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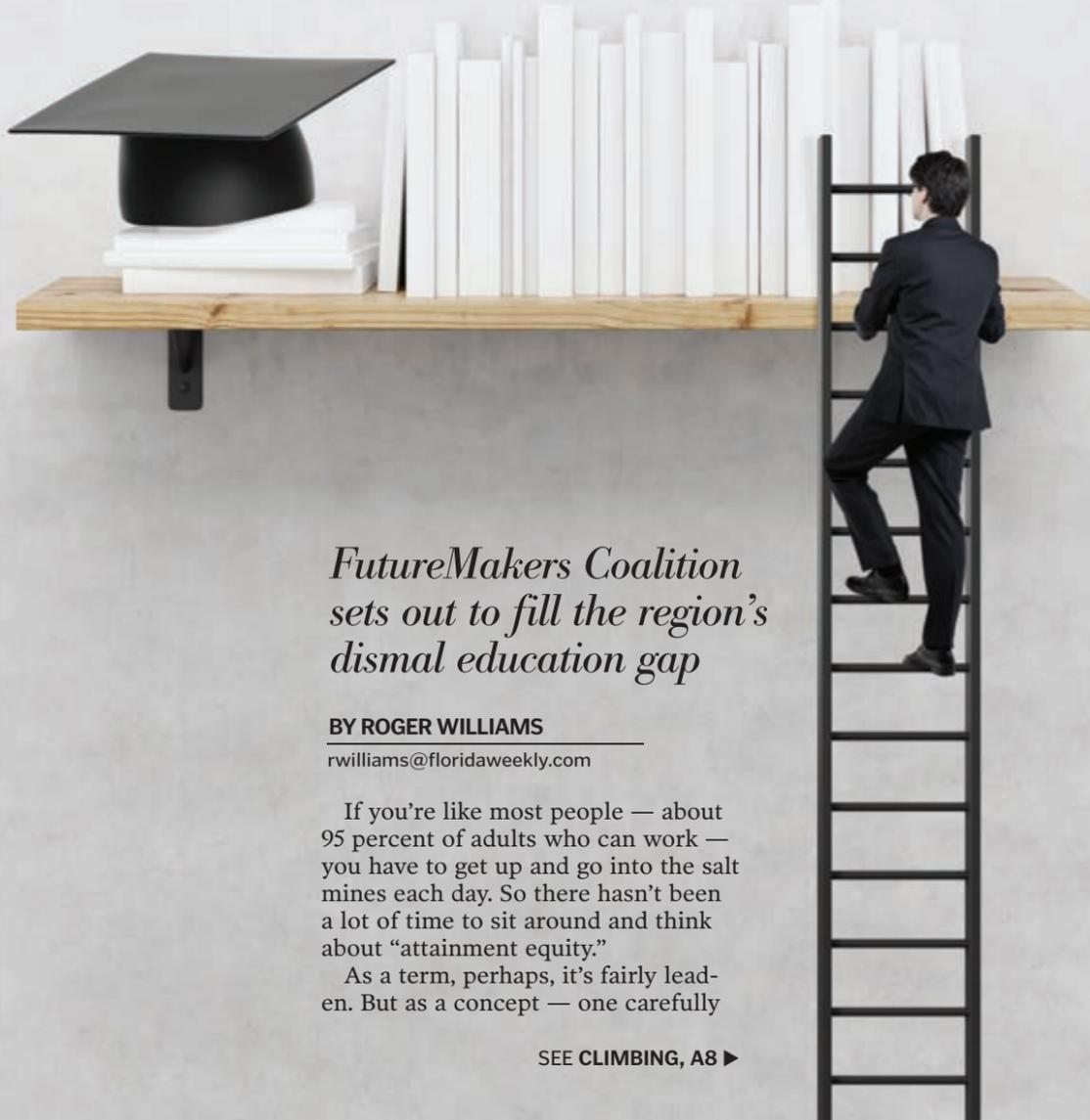
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FutureMakers Coalition sets out to fill the region's dismal education gap

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If you're like most people — about 95 percent of adults who can work — you have to get up and go into the salt mines each day. So there hasn't been a lot of time to sit around and think about "attainment equity."

As a term, perhaps, it's fairly lead-en. But as a concept — one carefully

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JFCS answers a need among local seniors

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Considering that Florida has long been considered the country's gold standard destination for retirement living, it's surprising that Naples' senior community did not have a place it could use for socialization and resources until about a year and a half ago. Instead, services were

cobbled together through several agencies. The elderly often went without the company of their peers, often prevented by lack of mobility, money and health.

The situation started to change for many seniors in Collier County in January 2014, when Jewish Family & Community Services opened its senior

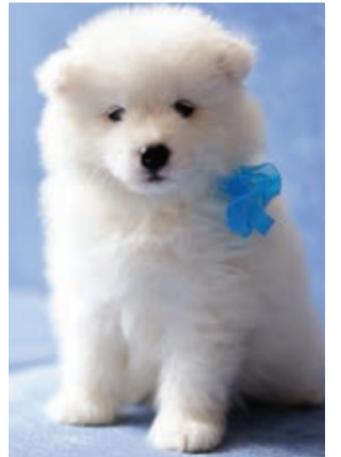


center. Non-sectarian and welcoming all comers, the center uses its parent organization's social services and its large community center to fill gaps in the area's senior care.

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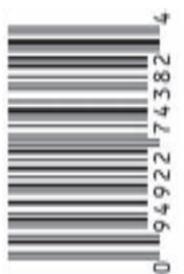


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Welcome to Florida



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On behalf of all 19.2 million Floridians who haven't yet had time — on behalf of the state's Greater Chambers of Commerce, its Better Business Bureaus, its various parties (Republican Party, Democratic Party, Tea Party, Tupperware Party, Beer Party, Birthday Party, Beach Blanket Bingo Party, Frat Party, Pool Party and Spa Party to name only a few) — I want to extend a warm invitation of welcome to every special interest group, every misogynistic school board member or local government official, every corporate-owned politician, every private corporation in need of tax breaks, and each and every deregulation lobbyist for any cause.

Come on in (bring your money, of course), the Florida water's just fine for you these days— even if it is choked with algal blooms, bubbling with oil clots, festering with bacterial invaders that could kill an elephant herd at 800 yards, and crowded with bathers who refuse to remove their Glocks from their hips when they go in the water because “open carry” is just so much fun.

But let me offer a special welcome to those lobbyists who champion deregulation for industry, health care and the manufacturers of combat-grade weapons that every non-felonious adult can pur-

chase as a matter of state law.

Oh, and welcome, too, to all those Americans from places like Utah and Texas and such who don't cotton to no stinckin'-pickin,' smarty-pants-in,' federal gov'mint oversight and control (at least until it floods in Texas, when the clamor for help is louder than a Greek chorus).

I can't remember a time when conditions have been riper for a hands-off regression in Florida, straight from 21st-century progress to 19th-century manifest destiny. In these conditions, money talks louder than votes and power is right and every man can not only get what he deserves, but take what others deserve too, if regulations don't stop him.

Not only that, but he can tell women what to do and wear, too. It's almost as much fun here as a vacation in Riyadh. As of last week when Gov. Rick Scott signed the new law, women have to notify authorities and then wait before they can get an abortion, if that's what they choose to do. I'm sorry, Little Lady. Not unless you check in with the Big Guy, first, then come back tomorrow, hear?

You gotta love Florida — I do. And while you're lovin' it, just glance around and ask yourself: Who's riding high here in the Sunshine State?

Not voters. Not the underemployed or the underpaid or the under-the-weather-with-no-health-insurance. Not the environment. Not taxpayers in some places (Lee County, for example), who will now have to shoulder the costs of future development since their elected leaders have amputated sizeable portions of the

impact fees developers used to pay to help cover their portion of growth. Not brainy young women who win appointments to the National Honor Society, take their jackets off at the ceremony to reveal a dress with straps and get stripped of their honor because people can see their arms and the tops of their shoulders.

That privilege, by the way, comes with this one: Afterwards, the young woman might get reinstated — finally. But she'll also get berated publicly by a jowly white man in a suit who first tries to befriend her on Facebook (school board member Steve Teuber).

In Tallahassee, meanwhile, we have a legislature that doesn't have to worry about voters, even after voters chose by a wide margin to set aside \$700 million to buy and preserve land, by approving a thing called Amendment 1. So what? The House and Senate agreed to spend only \$55 million strictly on that purpose, next year.

And the House itself? There, representatives just turned down billions of dollars in federal aid for those who are uninsured under a Medicaid program — including money that Florida taxpayers already paid into the system — because they don't like the president, and probably think he came from Kenya. That happened even though their fellow Republicans in the Senate encouraged them not to be so bull-headed. They probably think the world was created 6,000 years ago, too, so it all makes sense. And why are the ice caps melting? Oh, you know, just because the ice caps feel like it.

It's worth pointing out that our legislature is still in a special session this week, the third and final week in which taxpayers continue to keep them in high style in the capital after they failed to come up with a budget during the regular session that ended six weeks ago.

And why? Because when they rejected Medicaid expansion, they had to rely on some other federal money, known as the Low Income Pool, which reimburses hospitals that treat those without insurance or a doctor. But that wasn't enough, so last week our legislators agreed to boost it with \$400 million more from taxpayers. Who (let's remember) have already paid for this, once.

Did I remember to invite hunters? No, I don't think I did. But you'll like it here, so come on down and get yourself a bear. We took them off the list of creatures about to go extinct in 2012, and this month the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is expected to approve an October bear hunt, because their numbers had grown so large — 2,500 to 3,000 are running around now, the FWC estimates. There were once probably about 12,000.

Besides, they aren't like grizzlies, or even the big blacks of the West — they're a lot less aggressive toward people, which means they probably won't kill you, even if you make a mistake.

That's sort of like Florida voters. You can lobby or legislate against their interests all day, and they still might not vote you out of office.

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OPINION

The end of the Clinton coalition



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Special to Florida Weekly

Every time Hillary Clinton makes a left-wing policy pronouncement, it is, in effect, another eulogy marking the death of the coalition and style of politics that twice made her husband president.

Bill Clinton got elected by peeling off working-class whites and suburbanites from the Republican Party, while holding traditional Democratic voters. He made significant geographic inroads, winning a handful of Southern states both in 1992 and in his 1996 re-election, when he narrowly won the popular vote in the region as a whole.

This is all very interesting, but the Clinton coalition is rusty and up on blocks in some overgrown backyard like the El Camino pickup he once boasted about. And Hillary knows it.

Who is pushing Hillary to the left? Hillary is. It's sheer electoral necessity.

As Sean Trende of the website RealClearPolitics puts it, President Barack Obama has narrowed but deepened the Clinton coalition.

He blew the doors off it among base Democratic voters. As Philip Klein of the Washington Examiner points out, Democrats had won the 18- to 24-year-old vote by 11.5 points on average and the 25- to 29-year-olds by about 7 points on average from 1992 to 2004. Obama won those groups by more than 30 points in 2008 and 20 points in 2012.

He outdid himself among minorities, liberals and upper-class suburbanites. Obama, Klein notes, amped up not just his margin among African-American voters, but their turnout. Elsewhere in the former Clinton coalition, though, his support collapsed, with older and blue-collar whites continuing to flee the Democrats.

Even if Hillary wanted to try to recapture those kinds of voters, it's not clear that she could, and the effort would risk alienating the Obama supporters she needs.

So the question for Hillary is whether a 67-year-old candidate who's not a racial minority or particularly exciting can re-energize the electoral coalition defined by a youthful African-American who rose to prominence on rhetorical flights of fancy about hope and change.

She's certainly not going to do it by recapitulating the politics of Bill. He hewed to the political center. He

played defense on cultural issues. He balanced the budget (at the insistence of a Republican Congress). He touted, at least after his first two years, small-scale government programs of symbolic significance. He was tough on crime and relatively hawkish.

Everything indicates she's going to do and be the opposite. Hillary will make herself a paladin of the left, and hope to energize and frighten the constituent parts of the Democratic base enough to walk the treacherously narrow electoral path of President Obama.

This is the price of victory Obama-style. Despite his rhetoric of unity, Obama depends on a politics that writes off much of the country and depends on turning out voters already inclined to support him. It is less a politics of persuasion than of mobilization.

For Hillary, this means the centrism and practicality of her husband have to be jettisoned, so what remains from the Clintonism of yore is mostly the shady dealings and shameless insincerity. But she really has no choice. It's go left or go home. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

High stakes for black bears and our Southwest Florida community

BY AMBER CROOKS

Conservancy of Southwest Florida

On behalf of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and our more than 6,500 supporting families, we hope the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will abandon its black bear hunting proposal. Given the overwhelming public concern, lack of support for the FWC proposal, missing scientific information, and potential for long-lasting effects to the bear population, we believe the most appropriate decision is to focus resources on remedies that can truly reduce human-bear conflicts.

At its last meeting, the FWC acknowledged that scientific studies have not shown that hunting reduces conflicts. Rather, trash management is the most effective way of curbing human-bear interaction. Given this data, the FWC can be a leader in preventing conflicts by recommending the denial of developments in environmentally-sensitive lands, requiring "Bear Wise" practices for new development permits, and creating a statewide ordinance to help local communities manage trash and other attractants. The Conservancy



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remains committed to assisting in these efforts.

At its June 24 meeting, the FWC may decide to allow up to 20 percent of the bear population to be hunted without an updated population estimate. Scientific studies and are being conducted right now, to be complete by fall 2016, are expected to provide essential information to ensure that the proposed hunt won't imperil the bear in any of its subpopulations. Until we have this data, allowing a hunt is not appropriate.

In the last few months, the FWC has sought to completely overhaul its management of black bears — and not for the better. Only three years ago, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida was testifying before the FWC, asking for bears to be retained on the protected species list. Our concerns that the bear population may not be secure enough to warrant removal of imperiled species protections were shared by several notable scientists. Some bear populations are doing well; other isolated bear populations are in dire straits. Indeed, since the bear has been delisted from the protected list, the bear population in the Glades County area has been reduced from a bare minimum sustainable number of 200, to only about 75 bears. As it stands, this population is at extreme risk for local extinction.

Simultaneously, FWC recently implemented a new and aggressive approach of euthanizing "conflict bears" (aka the "One-Strike Rule"). As

a result, already in 2015, 50 bears have been euthanized. If bear hunting is approved, it will be conducted without a full understanding of how the one-strike rule is impacting bear population.

Additionally, bear populations in Lee and Collier counties are facing habitat reduction from rampant development and increasing threats from negative human-bear conflicts including the continued record-high number of bears killed on our roadways.

Given this information, the Conservancy has asked to collaborate with the FWC to focus its efforts to address two major threats to bears:

1. The continued loss and fragmentation of habitat.

2. The related conflicts that come from unmanaged trash and other food attractants (such as accessible pet food, bird feeders, etc.).

Southwest Florida has a lot to lose with the FWC's pending decision on bear management, as we have one of the state's most imperiled subpopulations, and also just to the south of that, the area where a majority of the bears may be taken in the hunt. Rushing toward a hunt is leading the FWC astray from the real task at hand. With the FWC at the helm, working as the conservation agency it is entrusted to be by the public, we can and should focus on meaningful measures toward habitat protection, citizen education, and conflict management, not bear hunting. ■



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My inbox can be a frightening place sometimes, and when I get around to clearing and organizing it, I often find some gem of an item that totally flew past me. In my mind, those emails anthropomorphize into cold limp fish, accusing me of neglect with their dilated, jellified eyes.

I told you my email is scary. I found a few of those stinkers last week, but one from Collier County Public Schools was still flopping around on deck and gasping for breath, begging me to do something useful with it. On Friday, June 5, the school district partnered with AT&T to scare the pants off teenaged drivers with some harrowing statistics about distracted driving and smart phones. I don't know if it worked — God knows I was pretty thick-skulled when I started driving — but their statistics combined with the frustration I felt driving during season scared me straight about modeling good driving habits to my kids.

I feel like I'm pretty vigilant about keeping my phone out of reach while I'm behind the wheel. My kids are in the back seat most of the time and their safety aside, keeping my phone in my purse spares me the aggravation of listening to a little girl whine about needing Minecraft because she's bored. Bored during the seven-minute car ride to Grandma's house, bored during the three-minute ride to the grocery store, bored on

the way to school. She is so perpetually bored in the car that I'm worried she might link boredom on the road with smartphone relief in the future, because she does wear me down sometimes.

So, parents, if you need some sobering stats on what your teenagers think is appropriate use of their commute, take a look at the numbers AT&T provided us:

- Seventy-five percent of polled teenagers said texting and driving is common among their friends.

- Nearly 40 percent of smartphone owners use their social media accounts while driving; 30 percent use the Internet, and 10 percent *video chat*.

- Thirty percent of people who admit to using Twitter while driving say they "do it all the time." Think about the age of Twitter's main demographic for a minute — it's not the snowbirds.

- Of drivers who shoot videos while driving, 27 percent think they can do it safely. Seasoned drivers know that driving is deadly dull and no one wants to watch us do it.

According to the Florida Department of Highway Safety, accidents involving distracted driving have increased by 25 percent since 2012, and even though teens represent only 5 percent of the driving population, they were responsible for 12 percent of those accidents.

There is still an 88 percent differential that grown adults have to account for.

It seems to me that the challenge of discouraging this kind of behavior behind the wheel is to stigmatize it in the same man-

as getting loose on a Saturday night and driving yourself home.

Somehow, with the advent of cell phones and instant communication, our sense of timing and scheduling has been pushed to the edge. For instance, people are now encouraged to notify people when they are going to be a few minutes late by sending a text or making a quick call — usually in the car. In fact, it's almost rude not to anymore. Ten years ago, a person was simply 15 minutes late and apologized on arrival — we don't want to give each other that leeway anymore because everyone is flying by the seat of their pants, depending on up-to-the-second notification and confirmation to make plans. We are responsible to everyone and no one for our time and have created some really dangerous habits as a result.

It should be no surprise that our children adopt similar behaviors when driving and add to it — they aren't making too much of a logical leap to think tweeting isn't so bad if their parents are texting. So we should stop.

Besides, leaving our phones untouched allows us to be so much more self-righteous about the driving habits of snowbirds, which is totally worth it. ■

— *Despite clutching her pearls at the habits of teenagers, Lindsey Nesmith is not above texting dissertations at stoplights.*



ner that drunk driving is. In many states, a person can be charged with vehicular manslaughter if they manage to kill another motorist while fooling with their phones. However, making the social link between managing communication (i.e., your life) and killing yourself and/or others is not easy. To most adults humans, keeping your life together while driving is not the same thing



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AAA: Teen crash fatalities climb during '100 Deadliest Days'

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Nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a car crash involving a teen driver are people other than the teen behind the wheel, according to a new report released by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. In 2013 alone, 371,645 people were injured and 2,927 were killed in crashes that involved a teen driver.

The report was released at the start of the "100 Deadliest Days," the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when teen crash fatalities historically climb.

"Teen crash rates are higher than any

other age group, and this data confirms that the impact of their crashes extends well beyond the teen who is behind the wheel," says Peter Kissinger, president and CEO of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. "Since teens drive more during the summer than any other season, this insight is a timely reminder to everyone — drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists — to be mindful when sharing the roads with young drivers."

The study analyzed data from 1994-2014 of police-reported crashes of drivers ages 15-19 and found that:

■ While the overall number of teen crashes is down, the majority of people killed (66 percent) and injured (67 per-

cent) in crashes involving a teen driver are people other than the teen themselves.

■ Nearly 50 percent of those injured were in another vehicle, 17 percent were in the teen driver's car and 2 percent were non-motorists (i.e., pedestrian, bicyclist).

■ Nearly 30 percent of those killed were in another car, 27 percent were the teen's passenger and 10 percent were non-motorists.

AAA is promoting the study findings to raise attention among parents of teen drivers and all road users during the "100 Deadliest Days" period. Based on AAA's analysis of the government's

Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in 2013 an average of 220 teen drivers and passengers died in traffic crashes during each of the summer months, a 43 percent increase compared to the rest of the year.

"Keeping teen drivers safe is the shared responsibility of parents, policy makers, other motorists and obviously the teens themselves," says AAA traffic safety consultant Matt Nasworthy.

AAA has long advocated on behalf of teen drivers and their families and has been a leader at the state level in supporting the implementation and improvement of both graduated drivers

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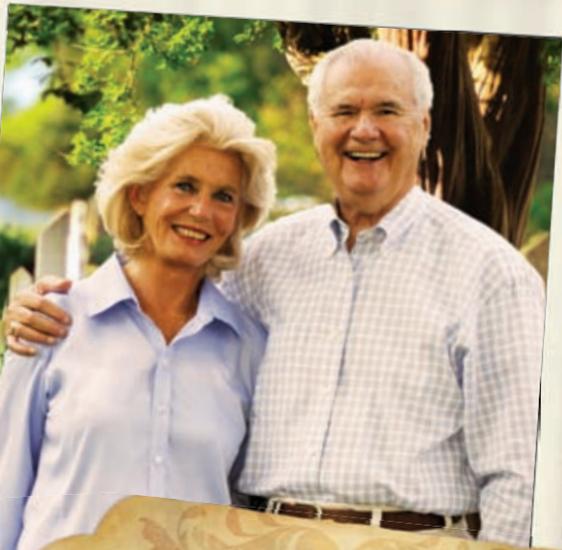
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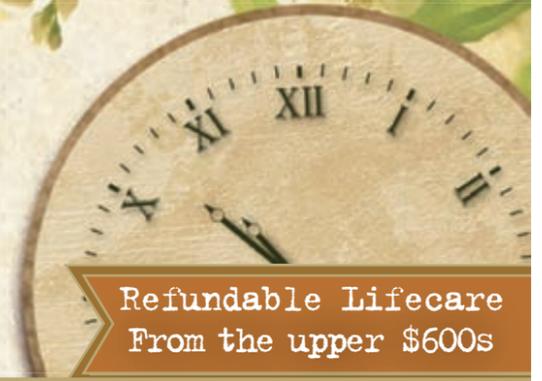
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defined by a private foundation called Lumina (from the Latin word for light) with a billion-dollar-plus endowment trying to muscle-up education in the United States — it's magic. Hard economic magic, a cooking fire of sorts.

And now that economic cooking fire has been lit beneath the soup of Southwest Florida in a program known as the FutureMakers Coalition. The title is apt. It's tailored and fit to the region by the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, which has brought together a network of experts and advocates. The foundation is working with Lumina coaches and using a new and never-before-harnessed cadre of team members from business, education and government.

When it comes to "attainment equity," they can see the light, and for two reasons: one, it's worth immense community wealth (not to mention better personal fortune, for many) over the next 20 years. And two, we don't have it.

As it stands, if Southwest Florida were the United States in microcosm, we'd rank way down in the so-called "second world" on the planet for level of education, at 27 percent: that's the percentage of adults here who hold post-secondary degrees or certificates.

The national average is 40 percent. Which itself ranks the United States at only number 13 among developed nations for level of education. And that statistic is just plain flat dangerous, says Lumina. (Canada, for example, ranges up near 60 percent, according to Lumina statistics.)

So the FutureMakers Coalition has a single definable goal: to raise the level of those with certificates or college degrees from 27 percent to 40 percent by the year 2025, in Southwest Florida. In the United States, meanwhile, the goal of the Lumina Foundation, which is based in Indianapolis, is to raise the percentage from 40 to 60 percent.

How? By working within the decades-old educational system as well as disrupting it, says Jamie Merisotis, the president and CEO of Lumina.

"We're working side by side with employers, postsecondary education leaders, and community members in 75 metro areas to encourage broader adoption of and support for Goal 2025," he explains at ssireview.org. Those communities will shape their educations to fit their needs and residents "through significant technical and planning assistance, data tools, and flexible funding."

Which sounds nice, but also requires that communities redefine success in education by "rewarding all forms of postsecondary learning," Mr. Merisotis argues.

