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## Museum seeks to unravel details of Jewish refugees' lives

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There's a mystery brewing at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, and staff invites the public to investigate.

After being left with bags of letters, deeds, identification cards and more from the estate of Stanley and Sally Factor, museum staff realized they had a number of holes left in the couple's story. They hope visitors to "The Faktor Investiga-



Sally and Stanley Factor in an undated photograph taken at an unknown location.

tion" can help fill in the blanks about the Factors' lives as Jewish refugees during

World War II.

"We created what we thought was a great narrative, but who knew if it was true?" says Amy Snyder, executive director of the center.

Mr. and Mrs. Factor — who were known as Stanislaus and Sala Faktor when they lived in Poland — emigrated to the New York City area in the late 1930s and bunked with her cousins, the Bernfeld family, until 1945 when they became naturalized citizens and moved to Miami. At some

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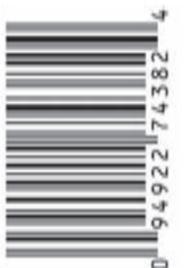
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# COMMENTARY

## The canine constituency



Here's an unrealized fact facing us in the 2016 presidential race: Any candidate who remains within 20 percentage points of the lead by next July can still win by enlisting an untapped but powerful special-interest group: the canine constituency.

Name the right canine to the ticket and ascend to the White House. It could be that simple. Millions of popular votes lie at stake, a dog-loving force that could overcome both billionaire extremists and corporate-drone super-PACS.

To date, the CC has remained largely ignored in the United States. But Americans own almost 75 million dogs, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, and for the most part we worship them.

It's true that we also own 90 million cats, but cats aren't human, like dogs, so I'm excluding them from consideration.

Take the Scottish terrier Fionn (pronounced Finn), for example, a friend of mine worthy of a truly dynamic ticket. "Vice President Fionn" has a ring to it so charming that the title alone could sweep dog-friendly states California, Texas, New York and Florida, together worth 151 of the 270 electoral votes needed to carry the presidential race.

Fionn's handlers may have to work on his image a little — perhaps add a bow

tie in the regimental colors of the Black Watch, and a Churchillian cigar — but I see huge political promise for anyone who names this extraordinary dog to a 2016 ticket.

By nature, Fionn is conditioned to chase rats. Since Washington is said to be full of rats, Fionn could do good work there.

Fionn also has the qualities of a great leader, according to his press agent, whose integrity I can vouch for. "He is energetic, diplomatic, social and honest," she told me. "If one of his fellow canine brothers miffs him, he doesn't get rattled. The bewhiskered Fionn trots over to the offending fellow's food bowl and pees in it. Fionn exemplifies good diplomacy and swift action in the face of aggression and conflict."

Imagine how quickly a new president could clear up conflicts with Vladimir Putin in Russia and the Ukraine; with Angela Merkel in Germany and Greece; with Ali Khamenei and the Supreme Council in Iran; and with Israel and Palestine together, simply by delegating just one leg-lifting act of diplomacy to Fionn:

"Here, boy, here's a biscuit," the president could say. "Now go talk to that bloody Putin and stop by his food bowl, will you? I've got a few other stops I want you to make on this trip, as well — don't worry, there's a food bowl at every one. Attaboy!"

It would be insensitive of me not to warn Fionn here that any wooing from the Trump campaign should be regarded with as much favor as the contents



Vice President Fionn

of an overly full cat box — in a closed apartment, without air conditioning, in Paris, in August.

That said, Fionn may not be right for other candidates, either. So let me offer a few additional suggestions to consider.

Marco Rubio: a cotton-fluff Pomeranian to appeal to the fluff-ball demographic, mostly older women or young hipsters. It would look good on his wife's lap, too.

Jeb Bush: five fighting pit bulls adopted from a shelter, to toughen up his image. Even though he's lost weight, Mr. Bush still looks like a pampered, private-school rich-boy.

Hillary Clinton: a Bouvier des Flandres, because she's always hated Ronald

Reagan, who couldn't handle his own. That dog, Lucky, was described by Mrs. Reagan as "the size of a pony" and banished from the White House. Such dogs do not trickle down, like Republicans. They waterfall down, like Democrats.

Ted Cruz: a white Labrador retriever, like Dick Cheney's. Mr. Cheney's got kicked out of Camp David and banned for scaring George W. Bush's dog, just like Mr. Cheney scared Mr. Bush (and everybody else).

Scott Walker: a cocker spaniel, like Richard Nixon's. Mr. Nixon's dog, Checkers, saved the Eisenhower-Nixon Republican ticket in 1952, by going on TV after Tricky Dick had been accused of taking illegal campaign contributions.

Rand Paul: a French poodle with pink ribbons, since Sen. Paul thinks animal-human marriages may be next.

Rick Perry: a German Shepherd, to remind people that he will personally patrol the Mexican border and chew up, with his own very white Texas teeth, any aliens he catches.

Bernie Sanders: A greyhound, to suggest that even though he is short and slow and funny-looking, his ideas are not. They're sleek and fast and funny-looking.

Donald Trump: a Pomeranian like Sen. Rubio's, but blond and attached to a hat. There it could yip freely like Mr. Trump, while hiding the rug he currently sports atop the Trump dome.

Chris Christie: a muscled-up hog dog, to suggest that underneath that Jersey lard lies the body and mind of a track'em-down die-hard. ■



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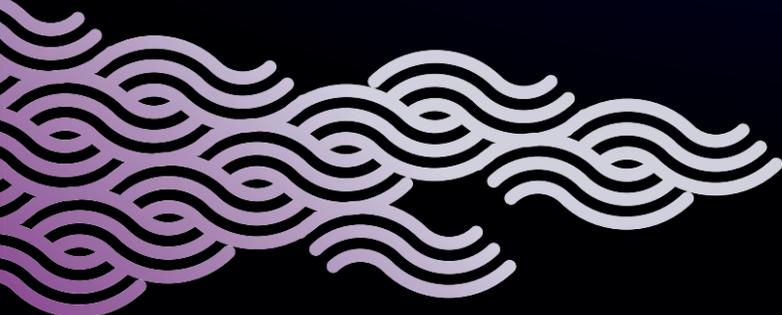
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# OPINION

## Hillary against the Uber economy



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Special to Florida Weekly

Grandmothers may know best, as Hillary Clinton has put it in tweets, but judging by her latest economic speech, they don't necessarily get or like Uber.

The ride-sharing service is synonymous with the new efficiency and convenience enabled by information technology, and is anathema to regulators and entrenched interests everywhere. Add to the list of its critics the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

Hillary Clinton didn't mention Uber by name but warned about the disruption caused by it and other companies in the so-called sharing economy. Her husband wanted to build a bridge to the 21st century; Hillary worries about the downsides of "advances in technology and expanding global trade."

Republicans would be foolish not to welcome a contrast with Hillary over some of the hottest companies in the world. The Bush campaign let it be known that Jeb will order an Uber ride in San Francisco during a campaign

swing there.

In the liberal imagination, the sharing economy is hurting workers by substituting part-time, contractor work for higher-paying full-time jobs that come with the full panoply of traditional benefits and protections. This line of attack creates the impression that these new firms are sucking workers from stereotypical 9-to-5 jobs so they can be dispossessed by tech-savvy entrepreneurs. But obviously something is drawing workers to this kind of work.

In a study for Uber, Princeton University economist Alan Krueger found "drivers who partner with Uber appear to be attracted to the platform in large part because of the flexibility it offers, the level of compensation and the fact that earnings per hour do not vary much with hours worked, which facilitates part-time and variable hours."

Uber is really a paragon of choice. Its drivers decide when or if they are going to work, and customers call it up at will. It cuts out the middleman in the form of the shabby, highly regulated taxi cartels more concerned with their own interests than customer satisfaction or convenience.

And that gets to the real issue, which is control. The sharing economy tends to do an end run around regulators, and

to challenge entrenched business interests that benefit from a cozy relationship with government.

As a disrupter of sclerotic practices in the economy and government, the sharing economy is predictably the subject of a furious regulatory and legal counter-assault. Uber has been a target in cities around the country, and abroad.

Presumably the CEOs of sharing-economy companies in the U.S. don't have to worry about being hunted down and jailed (at least not until Bernie Sanders is president). But when Hillary pledged to "crack down on bosses who exploit employees by misclassifying them as contractors," it was clear what she was talking about. She is signaling her intention to declare open season on innovators not to the liking of the regulatory-business complex.

One would think that new services that link up workers and customers in creative ways would be welcomed, not feared. But Democrats are increasingly the party of economic nostalgia. They still want that bridge to the 21st century; they just want to travel the other way. ■

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## Searching for the watchman



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It has been a few weeks since a white racist gunned down nine African-Americans attending a Bible study class in a historic A.M.E. Church in Charleston. The depravity of the crime stunned the nation. Yet the frequency with which such events occur has hardened us.

Our resolve is tentative that we can stop such killings. We fear the eventuality of another mass murder by another deranged gunman. Only something extraordinary could shake the malaise of pessimism and give life to the expectation that anything positive could come from this. And then, something extraordinary happened.

The moral courage of the victims' families raised the bar for the nation's response. The families forgave the killer of his crime. Their act called us to measure our own moral courage against the monument of their grace. It took little time to feel the full weight of what this might mean in the context of, and across the sweep of 200 years of history.

In the hours following the massacre, and as details emerged about the killer, the crime's ugly narrative of racial hatred emerged, wrapped in the Confederate battle flag, defended by the murderer in a rant to white supremacy.

Here was a beast confronting the nation, risen from an historical myth of the South's own creation, and carried to its most radical extreme. It was a modern moment of truth — an encounter with the dark that lurks beneath political unanimity that stokes its power by feeding the beast.

The evidence accumulated that the murders were a hate crime but there were denials by those leery of saying some-

thing offensive to white, southern conservatives. They sought refuge in nuance regarding the killer's motives, speculating it was about something other than what it blatantly was.

They supposed it was a war on Christianity, or President Obama's failure, or the fault of defenseless victims.

Like the portrait of Dorian Gray that suffered all the misdeeds of its subject, the party of Lincoln revealed within its ranks the blemishes it suffered to displace the Democratic "Solid South," its own soul compromised by the region's extremists.

The party is home to the political descendants of Jim Crow and the vanguard of white southerners who resisted racial equality.

They are easily identified — they hate federalism, swear fealty to states' rights, harbor nativist attitudes and beliefs and their drinking buddies are either in or out of the closet as sympathetic to white supremacists. Since the modern Civil Rights Movement, the Confederate flag has served as their business card, its symbolism flaunted as a signal to like-minded kin. Honoring Southern "heritage" is their Trojan horse to put the symbol in our midst of racist attitudes and beliefs otherwise banished from public acceptability.

South Carolina is steeped historically in this form of political subterfuge and emblematic of the class of politicians who promulgate it, the late Senator Strom Thurmond being one of the most infamous among them.

The Charleston murders of nine African-Americans on the front porch of God put the state in the crosshairs of a new civil crisis with racial justice at its core. And then, something extraordinary happened — again.

The Republican governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, stood up and said it was time to take the Confederate flag down from the state's capitol grounds. Her pronouncement altered the political landscape as fundamentally as the state's

bombardment on Fort Sumter that started the American Civil War. Three weeks after Haley's call to pull down the flag, the state Legislature followed suit, acknowledging with its removal the flag's painful symbolism for African-Americans.

As the flag came down in South Carolina, Democrats in Congress offered a series of amendments to prohibit Confederate flags from display at federal cemeteries. Before you could say "amen," Southern Republicans objected, vowing to withhold their approval of any bill aggrieved by such language. Chaos broke out on the floor of the House like in the days of yore when John C. Calhoun extolled the virtues of slavery before his abolitionist colleagues. Protest and "heritage not hate" demonstrations occurred here and elsewhere to defend public display of the flag. And then, another extraordinary event occurred.

HarperCollins announced its publication of "Go Set a Watchman," by Harper Lee. Lee wrote the "new" novel in 1957 and its appearance is occurring more than 50 years after publication of her well-known classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The hero of Mockingbird is Atticus Finch, a lawyer who defends an innocent black man falsely accused of raping a white woman. Atticus symbolizes the biblical watchman who serves as the moral conscience of white southerners caught in the web of racial bigotry.

"Go Set a Watchman" recasts the beloved character. He becomes in the story more human than we want him to be and capable of racism, too. Maybe this is Harper Lee's way of saying that if there is salvation to be had for our sins we must first admit to being sinners. ■

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# COMMENTARY

## It is the summer of Atticus and the ayatollah



Atticus Finch — the fictionalized hero of Harper Lee’s “To Kill a Mockingbird” who has resurfaced in a less-flattering form in Ms. Lee’s recently released novel, “Go Set a Watchman” — and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran’s “Supreme Leader,” have emerged during these dog days as exemplars of an increasingly disturbing trend, namely the propensity of everyone and his brother (and sister) to pop off on matters about which they are stupefyingly ignorant.

It is a testament to Ms. Lee’s skills as a writer that Atticus Finch became more than a central figure in her magnificent book. The Atticus of “Mockingbird” is a north star of righteousness who transcended the mean-spirited racial quagmire that was rural Alabama in the 1930s. As crusading heroes go, they don’t get much better than Atticus Finch, and Ms. Lee’s deft depiction was so precise, so moving and so uplifting that many of the book’s most ardent admirers — especially enlightened white Southerners who came of age during the civil rights era — have trouble separating fact from fiction.

Unsurprisingly, then, “Mockingbird” disciples who worship at the shrine of Saint Atticus were stricken to learn that in “Watchman” he is no longer the white

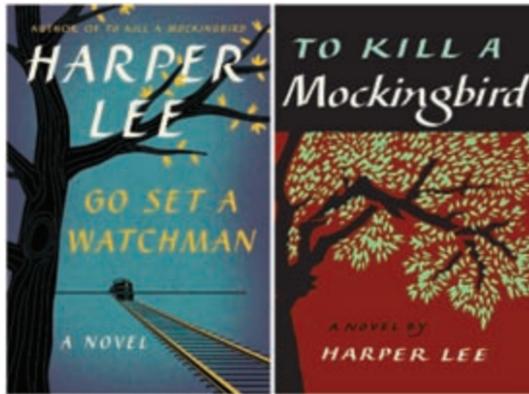
knight. If the reviews are to be believed, the Atticus of “Watchman” is damn near a bigot.

Forgive me, but the frenzied boohooing and hand-wringing occasioned by the emergence of the new Atticus borders on the comical. For starters, he is not real. And as for those who say that Atticus’ reputation should have been preserved, which means that “Watchman” should not have seen the light of day, I ask this: Can you imagine the clamor if word had leaked that another Harper Lee novel was floating around but would not be published because its contents might upset “Mockingbird’s” feverish readers?

I have not read “Watchman,” so I don’t know if it soars or stinks. The reviews are mixed. Most of the people I know who are apoplectic over this literary turn of events have yet to dive into the new book. But that does not prevent them from passing judgment not only on “Watchman,” but also on how the book they have not read somehow diminishes Ms. Lee’s considerable literary legacy. That is childish, bordering on nonsensical. Even if Ms. Lee had transformed Atticus into a flesh-eating zombie in “Watchman,” “Mockingbird” would still stand as a great American novel.

The tempest surrounding poor old Atticus is small potatoes when held up to the untutored frenzy occasioned by President Obama’s nuclear deal with Iran. Even before there was a

deal, detractors insisted that Ayatollah Khamenei — who has a disturbing habit of saying things like “Death to the United States!” and “Death to Israel!” — and his negotiators were systematically snookering their counterparts from the P5+1 (composed of the United States, China, France, the U.K., Russia and Ger-



many) into a disastrous accord that would result in Iran acquiring a nuclear weapon.

It was preordained, in Republican circles, that ANY deal was a bad deal. You may recall that 47 Republican senators months ago took the near-treasonous step of sending a letter to the ayatollah, urging him and his nest of mullahs to scuttle the negotiations. Of course, the Republican naysayers offer no reasonable alternatives, other than bombing the bejesus out of the Islamic Republic or continuing the economic sanctions

that haven’t deterred Iran in the past and probably would have been withdrawn anyway by the international community if the talks had collapsed.

“This is the most dangerous, irresponsible step I have seen in the history of watching the Mideast,” chirped Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican presidential candidate, a scant hour after the pact was announced.

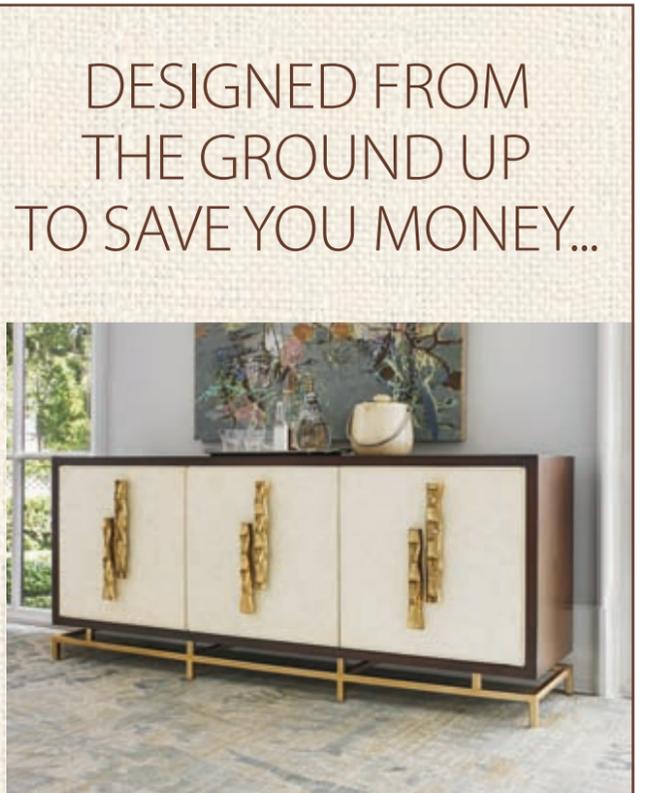
Had he actually laid eyes on the enormously complex final agreement? Sen. Graham admitted the answer to that was “no,” but he said he didn’t need to because, “I have been to the Mideast enough to know.”

As Dana Milbank pointed out in *The Washington Post*, these posturing Republican poseurs “howled ‘read the bill’ during the health-care debate (but) couldn’t be bothered to read the nuclear agreement before sounding off.”

Congress should debate the issue, although most Republicans seem disinclined — no matter what the facts may turn out to be — to relax the death grip on their premature conclusions.

Hopefully, after listening to both sides of the debate and some further study, I will know enough to arrive at an informed assessment of what was negotiated.

My willingness to wait and see brings us back to the wise, unsullied Atticus Finch of “Mockingbird,” who famously declared, “Best way to clear the air is to have it all out in the open.” ■



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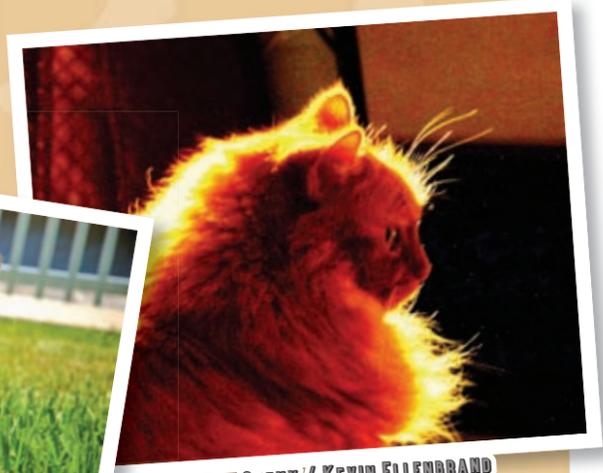
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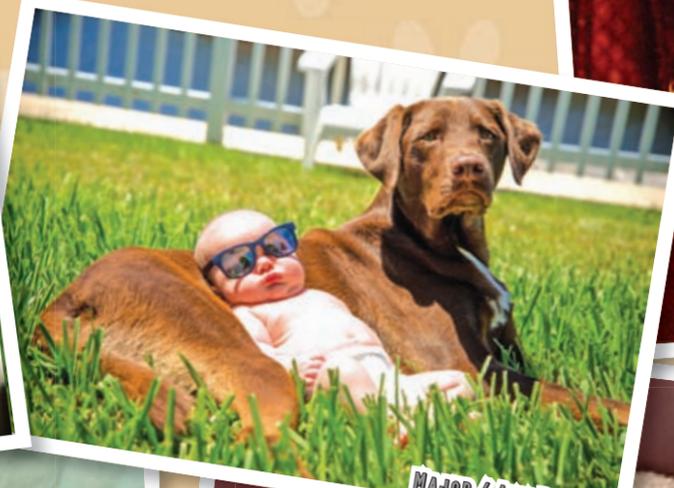
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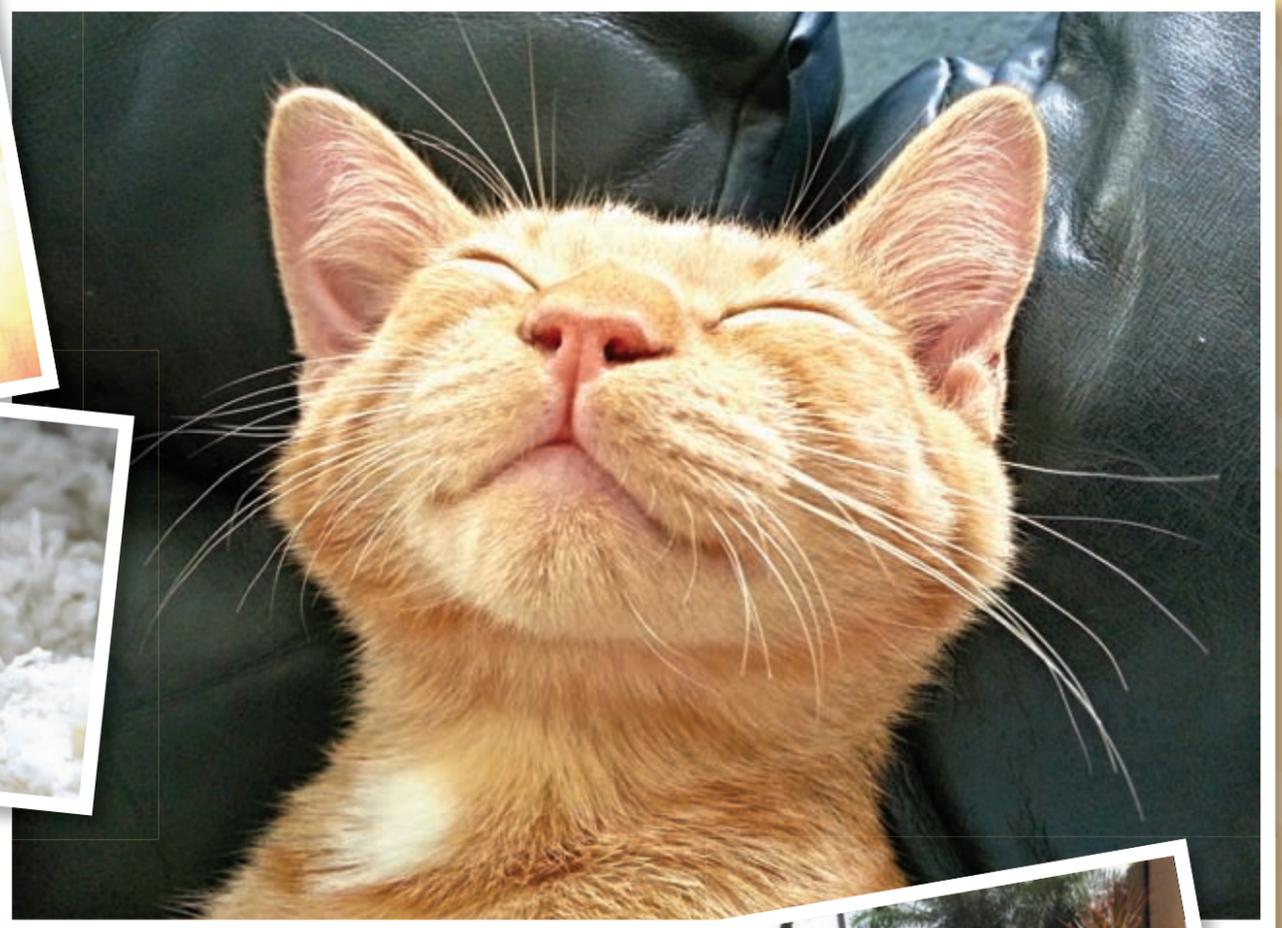
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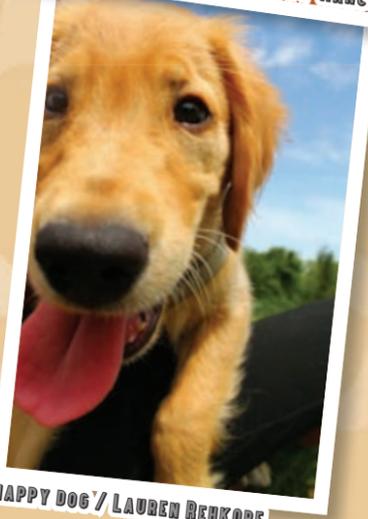
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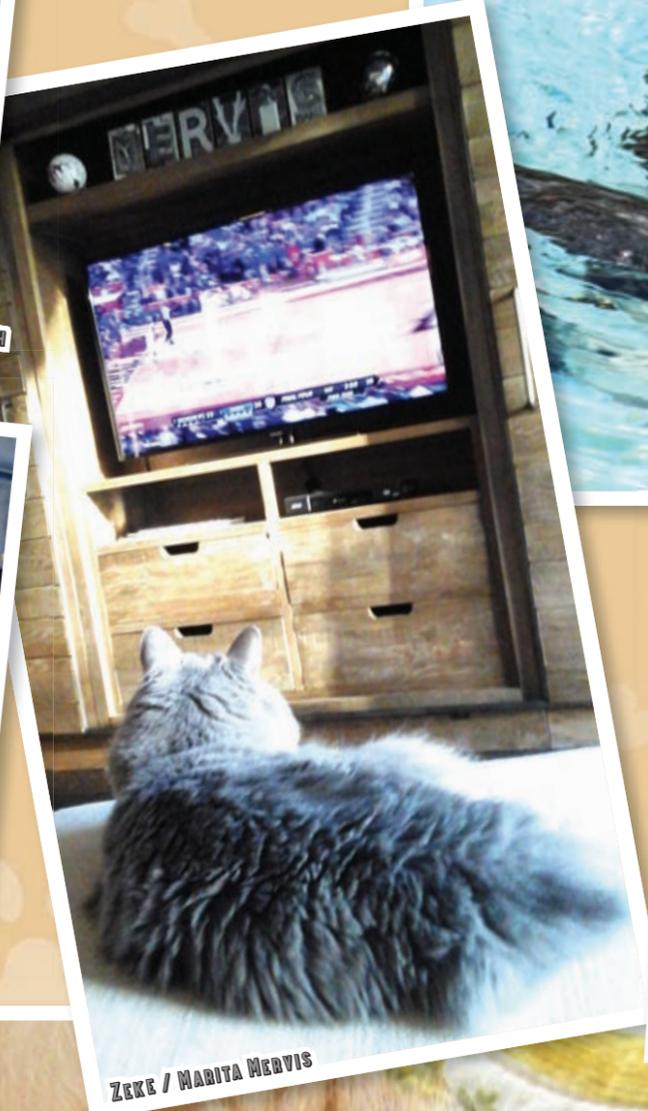
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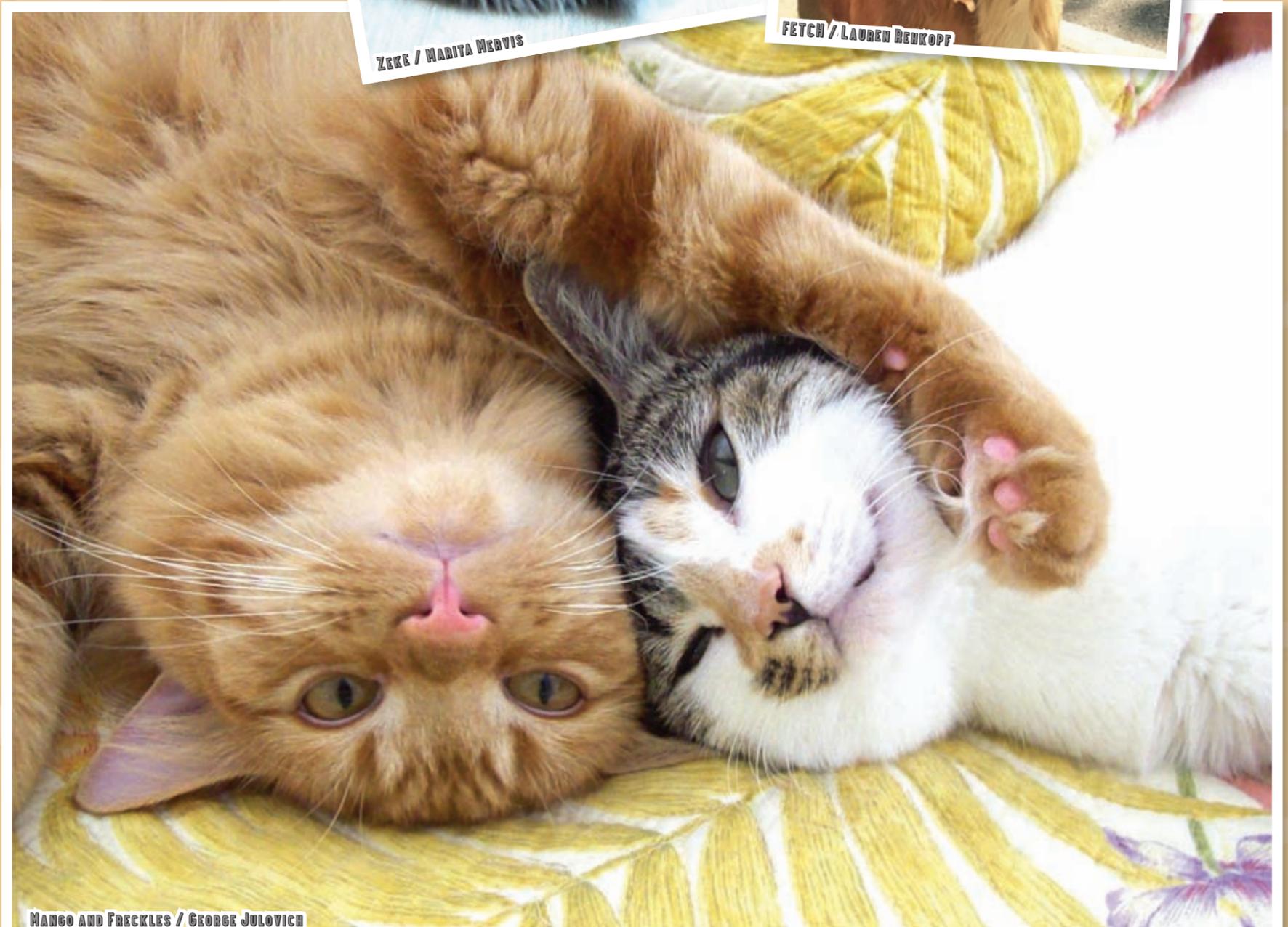
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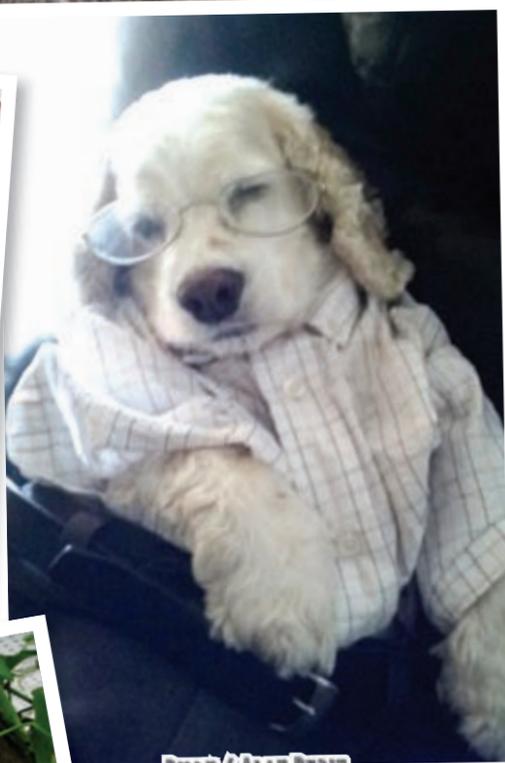
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# EXHIBIT

