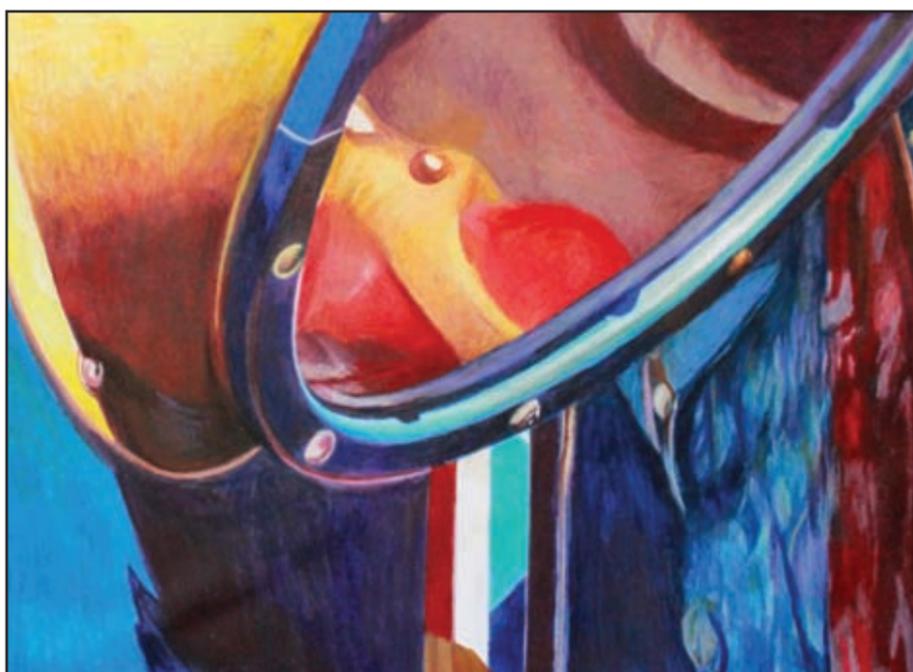
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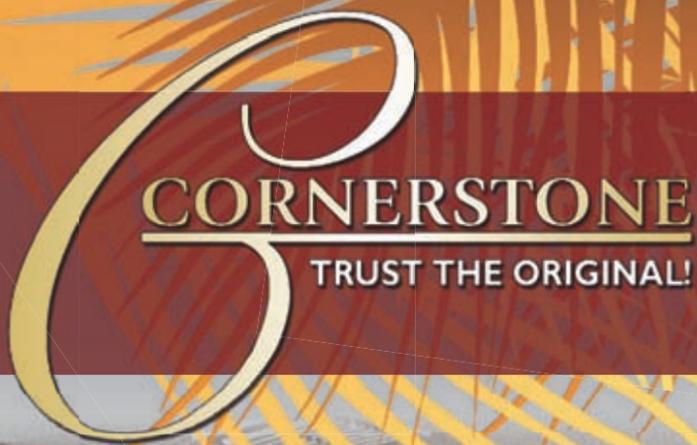


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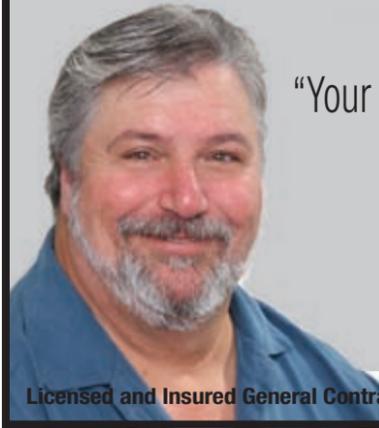
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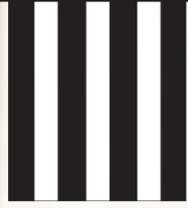
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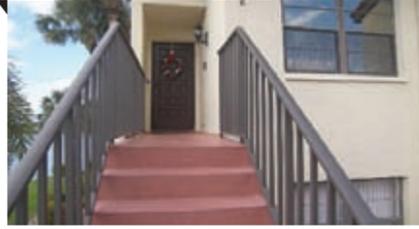
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Located in SE Cape on Everest, this waterfront home direct access to the river & gulf. Newly renovated master suite.  
**\$264,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC010026.