"A core element of this approach is a strategic document called the Degree Qualifications Profile, which defines the skills and knowledge students need to earn degrees at various levels. In short, the DQP shifts the discussion on campuses from 'What are we going to teach?' to 'What should our students know and be able to do? What knowledge and skills must they be able to demonstrate to thrive?'"

If it sounds easy enough, it may not be.

"Attainment equity" simply means getting a much greater percentage of people with high school diplomas or GEDs to go on in their educations — to earn useful certificates or college diplomas. And that means finding new ways to reach adults who want to come

back to college or certified training programs, and first generation students whose parents don't hold post-secondary degrees, and low-income and minority students who can't figure out how to tap into a system that can offer money and help.

At the FutureMakers Coalition, they call those people "21st century students," the ones we need to reach to make the society stronger and wealthier.

When the statistic is broken down — that 40 percent of adult Americans have post-high school degrees or certificates, now — the demographics of 21st century students become more clear: Among Asian American adults, 59 percent have post-secondary certificates or degrees. Among whites, it's 44 percent, African Americans 27 percent, Native Americans 23 percent, and Latinos 20 percent, Lumina figures show.

But why bother with all that if you're getting up and going into the salt mines every day, and you're not an educator?

Why should such diverse organizations and some of their best thinkers across the region get behind this, volunteering their time (which, after all, is money) — outfits such as Fifth Third Bank, Wells Fargo, The Microenterprise Institute of Goodwill, Deva Industries, CareerSource of Southwest Florida, the city of Fort Myers, the Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership, Lee Memorial Health System, the PACE Center for Girls, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida SouthWestern State College, Keiser University and Hodges University, the Scientists Society of Southwest Florida, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Charlotte County, Al and Nancy Burnett Charitable Foundation, the engineering and planning firm, EnSight, the Glades Education Foundation, the Collier, Lee and Charlotte county school districts, the Guadalupe Center, the Horizon Council, PR Zebra and *Florida Weekly*, among many others?

Here's the answer and it's based on this demonstrable statistic: Those who earn degrees or useful certificates after high school will, on average, take in \$2.8 million more in their working lifetimes than those who don't, government statistics show.

And when that happens, the places



those people live, the children those people raise, the businesses and organizations that pay those people salaries and benefits, along with those people themselves can contribute significantly more to their communities and their country, and probably have a lot more fun in the meantime.

That's why the Lumina Foundation has now chosen the five-county region we call Southwest Florida to become one of the key metro or sub-metro regions in the U.S. to make fundamental changes in the way we, as a region, approach education.

Boots on the ground

It's happening in 74 other regions or major metropolitan areas in the U.S., as well, says Tessa LeSage, director of social innovation and sustainability at the Community Foundation, or as she puts it, the woman with "the neatest job title in the world."

The Lumina Foundation, administering grants of about \$50 million annually and guiding the various regions, has chosen Southwest Florida because of the increasing population here — 1.2 million and climbing — and because the region's struggles to raise the level of education, and to avoid "brain drain," as they call it when young people move away, taking their skills elsewhere.

Ms. LeSage herself is a model for the future, perhaps, like many of those who are joining the FutureMakers Coalitions and its special teams: the Aspiration and Preparation team (35 team members to date); Access and Entry (13); Persistence and Progress (11); Completion (32); Data (six) and Media (seven team members).

Ms. LeSage grew up here before getting a higher education in Boston and then returning — with her brainpower, education and talent — to her birthplace, making her the model of deportment of the FutureMakers Coalition.

She is now raising her own children in the region, and she describes what the FutureMakers Coalition will make

happen, this way: "This is a cradle to career system, which includes education and workforce development and economic development and jobs — each of the functions in our (community)."

"My job is to get people on these teams. I say, 'We're not here to create a new job for you. We want you to come be a part of this team and have it enhance, and make your work easier and more effective. Most people are thrilled, and they want to get on board.'"

Voices

Here are the voices of just a few of those who are stepping in — who have gathered for their first strategy meetings, who are now able to work with such coalitions in other cities or regions, and who consult with coaches at Lumina.



TEAM COMPLETION

■ **Peg Elmore**, director of business, Career Source Southwest Florida

"We are in our early stages. It's an ambitious goal but I do think it's achievable. We support this as part of what we do. We work within the five counties now, and we know there are thousands who cross county lines every day for work.

At the last meeting we broke up into different groups, asking who was rep- ing somebody, who was doing training or working in the high schools — then we did asset mapping (using data to understand who and what is available). I walked away thinking, 'Wow we have a lot of resources... the breadth of them... everything from needing space, to funding, to contacts and collaborative efforts — it's across the board.'"

"More people are moving into Florida instead of out of it. And we need trained and educated people.



LESAGE



ELMORE

“Even within the hospitality industry the value of credentials can be crucial — and sometimes people don’t know what they don’t know. But they can enter into a tiny program and learn; there’s so much more to the software than they realize. So the act of getting the credential is a learning and growing experience itself. We must all be life-long learners.

“Even though unemployment is now at a low of roughly 5 percent, I work with businesses who are seeking qualified talent on a daily basis. And there are gaps in occupations. Computer skills, the building trades — there’s an instructor at the Fort Myers Institute of Technology who’s having trouble keeping the automotive service technicians in the class long enough to graduate because they can get such good jobs even before they finish.

“And insurance programs that affect the health-care industry. We have a number of medical personnel who have learned on the job, but with tighter insurance regulations, its critical they get certified.”



TEAM PERSISTENCE AND PROGRESS

■ **Gina Frazier, president of Deva Industries.**

“If we are to have an impact, we must take a total systems approach, involving not just the schools but local businesses, nonprofits, government entities, private citizens, and the students themselves.



FRAZIER

“We need ways to excite kids about learning, so they want to go on for degrees or certifications. Especially those kids facing circumstances that place them at risk. There are many great programs locally that do this, such as those through the JROTC, I Will Mentorship Foundation, Kappa Alpha PSI Educational Foundation, Uncommon Friends Foundation, Lee County Electric Coop, to name just a few. What I do at Deva for Good (Ms. Frazier’s pro-bono arm) is help make the connections and facilitate collaboration among those who can make a difference.

“I look at things from a big system approach — how do things interact together?

Most people think in a silo — you’re thinking one way, the only way education occurs. But that’s not the case.

How do you get kids excited? They have to want to do it, to know there are possibilities — and, they have to have the financial responsibility.

When I was young, I hated math in school. Later I entered dance competitions, and I realized it was all geometry. They’re doing angles and curves. And I thought, ‘Why didn’t they tell us this in school?’ And I developed a computer program that would create patterns for the dance. Everything around us is math. It made me look at the world completely differently. So if you can make it meaningful to kids, you can change how they feel about learning.

“Getting that 27 percent up to 40? That’s going to be a tough goal. It’s a campaign, a marketing campaign.

“We need to pull in students to get their opinions, and ask them, ‘Why aren’t you going off to be educated (after high school)? I don’t think I saw any students in the meeting.’”

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TEAM DATA

■ **Brent Kettler, data consultant**

Data, says Tessa LeSage, is one of the FutureMakers Coalition’s most powerful tools. “We can use Geographic Information Systems to create layered maps with data that let you understand almost anything about a community: what infrastructure is in place, what access to internet service are in place, what properties are already zoned or have entitlements, or, as in the Tampa Bay Regional Partnership, a map on top of commercial or office space that also offers information about the workforce, the kinds of degrees or certificates they have and where they are.



KETTLER

“And the other side is understanding what’s going on in terms of the cradle to career system, with data.”

Enter Brent Kettler.

“When I worked for Lee County’s Economic Development Office, my role morphed into business intelligence, technology, and the role of databases

“Because economic development has morphed into something else.

“Traditionally, businesses would come to different metro areas and vet the area for clients and everything else — quality of life, education, and workforce. They’d physically show up, doing interviews and getting background.

“But it has a different face, and there’s this younger generation of directors, in charge as senior level economic development directors, and their understanding of information, and they way mine it and use it is different.

“Now you can provide data sets that paint a picture.

“So where this spins into Lumina and Tessa and my assistance with the FutureMakers Coalition is here: I started to look at our numbers and the 27 percent of post secondary attainment, and ask a couple of questions. That 13 percent we want to make up, there’s a lack of definition about what a post secondary degree or certificate is — it has to be employable, but there’s a problem: there are all these great information tools out there, and on line, but they’re hard to measure, to track.

“I was shocked at how many (good programs) there are down here and how employable these folks are who come from them.

“So the meat and bones is: how are we going to achieve this, and how can we make this effort work. We have to figure out what our landscape looks like.

“The Census tells us that Lee County alone has just north of 15,000 employers, and 92 percent of businesses have less than 20 employees. You look at revenue of organizations and head count to learn that there are 1.12 IT employees per 20 head count. So that means that every single business relies on technology now. It’s multifaceted, and I would be very shocked if Collier and Charlotte are not similar. Information security, website security, customer data management... those don’t require four-year degrees.

“So this gets into social part of it. There’s a ton of momentum here for this, there’s no state tax, a great broadband structure, and the rent isn’t too bad either. And with ACA and the availability of health care, you can work by yourself, if you have some kind of

usable skills. So this is a great place to live. But there’s a problem, and that’s brain drain or migration of workers — it’s a hole in the boat. Business is coming in, but the workforce leaks.”



TEAM ASPIRATION AND PREPARATION

■ **Jonathan Romine, landscape architect and principal at EnSite Inc.**

I’m doing this in part because I wanted to help mentor youth and at-risk kids — pipe dream stuff — who didn’t have a fairy tale upbringing, like I did. And my wife is a public school teacher.



ROMINE

“I also didn’t believe we should be waiting until retirement before we give back. I think it is a duty and corporate responsibility to be involved — not just invested but involved. As a business owner, I was looking for something that didn’t have a huge liability attached to it, too.

“I have two kids I’m mentoring now. They’re both going to be seniors. We all had conversations about the FutureMakers program. A lot of times these kids have no money, so they can’t go to college in their minds, but they don’t realize what’s out there. There’s money available if they keep up their GPAs and finish. So the idea of helping these kids understand opportunity appeals to me.

“This is still the only country where anybody can make it if they’re willing to try. And I still think public education is the most valuable tool available to everybody, because you cannot be successful without education. I’m not saying everybody should go to college, but education is still the foundation. And as a country, the fact that we provide every single child with access is wonderful. So I’m committed. My mom, my wife, my mother-in-law, some of my cousins — they’re all teachers. At the end of the day, they make pennies but they produce productive citizens.

“We take that for granted far too often.

“I love it when people say how awful



TEAM ASPIRATION AND PREPARATION

■ **Ava Barrett, library director for Hendry County**

“FutureMakers is a great idea. Southwest Florida has this challenge, and with the number of certifications we have, this is a great opportunity for us to help change these kinds of statistics that are not very complimentary.

“I am in Clewiston, and I think the statistics might be worse here than anywhere else.

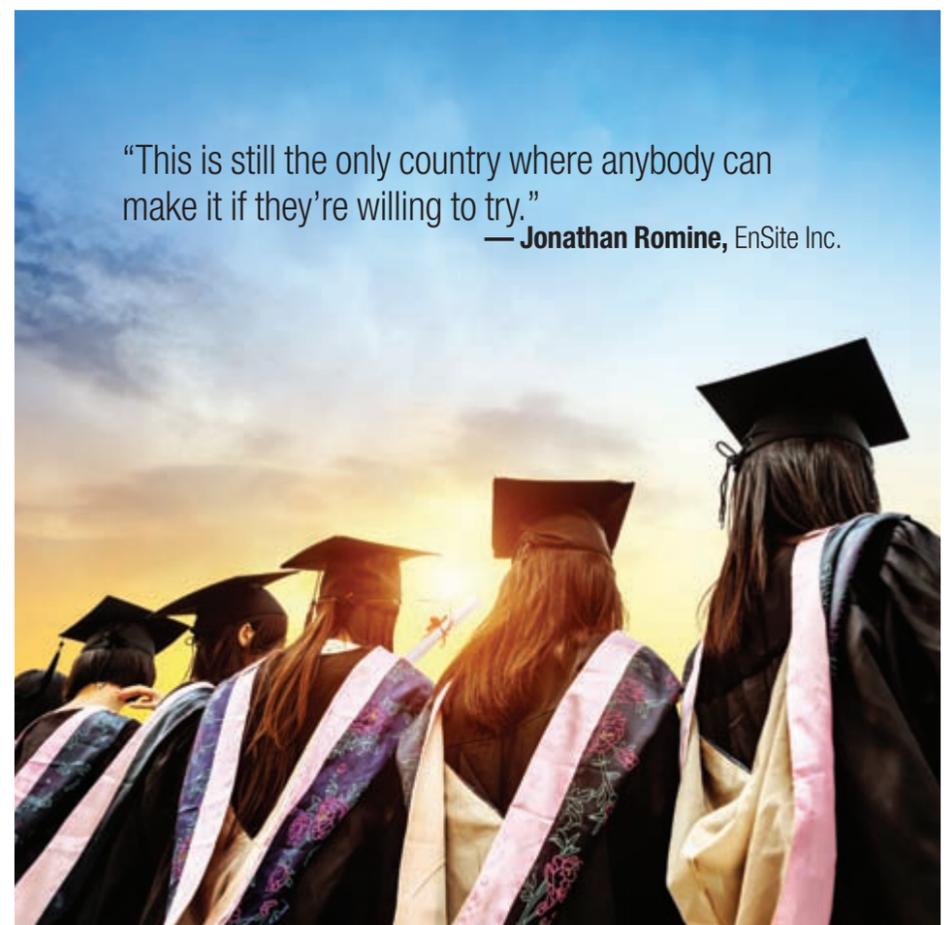
My role: To be able to work with local entities, such as CareerSource, to see how I can run programs to reach people who can get this done. I can be there to help sign people up for post-secondary degrees or certificates, and for the money that can help them pay for it.

So we’ve started to talk to young people, and help them sign up for (scholarships for low-income students). There is money available. Free money, and they can’t take advantage of it if they don’t know how.

“So my role is to push — to push the idea of getting them scholarship and aid money. That way we will have more certified people.

“Another thing I’m doing at my library — we have purchased subscriptions to some Microsoft IT academy places. Through this they are able to get Microsoft certifications — and we’ve started off with Office. Right now, we’re talking with Florida SouthWestern State College about how we can partner to help provide instruction so we can get more people who are qualified. This looks positive for the Hendry County library system and we’re hoping to entice people from Belle Glade and Moore Haven as well as LaBelle and Harlem.

“I believe it’s doable. If we put all our effort into do it, it’s possible to move those percentages. Especially if we’re working with the school system, and not only with people still in schools, but many out of school.” ■



SENIORS

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that we were located right in the bulls-eye of the target for where the greatest need was," executive director Jaclynn Faffer, Ph.D., says.

The idea started in November 2012 when the Leadership Coalition on Aging in Collier County, an offshoot of Collier Senior Services, commissioned a study from Florida Gulf Coast University's College of Social Work on demographics of the elderly in the community.

"The study clearly indicated that there was a need for a senior center," Ms. Faffer says. "It showed that many of them are alone, lonely and required socialization."

More than that, the study found that many retirees are living in poverty or with food insecurity, isolated from services because they live in gated communities. Those gates can often prevent social services from investigating who lies beyond and needs help.

The country's economic turmoil hit the senior community hard, and they won't have the opportunity to improve their finances, says Thomas Felke, an assistant professor at FGCU who led the study.

"Everybody thinks of Naples as this paradise and a grand place to retire," he said. "One of the things that really complicates this is that we have so many gated communities in an area



FAFFER



COURTESY RENDERING

where everyone likes to pride themselves on this being paradise ... People who moved into those communities to live out the rest of their days and be very comfortable found themselves in a very different situation."

Furthermore, the study showed that alienated seniors were spread throughout the county, which is why the coalition chose JCFS' centralized location to develop a senior center. By creating a hot spot for seniors at the group's home base, staff would be able to easily integrate its services, such as a food pantry and various therapists and social workers, to address the problems of seniors in need.

Sometimes, they have trouble accepting help.

"The first thing they experience is shame and embarrassment," Ms. Faffer says. "These are people who have given help, not asked for help. They are frightened because they know they're not able to go out and get a job. They become anxious and depressed. We have to often encourage them to use our

food pantry."

While seniors are enjoying educational programs, discussion groups and a weekly hot lunch at the center, its social workers are guiding many of them toward mental health counseling, emergency financial assistance, geriatric case management and more. The organization's Senior Outreach and Support Services serves clients who are homebound.

"While seniors come to the center to have a good time and to socialize, clearly they don't leave their problems at the door," Ms. Faffer says. "For some people, (the Wednesday lunch) is the only hot meal they will have that week, and for many of these people, it's the only meal they share with someone else."

The center is open Monday-Friday and offers diverse programming, from movie matinees and art classes to card games and Medicare seminars.

At 77 years old, Maureen Benes considers herself "very, very active." She discovered the center shortly after it opened and attended the weekly lunch

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for the first time two days before her husband was admitted to the Douglas T. Jacobson Veterans Home in Port Charlotte. He suffers from dementia and

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experienced a very rapid decline. The senior center, Mrs. Benes says, has transformed her life. "It was a very, very emotional time for me," she explains. "The outpouring of support was just incredible. I've made some wonderful friends there and it has changed my life."

Mrs. Benes describes her life before Mr. Benes' diagnoses as "wonderful." The two traveled extensively together, almost to the exclusion of others, she says, which made the transition to living alone intimidating.

"I'm by myself. I have no family here," she says, adding, "There are many women like myself." She enjoys lunch there every Wednesday and has also gone for movies and tai chi.

Veora Little, who cares for her

98-year-old mother-in-law, Sylvia Richter, says the center's resources have made Mrs. Richter's move from Canada much easier than it would have been otherwise. Mrs. Little and her husband made the decision to move Mrs. Richter to their home last year after she suffered a series of injuries and maladies from which she had a difficult recovery.

"Here's this person who is very much a fish out of water," Mrs. Little says. "She started going to the senior center and she has already developed relationships that have been lifesaving for her."

Mrs. Richter's involvement at the center has been a boon for family relationships as well, Mrs. Little adds. Mrs. Richter's granddaughter drives her to lunch every week, giving her a chance to visit with her 16-month-old great-

granddaughter in the backseat. That scenario wouldn't exist if she were still in Canada, and her weekly dates at the senior center enable it now that she's in Naples.

"It's really, for us, a broadening of the generations," Mrs. Little says.

Due to the popularity of the senior center, JFCS is in the middle of an expansion to the second floor of its headquarters. By doubling its square footage from 3,000 square feet to 6,000 square feet and moving its administrative offices to the new upstairs unit, the organization's programs, senior center included, will have increased space for programs and activities.

Members are charged \$15 a year, which covers all activities and services. The center offers scholarships to people

who can't afford the membership fee. The center operates solely with money from donors and what it can fundraise in the community. Corporate sponsors also assist with some costs. For example, Wal-Mart provides the food for weekly lunches. ■

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— Maureen Benes, 77
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Living small

Apartment buyers in ridiculously expensive Hong Kong are now eagerly paying up to the equivalent of \$500,000 (U.S.) for units not much bigger than a U.S. parking space (and typically physically self-measured by the applicant's wing-span). An agent told *The Wall Street Journal* in June that, for example, standard furniture does not fit the units and that

having guests over requires sitting on the window sill. (*The Journal* pointed out that a typical such "mosquito" apartment unit in Hong Kong is 180 square feet, way smaller than the 304 of a basketball court's "lane" subject to a "3-second" violation.) A government lottery for subsidized units rewards barely one of every 100 applicants.

The entrepreneurial spirit

In May, Texas health officials shut down the flea market sales of sonogram DVDs at Leticia Trujillo's stall at San Antonio's Traders Village. Though the nature of the equipment was not described in news reports, sonograms can be produced only under a doctor's prescription and by licensed personnel, but pregnant flea

market customers underwent a procedure ("just like a doctor's office," said Trujillo) that yielded a 12-minute DVD image, along with photos, for \$35 — that Trujillo subsequently defended as for "entertainment" purposes only and for those without health insurance.

Ironies

According to Nathan Hoffman's lawsuit, he was prepped for eye surgery that day in May 2014 when the clinic employee handed him a small-lettered liability-limitation form to sign. He was told that the surgery at the LASIK Vision Institute in Lake Oswego, Oreg., could not proceed

without a signature, and despite hazy vision, he reluctantly relented, but things went badly. The form limits lawsuit damages to a money-back \$2,500, but Hoffman demands at least \$7,500 (to cover the so-far two additional surgeries elsewhere to correct LVT's alleged errors).

War Is hell

Some jihadists who have traveled to Syria to join ISIS have complained recently (according to a Radio Free Europe dispatch) that they cannot secure work as "martyrs" because of discrimination by incumbent fighters. One "pro-ISIS" cleric, speaking for Chechens, said they

"are so fed up with the long waiting lists in Syria" that they head to Iraq, where the lists are shorter. Said one, Saudis controlling suicide rosters in the Syrian theater "won't let anyone in." Their "relatives go to the front of the line using (their connections)."

Sexual assaulters' defense league

■ In April, Judge Marc Kelly in Orange County, California, defied a 25-year-minimum statutory sentence for punishing the sexual abuse of a 3-year-old girl by Kevin Rojano — cutting the term to 10 years because the man did not "intend to harm" the girl (except that he became "inexplicably" "aroused" when she walked into his garage). "There was no violence or callous disregard for (her) well-being," the judge said.

■ The child-abuse sentence of a sports club official in Buenos Aires was reduced in 2014 to little more than three years, it was recently revealed, because, said the judges, the 6-year-old boy had earlier been sexually molested by his father and had already made a "precocious (sexual) choice" ("apparently a reference to homosexuality," according to a May Associated Press dispatch).

The continuing crisis

■ America (sometimes called a land of "second chances") gave stockbroker Jerry Cicolani Jr., 69 such chances, before he pleaded guilty in May to selling unregistered securities — setting up his first overt punishment despite a history of 60-some client complaints made to his then-employer, Merrill Lynch, between 1991 and 2010. The stockbrokers' self-regulating arm (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) has finally revoked his license, but issued a statement acknowledging that it needed to improve its monitoring.

■ Awkward: Corey Huddleston, 52, apparently having taken a fancy to a teen-

age girl in Dickson, Tenn., in May, knocked on her family's front door, according to police, then pushed his way in, asked for cigarettes and beer, "touched himself" inappropriately, asked about the girl, and then reluctantly departed. However, he merely went to a back window of a darkened bedroom, climbed inside, and fondled a sleeping figure in bed, whom he likely assumed was the girl — but it was the girl's father, who later confessed that he called the police only after resisting the impulse to kill Huddleston. (Police said Huddleston's rap sheet shows more than 100 charges.)

Weird science

Among caterpillars' natural defenses against being devoured by birds is their ability to contort themselves into odd shapes for disguise — perhaps most ingeniously (according to researchers writing in the current *Animal Behaviour* journal)

as bird droppings. The authors created artificial dough-based squiggles that were either straight (resembling the caterpillar) or bent (to resemble poop), and found that birds zeroed in on the straight ones about three times as often. ■

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Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida recently honored Mike Drouin of Naples and Jennifer Glawe of North Fort Myers with its annual Breakthrough Award for businesses and individuals who have assisted others or themselves in overcoming disabilities or barriers on their path to employment and independence. Mr. Drouin received the Breakthrough Graduate award, and Ms. Glawe received the Breakthrough Achiever of the Year award.

A third-generation carpenter, Mr. Drouin worked with his father in the family business. When his father passed away three years ago, however, the business began falling apart. After a struggle with addiction, Mr. Drouin entered Justin's Place, a recovery program at St. Matthew's House. He wanted to stay in the family trade, but on his own terms.

St. Matthew's House told him about the SWFL Goodwill MicroEnterprise Institute, an intensive training program for people who want to start their own business.