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point in the 1960s, the couple moved to Naples. Sally died here in 1981 and Stanley in 1998. They had no children.

A cache of family letters revealing plans, pleas and fact-finding missions during World War II was found when Suzanne Foster, a friend of Stanley's, moved into the Factor's home after Stanley died. Ms. Foster delivered the documents — which also included birth certificates, the couple's marriage certificate, Stanley's membership card to the National Association of Jewish Culture League and much more — to the museum about six years ago.

Aside from Ms. Foster, the museum has not found anybody who could provide a more detailed picture of the Factors' lives as refugees.

"We printed a letter to the community to see if people knew them, but no one responded," Ms. Snyder says. "So we were stuck without a first-person narrative to shape the story."

Among the questions they hope to answer:

- Why was Stanley granted a German gun license in the 1920s?
- When exactly did they move to Florida?
- What did they do for work?
- What happened to the relatives they left behind?

The museum has pieced together that while the couple lived in Germany, they both had good jobs where they were highly valued — Sally as an executive assistant and Stanley in a position in the film industry — until their employers



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Above: Students-turned-sleuths at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center use tablets and QR codes to research artifacts in "The Faktor Investigation" exhibit.**

**Left: Students visiting the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida study documents in "The Faktor Investigation" exhibit.**

were required to fire them as a result of the Nuremberg Laws. The Bernfeld family sponsored them when they left for the United States in 1936. From there,

the details fade out.

There are several curiosities in the exhibit, including a letter to one of Stanley's relatives written in Sutterlin, an

old-fashioned script taught in German schools that is indecipherable today. Kurt Kriszhaber, who is believed to be Sally's cousin, wrote a heartbreaking letter — in exquisite handwriting — about having escaped Poland for Great Britain, only to be sent to an internment camp in Australia. A piece of victory mail is highlighted in the collection: a letter about 4-by-5 inches that the U.S. Postal Service would censor, convert to film, condense and reprint to reduce the weight of correspondence being conveyed overseas.

The exhibit itself features QR codes and tablet features that invite guests to sniff out information on websites like ancestry.com when inspiration hits.

While the museum has had the documents in its possession, staff has put them to good use by using them in teacher workshops focusing on using primary documents. Also, several student groups have visited "The Faktor Investigation" to learn about historical research.

"Primary source documents are a big deal" to young museum visitors, Sam Parish, the museum's educational specialist, says. "It's an individual story within a huge context of the Holocaust, and the neatest thing is that (the Factors) died in Naples. That takes it from this theoretical notion to this one guy named Stan."

"The Faktor Investigation" is on display until Sunday, Sept. 27.

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida is at 4670 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. Regular hours are 12:30-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$10.

For more information or to sign up for a guided tour, call 263-9200 or visit [holocaustmuseumsfwl.org](http://holocaustmuseumsfwl.org). ■

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# Friends of Foster Children Forever receives \$50,000

Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida has changed its name to Friends of Foster Children Forever, a reflection of the nonprofit's mission to provide educational tutoring and support no matter where a child is placed in the foster care system throughout Collier, Hendry and Glades counties.

The name change coincides with the relocation to a larger facility that will now act as a resource and referral center for caregivers, Guardians ad Litem and case managers. With nearly double the space, the new center is at 2675 Horseshoe Drive S. in Naples.

FFCF will continue to fund tutoring,

summer camps and afterschool activities for foster children, and now will also be able to offer more resources to the caregivers.

"The move will allow us to help those who help the children," says Jane Billings, FFCF executive director. "With more space, we will be able to make use of valuable volunteers to assemble donated resources, and this will allow us to leverage these donated items such as backpack supplies, emergency supplies, baby supplies and back-to-school items for the greatest impact."

The charity recently received a check for \$50,000 from Terra Cotta Golf Char-



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**Doug Campbell, president of the FFCF board of directors; Jane Billings, FFCF executive director; John Cardillo, president of Terra Cotta Golf Charities; and Sue Erb, FFCF board member.**

ities, organizers of the annual Terra Cotta Invitational Golf Tournament at

Naples National Golf Club. Since its inception in 1996, the tournament has generated more than \$320,000 for area charities. FFCF was the recipient of this year's proceeds.

"I thought the wonderful gift would be \$5,000 or, in my wildest dreams, \$10,000," Ms. Billings says. "A check for \$50,000 was truly amazing and a huge blessing for children who through no fault of their own are removed from their homes and many times are moved from home to home."

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### Outsourcing

Among the protesters at New York City's Gay Pride Parade on the Sunday after the Supreme Court's historic gay-marriage decision was a group of men outfitted in Jewish prayer garments and representing the Jewish Political Action Committee, carrying signs reading, for example, "Judaism prohibits homosexuality." However, the men were very likely not

Jewish, but in fact Mexican laborers hired for the day. A representative of the committee told *The New York Times* that the men were "supplemental" — necessary because the committee's rabbis would not permit their students (who normally staff such protests) to be exposed to the sights of same-sex exuberance typical for the parade.

### Government in action

■ WOOD-TV of Grand Rapids, Michigan, seemingly uncovered an antiquity — if not a potential vulnerability — in the Grand Rapids public school system in June when it reported that the heating and cooling systems at 19 schools are controlled using a Commodore Amiga computer (released in the 1980s, about the same time as Windows 2.0), operating on an early Internet modem. It had been installed by a computer-savvy student and, according to the maintenance supervisor, still works fine. Fortunately, the supervisor said, the student still lives in the area and is available if problems arise.

■ Government officials who insist on

such "bells and whistles" as redesigning their department's logo are often ridiculed for wasting taxpayer money (yet design consultants continue to sell the illusion that a new logo can give a bureaucracy a refreshing rebirth). In May, Tennessee officials unveiled a new state logo (which cost only \$46,000 — not counting the expense of changing signs, cards, stationery, etc.), which consists of the letters "TN" in white inside a red box with a blue trim underneath. (A Watchdog.org critic suggested a contest to design a superior one, but open only to kids age 12 and under, with the prize a \$50 Amazon.com gift certificate.)

### Compelling explanations

Adultery is illegal in Japan — except, as a Tokyo District Court judge ruled in a "psychological distress" lawsuit filed by the jilted wife, when it is done by a company to retain a good customer. A nightclub hostess who had carried on with the

married man proved that she did so only as "makura eigyo," or "pillow sales tactic." Said the judge, "As long as the intercourse is for business, it does not harm the marital relationship at all." (The ruling, from 2014, was first publicized this year.)

### New world order

In 1993, the owner of the iconic 5Pointz building in New York City began allowing graffiti artists to use the walls for their masterpieces, but by 2013 had grown weary of the building's look and had the walls whitewashed. In June 2015, nine of the artists filed a federal lawsuit demanding that the owner compensate them,

substantially, for destroying their creations — and they stand a good chance of collecting (under the Visual Artists Rights Act) if they prove their particular works are of "recognized stature" and not merely art of an "ephemeral nature." At its height, 5Pointz attracted more than 350 artists' works from around the world.

### Animal world

■ A June entry in Wired.com's "Absurd Creature of the Week" series warned of the Beaded Lacewing that preys on termites by first immobilizing them with a "vapor-phase toxicant" released from its anus. The silent-but-deadly gas is reportedly powerful enough to disable six ordinary termites for up to three hours (plenty of time for a sumptuous meal of termite) and weaken several more that might get caught in the backdraft.

■ June 2015 research, scientists from Britain's University of Exeter and Queen Mary University of London warned that owners of "domestic" cats seem not, on average, to appreciate what vicious killers their pets are and urge, for instance, that they be kept indoors more often lest they decimate the neighborhood's bird and small-mammal populations. Estimates of

the yearly death toll generated by house-cats are "in the magnitude of millions" in the United Kingdom and "billions" in the United States.

■ The "parasitic ways" of the cuckoo bird were remarked upon "as far back as Aristotle," wrote a *Wall Street Journal* book reviewer in May, but some biologists may not have believed the behavior because it was so cold-blooded. The bird, according to Nick Davies' book "Cuckoo: Cheating by Nature," lays its eggs in other species' nests to trick those birds into incubating the cuckoos, who then hatch and kick the eggs of their host out of the nest. The mother cuckoo, it is said, times her mating schedule so that her eggs mature just before the victims' eggs would. Hence, according to Davies, she is "nature's most notorious cheat."

### Perspective

■ To cover various general expenses (such as helping the indigent), the average hospital mark-up for patient care in the United States is about 3.4 times costs (according to a Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health report in June), but 50 of the nation's 5,000 hospitals charge more than 10 times the cost, with

the North Okaloosa Medical Center near Pensacola, Florida, billing at 12.6 times costs. According to the co-author, professor Gerard Anderson, the 50 "are marking up the prices because no one is telling them they can't." (Forty-nine of the 50 are for-profit hospitals, and 20 are in Florida.) ■

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# Daylong clinic designed for youth football coaches

Coach Mike Wexler, founder of Skill Position Pride one-on-one coaching and instruction, hosts a daylong clinic for youth and middle school football coaches Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Community School of Naples. Eight award-winning coaches will provide in-depth instruction, schemes and fundamentals. Beginner topics will help new coaches get up to speed, and advanced topics will help experienced coaches add new tactics to their best schemes.

Check-in begins at noon and the clinic runs until 7:30 p.m. The \$30 fee includes lunch and dinner.

"Clinics are a great way to improve your coaching skills and make your teams better," Mr. Wexler says. "You get

to work hands-on and see up close in "real time" how to implement the concepts. Working face-to-face with other coaches and even just listening and asking a few questions can make a huge difference."

Elite coaches scheduled to present include:

■ Rick Stuart, head coach, Belen Jesuit High School in Miami.

■ Aubrey Hill, head coach, Miami Carol City High School - Mr. Hill is a former wide receivers coach for both the University of Miami and University of Florida.

■ John Mosure, strength/conditioning and running backs coach, Winter Springs High School - Mr. Mosure is a former

Colorado State running back and the 2005 Miami-Dade High School Player of the Year.

■ Steve Smith, head coach, Hialeah High School - A former first-round NFL draft pick, Mr. Smith coached in a Florida state high school championship game.

■ Alex Trujillo, defensive coordinator, Miami Columbus High School - Mr. Trujillo has coached his team to a 2014 Class 8A Florida State runner-up and 12-time district champions.

■ Manny Evans, defensive coordinator, Barron Collier High School - Mr. Evans was elected coach in the state of Florida All-Star Game.

■ Sam Dollar, defensive coordinator, Naples High School - Mr. Dollar coached

the 2001 and 2007 state champions and holds the record for the least yards given up in a state championship game.

■ Steve Hartz, defensive backs coach, Gulf Coast High School - Mr. Hartz played on the 2001 FSU championship team and coached the 2007 state championship team.

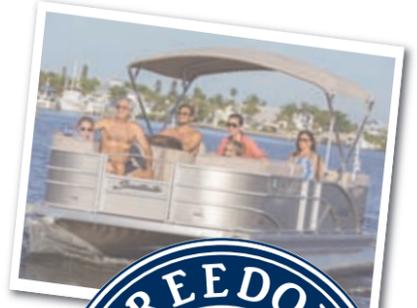
■ Mike Wexler, head middle school football coach, Community School of Naples - As the founder of Skill Position Pride, Mr. Wexler focuses his coaching on quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers.

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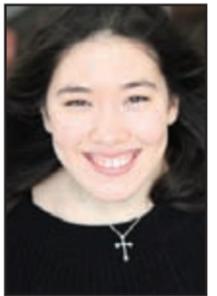
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*Naples Daily News* on Immokalee Road in North Naples. The free event is presented by Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff and Associates Inc. Marketing and Management Consulting, and Kelly Capolino of Downing-Frye Realty. Seven panelists and a keynote speaker will the power of storytelling as a way to create an impact.

Keynote speaker Xian Horn will open the seminar by telling her personal story. A teacher, speaker, mentor, blogger and Exemplar for the AT&T NYU "Connect Ability Challenge" for the creation of assistive technology, Ms. Horn runs vocational workshops for the NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and has been featured in *Fast Company* and *The White House Blog* and on NPR and NBC News, among others. Her "Give Beauty Wings" self-esteem programs originated and continue at NYU's Initiative for Women with Disabilities, the Jewish Community Center Manhattan and M.S. 131 in Chinatown.

In addition to Ms. Huff and Ms. Capolino, the morning's other speakers will be: Penny Fisher, associate editor, the *Naples Daily News*; Scott Robertson, auctioneer; Matt Dykes, president of Guerilla Media; Paul Kessen, president of Allegra of Naples; and Batya Maman, owner of Social Connect.

Attendance is limited to two representatives per nonprofit. Check in begins at 8:05 a.m. with coffee and continental breakfast. Reservations can be made by submitting the following information: name of nonprofit organization, name and title of person requesting a reservation; phone number and email address of each person to be registered. Email to Ms. Huff at [sue@esuehuff.com](mailto:sue@esuehuff.com). Confirmation will be given. ■

## Family picnic will celebrate LGBT victories

BeproudSWFL.com and the SWFL Rainbow Pages invite the public to a family picnic celebrating the Supreme Court's decision on same-sex marriage, changes in gay adoption and other LGBT victories across the nation.

The picnic takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, rain or shine, at Lakes Park in south Fort Myers. Free hotdogs and chips will be served. Activities include soccer, volleyball, corn hole games and crafts for kids. The park also has a water playground, train rides and kayak and boat rentals.

Advocate of the Year awards will be presented at 1 p.m. to people who are making a difference in the local LGBT community. Three categories will be awarded: youth, collegiate and adult.

[beproudswfl.com](http://beproudswfl.com) provides LGBT news and information. The SWFL Rainbow Pages featuring LGBT-friendly businesses is published annually in print and online at [rainbowpages.directory](http://rainbowpages.directory). A portion of the profits from the website and directory benefit the various organizations serving the LGBT community. ■

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 Airport-Pulling Road and Emerald Lakes Drive: Red-light running  
 Radio and Livingston roads: Red-light running

**Tuesday, July 28**

Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Red-light running  
 County Barn Road and Charlemagne Boulevard: Speeding

**Wednesday, July 29**

Floridan Avenue: Aggressive driving  
 Pine Ridge and Taylor roads: Aggressive driving  
 Davis and Collier boulevards: Red-light running

**Thursday, July 30**

U.S. 41 North and Strada Place: Aggressive driving  
 Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Red-light running  
 Livingston Road and Osceola Trail: Speeding

**Friday, July 31**

Weber and White boulevards: Speeding



**Friday, July 31**

Airport-Pulling and North roads: Aggressive driving  
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# CLUB NOTES

■ **Pearls of Naples** is a club for women offering monthly luncheons with speakers, excursions to local venues, theaters, art galleries and restaurants. Women who want to form lasting friendships and have fun with other women are welcome to learn more by visiting [pearlsofnaples.org](http://pearlsofnaples.org) (click on "how to join") or by emailing the membership chairman at [3rd\\_vice\\_president@pearlsofnaples.org](mailto:3rd_vice_president@pearlsofnaples.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 July 25. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Aug. 1 and 15. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email [dcritchie@comcast.net](mailto:dcritchie@comcast.net).

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** invites staff and volunteers at nonprofit organizations who run or help with website, social media and other technology for marketing and development purposes to its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd., Naples. Guest speakers will discuss how to select and use donor management software. Meeting admission and membership are free.

A light dinner is provided by Nico's Catering for RSVPs received by Aug. 3. Email [organizers@tech4goodswfl.org](mailto:organizers@tech4goodswfl.org). Walk-ins to attend the meeting only are welcome. For more information about Tech4Good SWFL, visit [tech4goodswfl.org](http://tech4goodswfl.org).

■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club**, whose members collect and study antique clothing buttons, meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. The next meeting is Aug. 4. Guests are always welcome. Buttons from several members' collections are currently on display at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Aug. 5.

Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Aug. 9.

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



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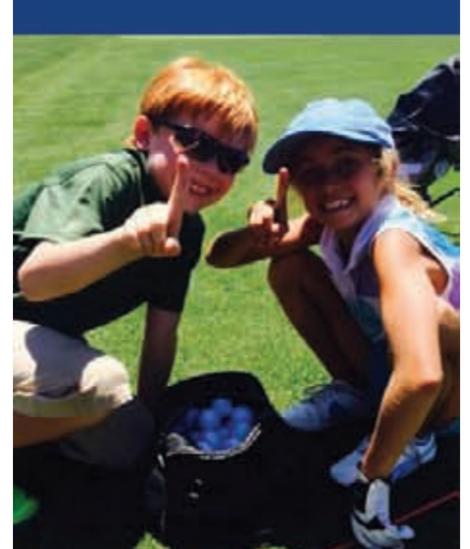
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## CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** invites all orchid aficionados to its next meeting starting with a workshop at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Judging for the plant competition will be at 7 p.m., and the program starts at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Jerry Meola will discuss organic hormones versus commercial fertilizers for controlling pests and encouraging plant growth, and will share tips for helping orchids thrive through the hot summer months. At the 6 p.m. workshop, Bill Overton will discuss repotting Catasetinae orchids.

Attendance is free, and all are welcome. For more information, visit [naplesorchidsociety.org](http://naplesorchidsociety.org).

■ Alumnae of **Gamma Phi Beta** in the Naples area meet for lunch and conversation on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Aug. 10. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email [lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com).

■ **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 July 28 NS and Aug. 11. 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 Aug. 12 and 26. For more information, call 774-2623 or email [naplescivitan@aol.com](mailto:naplescivitan@aol.com). The Marco Island Civitan Club meets

at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are Aug. 11 and 25. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email [marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com](mailto:marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com).

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

■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** hosts its next French-speaking table and lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 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. Another summer lunch will take place Thursday, Aug. 27. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 261-0977.

■ **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. The next meeting is Aug. 13. Guests and new members are always welcome. 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. ■

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at [cpierce@floridaweekly.com](mailto:cpierce@floridaweekly.com).



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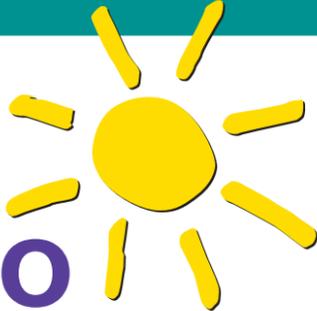
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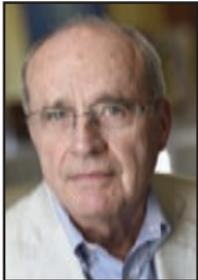
## Just what the doctor ordered

Help yourself to the prescription-free healing pleasures of summer

BY DR. LYNN WEBSTER  
Special to Florida Weekly

Now that the Federal Drug Administration has heightened its warning that taking nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs can increase the risk of heart attack or stroke, it's a good idea to find alternatives that come with no side effects. Fortunately, summertime can be the perfect prescription-free alternative to ibuprofen.

Try these mindfulness activities for worry-free, side effect-free healing that everyone can enjoy — and that even the FDA isn't worrying about.



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**1. Let the show go on.** Summertime is a perfect time to see a blockbuster movie. With prehistoric dinosaurs coming to life in an amusement park, yellow bespectacled plush creatures who speak a language of their own, a cartoon girl who lets her emotions rule her life and a reboot of just about every movie from the past three decades hitting the big screen, what's not to appreciate about a couple of hours focusing on the magic of Hollywood and forgetting about the reality of everyday life?



**2. It's the real thing.** In the busy winter season, most of us dream about the sounds of waves lapping the shore, the tang of salty air and the feel of the sand on our bare feet. Summer is a great time to return to the beach. You'll hear, smell and feel the bliss — and you might just promote healing and health.



**3. Treat yourself.** Let's face it. One of the best things about summertime, regardless of your age or state of health, is indulging in the luscious, succulent foods of the season. Within your caloric and dietary requirements, give yourself the gift of indulging in a dessert that will taste good in the here and now. With each lick of the frozen yogurt, sorbet, sherbet or ice cream, you can focus on the pleasure of the moment and lose yourself in the joy of the present. No pill can do that.

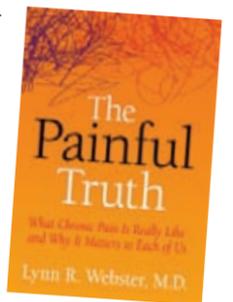


walk the neighbor's dog, deliver meals or pay visits to those who can't get outside. If that isn't possible for you because of health or pain issues, then give thanks for what you do have and what you can do. It's so much easier to feel gratitude when the days are lighter, longer and lazier. And focusing on the positive is always a wonderful change from the alternative.

Regardless of your pain, health status and even your budget, as the mercury soars you can be a full participant in many of the opportunities summertime offers. This can be a healing time for all of us, and it comes without any warnings on the bottle.

So trade in your ibuprofen for a vacation from everyday reality. Let mindfulness be the best medicine in your supply closet this summertime. ■

— Dr. Lynn Webster is the past president of the American Academy of Pain Medicine and the vice president of scientific affairs at PRA Health Sciences. His forthcoming book is titled "The Painful Truth."



**4. Give of yourself.** The best part of living is when you can give something back. Volunteer to read to children,

## Continually adapting to the changing health-care environment



Everywhere you look, health care is changing. And "the race," as writer Damon Runyon said, "may not always be to the swift nor the victory to the strong, but that's how you bet."