## PUNTA GORDA



**The Tori Model**  
3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage to be built, 2041 sq. ft. on a corner lot.  
**\$253,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH054350.

## FORT MYERS



**Great Home**  
This is a must see property. 3 bedroom 3 bath ready to move in! Metal roof and almost 1900 sq ft. Call today.  
**\$252,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM021723.

## NAPLES



**Love the Country Life? Want Land and Space?**  
2/2 Jim Walter design. Wood frame home on pilings. 2 large outbuildings on 5 acres. Just needs TLC.  
**\$249,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA018063.

## CAPE CORAL



**Gulf Access 3/2/2 with Pool - 10 Minutes to River**  
Gorgeous 3/2/2 with pool. 10,000 lb boat lift. 10 minutes to river. Lots of upgrades.  
**\$249,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS012082.

## FORT MYERS



**Sprawling Ranch Built in 2006**  
Must see this beautifully landscaped ranch home with 2 car garage with an extended driveway (room for 4 or more cars).  
**\$249,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM065881.

## FORT MYERS



**Absolutely Charming**  
This home is longing for a new family. Nestled in the quiet and well kept neighborhood of Pinelake, this 4 bed/2 bath.  
**\$244,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM023291.

## CAPE CORAL



**Gulf Access Pelican Area... Assessments Paid!**  
Watch the sunset over the water! Western exposure! 3/2 with over 1600 sq ft of living area. Formal living.  
**\$225,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC012805.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Updated 3/2 w Quick Harbor Access**  
Beautifully landscaped 3/2/1 on an over-sized lot in a cul-de-sac w/boat dock & lift.  
**\$219,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH211438.

## FORT MYERS



**Three Oaks Area**  
Great location in Country Oaks with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths.  
**\$209,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM023201.

## FORT MYERS



**South Fort Myers Beauty**  
3 bedroom 2 bath with 2 car garage. Updated with diagonal tile throughout. Stainless steel appliances.  
**\$208,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM022717.

## LABELLE



**Beautiful 3/3/2 + Den w/Adjoining Lot in Labelle**  
This large home features Spanish style offers 3/3/2 w/private bath, enclosed terrace, den/study large open kitchen.  
**\$199,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE031651.

## ST. JAMES CITY



**Lake Breeze Living!**  
Double lakefront lot with dock, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, screened lanai overlooking the lake, very private.  
**\$197,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI007673.

## FORT MYERS



**3 Bed Sabal Springs Golf - View of Preserve**  
Large lot overlooks preserve from screened lanai, split bedrooms, new kitchen, fresh paint, cathedral ceilings.  
**\$189,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM007934.

## BOKEELIA



**Bokeelia 2/2 Ranch Style Home**  
Almost 1/2 acre, impact resistant windows, extra insulation, 2 car attached garage and separate detached 35x25 garage.  
**\$188,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI013285.

## NORTH PORT



**OPEN SUN  
1-4PM**

**Pristine North Port Estates Close to I-75**  
3/2/2 with beautiful landscaping, great room, cathedral ceilings, hurricane shutters. Scenic & peaceful!  
**\$184,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS017957.

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## CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous Home with New Pool!**  
Beautiful, fenced in home on corner lot surrounded by gorgeous waterfront homes. Clean and bright. Assessments paid. **\$184,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC015970.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**3 Bed Sailboat Water Home No Bridges or Locks**  
3/2/1 home on city water/sewer with quick access to Charlotte Harbor. Private canal view. **\$182,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH210785.