"He was already an excellent worker," says Elliott Rittenhouse, Goodwill's director of microenterprise. "But he



Mike Drouin owns Drouin's Helping Hands and employees three people in Naples.

didn't know how to set it up as a business."

Mr. Drouin completed the MicroEnterprise program and formed Drouin's Helping Hands, LLC. He has hired two full-time employees and another part-timer, all of who are in the St. Matthew's House recovery-for-life program. He hopes to expand the business to as many as 10 employees and is studying for the Florida state contractor's examination, which would allow him to expand into larger projects.

When Ms. Glawe was referred to Goodwill by Southwest Florida Works, the then 24-year-old had a limited employment history and was struggling



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Jennifer Glawe is the sole custodian on a shift at Lynx Services in North Fort Myers.

to find a job because of a high unemployment rate and a learning disability. Although she lives independently, she depends on public transportation, another barrier to her self-sufficiency.

After working with a Goodwill occupational skills trainer, Ms. Glawe found a good fit when Goodwill's janitorial/floor care manager Brad Ellena needed a day-shift custodian to work at Lynx Services in North Fort Myers. Ms. Glawe would be the only custodian on the shift, working with limited supervision.

"At first, I wasn't sure how she would handle working independently, but she's done an incredible job," Mr. Ellena says.

"It's a 72,000-square-foot facility, and she covers every bit of it."

It's been more than three years, and Ms. Glawe still gets rave reviews for her work.

"Everyone in the call center adores her," says Karen McDaniel, facilities supervisor at Lynx. "She's always on task and quick to respond to everything. Really, she's a joy to work with."

"I like to stay busy, and it makes me happy to have a job," Ms. Glawe says. "I can pay bills, be on my own and be more responsible."

Other Goodwill Breakthrough Award winners this year are Communication & Data Solutions, Breakthrough Business of the Year; John Talmage, Breakthrough Employer of the Year; and Amanda Lynch, Breakthrough Volunteer of the Year.

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Summer Brain Gain activities include reading and mentoring, dance and music, swimming and other sports, arts and crafts and occasional field trips. Breakfast, lunch and a snack are included.

"With the average American student losing approximately one month's



Sara Hernandez, Robert Mangham, Miguel Lopez-Santiago and Noah Smith in a Summer Brain Gain class at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County.

worth of learning during the summer, it is critical that we keep them engaged

in activities that are both fun and educational so that they will be on track

for the fall," Jodi Truel, unit director at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, says.

NCEF, founder of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, supports charitable programs that improve the physical, emotional and educational lives of underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. BGCCC annually serves 3,000 of the most at-risk children and teens in Collier County, providing a safe, positive place where they can work toward academic success, good character and citizenship and healthy lifestyles.

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Traffic deputies are on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of June 22-26:

Monday, June 22

Vanderbilt Drive and 111th Avenue North: Aggressive driving
 Green Boulevard and Hemingway Lane: Speeding
 Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Charlemagne Boulevard: Speeding

Tuesday, June 23

Naples Boulevard: Speeding
 Tarpon Bay Boulevard and Malibu Lake Place: Speeding
 Radio Road and Devonshire Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, June 24

Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 East: Red-light running
 U.S. 41 North and Pelican Bay Boulevard: Speeding
 Airport-Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running

Thursday, June 25

Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Red-light running
 Golden Gate Parkway and 41st Street SW: Speeding
 River Reach Drive: Speeding

Friday, June 26

Livingston Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Red-light running
 Collier Boulevard and Immokalee Road: Aggressive driving
 Golden Gate and Wilson boulevards: Aggressive driving ■

Classes can help for older drivers

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:

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

Tuesday, July 14: 9:15 a.m. to 3:34 p.m. at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 269-6050.

Tuesday, July 21: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 No. Collier Blvd.; Marco Island; (734) 968-3105.

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Thursday, July 23: 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Germain Toyota 13315 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 269-6050. ■

Free program for rising high-school freshman

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.

For more information, contact James Hanrahan by calling 643-4755 or emailing JHanrahan@championsforlearning.org. ■

AAA

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licensing laws and quality driver education programs. Additional data from this study point to the drop in overall crash rates for teen drivers that can be attributed to strong graduated drivers licensing legislation as well as other factors including rising gas prices and the economy.

In the last 20 years, non-fatal injury crashes and fatal crashes of teen drivers ages 15-19 decreased by 51 percent and 56 percent respectively. In comparison, crashes resulting in non-fatal injuries and fatalities, including but not limited to those involving teen drivers, fell by 25 percent and 17 percent respectively.

“While great strides have been made to improve the safety of teen drivers over the past 20 years, motor vehicle crashes still remain the leading cause of death for drivers ages 15 to 19, so advocating on behalf of teen driver safety remains a top priority for AAA,” Mr. Nasworthy says.

Tools to help parents navigate the “100 Deadliest Days” of summer driving and other resources to coach teens through the learning-to-drive process, including a parent-teen driving agreement, can be found at treediving.aaa.com.

Parents might find the online AAA StartSmart program to be particularly useful, helping them to quickly become effective in-car coaches, make informed decisions about access to a vehicle and manage their teen’s overall driving privileges. ■



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Summertime is turtle time on area beaches

BY KATHALYN GAITHER
Special to Florida Weekly

Sea turtle nesting season is underway in Florida through October. Guided by instinct, female turtles swim thousands of miles, often to nest on the very same beaches where they hatched. They make their way high on the shore, dig a hole, deposit up to 120 eggs and cover them with sand before lumbering back into the gulf waters. Incubation takes about 60 days. When the young emerge, the hatchlings make their way back into the gulf waters. The last eggs of the season are generally laid in August.

Five sea turtle species frequent Florida waters. The majority of nests in the Naples area and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve are by loggerheads (*Caretta caretta*). Listed as threatened, the species can weigh up to 400 pounds and grow to 3 feet in length. Loggerheads are the most common of the species found in Florida, with more than 90 percent of the U.S. population nesting in the state.

Since 1989, when the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission began nesting surveys, numbers of nests have ranged from just over 28,000 to the highest recorded number in 1989 of nearly 60,000.

Last year's numbers were slightly higher than 2013, with close to 37,000 nests counted.

As of the first week of June this year, 154 nests had been counted in Rookery Bay Reserve, compared to last year's count of 103. In Collier County, the number was 413 so far this year, compared to 236 last year.

Another species sometimes found in the region is the green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*). This endangered species, named for its green body fat, weighs up to 350 pounds and is a little longer than 3 feet. Nests have been recorded in most Florida coastal counties, though primarily along the lower southeast coast. Green sea turtle nesting numbers have been rising, from a count of 267 in 1990 to a high of more than 25,000 in 2013.

For the first time anyone can recall, an endangered leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) nest was recently found in the reserve. The largest of Florida's sea turtles, a leatherback can weigh as much as 1,500 pounds and grow to 6 feet in length. The leathery skin gives them their common name. A relatively small number nest along Florida's coasts, the highest count being 60, with the majority found in Palm Beach County.

The most endangered and rarest of the sea turtles is the Kemp's Ridley — only five



Sarah Norris, an intern at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, discovered this summer's first turtle nest in the reserve.



Loggerhead hatchlings will begin to emerge from their nests through August.

nests have been recorded in Florida since 1989. Also, each year a few endangered hawksbill sea turtle nests are documented, mostly along the Keys and up to the Canaveral Seashore.

With summer here and the beaches a prime destination for residents and visitors alike, it is important that precautions are taken to ensure the egg-bearing turtles can safely reach a nesting location, that the eggs are protected and that the hatchlings can make it back out to the water to begin their lives. A few simple steps will help to protect these majestic creatures:

- Keep beaches free of barriers such as beach furniture, toys and sand castles that would deter nesting turtles.

- Dispose of trash properly.
- Keep beaches dark, with lights out or shielded by 9 p.m.
- Keep off dunes. Use designated beach walkovers or boardwalks.
- Don't let dogs run loose on the beach.

Report injured or dead sea turtles or nesting disturbances by calling the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (888) 404-3922 or by dialing *FWC or #FWC on your mobile phone. ■

— Kathalyn Gaither is the internal communications manager for the office of external outreach and public education at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

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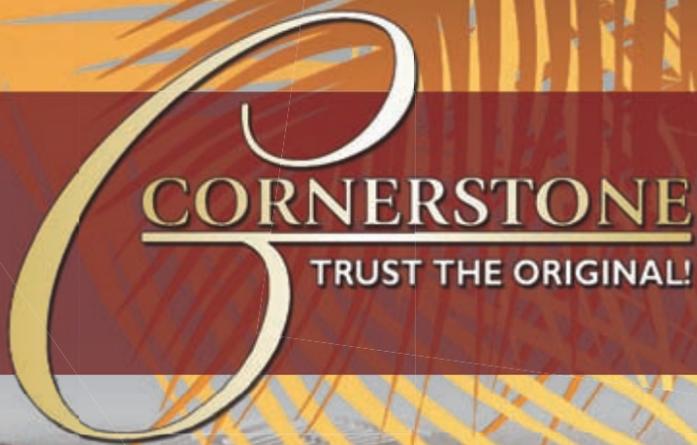
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HEALTHY LIVING

Here's something to think about when you hop on an exercise bike

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Who says you can't do two things at once and do them both well?

A new University of Florida study challenges the notion that multi-tasking causes one or both activities to suffer. In a study of older adults who completed cognitive tasks while cycling on a stationary bike, UF researchers found that participants' cycling speed improved with no cost to their cognitive performance.

Results of the study, which was supported by a grant from the National Institute on Aging, were published in the journal PLOS ONE in May.

The discovery was a surprise finding for investigators Lori Altmann, an associate professor of speech, language and hearing sciences at the College of Public Health and Health Professions, and Chris Hass, an associate professor of applied physiology and kinesiology in the College of Health and Human Performance. They originally set out to determine the degree to which dual-task performance suffers in patients with Parkinson's disease. To do this, the researchers had a group of patients with Parkinson's and a group of healthy older adults complete a series of increasingly difficult cognitive tests while cycling.

"Every dual-task study that I'm aware of shows when people are doing two things at once they get worse," Ms. Altmann says. "Everybody has experienced

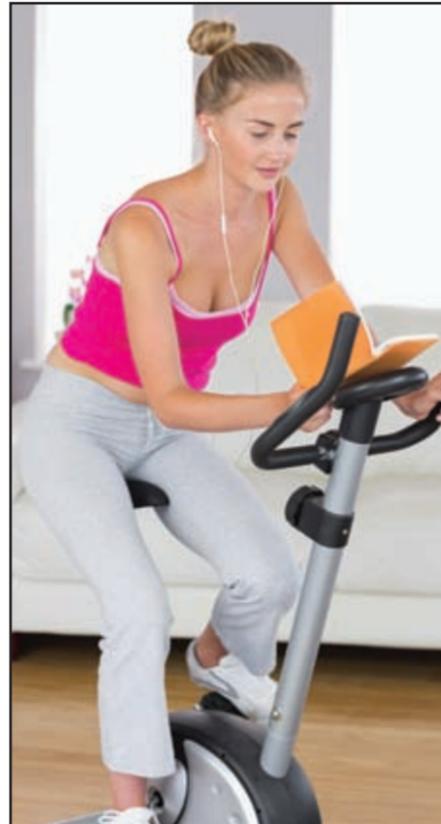
walking somewhere in a hurry when the person in front of them pulls out a phone, and that person just slows to a crawl. Frankly, that's what we were expecting."

Participants' cycling speed was about 25 percent faster while doing the easiest cognitive tasks but became slower as the cognitive tasks became more difficult. Yet, the hardest tasks only brought participants back to the speeds at which they were cycling before beginning the cognitive tasks. The findings suggest that combining easier cognitive tasks with physical activity might be a way to get people to exercise more vigorously. The researchers plan to make this a topic for future research.

"As participants were doing the easy tasks, they were really going to town on the bikes, and they didn't even realize it," Ms. Altmann says. "It was as if the cognitive tasks took their minds off the fact that they were pedaling."

During the study, 28 participants with Parkinson's disease and 20 healthy older adults completed 12 cognitive tasks while sitting in a quiet room and again while cycling. Tasks ranged in difficulty from saying the word "go" when a blue star was shown on a projection screen to repeating increasingly long lists of numbers in reverse order of presentation.

Their cycling speed was faster while performing the cognitive tasks, with the most improvement during the six



easiest cognitive tasks. Cognitive performance while cycling was similar to baseline across all tasks.

The reasons for participants' multi-tasking success most likely include multiple factors, the researchers say, but

they hypothesize that one explanation could be the cognitive arousal that happens when people anticipate completing a difficult cognitive task. Similarly, exercise increases arousal in regions of the brain that control movement. Arousal increases the release of neurotransmitters that improve speed and efficiency of the brain, particularly the frontal lobes, thus improving performance in motor and cognitive tasks.

"What arousal does is give you more attention to focus on a task," Ms. Altmann says. "When the tasks were really easy, we saw the effect of that attention as people cycled very fast. As the cognitive tasks got harder, they started impinging on the amount of attention available to perform both tasks, so participants didn't cycle quite so fast."

Study participants with Parkinson's disease cycled slower overall and didn't speed up as much as the healthy older adults. That could be because arousal that stems from cognitive and physical exercise is dependent on dopamine and other neurotransmitters, which are impaired in people with Parkinson's.

Ms. Altmann and Mr. Hass are currently studying whether multi-tasking benefits will extend to other types of exercise, including use of an elliptical trainer. They hope to eventually examine whether pairing mental tasks with exercise can lead to both cognitive and fitness improvements in older adults. ■

What a difference a time zone makes



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I recently attended back-to-back meetings — the annual conference of the American Hospital Association in Washington, D.C., followed by a gathering in Des Moines, Iowa, of the first 26 communities participating in the Blue Zones Project across the country — and was struck by the profound differences.

Of course, there were similarities in that speakers and participants were passionate about helping people and understanding that ours is a continuous, never-ending journey of healing. But there were also dramatic differences.

AHA was focused on hospitals, from

large systems like NCH to tiny safety-net hospitals. Most are clinging to a "repair shop" mindset, fixated on sustaining financial viability and adapting to the Affordable Care Act. Governmental influences, politics, technology, alternate forms of delivery and other disruptive influences were clearly of top-of-mind concerns.

Among our Blue Zones Project partners (Blue Zones are five areas around the world where more people live to be 100 by embracing nine common characteristics) in Des Moines, there was a different, more optimistic mindset focused on prevention of illness, making the easy choice the healthy choice and understanding that it's easier to change your environment than to change your mind when it comes to healthy behavior. Success stories were shared and led to animated discussions about objective metrics and sustainability.

The overriding goal in Blue Zones Proj-

ect communities is to decrease the need for health care by focusing on health. Early results are compelling. According to Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, who heads his state's Blue Zones Project initiative, cities embracing Blue Zones values have decreased health-care expenditures 9 percent per year for two years in a row. The mayor of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and leaders from Albert Lea, Minn., reported that as a result of the Blue Zones Project, their communities' residents have lost weight, increased exercise, changed eating habits, decreased tobacco use, improved spirits and developed a culture of collaboration.

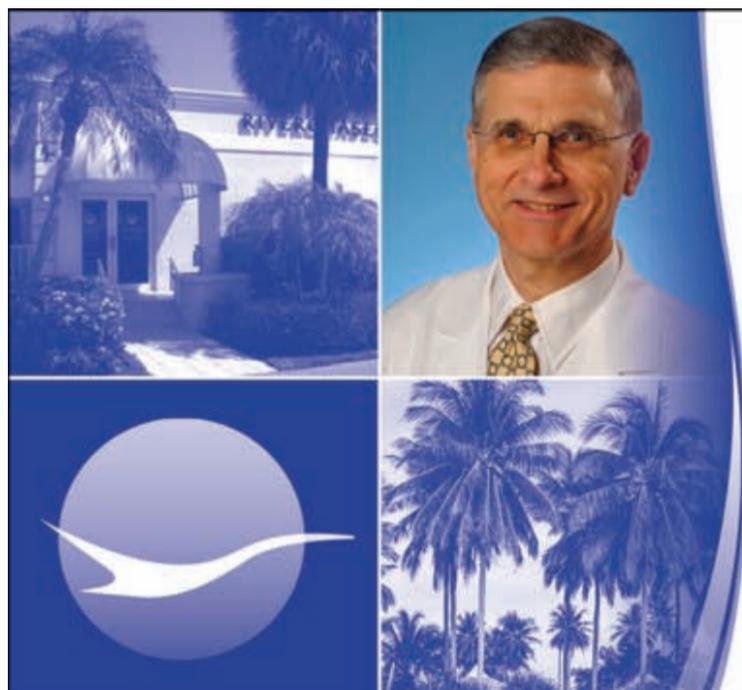
Dr. Brian Wansink, author of "Mindless Eating" and "Slim by Design," reported the alarming statistics that children in America drink 53 gallons of soda per year, that 70 percent of Americans are overweight and that 84 percent of medical costs are related to diet. He said we spend more as a nation

on potato chips than we do on cancer research — a fact I found both scary and sad.

The founder of Blue Zones, Dan Buettner, was our keynote speaker in Des Moines. In his book "The Blue Zones Solution," he stresses that our eating choices are major influencers of our well-being index. This metric is a good predictor of who will live a long, happy and healthy life.

As we shift our efforts from health care to health, the AHA and the Blue Zones Project both have programs and purposes worth embracing. With perseverance and cooperation, Southwest Florida can become the healthiest community in the nation. The journey starts with each of us as individuals. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.



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Family fun national hoops tourney headed to Gulf Coast High School

Naples hosts the only Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Florida this summer. Made possible by the Greater Naples YMCA, Rotary Club of Immokalee and the One By One Leadership Foundation, the nationwide tournament comes to Gulf Coast High School on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21.



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games each tournament. The Macker is a double-elimination tournament with a consolation bracket: the Toilet Bowl for teams losing their first two games.

Local organizers expect to draw participants and spectators from all corners of the state. Spectators will be admitted free. For more information, call Kory Swinderman at the Greater Naples YMCA, 963-3765, or visit macker.com. Proceeds from tournament registration fees will benefit children's programming in Immokalee and at the Greater Naples YMCA. ■

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. Proceeds benefit the organization's youth development fund. 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.

■ The **Rotary Club of Bonita Springs** hosts the fourth annual Star-Spangled 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.

■ 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.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** summer golf tournament tees 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. 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 Lowerdermill 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.

■ **Walk for the Way**, a 2.5-mile fun walk and 5K race to benefit The United Way, 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.

■ 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.

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■ 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. ■

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PET TALES

Turtle time

Are turtles good pets? They can be, but they require special care and handling

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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With their dark-green shells, green legs with yellow stripes and green heads with a red stripe behind the eye, red-eared sliders are popular pets for kids whose parents may not want to commit to a dog or cat, and people interested in reptiles. Problem is, not everyone who gets them realizes that they need a large aquatic environment to thrive. They can also spread salmonella, especially to children, who aren't always careful about washing their hands after handling the shelled reptiles. Here's what you need to know about getting and living with one.

■ Turtles are interesting pets and can have different personalities, but as companions, they are more like fish than dogs. Be sure you or your child have a true interest in them before acquiring one. To learn about them, talk to a veterinarian who is familiar with reptiles or to a turtle rescue organization (an Internet search will turn up many).

■ Tiny turtles are illegal. The sale of turtles with a carapace — the top of the shell — smaller than 4 inches was banned in 1975 because the turtles shed salmonella bacteria. That's a problem when you think about the likelihood of young kids becoming infected after touching the turtles and then putting their fingers — or even the turtles themselves — into their mouths. You may see



With good care, red-eared sliders can live for 50 to 70 years and can grow to be 10 to 12 inches long.

tiny turtles for sale at pet stores, flea markets, swap meets or even online, but always choose one that is legal size or larger.

■ Wait to get a turtle until your child is at least 5 years old. Young children are more susceptible to infection.

■ Turtles need an adequate water habitat. A real or artificial pond is best. You can start them out in a large indoor aquarium, but they need more space as they grow older and bigger.

“They need a place to get out of the water so they can get some sun and completely dry off if they want to, and they need deep enough water so they can swim around,” says Scott H. Weldy, DVM, an exotic animal veterinarian at Serrano Animal and Bird Hospital in

Lake Forest, Calif.

The pond or aquarium must have good filtration so waste products don't build up and make the turtle sick.

■ Females lay eggs with or without the presence of a male. They need to be able to get out of the water and go to an area with dirt or sand where they can dig a hole, lay the eggs and bury them to keep them safe from predators.

■ Unless they live indoors, turtles hibernate in winter. They burrow into the bottom of the pond and wait for spring.

■ Turtles eat a variety of foods. Water hyacinths and elodia are common water plants for ornamental ponds, and turtles are fond of them. They are carnivores, so they also eat worms, fish and crawfish. Avoid keeping your turtle in the same pond with your \$300 koi, or you may find that his fins have been nipped or even that he has been eaten if he's on the small side. Commercial pellets are available, but Dr. Weldy recommends feeding a more natural diet and not relying solely on pellets.

■ Use common sense when handling turtles, and teach children how to handle them safely. Salmonella bacteria can live on surfaces for days, so even indirect contact can spread disease. The golden rule? Wash your hands before and after handling your turtle, after cleaning his tank or pond and after feeding him, and keep turtles away from areas where food is prepared. ■

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Keeping vacation envy at bay, one local adventure at a time

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It's happening again: vacation envy. Like clockwork, it strikes every year around this time.

I blame social media. Facebook is guilty, but Instagram is just as much to blame. (I won't throw any shade at Twitter. None of my friends post there, and I just check occasionally to see what kind of shenanigans Lindsay Lohan and the like are up to.)

But Facebook has become a platform to make me feel inferior every summer because I'm stuck in Southwest Florida. Seriously, I seem to be the *only* one left around these parts. Everyone, from a girl I haven't seen since we were in eighth grade to my Dad, is posting gorgeous vacation photos that are making me pea-green with envy.

Dad went to the Smoky Mountains, and I swear, I could feel the crisp, cool Tennessee air through my computer screen. The girl from eighth grade is posting photos from London, like, *every hour*. I tend to wonder if she's even enjoying Big Ben and Buckingham Palace, or if she's too preoccupied with uploading her pictures of them to Facebook.



Kayaking on the Estero River isn't London, but ...

STEPHANIE DAVIS / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Don't get me wrong. I don't begrudge anyone their fabulous vacation. Folks work hard and plan — in fact, it's been a delight seeing the pictures from one local family I adore as they take a Disney tour of Europe (I love seeing their two young kids smiling next to some of the most amazing wonders of the world). Another dear friend went to Ireland to meet her fiancé's family, and I clicked "like" and commented "aaaaawwww" on all of her posts.

It's just that I want to be part of the "How-Cool-Does-My-Vacation-Look?" crowd. My husband just started a new job, so far-away travel plans are on the back burner for now. In the meantime, we've been trying to spend our Sundays in some of Southwest Florida's prettiest places. I can't post amazing shots of The Alamo (have fun, Tracy!), Boston (enjoy, James), Utah (that looked like a blast, Andrea!) or Bermuda (happy engagement trip, Glenn and Amy!), but I have plenty of shots of us biking on Sanibel, beaching it at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park and even kayaking on the Estero River. In fact, here's a photo from that lovely Sunday activity. It's not Buckingham Palace — but for now, it's days like these that keep my vacation envy at bay. ■

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

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— **Ralph McLaughlin**, a housing economist with Trulia, which tracks real estate listings nationwide

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>> The calculations are based on homes listed for sale or rent on Trulia in March 2015. Assumptions include that buyers get a 3.87 percent mortgage rate on a 30-year-fixed rate loan with 20 percent down and will stay in the home at least seven years.