At NCH, our approach is to be both "swift" and "strong" in dealing with the new health-care environment. For example:

■ **Purchasing** – NCH and 40 health-care systems, including Mayo Clinic, are members of the Upper Midwest Voluntary Hospital Association of America. Together

we buy about \$2.7 billion of supplies per year. In April, national VHA combined with UHC, a group of 260 academic medical centers and 140 community hospitals, to form the largest health-care buying group in America. These systems working together will help everyone deliver better value for the patients we all serve.

■ **Consumerism** – To quote Eric Hoffer, "In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists."

We are in times of such change. The 65-plus population will grow by 28 percent in this next decade, and 25 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have five or more chronic conditions, see an average of 13 physicians and fill 50 prescriptions per year. As the demographics in our country

change from having five younger "support" people for one retiree in 1960 to having two "supporters" for one older person in 2025, the stress will increase. Consumers facing high-deductible health insurance plans will also become more prudent shoppers. Among the thing happening in response: Wal-Mart is installing MRI machines in many of its stores and charging \$400 for an MRI, and Cleveland Clinic radiologists are offering a similar service in Wisconsin.

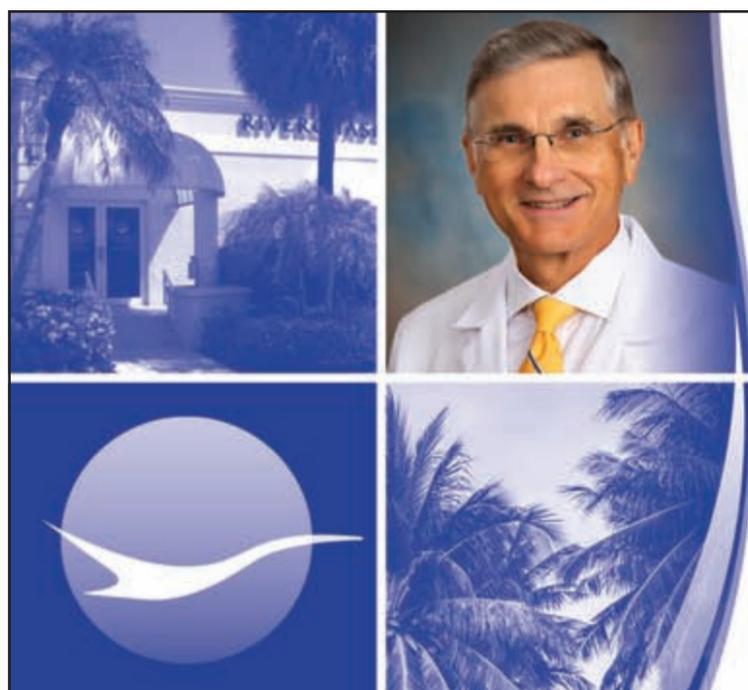
■ **Population health** – This concept focuses on improving the wellness of the 5 percent of patients who account for 50 percent of the cost. At NCH, we have embraced the Blue Zones Project to move the population of Collier County away from illness toward wellness.

■ **Technology** – Seventy percent of

adults in the U.S. have high-speed Internet at home, and 72 percent of them looked online for health information in the past year. Technology is an imperative. At NCH, working with longtime partner Cerner, we have embraced innovations from iPhones dedicated to in-hospital communication to Smart Rooms in our hospitals and wearable devices.

Bob Dylan reminded us, "The times, they are a'changin'." No longer can a health-care system resist change — at least not one devoted to being swift and strong for the benefit of the community it serves. ■

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



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ticipants can opt to spend time cleaning up the beach or park before or after each session class.

So far, Donation Yoga Naples has contributed proceeds to the Naples Junior Woman's Club, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, Humane Society Naples and the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children.

For information about upcoming sessions, visit [facebook.com/donationyoganaples](http://facebook.com/donationyoganaples). ■

## Adonis Autism conference set

The fourth annual Creating a Future for Adults with Autism conference presented by Adonis Autism is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 11th Ave. N. in North Naples. This year's programs will focus on options for improving health, increasing independence and entrepreneurship.

Keynote speaker Jeffrey Smith of the Institute for Responsible Technology will discuss digestive problems and related issues so common in the autistic population and their relation to GMO foods.

Other speakers will include Dr. Shane Walker of Thrive Chiropractic of Naples, who will discuss autism and the brain/body connection, and Nelson Santiago of Picasso Einstein, who will present innovative strategies for enabling persons with disabilities to achieve greater autonomy and independence.

In addition, the University of South Florida Center for Autism and Related Disorders will present a workshop about preparing for post-secondary education.

Conference registration is \$25. To sign up or for more information, visit [adonisautism.org](http://adonisautism.org). ■

## Crohn's, colitis support group meets monthly

The next support group meeting for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America takes place from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The group will meet again at the same time and place on Thursday, Sept. 3. For more information, call 649-1336. ■

## Don't go crazy in your search for 'normal'

The community is invited to "Driving Like Crazy in Search of Normal," a presentation about how to regain your anchorage when your personal world spins off its axis, from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Project HELP headquarters, 3123 Terrace Ave. in Naples.

Guest speakers are author and mental health advocate Deena Baxter and Jacquelyn Metcalf, director of communications and donor relations for the National Alliance for Mental Illness in Collier County. Ms. Baxter will share lessons learned from her journey after sudden loss. She has partnered NAMI-Collier on a book and website project, [writeonmymind.com](http://writeonmymind.com), dedicated to "giving mental illness a life-affirming voice."

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# PET TALES

## Take a hike

Your dog's company can enhance your experience of the great outdoors

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
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Hiking is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, spend time with your dog and wear him out, especially if he's the super-active type. It's quite possibly the most accessible activity you can do with your dog. Wherever you live, you probably have access to dog-friendly hiking trails within 30 minutes of home. We've gathered eight tips to help you both have the best hike possible.

**1. Puppies can go hiking as long as you condition them gradually.** Start with short hikes of a half-mile to a mile, and slowly work up to longer distances.

**2. Watch the weather.** It's not just flat-faced dogs who are sensitive to heat and humidity. Plenty of dogs wilt quickly, even in moderate temperatures of 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Any time the temperature exceeds 80 degrees Fahrenheit, it's too hot for most dogs to exert themselves. If you're going on a short hike near home, consider hosing down your dog before you leave to help him stay cool, or stop during the hike at a place where he can go swimming or get wet.

**3. Bring plenty of water and a snack.** For a day hike in optimum temperatures over moderate terrain, a quart of water and some cut-up boiled chicken or hot dogs (frozen the night before) should be enough to keep your dog hydrated and full of pep.



Hiking is an opportunity to see nature through your dog's eyes and nose.

**4. Because of the uneven terrain and changes in elevation, hiking is harder on the body than just going for a walk.** Pay attention to your dog's condition, especially if he's a puppy or an old dog. You never want to see him panting heavily or unable to go on. Remember that dogs are lower to the ground and may not have the benefit of a breeze.

**5. Keep your dog on leash so he doesn't disturb wildlife or other hikers.** Accidents happen, though, so he should be trained to come to a whistle. The sound will carry over a longer distance than your voice if you get separated. He should also know and respond to the commands "sit," "stay" or "wait," "down," "heel" and "quiet."

**6. Know how to treat injuries.** You can find a pet first-aid course in your area through the Red Cross. Carry a first-aid kit that contains items such as bandages, antiseptic wipes and Benadryl (check with your veterinarian ahead of time so you'll know the appropriate amount to give if your dog suffers an insect bite or sting).

**7. Tote that load.** Your dog can carry his water, snacks, first-aid kit, a folding water dish and poop bags in a canine backpack. Before buying, check the fit to make sure it stays on securely without being too tight or too loose or restricting his movement. You should be able to comfortably fit two to four fingers between the straps and your dog's body. Features that can add to his comfort include a mesh back panel for ventilation and padding beneath the straps. Other conveniences you may appreciate are D-rings for attaching items to the pack, weather-sealed zippers, attachment points for the leash and a handle on top that allows you to hold onto or lift your dog if necessary.

**8. Bug out.** Protect your dog from fleas and ticks with an oral or spot-on preventive. If the local insect population is especially intense, you can try applying an all-natural citronella spray to his coat. Be aware that the effect probably won't last more than an hour, so you'll need to reapply it regularly.

Most important, have fun! See you on the trail. ■

### Pets of the Week

>> **Bianka** is a spayed, 4-year-old Labrador mix who is full of life and love. She will be a perfect family pet.



>> **Coconut Cari** is a sweet and playful domestic shorthair. She has been spayed and is ready for her forever home.



>> **Rivers** is a neutered, 10-week-old Chihuahua/terrier mix who promises to be an adorable and adored addition to the lucky family that takes him home.



>> **Unicorn Rainbow** is a spayed, 1-year-old corgi mix. Sweet and affectionate, she wants to be someone's favorite companion.



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

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## Just step inside the gate, please



I never thought I would say this, but I might be ready to live on the other side of the gate.

With apologies to those who call country club communities home, for most of my life I have vowed I'd reside in a pup tent before I'd move to a gated community with cookie-cutter Mediterranean architecture and street names like "Villa Valencia Venezia Verona Circle."

As a younger diva, I was always on the hunt for the oldest, quirkiest, cheapest rentals I could find. My first apartment on the beach was a \$250 efficiency with mint green terrazzo floors, one window air conditioner and a pesky palmetto bug (for y'all Northerners, "palmetto bug" means unusually large cockroaches) problem. I probably could have done better, but I loved that it was just a few steps away from the Gulf of Mexico — and being 19, it never bothered me that my neighbors on the other side of the duplex blared Bob Marley all night long and the smell of pot constantly wafted under my front door. In fact, I remember always feeling fantastically relaxed most of the time.



Throughout my 20s and 30s, it became almost a goal for me to be able to find the funkier yet most fabulous living spaces. I had no interest in newer, vanilla apartment complexes with plush beige carpet and leases that forbade painting the walls. I mean, sure, the plumbing worked, but where was the character?

The thing I loved most about the ramshackle places I rented back then was that landlords couldn't have cared less what sort of decorating changes I made — almost anything was an improvement.

I remember moving into one old cottage (\$400 a month) and ripping up the '70s-era orange shag carpet to discover the original 1930s hardwood floors — in beautiful condition. In a stilt house I lived in (\$500 a month), the owner was fine with me painting whimsical flowers and vines all over the dilapidated kitchen cabinets. And when I was finally able to afford a \$600-a-month 1950s ranch style house, the landlord asked me to be patient until he was able to remodel the bathroom, which had a pink toilet and tub and aqua blue tile on the walls. I

begged him not to remodel; it was the coolest bathroom EVER.

But, something within me apparently has changed.

It started when I recently visited a girlfriend who lives in a gated country club. Mind you, her place is not fancy-schmancy or anything; it's simply a lovely coach home. But not only is everything brand spanking new, she NEVER has to venture beyond the gates. She has golf, tennis, a gym and a pool — all just a stroll away. She even has a private club — with a fabulous happy hour — that she can see from her balcony. And since she's moved in, she has made tons of new friends within the gate. They can come over for dinner and drinks and NO one has to get into a car EVER. Also, lawn service comes with the whole package.

Never in my life did I think I'd be into white walls, built-in microwaves or the sound of someone hitting a tee shot in the distance. But I think with age comes an appreciation for comfort and convenience.

Although, if my husband and I ever do choose a life on the other side of the gate, I'm wondering if we might be able to order up a pink tub. Just leave out the palmetto bugs and the window A/C unit, please. ■

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



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— Bruce Register, director of business development for Collier County



*Construction jobs are up 7.2 percent; even government jobs are up 1.1 percent*

**BY ROGER WILLIAMS**  
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With a minimum wage at \$8.05 per hour and a June unemployment rate of 5.5 percent in Florida, it’s no surprise that the job market appears robust in numbers released by the state’s Department of Economic Opportunity.

Florida gained 266,200 jobs in the last year in non-agricultural vocations, for a 3.4 percent increase in jobs across

the board. The southwest coast benefited in kind, with some small variations between Collier and Lee counties, and slightly lower growth or no growth in some sectors in Charlotte County.

County officials embraced the reports on the whole as optimistic indicators, while an economist at Florida Gulf Coast University offered a more cautious and sober analysis.

Statewide, construction jumped 7.2 percent, with strong gains in heavy and

civil engineering. Jobs in the hospital-ity industry increased almost 5 percent over the year, and education and health services posted a 4.3 percent gain.

Even government jobs were on the increase, showing a 1.1 percent jump for federal jobs, with a .6 and .4 percent jump for state and local government jobs, respectively.

“These numbers mean that the economic rebound continues apace and we are benefitting from that,” says Glen Salyer, director of the Lee County Economic Development Office. “While the growth shows we’re playing to our

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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Welcome to the world of securitization



As I was dropping my twins off at their elementary school yesterday, I noticed another father dropping off his son wearing a T-shirt that said "PETA - People Eating Tasty Animals." While I will not comment on the appropriateness of said T-shirt at an elementary school, I did find my own reaction interesting. For some reason, the slogan really upset me, despite the fact that I eat meat on a regular basis. How can I relish a great steak but still be bothered when I think about where that beef came from? In banking, there is a similar concept. People love when they can get a loan at a great rate for a house or car but where did that loan really originate? Welcome to the world of securitization.

Prior to the 1980s, the consumer loan market was very simple. Your local bank would collect money from checking accounts and CDs by offering a nominal interest rate and then lend out that money to people that needed it at a higher rate. The bank's profit would come from the differential of the two interest rates, over time, as the borrower paid back the loan. The bank would carefully evaluate the credit of any potential borrower because it was

the bank's money at stake if the customer did not repay the loan.

But then came along a moderately smart bank executive who really didn't like it when the bank lost money when its customers defaulted on their loans. And he didn't like it that he had to wait sometimes as much as 30 years to get the profits on the loans they made today. So he thought, what if the bank would originate the loan and then sell the loan to someone else. The bank would get its profit upfront and wouldn't have to worry about whether the customer defaulted 10 years down the road because it didn't own the loan any more. But he found that investors weren't that excited about buying individual loans because they didn't know the borrowers and couldn't accurately evaluate the loans' risk.

But then came along an even smarter bank executive who decided to combine all of the bank's loans together in one giant "pool." And instead of selling the individual loans, the banker sold a claim on the cash flows coming from the entire portfolio of loans. Investors were much more interested in owning a diversified portfolio of loans than one or two individual loans because the risk is spread out. This is similar to owning a mutual fund where you own a very small amount of many different stocks compared to owning a larger amount of just a few stocks. Further, the banker determined that investors had different risk tolerances. Some investors only

wanted to own predictable cash flow investments but others would be willing to take a higher risk of non-payment if it meant they would receive a higher interest rate. So the banker offered different types of claims on the loan pool's earnings. The "A" claims were paid first, then the "B" claims, down the line. Of course, the "B" securities were paid a higher interest rate but also would be more likely to not be repaid.

This securitization of loans was a huge hit. Banks rushed to cash in on the fees and upfront profits they could get by selling their loans to investors. They wanted more and more loans to sell so they cut the interest rates they charged borrowers and lowered credit qualifications. After all, they wouldn't take the charge if the loans went bad, the investors who owned the loans would. Banks made record profits but consumers were, on the surface, also winners. Interest rates on everything from houses to cars to student loans were at record lows. And even borrowers with marginal credit were able to get a loan from their bank. Things were great — until they weren't.

Unfortunately, I don't have the space this week to delve into what went wrong during the financial crisis. Let's just say that basically everyone's assumptions regarding the creditworthiness of securitization pools were dead wrong. This almost led to the complete destruction of our entire financial system. Only through the extreme emergency efforts

of the central banks of every industrialized nation are we not currently shopping at the grocery store with gold and silver coins.

So, for a while, the securitization market ground to a halt while banks and investors licked their wounds. Banks were forced to hold on to loans once again which meant they formed very strict approval processes. The housing market crashed as people could not get loans. But after a while, investors started to dip their toes back into the loan pools and now the securitization market is back in almost full swing. Loans are plentiful and rates still low. Investors think they have learned their lessons and better understand their risk. In fact, not only are traditional mortgages now being securitized but credit card loans, student loans, car loans, lease receivables, and small business loans are as well. So securitizations are now completely benign and we are completely protected against a future financial disaster, right? I would say, "Securitization tranches are like sausages; it is better not to see them being made." ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Virginia and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business.



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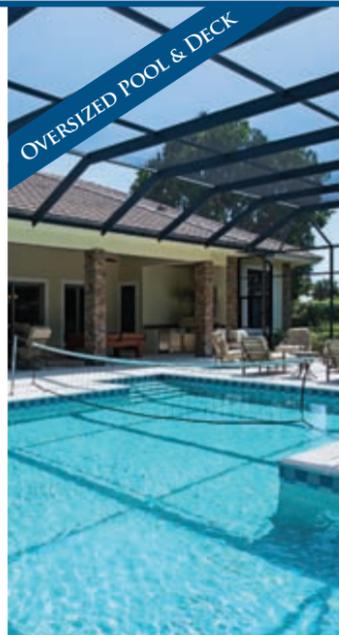
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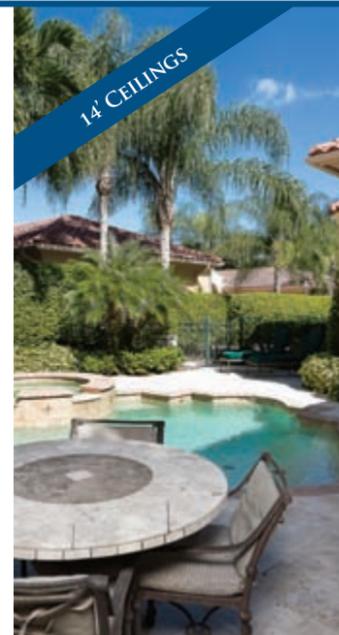
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# ON THE MOVE

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RENDA

**Dan Regelski**, recently retired from the Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University, received the inaugural Jerry Cartwright Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2015 Florida SBDC State Conference. Mr. Regelski built the FSBDC at FGCU from the ground up to become one of the highest performing FSBDC regions in the state. The new award was created to recognize an individual who has dedicated more than 20 years of service and made a significant and lasting contribution in the small business community and Florida's economy. It is named after a former FSBDC state network director in honor of his 24 years of service.

**Betsy Patton**, senior travel advisor at Direct Travel in Naples, was honored by the Tauck travel company with its 2014 Tauck Achiever Award. The award recognizes the country's top 100 travel advisors from among the more than 39,000 agents who book vacation travel through Tauck.

## Business Acquisition

**Sunshine Ace Hardware** has acquired Morton's Ace Hardware of Port Charlotte. The addition extends Sunshine Ace Hardware's service area into Charlotte County. Morton's Ace Hardware's 25 employees will remain with the company. Established in Naples in 1958, Sunshine Ace Hardware has locations throughout Southwest Florida and is expanding throughout the state.

## Board Appointments

**Youth Haven** announces its 2015-16 officers and board of directors as follows: **Brenda O'Connor**, president; **Stephanie Spell**, vice president; **John Clark**, treasurer; **Brad Marshall**, secretary; and **Jim Jessee**, immediate past president; and board members **Erin Brahms**, **Bill Goldman**, **Scott Koenig**, **Briana McDougall**, **Jill Miller** and **Mayela Rosales**.

Moorings Park announces two new members of the Moorings Incorporated board of directors and five new members to the Moorings Park Foundation for three-year terms. Moorings Park resident and community volunteer **Lorraine Graham Morss**, a Moorings Park resident and community volunteer, and **Bob Jones**, president of Florida SouthWestern State College-Collier, have joined the Moorings Incorporated board. New members of the Moorings Park Foundation board are **Wally Abbott**, former Proctor & Gamble senior vice president; **Jack Hall**, former Ford Motor Co. vice president-personnel and labor relations; **Alan Horton**, former head of The E.W. Scripps Company Newspaper Division and former editor of the *Naples Daily News*; **Eileen Connolly-Keesler**, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County; and **Christopher Simoneau**, vice president for Univer-

sity advancement at FGCU and executive director of the FGCU Foundation.

**Andy Hill**, president of Andrew Hill Investment Advisors, has joined the board of directors of the Foundation of the Collier County Medical Society to help raise and manage funds to support local scholarships and health-care programs for the underserved. Mr. Hill also serves on the President's Council at Hodges University and on the regional council of the National Parks Conservation Association.

New members of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation board of trustees and executive committee chairs are: **Guy Whitesman** of the law firm of Henderson, Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A., chairman of the board; **Dr. Larry Hobbs**, vice chair and governance committee chair; **Joe Mazurkiewicz Jr.**, immediate past chair; **Sandy Robinson**, treasurer and finance chair; **Craig Folk**, grant-making committee chair; **Christopher Hill**, scholarship committee chair; **Rusty Whitley**, audit committee chair; and **Robbie Roepstorff** and **Gay Thompson**, at-large executive committee members.

## Financial Planning

**Terry Schmitt** has joined the Pine Ridge Road office of Edward Jones as a financial advisor.

## Health Care

**Ann Hart** has joined the David Lawrence Center as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in adult outpatient medical services. The center is Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families. Ms. Hart holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of St. Francis in Illinois and a bachelor's degree in information systems from American Sentinel University in Colorado. She earned a master's degree in family psychiatric nursing at the University of Southern Indiana. She previously worked as an ARNP at Naples Psychiatric Services.



HART

**Maria Ramos** has been named vice president of human resources for the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida. Ms. Ramos joined HCN in 2014 as interim vice president of human resources. She serves on the board of the Leadership Collier Foundation and is president-elect of HR Collier. ■

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# JOBS

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strength, it also shows we're more diversified."

Leisure and hospitality jobs increased 8.9 percent in Lee, while they grew only 2.7 percent in Collier, and declined by 1.7 percent in Charlotte County. In Charlotte, professional and business-services jobs declined by 2.1 percent, and there was no growth in financial-activity services, manufacturing, retail trade and information-sector jobs.

"Tourism is important for our diversification effort," adds Mr. Salyer. "The leisurely traveler becomes the snowbird. The business traveler becomes the one who says, 'I can also do business from Southwest Florida, so either I can move my business there, or establish a satellite office.' Tourism becomes the gateway for the economic development office."

In Collier County, a whopping 9 percent jump in manufacturing, along with increases of 7.1 percent in the information sector, 6.7 percent in transportation, 6.6 percent in goods producing, warehousing and utilities, and 6.2 percent in business services, all suggest a significant diversification of the economy, which traditionally has relied on tourism and real estate development up and down the coast.

"I'm pleased for three reasons," says Bruce Register, director of business development for Collier County. "First, our 300 new manufacturing jobs represent 7 percent of the state's growth, and that's just in Collier alone — those are in medical devices, defense, aerospace, big diesel.

"Second, our information industries are growing, that's at 7.1 percent even though the state had a negative number. And third, our professional business services, which is a little broader, have shown decent gains, up about 900 jobs."

### Subsurface currents

But FGCU Economics Professor Christopher Westley, director of the Regional Economics Research Institute, suggests that the cheery numbers should be regarded with some caution when considering the health of Florida's economy.

Factors both near and far can influence the relative stability of those increases,



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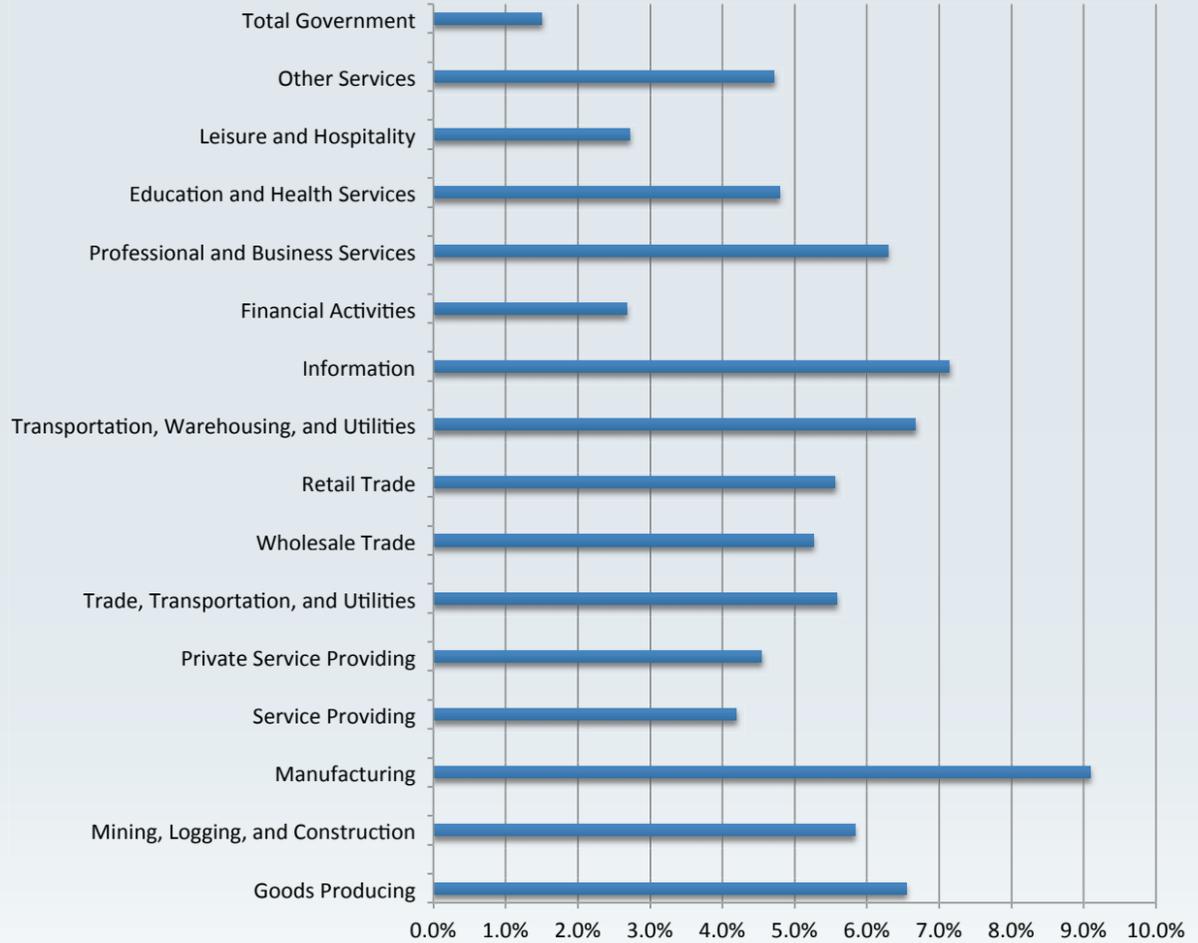
he says, including the strength of the Euro, interests rates established by the government, whether or not people save or invest in hard commodities and not just the stock market, how much commercial lenders will lend, and the total hours worked in a given field such as transportation, construction, leisure services or trade.