## NORTH FORT MYERS



**Magnificent Water View of Yacht Basin & River**  
Enjoy a view from your 2nd floor lanai overlooking the yacht basin 1 minute direct to the river! **\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC027952.

## FORT MYERS



**Kelly Greens Lakeview Corner Condo**  
Second floor oversized end condo in the end building with great view of lakes and golf course in Kelly Greens Golf. **\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM031863.

## CAPE CORAL



**OPEN SUN 1-4PM**

**Must See 2004 Newer Home**  
3 bedroom 2 bath tile & wood flooring beautiful landscape don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity. **\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC017798.

## 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. **\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS057015.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Awesome 3/2 in Gated Community**  
Beautifully maintained & updated 3 bed/2 bath in gated community w/low HOA fees. 1 year home warranty from Home Tech. **\$174,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE031501.

## FORT MYERS



**Duplex in South Ft. Myers**  
Duplex - built in 2008 in great condition. **\$169,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM008840.

## VENICE



**Minutes to Venice Beach & Golf Course**  
3 bedroom/2 bath/1 car garage, split plan home w/large living room & dining room. Spacious lanai. **\$169,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH209790.

## CAPE CORAL



**Cozy 3/2 in Quiet Neighborhood**  
Beautiful 3/2 in quiet neighborhood w/library across street. Warm colors, custom molding, many upgrades! A must see! **\$159,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC031868.

## CAPE CORAL



**Dreaming of Owning your Own Home?**  
Nice 3/2.5 bath features all tile, granite in kitchen & baths, formal living & dining & more! Come make it all yours! **\$155,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC031791.

## NORTH FORT MYERS



**Adorable Home in the Country**  
This 2 bed/2 bath pool home is perfect place for peaceful country living, on 1 acre w/barn w/horse stalls. Space for RV. **\$152,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE021676.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Beautiful 3B 2B Plus Den**  
This 3 bed/2bath plus den features open floor plan tile throughout-main areas w/carpeting in the bedrooms. Has garden tub. **\$150,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE005887.

## CAPE CORAL



**3/2/2 SW Cape Pool Home**  
Great SW Cape Location! What a charming 3/2/2 car garage pool home. Perfect for entertaining, with a large 3 lot site. **\$144,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC015044.

## NAPLES



**2/2 Condo**  
Recently updated 2/2 condo. Hurricane glass throughout. 2 resort style pools, tennis courts, water views. **\$139,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM062308.

## CAPE CORAL



**Furnished 1st Floor Unit in Van Loon Commons**  
Furnished, large and spacious 1st floor unit in Van Loon Commons. Large living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen. **\$139,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC011111.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**3/2 w/Den on 1/3 Acre Lot**  
Meticulously maintained 3/2/2 w/den on oversized 1/3 acre lot. Open floor plan, volume ceilings. Home is move in ready. **\$137,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE003100.

## ESTERO



**Breckenridge Golf & Country Club**  
Breckenridge Golf & Country Club 2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom second floor unit turnkey. **\$129,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA068607.

## MOORE HAVEN



**Moore Haven Home on 1/2 Acre**  
Well maintained home in Moore Haven w/many extras. Ready to move in. Motorhome carport, green house for playing? **\$129,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE025946.

## FORT MYERS



**Triplex Fully Rented**  
Triplex fully rented. Concrete block with stucco siding and tiled roof. Separate meters for each unit. **\$119,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS057962.

## CAPE CORAL



**Great Starter Home on an Oversized Lot**  
3/2 centrally located in Cape Coral. Across the street from soccer field w/children's play area. New roof in '07. **\$115,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS031254.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Location Location - Single Family in Lehigh**  
This single family home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 car garages. Built in 2004. The home is very spacious. **\$109,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM041978.

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### LABELLE



**5 Acres of Beautiful Land w/Great 3/2 Home**  
Beautiful property w/some Cypress in front corner but rest in pastureland for your farming use. Close to town for shopping.  
**\$107,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE010574.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Perfect Starter Home or Investment!**  
Bright, well kept home in a quiet neighborhood with large secluded back yard. Move in ready. Call today for a showing!  
**\$99,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC009357.