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2. **Fort Myers**, 54 percent
3. **Baton Rouge**, 53 percent
4. **New Orleans**, 52 percent
5. **Miami-Fort Lauderdale**, 50 percent
6. **Columbia, S.C.**, 50 percent
7. **Chattanooga, Tenn.**, 50 percent
8. **Oklahoma City, Okla.**, 50 percent
9. **Charleston, S.C.**, 49 percent
10. **Tampa**, 49 percent

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How to start investing in stocks, and what is a “liar loan?” **B6** ▶

RENT RISING

Big increases in monthly payments have hit some tenants hard

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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In a tight Southwest Florida rental market, landlords have raised rents sharply, shocking even some loyal tenants, and making the idea of buying a home look more attractive.

Rents jumped by \$200 or \$300 per month or more in some cases with landlords taking advantage of high demand and recouping losses from lower rents charged in the wake of the Great Recession, property managers said.

“At this point the existing multi-family or apartment rental units have the ability to increase the rent simply because the demand has allowed for

it,” said David G. Malt, president and owner of Malt Realty & Development, a rental property management and real estate company in Fort Myers.

That has hit many tenants hard, especially when their wages haven’t kept up with price increases.

“Rents in South Florida and other places in Florida have exceeded growth in income over the past two years,” said Ralph McLaughlin, a housing economist with Trulia, which tracks



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real estate listings nationwide.

Last fall, Maria Sanchez’s rent increased from \$515 to \$700 at Gulfstream Isles Apartments in Fort Myers, and units like hers are now starting at \$865. She had been accustomed to past raises in the \$30 range.

“While my salary’s staying the same, everything around me’s going up,” said Ms. Sanchez, who is 53. “It’s hard.”

She has rented there for five years and likes the complex itself and the location near work; other family, including her brother Roberto Encarnacion and mother Yolanda, also live in Gulfstream and struggle with higher rents.

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House Hunting

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that mirror those of the S&P 500 index or the NASDAQ Biotech index. Conversely, an actively managed fund is run by a fund manager who has the ability, within certain pre-set parameters, to pick any security he wants to maximize returns for the fund's investors.

So which of these types of funds is right for you? It would seem like an actively managed fund would be the logical choice. Investing is a very complex and sophisticated business so wouldn't it make sense to hire an experienced fund manager to make investment choices for you? For people who don't want to be bothered with following the market or those that want someone to blame when their investments lose value, this may be a good choice. However, I would argue that there are a number of factors that make passive funds a better choice, even for amateur investors.

As anyone who has ever hired a lawyer, accountant or surgeon can attest, these professionals do not work for free. In fact, the more skilled the professional, the greater amount they can charge. This fact is especially true in the investment world where the elite fund managers can literally earn billions of dollars a year. And where does this money come from? That's right, the investors. I would agree that this extra fee would be worth it if fund managers can beat their benchmarks year in and year out. But just like your plastic surgeon is still going to charge you whether you come looking out looking like Kate Upton or Quasimodo, that fund manager is going to charge you in good years and bad.

A second headwind against actively management funds is size constraints. Like most times in life, here size matters but it is often a disadvantage to be large. Let's say there is a star hedge fund manager who has developed a model that identifies great investments and starts to outperform the market. In an efficient market, investors would dump tons of money into that fund and the fund manager has to put all of that money to work. If the fund gets big enough, that manager may run out of great investment ideas and have to invest in mediocre investment ideas or keep money in cash. These will drag down the return of the fund. Or, more likely, competitors will see the success this manager is having and will mimic the investment model, thereby driving up the price of the investment targets and decreasing returns for the fund.

Finally, an actively management fund is, by definition, active. That means it is consistently buying and selling securities in an attempt to beat its benchmark and maximize return for its investors. In theory, this is great but in practice all of this buying and selling is costly. You have to pay traders, back office personnel to reconcile trades, compliance officers to monitor trades, and taxes every time you sell an investment for a profit. All of these fees add up over time and decrease investor returns.

Of course, all of these active fund expenses and fees would be easy to stomach if active fund managers can consistently beat their benchmarks. (For those advanced students out there, this metric

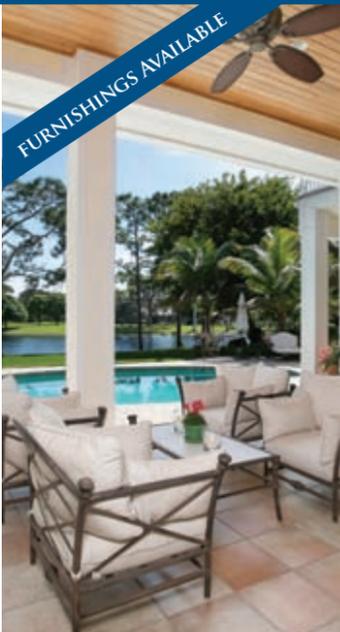
is called alpha. So if a fund's alpha is 1 percent, that means the fund outperformed its benchmark by 1 percent during that time period.) However, over long periods of time, there are very few managers who can outperform the market. And once an actively managed fund starts to underperform, a type of death spiral occurs. Investors start to withdraw funds, which necessitates the selling of securities to raise cash to pay the departing investors. This selling drives down the price of the investments under management, which makes the fund underperform even more. The continued underperformance leads to more withdrawals of funds and the cycle continues.

So with a little homework, I believe that index funds are a great alternative to actively managed funds. This investing style does necessitate following the markets in order to pick which index to invest in, but the fact that you are reading this column demonstrates that you have an interest in financial matters and probably know more than you realize. We all can be our own investing superstar. So take that, Adam Levine. Now if I could only carry a tune. ■

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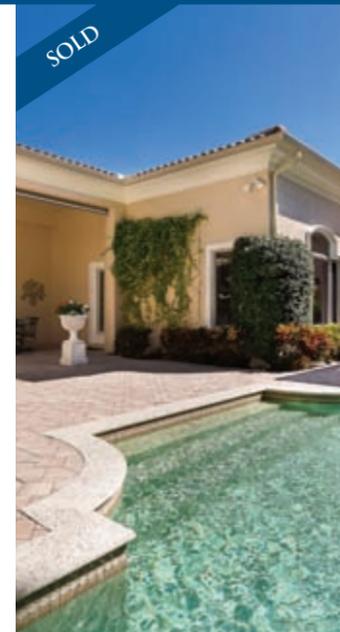
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RENT

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On her salary, with school loans after going back to be a paralegal, a car payment, and her husband struggling to find steady work, \$700 is a limit and \$900 seems out of sight.

She searched similar complexes and found prices aren't much better; although unlike Gulfstream, some have updated accessories such as kitchen countertops and carpets. Gulfstream also recently required all residents to purchase liability insurance, which adds about \$10 per month to the bill, telling her most places recently started doing the same.

That may be because the owners of the complex, a national company called Waterton Residential that manages more than 19,000 units, get a discount on its own insurance by requiring it, said Alice Vickers, an attorney and director of the nonprofit Florida Alliance for Consumer Protection. The property manager at Gulfstream didn't respond to messages requesting information about how rents and insurance costs are calculated.

The big jumps in price aren't unique to Gulfstream.

Steve Hollister, who runs Twisted Vine Bistro in downtown Fort Myers, has lived at the Oasis condo building with his wife for four years. The rent increased at \$50 or \$100 increments, then jumped \$300 to \$2,050 for a three-bedroom unit.

"It seems like the rent has gone up and the amenities are going down every year," he said.

Chris Andruskiewicz has lived at the Franklin Arms Court building in downtown Fort Myers the last six years. A few years ago, her rent increased from \$650 to \$900, then last year to \$950 for



EVAN WILLIAMS

Gulfstream Isles Apartments resident Maria Sanchez.

her one-bedroom with a den. Her lease is up soon.

"I'm scared to find out how much it's going to go up," said Ms. Andruskiewicz, a graphic designer at *Florida Weekly*.

Another co-worker, arts writer Nancy Stetson, recently sought a new rental after prices forced her out of an old one. She found that costs for pets have increased as well.

"Places seem to think that everyone wants a luxury apartment complex," she wrote in an email, "such as expensive stainless steel appliances and granite countertops... My priorities were: cost, size, location, safety."

She added, "People keep saying this is paradise, so you should be willing to pay more. But you cannot pay your rent with sunshine."

For rents in the \$900 range, Ms. Sanchez says, she'll think about buying a house instead. Realtors have jumped on this as a selling point.

"They could own a \$200,000 home for what they're paying in rent," in some cases, said Ellen C. O'Day, managing broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Punta Gorda.

In South Florida metro areas, Trulia found, buying a home may be up to 55 percent cheaper than renting, a higher percent than anywhere else in the country. That assumes you have excellent credit and stay in the home for at least seven years, among other factors.

High rents may be a factor keeping young people from buying a home, said Trulia economist Mr. McLaughlin.

"In Florida and also places like San Francisco and Los Angeles where rents are high that's an even larger hurdle to save for a down payment," he said.

Little relief

Rental prices are determined by a

"comprehensive analysis" including operating costs, repairs and market rates, Mr. Malt of Malt Realty explained. The steep increases demanded of some renters are in part a reflection of prices having fallen just as much after the housing crisis in the late 2000s. He believes rents will continue to rise in the next few years.

"I don't see much change with anticipating some increase, not dramatic, but some increase to rental rates as opposed to decrease or even leveling off," he said.

After the housing market crashed and construction came to a halt, the rental market surged in the late 2000s, said Randy Thibaut, owner of Land Solutions, a regional real estate company based in Fort Myers.

In addition, young people in their 20s and 30s are holding off on buying a home for various reasons such as going back to school and starting families later or souring on the idea of real estate as an investment.

"It's clear that a lot of millennials are not buying homes as early or as often," Mr. Thibaut said.

Now new apartment construction is starting to catch up with demand. Land Solutions has tracked 15 multi-family projects in Lee and Collier County in different stages of development from late 2014 to March 2015 totaling more than 3,800 units.

But instead of increasing supply and lowering prices it could actually raise rents instead, Mr. Thibaut believes, at least at first, because renters will be covering the cost of new construction. But with housing prices compared to

rents becoming favorable, Mr. Thibaut thinks rent prices will start to level off.

"I don't think you'll see price level increases," he said, "Because very clearly people can only afford so much."

Demand for rentals is still larger than supply, said Michael Depaola, operations manager for Premier Property Management in Naples.

"Rental rates in the last two to three years have gone up about 30 percent," he said.

Mr. Depaola advises that an average moving cost is around \$2,000, so if the increase is say up to \$150 a month, consider staying at least one more lease cycle.

"I always tell people if you're happy where you are now, you know what's going on, at least you have a year to prepare," he said.

In some cases, tenants interviewed for this story said they were able to strike a deal with landlords to pay what they can afford at least for a while, but that's more likely to be successful with a mom-and-pop rental than a multi-family complex where rent policies are less flexible.

"The likelihood of being successful if you're dealing with a management company with an onsite manager, it's going to be harder to get them to back off a price," said Ms. Vickers, the consumer rights attorney. "But there's certainly no harm in trying."

And there is no restriction on how much landlords can raise the rent.

"Obviously when you see rises in prices on residential rentals, that means the market is tight and they know they can charge tenets a lot," she said, adding that Florida is "pretty much a landlord state in terms of our laws. They certainly have the

upper hand." ■

"Rental rates in the last two to three years have gone up about 30 percent."

— Michael Depaola, operations manager for Premier Property Management in Naples

in the know

2015 Rental Housing Wage

>> The hourly wage that a household must earn (working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year) in order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a two-bedroom rental unit (\$1,012 in Florida), without paying more than 30 percent of their income.

- >> **Florida:** \$19.47
- >> **Charlotte County:** \$16.42
- >> **Collier County:** \$19.04
- >> **Lee County:** \$17.23
- >> **Palm Beach County:** \$23.19
- >> A minimum wage worker in Florida would need to work 77 hours per week to afford a one-bedroom at Fair Market Rent.

— Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

in the know

Increases in Fort Myers

>> Average rental and occupancy rates, now compared to two years ago

>> **June 2013:**
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Average rental rate **\$849**

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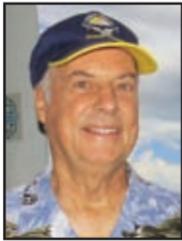


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ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Ted Brousseau has received the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the most prestigious award the FAA issues to certified pilots. Mr. Brousseau was certified as a private pilot in 1964. A Naples resident since 1971, he retired in 2006 after serving 27 years as a Collier Circuit judge. He joined the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1996, has served as president of Chapter 1067 at Naples Municipal Airport since 2006 and introduces youngsters to aviation through the EAA's Young Eagles flight program. A member of the Civil Air Patrol since 2007, and instructs cadets at its national glider academies. See photos on page B8.



BROUSSEAU

The team will be teaching students from USF about social policies, planning and practices in the U.S. and Ireland/Europe, with special focus on solutions to homelessness in an intensive two-week course, with one week on site at Trinity College.

Karen Brothers has been named assistant manager at Options Thrift Shoppe at 968 Second Ave. N. The shop is operated by The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

Janet Martin has been named interim executive director of Everglades Wonder Gardens, effective July 1. The gardens are owned by the nonprofit Bonita Wonder Gardens. A resident of Bonita Springs since 2001, Ms. Martin previously worked as guest services supervisor and Regency Club VIP concierge at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. She has served on the Bonita Springs City Council since 2008 and was initially appointed by the city as the liaison to the Bonita Wonder Gardens board. She resigned that assignment to take the interim executive director job. Councilman Mike Gibson is now the liaison. A 2009 graduate of Leadership Bonita, Ms. Martin is a past board member of the Bonita YMCA. She speaks with environmental studies students at FGCU regarding the role of government in conservation, hosts Government Day for Leadership Bonita classes each year and was a speaker for the Estero High School leadership program on Environment Day. ■

Board Appointments

Samira Beckwith, president and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services, has been appointed to serve on the Florida Center for Nursing board of directors for a three-year term that begins July 1.



BECKWITH

Media

Justin Paprocki, an award-winning print and digital journalist, has joined the staff of Gulfshore Life magazine as a senior editor. After graduating from the University of Maryland, Mr. Paprocki worked in newspapers, starting at Suburban News Publications in Columbus, Ohio. He then moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., and worked in news and features for eight years at The Island Packet newspaper. He is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri with a master's degree in convergence journalism.

Nonprofit Organizations

Pam Baker, Ph.D., grants and compliance coordinator at Youth Haven, has been designated as assistant faculty for the University of South Florida to travel to Ireland for an intensive study abroad course. Ms. Baker has spent many years working with state, local and nonprofit organizations focusing on behavioral health and homelessness.



Back Row: Anna Liu, Ken Thomas, Bob Schoonmaker and Ann Howard Banzet. Front Row: Bill Hallal, Kathy Houck and Thomas Abood.

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Your investment returns can be a bit misleading if you're not considering the big picture. Imagine, for example, that you bought \$2,500 worth of stock in Farm Dogs Inc. (ticker: BINGO) and sold it a year later for \$2,800. Your total return is 12 percent. (\$2,800 divided by \$2,500 equals 1.12.)

But remember inflation, which makes money worth less as prices rise. Watching your investments grow is a bit like seeing them take two steps forward and then one step back. Let's say inflation was 3 percent during the year of your investment. (The long-term annual average inflation is around 3 percent, though it has been much higher or lower at times.) Subtracting 3 percent from your 12 percent return yields an inflation-adjusted return of 9 percent. (Inflation alone can wipe out much of a money market fund's return these days.)

When you read about a "real return," it typically refers to one adjusted for inflation. But let's make it even more real, with taxes. Let's say you're in the 25 percent tax bracket, forking over 25

percent to Uncle Sam and keeping 75 percent. Take your 9 percent inflation-adjusted return and multiply it by 0.75, and you get 6.75 percent. That's your after-tax, inflation-adjusted return.

The tax picture is less gruesome for long-term returns — for now. Current laws have capital gains on stocks held for more than a year taxed at 15 percent for most people. (High earners face a 20 percent rate.) Clearly, you'll likely pay less in taxes if you hold on to your investments for at least a year and a day.

Always compare your investment's return to a benchmark such as the Standard & Poor's 500 index, which measures the performance of 500 of the biggest companies in America. If your portfolio returned 12 percent and the S&P 500 advanced 9 percent during the same period, you're doing well. If you lose to the benchmark repeatedly, you need to reconsider your investment strategy — or just earn the S&P 500's return by investing in an S&P 500 index fund or Standard & Poor's Depository Receipts. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Facebook Faceplant

My dumbest investment was selling all my shares of Facebook when they were at about \$26 apiece back in 2013. That was about a week before the shares surged to \$34 and beyond. I sold pretty much because I had become bored with the stock.

— B.B., Long Grove, Illinois

The Fool Responds: Ouch. Facebook's shares were recently trading near \$80, so you missed out on more than tripling your money — so far. It's helpful to remember that there are good and bad reasons for selling a stock. Boredom isn't a great reason, because some stocks that will be great long-term performers can temporarily slump. No stock will go up in a straight line.

It would have made sense to sell your shares, though, if you'd found a different investment that seemed much more promising to you, or if you'd lost your faith in Facebook's future. This is why it's important to keep up with your holdings' progress and developments, so that you'll notice when their futures start looking brighter or dimmer.

Facebook's stock isn't for the faint of heart, but many analysts and investors are bullish on it, even at recent levels. As of the end of March, the company had more than 1.4 billion monthly active users. With such a huge base, Facebook has a lot of opportunity to sell advertising and to monetize its gobs of accounts in other ways.

Last week's trivia answer

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? (Answer: Wegmans Food Markets) ■



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Ask the Fool

Start by Learning

Q What's the best way to start investing in stocks if you don't know much about it and don't have much money?

— H.D., Walnut Creek, California

A A great way to begin is simply to start learning more about it. You don't want to be nervous and uneasy about where you're putting your few available dollars.

Books such as "The Little Book of Common Sense Investing" by John Bogle (Wiley, \$25) and "The Five Rules for Successful Stock Investing" by Pat Dorsey (Wiley, \$20) can help you understand the world of stocks and mutual funds.

Online, click over to fool.com/how-to-invest/index.aspx and morningstar.com to learn the basics and more. When you're ready to open a brokerage account, find a good one at consumersearch.com/online-brokers or broker.fool.com.

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Q What are "liar loans"?

— R.G., Wilton, Connecticut

A Liar loans, which got press coverage during the recent financial crisis, are loans based not on documented necessary information (such as the borrower's income or assets), but mainly on the say-so of the borrower. These low-documentation or "no-doc" loans tend to be subprime ones, as many borrowers aren't always truthful about their financial conditions, resulting in defaults. While these loans have helped many good people secure loans, they've also been abused by opportunistic lenders and borrowers — thus, the term "liar loan." ■

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Further contributing to its stability is that most of Realty Income's tenants are on long-term "triple-net" leases, which have rent increases built in and hold the tenants responsible for variable expenses such as taxes, insurance and maintenance. All Realty Income has to do is collect a rent check.

Realty Income has a 20-year track record of outstanding performance as a public company, including 70 consecutive quarterly dividend increases (it recently yielded 4.9 percent) and an exceptional 17.1 percent average annual return. Better still, Realty Income has suffered a pullback, dropping more than 12 percent since February, making this an appealing buying opportunity. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **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 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.

■ 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. has been ranked by Intuit as one of the top QuickBooks consultants in Southwest Florida. Tickets are \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for others. Reservations required by June 22. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Above Board Chamber** hosts a mixer for new members from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Northwestern

Mutual Financial Network, 23160 Fashion Drive at Coconut Point. For more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426 or email Jeanne@aboveboardchamber.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. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com/events.

■ **Young Professionals of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** meet for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Yabba Island Grill. Visit ypnnaples.com or follow ypnnaples on Facebook.

■ 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 7. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgrea.com for more information.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Gregory Scasny, CEO of Cybersecurity Defense Solutions, will discuss how to defend your business against hackers and data thieves. The morning's sponsor is the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events. ■

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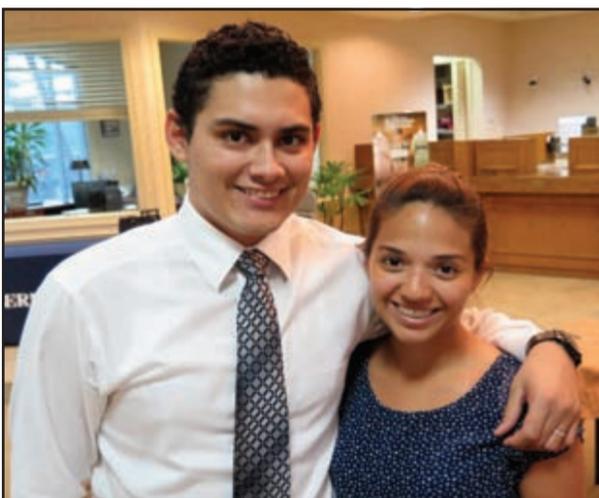
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Patrick O'Connor of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has been recognized as one of the firm's Top 50 associates for 2014. Premier Sotheby's International Realty has approximately 800 associates and employees along Florida's Gulf Coast and in the Carolinas. A broker associate since 1978 with additional experience as a property appraiser, Mr. O'Connor has been a Florida-licensed real estate professional for 37 years. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Florida Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. He serves as president of the Collier County 100 Club and is a Collier County Honor Flight guardian, volunteer first responder and a graduate of Leadership Collier and the Leadership Institute.



O'CONNOR

Al Smith has joined Neal Communities as a new home sales associate at the gated community of Canopy in Naples. A Naples resident for 30 years, Mr. Smith has been in the real estate industry for 22 years.



SMITH

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. ■



House Hunting:

1756 Third St. S.
Aqualane Shores

Step inside this lovely residence in the heart of Aqualane Shores only to be drawn outside by the open design that allows for easy flow and entertaining, with disappearing walls of glass and an expansive lanai area opening onto the living room and family/breakfast room. There are four bedrooms plus an office, and a formal dining room as well as a kitchen with a large island and counter bar. The private pool and spa have due west exposure and, for the kid in all of us, a fun slide for taking the plunge before floating over to the sun shelf. Solar power and a three-car garage are among many extras. The location is ideal for strolling to the beach, the pier and all the dining, shopping and entertainment offered in the picturesque Third Street South historic district.

Built in 2010 by Gulfstream Homes and ARCS Construction, this property is being sold as-is. Linda Perry of Premier Sotheby's International Realty has the listing for \$3,999,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 213-7433 or 261-6161, or email Linda.perry@sothebysrealty.com. ■

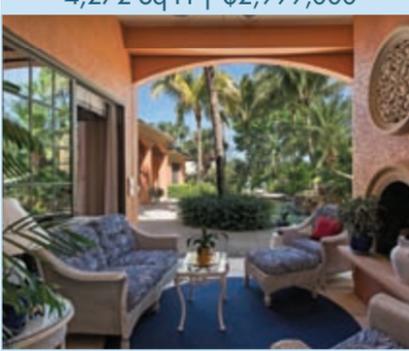




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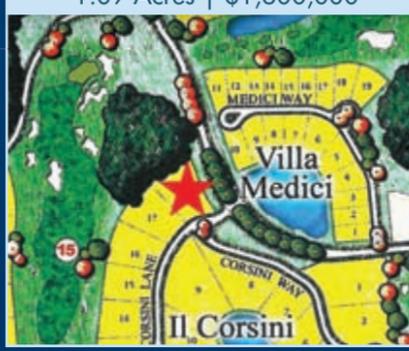
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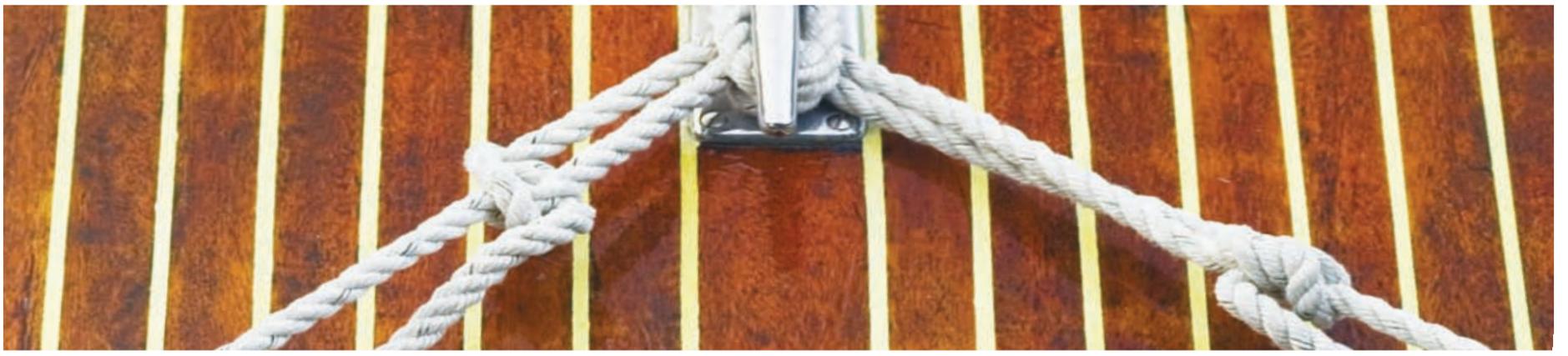
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Models, villa homes progressing in Residences at Mercato

Vertical construction is more than 30 percent complete for the Le Rivage and Le Jardin single-family home models in the Residences at Mercato. Slabs have been placed for the first four villa homes. All six homes are scheduled for completion this fall.