There may be more jobs on a construction crew or in a hotel, for example, but if the total number of hours worked or the wages paid for those hours do not increase significantly, the higher job number may not be as important as they appear.

"The report is what you'd expect when growth is resulting from low-interest-rate policies going on for a long time," he says. "My problem right now is this: Do we have sustainable growth based on real savings, or is this growth based upon cheap money?"

When interest rates remain so low for so long, there is little incentive to save, either for individuals or for investors, who may gamble on a higher return in the stock market or the derivatives market to grow wealth, he explains — and that can lead to trouble.

## Collier County job increases from May 2014 to May 2015



In addition, he says, "it's one thing to look at increasing job figures, which make the market seem strong. But if you look at total workplace hours, that hasn't changed. We're exactly where we were in 2007. We're working the same number of hours in the economy as we were then. And we have to ask if a typical job pays as much as before."

To get the same value for \$100 spent in 2007, people this year must spend more than \$115, according to the U.S. Inflation Calculator. And as far as wages are concerned, they peaked in 1973 and have remained relatively flat for the next 40 years. Then, the average American wage of \$4.03 per hour had the equivalent spending power today of \$22.41, according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center. As of last year, the average annual wage in Florida was \$20.51, while the average wage in the nation was \$22.71, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### Competition

Naturally, competition to woo and win personal or business investment in a county or a region exists, which might put the heads of economic development in each county at odds.

But that's not quite how they see it. Are the counties on the coast competing directly with each other or trying to

think regionally?

"I'm in competition with my mother," says Collier's Mr. Register, chuckling.

But the more realistic answer, he adds, is that "we're in competition, but we're collaborative in that competition. We can market ourselves as neighbors better than we can market ourselves alone. So there's always going to be a level of competition, but we will complement each other in large degrees."

That's the way Glen Salyer sees it, from a Lee County perspective.

"I do feel a strong sense of competition with other areas within the state, and with a few competitive markets outside of Florida. But I don't feel that sense within our region.

"There are two main regions. When you look at these the incremental ad valorem taxes (property taxes) the new jobs generate, they are not that significant. The impact is in capital investment and recurring economic impacts with new jobs.

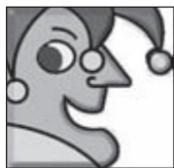
"If a company chooses to locate in North Naples, you better believe a significant portion of the workforce is coming from Lee County. The same holds true to our north. If Charlotte gets a company, good. I guarantee the workforce will come from Cape Coral or Lee. We have the colleges, the airport, the workforce — you name it. We're at the center of that for our region." ■

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You'll experience less financial disruption with long-term care insurance. Many people buy it in their 50s, when it can cost thousands of dollars per year. Wait longer, and it can cost much more. Premiums can vary based on your age, health and the insurance company's specific underwriting factors. They also depend on your personal choices, such as the maximum daily benefit level, the length of stay

your policy would cover and any waiting periods before the coverage starts.

Unless you expect to work until you pass away or become incapacitated, you'll have to keep paying those premiums throughout your retirement to keep the insurance in force. Thus, you'll need enough spare income in your retirement to pay the premiums, requiring a solid asset base, a strong pension and/or a very low cost of living.

Some experts suggest that those of limited means plan to rely on Medicaid, while affluent folks can plan to simply pay long-term care costs on their own. Those in the middle can decide whether they can afford long-term care insurance or they might try to "self-insure," by stockpiling dollars in a separate account earmarked for long-term care.

For context, the average annual cost of a nursing home room is around \$80,300 per year for a semi-private room or \$91,250 for a private room. And the vast majority of people stay in nursing homes for fewer than five years. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### D'oh!

One of my dumbest investments was a young company called Intuitive Surgical. A Motley Fool writer wrote a great article about it, and it left me with such a good impression that I purchased 3,000 shares at about \$17 each (yes, that's about \$50,000).

For the next two years, I watched the price fluctuate between \$17 and about \$12. I eventually got so tired of watching that deadbeat that the first time I got a little pop (to around \$18), I sold the entire position. Well, the stock has been trading around \$485 per share recently, so you do the math. I definitely left a lot on the table.

By the way, less than a year later, Fool co-founder David Gardner was recommending the stock to his newsletter subscribers at about 2.5 times my sale price. Unfortunately, I found it difficult to buy back something I just sold, so I never added the stock back to my portfolio ... D'oh!

— R., online

**The Fool Responds:** You would have made more than a million dollars had you hung on, but selling was the right thing to do if you no longer had faith in the company. Intuitive Surgical (Nasdaq: ISRG), which makes and sells robotic surgical equipment, has been volatile, but long-term believers are counting on more and more hospitals buying its machines over the coming years. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Intuitive Surgical and has recommended it.) ■

## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to Detroit in the 1940s, when a dessert that Evelyn Overton prepared was so well-received that she began making more of it and selling it in relatively modest numbers. In the 1970s, she moved to Los Angeles and opened a bakery. Her son opened an upscale casual-dining restaurant named for the dessert in 1978, and it has now grown to close to 200 locations in the U.S. and around the world. My extensive menu features more than 250 items made from scratch each day, including more than 50 desserts. Who am I? (Answer: The Cheesecake Factory) ■



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### Rent or Buy?

**Q** If I plan to move within a few years, is it dumb to buy a house?

— S.S., New Orleans

**A** It will be risky to buy a house, as you might not recoup the buying and selling costs, which can total more than 6 percent of a home's value.

With a traditional mortgage, your payments in the first years are mainly applied to interest, not to paying off the principal. After living in the house for only a few years, you'll still owe the majority of the loan. (Plus, you'll have paid for repairs, insurance, property taxes, etc.)

Renting is an option everyone should consider. Yes, you lose the mortgage interest tax deduction and don't build equity, but if your rent is much less than your mortgage payment would be, you might invest the difference and build a little nest egg. If you expect home prices to fall or stagnate in the coming years, renting would be especially prudent.

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**Q** What are some clever ticker symbols?

— J.R., Salisbury, Maryland

**A** There are many. For example, there's 3M (MMM); Yum! Brands (YUM), the parent of KFC, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut; Brinker International (EAT), the parent of Chili's; explosives specialist Dynamic Materials (BOOM); Molson Coors Brewing (TAP); Asia Tigers Fund (GRR); Gibraltar Industries (ROCK); National Beverage (FIZZ); Sotheby's (BID); Olympic Steel (ZEUS); and amusement park company Cedar Fair (FUN).

Before eyewear maker Oakley was bought out, it traded under the symbol OO. (Think about it, if you don't get it at first.) Also interesting: Oil and gas company Denbury Resources has an alarming ticker: DNR. Southwest Airlines' is LUV. ■

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all federal workers. My network includes more than 96 percent of hospitals and 92 percent of physicians. Names under my roof include Anthem, CareFirst, Highmark, Premera, Regence and Wellmark. Who am I?

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

## The Motley Fool Take To Your Health!

Amgen (Nasdaq: AMGN) is a biotech blue chip stock "on the cusp of a new product cycle," according to company management. If all its pieces fall into place, the company should break a long dry spell with several new drug launches.

Indeed, Amgen is projected to deliver data on or file new drug applications for 10 late-stage products between 2014 and 2016. Its powerful Repatha cholesterol drug has been recommended for Food and Drug Administration approval. Its talimogene laherparepvec, or "T-Vec," drug is particularly interesting, as it's an immunotherapeutic product for metastatic melanoma, with an approval possibly leading to numerous T-Vec drug combinations being tested.

Amgen also sports some recently

approved drugs, such as Blincyto, which treats patients with a rare form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia. This is exciting because Blincyto is an immunotherapy product in a category of therapies expected to grow briskly. The FDA also approved Amgen's Corlanor to treat people with chronic heart failure. Meanwhile, Amgen reported some promising data for drugs treating colorectal cancer and migraines.

A rosy future isn't guaranteed, since Amgen faces competition on many fronts. Still, it offers many reasons to be hopeful, along with a dividend that recently yielded 2.1 percent and a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the mid-teens. Amgen's stock should be of interest to long-term investors. ■

# 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.

■ The next **Power Networking Lunch** hosted by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at Artichoke & Company in Bonita Springs. Guest speakers and CPAs Douglas Weibel and Scott Hennells of Weibel, Hennells & Carufe will discuss how tax changes for 2015 will affect businesses and business

owners. Reservations are required by July 27. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com for more information.

■ 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 Aug. 4. 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, Aug. 12, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker President Wilson Bradshaw of Florida Gulf Coast University will discuss FGCU's Emergent Technologies Institute. Seminole Casino Immokalee is the meeting sponsor. Reservations required by Aug. 7. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its bi-annual Networking 101 panel discussion from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at chamber headquarters, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive. Panelists are CPA Scott Hennells of Weibel, Hennells & Carufe, PLLC; Lisa Portnoy, vice president at BankUnited; and Shane Bailey, Cloud 9 Thermal Imaging and Home Watch. Registration is \$10 for chamber members, \$40 for others. Costco will provide refreshments. Attendance is limited to the first 25 who sign up by calling 992-2946 or going to bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Old Marco Restaurant & Pub, 1105 Bald Eagle Drive. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **Young Professionals of Naples and The Contemporaries of the United Arts Council of Collier County** will mix and mingle from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at Seventh Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S. Sign up in July for \$35, in August for \$40 or at the door for \$45. For more information, call Corey Walker at (850) 454-8951 or email vp@ypnaples.com.

■ **"Destination Paradise: Limitless Opportunities,"** a business-to-business trade show sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, takes place from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Sponsorship opportunities are available, as are exhibit booths. Call Judi Menard at 298-7928 or email judi@napleschamber.org. ■

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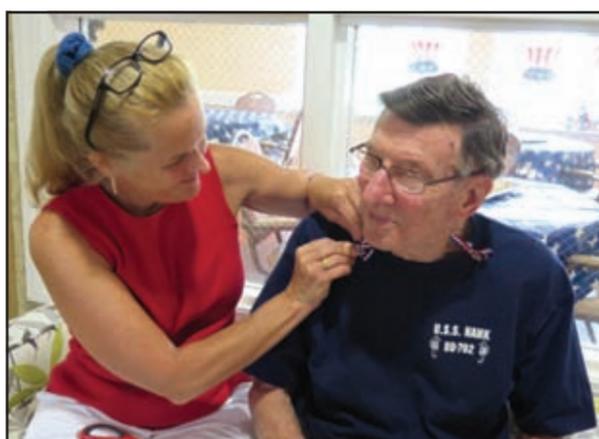
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NEWSMAKERS

Craig Jones has returned to Premier Sotheby's International Realty as a broker associate in Naples. She joined the company as a broker associate in the Old Naples office and was named vice president of marketing in 2012. She returns to real estate after having spent the past 16 months at the Community Foundation of Collier County, where she created and executed a new marketing and branding strategy.



JONES

Ms. Jones has been a Naples resident since 2002. She has held principal positions in nonprofit, advertising and management consulting firms in Naples, St. Louis and New York and has served as associate dean at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Her education includes degrees and certifications from Smith College, Washington University and the School of Journalism at Columbia University. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Florida and National associations of Realtors.

Christi Bryant and Jeanie Taylor of Keller Williams Elite Realty in Collier and Lee counties have been awarded the Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation by the Seniors Real Estate Specialist Council of the National Association of Realtors. The SRES designation signifies a real estate professional has demonstrated the knowledge and expertise to counsel clients age 50-plus through major financial and lifestyle transitions in relocating, refinancing or selling the family home. ■



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## House Hunting:

6559 Ridgewood Drive, Pelican Bay

No detail was overlooked in the complete remodel of this three-bedroom, 3½-bath home in Pelican Bay. From the inside out, its 3,543 square feet of air-conditioned living space and 6,800 total square feet have been transformed into a showpiece. Everything is new and upgraded, from polished marble flooring to the coffered ceilings and everything in between. The kitchen has granite countertops, and the master bath has a soaking tub. The elegant fireplace has been converted to eco-gel for clean and easy use. A wet bar in the family room and the expansive lanai are made for entertaining family and friends. The new pool is equipped with a therapeutic jet system, and the luscious lawn gives way for outdoor fun.

The half-acre homesite combined with the Pelican Bay's pristine parks and recreation areas add to a gracious living lifestyle amid the premier community. The \$2,400 annual common fee provides private beach access, restaurants, fitness club and spa, canoes/kayaks/sailing, croquet/tennis courts and more. For the golfer, equity memberships are available.

Kelly Capolino of Downing Frye Realty has the listing for \$2,595,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 877-6700 or email Kelly@naples.net. ■



## NABOR numbers show 2015 on pace with 2014 activity

## SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The second quarter 2015 market report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors indicates 60 percent of the market experienced inventory growth and overall sales activity remained on pace with activity charted in the second quarter of 2014. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

The latest report also indicates a 9 percent increase in pending sales (quarter over quarter) for homes priced above \$300,000.

"In this quarter last year, 44 percent of pending sales (homes under contract) were for homes in the \$300,000-plus category," says Brett Brown of Pre-

mier Sotheby's International Realty. In the current report, he adds, that number has increased to 53 percent.

Mr. Brown points out that from 2010-12, 80 percent of all pending sales were homes priced at less than \$300,000. This price segment no longer makes up the majority of the market's inventory.

The market was quite different 10 years ago, with a lot of flipping and loose financing going on. The second quarter market report shows a gradual increase in financed homes to 38.3 per-



cent of the market in June 2015, and a non-traditional market (short sales and foreclosures) that is dwindling at just 7 percent of the market.

"Prior to 2014, prices in all segments were going up," says Tom Bringardner Jr., president and CEO of Premier Commercial. "But a side-by-side comparison of overall activity for the first six months of last year to this year signifies a different climate where the market has reached stabilization."

The Naples area experienced a 14 percent increase in overall median closed

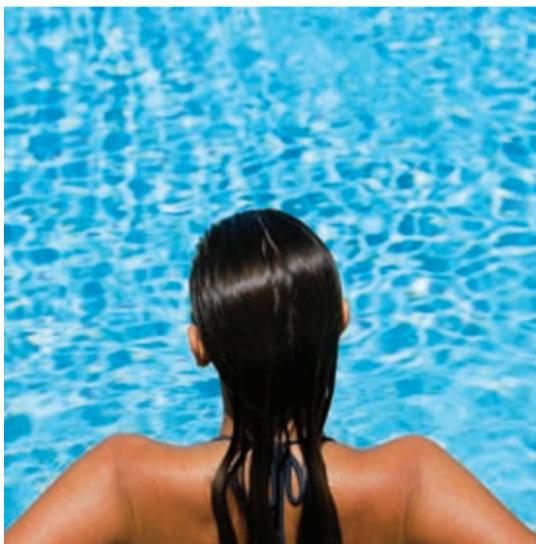
price, from \$255,000 in the 12 months ending in June 2014 to \$290,000 in the 12 months ending in June 2015. Yet this increase was driven by increases at both ends of the market spectrum during this time period: There was an 11 percent increase in homes prices less than \$300,000, and a 15 percent increase in homes \$2 million and more. The median closed price for homes over \$300,000 and under \$2 million decreased 1 percent.

Pockets of market highs and lows will continue to appear in the area, as demand and location continue to be major market influencers. For example, the latest numbers show an 83 percent increase in inventory for condomini-

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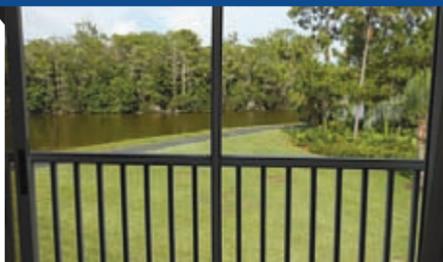
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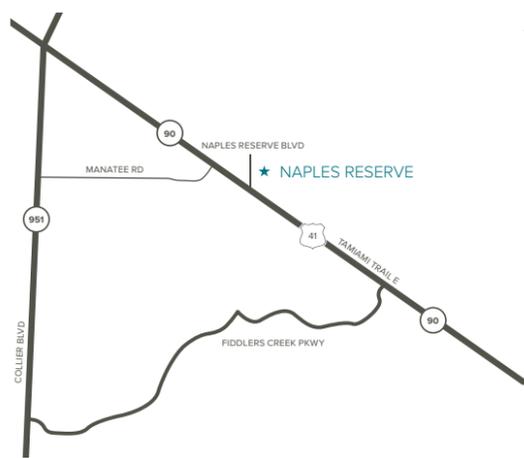


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Ashton Woods is introducing 17 floor plans in the Mallard Point, Egret Landing, Savannah Lakes and Sparrow Cay neighborhoods. Designs range from 1,671 to 3,516 square feet under air and are priced from the mid-\$300,000s to the high \$600,000s. Inspired by the architecture of Key West, Charleston and Nantucket, most one- and two-story residences will have a lake or preserve exposure.

In Mallard Point, Ashton Woods' move-in ready Seacrest design has three bedrooms and 2½ baths and is priced at \$477,789.

In Egret Landing, the builder's Procida and Ponza homes have three bedrooms and up to 2½ baths. The Procida is priced at \$527,963; the Ponza is \$527,989.

In the Savannah Lakes neighborhood,



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The Santorini has a Charleston elevation and is in the Savannah Lakes neighborhood at Naples Reserve.

Ashton Woods is introducing the Patmos move-in ready home with a Key West elevation and a Santorini home with a Charleston elevation. Both homes have lake views. Residences in Savannah Lakes are being built on 64-foot homesites and offer three bedrooms and 3½ baths. The Patmos is priced at \$629,793; the Santorini is \$628,273.

Ashton Woods' largest residences will be built on 78-foot lakefront homesites in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood. The Majorca, with four bedrooms and 3½ baths is priced at \$842,389.

For more information about Naples Reserve and homes by Ashton Woods, call 919-6612 or visit [ashtonwoods.com/naples](http://ashtonwoods.com/naples). ■

## NABOR

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ums in the \$2 million-plus category, from 29 units in the second quarter of 2014 to 53 units in the second quarter of 2015, and a 23 percent decrease in condominium inventory in the Naples Beach area, from 476 in the second quarter of 2014 to 368 units in the second quarter of 2015.

Inventory for single-family homes continues to rise, with a 9 percent increase, from 1,964 homes in the second quarter of 2014 to 2,133 in the second quarter of 2015. The condominium market saw an 11 percent decrease in inventory for second quarter 2015, from 1,759 condominiums in the second quarter of 2014 to 1,565 in the second quarter of 2015.

The NABOR report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. Among the overall findings:

■ Overall pending sales decreased 4 percent, from 2,949 in the second quarter of 2014 to 2,843 in the second quarter of 2015.

■ Overall closed sales remained flat, with no increase or decrease reported in the second quarter of 2015.

■ Closed sales for condominiums in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 price category increased 38 percent, from 682 in the second quarter of 2014 to 938 in the second quarter of 2015.

■ Overall median closed price increased 14 percent, from \$255,000 in the 12 months ending second quarter of 2014 to \$290,000 in the 12 months ending second quarter of 2015.

■ Overall inventory decreased 1 percent, from 3,723 homes in the second quarter of 2014 to 3,698 homes in the second quarter of 2015.

■ Overall inventory for homes under \$300,000 decreased 24 percent, from 1,366 in the second quarter of 2014 to 1,036 in the second quarter of 2015.

■ Inventory for single-family homes in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category increased 32 percent, from 456 in the

second quarter of 2014 to 604 in the second quarter of 2015.

■ Average days on market decreased 20 percent, from 94 days in the second quarter of 2014 to 75 days in the second quarter of 2015.

### The June numbers, year to year

The NABOR June 2015 market report was also released and reflects these overall (single-family and condominium) findings:

■ Overall pending sales increased 5 percent, from 840 homes in June 2014 to 882 homes in June 2015.

■ Overall closed sales remained flat, with no increase or decrease reported in the 12 months ending June 2015.

■ Overall median closed price increased 14 percent, from \$255,000 in the 12 months ending June 2014 to \$290,000 in the 12 months ending June 2015.

■ Overall inventory decreased 1 percent, from 3,723 homes in June 2014 to 3,698 homes in June 2015.

■ Average days on market decreased 22 percent, from 94 days in June 2014 to 73 days in June 2015.

"Overall inventory is almost the same number as it was this time last year, which is amazing when you consider the fact that we have had 9,850 closings over the last 12 months," says NABOR President Mike Hughes, vice president/general manager of Downing-Frye Realty. "Overall, this tells you that the properties are being listed almost as fast as we are selling them," he adds. "Certainly we would like to see more listings come on the market than the 3,698 properties that are currently listed.

"If there is a perception that inventory is dramatically shrinking, the newest numbers show us that this observation is unfounded."

Steve Barker, advising broker of Equity Realty, says he saw more locals selling and buying homes in the second quarter of 2015. "Market conditions are right for this type of transition," he says. "People are no longer underwater in their homes and are confident it's a good time to sell and move into a new community."

View the complete report at [naplesarea.com](http://naplesarea.com). ■



In the great room in the Antilles model, furnishings with classic, clean lines carry out the home's elegant, contemporary architectural lines.

## Antilles model in Quail West features interiors by Norris

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Norris Furniture & Interiors has completed the interior design on the award-winning Antilles model home by Florida Lifestyle Homes at Quail West Golf & Country Club in Naples. Norris designers Luanza Maitland and Sydney Leigh Warren provided interior design for the Antilles.

"The Antilles is filled with unique and statement making architectural details," Ms. Maitland notes. "Our design approach reflects and accentuates the builder's striking treatment of the home. We selected a color palette of soft neutrals, including creams, taupes and mochas highlighted by accents of warm orchid tones. Furnishings with classic, clean lines were selected to carry out the contemporary yet elegant statement made by the home's architectural lines."

Dramatic ceiling treatments include a circular beam pattern finished in a rich, dark wood suspended within a recessed tray ceiling in the great room. A commanding feature and focal point of the great room is a large fireplace encased in marble and bordered with custom built-in cabinetry framed with dark wood. Frosted glass backlit panels are positioned behind the cabinetry shelving, providing an innovative look that is stylishly sleek.

A dropped beam pattern ceiling treatment that is reminiscent of the petals of a flower makes a dramatic statement in the master suite.

"We selected a grand upholstered bed and dressed it with sumptuous bed linens to lend a sense of calm and relaxation to the master suite," Ms. Maitland says.

The Antilles dining room opens directly to the lanai, providing a smooth transition from the indoor living space to the outdoor living area. In the dining room, a distressed driftwood oval table provides a nice contrast against the highly polished Carrera tile floors.

The Antilles model is priced at \$2,045,000 fully furnished. It has a total of 6,787 square feet that includes 4,083 square feet of air-conditioned living space. There are four bedrooms, a study, 4½ baths and a three-car garage.

Furnished models are open daily at Quail West. The sales center is at 6289 Burnham Road. For information, call 561-8022 or visit [floridalifestylehomes.com](http://floridalifestylehomes.com).

Norris Furniture & Interiors has four showrooms with locations in Fort Myers, Sanibel, Naples and Sarasota, where a new showroom is scheduled to open this summer. For information, visit [distinctlyNorris.com](http://distinctlyNorris.com). ■



In the dining room, a distressed driftwood oval table was chosen as a contrast to the highly polished Carrera tile floors.



The bed is outfitted in luxurious linens that lend a sense of calm and relaxation to the master suite in the Antilles.