### FORT MYERS



**Oversized Corner Lot**  
Across the street from the river. Cottage on oversized corner lot across the street from Caloosahatche, great potential.  
**\$99,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS055604.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Well Established Neighborhood!!**  
Well maintained 2 bedroom 1 bath 2 car garage home. Tile throughout the home. Nicely landscaped, close to everything!  
**\$69,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH211457.

### FORT MYERS



**Winkler Ave Area Condo**  
Freshly painted 2 bedroom 2 bath condo in a convenient area close to the corner of Winkler and Metro.  
**\$69,700**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM003985.

### NORTH FORT MYERS



**2,2 Manufactured Home**  
Furnished. Well maintained 2/2 in Serene Lake Arrowhead where you own the land. Open concept w/large living room.  
**\$69,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC025378.

### NORTH FORT MYERS



**North Fort Myers Duplex-Great Investment**  
Conveniently located for easy access to 41 and I-75. This is the lowest priced duplex in North Fort Myers.  
**\$55,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC018594.

### LABELLE



**Port LaBelle 2/2**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath w/large Florida room on oversized corner lot in Port LaBelle. Home needs rehab/updates.  
**\$45,000**  
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### NORTH FORT MYERS



**Keywest Style Riverfront Estate**  
Custom built home. Boasts crown molding, wood trim, wainscoting plantation shutters and more. 2nd floor master.  
**\$1,699,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC058253.

### FORT MYERS



**20th Floor Penthouse/Gulf & Bay Views in Masticque**  
Your private coded elevator leads to this 4400 sq./ft. unit with panoramic golf views. Great room plan has 12' ceilings.  
**\$1,600,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC013743.

### CAPE CORAL



**Riverfront**  
Boat lift and dock - heated pool - spa - 2 story - 3 bedroom - 3 bath - 2 car garage.  
**\$1,185,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM068880.

### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Access Home on Preserve**  
Enjoy paradise in this amazing home! It has 155 feet on the water and includes the building site next door.  
**\$990,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC006815.

### CAPTIVA



**Captiva Island!!**  
This beautiful island home on exclusive North Captiva Island features some of the worlds best beaches, boating & fishing.  
**\$885,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI029158.

### CAPE CORAL



**Big House, Bigger View!**  
If your looking for a spacious home with wide intersecting canal views you owe it to yourself to see this luxury home!  
**\$749,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC030292.

### CAPE CORAL



**Drop Dead Gorgeous**  
5 bedroom/4 bath/3 car garage/riverfront/infinity pool-spa/boat dock home w/3760 sq. ft.  
**\$745,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM070884.

### FORT MYERS



**McGregor Reserve Custom Home**  
5 bedroom custom home with 4 full baths, 2 half baths, chefs kitchen, lake front views, pool, wood burning fireplace.  
**\$719,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI028165.

### ST. JAMES CITY



**Island Estate**  
Island Estate, horse ranch, botanical garden....it's large enough to do all of this and more. 22 beautiful fenced acres.  
**\$699,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI046750.

### CAPE CORAL



**Key West Style Home**  
With 3 docks/lifts. Located on an intersecting canal. Direct sailboat access and minutes to the river.  
**\$649,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM056158.

### CAPE CORAL



**No Bridge - Sailboat Access - 5000+ Sq FT**  
Custom built 3 story home \*\* 5 Bed/4 Bath \* Oversized 3 car garage with one bay being able to accommodate RV.  
**\$649,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM065329.

### FORT MYERS



**3/3 Fort Myers Beach Pool Home w/2 Boat Lifts**  
Completed updated! 2 boat slips w/10,000lbs lifts. 3 level home, new kitchen, gulf access, roll away shutters & more!  
**\$619,900**  
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