The project is being developed by The Lutgert Companies and built by Lutgert Construction, LLC. A total of 16 homes are in the design and construction processes, site work is nearing completion and utilities are in place within the neighborhood.

Howard Gutman, president of The Lutgert Companies, reports sales in the new community have reached 29 percent.

The five-bedroom Le Rivage single-family design will feature a California contemporary style with interior by Charlie Hansen of Clive Daniel Home. The Le Jardin home, with two mas-

ter bedroom suites, is being designed with a strong coastal influence by Susie Petril, also of Clive Daniel Home.

Elsewhere in the community, construction crews have begun the final grading work for the balance of the home sites. Road and curb work have begun, and all roads are expected to be in place by mid-July.

At completion, Residences at Mercato will include 52 single-family homes within Mercato's urban-style retail, office and residential community. Six floor plans are available, with prices starting at \$1,325,000 and sizes ranging from approximately 2,697 to 3,558 square feet of living space. Homes have three to five bedrooms and 3½ to five baths, with the master suite on the first floor. Pool, courtyard and two-car garage are included; outdoor living options include summer kitchens and outdoor showers.



Construction underway in Residences at Mercato.

Premier Sotheby's International Realty is the exclusive sales and marketing representative for the Residences at Mercato. For more information, call 594-9400 or visit residencesatmercato.com. ■



A rendering of the kitchen in Le Rivage.



A rendering of the living room in Le Jardin.

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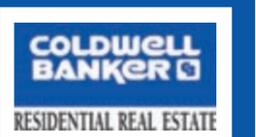
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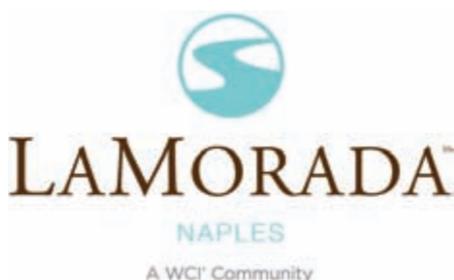
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The largest LaMorada Naples homes are grand estates with oversized owner's suites, three or four guest rooms with pri-

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Luxury homes in LaMorada Naples boast granite-countertop kitchens and Whirlpool appliance packages, expansive islands and designer cabinetry. Baths include Moen faucets and solid-surface vanities with dual sinks. Prices range from the low \$300,000s to \$1 million.

The community's 13,700-square-foot lakefront clubhouse, designed with a



The Martinique

great room and verandah, was inspired by the British West Indies and will have a fitness center, aerobics studio, theater, culinary arts center for cooking demonstrations, tennis court, a resort-style pool and spa and an outdoor bar.

The entrance to LaMorada Naples is on Woodcrest Drive off Immokalee Road in North Naples, approximately 1 mile east of Collier Boulevard and less than 5 miles from Interstate 75.

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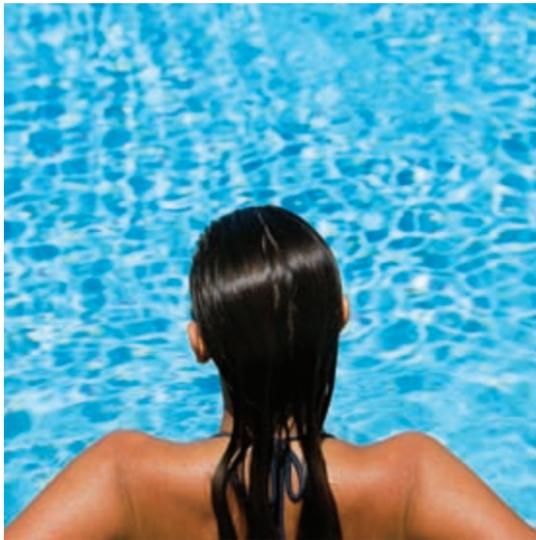


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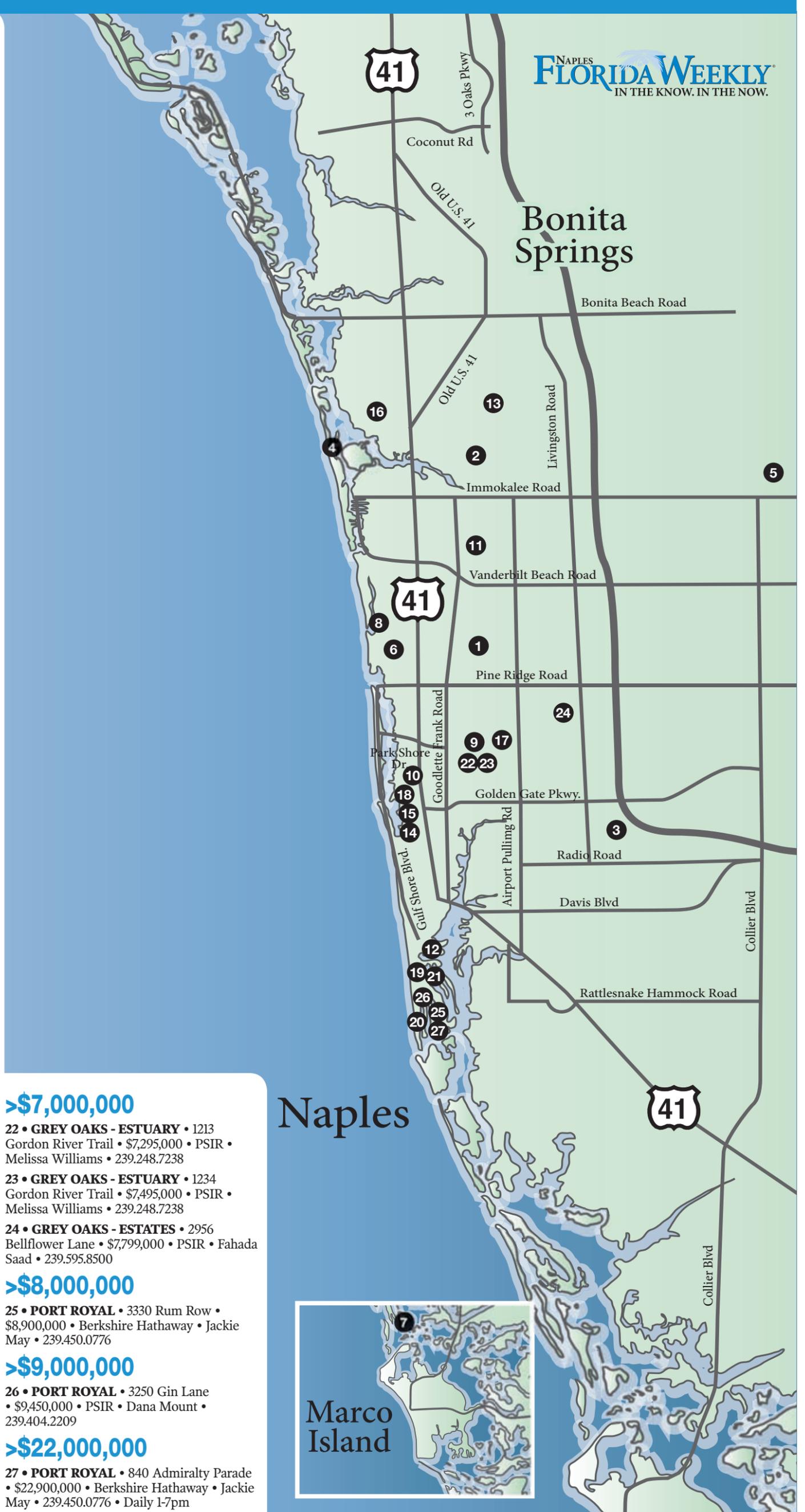
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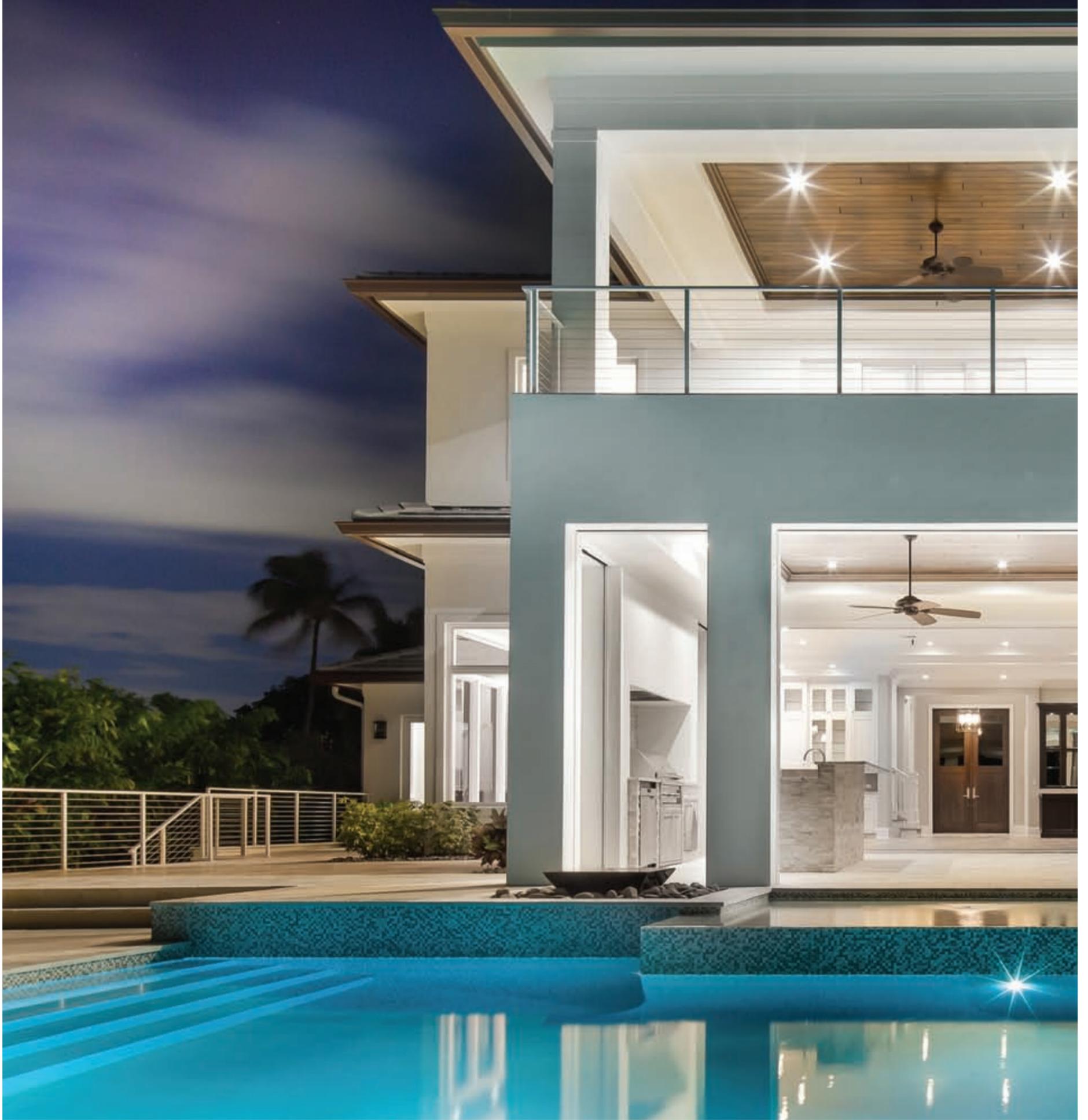


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You might recognize these actors who have performed locally

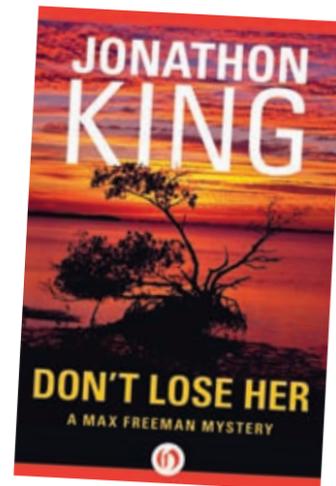
BY NANCY STETSON
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You're sitting in your family room, watching "Graceland" on cable TV. On the screen, FBI agent Rick Cranston is seated at a conference table, being especially hostile and argumentative. He's downright irritating. But there's something about him. You start looking at him more closely. Suddenly, it hits you. You know the guy!

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Last year's pet lovers issue.

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

A scarlet letter of a different sort



Now that I'm a homeowner, I seem to be on the mailing list for every decorating catalog on the market. Each day, something new shows up in my mailbox, usually advertising the sort of bourgeois knickknacks I would make fun of in my pre-house life. Now, of course, I scan the catalogs cover-to-cover, mooning over the housewares. Sometimes I still mock the odd ways people find to spend their money — a \$200 copper hose pot? Can you imagine? — but I secretly love them. (In fact, I can imagine. And it'd look great in my front yard.)

What put me in my latest covetous fever is a series of personalized welcome mats featured in a catalog from Frontgate ("Outfitting America's finest homes since 1991"). Crafted of coir fiber — what is that? — and hand stenciled, my favorite mats feature arabesque designs and a single insignia letter in the middle. I've already picked out the right size and color, but that letter is proving tricky.

I didn't start life as a Henderson, so an H doesn't feel quite right. After all, it doesn't really belong to me. It's just on loan for a while. And if I remarry, "Henderson" will go the way of my maiden name. And then what will I do with my rug?



Isn't it strange how when women marry we're expected to become someone else, a new person with a different last name? What a formidable concept, to reshape one's identity just because we decide to yoke our life to another's.

I always assumed I'd be happy to change my last name when I got married. I never had modernist notions of keeping my maiden name or even bringing in a hyphen. I was born a Chester — not very elegant, and to tell you the truth, it rhymed too easily with "molester." I never thought I'd be sad to see it go.

But when it came time to part with that

well-worn name, I surprised myself by holding on fiercely. What about all those award certificates from high school? Or my college diploma? Or the bathrobe with my initials stenciled over the heart? All of it: suddenly irrelevant.

I delayed going to the DMV, I waited on getting a new Social Security card. My husband, masculine and proud in a traditional way, couldn't understand my hesitation.

"But I've worked hard to build a name you'd be proud to carry," he said, hurt when I tried to explain my reluctance.

But what about *my* name? Hadn't I

worked hard for it?

Last names are a fickle business, I'm learning, and sometimes I wonder if women wouldn't do better putting all our pride in our first names. That way, at least, we know it won't get lost along the way. So why not just have an A printed on my rug? Because the etiquette-minded part of my brain balks. It's simply not done, it says.

But the older I get, the less I care about conventions. And nothing in my life would find a place in an etiquette book, anyway.

So I'll have my first initial emblazoned on that rug. At least that way I know it will last. ■

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



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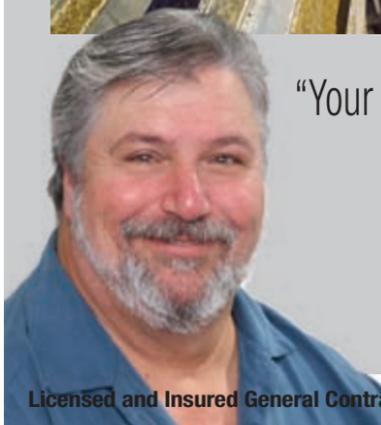
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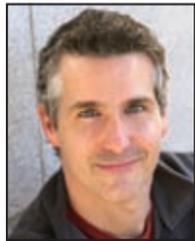
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SCREEN

From page 1

It's Brendan Powers.

Over the past several seasons, you've seen him act in a number of plays at the Florida Repertory Theatre. And there he is, a familiar face on your television screen.



POWERS

It's a realization that occurs hundreds or thousands of times throughout the area when local theater patrons recognize an actor they've seen onstage now appearing in shows on their TVs or computers.

Those who've watched the Netflix original series "Bloodline" starring Sissy Spacek and Sam Shepard have also seen Mr. Powers as a guest at the inn on the series.



MITCHELL

Locally this past season, Mr. Powers performed in "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" and "Dividing the Estate" at Florida Rep and in Theatre Conspiracy's production of "The Morning After the Night Before the Wedding." His wife, fellow Florida Rep ensemble actress Rachel Burttram, who was also



Rachel Burttram, left, and husband Brendan Powers perform at Florida Rep in Fort Myers. They both can be seen on television and online series. COURTESY PHOTO

in "The Morning After" and played his on-stage wife in "Dividing the Estate," and was also in Florida Rep's production of "Split in Three," had a guest role as Shannon Park's assistant in "Burn Notice" in 2009.

Miami-born Kim Ostrenko, who acted in "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" and "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" at Florida Rep this season, has also had roles in both "Burn Notice" and "Graceland," as well as in "From the Earth to the Moon."

And Patricia Idlette, who appeared in Florida Rep's "Dividing the Estate," had

recurring roles on "Battlestar Galactica," in which she played a politician, and "Dead Like Me," in which she played Kiffany, the worldly wise waitress who served the Grim Reapers at the Pancake Haus. She also portrayed Michael Jackson's mother in the 2004 biopic "Man in the Mirror: The Michael Jackson Story."

Conversely, several faces on television recently have performed on our local stages in seasons past.

I was watching an episode of CBS' "Madame Secretary" one Sunday night when they showed a scene with the former Secretary of State Vincent Marsh

(SLIGHT SPOILER) who died under mysterious circumstances in a plane crash and had been having an affair with Bebe Neuwirth's character, his chief of staff Nadine.

I was stunned to see Brian Stokes Mitchell, who toured in "Ragtime" and has performed numerous times at Artis—Naples, including with Harolyn Blackwell at the Thank You Myra Gala in tribute to outgoing CEO and founder Myra Janco Daniels upon her retirement.

"Oh my gosh, that's Stokes!" I said, sitting up from my couch.

The Tony Award-winning actor has also performed with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

But sometimes, the actor isn't always that easy to pick out.

Annie Golden, who played Aphrodite, the goddess of love and Calliope, the muse of heroic poetry in "Xanadu," back in April 2010 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, is a regular on the Netflix hit, "Orange is the New Black," now in its third season. She plays Norma Romano, the weebegone mute woman who works in the kitchen and who, at the end of the first season, (SPOILER) suddenly steps in when Crazy Eyes freezes up during their nativity pageant, sweetly singing a Christmas carol.

It was the last person you'd expect — unless, of course, if you knew of Ms. Golden's musical career: She was in the film version of "Hair" and was the lead singer of "The Shirts," who headlined CBGB's in the late '70s, and has performed in Broadway musicals including the 1977 revival of "Hair," "On the Town" and "The Full Monty." ■

'Law & Order': An actor's best friend

BY NANCY STETSON

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"I happen to be quite possibly the worst lawyer in the history of television, because I always lose," says J. Paul Nicholas, the actor who plays defense attorney Linden Delroy on the TV series "Law & Order: Special Victim Unit." It's a recurring role he's played since 2005.

"Usually I tell my clients not to say anything, and that's when they start talking and confess or give away the plot, and then it's over," he says. "A couple of times, I've gotten people out of things, but usually I end up losing. Oftentimes I don't even make it to court; I'm seen in the interrogation room, and my client will do something stupid, like confess."

The stars of the show give him some good-natured ribbing when he shows up to do his role. They'll say, "Oh he's here again, to tell his clients to shut up."

But typically, his clients will blab or break down and confess.

It's not his fault: It's in the script.

Mr. Nicholas is glad for the work, though it's not consistent enough to live on. (There are a handful of other actors who also play public defenders.)

He's also appeared on "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" as Naseer Hadim in 2006 and on the original "Law & Order" in two roles: as Leon and as Ballistic Technician Harland during the 2008-09 season.

The franchise is so popular with its current shows as well as episodes in syndication, that it's been said an episode of "L&O" is always playing somewhere in the world, no matter what the time.

The original show, which ran for 20 seasons from 1990-2010, is said to be the longest-running series on television. There were four television spin-offs, all of which deal with the criminal justice system. They include two short-lived shows, "Law & Order: Trial By Jury" and "Law & Order: L.A.," as well as the above mentioned "L&O: Criminal Intent" (which ended in 2011) and the still-run-



J. Paul Nicholas in "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." COURTESY PHOTO

ning "L&O: SVU." There are also foreign adaptations of "L&O" in France, Russia and the UK.

The "Law & Order" franchise is a very good thing for actors, providing at least a dozen jobs or more per episode for actors, in addition to the regular casts. Roles include the murder victim, the person who discovers the corpse, police officers, friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers of the victim.

Mr. Nicholas estimates that half the actors he knows have been on one iteration or another of "L&O."

"Actually, it's a little bit of a running joke with my actor friends, (who'll say) 'I'm not getting anywhere in this city, because I haven't been on "Law & Order" yet,' or, 'There must be something wrong with me, I haven't been on "Law & Order" yet.'"

Appearing on the TV show is "a very nice springboard," he says, "a very nice thing to have on your resume." And if one of the executive directors happens to be directing an episode and has also cast you, that's even better. "Other casting

directors are impressed by that," he says. They'll take a more serious look at you and it could help you get roles.

Very different art forms

Local audiences had the opportunity to see Mr. Nicholas perform on stage this spring in "The Butcher" at Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples. He portrayed a Muslim butcher who has a life-altering event happen in his butcher shop.

Stage and television are very different art forms with different "thrill levels," he says.

"Stage is more of a thrill, because it's live and you're doing it for 90 minutes to two hours," he says.

With film, he explains, you're doing little shots here and there out of sequence, and the thrill comes from trying to replicate the same thing from scene to scene, and to keep straight what your character knows at any given time and what he's thinking.

"They're very different art forms," he says. "It's hard to say which one I prefer. But if you forced me to pick one, I'd say stage."



It's not unusual to see a "Law & Order" reference in an actor's bio in a play program.

This past season had numerous ones, including actor James Vincent Meredith, who plays a Ugandan father in the touring production of "The Book of Mormon," which was presented at Artis—Naples and at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in January. He estimates he's one of three or four actors in the cast who've acted in a "L&O" episode.

Even though it was shot five years ago, he still recalls his time on an episode of "L&O: SVU." He'd been acting in Tracy Letts' Broadway play "Stolen Donuts" in the fall and winter of 2009, which is how the Chicago-based actor, an ensemble member of the Steppenwolf Theater company, happened to be in New York City at the time.

"The episode was called 'Wannabe,' and I played a kids' counselor who was helping some kids paint a wall," he says. "Ice-T and his partner (Richard) Belzer came over and asked me some questions. It was a one scene-er, in and out."

"And what I remember being so crazy was that Ice-T's rap career had been over, but he still had a large number of fans. We were in the middle of Chinatown, I think it was, doing the scene in Manhattan, and there were still a lot of people on the side, (watching.) They'd caught wind that Ice-T was going to be there. He has the craziest fan base!"