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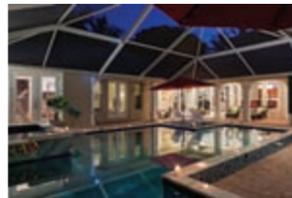
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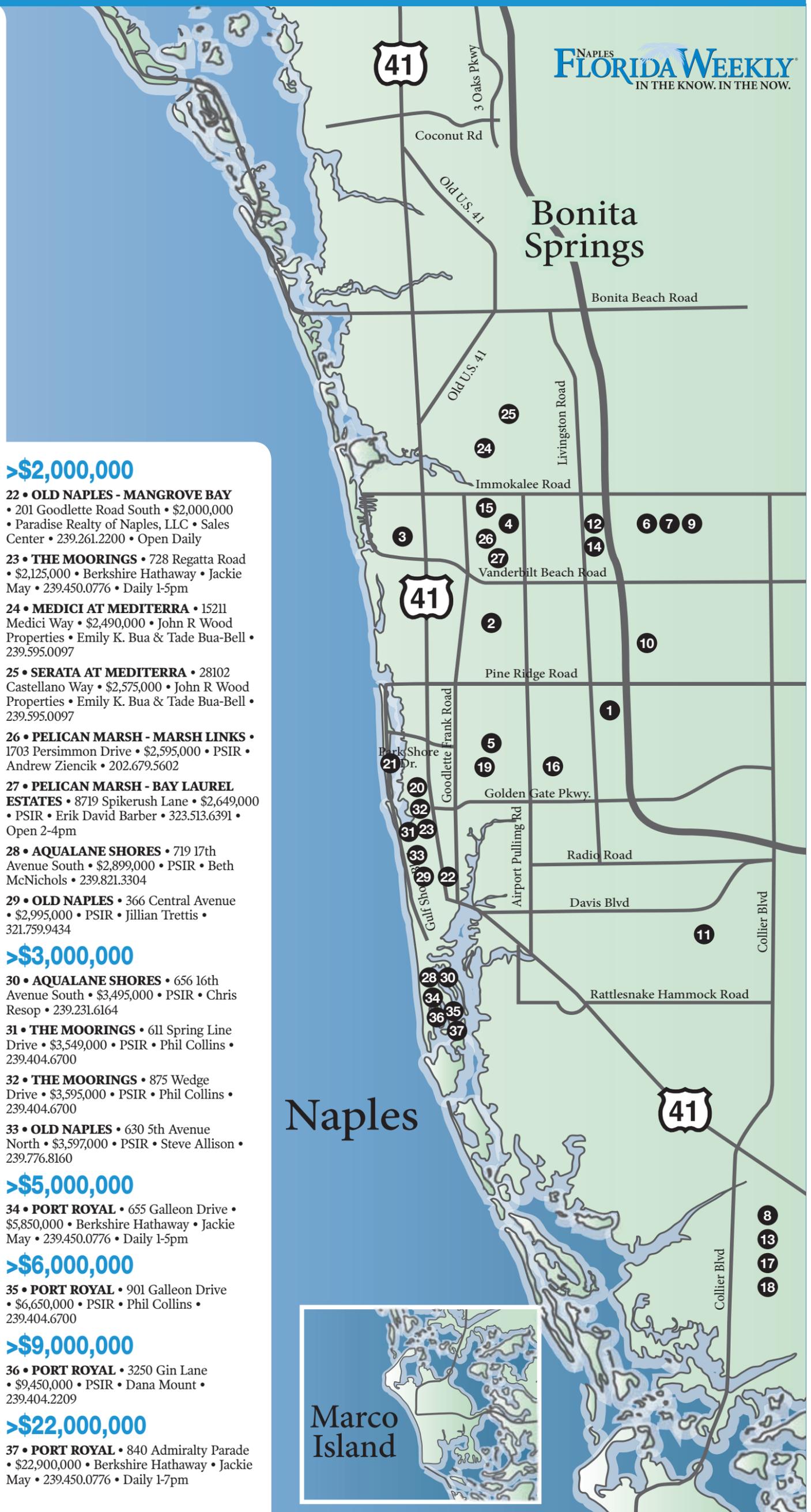
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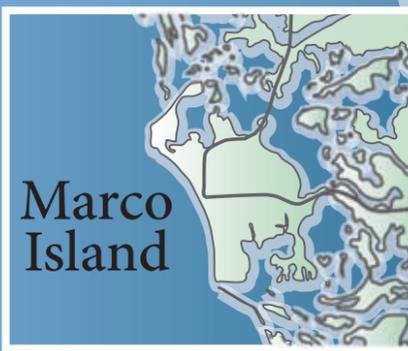
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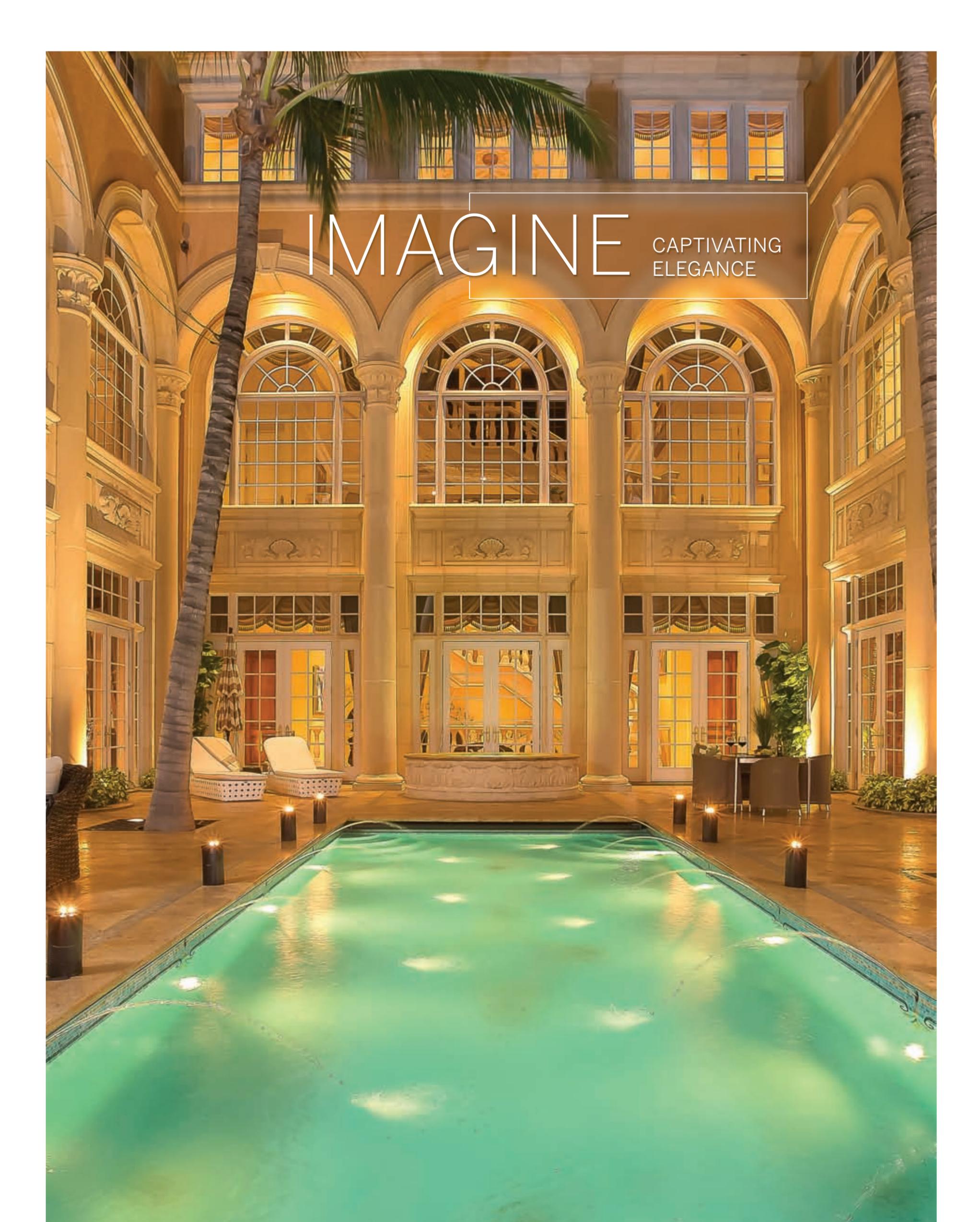
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"I found the statues in the church very powerful, knowing they had been fabricated and gazed upon by men who had lost their freedom." — **Bill McDowell**



Left: Detail of Mary, Church of St. Dismas, 2013

Below: Tree and House Shadow, West Wall, 2014

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## Reality and strangeness collide in Bill McDowell's photographs

BY **NANCY STETSON**  
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INITIALLY, THE PHOTO LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL small-town scene: a public clock on a street, at 10:10 in the morning. Then you notice the big white wall behind it, and the watchtower at the top, and you realize it's a prison.

And the image takes on new meaning. It's a powerful commentary about time — about how we view the passage

of time, about doing time, about how time passes inside those walls and outside them.

If you look closer, you realize the clock itself is a memorial; written on its face are the words: "In Memory of Bill and Molly Brennan." Those words are another commentary on time: Time passes, and wherever and however we pass it, there's always the inevitable end.

SEE TIME, C4 ►

"I spent lots of time along the external west wall of the prison because the afternoon shadows that would be cast on it were so heartbreakingly beautiful. Things that we take for granted: The play of light is being cast upon a wall that (until recently) had never been compromised."

— **Bill McDowell**



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**Kristian Bush, half of the Grammy-winning country duo Sugarland, will perform at this year's Island Hopper Songwriter Fest.**

## Island Hopper Songwriter Fest names talent lineup

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The second annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest along the beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel announced an illustrious lineup of talent.

The 10-day festival kicks off Sept. 17 with a special performance by Kristian Bush, who built his reputation as one half of the multi-platinum, Grammy-winning country duo Sugarland. Other talents include Parmalee, a country/rock group made famous by its No. 1 smash, "Carolina" and single, "Musta Had A Good

Time." Jana Kramer, a country singer and actress on the TV show "One Tree Hill," will perform her smash single, "Why Ya Wanna."

The festival kicks off Sept. 17-20 in the Captiva Ballroom at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island. New to the festival, downtown Fort Myers will feature midweek performances. The festival closes the weekend of Sept. 25-27 on Fort Myers Beach.

The event will feature mostly free

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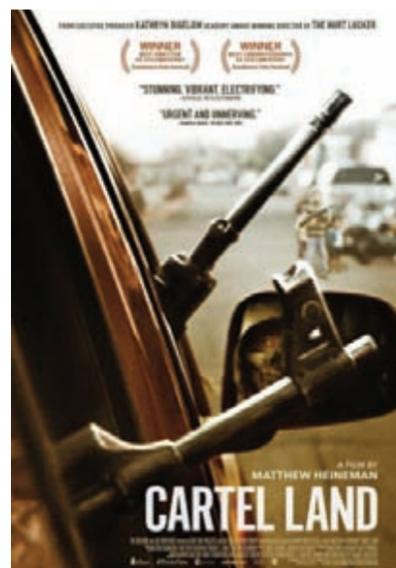
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## When it comes to finding love online, we shouldn't hide



A week into my online dating experiment, a friend asked, "So, how's eHarmony going?"

I told her the truth: "A kick in the teeth would have felt better."

Internet dating, it turns out, is not for the weak of spirit.

When I signed up for eHarmony, I anticipated the results I'd heard from other women who have tried Internet dating: an onslaught of enthusiastic messages, a handful of mildly inappropriate comments and perhaps an inappropriate photo or two.

What I got was nothing like that.

For starters, eHarmony has an elaborate courtship ritual as complex and indecipherable as the mating dance of bees. It begins with an opening salvo, a list of five close-ended questions one interested party sends to the other. If that goes well, then each person mails his or her must-haves and can't-stands. Still on track, both people send three open-ended questions. Finally, if there have been no hiccups, the couple graduates to email communication.

My problem: I never made it that far.

Somewhere between the initial contact and the open-ended questions, all my suitors lost interest. The hotel promoter in Miami? The Lebanese surgeon?



Even the George Saunders fan? Every. Single. One.

What was it about me? How could they tell from my answers that we weren't a good fit? Was it because I said I'd rather eat in a fun hole-in-the-wall restaurant

than a four-star establishment? Because if I had three wishes, one of them would be for a farmhouse in France? Because one activity I enjoy that I'd like to share with a partner is yard work?

"It's because men aren't interested in

changing a woman," a friend said when I told him my dilemma. "Either it will work or it won't. Men can see that right away."

I know he's right, but what if we're a little on the quirky side? What if we have a strange sense of humor or a life that's outside the norm?

I didn't join eHarmony to get rejected again and again. I want to meet someone. So I started tailoring my answers to fit my matches. The beefy guy holding the fish in his profile picture? I told him my favorite Saturday night activity is going to sporting events. The suave entrepreneur from St. Pete? For him, I like going to the symphony.

Not surprisingly, my trick worked. I started making it farther and farther in the process. Too far. Soon, instead of them losing interest, it was me. We weren't a good match, I was simply feeding them what they wanted to hear.

Just as I started to get overwhelmed, I remembered something I once read about online dating: The goal is not to attract everyone. It's to attract the one person who is right for us. Quirks and all.

So I stopped tweaking my answers. I quit trying to be someone I'm not. It's true that I prefer to go bowling on a Saturday night. If I have the choice between watching TV and reading, I read. And, yes, I really would like to find someone who likes doing yard work. ■

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

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At left: Fence system, North Yard, 2013

This is in the North Yard. I had to be escorted everywhere by a correctional officer, and there's just a maze of gates and fences you need to get through.

— Bill McDowell

## TIME

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Bill McDowell grew up 15 miles away from Dannemora, where he shot that photo. A professional photographer and instructor, he still lives in Plattsburgh, a neighboring town in upstate New York.

The Clinton Correctional Facility, he says in an email, has “always had a strong influence on the surrounding communities.”

It also received national attention recently when two prisoners broke out and were hunted for three weeks before one was killed and the other finally captured.

Mr. McDowell toured the prison a few years ago with a local architectural heritage group. “I was blown away by the chapel built by the inmates, and by their gardens,” he says.

The experience inspired him to attempt to make photographs that were not the stereotypic images of prison life.

Not only did he accomplish that, he created art out of a grim place.

After that first tour, he received permission to go back to and take photos in 2013, accompanied by a correctional officer at all times. The images can be viewed on his website, [billmcdowell-photo.com](http://billmcdowell-photo.com).

### ‘The confining nature’

The St. Dismas Church (The Church of the Good Thief) was constructed by the inmates under the supervision of a correctional officer who taught them stone cutting. The prison chaplain then, The Rev. Ambrose Hyland, hired an artist from New York City who taught them how to make stained-glass windows and religious statuary.

The icons include a couple of figures of Mary; a three-dimensional image of St. Dismas on the cross hangs above the front doors. The windows are surprisingly modern; one contains the Beatitude, “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land.”

The church building was completed in 1941.

“It’s so easy to view an inmate as ‘the other,’ and I wanted to do the opposite

by making photographs of their gardens,” says Mr. McDowell. “But I also wanted to show the confining nature of being imprisoned.”

A couple of photos in this series show red birdhouses attached to chain-link fences inside the prison grounds.

“When I took that first tour of the prison,” the photographer says, “I was blown away by the poignancy of the birdhouses; that the houses were built by the inmates, that the birds could fly away.”

“And another name for inmate is yard-bird,” he adds.

The prison is the main industry in the town of Dannemora. It’s not on the outskirts, as you might expect, but right in town, with homes and businesses directly across the street.

The facility’s white outer wall is massive, imposing and intimidating. “I made lots of photographs of the wall, both inside and outside the main wall,” Mr. McDowell says. “There’s both specific and metaphoric power in the wall.”

A few images of the wall, shot from outside on the street, show shadows of trees, houses, trucks, people walking by. They’re like shadow puppets, blurry silhouettes of the town and its inhabitants

on a large blank canvas or a drive-in movie screen.

### About the artist

Mr. McDowell is a recipient of the 2008 New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship in Photography and the Aaron Siskind Individual Photographer’s Fellowship. He’s had solo exhibitions in Los Angeles, New York, Portland and Houston, and his work is represented in collections at the International Museum of Photography at the George Eastman House, the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and the Deichtorhallen Museum in Hamburg, Germany. His photographs have appeared in publications such as *The New Yorker*, *Art in America* and *exposure*.

In addition to being a professional photographer, he’s also a professor in the department of art and art history at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

He was initially attracted to photography as a senior in high school. “I ... soon felt a connection to things that I hadn’t experienced before,” he explains.

He works with both digital and film and isn’t wedded to any particular camera. “I use whatever seems most appro-

priate at the time,” he says. He even did a project — “Ashes in the Night Sky” — using a flatbed scanner as an imaging device.

### His view of the world

Mr. McDowell is working on a book that will be published by Daylight Books in 2016. Titled “Ground,” it consists of “killed negatives” that he has collected and sequenced from the Farm Security Administration archive in the Library of Congress.

The FSA was a New Deal program that, among other things, documented the plight of the American farmer and post-Depression life in the 1930s. Some of America’s most iconic photographs, including Dorothea Lange’s “Migrant Mother,” were made for the FSA.

Roy Stryker, the director of the FSA photography division, would sometimes take a hole punch to the negatives that he didn’t want to be published, Mr. McDowell says. But the damaged negatives remained in the collection.

“I’ve gone through the files and selected photographs in which the black hole from the hole punch has a certain relationship to the rest of the image’s frame. And I’ve further culled the photographs to ones that related to the land and agriculture.”

“My general idea is that our post-2008 experience in the U.S. (the Great Recession) shares much with the Great Depression era. The black hole in the photographs in ‘Ground’ look like a contemporary mark, and that’s the visual connection in the pictures between today and the 1930s. They’re really pretty amazing photographs, especially when you consider that the hole punch was used to destroy them.”

But it’s typical of how Mr. McDowell views the world around him.

“One of my favorite quotes,” he says, “is from the novelist and poet James Dickey: ‘Poetry occurs when the utmost reality and the utmost strangeness coincide.’ That’s what I try to do.” ■



At left: Kudu and Letter Boxes, Smithsonian Museum, 1985

This was from my graduate thesis. The Smithsonian’s attic was full of discarded taxidermy and office supplies, often in surreal juxtapositions.

— Bill McDowell

# FLORIDA WRITERS

## A novel full of laughs carries a theme that's no joke

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■ **"Fly Unzipped" by Mike Hirsh.** Vigstein Books. 252 pages. Paperback, \$12.99; Kindle e-book, \$4.99.

The boys are back.

Paul "Fly" Moscone and Bill "Mr. Jinx" Shiffman, bantering buddies leading the life of retirement in Punta Gorda, team up in another adventure at once hilarious and dead serious. One would think author Michael Hirsh would have trouble living up to the mixture of fun, local color and serious issues that he mastered in "Fly on the Wall" (2012), which featured the insurance scandal aftermath of Hurricane Charley, but he proves he is up to the challenge.

As "a recovering journalist," Jinx spices his retirement with freelance features in a local paper suspiciously named *Florida Weekly*. Fly, who once sold mainframe computers, is fulfilling his dream of being a law enforcement officer by serving as a volunteer "reserve" deputy sheriff. It's Chicago and New Jersey, Italian and Jew, in a wonderful



HIRSH

dance of being "decidedly ethnic in a land of milk and white bread."

Strange behavior at a massage parlor finds Fly brushing the hand of a young masseuse away from his private parts (thus the title). After telling his wife about the incident, and being surprised by her encouragement to try to do something about the problem, he gets himself assigned to go undercover in order to collect evidence on sex traffickers. He joins a special Southwest Florida task force headquartered in Fort Myers.

Mr. Hirsh provides a detailed portrait of the insidiousness and enormity of this kind of criminal enterprise, as well as the vulnerability of its victims. Part of the information that reaches the reader comes from Fly's discussion with Marisol Sotolongo, a tough and beautiful mental-health counselor who has valuable experience in treating young victims of sexual trafficking.

Fly's undercover stint is successful, but more evidence is needed to catch the pimps who are taking advantage of these young girls. So Fly gets to take part in a stakeout.

Along the way, he runs into moral issues connected with the fate of these abused women and their possible children. A session with his priest helps Fly sort matters out and deepens the reader's understanding about what's at stake.

Especially riveting is the scene in which Fly witnesses Marisol's interview with the girl caught (actually, rescued) during his undercover effort. Watching

and hearing Marisol conduct the interview, and listening to law enforcement professionals comment on the process, reveals the delicacy and skill needed to illicit anything useful for a future arrest and prosecution.

Eventually, Fly and more experienced and salaried law enforcement professionals track down Xavier, the pimp who has been exploiting these girls. They also collect the evidence that allows them to do an extensive, legally sanctioned search of Xavier's residence. Several sex slaves are rescued, including the very one Fly had encountered on the fateful day he went in for an innocent massage.

Can girls like this be convinced to testify? Can they, after perhaps years of subjugation, stop living like prisoners once they are rescued? Can they successfully reunite with their families? The novel dramatically probes these and related questions toward the end.

While Fly's work on this assignment dominates the narrative, the author develops other centers of interest. The deep friendship between Fly and Jinx, their nonstop bouts of verbal one-upsmanship and the ongoing satire of Southwest Florida retirement living

provide laughs and sharp perspectives. The citizens' rally to defeat a proposed toxic waste landfill reveals a combination of public spirit, vested interest and the simple need to be involved in useful activities once one has left the identity-feeding world of work.

Can one blend a serious issue — the abduction and sexual enslavement of teenage girls — with a comedic element that is true to the lead character's personality and relationships?

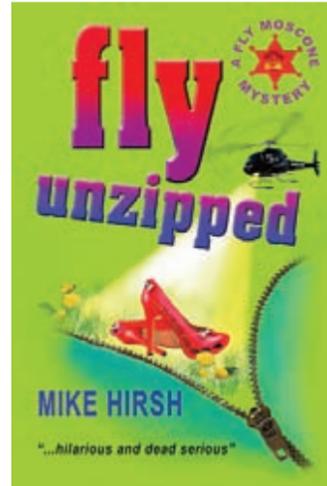
Yes, Mike Hirsh can.

Sarcastic and sassy, sensitive and sympathetic, "Fly Unzipped" successfully performs a delicate tonal balancing act. These complementary moods

echo Mr. Hirsh's delightful technique of alternating sharply contrasting narrators, giving distinctive first person loquaciousness to Jinx and Fly in turn.

"Fly Unzipped" provides a lot of laughs, but at bottom it's no joke. ■

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



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## THEATER

**Legally Blonde** - By The Naples Players through Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [naplesplayers.org](http://naplesplayers.org).

**Alice in Wonderland** - By The Naples Players KidzAct July 24-26 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [naplesplayers.org](http://naplesplayers.org).

**Shooting Star** - By The Marco Island Players Aug. 6-23. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [themarcoislandplayers.com](http://themarcoislandplayers.com).

**Peter Pan & Wendy** - By the Gulfshore Playhouse STAR Players Aug. 7-8 at The Norris Center. 213-3049 or [gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://gulfshoreplayhouse.org).

**Shrek the Musical** - By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 14-16. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org).

**I'll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Menter** - by Laboratory Theater of Florida July 24-25. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or [laboratory-theaterflorida.com](http://laboratory-theaterflorida.com).

**Aladdin Jr.** - By the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre through Aug. 9 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [broadwaypalm.com](http://broadwaypalm.com).

**Footloose** - Through Aug. 16 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [broadwaypalm.com](http://broadwaypalm.com).

## THURSDAY 7.23

**Free Movie** - Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of "Penguins of Madagascar" at 10 a.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or [paragontheaters.com](http://paragontheaters.com).

**Plant Clinic** - Troubleshoot your plant problems with a master gardener at Naples Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. and then stay to tour the Garden. Regular admission applies (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org).

**Travel Talk** - Preferred Travel hosts travel partners Cox & King and Silversea Cruises for "The Best of Land and Sea" at 5 p.m. 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd., Suite 402. Free, but reservations required. 261-1177 or [preferrednaples.com](http://preferrednaples.com).

**Shop 'til You Drop** - Third Street South hosts "Fashionista's Garden" with shopping, champagne and hors d'oeuvres from 5-7 p.m. behind Gattle's and John Craig Clothier. \$25 to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage. 434-6697 or [gardenofhopeandcourage.org](http://gardenofhopeandcourage.org).

**Passion for Fashion** - Mercato hosts Fashion Passion for PACE, with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, fashion show and goody bags starting at 6 p.m. \$40, with proceeds to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee. 431-6661 or [mercatoshops.com](http://mercatoshops.com).

**Sweat the Small Stuff** - It's trivia night with Daniel Jackson starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or [thenaplesenglishpub.com](http://thenaplesenglishpub.com).

**Stand-Up Guy** - Comedian Adam Hunter takes the stage at 8 p.m. tonight through Sunday, July 26, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or [offthehookcomedy.com](http://offthehookcomedy.com).

## FRIDAY 7.24

**Parents Night Out** - Moms and dads can drop the kids off for a movie, activities and pizza from 6-9 p.m. at Fleischmann Park Community Center. \$20 for the first child, \$15 for siblings. 213-3020 or [naplesgov.com](http://naplesgov.com).



The indomitable Elle Woods debunks the ditzy blonde theory in "Legally Blonde, the Musical" by The Naples Players on stage at the Sugden Community Theatre through Aug. 9. 263-7990 or [naplesplayers.org](http://naplesplayers.org). See review on page C10.

**Kids Free Friday** - Kids age 12 and younger enjoy free admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center all day. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or [rookerybay.org](http://rookerybay.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 (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 593-2568 or [floridastateparks.org](http://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](http://goddessiam.com).

**Mini-Fashions** - Children from Manners and Dance with Ms. Laura strut their stuff in fashions from All About April at 11:30 a.m. at Venetian Village. 261-6100 or [venetianvillage.com](http://venetianvillage.com).

**Golden Opportunity** - Pucci & Catana hosts the Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida "Golden Oldies" sunset yappy hour and adoption event from 5-8 p.m. at the pet boutique on Fifth Avenue South. 263-9963, [pucciandcatana.com](http://pucciandcatana.com) or [grrswf.org](http://grrswf.org).

**Art Reception** - The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center host a reception for Gareth Rockliffe, a Naples photographer who is crowd-sourcing funds to photograph the entirety of the United States' coastline, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free for NAA members, \$10 for others. 262-6517 or [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org).

**Up on the Roof** - The Greater Naples YMCA hosts the second Rooftop Family Friday from 6:30-10 p.m. on the 8,000-square-foot artificial turf roof at the Y off Pine Ridge Road. Children's artist Jack Hartmann performs at 7 p.m., and will be followed by a screening of "Monsters University." \$20 per family for Y members, \$30 per family for others. 597-3148 to register.

**Fangirl Friday** - Barnes & Noble celebrates the Women of Marvel with cosplay, giveaways and more at 7 p.m. 598-5200 or [bn.com](http://bn.com).

**Hot Summer Nights** - The Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts family fun with bounce houses, rock walls, karaoke and more from 6-9 p.m. at Immokalee Sports Park. Free. 505 Escambia St. 642-0575 or [cityofmarcoisland.com](http://cityofmarcoisland.com).

## SATURDAY 7.25

**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](http://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 stand-up 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.

**Wonder Garden** - Kids can learn about aquatic plants from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday, July 26, at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or [naplesgarden.com](http://naplesgarden.com).

**All That Jazz** - The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Donations appreciated. 213-3058 or [jazzydrjim@gmail.com](mailto:jazzydrjim@gmail.com).

**Vinyl Day** - Barnes & Noble celebrates vinyl culture with deejay sessions, giveaways and an exploration of the store's vinyl collection at 2 and 7 p.m. Free. 598-5200 or [bn.com](http://bn.com).

**Sugaree** - Grateful Dead tribute band Crazy Fingers performs at 6:30 p.m. at The Norris Center. Call 784-8002 for tickets.

**Black Magic Comedy Tour** - Preacher Lawson and Matt Price perform at Nana's Diner at 8:30 p.m. \$18. 455-2844 or [room2laugh.com](http://room2laugh.com).

## SUNDAY 7.26

**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 (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 593-2568 or [floridastateparks.org](http://floridastateparks.org).

**Classic Film** - The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of "One Touch of Venus" (1948) at 2 p.m. A bumbling department store clerk unwittingly brings to life a sculpture of Venus de Milo when he kisses it. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [fgcu.edu](http://fgcu.edu).

**Manga Mania** - Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops welcomes fans of Japanese comic books and graphic novels with special offers, activities and giveaways starting at 2 p.m. Free. 598-5200 or [bn.com](http://bn.com).

**Foreign Film** - Renaissance Academy screens "Project Nim" (2011, UK) at 2 p.m. It's the story of a chimpanzee taken from his mother at birth and raised like a human child by a family on the Upper West Side in the 1970s. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or [fgcu.edu](http://fgcu.edu).

**Dinner with the Docs** - Tim Smith and Ronil Pala of Maximized Living Health Center discuss overcoming health obstacles over dinner at Giovanni Ristorante Italiano. Free, but reservations required. 5975 Pine Ridge Road. 597-6099 or [maximizedlivingnaples.com](http://maximizedlivingnaples.com).

## MONDAY 7.27

**Ommmm** - Chelsea's Resale Shoppe hosts evening meditations at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. Peace offering welcome. 949 Second Ave. N. 261-0005.

**Film Night** - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Strictly Ballroom" (1992) at 7 p.m. Monday, July 27. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org).

## TUESDAY 7.28

**Native Plants** - Take a "Scrub Days of Summer" tour of Naples Botanical Garden with natural areas manager Eric Foht starting bright and early at 7 a.m. \$15 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-7275 or [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org).

**Free Movie** - Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of "Night At The Museum: Secrets of the Tomb" at 10 a.m. today through Thursday, July 30. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or [paragontheaters.com](http://paragontheaters.com).

**Start to Tango** - Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or [pablorepuntango.com](http://pablorepuntango.com).

## WEDNESDAY 7.29

**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 [visitinggreenmonkey.com](http://visitinggreenmonkey.com).

**Dinner & Cards** - The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner, cards and mah jongg at 6 p.m. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or [nia-foundation.org](http://nia-foundation.org).

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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

**Everglades Guardians** – Artists Connie Bransilver and Nicholas Petrucci host an exhibition of life-sized paintings and photographic works from the “Guardians of the Everglades” project from 5-7 p.m. at 1719 Trade Center Way. Free, but RSVP required. 405-2010 or guardiansoftheeverglades@gmail.com.

## COMING UP

**In the Web** – Learn about (and see some of) Florida’s many species of spiders at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

**Throwback Thursday** – Celebrate the ‘90s with games, activities and a Goosebumps event at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

**Cruisin’** – Betty Maclean Travel hosts a representative from Regent Seven Seas to discuss the cruise line’s 2017 offerings at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 30. 2245 Venetian Court. 513-0333 or bettymacleantravel.com.

**Burgers & Brews** – Bar Tulia and Fort Myers Brewing Company join forces for an evening of burgers and craft beer starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at Bar Tulia on Fifth Avenue South. Enjoy special pork, beef and tuna sliders paired with the brewery’s beers. 213-2073 or tulianaples.com.

**A Thned Everyone Needs** – Barnes & Noble celebrates the life and work of Dr. Seuss at 7 p.m. Friday, July 31. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

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**Classic Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU screens “Butterfield 8” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the FGCU Naples Center. It’s the story of a Manhattan beauty who’s part model, part call girl and all man-trap. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Film Night** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “My Mother’s Castle” (France, 1990) at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3. The film is a depiction of the four-volume book series “Souvenirs d’enfance,” in which little Marcel and his family vacation at their cottage in Provence. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**An Evening with Eve** – Naples International Film Festival screens the Bette Davis classic “All About Eve” (1950) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato. \$30. 775-3456 or silverspotcinema.com. ■

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



■ Enjoy a sneak peek at “**Great American Coastlines,**” Neapolitan Gareth Rockliffe’s two-year project to photograph the entirety of the U.S. coastline, during a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at The von Liebig Art Center. Free for Naples Art Association members, \$10 for others.

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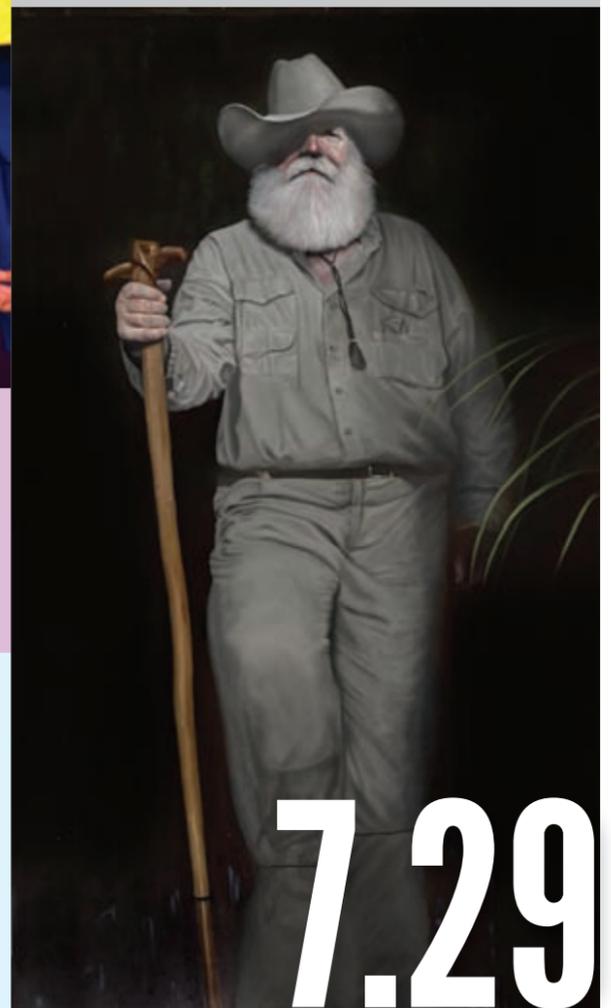
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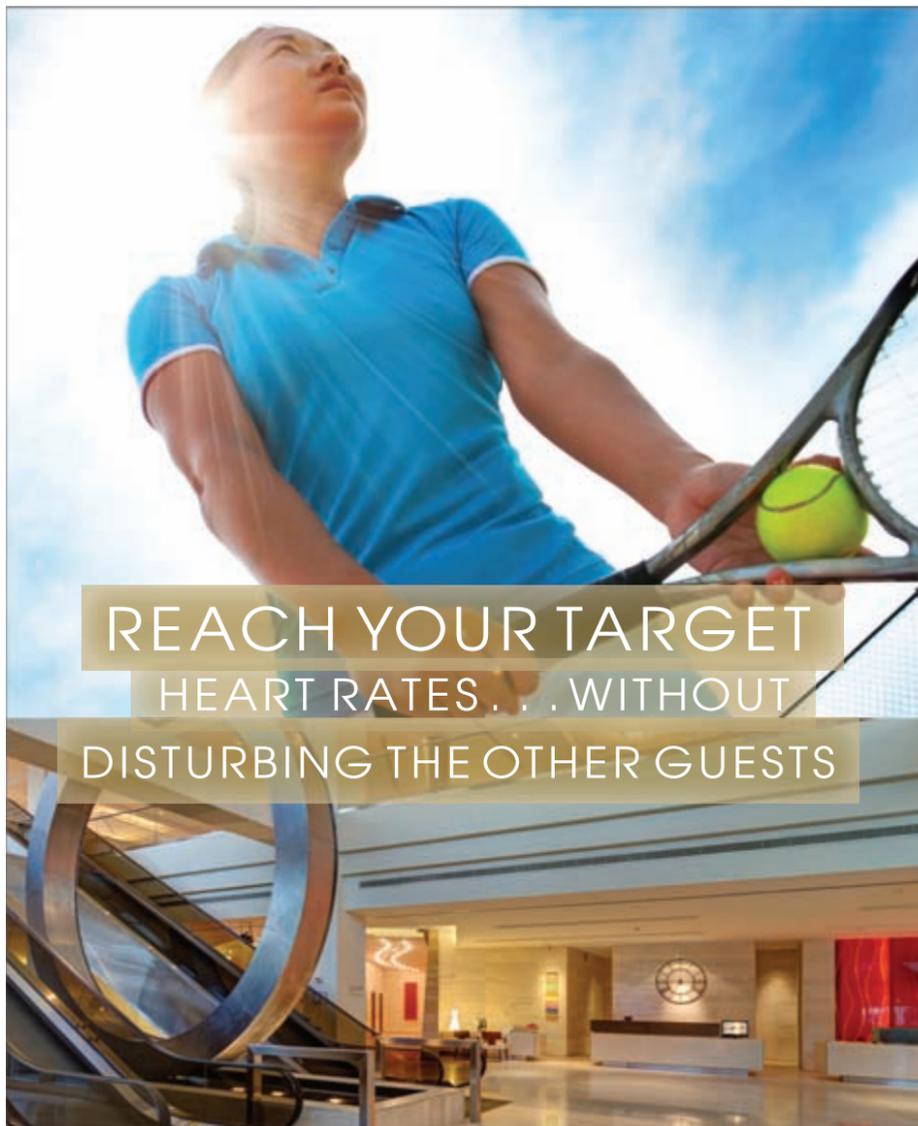
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performances from more than 50 hit-makers who have written songs for top country artists including Garth Brooks, Faith Hill, Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley and Toby Keith.

"The second annual Island Hopper will be even more spectacular than the first," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB). "This is a great opportunity to meet the song-

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Andrew Ciliberto and Carol Comeau in rehearsal for "Shooting Star," which opens Aug. 6 at The Marco Players Theater on Marco Island.

"Don't we all have someone we wish we could meet again if only for a short time?" asks director Greg Madera.

Written by Steven Dietz in 2008, "Shooting Star" is charming, endearing — and not far removed from reality. See it Aug. 6-23 at The Marco Players Theater, 1089 N. Collier

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## Oh, my God, you guys! 'Legally Blonde' is at the Sugden!!!



If the thought of seeing "Legally Blonde, the Musical" makes you squeal like a pre-teen girl, the odds are pretty good you're going to love the show being presented by The Naples Players through Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theatre.

If you prefer your shows to have a little more substance to them, well, then, your mileage might vary.

The musical is based on the 2001 movie of the same name starring Reese Witherspoon.

Elle Woods (Paige Raleigh), a ditzzy blonde sorority girl, decides to go to Harvard Law School in order to win back her boyfriend, Warner. (She thought he was going to propose, but instead he broke things off because he wants someone more "serious.")

Elle, who lives in Malibu and has her degree in fashion merchandising from UCLA, decides to get into Harvard Law School to a.) show Warner just how serious she can be and b.) persuade him to return to her side.

It's a ridiculous premise — but then, musicals have been built on much less.

But "Legally Blonde, the Musical" demands such massive suspension of disbelief at times that it can be hard to swallow.

Just like Elle Woods, it desires, deeply, to be taken seriously, with its messages of: "looks can be deceiving, but they really matter in the end," and "believe in yourself" and "women should stand in solidarity with other women."

But it's just so mindless and squeally and *pink!*

In some ways, it's a smart choice for The Naples Players to make for their annual summer musical. It demands a cast of thousands, it's full of youthful characters (so they can cast older Kidz-Act actors) and it's extremely popular with younger theatergoers (who tend not to be that discriminating).

In other ways, it's a puzzling choice, because Sugden audiences tend to skewer older, and frankly, it's just not that good a show.

Musicals based upon movies don't always make a good transition. "The Full Monty" is an exception. Many, unfortunately, turn out like "Footloose" and "Saturday Night Fever."



A Harvard Law School classroom scene has Professor Callahan (Randall Kenneth Jones, center) ready to call on an eager Elle Woods (Paige Raleigh) for her analysis of a mock scenario.

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"Legally Blonde, the Musical" falls somewhere in the middle.

As already mentioned, the book (by Heather Hach, based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the MGM movie) strains credulity, even within the world it creates. The music and the lyrics (by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin) are not top-notch. The music, for the most part, is forgettable, though the lyrics, from time to time, do show some humor and even flashes of brilliance.

Ms. Raleigh is successful as the lead, making us cheer her on even as we see that her goal is misguided.

In a nice piece of colorblind casting (and in reflection of the 21st century dating scene), Warner, who spurns her, is played by Christopher Campbell. (We remember seeing him years ago as a little tyke in a Naples Players production of "Oliver!" picking pockets for the evil Fagin.) Mr. Campbell, now a young man in college himself, plays Warner with suave self-centeredness, but not so much so that we hate him.

When Elle gets to Harvard Law School (yes, she actually gets accepted!) she discovers Warner has a new girlfriend, Vivienne (Skye Marie Sena). And gee, law school's so much harder than she expected it would be.

Emmett (Joseph Byrne), a scruffy, good-hearted student who's had to struggle for everything he's ever gotten, takes a shine to her and helps her study.

Her sorority sisters show up from time to time to comment on the action because it is, as Elle says, a tragedy.

This quartet of leads is made of strong performers.

But it's the show's secondary or inci-

dental characters who stood out for me.

Debi Guthery plays a sweet and kind-hearted hairdresser who befriends Elle. If there's anything Ms. Guthery knows how to do, it's belt out a song and get some laughs by embodying a humorous character. And she doesn't fail here. The night I attended, she actually received cheers along with sustained applause.

Lederian Townsend, who works as director of bands at Lely High School, won me over with his performance as a Harvard admissions official and then as a flamboyant gay man whose lover is giving testimony in a trial. His performance was Broadway-worthy. And Brandon Somers, as Nikos, his boyfriend perjuring himself on the stand, preens as proudly as any peacock.

Randall Kenneth Jones does a good job as the evil law professor who, like any good shark, loves blood in the water.

And everyone adored the show's two dogs, Bruiser (played by Twoey Dunnagan-Walck) and Rufus (played by Diesel Ruhl). Unfortunately, they didn't make the curtain call.

Director and choreographer Dawn Lebrecht Fornara has done an excellent job with this oversized cast, getting clear enunciation, high energy and good dance moves out of them all. Ms. Fornara mixes some hip-hop into the theatrical dancing, though at times there seems to be an overabundance of twerking and pelvis thrusts. (It's not anything you wouldn't see on a music video, but I'd think twice about bringing a young child to see the show.)

Mark Santos' sets are impressive, too. Elle's sorority house looks just like

in the know

'Legally Blonde, the Musical'

>> **When:** Through Aug. 9

>> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre, Naples

>> **Cost:** \$40 (\$10 for students 21 and younger)

>> **Info:** 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org

an oversized Barbie dollhouse.

The sound was crisp and clear, thanks to Bradley Van Houten.

But the show itself! Groan. "Legally Blonde" makes "Wicked" look as deep as Sondheim in comparison.

The Valley Girl-speaking, full-of-themselves, mindless sorority sisters are hard to take for more than a couple of minutes. Listening to them is like being stuck at a pre-teen sleepover, with no way to control the volume or temper the hysterics.

The show's message is confusing too: Looks don't matter, but yeah, maybe they do, because they help get Elle into law school and be picked as an intern on a law team. And they help Emmett be taken more seriously, because he's so poor he couldn't afford a decent (read: expensive) suit.

For the most part, Ms. Fornara keeps the action moving along quickly, though at times the show seems overly long.

Is "Legally Blonde" good theater? No. Do The Naples Players put on a good show? Yes.

But like pink cotton candy, it's spun sugar and mostly air — nothing much of substance, but tasty and overly sweet, at least while it lasts. ■

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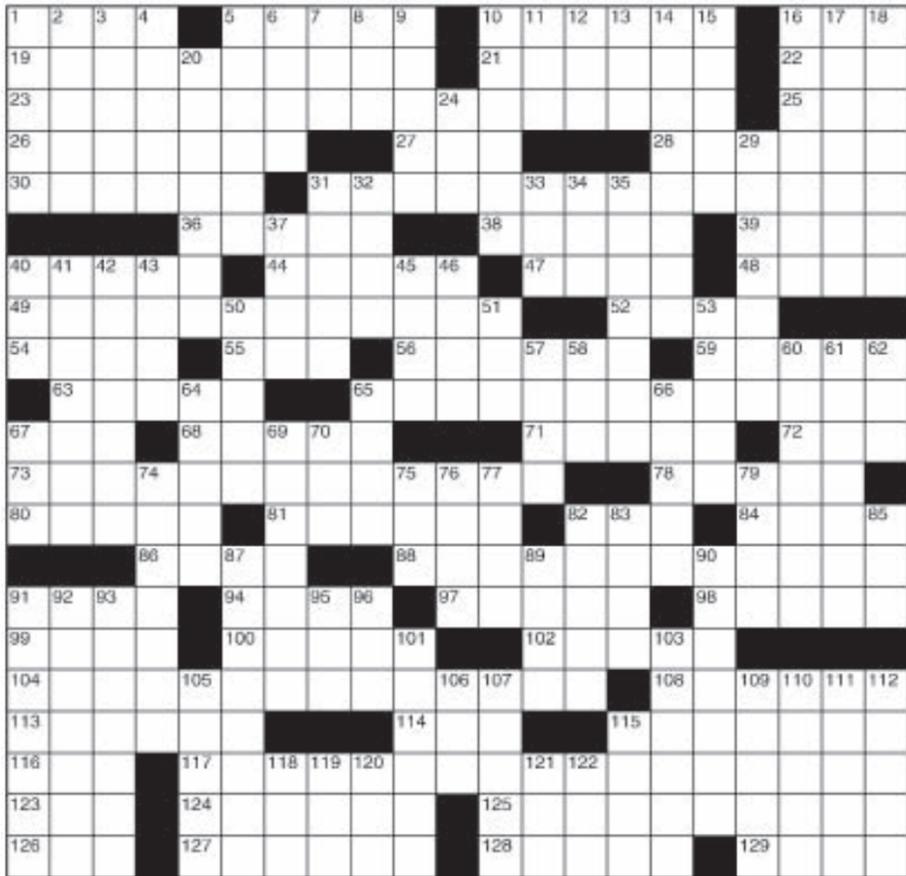
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  - 19 Big skin-care brand
  - 21 Former veep Humphrey
  - 22 Sound from a boozier
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 That, in Chihuahua
  - 26 Methods of cell division
  - 27 Adult kitten
  - 28 It gets the graphite out
  - 30 Has life
  - 31 Riddle, part 2
  - 36 Writer — Calvino
  - 38 "— So Vain"
  - 39 RSVP encl.
  - 40 Roomy auto
  - 44 Home of the Buccaneers
  - 47 Deborah of "Quo Vadis"
  - 48 Lacking depth, briefly
  - 49 Riddle, part 3
  - 52 Superpower until 1991
  - 54 Toy brick brand
  - 55 Kid-friendly card game
  - 56 Jump for joy, perhaps
  - 59 "It takes two to —"
  - 63 Kidney-related
  - 65 Riddle, part 4
  - 67 Zadora of "Hairspray"
  - 68 Mob group
  - 71 Stop face
  - 72 "Which way — he go?"
  - 73 Riddle, part 5
  - 78 "Now — the time"
  - 80 Strength
  - 81 Find a new abode for, as a pet
  - 82 —-pitch softball
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  - 88 Riddle, part 6
  - 91 Landlocked African land
  - 94 Alan of the screen
  - 97 Great Plains natives
  - 98 Prefix with physics
  - 99 Element #26
  - 100 Cake portion
  - 102 Disgusting
  - 104 End of the riddle
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  - 126 Urban rails
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- 1 Japanese cartoon style
  - 2 Secure in position
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  - 5 Most aching
  - 6 Years and years
  - 7 "Holiday" actor Ayres
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  - 60 "Absolutely"
  - 61 Bits of sparkly stuff
  - 62 Atypical
  - 64 Former New York senator Al D'—
  - 65 Trial promise
  - 66 Alphabet quintet
  - 67 Ryder Cup org.
  - 69 Illuminated by a flame
  - 70 Bartender's "rocks"
  - 74 Bill Gates' wife
  - 75 Tier
  - 76 Modest "As I see it," to texters
  - 77 Rhythm
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  - 82 Exerciser's moisture
  - 83 Tax write-off — Paulo
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  - 87 Bumps that contain taste buds
  - 89 Author Morrison
  - 90 Arranges like a graphic designer
  - 91 Fly south, say
  - 92 Excitement
  - 93 Some roller coasters
  - 95 Costa — Sol
  - 96 Top card
  - 99 Exertion
  - 101 Exertion narrows
  - 105 Some diving positions
  - 106 Sock-in-the-gut sound
  - 107 Back in style
  - 109 Super 8, e.g.
  - 110 Battery part
  - 111 "— Cop"
  - 112 Bad lighting?
  - 115 Suffix with prank or poll
  - 118 —-en-Provence, France
  - 119 Old boomer
  - 120 Tee —
  - 121 Skirt line
  - 122 Bond girl player Green

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## HOROSCOPES

- **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Bruised self-confidence can make things difficult unless you accept the fact that you have what it takes. Ignore the critics and concentrate on believing in yourself. Good luck.
- **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Congratulations on what you've accomplished. But this is no time to curl up for some serious catnapping. Your rivals are probably already working on plans to overtake your lead.
- **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your adventurous side wants to play a more dominant role this week, and you might want to oblige. Try to arrange for some getaway time with that special person.
- **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Taking logical approaches to pesky workplace issues can help resolve even long-standing problems. A shift in policy might catch you by surprise. Be alert to signs of change.
- **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your kindness and compassion are exactly what are needed in dealing with an awkward situation in the early part of the week. Share the weekend fun with family and friends.
- **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Keeping your focus straight and true is a good way of getting your points across. Save any variations for a later time. The musical arts are important this weekend.
- **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Reject advice to cut cor-

ners in reaching your goal. Better to take a little more time to do the job as you promised. You'll gain new respect for your honesty and integrity.

- **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Don't allow a troublesome situation to grow so big that it will be increasingly difficult to deal with. The sooner you speak up, the sooner everyone will be able to benefit.
- **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Confronting someone who is making a lot of mistakes could be the kindest thing you can do both for that person and for anyone who could be adversely affected by the errors.
- **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Don't gnash those pearly whites because you might have to delay your plans. This could give the Lucky Lamb a better perspective of what's been done, and what still needs doing.
- **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Scoring financial bull's-eyes is easy for the focused Bovine who knows the ins and outs of the marketplace. But even with your success record, caution is still the watchword.
- **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Watch that tendency to over-romanticize a situation that should be given closer scrutiny. Better to be suspicious now and ask for an explanation, or face a sad surprise later.
- **BORN THIS WEEK:** You absolutely glow when you see beautiful things, and everyone around you is warmed by your light. ■

By Linda Thistle

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

A player seldom gains by making an opening bid out of turn, but here is a case where the offender reaped a rich harvest.

East was the dealer, but South opened the bidding with one heart before East had a chance to act. The Laws of bridge specifically cover this irregularity. The out-of-turn bid is canceled, and the player whose turn it was to call may then open the bidding or pass. Subsequent penalties may apply, depending mostly on the action taken by the player whose turn it was to call in the first place.

In this case, East elected to open with four diamonds. South, aware that his partner, in accordance with the Laws, would have to pass at his first turn to bid, boldly bid four hearts, which West of course doubled.

Everybody passed, and West led the king of clubs. It is true, in a sense, that West had five trump tricks and East had three diamond tricks. But despite that, South wound up making the contract!

He won the club lead with the ace and played a trump to dummy's ace, learning that West had all seven missing trumps. South then cashed four spade tricks, discarding his remaining club as West helplessly followed suit. After ruffing a club at trick seven, South's last six cards were the K-J-9 of trumps and 10-7-3 of diamonds, while West held the Q-10-8-7-6-5 of trumps.

Declarer now led a diamond, forc-

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K J 10 4  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ 8 6 4 2  
 ♣ 9 6 5 3

**WEST**  
 ♠ 8 7 5 3  
 ♥ Q 10 8 7 6 5 2  
 ♦ —  
 ♣ K Q

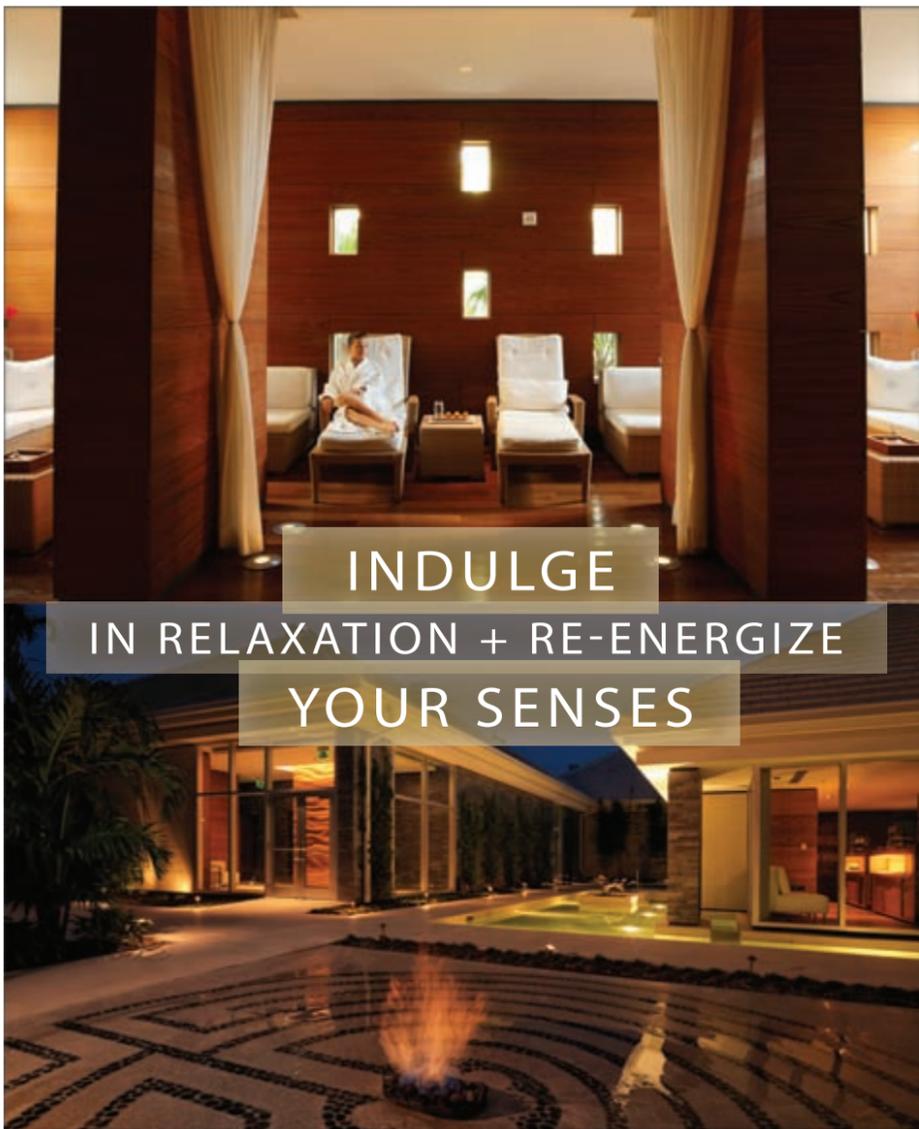
**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 2  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ A K Q J 9 5  
 ♣ J 10 8 7 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A Q 6  
 ♥ K J 9 4 3  
 ♦ 10 7 3  
 ♣ A 4

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 1♥ (out of turn)  
 4♦ 4♥ Dble Pass  
 Pass Pass  
 Opening lead — king of clubs.

ing West to ruff and return a trump to South's K-J-9. Declarer then led another diamond, forcing West to ruff and lead still another trump to South's K-J.