Though known for his theater performances, Mr. Meredith has been on other TV shows, including "ER," and played Alderman Ross in the Starz cable series "Boss," acting in eight episodes over the first and second seasons. ■

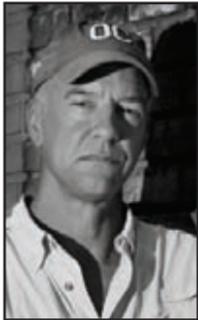
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Pregnant judge the tool of kidnappers in top-notch thriller



■ **“Don’t Lose Her” by Jonathon King. Open Road. 262 pages. Trade paperback, \$14.99.**

Jonathon King’s Max Freeman Mystery series is one of my favorites. With a well-developed lead character, fascinating plot ideas, authoritative details on police work and the court system and an authentic representation of two Floridas (the Palm Beach area and the Everglades), Max’s seventh outing met my high expectations, along the way providing deep insights into stressed characters dealing with critical situations.



KING

Diane Manchester, 43, is a U.S. district judge in charge of the extradition hearing of a big-time criminal, a Colombian drug lord named Juan Manuel Escalante. As a weary Diane, eight months pregnant, announces a break for lunch, Escalante speaks out to her. His seemingly sarcastic concern for her condition could easily be taken as a threat.

Soon after leaving the courthouse, the judge, who is the wife of super-lawyer and highly successful financial guru Billy Manchester, is abducted. Her husband’s go-to guy for investigations is Max Freeman, who is also Billy’s best friend. Billy’s clout allows him access to all kinds of information sources, and he quickly takes advantage of his connections to begin the hunt for Diane’s captors and to seek out their possible motives. The usual motive, a fat ransom, does not seem to be in play.

Mr. King builds his narrative through several points of view. Max’s viewpoint is paramount; readers will gratefully follow him as he tracks and interprets the accumulating clues.

Many chapters explore Diane’s thoughts and emotions as she processes her situation and worries about the outcome of her pregnancy. Her abductors treat her rather roughly, binding her hands behind her and covering her head so she cannot see. Her breathing is somewhat restricted.

For a long time, no one speaks to her. The space in which is confined is a place of silence. Working hard to stay as calm as possible, she forces herself to be alert to motion, to environment, to the needs of her unborn child. A woman who is used to controlling her destiny, she strives to balance realism and hope in a situation she cannot understand.

The author is in full command of this character, electrifying readers who are brought so close to what Diane is going through.

The team that is holding Diane is headed by a huge Native American, a man of

enormous strength and no compassion. He is known as Geronimo, and his underlings live in fear of him.

Danny and Rae are a young couple who have, for the promise of big money, tied themselves to this kidnapping venture. The two of them, but Rae in particular, have Diane in their charge. Slowly but surely, Diane works to build the kind of relationship that will give her clues regarding her whereabouts, the reason for her abduction and the ultimate plan.

She is dependent on Rae for nourishment and bathroom visits. As time passes, Diane’s discomfort grows. She begins to have contractions and anticipates going into labor. How can she save herself and her child?

The final perspective belongs to Rae. This woman, who has nothing in common with Diane, is brilliantly portrayed. Suspicious, intelligent and challenged by the situation, she resents what she understands to be Diane’s life of social and economic privilege. More and more, she suspects that Danny has led them into a no-win situation: one in which they will finally be expendable.

The kidnappers relocate Diane to private quarters in the Everglades. Once Max is on the scent, we follow his careful, competent steps to that location. A

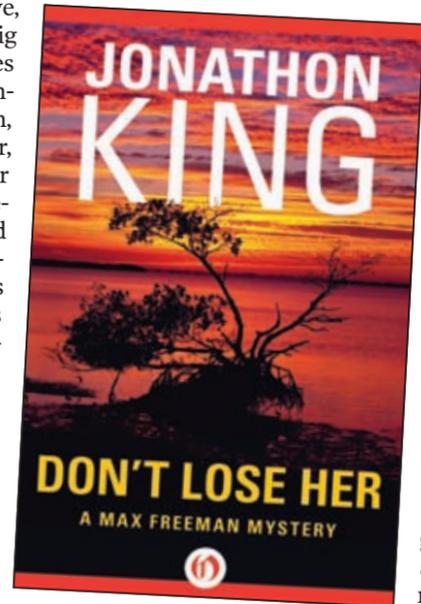
man who knows the unique beauty and treacherous nature of this habitat well, he is well equipped for this particular assignment. Government agents are also in pursuit, and yet no one has figured out why Diane has been kidnapped.

Max is defined not only by his role in this assignment and his long association with Billy, but also by the tender relationship with his one-legged girlfriend, Sherry Richards, a police detective recently returned to work after recovering

from her near-

devastating injury. Filled with uncertainties and with characters whose racing heartbeats will be echoed by your own, “Don’t Lose Her” is the author in top form. ■

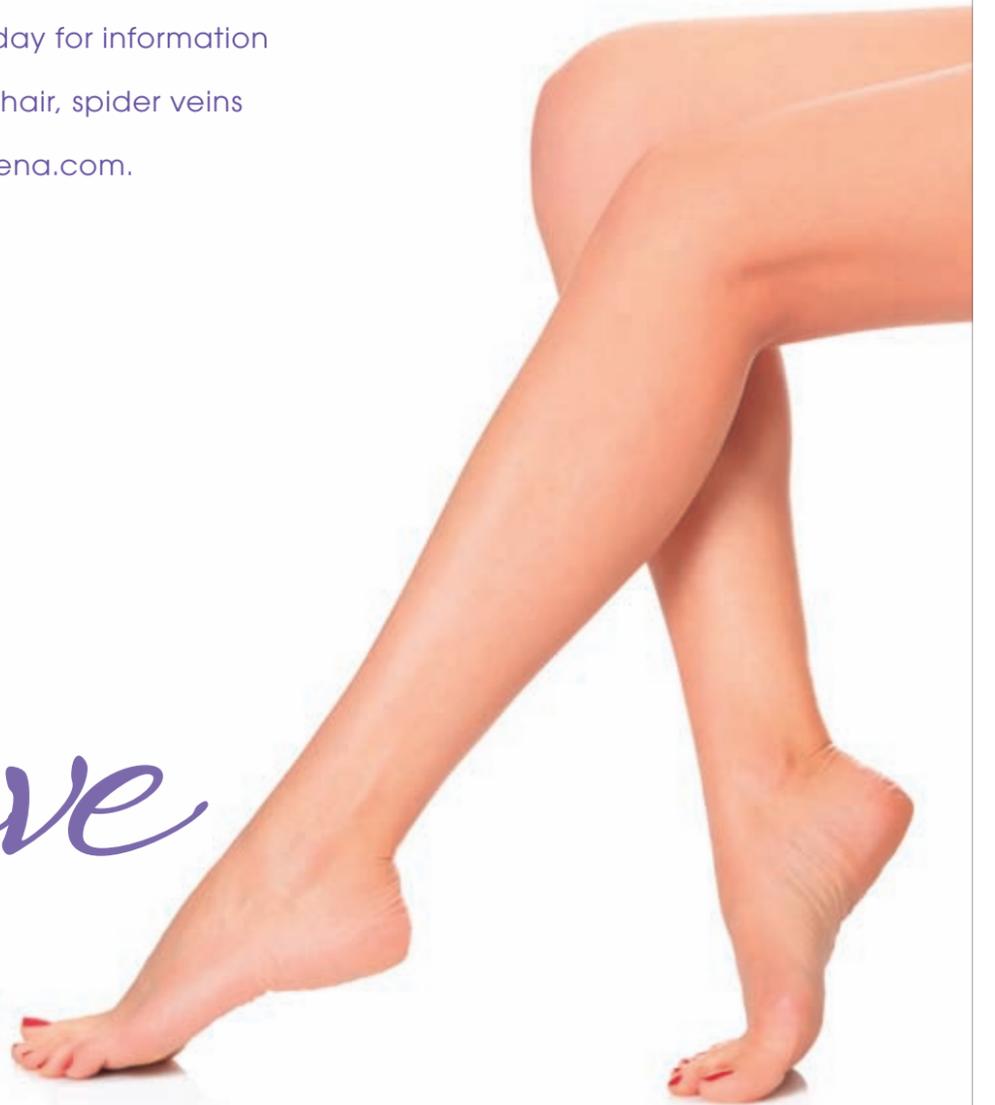
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The Underpants – By The Laboratory Theater of Florida through June 27. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com. See review on page C10.

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.

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Pop-Up Lesson – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts the Holocaust box-car exhibit from the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida today through Sunday, June 21. 261-6100 or venetianvillage.com.

Free Advice – Naples Botanical Garden invites gardeners to pick the brains of master gardeners at 10 a.m. Free with regular Garden admission. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Local History – South Regional Library hosts a presentation about Baron Gift Collier at 10 a.m. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

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

Dress Collection Party – Bring a new or “lightly loved” dress for donation to the PACE Center for Girls' Love That Dress! fundraiser and receive a \$10 gift certificate for shopping at Glamour Puss when you stop by the boutique in the Shoppes at Vanderbilt for champagne and treats from 5-7 p.m. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 300-0950.

Third Thursday – Dave Mankes performs at 6:30 p.m. in the Fleischmann Courtyard on Third Street South. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

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

Scout Masters – Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops hosts a discussion of “To Kill A Mockingbird” and its screen adaptations at 7 p.m. in anticipation of the release of Harper Lee’s “Go Set A Watchman.” Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Trivial Matters – It’s trivia night with Daniel Jackson starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. Free. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.



Give a toddler a thrill by heading to Artis—Naples at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18. “Chuggington Live! The Great Rescue Adventure” unfolds with familiar characters including Koko, Wilson and the rest of the Chug Patrol. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Sweat the Small Stuff – It’s trivia night from 7-9 p.m. at Jack’s River Bar at Naples Harbour. Non-members are welcome. 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.

Comedy Show – Mitch Fatel performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club at 8 and 10 p.m. tonight through Sunday. Tickets start at \$10. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.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. on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Happy Together – Celebrate the ’60s and ’70s when the Happy Together tour comes to Seminole Casino Immokalee from 7:30-10 p.m. The lineup for the multi-media production includes The Turtles featuring Flo and Eddie, The Association, The Grass Roots, The Buckingham, The Cowsills and Mark Lindsay of Paul Revere & The Raiders. \$65-\$79. (800) 514-ETIX.

FRIDAY 6.19

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.

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.

Gardening Principles – Collier County Extension Service experts help homeowners in a workshop about Florida-friendly landscaping at 1 p.m. 14700 Immokalee Road. 2562-4800 or iw@ufl.edu.

Boredom Buster – Headquarters Library screens “Mr. Peabody & Sherman” at 2 p.m. Free. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0870 or collierlibrary.org.

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.

Hot Summer Night – The Collier County Sheriff’s Office hosts an evening of free fun for families from 6-9 p.m. at Corkscrew Middle School. Activities include the police car bounce house, a rock-climbing wall, corn hole, water balloons and a movie and Wii games on two giant screens. colliersheriff.org.

Fashion Show – GirlTalkTV.com presents its “Face the Summer” runway fashion show at 6 p.m. at Bellasera Hotel. \$40-\$55, with proceeds to benefit Dress for Success Southwest Florida. 784-4706 or sherry@girltalktv.com.

Wine Time – Bring four of your own wine glasses to Dagny’s Spirits and decorate them in workshop that starts at 6:30 p.m. \$35. Reservations required. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or dagnyspirits.com.

Dance Night – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a dance at 7 p.m. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

SATURDAY 6.20

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 – Strive for 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.

Find Your Roots – WGPU Public Media hosts a genealogy workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Cohen Center at FGCU. \$100 includes lunch. (888) 809-9809 or wgcu.org.

Car Show – Vintage cars of all makes and models will rumble into the Village on Venetian Bay for shoppers to admire from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 261-6100 or venetianvillage.com.

Author Signing – Food & Thought hosts local health and wellness authors Tricia Otto, Mary Guay, Linda Beauregard and Marc Meyer for a book signing at 10 a.m. 2132 Tamiami Trail N. 213-2222 or foodandthought.com.

Take Dad Fishing – Naples Botanical Garden holds its annual Father’s Day catch-and-release fishing tournament from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and Sunday, June 21. Dads and granddads will enjoy free admission on June 21; regular admission applies otherwise. Garden hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. naplesgarden.org.

Like Father, Like Son – Miromar Outlets hosts a three-generation look-alike contest for fathers, sons and grandsons starting at 11 a.m. Free. 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.

Free Concert – Grammy Award-winning country songwriters Dylan Altman and Philip White perform at 5 p.m. at Promenade at Bonita Bay. Free. 949-1573 or promenadeshops.com.

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

SUNDAY 6.21

Free for Dads – Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs lets dads in for free in celebration of Father’s Day. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents a screening and discussion of “Nine Queens” (Argentina, 2000) from 2-5 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. Rated R. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu. Reservations strongly recommended.

MONDAY 6.22

Monet’s Garden – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents “In the Garden of Claude Monet’s Giverny” from 10-11:30 a.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. Instructor Carol Jonson examines photos of the garden and discusses how Monet translated them into works of art. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

Tormented Tchaikovsky – Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky composed some of the world’s most beautiful and beloved music while suffering depression and hiding a dark secret. Steven Mutart discusses the musical genius who died at age 53 in a lecture from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Naples Center of FGCU as part of the Renaissance Academy summer program. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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.

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.

In the Loop – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening of "In the Loop" (UK, 2009) at 7 p.m. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 6.23

Free Movie – Paragon Theaters hosts a free screening of "Rio 2" at 10 a.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Better Photos – Learn how to take great travel pictures when the FGCU Renaissance Academy holds a class with instructor Frank Berna from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. \$34 for RA members, \$39 for others. 1010 Fifth Avenue S. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.

Garden Help – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop about rejuvenation pruning at 10 a.m. \$15 for members. \$20 for non-members. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

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.

Lion Tamers – Divers, fishers and ocean enthusiasts are invited learn about the invasive lionfish and how to capture them in a class starting at 6 p.m. at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Registration required. 530-5940 or reef.org.

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

WEDNESDAY 6.24

Beach Yoga – 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.

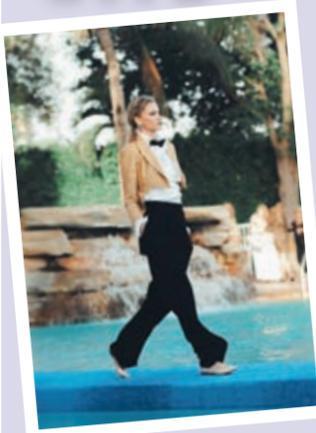
Paddleboarding Basics – Learn the basics of standup paddleboarding from staff at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park starting at 9:30 a.m. For ages 12 and older. Boards supplied by Naples Beach Adventures. Reservations required. Free with regular park entry free. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

The Romanovs' World – Explore the Hermitage Museum and the legacy of the czars in an FGCU Renaissance Academy class led by Carol Jonson from 10-11:30 a.m. at Moorings Park. The official residence of the Romanovs has more than 500 rooms and houses treasures assembled over 250 years. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 425-3272 or registerRA.fgcu.edu.



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■ GirlTalkTV.com presents its "**Face the Summer**" runway fashion show at 6 p.m. Friday at Bellasera Hotel. \$40-\$55, with proceeds benefitting Dress for Success Southwest Florida.
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RESEARCH IT

■ Explore your roots and branches at a **genealogy workshop** hosted by WGCU Public Media from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Cohen Center at FGCU. \$100 includes lunch.
— wgcu.org

■ **Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary** hosts guided walks along the 2.5-mile boardwalk starting at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday. \$12 for adults, \$3 for children. Reservations recommended.
— corkscrew.audubon.org

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BOOK IT

■ Tickets for John Cleese and Eric Idle in "**Together At Last ... For the Very First Time**" (coming to the Barbara B. Mann Hall in Fort Myers on Oct. 3) go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, June 19.
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■ Bring a new "lightly loved" dress for donation to the PACE Center for Girls' **Love That Dress!** fundraiser to Glamour Puss from 5-7 p.m. Thursday and receive a \$10 gift certificate for shopping at the boutique in the Shoppes Vanderbilt.
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BELIEVE IT

■ **Elvis impersonators** and fans of The King will flock to Seminole Immokalee Casino for Elvis Fest 7 on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28.
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Dinner & Cards – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner, cards and mah jongg at 6 p.m. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Art After Hours – The Baker Museum offers free admission from 6-9 p.m. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Piano Man – Josh Isenberg performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Dagny's Spirits. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or dagnysspirits.com.

Dance the Night Away – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a dance at 7 p.m. Friday, June 26. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Raise the Roof – Greater Naples YMCA hosts a family rooftop party and movie at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 26. \$20. 597-3148 or greaternaplesymca.com.

Free Fit – Naples Grande Resort offers a free outdoor circuit training class at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 26. 597-3232 or naplesgrande.com.

Early Independence – Everglades City is always the first to celebrate Independence Day. This year's family festival takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and includes a patriotic parade, pet competitions, arts and crafts, raffles and playground games, all leading up to fireworks at twilight. 695-2695.

Hounddoggin' – Seminole Casino Immokalee invites Elvis enthusiasts to pull out their jumpsuits and aviators to see who comes away as The King starting at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28. Contestants perform karaoke each night at 6 p.m. Free. (800) 218-0007 or seminolecasinoimmokalee.com.

Talent Show – Miromar Outlets presents its annual talent show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

COMING UP

Turtle Talk – Delnor-Wiggins State Park hosts a talk about one of Florida's keystone species, the humble gopher tortoise, at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25. Free with park entry. 596-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Dress Collection Party – Euro Spa of Naples invites women to bring in new or gently worn dresses for donation to PACE Center for Girls' Love That Dress! fundraiser from 2-6 p.m. Enjoy complimentary makeup refreshers and 15 percent off Jane Iredale and DMA lip products. Donors will receive a coupon for \$20 off any one-hour spa service. 1575 Pine Ridge Road. 591-0060.

History Chat – South Regional Library hosts a presentation about influential women in American history at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25. 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.



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WHERE TO GO

Circus Fun - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents Shooley Mool-ey Circus at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 27. \$20. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Paint Session - Dagny's Spirits invites guests to enjoy a glass of wine while an artist helps them create a masterpiece on canvas starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27. Reservations required. \$35. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or dagnyspirits.com.

SummerJazz on the Gulf - The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents its free SummerJazz on the Gulf concerts from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturdays, June 27, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19. This year's lineup begins with The Betty Fox Band and continues with The Danny Sinoff Band, Pocket Change and Late Night Brass. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Food and drinks available for purchase; no coolers allowed. 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

New Kicks - Solefest 2015 stops by North Collier Regional Park noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 28. Sneaker enthusiasts can buy, sell or trade and mix with their own kind. Vendor tables available. \$15-\$25. Solefest.com.

Classic Marilyn - The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" (1953) at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at the FGCU Naples campus. A wealthy father puts a private detective on a showgirl who is engaged to marry his nerdy son. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Classic Backstory - Learn about how the cinematic masterpiece "Gone with the Wind" was created at 10 a.m. Monday, June 29. The FGCU Renaissance Academy holds the class at the FGCU Naples campus. \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Freedom Fun - Mercato hosts a pre-Independence Day bash with family activities and music by the classic rock band Rockin' Horse starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 2. Free. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Jazz Al Fresco - Naples Grande Beach Resort presents The RJ Howson Band on the Sunset Veranda at 5 p.m. Friday, July 3. Free. 597-3232 or naples-grande.com.

History Presentation - Marco resident William Hughes presents his two 30-minute movies, "A Look Through Time" and "Jane Hittler at Marco Cemetery" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 642-1440 or themihs.com.

Boat Show - Marine Industries Association of Collier County hosts the Naples Boat Show at Naples City Dock 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4. ■

— 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, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.



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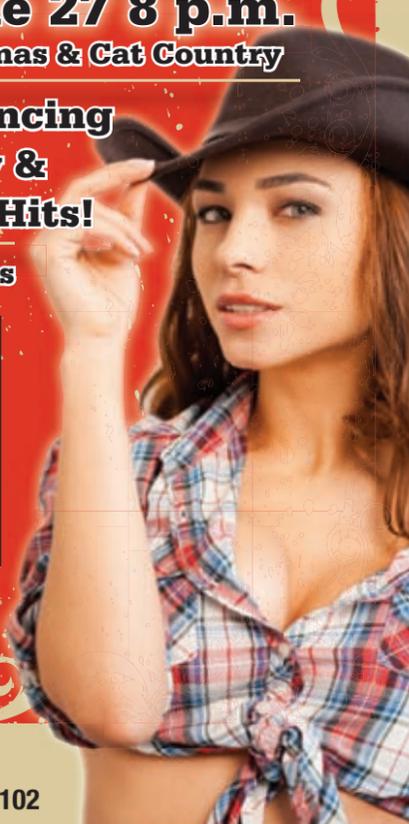


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ARTS COMMENTARY

Are these 'Underpants' returnable?



Underpants come in all styles and colors.

Some are plain and utilitarian, others racy and fun.

"The Underpants," playing at the Laboratory Theater of Florida, falls somewhere in the middle, though more toward the former than the latter.

This Steve Martin adaptation of a 1910 Carl Sternheim farce is about an errant pair of bloomers. When Louise (Dena Galyean) goes to a parade to see the king pass by, she stands on tiptoe to get a better view ... and her drawers drop. Her husband, government bureaucrat Theo (Mike Dinko), is appalled. All he cares about is his reputation, and how the incident might reflect poorly on him.

But the men at the parade who witnessed the incident are captivated. Driven by their lust, they show up at Louise and Theo's house to rent a spare room, just so they can get close to Louise and possibly have their way with her.

Louise is not the slut her husband accuses her of being, but their nosy upstairs neighbor, Gertrude (Angie Koch), persuades her to play the field.

Gertrude is a troublemaker, an instigator. There are better men out there, she tells Louise, and proceeds to coach her in the ways of men and sew her a series of increasingly more revealing underpants with which to seduce them.

Ms. Koch is girlish and impish in the role, but she could've easily played her character even bigger.

The same could be said for almost everyone else in the cast.

Sadly, this production is remarkably staid for a farce.

That could be partly because this is a community theater and these are amateur actors, and also partly due to director Rick Sebastian's interpretation of the play. He chose to use a conventional set and period clothing; there's nothing absurd or whimsical about either.

Comedy, especially this particular brand of over-the-top farce, can be extremely difficult to play. The tone should be light, like a soufflé, but this production is leaden.

Part of it is due to Mr. Dinko's strong performance. His Theo is so overbearing, so pedantic and authoritarian, that he steamrolls over the other characters.

I was so looking forward to this play. I saw a production of it 12 years ago and still



Angie Koch watches as Dena Galyean gets measured for underpants by Andy Savoie.



Mike Dinko and Marcos Martins as Theo and Cohen in "The Underpants."

remember it fondly. It was great fun: crazy, absurd and uproariously funny.

I re-read the play recently, and it was hysterical to even just read it on the page.

But somehow, that wild humor has not translated to the Lab Theater stage. It comes across like a straight play (albeit a strange one) with some funny lines here and there.

When *Florida Weekly* took photos of the cast a couple weeks ago, the images were downright zany. But that zany-ness is missing onstage.

Theatergoers may well wonder what's so wild and crazy about this play, other

than the fact that it's about underpants. Mr. Sebastian does play some fun music before the show and during intermission, including a bouncy oom-pah tune and (you will hate him for this, because it will stick in your head forever) the music to "The Chicken Dance."

Ms. Galyean does a good job as Louise, a woman who, initially naïve, comes into her own.

Andy Savoie plays Versati, a poet (though he sometimes calls himself Versace), and Marcos Martins is Cohen, a hypochondriac barber who tries to hide the fact that he's Jewish. Rounding out this trio of unsuitable suitors is Stephen Hooper as Klingelhoff, who is, well... just an odd duck. Mr. Hooper is the only one who seems to understand the tenor of the play, and his wackiness is most welcomed.