The lasting effect of the deal was that South vowed not to tempt fate ever again by bidding out of turn, while poor West promised to be a little more cautious with his penalty doubles in the future! ■



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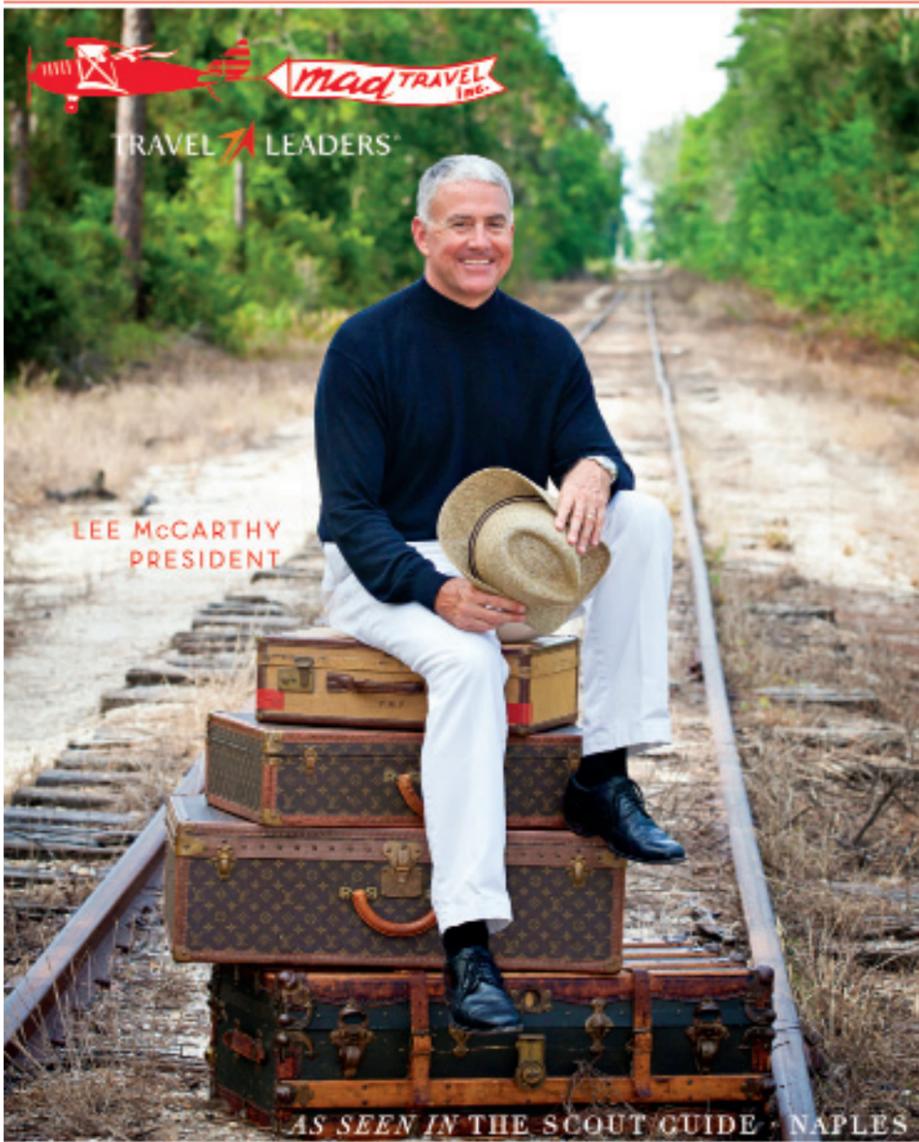
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## FILM CAPSULES

### The Gallows ★

(Reese Mishler, Pfeifer Brown, Ryan Shoos) Teenagers get more than they bargain for when they go to their high school late at night and attempt to destroy the set for a play scheduled to debut the following day. This is more found footage horror nonsense, made worse by the fact that the characters are unlikeable. Rated R.

### Infinitely Polar Bear ★★★★★

(Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky) A manic depressive father (Mr. Ruffalo) cares for his two daughters (Ms. Wolodarsky and Ashley Aufderheide) near Boston while his wife/their mother (Ms. Saldana) attends graduate school in New York City. Mr. Ruffalo gives a fantastic performance in this wonderful drama, based in part on writer/director Maya Forbes' father. Rated R.

### Amy ★★

(Amy Winehouse, Mark Ronson, Tony Bennett) This documentary about singer/songwriter Amy Winehouse, who died of alcohol poisoning in July 2011, is a sad story of addiction and poor decisions. You feel bad for Ms. Winehouse's affliction, but the movie doesn't provide much reason to see it for anyone who's not already a fan. Rated R.

### Terminator: Genisys ★★

(Emilia Clarke, Jason Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger) John Connor (Mr. Clarke) sends Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) back in time to protect John's mother (Ms. Clarke). This is not just a standard redo of James Cameron's "The Terminator" (1984). Although the story is quite clever, the action is disappointingly underwhelming. Rated PG-13.

### Magic Mike XXL ★★★

(Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello, Jada Pinkett Smith) Three years after Mike (Mr. Tatum) leaves the stripper life behind, he reunites with his boys for one last show at a stripper convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It's uneven but ultimately satisfying in terms of showmanship and story. Rated R.

### The Overnight ★★

(Adam Scott, Taylor Schilling, Jason Schwartzman) New to Los Angeles, Alex (Mr. Scott) and Emily (Ms. Schilling) accept a dinner invitation from bohemian Kurt (Mr. Schwartzman), not realizing the awkwardness that lies ahead. It's an interesting idea, but the inability to balance comedy and drama inhibits the film from strongly making its points. Rated R.

### Ted 2 ★★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried, voice of Seth MacFarlane) Ted (Mr. MacFarlane) and Tami-Lynn (Jessica Barth) are married and want to adopt, but need a lawyer (Ms. Seyfried) to prove Ted is a real person before they can do so. This sequel to the 2012 hit is funnier and a better overall movie than its predecessor, which is saying something. Rated R.

### Max ★★

(Robbie Amell, Lauren Graham, Thomas Haden Church) A Texas family welcomes in the Belgian Malinois dog that accompanied their now-deceased Marine Corps son in Afghanistan, but people around the family cause trouble. Sappy and sentimental, it belongs on the Hallmark Channel, not the big screen. Rated PG. ■

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## 'Cartel Land'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

On paper, "Cartel Land" appears to have a straightforward and compelling premise: The documentary tells the dual stories of a vigilante group in Mexico that fights drug cartels, and of a paramilitary group near the Arizona/Mexico border that strives to keep Mexican drugs (and drug wars) out of the United States.

But as with most worthwhile docs, there are layers to the story that contain surprising revelations.

With both groups wanting the same thing — i.e., to fight and eradicate the prevalence of drugs and drug culture in their community — one would think the operational bedfellows would have more in common. What we get instead is an insightful look at two groups that are on the right side of morality but that openly embrace amoral methods to reach their goals. At times you wonder if the people trying to stop the cartels are actually more reprehensible than the cartels themselves, which is shocking and yet, when you consider the circumstances, not.

One thing the two vigilante groups share is a call to action due to ineffective government intervention. In the Mexican state of Michoacán, Dr. Jose Mireles leads the Autodefensas, a group of citizens fighting against the Knights Templar drug cartel that has wreaked havoc on the region for years. Dr. Mireles knows he and his family are at risk, but he feels obligated to protect those who are otherwise endangered by the cartels. You'd think the Autodefensas would be

peaceful people because they're trying to keep everyone safe, so it's surprising when they go to new towns to offer protection and are rejected, with citizens saying they cause more trouble than they're worth.

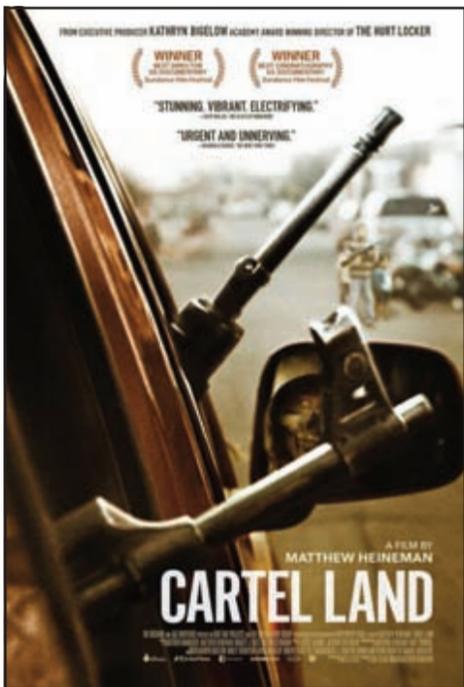
Meanwhile, in Arizona's Altar Valley — a narrow, 52-mile-long desert corridor — veteran Tim "Nailer" Foley heads a small paramilitary group called Arizona Border Recon. At first the group was formed to keep illegal immigrants out, but the drug wars took precedent and Mr. Foley hasn't relented one bit. As with Dr. Mireles, if there were a strong government-led border patrol Mr. Foley wouldn't have to do what he does, but he's so morally appalled by the

cartels he feels he has no choice.

What's especially fascinating in "Cartel Land" is the access producer/director Matthew Heineman received from both groups, each of which allowed him and his camera into meetings, shootouts, private moments and shakedowns that are usually only seen in cop dramas. Knowing it's real — and presumably not staged — adds a palpable tension that lifts the story to the level of a thriller, especially because this is reality playing out on screen and Hollywood's

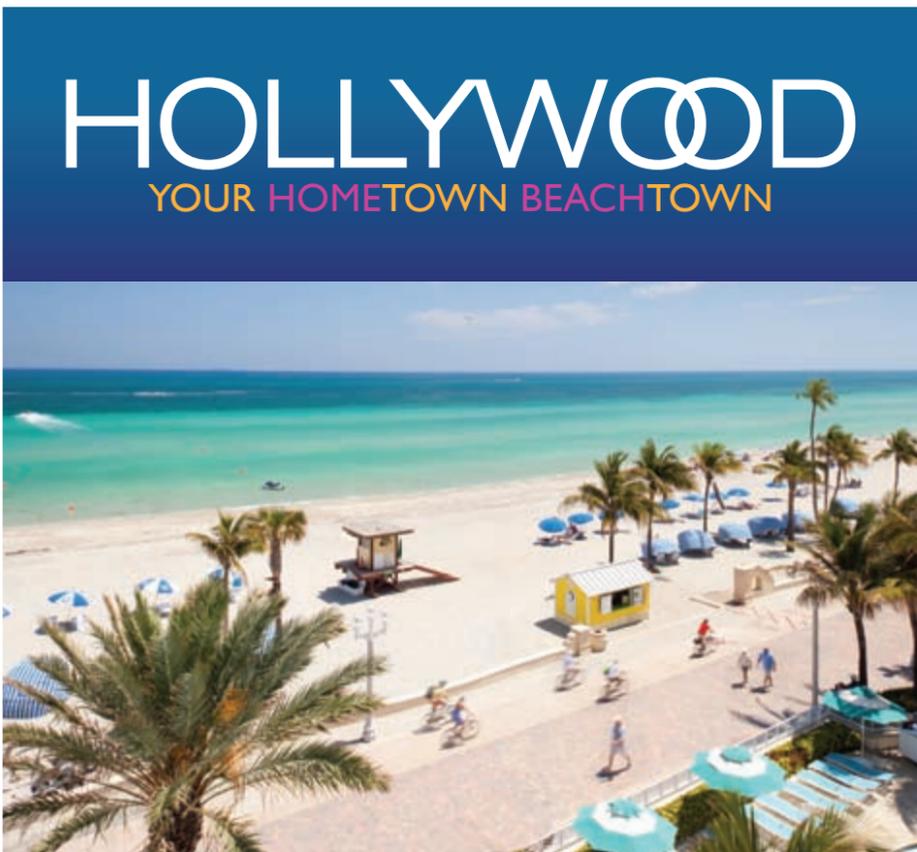
"happy endings" have no place here.

In the end, "Cartel Land" is a sad story because of the futility of it all. Although we repeatedly see the human flaws of the vigilantes, what sticks with you is the inevitable reality each group faces no matter how hard they try. It will also make you reconsider what exactly is "good" and "evil" in your worldview, and what lines you'll condone being blurred in the name of justice. ■



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# Coming soon, The Naples Players 2015-16 season

The Naples Players have assembled a compelling combination of plays and musicals for the 2015-16 season that reflects a mix of mystery, drama, music and comedy.

**“Something’s Afoot,”** with book, music and lyrics by James McDonald, David Vos and Robert Gerlach, and additional music by Ed Linderman, kicks things off on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre Oct. 14-Nov. 8. It’s a zany spoof of detective stories in which a series of guests are picked off one by one by clever and comically fiendish devices, leaving the audience trying to deduce, whodunit?

Rebecca Gilman’s provocative drama **“Spinning into Butter”** opens the new

season in the intimate Tobye Studio at the Sugden Oct. 28-Nov. 21. Students and administration alike are forced to confront their feelings on racism when an African American student at Belmont College begins receiving racist hate mail. What they discover is not at all what they expected.

**“The Foreigner”** by Larry Shue takes the main stage Nov. 25-Dec. 20. When pathologically shy Charlie joins his friend Froggy for a much-needed getaway, he dreads having to converse with people he doesn’t know. The solu-

tion? Tell everyone he’s from an exotic foreign country and does not speak English. The result? An outrageous comedy in which deep secrets and diabolical plans are revealed.

**“Other Desert Cities”** by Jon Robin Baitz follows on the main stage Jan. 13-Feb. 7. The Wyeth family appears to have



it all, but their carefully crafted facade is on the verge of shattering when daughter Brooke reveals the impending publication of her “tell-all” memoir. With crackling wit and razor-sharp one-liners, this new American play is a funny, searing and thought provoking presentation. Rated R for language.

Back in the Tobye Studio, **“The 39 Steps”** will be presented Feb. 3-27. The farcical thriller/comedy by Patrick Barlow and John Buchan follows the madcap adventures of Richard Hannay, who is completely bored with life until he meets a mysterious female spy who ends up murdered in his apartment. Four actors play dozens of campy char-

acters.

**“Young Frankenstein,”** a musical with book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, music and lyrics by Mel Brooks, and original direction and choreography by Susan Stroman, comes to life on the main stage March 2-April 3. The electrifying comedy follows Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, his beguiling lab assistant Inga, his hunchbacked sidekick Igor, his fiancé Elizabeth and the enigmatic Frau Blucher as they succeed in bringing a monster to life — but not without dangerous and often hilarious consequences.

**“A Sleeping Country,”** a clever and thoughtful comedy by Melanie Marnich, is on tap for the Tobye Studio March 23-April 16. Julia is plagued by chronic insomnia. When she discovers that it could be a very rare and even fatal prognosis, she travels to Venice for answers. What she learns on her journey awakens her to more than she ever expected to discover. This one begs the question: Are we sleeping through life, or are we truly awake?

To end the main stage season, The Naples Players present **“The Dixie Swim Club”** April 20-May 15. Enduring friendships are at the heart of this endearing and witty comedy about five very different women who met on their college swim team reconnect every year to laugh, reminisce and meddle in each other’s lives.

Subscription packages are on sale now, and individual tickets go on sale in September. For more information, call 263-7990 or visit [naplesplayers.org](http://naplesplayers.org). ■



## Auditions afoot for season’s first show

The Naples Players will hold auditions for “Something’s Afoot,” a murder mystery musical that opens the 2015-16 season, on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 1, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Set in 1935, “Something’s Afoot” spoofs the classic detective story. The cast is a set of British stock characters typically found in the works of Agatha Christie. The Naples Players seek a unique company of inventive and fearless actors with strong comedic abilities. A British accent is a plus (two characters have a cockney accent).

There are roles for six men (four ages 30-65 and two ages 20-40) and four women (two ages 20-35 and two ages 40-65).

Audition appointments are required. Those trying out should prepare 32 bars of music and come with sheet music (an accompanist will be provided) or digital music without vocals.

Callbacks will be at noon Saturday, Aug. 8.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 24, and performances will be Oct. 14-Nov. 8.

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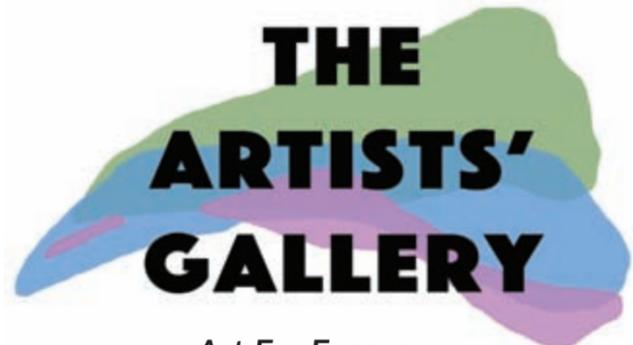
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**Season 3, Part 5**

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**9 P.M.**  
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**10 P.M.**  
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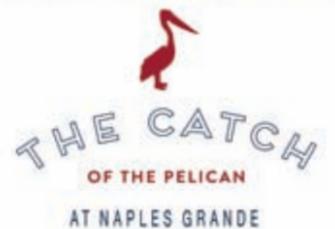
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# KOVEL: ANTIQUES

## Weathervane history points in creative direction

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

The most famous American weathervane is the grasshopper that topped Faneuil Hall in Boston in 1742. Early weathervanes of the 1800s often had a cow, horse or eagle. But as more manufacturers started making decorative outdoor iron furniture, unexpected figures appeared in rooftop weathervanes. Indians, angels, Columbia, the State of Liberty and soldiers were popular. So were birds — roosters, pheasants, ducks and peacocks — fish, and even a dragon.

By the end of the 19th century, a weathervane often had a dual purpose. It indicated the direction of the wind and identified the use of the building from a rooftop pole. There were fire pumpers with horse and firemen, locomotives and streetcars with motormen.

There was less need for weathervanes in the 1900s, but they still were popular rooftop decorations. In 1923, Yankee Stadium had a baseball bat weathervane, while a famous grocery chain used an arrow with A & P marked on the feathers. The Howard Johnson chain weathervanes had a boy, chef, dog, lantern and lamplighter on the appropriate restaurants, motor lodges and combinations of buildings, and Colonel Sanders was on the roof of many Kentucky Fried Chicken stops. Weathervanes of all ages are very popular with collectors. Early

folk-art examples bring thousands of dollars each, and more modern trademark examples sell for \$500 to \$800. But beware: Many modern copies have been made. A copper girl playing tennis (Victorian Love) topped an early 20th-century weathervane that sold for \$6,000. A zinc 1920s vane with the same figure but 6 inches shorter sold for about \$3,000. A recent copy of the girl made of copper with a patina sells for \$1,595.

**Q:** I have a desk that I believe is called a "Boston Spinet." It has one long drawer and a top that folds back to reveal a fitted interior. The manufacturer's label on the bottom of the drawer reads, "H.E. Shaw Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan." It's quite faded on the back and sides from sun exposure. I think it would be better if it was refinished, but my daughter feels it shouldn't be refinished. If it's not a valuable piece, it would be more useful and beautiful if refinished. What is your opinion and idea of its value?

**A:** H.E. Shaw Furniture Co. was in business in Grand Rapids, Mich., from 1919 to 1933. The company made Colonial and European Revival desks, secretaries and dining-room furniture. Because of the sun damage, your desk is worth only about \$200 to \$300. If you plan to keep it, you should refinish it and enjoy it. A desk in good refin-

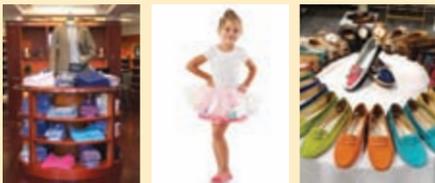


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The woman playing tennis sported the appropriate dress for an early 20th-century athlete. The 28-inch-high copper weathervane sold last year for \$7,110 at a James Julia sale in Fairfield, Maine.

ished condition is worth more in dollars than a faded, ugly desk.

**Q:** I have a figurine, 4 inches tall, of a rabbit in a ruffled blue apron. It is holding a Jell-O salad on a plate. A banner on the bottom reads, "A Jell-O salad makes a meal." I would appreciate any history and the value.

**A:** Jell-O was born in 1897, when Pearle Bixby Waite, a carpenter and medicine maker in LeRoy, N.Y., trademarked a gelatin dessert. He and his wife, May, added either lemon, orange, raspberry or strawberry flavors to granulated gelatin and sugar and named the product Jell-O. In 1899,

Mr. Waite sold the product and name for \$450 to Orator Woodward's Genessee Pure Food Co. He changed the company name to Jell-O Co. by 1923.

Housewives liked it and it sold well. In 1925, the company was sold for \$67 million to Postum Cereal Co., one of the first mergers that led to General Foods Corp. Jell-O was aggressively advertised in newspapers, radio and television. By the 1950s, cookbooks and womens magazines were filled with recipes for Jell-O relishes, salads and entrees as well as desserts. General Foods had figurines based on its advertising to give away to its top 3,000 dealers. The figurines were made by Sebastian Miniatures of Marblehead, Mass.

Your 1954 figurine was made to go with a print ad featuring a similar rabbit and read, "When I'm eating Jell-O I wish I were a rabbit, because then I could enjoy my favorite vegetables in a glamorous Jell-O Salad!" The figurine sells for \$200 to \$400 and is among the most valuable Jell-O collectibles.

**Tip:** Dust frequently if you live near the seashore. Salt air causes problems. ■

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. By sending a letter with a question, you give full permission for use in the column or any other Kovel forum. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. Write to Kovels, (Florida Weekly), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

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# CELEBRITY EXTRA

## Supergirl premieres Oct. 26 on CBS

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I saw previews for the new “Supergirl” series, and the lead actress looks so familiar to me. Who is she?

— *Katie K., Naples, Fla.*

**A:** Melissa Benoist is best known, so far, for her work on “Glee,” where she played sweet ingénue Marley from 2012-14. The multitalented 27-year-old was dating her “Glee” co-star, Blake Jenner (who played Ryder), until March of this year — which is when the couple secretly tied the knot. The news of the nuptials came to light mid-July, when Melissa was spotted at Comic-Con in San Diego, where she was promoting “Supergirl,” with a wedding band on her finger.

“Supergirl,” which premieres Oct. 26 on CBS, centers on Melissa’s character, Kara Zor-El, a cousin of Superman who was taken in by the Danvers family when she was 12 after being sent away from Krypton and must learn to embrace her powers after previously hiding them. The series also features Calista Flockhart, Dean Cain (of “Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman”), Helen Slater (who played Supergirl in the 1984 film), Peter Facinelli, Mehdad Brooks and David Harewood.

**Q:** When will Adam Sandler’s “Ridiculous Six” will be in theaters?

— *Leonard F., via email*

**A:** It won’t be in theaters, Leonard. And that’s not because of recent uproar over some politically incorrect humor in the movie. The film is the first of

four Netflix-only comedies Mr. Sandler is developing exclusively for the online-streaming network. The film, which is a sendup up Westerns, will hit the streaming service on Dec. 11. Some more Netflix-original films include Judd Apatow and Paul Ruebens’ “Pee-wee’s Big Holiday,” which will air on Netflix in March 2016, and “Beasts of No Nation,” which is being released concurrently on Netflix and in theaters on Oct. 16. “Beasts” is based on Uzodinma Iweala’s 2005 novel about a child soldier conscripted by mercenaries in an unnamed West African country. Idris Elba stars.

**Q:** I heard that Rosie Perez is leaving “The View.” Is that true?

— *Gigi T., via email*

**A:** Rosie will leave the daytime talk-show after one season as co-host. Her last original airdate is Aug. 6, which is also the final original show of the series’ 18th season.

When “The View” returns in September, comedian/comedy journalist Michelle Collins will be in Rosie’s seat. Returning to dissect and discuss the news are Whoopi Goldberg and Raven-Symoné. As of this writing, there was no news about whether Nicolle Wallace will return. The show is said to be tinkering with the idea of making a rotation of guest co-hosts a permanent feature. ■

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Tickets are \$40. Yvonne McClellan, media coordinator at Culinary Concepts, is chairing the evening; vice-chair is Naples native Jessica Newton. Purchase tickets at youthhavenswfl.org.

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■ The fifth annual **Love That Dress!** event to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immo-kalee 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.



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■ 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 hour will be followed by a three-course dinner and a presentation by Norman Love, founder and president of Norman Love Confections. The event is open to the public. 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. Tickets are \$175, and numerous sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit planncc.org.

■ The **Boys & Girls Club of Collier County** celebrates the community's support of the club's annual scholarship campaign at the Great Futures Breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the club on Davis Boulevard. Guest speaker Molly Fletcher, a former sports and entertainment agent, will draw on her success stories as one of the world's only female sports agents and will share lessons learned from the best.

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■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 17th annual Fashion Show & Luncheon 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 Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 5-8. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 5 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 6-8. Check naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456 for information about becoming a NIFF member or sponsor.

■ **Baby Basics of Collier County** hosts its eighth annual Champagne Brunch & Fashion Show starting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Wyndemere Country Club. Guests will enjoy food, models and fall's latest fashions. Baby Basics par-

ticipants and their parents will attend to speak about the program has benefitted their families. Tickets are \$85. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 352-4310 or visit babybasicscollier.org.

■ 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. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275.

■ The **United Arts Council of Collier County** hosts its annual Celebrate the Arts gala Thursday, Nov. 12, at the LaPlaya Resort. For more information, call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.

■ **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 57th annual **NCH Hospital Ball** takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Proceeds from this year's ball have been designated for the stroke program at NCH. This year's co-chairs are Kim Ciccarelli Kantor and Jan Kantor. Tickets for \$500 per person include live and silent auctions as well as dinner, dancing and entertainment throughout the evening. The NCH Physician of the Year and Nurses of the Year awards are also presented during the program.

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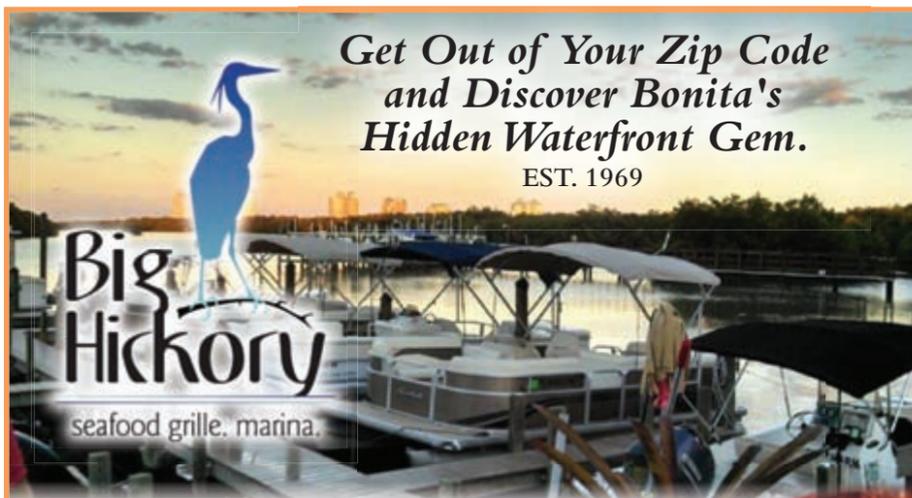
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## CUISINE NEWS

### Six Southwest Florida chefs headed to James Beard House



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His plated course will consist of Pine Island octopus ink ravioli stuffed with Rosy Tomorrows pastured chicken, white truffle, homemade ricotta, Venus clam ragu and liquid egg yolk.

Although many people consider chicken a ho-hum protein, Mr. Aielli intends to show them otherwise. "I want to show what can be done with a simple chicken," he says. "You roast it and all the fat is removed and stuff the ravioli. We steam the clams on the chicken. The Venus claim sauce, the sweet raisin tomatoes and white truffle complement the ravioli. The clams with the chicken are absolutely wonderful."

Mr. Johnson will prepare the evening's pork dishes.

"I'll do a succulent miso belly as the first element," he says, "a second of mint marigold saltimbocca tenderloin and a third of pig shoulder confit with butternut squash. All will be on one plate."

For his pre-dinner canapé, he plans a savory sesame cone topped with red wattle pork rillettes and mascarpone mousse.

"I'm really excited to work with this group of chefs," Mr. Johnson says. "It's a true veteran chefs' crew."

Mr. Balink's starter will be Rosy Tomorrows chicken pate and port gelee with a plated course of pan-seared black grouper, Rosy Tomorrows Everglades tomatoes, crispy oyster and conch-orange butter.

Florida red shrimp spaghetti with red lettuce puree and Sarasota Mote sturgeon caviar is Mr. Fistrovich's contribution to the hors d'oeuvres. His plated course: Jackman Ranch beef cheeks, barbecued hearts of palm, charred corn cloud in the flavors of esquite (a Northern Mexican dish), boniato and preserved chop box cabbage leaves.

The father-and-son Love team will create a pre-dessert of chilled Florida strawberry consommé, crème fraiche panna cotta and lemon basil macaron glace, paying homage to the fruits of Florida while keeping it "light and refreshing," Norman Love says. "Then it will be all about chocolate for dessert," he adds about the final course called the Bittersweet Chocolate and Tropical Experience.

With a limit of 80 diners, most people won't be able to attend the dinner in New York, but the chefs are considering re-creating the meal locally afterward, most likely as a fundraiser for a Southwest Florida charity. They will be able to show video of the New York dinner at the event for an added taste of the real thing.

Tickets for the Beard dinner are expected to go on sale Aug. 1. Details and reservations are available at jamesbeard.org. ■

The Big Apple will enjoy the fruits — not to mention the vegetables, seafood and meats — of Southwest Florida, prepared by some of the region's top chefs at a dinner at the prestigious James Beard House this fall.

Norman Love, the acclaimed chocolatier, pastry chef and founder of Norman Love Confections, has put together an all-star team to present the dinner in New York City Friday, Oct. 2.

Joining him will be Fabrizio Aielli, chef/owner of Sea Salt in Naples and St. Petersburg; Harold Balink, chef/owner of Cru in Fort Myers; George Fistrovich, executive chef of The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples; and Todd Johnson, chef/owner of Rumrunners in Cape Coral. Ryan Love, an up-and-coming pastry chef at Norman Love Confections, will join his father to create the desserts.

"The menu will feature ingredients that are indigenous to Southwest Florida," says Norman Love. "The other team members are longtime friends and accomplished chefs. Everyone is really excited about working together on this project."

Also playing a starring role in the meal will be the produce and meats of Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm, run by Rose O'Dell King of North Fort Myers. Her chicken, red wattle pork, Everglades tomatoes and mint marigold will be among the ingredients the chefs use to craft their hors d'oeuvres and six courses.

The not-for-profit James Beard Foundation maintains the Greenwich Village property that was home to the famed cookbook author and educator. Today, the house hosts culinary events showcasing chefs from around the world vying to create a meal for 80 people in this challenging performance space. The foundation's mission is to "celebrate, nurture and honor America's culinary heritage."

Mr. Aielli has experience at Beard dinners from his days as a top chef in Washington, D.C., but this is his first return trip since he relocated to Naples and opened Sea Salt.

"I'm very excited to be able to go and have fun and have people understand that they can come to Southwest Florida for really good food," he says.

Mr. Aielli will serve a savory Murray River Salt macaroon with Florida spiny lobster and foie gras as his hors d'oeuvre.

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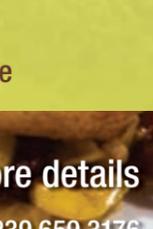
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already missing and a line had formed to pick off the rest. Thank goodness, because if I had to take them home there would be a feeding frenzy at the kitchen table before dinner.

I chose a plain doughnut and a spicy Mexican chocolate doughnut and didn't regret it. Fortunately, they are just small enough to hit the spot and not leave you feeling guilty about starting your day with a treat.

**One more thing:** Among the other flavors we tried were Key Lime Pie, Salted Caramel with Pink Himalayan Sea Salt, Fruity Pebble, Maple Bacon, Cherry Cheesecake and Strawberry Shortcake. ■

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# VINO

## In the mood for Moldova



One of the most fascinating things about the world of wine is that it... well, covers the world. Example: I guess we can be excused if we can't instantly find the country of Moldova on a map (it's sandwiched between Romania to the east and Ukraine, just off the Black Sea), but we recently received some sample wines from there, and guess what? They're worth a sip. And a second.

To have a viable wine industry, a country needs a stable central government, an institution which had been sadly lacking in that area until fairly recently. But now winemakers are free to take advantage of their soils and climate and bring some interesting and previously unknown varieties to the market. Moldova has more than 275,000 acres of land under vine, so it's not exactly new at this, and it's cultivating both familiar international grapes and some that are very indigenous.

We sampled the Asconi Feteasca 2014 and were pleasantly rewarded. This grape grows as both a white and a red, but our enjoyment came from the white. It's a light straw color with aromas of fruits and flowers, mainly white peach. The palate is sour apple, jasmine and a nice zingy acidity. We liked it. WW 89.

### The 'other' Bordeaux

On the east side of the Gironde River, or the Right Bank, there are several well-known appellations, including St. Emilion and Pomerol. But some growers from lesser-known areas deserve recognition, and they know it. So they've banded together to create an overall "brand" for wines that come from areas such as Castillon (southeast of St. Emilion) and the areas of Bourg and Blaye, directly across the river from Margaux. Sure, we all think of the famous grand cru wines such as Lafite, Petrus and others, but there are bargains and great taste experiences to be found in many, many other areas. Here are some of our recent discoveries.

■ **Château Moulin de Clotte Castillon 2010** - This blend of 90 percent Merlot and 10 percent Cabernet Franc gives off a nose of earth and minerals, followed by flavors dark earth and black fruit. A bit tannic, so needs time or a good decanting. WW 89-90

■ **Château Roland La Garde Blaye Côtes de Bordeaux 2010** - Earth and smoke on the nose with flavors that are very true to type. Unmistakably a Bordeaux. Made in a lighter style, it's ready to drink today. WW 90

■ **Château de Francs "Les Cerisiers" Côtes de Bordeaux 2009** - In French, cerisiers means "cherry blossoms." The wine is well named. Inky black in the glass, it certainly offers aromas of dark cherry. On the palate, the black cherry pays off with just a hint



A Moldovan vineyard.



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in print about wine bottles sealed with corks vs. screw tops. Which is better?" — Jim M., North Fort Myers

This is an argument that probably will never subside. Cork is, after all, an organic product — the bark of a certain type of oak tree. It

breaks down over time, and worst of all, is subject to a fungus called TCA that robs the wine of its freshness or spoils it completely. Screw caps (the makers would prefer that we call them "twist-offs"), seal a bottle completely, and most likely can last forever.

### Unfindable wines

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### Ask the Wine Whisperer

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Volumes have been written on this topic, but I'd say that wines you're planning on drinking over the next few years are perfectly fine with a "twist off." The more expensive wines will likely still be sealed with corks, at least for the immediate future. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group and his book, "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer," is available through his website or on Amazon. Read more about wine at [winewhisperer.com](http://winewhisperer.com).

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# CUISINE

## Fish Crazy reels 'em in with friendly service, boatload of fish and fun

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I'm willing to bet you have never dined at a restaurant that offers an indoor bocce court. Can't say I had, either — until my recently visit to Fish Crazy, the establishment that has taken over the space that was once Naples Tomato.

Where the former restaurant was stylish and sleek, Fish Crazy is casual and campy, with the aforementioned court, funky nautical art (and an inexplicable but colorful print of a cow) on distressed wood walls, metal-topped tables and a video saltwater aquarium along the back wall.

This is the creation of Randy Essig, formerly of Randy's Fishmarket, and partner Tony Valego. Mr. Essig was visible throughout the meal, stopping at tables to chat and keeping an eye on the operation.

Blu Sushi has also set up shop within the restaurant, so you can settle in at the sushi bar and eat your fill of the chain's top-notch sushi or order just a bit for an appetizer, as we did.

There's also a large seafood market attached to the restaurant, which assures that there is plenty of fish over which to go crazy.

It was happy hour when we arrived, and well drinks were \$5. My generic bloody Mary arrived in a large glass with three big green olives, a crisp stalk of celery and a wedge of lemon. It was spicy, cold and refreshing. My companion skipped the house wine special in favor of the Ferrari Carano fume blanc at a reasonable \$6 a glass.

We were seated at a booth on the far side of the restaurant near the sushi bar and away from the main concentration of tables. If you seek a somewhat quieter experience, I'd recommend this section. For a more boisterous evening, the other side will do the trick.

While it's hard to make generalizations from one item, we found the Summer Nights (\$14.95) sushi roll to be as good as any of the items we've sampled at the Fort Myers and Estero branches of Blu. It began with a tempura fried shrimp that was covered with avocado, diced jalapeno, sushi rice spicy krab salad, sesame seeds, scallions, smelt roe and a drizzle of eel sauce. There were lots of different textures and flavors that melded well.

Moving on to Fish Crazy's offerings, we



The atmosphere at Fish Crazy is casual and campy.



Shrimp and chorizo are served with grits with goat cheese.



Pan-roasted salmon comes atop bok choy and shiitake mushrooms.

sampled a cup of Florida clam chowder (\$5), which could have been warmer but was creamy and full of plump clams and potatoes. The fried calamari (\$10) was crisp and hot, not greasy, and came with a cup of warm and flavorful marinara. This was a very good rendition of this ubiquitous appetizer.

Salads, included with all entrees, were small but good, nicely chilled and accompanied by cups of dressing. The blue cheese dressing had large, tasty lumps of

cheese. I found the ginger-soy a bit too sweet for my taste.

Shrimp and grits (\$15) and pan-roasted salmon (\$25) won out from among the many seafood items available as entrees. Although the descriptions of both dishes looked great, the execution fell short.

The salmon was nicely roasted and sat atop a mound of bok choy and shiitake mushrooms. The problem was that the dish had way too much ginger vinaigrette, which made it more like a soup — and difficult to eat.

The shrimp and grits contained sautéed shrimp that were nicely cooked but unremarkable, as though they weren't seasoned. The chorizo added some life but not enough to flavor the very mild sauce and the bland grits. This dish needs some bold seasoning to make it work, and this version didn't have that.

Dinner ended with a complimentary slice of Randy's signature Key lime pie, a creamy and more-sweet-than-tart version with a solid crust and a dollop of whipped topping for good measure.

I enjoyed the Blu Sushi roll and our appetizers. Were I to return, I think I'd try something more straightforward — the fish and chips, perhaps, or blackened shrimp or scallops. From the appearance of dishes arriving at other tables, these looked good.

Service throughout our meal was attentive and friendly. Our server delivered courses in a timely manner but without piling one course on top of the one before it. She made sure we had enough to drink, and a conscientious server attendant was at the ready whenever dishes needed to



Fried calamari was well prepared and accompanied by a delicious warm marinara sauce.

be cleared.

Fish Crazy also offers private dining in its wine room (at a table that seats eight) and is in the process of creating a chef's table in the room that used to house the mozzarella making classes at Naples Tomato.

While I wasn't crazy about everything I ate, there's plenty to like about Fish Crazy and many reasons why the place is reeling in customers at a steady pace. ■

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**NORTH FORT MYERS**



**Lakefront Home In Moody River**

Gorgeous formal model home. 3 bed/2 bath plus den, fur-  
nished, salt water pool home. All new stainless appliances.

**\$449,000**

1-866-657-2300

800CC037890.

**FORT MYERS**



**Kelly Greens**

Beautiful place - 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage.

**\$445,000**

1-866-657-2300

800FM022658.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Seller Is Motivated To Sell**

Newly remodeled gulf access pool home welcomes you  
with a decor of paradise

**\$439,000**

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800SS030240.

**FORT MYERS**



**Gated Community Close to Beaches**

Relax out on the oversized lanai and pool area. This  
immaculate 3 bedroom 2 bath home is finished in neutral  
colors.

**\$425,000**

1-866-657-2300

800FM033181.

**ALVA**



**Large 3/2.5/2 w/Den/Pool in Telegraph Creek**

Beautifully maintained large 3 bed w/den 2.5 bath 2 car  
garage. w/screened pool just under an acre in quiet commu-  
nity.

**\$399,000**

1-866-657-2300

800LE037213.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Palaco Grande Pool Home - Sailboat Access**

Sailboat, gulf access SE Cape Coral pool home with south-  
ern exposure! Terrific location.

**\$384,995**

1-866-657-2300

800CC007059.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Sailboat Access Pool Home**

3/2 pool home with direct sailboat access with easy  
access to the Gulf, Pine Island Sound and Matlacha Pass.

**\$375,000**

1-866-657-2300

800SS027657.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Gulf Access Pool Home -3 Car Garage**

This gulf access pool home has some spectacular fea-  
tures; a complete home generator, deep 3-car garage,  
fenced, and more.

**\$369,900**

1-866-657-2300

800CC038743.

**CAPE CORAL**



**SW Cape Gulf Access Pool - Assessments Paid**

Well maintained gulf access pool home in highly desired  
southwest Cape near Surfside Blvd. Southern exposure on  
pool!

**\$365,000**

1-866-657-2300

800SS023897.

**NAPLES**



**Beautiful Lake Views**

Fabulous lake views from over-sized screened lanai & pool  
deck. 4/2/3 w/volume ceilings, tile & wood flooring &  
more!

**\$365,000**

1-866-657-2300

800NA029045.

**ST. JAMES CITY**



**Gulf Access Waterfront**

2/2 home on deep water canal with gulf access on a large  
lot, second floor has large master bedroom &, bath.

**\$359,900**

1-866-657-2300

800PI045930.

**NAPLES**



**Waterways 3 Bedroom Lakefront Beauty**

3 bedroom/2 bathroom/3 car garage. Hurricane  
shutters/heated pool/gorgeous long lake view. Tile  
throughout the home.

**\$359,000**

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800NA016460.

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**BOKEELIA**



**Pineland-4 Bedrooms**  
1.4 Acres in Pineland with a 4 bedroom, 4 bath pool home set way off the road. Wide open floor plan, high ceilings.  
**\$350,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI070881.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Waterfront Home-3 Car Garage-Southern Exposure**  
Enjoy this large 3/2 home w/den which could be a 4th bed. Beautiful heated pool & spacious lanai. A must see!  
**\$349,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC034172.

**ST. JAMES CITY**



**Waterfront Sailboat Access Home!!**  
3 bedroom 2 bath in St. James City, heated pool, new dock, davits, updated kitchen, lush landscaping, fenced yard.  
**\$349,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI039255.

**CAPE CORAL**



**NW Cape 3/2 + Den, Gulf Access Pool Home**  
Built in '07, 3 bedrooms + den 2,034 sqft pool home. Great room entry w/huge den. New stainless appliances and more!  
**\$349,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC019338.

**FORT MYERS**



**New Colony Lakes Listing**  
Perfect family home just listed in the desirable Colony Lakes Subdivision, This freshly painted home has 3173 sq. ft.  
**\$349,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM014118.

**CAPE CORAL**



**SW Cape Surfside Location.**  
Gulf access home off Surfside on a 3 lot site. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, pool, boat dock and lift!  
**\$339,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC023949.

**FORT MYERS**



**Gorgeous Danforth Lakes**  
A beautiful 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 car garage +den/2 story home is waiting for you. 2918 sq. ft. of natural light & bright.  
**\$339,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM032031.

**CAPE CORAL**



**3 Bedroom With Large Den Pool Home**  
Beautiful update home in SW Cape. All assessments are paid! Ready for immediate occupancy. Over 2500 sq ft.  
**\$314,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC026349.

**FORT MYERS**



**Tanglewood Beauty!**  
Immaculate 4 bed/3 bath/2 car garage ~ pool home. Roomy 2304 sq. ft. under air. You will appreciate the fine details.  
**\$299,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM038949.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Large Sandoval House Great Price!**  
Need a larger home but don't want to pay the high new construction prices? Take a look at this wonderful home.  
**\$275,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC038760.

**ST. JAMES CITY**



**St. James City**  
This one bedroom one bath home has been beautifully updated. Bathroom and master closet are spacious.  
**\$275,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI068304.

**ST. JAMES CITY**



**4 Bed 2-1/2 Bath Home on 1.65 Acres!**  
Beautiful 2 story with wood floors, cathedra ceilings, screened lanai, 24x30' storage barn, room for a pool or horses.  
**\$275,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI032624.

**CAPE CORAL**



**3/2 Lakefront Home in Sandoval Community**  
This like-new pool home in popular Cape gated community. Great room floor plan, formal dining, vaulted ceilings & more!  
**\$269,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC030545.

**FORT MYERS**



**Hidden Gem Excellent Location Off McGregor Blvd**  
Wonderful 4/3 w/den pool home features cozy wood burning fireplace, gourmet island kitchen w/quartz counters. A must see!  
**\$269,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC033648.

**FORT MYERS BEACH**



**Affordable Beach Lifestyle-Corner Unit**  
Esteros Cove 2/2 condo. Prime location! Private fishing pier on the bay, heated pool, tennis, bocce ball, and more. Wow!  
**\$265,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC035061.

**BOKEELIA**



**Pineland Area of Bokeelia.**  
Absolutely gorgeous 3 bedroom 2 bath home completely furnished, turnkey, community pool, lovely furnishings.  
**\$259,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI039286.

**CAPE CORAL**



**NW Cape Gulf Access 3/2 Built In 2000**  
Gulf access 3/2. Tile floors through-out. New A/C and well pump 2012. Great room floor plan. One owner property.  
**\$254,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC031260.

**LEHIGH ACRES**



**Large Home in Lehigh on .50 Acre**  
Family home, original owner, newer roof and security monitored, 3 car garage.  
**\$250,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE037234.

**CAPE CORAL**



**Spacious 5 Bedroom Executive Home**  
Large single family home located in the sought after Coral Lakes subdivision with so many amenities to enjoy!  
**\$249,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC033084.

**FORT MYERS**



**Absolutely Charming**  
This home is longing for a new family. Nestled in the quiet and well kept neighborhood of Pine Lake, this 4 bed/2 bath.  
**\$244,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM023291.

**FORT MYERS**



**Beautiful Island Park Woodlands**  
Boating community! 4 bed/2 bath/2 car garage/pool home with 1779 sq. ft. Park your boat in your driveway here!  
**\$239,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM038250.

**LEHIGH ACRES**



**Beautiful 4B Pool Home in Varsity Lakes**  
Owning this pool home is anyone's dream. Large spacious home with screened pool enclosure is waiting for you.  
**\$239,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE034338.

**FORT MYERS**



**Three Oaks Area**  
Great location in Country Oaks.  
**\$209,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM023201.

**NAPLES**



**Naples Condo-Spectacular Golf Course/Lake Views**  
3/2. Private keyed entry to building, elevator & 2 private screened lanais. Secure storage area inside building.  
**\$200,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA028638.

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## LEHIGH ACRES



**Custom Built Pool Home on 1/2 Acre**  
Home offers heated pool under screen, inside has a large living area that will not disappoint. Has home generator.  
**\$199,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE054726.

## PALM DALE



**12.6+ Acres Off US Hwy 27**  
A beautiful 12.6+ acre farm with double wide 2400 sq ft manuf. home on one of the main Florida N/S arteries in Palmdale.  
**\$199,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE028313.

## FORT MYERS



**Legends Golf Community, Bundled Golf & Social Membership**  
Legends Golf & CC in Ft. Myers is a golfers paradise! Built from '99-'05 by Lennar Homes. 18 hole Championship course.  
**\$194,995**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS026907.

## NAPLES



**Beautifully Wooded 2.5 Acres**  
Wind down the long driveway surrounded by woods with total privacy. 2 story home fully secluded and west of Wilson Blvd.  
**\$190,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA036787.

## CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous Home with New Pool!**  
Beautiful, fenced in home on corner lot surrounded by gorgeous waterfront homes. Clean and bright. Assessments paid.  
**\$184,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC015970.

## ESTERO



**Rare 2nd Floor 2+Den, 2 Full Bath**  
Rare 2nd floor 2+den, 2 full bath, 1,196 SqFt, end unit condo in Bella Terra, Estero. Unit features upgraded tiles.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS057015.

## NORTH PORT



**Pristine North Port Estates Pool Home Close to I-75**  
3/2/2 with beautiful landscaping, great room, cathedral ceilings, hurricane shutters. Scenic & peaceful!  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS017957.

## CAPE CORAL



**Recently Renovated, Spacious in Gator Circle Area!**  
Beautiful home with a brand new kitchen with granite counters and back splash, new slate appliances.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC038641.

## CAPE CORAL



**2005 Greatroom Home**  
1400 square feet, spacious master suite opens to screened lanai, Quick access to Pine Island Road.  
**\$179,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC059796.

## FORT MYERS



**Kelly Greens Golf Condo First Floor**  
Great Condo upgraded on golf course with garage!  
**\$175,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM020560.

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## CAPE CORAL



**Concordia Condo With Garage**  
This spacious second floor condo has large floor plan. Three bedroom, laundry room, and 2 car side by side garage.  
**\$175,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC030075.

## NORTH FORT MYERS



**Dreams Can Come True!**  
Direct gulf access 2/2 condo. 45 ft dedicated boat dock, granite countertops, high ceilings. Pet friendly community.  
**\$169,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC034430.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Updated 3/2/2 Pool Home on Lakeview!**  
1745 sq ft, vinyl fenced for privacy for pool/spa, tile floors, a must see!  
**\$169,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH211764.

## FORT MYERS



**Premium Unit in Gulf Harbour Yacht Club**  
This is a must see! Spacious, 3/2 second floor condo w/vaulted ceilings and a view of the golf course. Many amenities.  
**\$167,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS030590.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Gorgeous Community Pool**  
Excellent community area, 2/2/2 In Port Charlotte the Heritage Oak Park.  
**\$166,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH053782.

## CAPE CORAL



**Immaculate 4 Bedroom 2 Bath NW Cape Home**  
4/2 in undiscovered NW area of Cape Coral. Beautifully landscaped corner lot in a quiet, friendly neighborhood.  
**\$165,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC021455.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Private Pool Home**  
Beautifully landscaped 3 bed/2 bath partially furnished corner lot with a beautiful lawn. Gorgeous pool and spa.  
**\$159,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE035546.

## CAPE CORAL



**Hurry Opportunity is Knocking!**  
Fantastic home featuring a huge fenced yard and wood floors throughout is the answer to your dreams!  
**\$149,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC037385.

## CAPE CORAL



**Wonderful Opportunity w/Stunning Water Views-2nd Floor**  
This is a 55+ community! Spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath condo located in the center of Cape Coral.  
**\$144,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC026388.

## NAPLES



**2/2 Condo**  
Recently updated 2/2 condo - hurricane glass throughout. 2 resort style pools, tennis courts, water views.  
**\$139,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM033148.

## CAPE CORAL



**Turnkey 3 Bed 2 Bath in SE Cape**  
Turnkey, 3 bed 2 bath home in SE Cape. Home has many updates including new roof in '05 & outside AC unit new in '09.  
**\$139,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC039172.

## ST. JAMES CITY



**Pine Island Cove Gulf Access Waterfront!!!**  
2/2 home with gulf access via lift, low HOA fees on only \$65.00 per month, community pool, spa, boat ramp, storage.  
**\$137,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI009164.

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### BONITA SPRINGS



**Gorgeous Park Home with Club Membership**  
Affordable, Great Location! One of the largest lots in the park. 2 bedroom w/Florida Room and its own air system. WOW!  
**\$132,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA038911.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Turnkey Furnished Pool Home**  
2/2/1 just a few minutes to Murdock, Town Center Mall, restaurants & shopping. Enjoy the FLA lifestyle in this pool home!  
**\$114,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH209781.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Priced to Sell 3/2/2 under 110K**  
Corner lot great room design w/cathedral ceilings, plant shelves, screened lanai & dual sinks in master bath.  
**\$109,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE037407.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**SE Lehigh 3/2/2 w/Den**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home w/den & fenced back yard. open floor plan. front porch & screened lanai.  
**\$104,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE053712.

### FORT MYERS



**Oversized Corner Lot**  
Across the street from the river. Cottage on oversized corner lot across the street from Caloosahatche, great potential.  
**\$99,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800BS055604.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Well Maintained Home!!**  
2 bed 2 bath centrally located in heart of town. Tiled thru-out. Perfect retirement or first time home purchase.  
**\$73,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH213303.

### FORT MYERS



**Winkler Ave area Condo**  
Freshly painted 2 bedroom 2 bath condo in a convenient area close to the corner of Winkler and Metro.  
**\$69,700**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM003985.

### PUNTA GORDA



**Location Location Location**  
Newly painted & carpeted 2/1 manufactured home. Walking distance to shopping, just a few minutes from historic downtown.  
**\$41,900**  
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### FORT MYERS



**Stunning Canal Home**  
Breathtaking views of the Bay! Watch seal life & shrimp boats! Superb Location! Open floor plan.  
**\$1,800,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM032841.

### FORT MYERS



**Looking for a Waterfront Lifestyle**  
In Prestigious Whiskey Creek. Come watch manatees playing in your own back yard!  
**\$1,600,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM028672.

### CAPE CORAL



**Luxurious Estate**  
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sqft. Schedule your private showing today!  
**\$1,590,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS032693.

### FORT MYERS



**New Construction 3+Den in Renaissance**  
Enjoy your new home overlooking the 5th green. For the person with discriminating taste buds, cook in or outdoors.  
**\$1,377,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM039470.

### FORT MYERS



**Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated! Wow!**  
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more!  
**\$970,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS016561.

### CAPE CORAL



**Custom Built**  
Over 3400 sqft gulf access home with private media room. 3 bed & 3 bath with all top of the line features.  
**\$895,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS038451.

### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Access Home on Preserve/Additional Lot**  
Enjoy paradise in this amazing home! It has 155 feet on the water offering spectacular views! 3,000sqft dream come true!  
**\$895,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC006815.

### FORT MYERS



**10 Acres On Caloosahatchee River**  
Scenic river views. Deep water protected boat dockage. For horse lovers there is a 2 stall barn with tack room.  
**\$860,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC024756.

### CAPE CORAL



**Stunning High-End Gulf Access-Surfside Neighborhood**  
This 3000 sq ft home has it all: the beautiful spacious kitchen with granite counter tops and island.  
**\$749,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC028472.

### CAPE CORAL



**Drop Dead Gorgeous**  
5 bedroom/4 bath/3 car garage/riverfront/infinity pool-spa/boat dock home w/3760 sq. ft.  
**\$745,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM070884.

### CAPE CORAL



**No Bridge - Sailboat Access & RV Garage 5000+ Sq FT**  
Custom built 3 story Home \*\* 5 Bed/4 Bath \* Oversized 3 car garage with one bay being able to accommodate RV.  
**\$649,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM065329.

### BONITA SPRINGS



**You Will Enjoy the Relaxed Atmosphere of Bonita Springs**  
Pristine 3/2, 18 month old home in Bonita Lakes natural gas community with extensive options. A must see!  
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