Theo is a dolt, a drone who doesn't read, an unimaginative man who thrives on order and regularity and bureaucracy. He's annoyingly paternalistic, referring to Louise as "a little housewife." He makes all the major decisions in the household, has affairs and, by his own admittance, takes only a minute to make love.

When he makes a pass at Gertrude, she warns him, "You might not like me. I'm 42."

"Rivers still flow from rusty pipes," he tells her.

"That's the most romantic thing anyone's ever said to me," she replies.

"I want to sleep with you. It won't take a minute," he coaxes, as if that will seal the deal.

Steve Martin's adaptation of Mr. Sternheim's play is full of witty, snappy dialogue.

Reviews of the original production have called it "hilarious and bawdy," "loose, gleefully silly" and "light on its feet, irreverent and quite engaging." *Time Out New York* magazine said, "Bad puns, goofy pratfalls... and an endless stream of hilariously daffy lines creates a momentum that rolls ..."

Perhaps if the cast delivered the lines with a little less inhibition and at a faster pace, this production would feel lighter and crazier.

When performed well, "The Underpants" is side-achingly hilarious. It's not only funny, it's a clever commentary about marriage and relationships between the genders.

Louise keeps a bird in a cage in her kitchen; she is like that caged bird. Her husband sees her as a pretty thing to keep entrapped for his own pleasure and entertainment.

Mr. Sebastian seems to have a different interpretation of the play, though, especially the ending. He seems to view Theo as not that bad a guy, a man who just wants to protect his wife. He sees it as a play about misunderstanding and miscommunication, while others see it as a woman discovering herself, her own mind and wishes.

Theo, frankly, doesn't have a clue. Not even by the end of the play.

And according to the script, Louise is in full control of herself. But this production presents it differently.

Mr. Sternheim's plays were considered subversive; they were even banned by the Nazis. But you couldn't tell by this production.

"The Underpants" is a play that can be as bold and brazen as a Calvin Klein underpants billboard or a Victoria Secret commercial.

What the Lab Theater delivers, however, is a pair of plain, white briefs. ■

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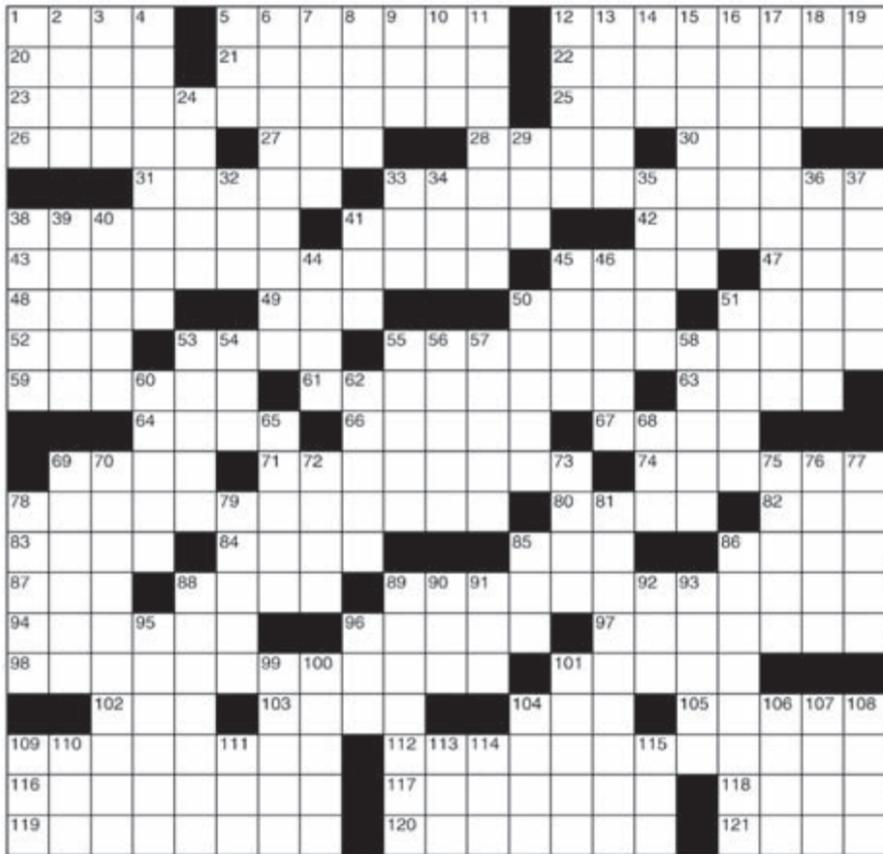
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Painter of limp watches
 - 5 By the day, as payment
 - 12 "It doesn't matter"
 - 20 Moran of "Happy Days"
 - 21 The tiniest bit
 - 22 Hot pepper
 - 23 Group of wolves
 - 25 Brought upon oneself
 - 26 USNA frosh
 - 27 "— Miz"
 - 28 Bring in
 - 30 Moniker, in Marseilles
 - 31 Mervyn of film
 - 33 Misplaced the most recent catalog?
 - 38 Sun circlers
 - 41 Braga of film
 - 42 Nervous —
 - 43 Notice folks quarreling about a skewer?
 - 45 Kind of latte
 - 47 Sportswriter Pasquarelli
 - 48 Name of 12 popes
 - 49 Folksy denial
 - 50 Parisian "to be"
 - 51 Actor Robert De —
 - 52 Six-legged scurrier
 - 53 Gift add-ons
 - 55 Farm structure is built in Switzerland's capital?
 - 59 Liam of "Neil"
 - 61 Raises up
 - 63 Yemen's largest city
 - 64 — time
 - 66 Give a big speech
 - 67 Baseball Hall of Famer
 - 69 Preside
 - 71 Students
 - 74 To no avail
 - 78 Put a clump of tree-trunk greenery in disarray?
 - 80 Bath powder
 - 82 Philosopher Lao- —
 - 83 Optic layer
 - 84 Throw easily
 - 85 Paddle's kin
 - 86 Stuff in ale
 - 87 Rev.'s talk
 - 88 City on I-80
 - 89 Group working on a jackdaw's gullet?
 - 94 Slate clearer
 - 96 Miller rival
 - 97 Optometrist
 - 98 Knock out a pier-dwelling mallard?
 - 101 "— good you let him know": Hamlet
 - 102 "My country, —"
 - 103 Lock fastener
 - 104 Plant seeds
 - 105 Shuts noisily
 - 109 Preserve
 - 112 Exited the elevator to the high-ceilinged SoHo flat?
 - 116 How keyless music is written
 - 117 Quito locale
 - 118 Like — of sunshine
 - 119 Little jaunt on a little horse
 - 120 Cyclone
 - 121 Where Coca-Cola is "KO"
- DOWN**
- 1 Johnny of "Ed Wood"
 - 2 Central Asia's — Sea
 - 3 Pooch pests
 - 4 Rorschach test features
 - 5 Luau chow
 - 6 Hemming in
 - 7 Type in anew
 - 8 See 95-Down
 - 9 Bettor's note
 - 10 Series-ending abbr.
 - 11 Succeeds
 - 12 Spin around
 - 13 — Barbera
 - 14 "The Middle" network
 - 15 Poked fun at
 - 16 Register
 - 17 Indiana county whose name is a red color
 - 18 Afore
 - 19 Gun, in slang
 - 24 Parts of hammers
 - 29 — good clip
 - 32 Ice-T's style
 - 33 Hack
 - 34 — roll (lucky)
 - 35 Deriding look
 - 36 — Nevada
 - 37 Partner of a mortise
 - 38 Hearing ailer
 - 39 Share a view
 - 40 Artery
 - 41 Minneapolis-to-Dallas dir.
 - 44 Hit with a zapping gun
 - 45 The Beatles' "Let —"
 - 46 Collision
 - 50 Register for
 - 51 Hoops cable channel
 - 53 Pole carving
 - 54 Advice giver
 - 55 Yankee Yogi
 - 56 Bob — restaurants
 - 57 Per-unit costs
 - 58 "Bye Bye" boy band
 - 60 Rumba's kin
 - 62 Garden soils
 - 65 Johnny who cried "Come on down!"
 - 68 OPEC fuel
 - 69 Idolize
 - 70 Keystroke or mouse click
 - 72 Canadian gas brand
 - 73 Detached, in mus.
 - 75 Old game console
 - 76 Lanai and Skye, say
 - 77 Product label wds.
 - 78 Ruminated
 - 79 County in New Mexico
 - 81 Tree once associated with bow welders
 - 85 Pained cries
 - 86 "Dirty Sexy Money" actress Zoe
 - 88 Symbol atop the Kremlin
 - 89 Pair of poetic lines
 - 90 Mythical bird
 - 91 Mork's planet
 - 92 Pitching whiz
 - 93 Sausage, in Stuttgart
 - 95 With 8-Down, swims without a suit
 - 96 They made LPs passé
 - 99 Kid
 - 100 West with 21 Grammys
 - 101 — lie (fibbed)
 - 104 Funny Laurel
 - 106 Gossamer
 - 107 Degs, for playwrights
 - 108 Eye malady
 - 109 GPS drawing
 - 110 From — B
 - 111 Ring legend
 - 113 Prefix with law or tourist
 - 114 Cat coat
 - 115 Swing to and —

SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A problem with a colleague you thought had been resolved could recur. However, this time you'll be able to rely on your record to get a quick resolution in your favor. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Giving your self-esteem a boost could be a good idea for the Moon Child, who might feel a bit daunted by the week's occurrences. Just focus on all your positive accomplishments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The "mane" attraction for the Lovable Lion this week is — what else? — love. New relationships move to new levels, while long-standing partnerships are strengthened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A recent workplace problem will prove to be one of miscommunication, and once the matter is settled, you should have a better chance of getting your proposals approved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Good news! After dealing pretty much in the dark with a matter that seemed to be taking forever to resolve, you should soon be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive message should help lift that energy-draining sense of anxiety, and you should soon be able to deal with even the peskiest matter, whether at work or personal.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Try to control that

heated Sagittarian temperament while dealing with what you believe to be an unfair matter. A cool approach is the best way to handle things.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings could keep you from learning what went wrong. Ask your partner, a family member or a trusted friend to help you reassess your actions in the matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Nature is dominant this week. Try to spend time outdoors with someone special. An act of kindness in the past might be recalled by a person you believed was out of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An upcoming career decision could be based on how well you might be able to apply your artistic talents. Be sure to use the finest samples of your work to make a strong impression.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Making things more complicated than they need to be can be a problem for the typically orderly Lamb. Try to look for a less intricate way to accomplish the same goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Avoiding personal involvement in a troubling situation might be advisable at this time, especially since you probably don't have all the facts. The weekend brings a surprise.

BORN THIS WEEK: Doing good things for others comes easily to you. You are considered a good friend, even by those you might hardly know. ■

By Linda Thistle

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The hidden power of a pass

BY STEVE BECKER

One of the hardest words in bridge to say, it seems, is “pass.” There is no way of knowing how many thousands of points are lost, hand after hand, as a result of the injudicious use of bids other than pass when the latter action is called for.

Consider this deal, from a tournament, where West failed to utter the magic word. The bidding began when East, taking advantage of the favorable vulnerability, opened with four spades.

This posed a difficult problem for South. Certainly he had to bid something with his fine hand, but the question of what to bid was not easy to answer. He didn't need much from his partner to make a slam, but he was afraid to jump to six hearts or six diamonds for fear he might choose the wrong suit.

So he overcalled with five hearts, hoping he'd get a chance to name diamonds later. This turned out to be the case when West bid five spades, and South then properly overrode his partner's double to bid six diamonds.

West passed, and North, seeking the maximum score, corrected to six hearts. When this rolled around to West, he chose to double instead of pass.

West led the ace of clubs and continued with the queen. Declarer ruffed and led a low heart. After West played low, South, mindful of the double, finessed the eight, correctly deciding

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 5 2
♥ Q 8
♦ Q 9 4
♣ 9 8 7 5 3

WEST
♠ K 7 6
♥ 10 7 6 5 4
♦ 10 6
♣ A Q 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9 8 4 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ K J 10 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K J 9 3 2
♦ A K 8 7 5 3
♣ 4

The bidding:
East 4♠ South 5♥ West 5♠ North Dble
Pass 6♦ Pass 6♥
Pass Pass Dble
Opening lead — ace of clubs.

that West had all five missing trumps. The rest was easy, and South made the slam after drawing trumps.

It is possible that declarer would have finessed the eight anyway, but the double drew a diagram for South that could hardly be misread. West should have been satisfied with the six-heart contract and maintained a stoic silence. ■



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FILM CAPSULES

Entourage ★★1/2

(Adrian Grenier, Jeremy Piven, Kevin Dillon) Movie star Vinny's (Grenier) directorial debut stresses out studio boss Ari (Piven), while other members of Vinny's entourage get into trouble of their own. It's an amusing bit of show-biz buffoonery, much more accessible to fans of the show than newbies like myself. Rated R.

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 (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. ■

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.

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



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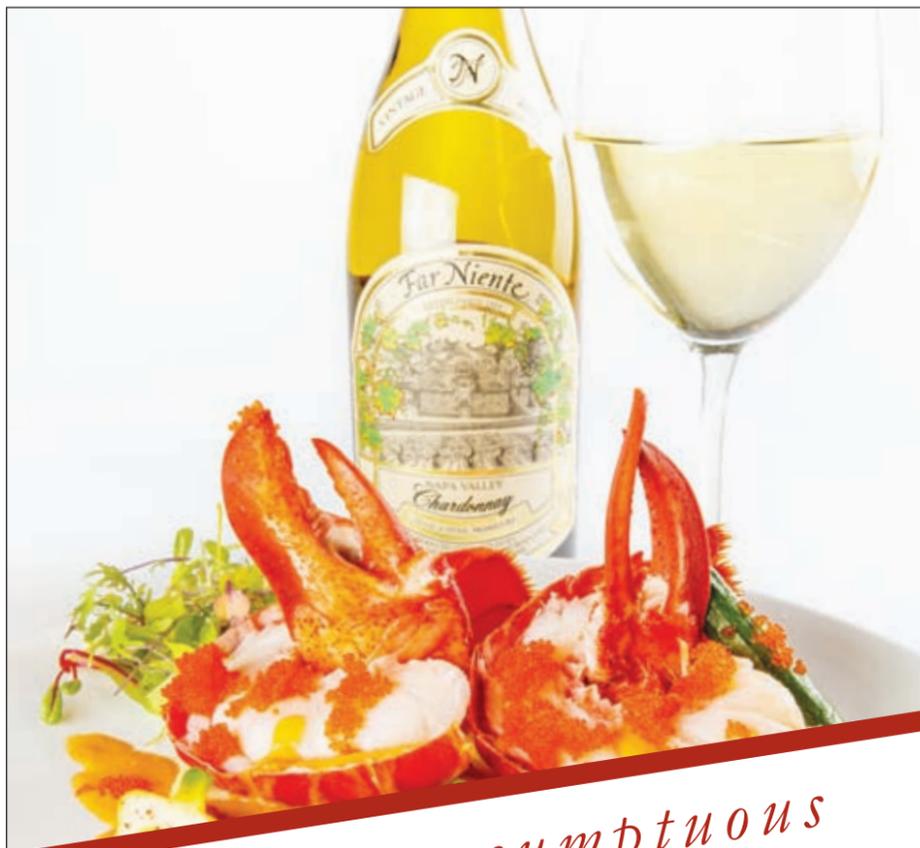
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Is it worth \$10? No

"Nobody's impressed by a dinosaur anymore," says operations manager Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) in the early moments of "Jurassic World," and how true it is for moviegoers as well: Visual effects are leaps and bounds beyond what they were in 1993 when "Jurassic Park" was a box office smash, and that film's two ho-hum sequels prompted fans to grow weary of the "Jurassic" world. So surely executive producer Steven Spielberg and director Colin Trevorrow have something great in store for us with this fourth outing, right?

The franchise should've remained extinct.

"Jurassic World" is a big, humorless, drab movie, saved only by an inspired finale that at least allows you to leave the theater having enjoyed something.

Set in Isla Nublar in Costa Rica, the same location as "Jurassic Park," the park has reopened as a futuristic amusement center optimized for profitability and access to the dinosaurs. There's a petting zoo, T-Rex observatory, aquarium, aviary, on-site hotel and, of course, the one thing it couldn't possibly function without: a Starbucks. The problem is operating expenses are too high, so every few years scientists have to create something new to keep their 21,000 daily visitors coming back.

To the tune of \$26 million, meet the 50-foot-tall Indominus Rex. A genetically created hybrid of various creatures that's bigger and meaner than any dinosaur known to have existed, she's supremely intelligent and kills for sport. She's an enemy to and the worst nightmare of any living being on the island. When she escapes, the insufferable humans must argue over how to stop her.

Claire is at first overly concerned with

company profits before she wises up and remembers her sister (Judy Greer) is counting on her to take care of her two nephews (Ty Simpkins and Nick Robinson) as they visit the park. To his credit the park's owner, Simon (Irrfan Khan), tries to do the right thing, but it's too late to reverse his critical mistakes. Owen (Chris Pratt) and his assistant, Brady (Omar Sy), work with Velociraptors and have developed a bit of a rapport with the prehistoric creatures, which the head of security (Vincent D'Onofrio) believes can be an asset in hunting the Indominus. Owen disagrees. Emphatically. You know a movie's bad when the even the endearing Chris Pratt ("Parks & Rec," "Guardians of the Galaxy") is so stifled he can't crack a joke for some comic relief.

The visual effects and scale of the production reflect enormous ambition, so the lack of success certainly isn't due to limited vision. The execution, however, is faulty. There are long stretches in which nothing dynamic happens, and the action scenes are pretty standard and much like what we've seen

from this franchise before.

Understand: The first "Jurassic Park" worked because it had ingenuity and a "wow" factor that crackled with excitement every time a dinosaur was on screen. But as Claire readily admits in the aforementioned quote — and the filmmakers certainly know as well — dinosaurs alone aren't enough, and it's these extra elements in "Jurassic World" that underwhelm.

Simply put, there's nothing to "wow" at here.

And we go to movies like these to do nothing but "wow." ■

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>> Jimmy Fallon has a cameo on a park monitor; his "Tonight Show" airs on NBC, and the movie was made by Universal Pictures, both of which are owned by Comcast.



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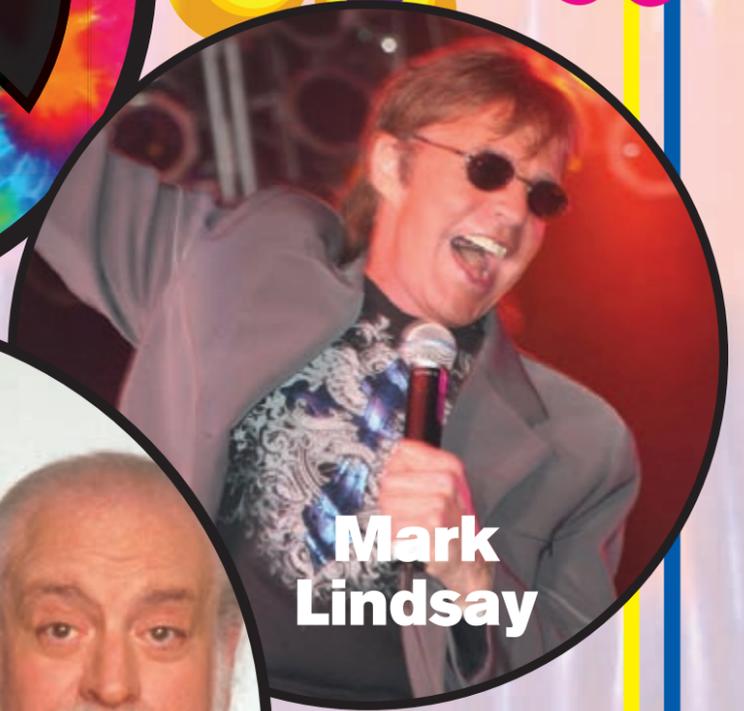
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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

An antique to keep your antiques in

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Collecting is not a new hobby — there were cavemen and even birds that saw unusual or attractive items and took them “home” to save. Ancient Romans collected coins and pottery and one Emperor had a bedroom filled with treasures from Greece. By the time of the Renaissance, there were “wonder cabinets,” and the rich and the royal had galleries to display their paintings and statuary. Collectors from every century have had problems of storage, display and inventory records. During the 18th century, European and American collectibles like coins, mineral specimens and small pieces of pottery and glass were displayed in a large piece of wooden furniture, usually a combination bookcase and cabinet. It had both shelves and special shallow drawers, divided into small sections. A southern auction house recently sold a Federal carved mahogany piece of antique furniture with shelves in the top section, and a writing desk over specimen drawers below. Doors with panes of glass cover the upper shelves and wooden doors hide the lower section’s storage. It was made in Philadelphia in 1807. The piece is 93 inches high, so it can just fit under the average 8-foot-high ceiling if there is no carpet on the floor. Estimated at \$3,000 to \$5,000, it sold for \$5,490.



A collector will enjoy this bookcase-cabinet because it has several sizes of sections for antiques and collectibles. Neal Auction Co. of New Orleans sold it for \$5,490.

the Royal Doulton mark on the bottom. What does that mean?

A: From 1940 to 1960, Royal Doulton made “The Cavalier,” a character jug based on a painting called “The Laughing Cavalier” by Frans Hals. More than one version was made. In the first version, the cavalier has a goatee. It was made in the large 7-inch size from 1940 to 1950, and it is rare. A second version, without

Q: Several years ago, I inherited a Royal Doulton jug called “The Cavalier.” There is a large letter “A” next to



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the goatee and with a ruff around his neck, was made in a small size (3/4-inch) beginning in 1941, and in a large size (7-inch) beginning in 1950. The "A" is a factory mark used between 1939 and 1955. According to a former employee, it was used to identify pieces that were made for export. The version without goatee sells for \$12 to \$20. The value of the rarer version with a goatee is estimated at \$1,200 to \$4,000.

Q: Is there any formula that will restore clarity to 30-year-old crystal stemware that has become cloudy?

A: Your water may be leaving a film that can be removed by using water softener. But the glasses are probably cloudy because hot water and detergents in the dishwasher slightly damage the polish on the glass and give the stemware the cloudy appearance. It is almost impossible to restore the original shine, although some glassware can be polished inside and out. There is a trick that covers the problem of cloudy glass decanters and other glassware with lids or stoppers that is not being used to serve food. Pour some clear baby oil into the decanter, swish it around to cover the entire inside with a thin layer of oil. Pour out any excess and then close the bottle. It will sparkle as if it is new. But this treatment is a coverup, not a cure, and about once a year it has to be repeated. Watch out for this trick when you buy glass. There is no permanent cure for cloudy glass.

Q: I have a stereopticon marked "Pat'd September 28, 1897." I also have 21 picture cards that go with it, including "The President & Mrs. McKinley, Twentieth Century Series." The series includes several pictures taken in 1899. I'd like to know the value of these items.

A: The Whiting View Co. of Cincinnati published a series of stereo cards called "The Twentieth Century Series" around 1901. Stereo cards were made for viewing in stereoscopes. People often confuse stereoscopes with stereopticons. Stereopticons, sometimes called magic lanterns, were first made about 1850. A stereopticon has two lenses and uses glass slides to project images. A stereoscope is a viewer for stereo cards that uses two images to produce a single three-dimensional picture. If you are viewing the image cards through your device, you have a stereoscope. Stereoscopes were first made in 1838. Stereo cards were usually purchased by the set. A stereoscope with the patent date of September 28, 1897, and five cards sold online for \$125. Stereo cards alone sell for \$10 to \$25, depending on the subject. Your card set was popular, and many sets still exist.

Tip: Don't eat off antique pewter plates. Some have a high lead content, and continuous use and scratches on the surface releases bits of poisonous lead. Also, avoid using pewter for food preparation. New pewter usually is safe, but be sure to check on the lead content. ■

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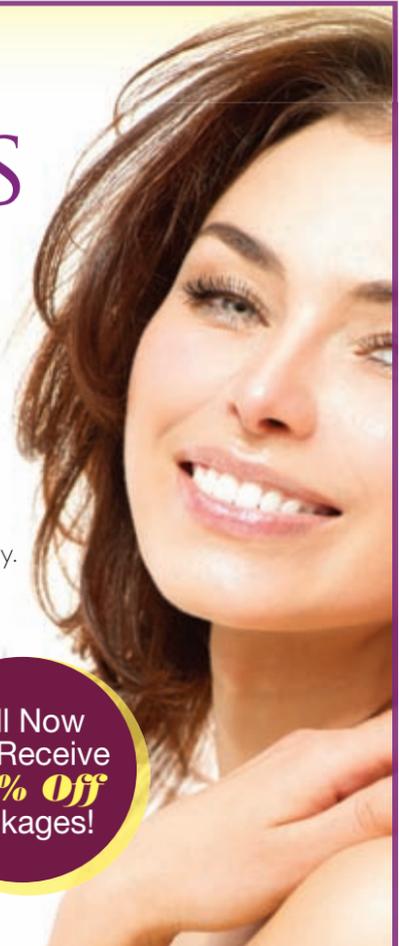
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10 P.M. - The Crimson Field, Part 1

Oona Chaplin stars in a drama about WWI's frontline medics — their hopes, fears, triumphs and tragedies. In a tented field hospital on the coast of France,



The Crimson Field, Part 1, June 21



Poldark, Part 1, June 21



Tales from the Royal Wardrobe, June 22

a team of doctors, nurses and women volunteers works together to heal the bodies and souls of men wounded in the trenches.

sexual abuse of undocumented women in the janitorial service industry examines how the government, law enforcement and companies fall short in dealing with the problem.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 10 P.M.

Tales from the Royal Wardrobe

Examine the significance of the royal wardrobes of English monarchs over the last 400 years. Learn why most kings and queens have carefully choreographed every aspect of their apparel and why.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 9 P.M.

First Peoples: Americas/Africa

Learn why an underwater discovery in Mexico could rewrite the story of early migration to the Americas. Colonization was a challenge because a huge ice sheet blocked the route. It's now believed that humans arrived in the Americas by boat, not on foot. Examine research that suggests humans evolved in many places across Africa at the same time. ■

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Frontline: Rape on the Night Shift

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Working the rails on 'Hell on Wheels'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I can't wait for "Hell on Wheels" to come back. Can you tell me when that will be, and give me a little hint of what will happen this season?



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— *Michael D., via email*
A: The critically acclaimed Western period drama returns to AMC for its fifth and final season July 18, when it will begin airing the first half of the 14-episode season. Its midseason finale will air Aug. 29, with the second half picking up in 2016. I spoke with cast newcomer Byron Mann about this final season, and he told me a little bit of what fans can expect.

"This season is about the Chinese workers on the railroad and all the stories that come out of it. My character is Chang, and he is the power broker. He controls all of the workers. He gets into all of these different conflicts and vying of power with Cullen Bohannon, who is played by Anson Mount, and with all the other railroad owners. He is a very complex and interesting character."

Byron is excited for viewers to see the Chinese influence and labor that went into making America's cross-country railroad system. "The railroad in America — certainly the line from San Francisco out to the east — was built primarily by the Chinese workers and the Irish workers. There were 15,000 Chinese workers building this line. Their stories have never been told — on television or in movies. What I can tell you is that there will be a bitter and

very complex rivalry between Chang and Cullen Bohannon, which will develop and escalate throughout the season."

Q: I was floored by the season finale of "Outlander," and I know there will be a wait to see season two. Do you have any idea when that will be? Please tell me we won't have to suffer another midseason four-month hiatus.

— *Gigi R., Lancaster, Pa.*

A: Showrunner Ronald D. Moore has revealed that the second season, which will premiere in 2016, will have a straight run of all season-two episodes. There will be at least 13 episodes, because the powers that be might decide it needs more time to cover the second book, "Dragonfly in Amber," which season two will be based on. Fans are speculating that "Outlander" could premiere April 16, 2016, which just so happens to be the 270th anniversary of the Battle of Culloden.

Readers: Here is the list of CW shows that have been renewed and canceled, starting with the renewed shows: "The 100," "America's Next Top Model," "Arrow," "Beauty and the Beast," "The Flash," "iZombie," "Jane the Virgin," "The Originals," "Reign," "Supernatural" and "The Vampire Diaries." "Hart of Dixie" and "The Messengers" either have ended their run or have been canceled. ■

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■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ **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 (no meeting July 4) of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are June 20 and July 18. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email 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 14. 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 8. For more information, call 774-2623 or email 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 14. For locations,

call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

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

■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** hosts its next French-speaking table and lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 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, 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.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** invites members and guests to bring their troubled orchids in for expert attention and to hear "A Common Sense Approach to Growing Orchids" presented by Dan Christensen of Dan and Margie Orchids in Fort Lauderdale at the society's regular meeting Thursday evening, July 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 7 p.m. for the orchid competition; the business meeting and program start at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.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 July 9. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ Members of the **Naples chapter of Sigma Chi** alumni meet for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 10, at the Pelican Bay Club. Results of the national convention will be discussed. The group will not meet in July or August. Members are reminded that 2015-16 dues are payable now. For more information, call Bill Robinson at 293-5239 or visit naplessigs.com.

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

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Friday, July 10. Guests can enjoy cocktails and a three-course dinner at either Vergina or Mangrove Café (or cocktails at one, dinner at the other) before heading to the Sugden Community Theatre for a performance of "Legally Blonde, The Musical." Tickets are \$125. Proceeds will support Collier 211, which provides free, anonymous and confidential help and referrals 24/7, in a variety of languages (dial 211 or 263-4211, or text 898-211). For tickets or more information, call Dayhanna Acosta at 261-7112, ext. 201, email Dayhanna.acosta@uwcollier.org or visit unitedwayofcolliercounty.org.

■ 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 Fogelsong 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.

■ 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 per team 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.

■ The fifth annual **Love That Dress!** event to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee takes place the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 at 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.

■ The **Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services**, a business-to-business networking organization, invites the public to its annual Big Event on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Cocktail hours will be followed by a three-course dinner and a presentation by world-renowned chocolatier Norman Love, founder and president of Norman Love Confections in Naples, Estero and Fort Myers. The event is open to the public and will begin with a cocktail reception followed by a three-course meal with guest speaker, Norman Love. The award-winning Mr. Love is chef, president and founder of Norman Love Confections. Sponsors of the Big Event are Florida Weekly, Gulfshore Life, Shula's and the Hilton Naples, Naples Flowers and Naples Print Source. For tickets or more information, visit naplesgroup.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.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 17th annual Tea & Fashion Show from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 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.

■ The seventh annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thurs-

day 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 for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456 for information about becoming an 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.

■ 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. To register online, visit 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.

■ **PAWS Assistance Dogs** will be the

sole beneficiary of the 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.

PAWS Assistance Dogs promotes independence and enhances the quality of life for combat wounded veterans and children with special needs through partnerships with skilled assistance dogs.

For more information about PAWS Assistance Dogs, visit pawsassistancedogs.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.

■ **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. ■

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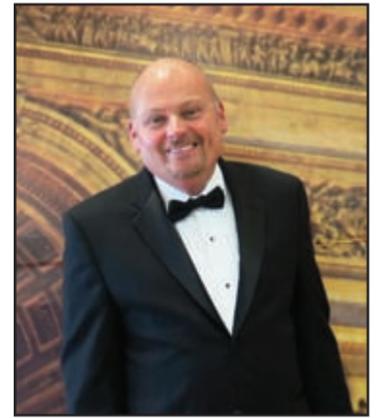
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Cindy Walker of Vi at Bentley Village and Kathleen Passidomo



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Frank Provenzano accepts the Senior Prom King crown from Kathleen Passidomo while Cindy Walker looks on.

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CUISINE NEWS

Local caterers create a tasty niche with paella parties

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Party hosts who are stumped on what to feed their guests this summer might want to consider one of the paella chefs that have been making the rounds locally. Rather than quarantining themselves in a kitchen or poring over a catering menu with the aim to find something to appeal to everyone, hosts can hire one of these rice professionals to arrive at the party site and prepare fresh paella, on the spot, for gatherings of any size.

There are a few other benefits besides having what is essentially a fancy one-pot meal for a crowd: It's surprisingly affordable, and it's fun to watch the chefs create their Latin masterpieces en plein air.

Fire and Rice started four years ago as Chef Paul Schmidgall's solution to finding a low-cost, high-impact gig at the height of the recession. "I had to find something affordable that feed the masses," he says the 25-year veteran of the food industry.

Customers of Fire and Rice can select a few different concoctions to feed anywhere from 15 to 500 people. "It works," Chef Schmidgall says about his concept. "It's just grown exponentially ever since."

His creations remain authentically Spanish and affordable, topping out at \$27.50 per person. Those who prefer a traditional Valencian paella can opt for a yellow rice mixture that contains a variety of vegetables, chorizo, shellfish and chicken. Or you can kick it up a notch with one of the seafood dishes that



Al fresco paella preparation can double as entertainment for party guests. Here, Chef Ken Gluckman of Paella Party Catering prepares his specialty at a backyard gathering.



CHEF PAUL SCHMIDGALL STARTED FIRE AND RICE FOUR YEARS AGO AND SAYS HIS PABELLA PARTIES, POOLSIDE AND ELSEWHERE, HAVE BEEN HOT EVER SINCE.

contain practically all the fruits of the sea — clams, mussels, shrimp, scallops, fish and more.

Packages that include a side salad, rolls and dessert are offered, as are tapas items such as aged manchego with quince paste, roasted dates with pineapple and bacon and Spanish tortillas.

Chef Schmidgall enjoys catering to a variety of informal occasions, from backyard gatherings to boat parties and condo association meetings. He advises potential clients to book weekends as far in advance as possible and weekday

events at least seven days in advance. For more information about Fire and Rice, call 269-8857 or visit fireandrice.us.

Chef Ken Gluckman started his Paella Party Catering in Naples about 10 years ago and has been known to take his one-man show on the road to places including Chicago and Delray Beach. His basic dish, Paella de la Casa, contains chicken thighs, smoked paprika, sofrito (tomatoes, onions, garlic and parsley), saffron, artichokes and shrimp, but Chef Gluckman is happy to create customized mixtures with ingredients ranging from

different vegetables and shellfish to Serrano ham, snails, rabbit, squid ink and venison.

"Cooking paella is kind of like creating a painting," he says. "You start with an empty pan and apply all the different ingredients. It's a creative dish."

Paella Party Catering prices start at \$15 per person, and Chef Gluckman can serve anywhere from 15 to hundreds of guests. For more information, call 248-3500 or by visit paella-party.com. ■

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CUISINE NEWS

Pastry chef earns sweet accolades from Dessert Professional magazine

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Dessert Professional magazine has named Maura Methany, chef chocolatier for Norman Love Confections, one of America's Top 10 pastry chefs in 2015. Pastry chefs from around the country submit-



METHANY

a dessert for evaluation and the winners were honored at the publication's 22nd annual awards ceremony in New York City earlier this month.

Ms. Methany is the only chef from the southeastern United States to make the list. "It's so rewarding to be recognized by your peers," she says. "I'm honored to be included in such a talented group of individuals."

Her winning entry showcased a classic dessert combination: chocolate and peanut butter. Created as a dessert bar, it was composed of flourless chocolate cake, peanut butter chocolate crisp, peanut butter cream with poached candied peanuts with both peanut butter and caramel mousses, all served alongside a dark chocolate peanut butter macaroon and vanilla caramel.

"A talented and dedicated pastry chef is an invaluable asset in any kitchen," Matthew Stevens, editor of Dessert Professional, says. "Our 2015 Top 10 Pastry Chefs in America have also distinguished themselves as innovators, leaders and mentors in their chosen career paths. It is our honor to recognize them for their many and varied contributions to our industry."

Ms. Methany has worked at NLC since 2001 and is head of design and innovation for the company.

"Maura is a consummate professional — artistic, passionate and meticulous in her approach to work," her employer and master chocolatier Norman Love says. "She personifies our philosophy of coming to work each day to be better than the day before. She is truly deserving of this honor."

Ms. Methany and the nine other honorees will be featured in the August issue of the Dessert Professional. For more information, visit normanlove.com.

Take Note:

■ Through Saturday, June 20, **Barbatella** is serving flights of three red and three white wines. For \$10, the whites are Donnafugata Lighea, Montemassi Vermentino and Frescobaldo Albizzia Chardonnay; the red flights are \$12 and include Coppo Barbera d'Asti, Tomassi Cabernet and Masseria Altamura Primitivo. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or barbatellanaples.com.

■ **The Continental** hosts Speakeasy Mondays with 50 percent off craft cocktails for patrons who find the password on the restaurant's Facebook page. Past passwords include "juice joint" and "scofflaw." 1205 Third St. S. 659-0007 or thecontinentalnaples.com.

■ **Applebee's** has a special meal for dads Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21. For \$19.99, fathers can fill up on a 4-ounce sirloin, chicken, half rack of ribs, mashed potatoes, vegetables and coleslaw. 434-7744 or applebees.com.

■ Take dad to **Gordon's on the River** for Sunday brunch on Father's Day and he'll enjoy a free bloody Mary or mimosa. If a poolside barbecue is more to the family's liking, then head to **Jack's River Bar**, where dad will have his choice of a free drink (draft beer, soda, juice, iced tea or coffee) or dessert (Key lime pie, cheesecake, coconut cake or chocolate cake) to accompany his buffet meal (\$20 for adults, \$12 for kids). The regular Jack's menu will also be available (minimum \$8 purchase required to get the freebies). Both restaurants are at Naples Harbour. Offer is good from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 21. Reservations requested. 475 North Road; 213-1441.

■ **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 on Wednesdays. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. (closed Monday). 711 Fifth Ave. S. 262-5787 or gr8food.net.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some **cooking classes** on the front burner:

Sea Salt, 1136 Third St. S.; 434-7258 or seasaltnaples.com - A class on Peruvian cuisine starts at noon Saturday, June 20. \$50 includes demonstration, lunch and a Pisco cocktail.

The **Good Life of Naples**, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifenasles.com - 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 - Fresh Summer Pastas: Thursday, June 18 (\$69); Savory Summer Meals: Friday, June 19 (\$69); Exploring Latin Favorites: Friday, June 19 (\$69); Easy & Delicious Baking: Saturday, June 20 (\$69); Learn to Cut Like a Pro: Saturday, June 20 (\$59); Cooking with Dad: Sunday, June 21 (\$45); Sizzling Summer Grilling: Sunday, June 21 (\$79); Vietnamese at Home: Tuesday, June 23 (\$69); Fresh from the Farmers Market: Wednesday, June 24 (\$69). ■

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The Full Menu: seafoodrestaurant-naples.com

The Details: When it comes to ordering steak or seafood, I often have a hard time deciding — especially when the two constitute the main part of the name of a particular dining establishment. The lunch menu at Bill's Steak & Seafood Restaurant didn't make things any easier for me; I wanted to try pretty much everything from the clam roll

to Bill's Grilled Cheese (with bacon, tomato and avocado — yum) to the grilled rib eye sandwich. I finally settled on Bill's Steak Salad, a plateful of mixed greens heaped with steak tips, julienned carrots, cucumbers, toasted pecans, mandarin orange segments, blue cheese crumbles and choice of dressing (I had blue cheese).

One More Thing: My lunch companion ordered Chef Bill's New Seafood Stir-Fry Special. For \$12, it was an astonishingly generous serving of lobster, shrimp and scallops in a lemony bierre blanc sauce served over rice. While a few pieces of lettuce was all that remained on my plate, my friend left with a doggy bag containing more than enough for his dinner. ■

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VINO

Ask the Wine Whisperer



At the end of every article, I usually write "Sample widely. Write to me." While I have no way of knowing how widely my *Florida Weekly* readers sample (hope you do...), some people actually do write. Most of the queries pertain to wine appreciation or specific winegrowing regions, and they're pretty interesting. I'll attempt to answer some of your questions in this public forum from time to time. If you have questions or puzzlements about wines, regions, labels, whatever, contact me and I'll try to help.

Q: How important is the vintage of a wine?

— Barry C., Cape Coral

A: Vintage, the year shown on the bottle of most fine wines, reflects the year in which the grapes were picked. This is important because wine grapes are an agricultural product, and weather conditions can have a significant effect on the wine.

The more expensive the wine, the more important the vintage. Everyday wines (in the \$10-\$15 range) are made from grapes that come from several vineyards over a wide area. (For example, if the label on a bottle says "California," the grapes can come from anywhere in the state). If the harvest is not so good in one place during



a particular year, the producer will find better fruit somewhere else. But if you're buying wine from very specific regions or vineyards, it's worth looking up the quality of that year's harvest.

Q: What is an "appellation?"

— Sonia R., Estero

A: An appellation is a legally designated wine-growing region. They are fairly large geographical areas divided into "subappellations" of various sizes. For example, if a bottle label says "Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley," the grapes can come from anywhere in that area. But Napa is divided into subregions such as Yountville, Rutherford, Diamond Mountain, etc. And those may be further sectioned off into single vineyards or even blocks within vineyards. A label might

say, "Napa Valley Diamond Mountain Miss Lil's Vineyard." The more specific a wine is to a place, the finer — and more expensive — it's likely to be.

Q: Does the shape of a wine glass really make a difference?

— Lou B., Bonita Springs

A: Absolutely. Wine glasses are made in various shapes to accomplish certain purposes. The deep broad bowl of a red wine glass, for instance, allows us to swirl the wine sufficiently to release the flavor and aroma components. They narrow toward the top to channel those aromas to the nose. And, since we taste flavors (sweet, salt, sour and bitter) at different places on our tongues, different shapes direct what we drink to the right places. A white wine glass may be a bit taller and

narrower, because of the more delicate nature of the flavors and aromas.

Q: Why is wine stored in oak barrels?
— Robert A., Fort Myers

A: Oak is to wine what spices and seasoning are to food. When winemakers decide to ferment or store wine in oak barrels, they're adding several important flavors and characteristics to the juice. People write whole books on what oak does to wine, but basically the flavors that the juice soaks up from the barrel are determined by where the wood comes from (France and America supply most of the barrels used in winemaking), and how the barrels are toasted on the inside. Wine barrels are made over flame, because heat makes the wood staves flexible so they can be bent into shape. Winemakers order barrels with light to heavy toast, depending on the flavors they want to extract. And then, of course, there's the decision of how long to leave the wine in barrels. Some Spanish wines stay in barrels for decades before they're released.

Sample widely. Send your questions to me at vino@floridaweekly.com. ■

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CUISINE

The taste of summer

Mangos, lychees, avocados and other tropical fruits are a sure sign of the season

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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We Floridians tend to have a different take on a lot of cultural standbys: We don't have porches, we have lanais. We don't just have summer thunderstorms, we have deluges and even hurricanes. And while folks in the rest of the country chase deer from their tender summer berries and squash, we battle squirrels that want to contaminate our bumper crop of mangos. Our northern neighbors keep the country steadily supplied with strawberries, cucumbers and tomatoes through summer, and we get to enjoy exotic backyard fruits that are less in demand elsewhere.

Mangos are a perennial favorite, but what about lychees? Jackfruit? Sapodillas? Mamey? Avocados? They can be difficult to find in grocery stores, but that doesn't mean the rest of us don't have kitchen counters piled high with ripening fruit picked off our own trees.

Andrea Grace, the adult education coordinator at Naples Botanical Garden, has a soft spot for tropical fruit because it gives Floridians a horticultural advantage.



GRACE

"Tropical fruits in summer, vegetables in winter — we can have fresh produce all the time," Ms. Grace says.

Growing your own fruit, however, isn't as easy as just plugging in a tree from a local home store, though they actually have some really great varieties these days, says NBG horticulturist Brian Galligan. It's important to research which trees will satisfy all your desires, he adds, because it's easy to go wrong when so many varieties come from different geographical regions. Often, it's a matter of taste.

"The last thing you want to do is buy a cultivar without doing research on it," Mr. Galligan says. "Talk to the grower, read the ticket and do some research."

For example, mangos from Southeast Asia are often intended to be eaten green or to add tartness to savory dishes. The flavor profile of a Thai variety of fruit and its ripening period can be quite different from what gardeners in Florida are seeking.

Another popular fruit in the area are lychees, which are native to China and have a sweet, tangy flavor and are often



Horticulturist Brian Galligan at Naples Botanical Garden with a handful of lychees.

enjoyed raw. They come neatly packaged in a tough, but easily removed husk that reveals a white nubbin of flesh surrounding a dark seed. Over recent years, crafty chefs and bartenders have started incorporating them into cocktails and desserts.

An added bonus, Mr. Galligan says, is that lychee and mango trees are beautiful trees that can provide shade and are particularly attractive when they bloom.

They should, however, be regularly trimmed back to maintain the quality of the fruit and promote growth. "And they always need to be in full direct sun, especially lychees and mangoes," Mr. Galligan says. The tree should top out at about 10 feet, which reduces the need to feed it, enables easier harvesting and results in fewer, but better, fruit, he adds.

Avocados are another favorite tropical fruit, but one that many people think can't be grown in Florida. Most varieties that are grown locally don't have the same texture and flavor as Hass avocados, which have dense, creamy meat and are notoriously difficult to cultivate here. But there are other varieties from Central America that are similar to Hass and are more easily cultivated in Florida. Brogdens and Bacon cultivars are a good choice for backyards.

Other fruits that are delicious but not

Pickled Mango

Chef Jack Raben of the Fogge Café at Naples Botanical Garden uses this on his Cuban sandwiches.

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup rice vinegar or any white vinegar
- 2 chilis, serrano, Fresno or jalapeno peppers, finely diced
- 6 mangos, peeled and sliced 1/8 inch thick
- 1 sprig fresh mint

Combine sugar, water, vinegar and peppers and bring to a simmer until sugar has dissolved. Turn off heat, add mint and steep like tea until cooled to room temp. Add mango and let sit for 24 hours.



RABEN

Mango Mustard Sauce

Chef Raben recommends this with chicken, seafood and pork. The café catering menu for special events at the Garden has fried smoked gouda balls served with the sauce.

- 1 mango, diced 1/2 inch
- 3 TBS local honey
- 1 TBS Dijon mustard

Sauté the mango in honey until soft. Salt lightly and puree in blender with Dijon.



Avocado Lime Sorbet

This recipe from savvyvegetarian.com was prepared as part of a recent Avocado 101 class taught at the Garden.

- 1/2 to 1 cup sugar
- 1 TBS lime zest
- 2 cups ripe avocado (about 3 fruits)
- 2/3 cup fresh lime juice (about 3 limes)
- 1 cup water

Process sugar and zest in food processor for 2 minutes. Add avocado, lime juice and water and process until smooth. Strain mixture and discard solids. Cover the bowl and freeze for 2 hours. Return to food processor and process until smooth. Repeat freezing and blending two more times, then freeze for one to eight hours. Best if served within 24 hours.



Carambola Walnut Bread

- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup carambola, seeds removed, diced

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and set aside. Cream together sugar, oil, eggs and orange juice. Add to dry ingredients, a little at a time. Fold in nuts and carambola. Bake in a well-greased pan at 350 for 45-50 minutes.

Source: Sarasota Extension Service



as widespread are sapodillas, mamey, carambola and jackfruit (which tastes like Juicy Fruit gum), all of which thrive in South Florida and are great additions to any fruit collection, Mr. Galligan says.

Naples Botanical Garden and Collier County Extension Services host a tropi-

cal fruit sale that includes educational presentations starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Garden. Admission is \$15. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the Garden at 643-7275. For more information, visit collier.ifas.ufl.edu. ■

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